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24 YEARS AGO
LET'S LOOK BACK

[May 23, 1957]

Funeral services for Lonnie Shoop, who died from a gun accident, were held Friday, May 17, 1957 at First Baptist Church in El Campo. . . 625 books were added to the Eagle Lake Library. . . Mrs. Lee Goode wins a $25.00 Savings Bond for submitting the winner slogan for Eagle Lake "Nature's Gift to Industry and Agriculture". . . Carl Douglas Green, pilot for J. and J. Aerial of Eagle Lake, was killed in a plane crash Thursday. The accident was caused when pilot made a flat downwind turn with not enough air speed. The plane was completely destroyed. . . Latin-American woman of Austin dies in the Laughlin Hospital from injuries sustained in a wreck Sunday. . . Vickie Frederickson was complimented with a party on her eighth birthday by her mother, Mrs. V. L. Frederickson at her home. . . Alleyton man held on bad check writing. . . Jo Ann Konvicka will be the head drum major for the 1957-58 school year at Eagle Lake High School with Donna Lou Thomas as assistant drum major; and Glenda Altman, Doris McCreary, Susan Davidson and Barbara Reese, twirlers. . . Members of the high school yearbook staff include: Editor, Jo Ann Konvicka; Assistant Editor, Sandy Thomas; business manager, Vivian Herman, layout editor, Pat Loessin; ad editor, Donna Lou Thomas, and Assistant, Wanda Davis; class editor, Doris McCreary and assistant, Rosalie Andreas; art editors, Alan Causey and Susan Davidson; photography editor, Judith Johnson and assistant, Judy Ware; sport tri-editors, Carol Sens, Riley Wiese and Janet Gibson; and activities editor, Boogie Hanly.

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Let's Look Back
48 YEARS AGO

August 5, 1933]

Last survivor of Quantrell band is visitor here. Frank Dalton, relative of the Dalton Gang, who "soldiered" with Jesse James, spent two days in camp here. . . Cotton farmers to get $40,000 plow-up checks. . . Body of Wallis barber, John Wasicek, found in Brazos River. . . Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lenhart return from trip to World's Fair. . . Joe Berger Grocery store now member of Red and White. . . Frank Dromgoole attending World's Fair with friends. . . Mrs. W. E. Davis and family enjoy reunion. . . Coach Otis Coffey attending Chicago coaching school. . . George Herder store is being remodeled. . . Eagle Lake asking three projects in employment plan. Applications for funds made for paving, municipal warehouse, and work on Garwood road. . . Local stores adopt early closing hour beginning Tuesday. Stores open now at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m., except Saturdays when they close at 10 p.m. . . Eagle Lake dancers, Mrs. R. W. Heffley and F. T. Kollmann, win two first prizes for being the best dancers at Columbus dance. Miss Geraldine Rau of Columbus captures second prize. . . Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Smothers, Mrs. W. H. Strahan, and Miss Caroline Smothers leave for visit to San Antonio. . . Little Miss Geneva Bunge celebrates ninth birthday with the following present: Lenora Ann and Simon Schmidt, Ethel Mae Reese, Dorothy Gene Austin, Billy Gene Dupree, Laurell Foster, Evelyn Wilson, Lue Minette Fitzgerald, Joan Dupree, Dorothy Sykora of Columbus; and Carl Gordy, Bobby Wilcox, Wanda Westmoreland, Virginia Mazac, Virginia Mill, Nancy and Juanita Walney, Bubba Stephens, Bud Fitzgerald, John Waddell, James Davis, Norrie Reed, Bruce McCarty Ray Linke, Wendell Howard, Gene Durbin, Betty Terrell, Pat Braun, Nora Howard, Evelyn Frnka, Grace Spanhel, Erline Austin, Maurine Townley, Dorothy Elkins, Helen Reese, Lynn and Harvey Risien, Ray Arnold, Mary Kearney, Elizabeth Corley, Dorothy Reuther, Aline Wink, Josephine Frnka, Lucille Brisbois, Vivian Fair, Ussery and Dorothy Reese of Eagle Lake.

