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# To The Editor & You

**Fellow Eagle Lakians,**  
 Me and my wife are ex-residents of beloved Eagle Lake. We are not ex-residents by choice, but are military members that support and answer the call of duty at a moment's notice. Therefore, we are required to move from our beloved U.S. to worldwide locations. We have influenced our peers with the history and knowledge of Eagle Lake in the great state of Texas, beautiful Germany and adventurous Idaho. Recently, we heard of the horrific tragedy that brought Eagle Lake to a stand still which was heard worldwide. As a sergeant to the United States Air Force I would like to keep in memory Robin Marie Aguilar, Heather Kieborz, Yesenia Maribel Castillo, Patricia Ann Ruiz, and her son Jeremiah Ruiz where ever I may serve. Not only were they residents of Eagle Lake, but also family. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families and friends. If anything is ever needed to the families, please let us know and we will try our hardest to ease the pain. As a supervisor to young people, lets prevent this from ever occurring ever again and educate our young ones. They are our future!  
 SSgt Roberto Hernandez and Nancy Hernandez

## To the COWARD who poisoned our dogs last Wed, Nov 10:

Do you know what agonizing death poisoning produces?? Obviously you don't care. You didn't just kill some animal; you tortured and murdered a loving member of our family. You lurked around our neighborhood and around our homes to do your deed. Sliced wieners laced with strychnine was no accident. You set out to kill two defenseless animals, inside a fenced yard. No, you didn't just kill an animal, you killed a living, and breathing being that was as much a part of our family as our children. For whatever reason, you saw fit to destroy a family with your senseless act. Putting out poisoned food is not only reprehensible, but illegal as well. We have a reward out for your capture and arrest, but folks like you don't usually turn each other in.  
 You didn't just kill some dumb animal; you tortured and murdered one of our family.  
 John and Susan Stacy

## Texas secretary of state Connor steps down

No one found the post-election cabinet shuffle in Washington particularly out of the ordinary, but back at the ranch in Texas, Secretary of State Geoff Connor announced his intention to step down at the end of the year. Of course, secretary of state in Texas is vastly different from being U.S. secretary of state. In Texas, the office oversees a very important process - the election system. Gov. Rick Perry is expected to name Weatherford businessman J. Roger Williams as Connor's replacement. Williams has been a major fundraiser for President George W. Bush. The appointment would mark the 105th secretary of state in Texas history.

That will assure Texas plenty of national media attention. Other prefilled bills would create a school voucher system, allow law enforcement officers to set up DWI check points, install a business activity tax to replace the existing franchise tax, restore funding for low-cost children's health insurance (as well as those who are employed but poor) and require record votes in the House and Senate. **Supreme Court judge named...** Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Houstonian David Medina, his former legal counsel, to the Texas Supreme Court. Medina will fill the vacancy created when Perry elevated Wallace Jefferson to chief justice to replace Tom Phillips, who retired earlier this year. The 46-year-old Medina served as a district judge in Harris County from 1996 to 2000. "This is a highly qualified jurist who has lived his life in a way that is admirable," Perry said after announcing Medina's appointment. "I let his record speak for itself."

## State Capitol Highlights



By Mike Cox  
 Texas Press Association

Two years after he left the bench, Medina was charged with a DWI. His trial ended in a hung jury. Medina pleaded guilty to making an improper lane change, paid a fine and the original charge was dismissed, the Houston Chronicle reported.

man of the House Appropriations Committee, one of the most powerful posts in the Legislature.

**Heflin-Vo race update...** Harris County election officials have declared Democrat Hubert Vo the winner in a close race against 11-term incumbent Rep. Talmadge Heflin, but Heflin is expected to request a recount or file a challenge. Once absentee and provisional ballots had been reviewed, Harris County officials said that Vo led Heflin 20,693 to 20,662, a difference of only 31 votes. The final outcome has implications well beyond Houston. Heflin is chair-

**Changing retirement rules...** During the last legislative session, lawmakers passed a bill providing for a golden parachute for state employees willing to retire early. Those who qualified could leave with a one-time payment amounting to 25% of their annual salary. Now the buzz is that some thought is being given to an opposite strategy: changing the Employee Retirement System's Rule of 80 (a state employee can retire if his age and years of service add up to 80) to a Rule of 85. Unless the change comes with a grandfather clause, that could postpone quite a few state employee retirements.

**Profiling begins...** With the next legislative session only two months away, lawmakers have begun profiling bills. An early eye-catcher is Rep. Warren Chisum's (R-Pampa) bill proposing submission to Texas voters of a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a sanctioned relationship open only to male-female couples.

## Lets Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

**Oct. 23, 1980**  
**Randolf and Lucy Buffington** of Eagle Lake happily announced the adoption of **Sybil Lucille** on Oct. 16...  
**Dr. J.C. Laughlin and Jim Clipson** were honored upon retirement. Clipson for 30 years of service to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Board of Trustees and Laughlin retired from active practice after 35 years...

