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To The Editor & You

KCs say 'thank you'

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843, would like to say thanks to the community for the fantastic support received Sunday, Aug. 3 at our fried chicken dinner. Our profit is used for local scholarships and charitable contributions in

the community.

Unfortunately, we sold out of fried chicken and were unable to serve some people. We apologize for any inconvenience this might have caused.

Dave Kucherka,
Grand Knight

CCEDO economic update

DeNae Brassard Park, Executive Director Colorado County Economic Development Organization

When you drive into a town for the very first time, what is the first thing you do?

More often than not, you will quickly form an impression based on

the way the town looks.

If you see trash-ridden streets, an abundance of abandoned homes with waist-high weeds and poorly maintained store fronts, do you want to stop and tour the town?

On the other hand, what if you see clean streets with trash cans on every corner, flower-filled planters, freshly painted homes and businesses and benches to rest your weary legs? Would you want to stop now?

The second scenario paints an image of a dynamic town — a town whose community cares enough about preserving the beauty for themselves and future generations. Each and every one of us hold the power to help shape a positive or negative image for our area.

With the encouragement that tourism dollars and economic development provide, we must pay closer attention to maintaining a positive image and beautifying Colorado County. If we expect people to find our cities as tourism destinations, a good location to start a business or a possible place to live, we must work together to continue improving the aesthetics of our communities.

If you would really like to see what your community looks like to an out-

sider, go to your city limit sign and drive into your community as if it were the first time. You will notice some eye sores that can be spruced up with minimal effort. You will also see some things that may take more community support.

Why should we work together to better our environment? That's simple — in addition to the added economic incentives we could gain from a unified push to clean up the county, we all will have a nicer place to live.

For more information, please call your local Chamber of Commerce representative or the Colorado County Economic Development Organization (CCEDO). Ask how you can get involved with their organized efforts or get a group started in your area.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the world."

— Matthew 5:5
Submitted by
Neddy Phillips

State Capitol Highlights



By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

funding for a 5% pay raise for about 60,000 of the state's 240,000 teachers.

Texas' largest teacher group, the Texas State Teachers Association, is mounting its own effort to urge teachers to the polls. The group, which has 90,000 members, plans to operate phone banks in the state's five largest metropolitan areas.

"Texas teachers rank 37th in the nation in pay," said Annette Cootes of

TSTA. "We want our teachers' pay increased at least to the national average so we can recruit and maintain quality teachers."

In May, the Texas Legislature rejected a plan endorsed by Gov. Bush that would have substantially cut school property taxes. Lawmakers instead opted for a scaled-down \$1 billion tax relief proposal that would give property owners an added \$10,000 tax exemption.

Sharp Stumps for Military Bases

State Comptroller John Sharp called on Texas to develop a strategy for keeping its military bases to word off contemplated closures and cutbacks by the federal government.

"About 167,000 Texans work di-

rectly for the military," Sharp said last week. "By contrast, the top 10 corporations in Texas employ 123,000 people. But if any one of those businesses decided to pack up and move, we would shower them with abatement offers or other reasons to stay..."

Sharp said Texas should work to be viewed by the Pentagon as the most military-friendly state in the nation. And, he made proposals toward that goal, including:

• Improve roads and railways running from bases to seaports and airports to reduce deployment time.

• Offer state incentives to builders of affordable housing near military base and to businesses that locate near bases and employ military spouses and other family members.

• Designate military bases as wholesale electricity customers, freeing them to negotiate for lower rates for power.

• Provide affordable higher education opportunities to military personnel and their families.

Bullock: Bush Unbeatable

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock predicted last week that no Democrat — not even four term Land Commissioner Garry Mauro — would be able to unseat Republican Gov. George W. Bush in the 1998 election.

A day after Bullock spoke to the *Houston Chronicle*, Mauro, who announced in mid-July he was contemplating a run for governor, said, "As I listen to people around the state, nobody talks about George Bush being unbeatable. If I made the decision today, I would be inclined to run."

Bullock, Texas' highest-ranking Democrat, said, "(Mauro's) a fine man, but he can't win that race. He can't do it."

Mauro said, however, he has "learned a lot from Bob Bullock, but the last time he told me a guy named Bush couldn't be beaten was when I asked him to elect my friend Bill Clinton president."

Mauro said he would announce his decision to run or not in the fall.

Patterson Seeks Ag Post

State Rep. L.P. "Pete" Patterson, a 20-year House veteran, last week became the first Democratic contender for the state agriculture post being vacated by Republican Rick Perry.