More Births Than Deaths During 1980

Statistics released last week by the Texas Department of Health show that Colorado County had more births (about a third more) than deaths during 1980; and there were one-third as many divorces as marriages during the same year.

According to the report 216 couples were married, most between the ages of 20 and 24, followed by the 25-29 age group. Divorces for the year numbered 69 with most of these in the 20-29 year age group.

There were reported to be a total of 332 births, 169 boys and 163 girls, as compared to 243 deaths, 130 males and 113 females.

In Eagle Lake there were reported to be 89 births and 41 deaths; in Columbus 50 births and 55 deaths; while the rest of the county recorded 193 births and 147 deaths.

Leading causes of death within the county were heart diseases which claimed 42 percent of the death toll. Motor vehicle accidents claimed 18 deaths and there were two suicide victims and two murder victims during the year, cited the report.

Attend Mouth Protection Teleconference

"Update in Mouth Protection" teleconference was held at Eagle Lake Community Hospital August 7, 1981. Attending were: front row, l. to r.: David White, Coach and Trainer, Rice High School; Michael Michalka Head Coach at Garwood; Freddie Armstrong, Head Coach at E.L.M.S.; back row, l. to r.: Alan Herzik, DDS, Schulenburg; and Kenneth Culberth, DDS, Bay City.-Hospital Photo.

Hospital Holds Teleconference On Mouth Protection For Athletes

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital was the host Friday, Aug. 7th for a special Teleconference of Texas presentation entitled "Update in Youth Protection forAthletes." The presentation was offered to area coaches, trainers, and dentists. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio presented the program over the teleconference network, of which the hospital is a member.

Representing the athletic viewpoint were TU Head Coach Fred Akers and TU Trainers Spanky Stephens and Eddie Day. They provided special insight on the need for mouthguards in contact sports by relating personal experiences. Speakers from the dental field were Robert M. Morrow, D.D.S., Associate Dean, Advanced Education Head, Graduate School for Prosthodontics. Dr. Morrow gave a step-by-step description of the materials required and the techniques used to produce a mouth protective device, as well as reviewing various mouthguard designs.

William Heiztz, D.D.S., Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University College of Dentistry and Athletic Department, spoke on his years of experience involving the construction and design of protective athletic mouthpieces. Two private practitioners from San Antonio, J. J. Manistis, D.D.S., and Gregory W. Dahlberg, D.D.S., (former TU football player), spoke on suitability and use of mouthguards from the viewpoint of the athlete and extensive experiences in dealing with high school football players.

Those attending the teleconference presentation were: David White, Coach and Trainer for Rice High School; Freddie Armstrong, Head Football Coach for Eagle Lake Middle School; Michael Michalka, Head Football Coach for Garwood; Alan L. Herzik, D.D.S. from Schulenburg; Kenneth M. Culberth, D.D.S. from Bay City; and Laura Deveport, Patient Care Coordinator.

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital is a member of the Teleconference Network of Texas. By participating in this program, hospitals are enabled to update the training of professional staff members while they remain within the hospital. Staff members can learn new techniques and still talk with leaders and peers in various health fields. In addition, staff members can participate together in the inservices and are able to discuss content as it is presented.

SUIT ON ACCOUNT

A civil suit was filed in District Court in Columbus Aug. 13th by Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co. against Everett Anderson doing business as Everett Anderson Farming for judment for insurance premiums totaling $1,486.90 on a workman's compensation policy written by the plaintiff Jan. 1, 1980. The suit also asks for interest and costs of court.

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Colorado County, Two Others Moved From 10th to 14th Dist.

Fayette And Lavaca Counties Also Moved Into 14th District

A redistricting bill passed last week by the Texas Legislature and expected to be accepted by Governor Bill Clements takes Colorado, Fayette, and Lavaca counties, along with other whole counties and parts, out of Cong. J. J. (Jake) Pickle's District 10 and put them in Cong. Bill Patman's 14th District.

Passage of the bill by the Democratic-dominated legislature was seen as a stunning victory for Clements, a Republican.

