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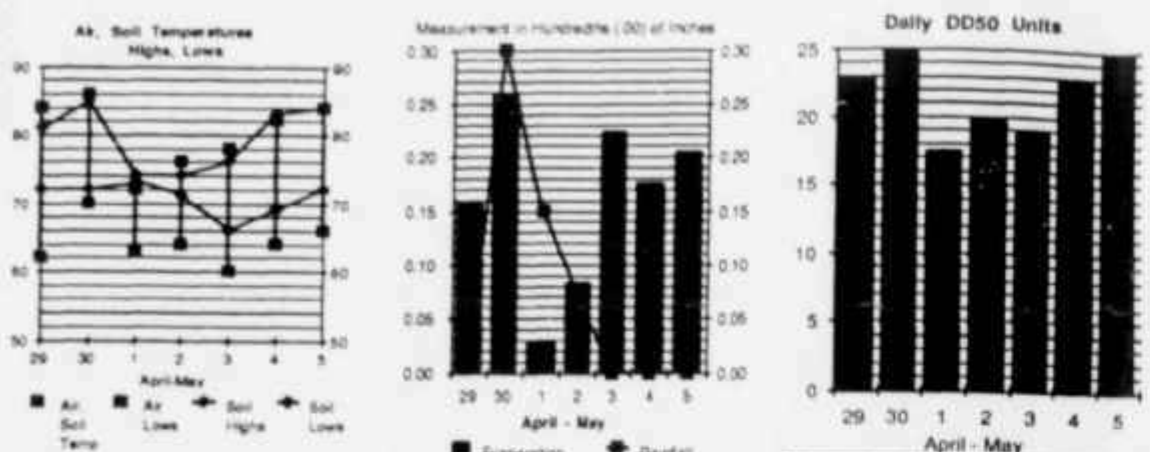
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The Weather Report

Here are the weather observations from the Texas A&M Research Site, Eagle Lake, in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the Texas Water Development Board. Air temperatures listed are sheltered air temperatures.



State guaranteed bonds lowered by Wall Street

The State's economy was called into question last week after Wall Street bond experts lowered the rating of state guaranteed bonds.

After Standard and Poor's Corporation announced it had lowered the rating of \$200 million of capital improvement bonds for several state universities, Governor Mark White said the action will have little effect on state government.

State Treasurer Ann Richards also said the lowered bond rating was of "minimal consequence."

But in an interesting development, John Fainter, a bond attorney who runs White's reelection campaign, said the state had received a very loud and clear message that Texas needed to diversify its revenue base.

In fact, a Standard and Poor's official recently suggested that Texas adopt a temporary surcharge on sales tax.

Fainter explained that White would not call a special session.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

to do that because it would be disruptive in an election year.

The rating agency also lowered bond ratings for veterans land and housing, water projects, student loans, agriculture, and park developments.

The recent oil price slump has hit the Texas economy hard, but particularly so in the Midland-Odessa area. Last week a moving company executive estimated that as many as 20,000 people will leave that area by the end of the year.

Oil industry layoffs there have already caused hundreds of people to pack up and leave for other states.

Farm Aid II planned

Country singer Willie Nelson and Texas Agricultural Commissioner Jim Hightower announced that plans are nearing finalization for a July 4 concert to raise money for embattled farmers.

The concert will likely be held at the University of Texas' Memorial Stadium. Hightower's agency had to sponsor the concert before the university would consider allowing it to be held.

The concert, dubbed Farm Aid II, is expected to raise \$10 million.

The money will likely be used for crisis hotlines, emergency legal assistance, and loans for farmers.

Worker to lose jobs

The head of the largest state employees group last week predicted that up to 2,000 workers in the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation will lose their jobs before September.

Gary Hughes, executive head of the Texas Public Employees Union, said patients are being moved to community centers, and that the agency will

state taxes per capita.

Texas crop acreage, farm income to be down sharply

The 1985 farm bill is aimed at getting crop acreages down across the nation, and that approach seems to be working in Texas.

Consequently, farm income is also expected to be working in Texas.

With Texas farmers still in the thick of the spring planting season, overall crop acreages should be down sharply when the dust settles, says Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Rice and soybean acreage is expected to be about one-third less than 1985 plantings, the sorghum crop should be down 16 percent, cotton acreage should be 12 percent less, hay production should drop 9 percent, and the corn and peanut crops should be off 3 percent from last year's plantings.

The declines in Texas plantings should be greater than in the nation as a whole, Anderson points out. Nationally, cotton acreage should be down 10 percent, corn, 6 percent and sorghum, 3 percent.

