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## To The Editor & You

### Summer band starts Aug. 1

Dear band students and parents,  
The summer is officially almost over. Summer band will begin for the incoming freshmen Monday, July 31, at 8 a.m. and will end at 11:30 a.m.  
All high school band students will practice Tuesday, Aug. 1, Wednesday, Aug. 2, and Thursday, Aug. 3, from 8 to 11:30 a.m.  
Practice will continue the following week on Monday, Aug. 7, and Tuesday, Aug. 8, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

All high school band students must attend summer band.

Bus service will be provided. Monday through Thursday, busses will pick up students at 7:30 a.m. at Eagle Lake Middle School, 7:45 a.m. at Garwood School, and 7:30 a.m. at Sheridan School.

This upcoming year is going to be a great year with several marching contests scheduled and U.I.L. Marching Contest being held at Cy-Fair Double Decker Stadium (on Astro-turf).

We will begin reading new contest music on Aug. 1.

Section leaders, flags and twirlers, please attend Monday, July 31, to help the freshmen.

If you do not attend summer band, you will not march the first football game.

This is going to be a great year. See you soon.

Mr. Talton

P.S. Our new band director is very nice and excited to meet everyone.

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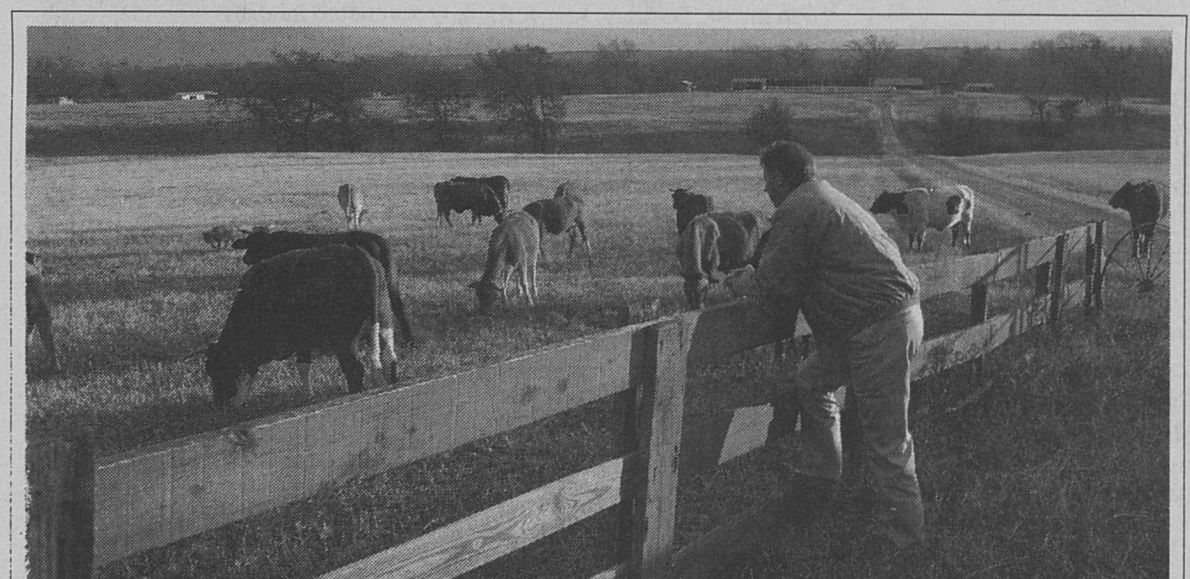
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## Four numbers added to Lotto Texas

The Texas Lottery Commission added four numbers to the Lotto Texas drawing last week in hopes of increasing player participation and rejuvenating slumping ticket sales.

The change was implemented July 16 when new player slips with 54 numbers were delivered to retailers across the state. The first drawing with the new system was July 19.

Lottery spokeswoman Kristina Childress said preliminary figures showed ticket sales were up by the end of the day, but she pointed out that the July 19 jackpot already had climbed to \$21 million before the numbers were added.

"We believe it was more of the lure of the jackpot than the lure of the balls," Childress said.

Pay-outs under the new number configuration are expected to increase as the jackpots grow. The prize for selecting five of six numbers increased \$1,000 to \$2,500 and players who select three of six numbers now will earn \$5 instead of \$3. The pay-out for selecting four of six numbers only increased slightly.

Public reaction to the Lottery's proposal when first announced several months ago was mixed. Many



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longtime players said they would prefer better odds of winning not higher jackpots.

### Jury convicts man for 8-liners

A Bexar County man became the first person to be convicted of organized crime involving eight-liners since Attorney John Cornyn began a crackdown on the illegal gaming machines.

A jury deliberated for three hours and found Richard E. Legere guilty of operating eight-liners in his Universal City bar Poor Richards Lounge.

Legere faces up to \$10,000 on each count and confinement in a state jail facility for not less than 180 days or more than two years. Legere could also be eligible for up to 10 years probation.

This is the first conviction for organized crime involving the use of eight-liners that Cornyn's office has obtained.