By a 16-15 vote, the Texas Senate voted against sending the plan to a conference committee, where the Democrats had hoped to get back at least to a plan by Sen. John Wilson the Senate passed July 21.

The Senate then concurred 18-13 with the House amendments to the bill and sent it to the governor.

After the 1980 census the legislature was mandated to redraw lines according to population. It was also under pressure to draw lines that would give minority groups equal representation. And finally there was the political side. Democrats opposing the accepted plan argue that it will help get more Republicans elected.

District 14 under the bill includes the counties of Colorado Fayette, Lavaca, Austin, Washington, Lee, Burleson, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Dewitt, Victoria, Goliad, Bee, Refugio, Victoria, Calhoun, Jackson, Wharton, Matagorda, Brazoria, and parts of Waller and Williamson.

District 10 in the plan includes the counties of Travis, Blanco, Hays, Bastrop, Caldwell, and part of Burnet.

Some are predicting that the plan will be contested in federal court by several groups, including minorities who might complain that their electoral impact is not as large as it could be.

Colorado Co. Fed. Sav. & Loan Branch In Weimar Open

The new Weimar branch of the Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association is now open and doing business.

Catherine Popp is manager of the office in the former site of Frank's Cafe in Weimar. Barbara Kubesch is the assistant. A grand opening will be held in the near future.

On Duty With Navy

Navy Photographer's Mate Airman Recruit Thomas E. Bartosh, son of Eugene R. Bartosh of East Bernard, has reported for duty with the PreCommissioning Unit Carl Vinson at Newport News, Va.

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Alvin F. Wieses Are Honored On 40th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wiese; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harriss, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Christ, Miss Denise Wiese; and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Richardson, Mrs. Wiese's sister, hosted a 40th Wedding Anniversary celebration on Sunday, August 9th from 2 to 7 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Christ at 710 Partridge Lane in Eagle Lake.

Guests were registered by Miss Glenda Gregg, granddaughter of the honorees.

The dining table, covered with a lace cloth with a pink underlay was centered with a lovely arrangement of mixed summer flowers. On one end of the table was a large white sheath cake decorated with red roses; to the opposite end of the table punch was served from a crystal punch service along with assorted sandwiches, vegetables and dip, sausage rolls and meat balls.

The buffet held the double columned wedding cake trimmed with red roses.

The table in the breakfast room was covered with a hand crocheted cloth made by Mrs. Wiese's mother, in the center was an arrangement of mixed summer flowers. To one end punch was served from a silver punch service and the opposite end of the table held assorted sandwiches, cheese spread and crackers and coffee served from the bar.

Numerous arrangements of deep red roses were placed throughout the house; compliments from family and friends.

The houseparty included Mesdames Clifford Wiese, Howard Wiese, Bob Ashby, J. R. Thomas, Wm. Harrison, Sr., Wm. Farris, Dick Wood, Raymond Thomas, Bob Wilcox, R. H. Waddell, and Sarah Pate; also Mrs. Gordon Rowther, a niece; and Miss Sharon Rowther, a great niece of Missouri City Mrs. Kirk Richardson and Mrs. Kent Richardson of Houston.

Family and friends from Huntsville, Conroe, Houston, Missouri City and Richmond attended. A special guest was Mrs. Winnie Wiese, mother of Mr. Wiese, from Lissie.

Congratulations are extended to Alvin (Hootie) and Margie in passing this momentous occasion.

Dostals Visit In New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dostal and daughter, Jane, and Miss Debbie Blinka of Sheridan, returned home Sunday after spending several days in New Orleans, Louisiana. On the way to New Orleans, they visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Boudreaux and Justin in Crowley. In New Orleans, while strolling through the French Quarters, to their surprise, they ran into several people from back home from the Eagle Lake and Garwood area.

Saturday and Sunday morning, they attended Mass in the historic St. Louis Cathedral in Jackson Square. To Debbie's surprise she received Holy Communion from Father Vincent Verderame who previously was pastor for fourteen years in her home town of Port Lavaca. Father "V" was also the pastor who administered Debbie her First Holy Communion nineteen years ago.

