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To The Editor & You

Help make a place for young people

To the citizens of Eagle Lake and surrounding communities:

A project is underway to benefit all the youth of our communities.

The Old Ice House building is being restored to offer a place for youths, grades 6 through high school seniors, to hang out and have fun in a safe and encouraging environment.

Several area churches and individuals have already pledged support in resources and time to make this project a reality.

The success of the project depends on broad-based community involvement: inter-denominational and interracial, covering all ethic and eco-

nomic backgrounds. This letter is a plea for that invol-

Our youth are too important for you to think, "someone else can do that."

Please make arrangements to attend the next meeting that will be this coming Sunday, June 7, at 2:30 p.m. at rado-Fayette Medical Center (CFMC) the day-shift two telephone numbers, spond in a timely manner. Dawn was the Ice House.

This meeting is for adults inter- young people WANT to go. ested in assisting in the project.

Youth who may want to find out what's going on are also welcome.

ted most of us already are, and don't want to think about adding another bors. Be at the Ice House on Sunday, at activity to a hectic schedule. Don't let 2:30 p.m. that hold you back.

workers, but it will also need advice cious resource... the young people! and opinions from all sectors of the community if it is to be a place the

If you would like more information on the progress that has already at's going on are also welcome. been made, please contact Rhonda We recognize how over-commit- Bridges at 234-7379.

Tell your friends. Tell your neigh-

Let's come together as a commu-The project will, of course, need nity for the benefit of our most pre-Rhonda Bridges

will not go back," McCown wrote in his ruling and said the present system is working. "The court takes not of the most recent Texas Assessment of

State Capitol 1997 failed the exam. By Lyndell Williams

Panhandle school still has to share

and Ed Sterling Texas Press Association

the school finance law, McCown Academic Skills. Student performance was the best ever. Improvement "The equity question has been was both significant and across the decided. Our state has advanced. We

A spokesman for the school district said McCown's ruling probably would be appealed.

Miami is one of 86 property-rich school districts that must contribute property tax revenue to a state treasury fund that is distributed to propertypoor districts. The wealthy districts surrendered about \$365 million this

In its lawsuit filed last year, the Miami school district argued it was exempt from the school finance law because it was rated an "exemplary" district - one with high test scores and a low dropout rate - by the state.

McCown suggested that the Miami school district "join with others to seek additional resources for the education of all of the children of the state from our Legislature, rather than move alone to seek money for itself.... by advancing arguments for loopholes to equity," The Dallas Morning News

Earlier in May, a group of 126 mostly poor, rural school districts filed a lawsuit to reopen the school finance case, saying their students have been deprived because of unfair funding advantages for wealthy dis-

Exit Test Results Improve

About 7,750 - or 3.7% - of the Eagle casino in Eagle Pass. state's 207,226 high school seniors failed the must-pass Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test.

That's an improvement, Education Commissioner Mike Moses said last week, noting that 9,400 of the

Class of 1996 and 8,373 of the Class of

"The results are definitely moving Highlights in the right direction," he said.

To get a diploma, students must pass the exit-level TAAS and satisfac-

torily complete all course work. Students can take the exit exam up to eight times, beginning when they are sophomores.

Tribe Files Suit Against Governor

Tigua Indians last week filed a federal lawsuit to stop Gov. George W. Bush from interfering with the tribe's right to operate its Speaking Rock casino in El Paso by falsely accusing it of violating state gambling

The lawsuit seeks to recover unspecified damages from Bush and a declaration from the court that the games offered at the casino are legal. The lawsuit also refers to Bush as an "unannounced candidate for president" and alleges he has raised "the issue to "advance his national political ambition at the expense of stifling" the tribe's rights.

Before the lawsuit was filed, Bush had accused the tribe of operating illegal slot machines. He then asked Attorney General Dan Morales to go to federal court to put an end to the use of the slot machines which dispense tokens redeemable for cash.

Guidelines in the National Indian Gaming Act allow tribes to offer any kind of gambling that is legal in the states in which they reside.

Bush met with Kickapoo tribal leaders last week, apologized for statements he made concerning their casino operations and said he would leave it to the federal courts to decide whether their slot machines are legal.

The Kickapoos operate the Lucky

Bush said the Tigua's casino in El Paso is different because that tribe comes under state jurisdiction.