**Nov. 1, 1956**  
**Miss Mary Lee Wesselski** was crowned End of the Harvest Queen at the annual fall event held at the Nada KJT Hall. She won the coveted honor over five other beautiful entries. Those including **Misses Ernestine Kasniersky, Agnes Popp, Delores Staff, Sherry Lee Woodruff and Jackie Beard...**

**Patrick Pavlu** was chosen as the Rice FFA vice-president...  
 Chosen as Mr. & Miss FTA were **Kevin Brisco and Carol Crabb...**  
**Bert Tise** received the DAR Citizenship Award...  
 The five nominees for Homecoming Queen are **Judy Bunge, Dora Jaramillo, Claudette Parker, Linda Shorter and Janice Waligura...**

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**Mr. & Mrs. James Case Jr.** announced the birth of their first child, **Ginger Ashley** born Oct. 12...  
**Mr. & Mrs. Dickson of Taiton** announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Carolyn**, to **Lawrence C. Labay Jr.**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence C. Labay Sr.** of Nada. Nuptial vows will be exchanged Nov. 8 at St. John Catholic Church...  
 Friends learned with regret that **Mrs. Glen (Ollie Mae) Williams** passed away at Eagle Lake Community Hospital on Oct. 17 following a lengthy illness...  
**Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Eichinger** of Rockdale announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Nancy Ann**, to **Billy Breithaupt**, son of **Mr. & Mrs.**

**Miss Jeanette Labay** won the coveted honor of being named "Fair-est of the Fair" in a beauty contest...  
**Judy Fay Emmel**, seven-year-old daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Bill Emmel**, was honored with a birthday party by her mother Oct. 23...  
 Funeral services were held in Corpus Christi for **J.I. Holloway**, a former resident of Eagle Lake...  
**H.J. Cosgrove** was honored with a 25-year pin for having been a member the past 25 years in the Masonic Lodge in Brookshire...  
 A double birthday celebration was enjoyed by seven-year-old **Darius** and four-year-old **Judith Brisco** last Saturday...  
**Mr. & Mrs. Billy Maness** proudly announced the arrival of a son into the family born at Laughlin Hospital Oct. 29. He was named **Michael...**  
**Don Frnka**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Fred R. Frnka** was honored on his eighth birthday with a wiener roast.

## Chamber to host annual Parade of Lights Dec. 11

It's that time of year again and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is preparing for The Annual "Parade of Lights" or "La Posada" procession to welcome St. Nick - and invites everyone to participate. The annual Parade's 2004 Theme is: **Feliz Navidad** as we travel around the world with our "Spirit of Christmas." This year's parade will be held **Saturday, December 11** and is going to be bigger and better than ever. To decorate for a Mexican Christmas, be sure to add some of the beautiful red poinsettias or "La Flor De Noche Buena". They have been a Christmas tradition throughout much of the world since an American ambassador introduced it to South Carolina in the 1820's. A well-dressed Mexican Christmas home would also have to have a piñata! As part of the fun, the children gather around and smack it with sticks until they are showered with the candy explosion!

Judges will award prizes in the following categories: Annual Chamber President's Award (Grand Prize), Judge's Special Award (2nd), Grand Marshall's Award (3rd), 2004 Theme Award (Feliz Navidad), Traditional Christmas Award, Best Lights, Most Spirited, Most Original/Unique Entry and Best Musical Entry. Judging will be between 6:00 and 6:45. Awards will be presented as entries pass the City Hall. Lighted entries are a must and entries cannot include a live Santa or Mrs. Clause. For safety reasons candy or other items cannot be thrown.

Individuals, businesses, schools, service organizations, a group of friends, etc. can have a float, walk or march in the parade. This can be fun for all!

Placement in the parade is on a first-come, first serve basis. A parade route map, the line-up and all other pertinent information will be forwarded to participants soon after the December 1. Don't miss out! Brighten your holiday season by being a part of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Holiday of Lights Parade.

## Ready for Christmas?

We are here to help ease the stress of decorating this year. In our own community, displayed at the First National Bank - Eagle Lake, is one of the trees that you may possibly win. "WOW" aka Wonderland of Wildlife. A sportsman's delight - this wondrous creation is chock full of feathers, antlers, anglers accouterments and all of the things that will bring the outdoors in this holiday season. The only thing that betrays its origin is the profusion of poinsettias, festooned with gold ornaments and bows throughout the seven-foot fully lighted elegant Christmas Tree, which is truly a "WOW". There are two other trees that may grace your home this holiday season if you are a winner. The tree in Columbus, displayed at The Brides Shop (See Christmas, Page 5)



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San Felipe Pipeline L.P. installs and maintains public warning signs over, or near, their natural gas pipelines at roads, highways, railroad crossings and along its pipeline rights-of-way. These warning signs have the company's name, the type of gas being transported, and a 24-hour telephone number where San Felipe L.P. may be reached. Anyone planning any type of excavation work near these signs or where pipelines are located should notify San Felipe Pipeline L.P. before starting the excavating activities. San Felipe Pipeline will locate, mark their pipelines, and coordinate the excavation activities to prevent an incident from occurring.

Natural gas pipelines occasionally develop leaks. These leaks often show up as blowing dirt in air, bubbles surfacing in the water, dead vegetation in an area where the surrounding vegetation is normal, and sometimes has an odor like hydrocarbons, or oil.

When any, or all, of these conditions are observed near a San Felipe Pipeline L.P. pipeline, the conditions and location should be reported immediately, by telephone, to the numbers on the pipeline warning signs. A San Felipe Pipeline L.P. representative will be dispatched to the location as soon as possible to investigate the situation and take the appropriate actions.

By following these simple steps, you could prevent an accident from occurring and may save lives. Remember: **CALL BEFORE DIGGING.**

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