Saturday evening, Jane and Debbie attended the Houston Oilers and New Orleans Saints football game in the Superdome. The Dostals and Debbie reported having a great time listening to their favorite jazz band and enjoying the sights and sounds of the Crescent City.

Lions Zone Joint Meet Here Thurs.

Lions International District Governor Gordon B. Richardson, District 2-S8, will make an official visit in the local Zone 6 in a joint meeting of the eight clubs in the zone at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, August 20th. The joint meeting will be held in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Expected to take part in the meeting are members from the Columbus Evening and Noon clubs, the Eagle Lake, Garwood, Sealy, Sheridan, Wallis and Sealy Evening clubs.

Zone chairman Joe H. McCreary of Eagle Lake will preside at the session.

Lions International District Governor Richardson, CLU, a Caldwell insurance agent, was elected to office of District Governor of District 2-S3 last May and assumed office July 1st. He moved to Caldwell in 1968 from Houston after marrying the former Judy Williams, daughter of the late Ralph G. Williams and Bernice D. Williams of Caldwell. They have two sons, Gordon II, age 12, and Randall, age 7.

He has won numerous awards in the insurance industry and also serves as Burleson County Republican chairman.

Gordon joined the Caldwell Club in 1969 and has ten years of perfect attendance. He served as president of the club in 1974 and on the district level has served as zone chairman, deputy district governor, youth exchange chairman and director of the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children as well as lieutenant governor in 1980-81.

Of the fifteen districts in Texas, District 2-S3 is the largest and is also the largest in North America with 109 active clubs and over 3,000 members.

Dist. Gov. Gordon Richardson

Hearing On County Revenue Sharing Aug. 29

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek has called a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 29th in the county courtroom of the county courthouse in Columbus on expenditure of general revenue sharing funds for the year of 1982.

The county expects a total of $138,893 in federal revenue sharing funds in 1982 and all citizens of the community interested are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed expenditure of the funds.

Bridal Events Honor Janet Lynne Hajovsky

The following friends of Miss Janet Lynne Hajovsky, bride-elect of Michael John Armstrong complimented her with:

A miscellaneous tea shower on July 16, 1981 at the home of Mrs. Gene Bures of El Campo;

Pantry shower on July 31, 1981 at the home of Mrs. Grace Glaze with Mrs. Cindy Savino as co-hostess in El Campo;

Brunch at Brennan's in Houston on August 2, 1981 given by Mrs. Jennie Perry of Houston;

Around-the-Clock shower on August 14, 1981 at the home of Miss Phyllis Parma of El Campo;

Cocktail party August 15, 1981 at the home of Miss Lorey Sumers of El Campo;

Brunch and miscellaneous shower at Broesche's Restaurant in Eagle Lake on August 15, 1981. Hostesses were Mesdames Allen D. Cassady, J. K. Davidson, Charles Spalinger, Aulton Kingsley, and W. L. Bauer.

The wedding date is calendared for 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22nd in the St. Philip's Catholic Church in El Campo.

GARWOOD AND NADA NEWS

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA - 758-3352

Mrs. W. R. Frnka spent last Thursday in Victoria visiting relatives.

Daughter For Paul Hoffmans

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffman announce the birth of their second child, a girl, born Aug. 3 in Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. She weighed eight pounds and was named Erica Lyn.

She is welcomed home by a sister, Dawn Ann, nine years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luchak, Sr. of El Campo and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hoffman of Nada.

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200 Attend Meet With Trucking Industry Reps.

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ment read as follows: "We, the undersigned, do hereby express our concern for better highway safety in the Eagle Lake and surrounding areas and do heartily support the efforts of state and local authorities and the trucking industry in the enforcement of traffic safety laws."

It was noted that many of the signers were representatives of the trucking companies and law enforcement officials from the area.