A four-term chairman of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, Patterson said he wants to continue finding ways to make sure young people and small farmers keep a place in agriculture.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 5, 1972

Little Miss Sophia Lopez, nine years of age, died in a Houston Hospital at 5:30 p.m. Friday, just 24 hours after she was critically injured in a one-car accident on Austin Road on the western edge of the city...

Mrs. Willard E. Hagendorf of Sheridan had a harrowing experience at the Rice-Navasota game in Navasota last Friday night when she was attacked by a purse-snatcher who stole her purse and in doing so, knocked her to the ground. As a result, she suffered a fractured bone in the upper part of her left arm...

Mayor Elmer Struss received an honorary membership in the Mexican American Youth Council (MAYC) at a recent Council meeting. Presenting the honorary membership were Domingo Castillo, president, and Mike Duarte, vice-president...

Citizens of the community learned with great sadness last Saturday of the sudden death of George W. Crim, a resident of this community for 40 years and the Gulf distributor here for 20 of those years...

Mrs. Ruth Baird of Houston, formerly of Ruth's Hair Fashion here, is now an operator in John & Carl's Coiffure Inc. On Sept. 24, she entered the haircutting portion of the Houston Affiliated Hairdressers Beauty Show. Used as her models were Mesdames Ralph Gertson, Carol Munsch and Mrs. Linda Swoboda. Mrs. Walter Meitzen Jr. was a guest...

Mark Anderson, president of the

Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, presented a plaque to Lion Louis Schorlemmer for outstanding service to the club and community at the Lions Ladies Night Banquet last Thursday.

Friends in the community will regret to learn that M.C. (Nookie) Fontenot of New Orleans, La., and a former resident here for a number of years while associated with Shell Oil Co., passed away in a New Orleans Hospital, Monday, Oct. 2...

Kathy Perry, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Perry, was named the winner of a Honda Mini Bike at the conclusion of Johnny's Sport Shop's remodeling sale spectacular held for the past month.

June 24, 1949

Two representatives of the firm of Texas Educational Service Company of Dallas have been working here this week evaluating city and school district property. They are being assisted by two local boys, Edmund Montford Jr. and Ed Mooney who are helping with the measurement of property and houses...

At the regular monthly meeting Thursday night of the Colorado County Chapter of the American Red Cross, held in the Courthouse in Columbus, included in the new officers installed were D.S. Taylor, Vice Chairman; and W.E. Lenhart, Director...

Mrs. Glen Kveton and Mrs. C.P. Boggess were co-hostesses last Friday morning at a pink and blue shower for

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE ADOPTION OF 1997-98 BUDGET FOR RICE CONSOLIDATED ISD

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RICE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-45 OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE AND ARTICLE 29E, V.A.T.S., HAS CALLED A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A BUDGET, THAT SHALL COVER ALL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, 1997-98 OF THE DISTRICT.

THE MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1997, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE RICE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, IN ALTAIR, TEXAS. ANY INDIVIDUAL RESIDING WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT MAY BE PRESENT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE BUDGET HEARING.

Following the budget hearing the Board of Trustees is scheduled to enter a regular session of the Board to take a record vote on the proposed budget.

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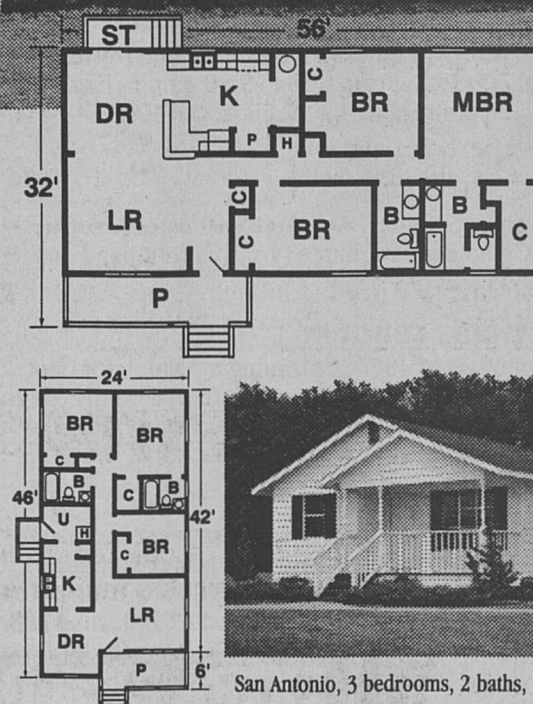


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