Jail Contracts to Save Money

Under new contracts for the private operation of five state jails, Texans will save \$21 million over the next five years, prison officials said last "We are going to save the taxpay-

ers of this state a great deal of money be rebidding these contracts," said Texas Board of Criminal Justice chairman Allan Polunsky.

The less-expensive, lower-security state jail system was created by the Legislature in 1993 to relieve crowding in prisons. The 18 state jails house some 25,000 "nonviolent" inmates.

Other Capital Highlights

·David J. Freeman, who resigned as executive secretary of the Texas Race Commission last year, was indicted last week on charges of misusing state property. An indictment returned by a Travis County grand jury alleges Freeman misused a cellular telephone and computer equipment belonging to the state. ·Statistics for each of Texas' 254

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A few words 'in support of a friend'

Allegations about the character and professionalism of my friend and co-worker Dawn Horndt R.T. (R) (M) ARRT, has been made by Rice Medical Center (RMC) administration and staff. I would like to comment on her

Dawn started working at Coloin Weimar in Jan. of 1998.

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June 12 & 13

On her days off and on weekends could be reached. she continued to help in the Radiology and Mammography Department in Eagle Lake.

The last weekend she worked at RMC, she was accused of not responding to her page, and a bad attiand her pager number with which she

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The day shift had no problem finding her. The night shift stated they were trying to reach her for two hours, although her telephone never rang nor did her pager go off.

A school district's bid to free itself

The 200-pupil Miami school dis-

from Texas' share-the-riches school

finance system was rejected last week

by State District Judge Scott

trict, located in the Panhandle, must

continue to share about half its operat-

ing revenues (about \$1 million) under

When the hospital finally called tude, by the second shift. Dawn gave one of the numbers given, she did rewritten up and was told not to return to work at RMC again.

Dawn is a kind, caring person and a model employee at both facilities. She has been accused of reporting RMC to the State for doing illegal mammography. She told me she did not do it and I believe her.

RMC is having a problem recruiting a qualified technologist for the radiology department and administration is contemplating a \$1,000 sign on bonus in order to recruit; yet the hospital continues to run off qualified per-

Oh well, their loss is our gain!!!

Mary Ann Owen R.T. (R) (M) ARRT **Assistant Director** of Radiology

Colorado-Fayette **Medical Center**

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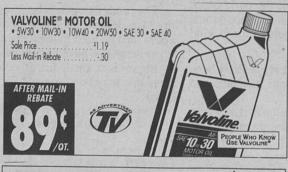
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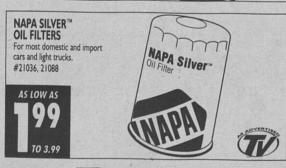
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Heart Association: New Guidelines for **Dental Procedures**

A precaution taken by dentists and surgeons prior to certain procedures is the prescribing of antibiotics to prevent infectious bacterial endocarditis. This condition is an inflammation of the tissues that line the internal chambers and valves of the heart. Bacteria enter the blood stream and travel to the heart by a number of different ways and cause the infection and subsequent inflammation.

Certain dental procedures (e.g., fillings, tooth extractions, and gum surgery) can introduce bacteria into the blood stream of the person having the dental work. Erythromycin and other antibiotics have been recommended by the American Heart Association (AHA) to prevent the buildup of such bacteria and resultant endocarditis. Recently the AHA issued new guidelines for preventing bacterial endocarditis associated with dental procedures.

- Persons with mitral valve prolapse do not need antibiotics unless they
- Amoxicillin in a single 2 gram dose is recommended for adults.
- Erythromycin is no longer recommended for persons who are allergic to penicillin. A single dose of one of several other antibiotics can

School Board hires teachers

Benito Garza was hired as assistant principal for the Eagle Lake Middle School for the next school year at a special meeting of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees held at noon on May 22.

Among other employees hired were Claudia Mann as the District's diagnostician; Michael Adams, Rice High School teacher/coach; Jeanette Volkmer, RHS math teacher; and Bill Hefner III and Rochelle Glover, Garwood School teachers.

The Board also accepted the resignations of Patricia Fink at ELMS and Tonya Kier, Eagle Lake Primary.

In other action, the Board upheld the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott to transfer a teacher from one campus to another. Gott's decision followed a recom-

mendation from the campus principal. The employee in question had filed a grievance with the Board asking to remain on the original campus.

Bible Verse of the Week

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.'

- Psalms 46:1 Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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