Prior to opening a question and answer session, Mayor Struss reiterated the position of the City of Eagle Lake in regard to trucking in the city limits, as outlined in a letter of Jan. 14, 1980 to the operators, owners and drivers of the trucking industry. The letter noted that the streets of the city were not intended for heavy truck traffic and asked, in the interest of safety, that no trucks be parked on city streets or alleys; that no loaded trucks travel on city streets other than state and federal highways (deliveries excepted). "Obey the traffic laws while operating in and through our city. Help make Eagle Lake a better city by being a safe and courteous driver," added the mayor in his letter.

Carl Borders of HDH and Jack Corb of T Inc. explained that their drivers take periodic safety courses and hold safety meetings monthly. Truman Hill of Sprint added that his company's drivers were also required to take safe driving courses.

In response to a question from Charles Darnell, the safety officers discussed safety patrols which they carry out, and Darnell suggested that the patrolling be done in different vehicles at different times in order to avoid detection by the drivers who issue warnings to others by CB radio.

Captain Collins discussed the qualifications necessary to obtain a commercial driver's license, in response to a question. He noted that the Department of Public Safety has manuals in numerous languages and it is not necessary that the applicants speak or read English but can interpret warning signs and signals.

Number Of Trucks Down

Terry Lynch of Truckers Inc., a former DPS patrolman, commented during a discussion on qualifications for hiring drivers that when he joined the firm about 1800 trucks were operating in the Eagle Lake area but that number has dropped to about 700 per day at this time. (Each truck makes 3 to 4 trips to Houston and other area cities).

Mayor Struss asked other company reps to discuss their hiring procedures and most agreed with Borders that they were in the process of upgrading driver qualifications and safety standards.

Lynch said he echoed the sentiments of every one of the safety officers present when he said, "we are just as concerned about creating a safe environment as you are, and probably more so."

Many Suggestions

The group of concerned citizens offered a variety of suggestions for improving safety on the highways of the area and they were condensed by moderator Mayor Struss in his closing remarks to include:

1. Establishment of a central point or location for reporting violations noted by area motorists, with perhaps a toll-free number;

2. More scrutiny and investigation on the records of truck driver applicants with hopes of "getting rid of some of the bad apples";

3. A need for more self-policing by the trucking companies on the highways and roads of the area;

4. A need for more law enforcement officers, stricter enforcement of the laws, more stringent legislation relating to inspection of vehicles and drivers, and stronger fines for violation of these laws.

Louis Schorlemmer suggested that numbers from violating trucks be sent direct to the railroad commission for possible action; Sue Causey suggested that the drivers be clocked on their trips to Houston to determine if they were speeding (this would present a great amount of paper work and would be impractical because of the periodic stops made by the drivers en route to and from Houston, responded safety officers.)

New Laws Sept. 1

Captain Collins explained some new provisions which will become effective Sept. 1st, include a provision that all trucks being used for hire must have an identifying number (presently only leased trucks are required by law to have numbers); also that effective Sept. 1st truckers will be required to have a safety inspection sticker before being issued a 72-hour permit.

County Judge Lester Cranek commented that Colorado County has issued over 20,000 of the 72-hour permits, "all without the safety inspection required." He also expressed a desire for stiffer fines for traffic violations.

The judge told the group that he is proposing in the 1982 County budget the addition of two deputies to the sheriff's department for road patrol duties. If approved by the Commissioners' Court, these new positions would become effective by January 1st.

During the course of the evening, several persons pointed to the outstanding job being done at this time by the sheriff's department under the leadership of Sheriff Jim Broussard.

Justice of the Peace W. A. Hefner of Garwood noted that the patrol is writing far more tickets than ever before.

Judge Cranek added that Sheriff Broussard plans to have at least two deputies patrolling Highways 71 and 90A during crucial school opening and closing hours at Rice High School.

Rice CISD Supt. Harold King added comments that if all the gravel trucks operating in the area were placed on the tax rolls, funds would be available for more enforcement officers. (Taxing entities acknowledge that very few of the trucks are listed on the tax rolls and if so, generally are carried on the delinquent lists). King added that since trucking companies were not paying taxes in this county, it is logical that heavier fines would be in order against traffic violators in order to provide adequate policing.

Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones suggested that some kind of standards be set up for complaints against truckers and expressed the belief that the "problem won't be remedied through the courts."

Judge Hefner reviewed a uniform fine schedule adopted in this county and noted that fines in this county are already as high as anywhere in the area.

DPS Sergeant Gilbert Kiel agreed that fines in this county were heavier than in most areas. In response to a question, he said that generally tickets are issued when the speed limit is exceeded by speeds varying from 5 to 10 m.p.h.

He pointed out there are only five troopers assigned to this county and that they are "spread pretty thin." He expressed hope that another trooper will be assigned to the Columbus area soon.

The DPS officers explained that funds allocated for highway patrol operations are limited, thus restricting operations. It was suggested that letters be written to legislators in an effort to increase funds allocated to the DPS for additional officers and for additional operating expenses. It was acknowledged that the state legislature has the final word on the types of laws placed on the books and on funding enforcement of these laws.

Most Trucks Have Numbers

During the discussion it was noted that many trucks operating in the area have numbers on the front, back and sides, a program instituted voluntarily by the Gravel Haulers Assn. of Houston. But the trucking company representatives admitted that the companies represented at the meeting accounted for only 40% of the total trucks operating in this area. Some of the others are "hot truckers" and others are companies choosing not to number their trucks.

The safety officers said that they were always receptive to receiving reports of violations by their truck drivers and urged motorists in the area noting violations to contact their respective offices for possible action and perhaps even suspension and/or dismissal.

Permer County Attorney Don Bendy noted the dangerous situation created by a truck traveling 70 miles per hour. He urged that firm standards need to be set relative to dismissal of drivers for flagrant violation of the law and that these standards be enforced by the trucking companies.

Bendy also reminded that it is not enough just to get the number of the truck, the type violation and the location of the violation, but also the complainant must be able to identify the driver if a prosecutable case is to be developed.

Everett Anderson suggested that a central reporting area be established to take complaints from abused motorists and that these complaints be forwarded to the respective companies for possible action.

In a brief comment from the audience, Bill Appelt hit at the "atrocious and vulgar language" often used by truck drivers on the CB radio, in direct violation of federal communication laws.

Sgt. Kiel added that it is good to report the violation to the DPS officers for aid in identification but the complainant must also stand ready to file a charge in Justice of the Peace court if legal action is to be taken. "Too many people don't want to get involved in this process," added the sergeant.

In his concluding statement, Captain Ellis said that there is no one solution to the problem. "It's going to take a concerted effort on the part of each of you and the trucking industry to get results." He added that changes in traffic laws and allocation of funds to law enforcement agencies are determined by the state and federal governments and suggested that those present make an effort to let their representatives and senators know of the need for such changes.

Wrong People There

As an after-thought on the meeting Sheriff Broussard said that the "wrong people were there from the trucking companies." He said safety officers present are safety conscious and it's the drivers who are violators who should have heard the expressions of concern. The sheriff added that most truck drivers are good and courteous drivers but there's always that small majority who have no regard for the safety of others who give the trucking industry a bad name.

The safety officers and law enforcement officials remained after the meeting was formally adjourned to answer further questions from concerned citizens.

Thanks Extended

Mrs. Harrison expressed thanks in behalf of the concerned citizens group for the attendance of the trucking company representatives, law enforcement officers, county and city officials, and especially to the Eagle Lake Middle School Principal David Mims for arranging for use of the ELMS cafetorium for the meeting.

Due to the lack of space, we were unable to report all of the comments and suggestions offered. If you are a concerned citizen and wish to speak out further on safety on our highways and streets, the Headlight will be happy to publish, without charge, your written and signed statements. However, they must be in our office prior to noon on Monday of the week in which they are to be published.

Next week the Headlight will publish a list of trucking companies operating in the area, with addresses and phone numbers, for your information. Also the addresses of representatives and senators for this area will be published next week for those who might wish to communicate with their legislators on this matter of improving safety of vehicular (and especially truck) traffic on our highways, streets and roads.

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It's not surprising because of its huge population, but Harris County was the marriage capital of Texas during 1980. It also had the most divorces.

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