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To The Editor & You

Thanks for leadership

To the Editor:

In reflecting on the many events of the past year for which I am thankful, I would be remiss if I didn't express my deep appreciation to State Rep. Robby Cook for his leadership during the last legislative session.

Texas is a big state and our lawmakers are inevitably confronted with competing regional priorities or working to strike a balance between urban and rural interest. Nowhere was that urban vs. rural struggle more apparent last session than in the House Committee on Natural Resources, of which Rep. Cook is a member.

Both the cities of Houston and San Antonio forecast growth over the next 50 years that will create greater demand for water than their current supplies will accommodate. Rather than trying to manage that growth or create additional sources of water, lawmakers in those areas sought to

make it easier to transfer water from other parts of the state by easing restrictions intended to protect water rights in those areas from which the water was to be transferred.

Thanks to Rep. Cook's tough questioning of those supporting the bill, a number of fundamental inequities were revealed and the measure died in committee. He demonstrated a commitment to fairness that all too often in places like Austin and Washington gives way to political expediency.

We are all fortunate to have legislators like Robby Cook serving the citizens of Texas in Austin. I'd like to offer my thanks to Rep. Cook for his leadership and my congratulations to the citizens of the 28th Legislative District for electing him.

All my wishes for a happy new year!

Carl R. Griffith Jr.
Jefferson County Judge

ICE House says thanks

The ICE House would like to say thanks to Ron and Denise Janow of Austin's Barbecue and Catering for donating the meals for our new Year's Eve celebration.

We would also like to thank all those who made contributions in 1999.

Happy New Year!

The ICE House staff

State government was Y2K ready

Congress Avenue and portions of bisecting streets were blocked off last week as crews set up the capital city New Year's Eve party for an anticipated 200,000 revelers.

Meanwhile, Readiness 2000, a coalition of 31 state agencies, prepared to watch and wait in the Department of Public Safety's emergency management in Austin.

Over the last two years, state officials found nearly all computers "Y2K ready" at 1999 state agencies, including 30 agencies identified as critical to health, safety or the economy.

Don Rogers, a spokesman for Readiness 2000, told *The Dallas Morning News* his group encourages Texas residents to have enough water and other supplies on hand to last three days.

Notification Law Starts Jan. 1

The new parental-notification abortion law, sponsored in the 1999 state legislative session by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, goes into effect Jan. 1.

The law requires an unmarried woman 17 or younger to notify a parent that she intends to have an abortion. Also, she will be asked to produce proof of her age.

If a parent has not signed an affidavit, a physician must send a registered letter to a parent's address, then wait 48 hours before performing the abortion.

Under the law, parents need not approve. They only must be told an abortion is to occur.

The Texas Department of Health reported in 1997 that 5,523 minors had abortions.

Lawmakers estimate that 200 young women a year, even in light of the law, will refuse to tell a parent, *The Dallas Morning News* reported last week.

SW Bell Settles Lawsuit
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.



State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

said it would pay \$10 million to settle a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of all its customers in 400 Texas cities, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported Dec. 30.

In the preliminary settlement, the plaintiffs, who sued over the way the telephone company collects franchise fees, will receive no payment, and the Dallas lawyers representing them could collect \$3 million.

Instead, \$2 million in cash and \$7 million in service credits would go to the state's Telecommunications and Infrastructure Fund, the *American-Statesman* reported.

Customers wishing to exercise their right to sue individually have until April 1 to "opt out" of the settlement, in writing.

The Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund was established to help communities, libraries and school districts get high-speed Internet access.

AG Targets 'Bidi' Sellers

Texas will take enforcement action against Internet merchants accused of selling a tobacco product known as "bidi" to minors.

Attorney General John Cornyn said the sale of the small, brown, hand-rolled cigarettes is an illegal and predatory business practice that "must come to an end."

Offices of 16 other state attorneys general are doing the same.

As part of its enforcement action, Texas is sending warning letters to online companies found selling bidis to children.

Citing Federal Food and Drug Administration's regulations and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the letter requires violators to sign a cease-and-desist agreement to avoid legal action.

Other Highlights

•The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reported 23 people died on Texas roads over the 54-hour holiday weekend reporting period. The DPS predicted 32 highway deaths would occur over the reporting period covering New Year's weekend.

•Texas' share of a \$900 million federal funding package to aid the homeless will be \$46 million. The money will provide medical treatment, job training and shelter.

•Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announced he is returning almost \$600,000 in unspent 1999 funding to the state of Texas, making the Texas General Land Office one of the few state agencies to spend less than it was budgeted by the Legislature in 1999, he said.

