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Bullock wants tougher rules passed immediately

Lt. Governor Bob Bullock wants tougher rules of conduct for those who oversee Texas' nursing homes and he wants the rules adopted right away.

In a letter to the Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators, Bullock pushed the agenda for the rules at its Oct. 18 meeting. It normally would take months to overhaul the agency's regulations.

Proposed rules would require nursing home administrators to keep a sufficient number of trained workers on duty, protect residents from harm and ensure that residents have proper medical treatment and nutrition.

Mike Hailey, press secretary to Bullock, told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "The residents of some of the facilities have waited long enough for an assurance that standards are going to improve."

Attorney General Dan Morales said the tougher nursing home rules will be ineffective unless an independent agency is given power to sue nursing home directors.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

ing home directors. He suggested his office would be the appropriate agency to enforce the new set of rules.

Problems at nursing homes came to light and drew state officials' attention last month when the *American-Statesman* published a report on its months-long investigation of the Texas Home of Nursing Home Administrators.

The *American-Statesman* found pervasive problems in the board's regulation of the state's 2,700 nursing home administrators.

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Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Jan. 6, 1972
Another new business will open in Eagle Lake next Monday when Mr. & Mrs. Glen Wilson open their Thrifty Discount Pharmacy in the building between the First National Bank and Strickland Insurance Agency.

A near tragedy was narrowly averted at the Altair Rice Dryer on Hwy. 90A near Altair Monday night when a fire erupted on an elevator head house of a rice storage section of the dryer facilities.

A two-car collision on FM 102 three miles west of Eagle Lake resulted in heavy damage to two vehicles and one person being hospitalized. Mrs. Jessie Obenhaus of Ramsey was rushed to Eagle Lake Community Hospital by ambulance after her car smashed into a concrete bridge culvert late Thursday afternoon. The other vehicle was driven by John Rice of this city. He and a passenger were not injured.

Little Desidero Joseph Romo was the first baby born in the new year at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Romo of this city.

Mrs. Louis Larsen and Mrs. Jessie Arnett were hostesses for a delightful New Year's Eve Party at the home of Mrs. Larsen.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Seaholm Jr. honored Mr. & Mrs. Fred Frnka in their home with a delightful party on the occasion of the 25th wedding anniversary of the Frnkas which was Sunday, Dec. 26.

Miss Arlita Henderson of Houston, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kado Powell of Eagle Lake, became the bride of Allen Ray Hurd, also of Houston, on Nov. 28, 1971, in the White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. O.B. Rhodes officiating.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Cortez of Rosenberg announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amelia, to Louis Saucedo, son of Mr. & Mrs. Vicente Saucedo of Eagle Lake.

Friends in the area learned with sadness of the death of Arthur Raymond Lundquist, 73, a prominent rice farmer in the Garwood community for the past 50 years.

Due to a posting error, Namita Verma, a student from Rice High School, was accidentally left off of the Honor Roll for the first six-week period.

Boy, the computers around the schools must have had some kind of virus! Here are a few names left out of the Eagle Lake Middle School first six-week Merit Roll by the computer: 4th grade, Kimberly Rodriguez; 5th grade, Russell Hadley, Kristen Svalby; 6th grade, Amanda Burrow, Elizabeth Castillo; and 7th grade: Odyssey Johnson.

Congratulations to the following teachers in the Rice CISD for being chosen among Who's Who of Best Teachers: Debra Janelle Cummings, RHS; Claudine Brooks Shorter, Kendleton ISD; Mary Jeanette Volkmer, RHS; and Jerry Young, RHS.

The *Aransas Pass Progress* advised readers of a new church, the Berea Baptist Church, opened by Rev. Paul L. Barrow. Rev. Barrow invites (See Town, Page 3)

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Aug. 6, 1948
Fred. R. Frnka was re-elected Commander of the W.Cherry - M. Perry Post 108, American Legion at the regular meeting held in the Legion Hall Tuesday night. The World War II naval pilot has devoted much of his time during the past year's term of office as Commander of the Post in directing the completion and operation of the civic project undertaken here - the building of the beautiful \$26,000 swimming pool and bathhouse.

Miss Lou Anna Sunderman, daughter of Mrs. Glen Sunderman, reports a pleasant stay in Baltimore where she is taking a course in occupational therapy. She will soon go to Trenton, New Jersey, to Matagorda Bay.

Joseph F. Peters died in the Columbus Hospital about four o'clock Monday evening from injuries in an automobile accident Sunday evening near Columbus.

J.M. Mathis died at his home in Bonus on Tuesday.

At a called meeting of the City Council last Friday evening, the application of John S. Smith was accepted and he drew the appointment as night city marshal.

Mrs. Iva Ann Krause of Columbus and Maurice Willis of Eagle Lake are taking this means of extending an invitation to all of their friends in this community to attend their wedding at five o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbus.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Walsh of Baton Rouge, La., are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter, Anna Louise, born last Saturday morning at ten o'clock, weighing six pounds, fifteen ounces.

A large number of relatives and friends gathered in the picturesque garden of the Wise country home near Lissie at six thirty o'clock Sunday evening for the wedding of Miss Ola Mae Wise.

Chzilispel XXIV is coming to downtown Flatonia Oct. 25-27.

Folks from throughout Texas will soon be packing their bags for their annual trip to the small community to celebrate a special Czech-German Oktoberfest with friends and relatives.

The fourth weekend in Oct. has become a favorite time for many Texans to visit Flatonia.

The Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for over 25,000 visitors over the three day celebration. The City of Flatonia will soon be closing down State Hwy. 90, better known as the "Old Spanish Trail", as this four lane boulevard becomes a giant playground.

Located halfway between Houston and San Antonio on IH-10, Flatonia's Chzilispel features continuous music, great food and the largest tented bigearns in the world - they even have a Czech spelling for Chili "Chili" and "Spisel" means "to play" (See Chzilispel, Page 4)

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Eddie Winkler, Pastor

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DEEDS

Deed: Melvin J. Neundorff to Melvin J. Neundorff and Doris J. Neundorff, Trustee or their Successors in trust to the Melvin J. & Doris J. Neundorff Living Trust, Inc. in 49,050 acres, Edward Corbit Survey, A-14; filed 7-11-96.

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Deed: Lad Trujano et ux to SMS Financial II, L.L.C., 0.137, H. Austin 5 Leagues, A-4; 7-11-96.

Deed: Gladys M. Moore to Joseph Wayne Owens, 0.401 acre, in Block 47, City of Eagle Lake, being in the R. Reels Survey, A-475; 7-11-96.

Deed: Louise Raabe to Roger F. Wilson, 88.035 acres, Roddin Andrews Survey, A-52; 7-12-96.

Deed: Daniel Calhoun McNaughton et ux to Bernardo Ranch L.L.C., 283.637 acres, Carl Walter Survey, A-627; 7-15-96.

Deed: George W. Young et ux to James Helton, 152.404 acres, J.G. O'Farrell Survey, A-36; 7-15-96.

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