The attorney general's office began investigating the case with the Bexar County District Attorney's office in March 1999. The Department of Public Safety's Special Crimes Division in San Antonio also assisted. Since March 2000, six defendants have been found guilty on multiple

counts regarding eight-liner operations.

### PUC begins deregulation awareness

The Public Utility Commission (PUC) July 18 approved a multi-million-dollar customer education plan to prepare Texans for the start of retail electric competition in 2001.

The campaign budget is \$12 million the first year and could reach \$36 million for the entire four-year campaign. The PUC is seeking bids from private companies to manage and implement the customer education plan.

Texas' electric consumers will first have access to utility deregulation through pilot projects beginning June 1, 2001, and full retail competition of investor-owned utilities starts Jan. 1, 2002. Senate Bill 7, passed in 1999, opened Texas to utility competition.

High Point/Franklin, a marketing firm specializing in electric restructuring issues, designed the Consumer Education Plan with extensive input from the PUC, utilities, retail electric providers and consumer groups. The plan includes recommendations based on successful strategies used in other states undergoing electric restructuring and extensive research conducted throughout Texas.

### Other Highlights

•Drought conditions have affected 134 of the state's 4,534 public water systems and at least 17 of those are under severe water rationing in which outdoor water usage is prohibited. (See Highlights, Page 8)

## United Way sends thanks

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Eagle Lake United Way, I want to thank those generous friends who made the Annual Bridge and Domino Fun Day another success.

Your contributions allowed the United Way to raise more than \$400 from this one event.

Equally important, everyone had fun.

We thank the Prairie Edge Museum for allowing us the use of the museum.

Next, our Fall Fund Drive is com-

ing in Oct. We will see you again, then.

Sincerely,  
Tom Reed  
United Way of Eagle Lake

### Let's Look Back...

## 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

May 20, 1976

Nancy Zikuhr, owner of the Clothes Closet, announced the opening of her store in a new location, 113 N. McCarty, the former site of Gifts of Distinction...

Mr. & Mrs. Richard English of Eagle Lake have filed a suit in District Court seeking \$100,000 in damages resulting from the tragic death of their son, Richard Flemming English II, in an accident at Eagle Lake Middle School...

Ronald Glover was chosen as the Male Athlete of the Year for 1975-76; while Mary Jo Spanihel was chosen as Female Athlete of the year...

Chosen as Band Beau was Clifford Hodde; Band Sweetheart was Carol Botard...

Eagle Lake resident Janice Scott Grigar was among the 1,000 degree candidates who received diplomas from Southwest Texas State University on May 15...

Miss Rose Yanez, bride-elect of Robert Martinez, was complimented with a miscellaneous bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Dexter Anderson...

Three students from the Eagle Lake area were among 887 Sam Houston State University students who received degrees during spring commencement exercises. They are Fred-

die James Armstrong, Gardener Axel Seaholm Jr. and Kenneth Wayne Cranek...

The members of Grace Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake had a surprise farewell covered dish supper for the Rev. Charles Meyer...

Mr. & Mrs. Corvin Frenzel of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debra Ruth, to Terrell Mendell Lanier, the son of Mr. & Mrs. M.G. Lanier of Garwood. Their wedding is calendared for Aug. 7 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Eagle Lake...

May 27, 1976

Funeral services were held from the chapel of Mill-Bauer Funeral Home May 19 for Victoria Sosa, 59, a long-time resident of the community...

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada was the setting for a double ring ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Virginia Joyce Till and Robert Elbert Tait Jr. on May 1, 1976...

Rebecca Susan Barta, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Barta of Eagle Lake, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Record Administration May 9 from Incarnate

Word College in San Antonio...

Funeral services were held at Mill-Bauer Funeral Home for Alvin J. Albery on May 22 who was a long-time resident of the Ramsey and Eagle Lake area...

Local honor graduates at Wharton County Junior College were Roger Clark, Joe Frybert, Cynthia Kulhanek, Averill Mitchell, Mark Boenisch, Darby Hoffman, Vera Fry, Robbie Sanders and Jeanette Leopold...

These young ladies are the 1976-77 Eagle Lake Middle School cheerleaders: Terry Looney, Jenny Griffith, Pearl Castillo, Shelia Parker, Claudette Parker and Tish Henderson...

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Grammer announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra Jacques, to Harvey William Popp, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Popp of Garwood. The wedding is set for July 17, 1976 in the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake...

Harry A. Brisco Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Brisco Sr. of Sheridan, graduated from Texas A&M University on May 8, 1976 with a degree in agricultural-economics...

Over 570 students were listed to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences honor roll at U.T. Among them was Tom Reed, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe S. Reed of Eagle Lake...

June 3, 1976

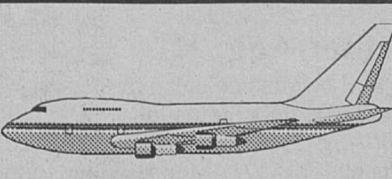
Citizens in the community were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Aulton Kingsley, 51, a long-time (See 24 & 48, Page 3)

## Letter to Editor Policy

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1. Letter should not be more than 1,500 characters.
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3. The writer may request that their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in No. 2 must be included for them.
4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
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