•"Marauding feral hogs" are tearing up yards and parks in Austin, but neither the city of Austin nor Travis County has organized opposition to the marauders, city and county officials told the *Austin American-Statesman* last week. Tusked and aggressive, the wild pigs weigh up to 400 pounds and stand up to 3 feet at the shoulder.

•A car chase ended on the evening of Dec. 28 at the iron gates at the rear driveway of the Governor's Mansion. Police pulled a 54-year-old male suspect and a woman from their late-model BMW and arrested them. Gov. George W. Bush was out of state at the time.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Nov. 14, 1974

Friends were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Bertice Lee Dittrich, 35, who passed away on Nov. 6...

Ronel Roberts, a 1968 graduate of Eagle Lake High School, has been named the new Vocational Agriculture teacher at Rice High School to succeed the late Lewis J. Rosprim...

The Rice High School Raider Band won a First Division rating in the University Interscholastic League Region 17 Marching Competition in Texas City...

After much controversy, **Florenz Weishuhn Jr.** was declared the winner in the Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace race...

The annual Firemen's Queen Contest, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department, began last week and will continue through Dec. 13. Contestants are **Peggy Leopold**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Leopold; **Debbie Jones**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Gene Jones; **Leanne Smith**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Smith; and **Loretta Rucka**, daughter of Mr. &

Mrs. Ervin Rucka...

James Crabb, Eagle Lake Middle School principal, is a member of the Region III Advisory Committee for the Educational Service Center during the 1974-75 school year...

Mrs. Carl Pate of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, **Jerry Lou**, to **Phillip Shindler**, son of Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Shindler of Midfield...

Raymond R. Thomas, M.D. of the Eagle Lake area, has been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians...

Fourteen members of the Rice School District faculties were appointed to a Textbook Committee to study new books for the Language Arts department for the year 1975-76. Named to the committee were **Dana Crawford** & **Minnie Lee Shaw** in Garwood Elementary; **Annie Kossa** & **Diane Heintschel** of Sheridan Elementary; **Joann Waters** & **Claudine Shorter** and **Betty Brown** of Eagle Lake Primary; **Mary Zavesky**, **Eugene Polnick** & **Beatrice Scott** of Eagle Lake Middle School; **Rodney Holder** & **Jesus Gonzales** of Rice High School; and **Vera Brown** of the Plan A program and Mr. **DeShazo**...

Last rites were held Thursday, Nov. 7, in Conroe for **Henry H. Hale**, 94, of Tomball, the father of Mrs. **Pete Gertson** of Lissie...

Nov. 21, 1974

Official word has been received from the National Rodeo Result Center in Bozeman, Montana that **Bud Seaholm** currently ranks 5th in the nation in the Steer Wrestling event of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association...

Members of the Eagle Lake unit of the Colorado County Volunteer Ambulance Corps held their birthday party last Thursday night. The group celebrated an outstanding first year of (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

Letter to Editor Policy

The *Eagle Lake Headlight* will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the "Letter to the Editor" column under the following guidelines:

1. Letter should not be more than 1,500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The *Headlight* must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
3. The writer may request that their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in No. 2 must be included for our files.
4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.
6. The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.

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Medicines May Cause Rebound Headaches

Many people are not aware that excess use of certain medicines to relieve headache pain can actually make their headaches worse. This is sometimes referred to as "drug rebound headache." The idea of a drug worsening a condition that it is supposed to treat is not new. Physicians have known for years that narcotic and nonnarcotic pain relievers (including nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs such as *aspirin* and *ibuprofen*) and prescription migraine headache medicines referred to as the *triptans* can cause rebound headache pain. According to an international workshop devoted to this problem, several things must be present for a true rebound headache to occur. For example, there must be more than 20 headaches per month. The headache must last for at least 10 hours. Medicines used to relieve the pain must have been taken for more than 20 days of the month. And the headache must increase in severity when one or more medicines are stopped.

Physicians who treat drug rebound headaches offer suggestions as to how to prevent this situation. Medicine use should be limited to 2 to 3 times a week at most. The amount of pain reliever used should be low. A non-drug approach (for example, stress reduction, limiting caffeine intake, and getting plenty of rest) may be beneficial.

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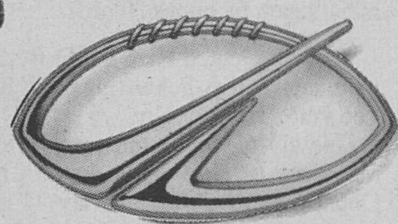


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