"While the new farm bill provides a safety net under farm income by keeping the same target prices as last year, the main feature of the bill is to let U.S. prices fall to market clearing levels," Anderson says. "That should boost use of crops and discourage production somewhat — especially in foreign countries. All this should encourage recovery of U.S. export markets."

Although a weaker dollar overseas and lower prices could lead to a sharp increase in exports by 1987, the economist believes, a noticeable market price recovery is still several years away.

"Market prices for 1986 should be near the adjusted loan rates," predicts Anderson. "These include \$2.40 per bushel for wheat, \$1.92 per bushel for corn, \$3.25 per hundredweight for sorghum, \$3.60 per hundredweight for rice and \$5 per bushel for soybeans."

The adjusted loan repayment level for cotton will be 80 percent of the base loan rate, says Anderson.

To The Voters of Colorado County:

Thank you so much for placing your confidence and support in me. I will do my utmost to serve you well as County Treasurer.

Nita Renick

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Deed, Don Marion Lewis to Gregory Edward Vaughn, et al, 405 acres, J. Fitzgerald, et al, 315.4 acres, R. Almy Commis Lease; 4-11-86.

Deed, Thomas K. Gaylor, et al, to William Rabe Jr., et al, part of original lots 1 and 2, block C, Smith and Jones Subdivision, town of Columbus; 4-18-86.

Deed, Ray Creek, et al, to Joe W. Stapleton, et al, lot 6, block 13, town of Sheridan; 4-21-86.

Deed, Rosalyn Mark to Mary Alice Mark Powell, 50 acres, John Dunlap 19 3/4 Acres; 4-15-86.

Deed, Ralph L. Stapper to Marie S. Torres, et al, 15,852 acres, Alfred Kelo Leazer; 4-22-86.

Deed, Leo E. Obenhaus, et al, to Laurence E. Obenhaus, et al, 2,015 acres, R. Cunningham Survey; 4-23-86.

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Deed, John E. Wallace to Billie Jo Wallace, two 20.185 acre tracts of land out of lot 2 of the S.M. Swenson Subdivision; 4-18-86.

Deed, Elie H. Vavut, et al, to Jay Dee Tobias, et al, 132.65 acres, J. Duty Leazer; 4-18-86.

Deed, Joe F. Janish, et al, to Jay Dee Tobias, et al, 132.65 acres, J. Duty Leazer; 4-22-86.

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OIL, GAS LEASES

Leath, Swoboda, et al, to Shell Western E&P Inc., 100 acres, Connel Gargus Survey; 2-5-86.

Elaire Holub Kubecka, et al, to Christensen and Matthews, 54.124 acres, R. Maxwell Survey; 4-7-86.

Leona Gilbreath to Christensen and Matthews, 33.9 acres, R. Maxwell Survey; 3-27-86.

Anne Kolar to Christensen and Matthews, 29.25 acres, R. Maxwell Survey; 3-27-86.

William A. Miller, et al, to EP Operating Company, 14.85 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey; 3-21-86.

Edith Burford Harmon, et al, to TXO Production Corp., 42 acres, J. Commis Survey; 2-18-86.

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THANK YOU

Eagle Lake, Altair and Alleyton. 75% of the voters in Precinct 4 voted Saturday for a change in leadership in the office of County Commissioner. Thank you, Citizens, for giving me the opportunity to represent that change. Your attitudes prove that we can, and will, move this county ahead. We have appreciated, and continue to appreciate, your ideas and support.

Paul & Sue Causey

Paul and Sue Causey for County Commissioner, Carol Edwards, Treasurer, P.O. Box 99, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Sheridan New reunion

by Velma Kutzer

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Munoz are proud to announce the safe arrival of a baby girl born Sunday afternoon.

She has been named Jennifer Lauren and weighed seven pounds nine ounces at birth.

Willard Hagendorf is to undergo knee surgery in Houston this week.

The weather cooperated again this year and hundreds of people turned out to make the third annual S.E.A. Ambulance Bene-Fair a huge success.

Below are a first John Williamson of Sheridan and Louis Wayne Bond of Angleton, second: Eddie Lee Blaisek of Garwood and James Moore of Eagle Lake, third: queen size quilt donated by Sheridan Ambulance Corps, won by Ray Banel of Columbus; 36" Hunter ceiling fan donated by Sheridan Ambulance Corps, won by Ray Banel of Columbus; 36" Hunter ceiling fan donated by Sheridan Ambulance Corps, won by Ray Banel of Columbus.

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