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## Insurance Commissioner Bomer considering rate rollback

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer is considering a rollback that would save Texans more than \$700 million on insurance premiums next year.

The proposed rate cut was made possible by tort reform legislation limiting lawsuits against insurers and others in Texas.

Money that insurers save from fewer court cases and lower claims is offset by corresponding rate reductions set by the commissioner, under a bargain struck between legislators and insurers in 1995.

## Lawyers Seek Better Image

Four hundred lawyers met last week in Austin and discussed how to improve the public's perception of the legal profession.

Surveys by the State Bar of Texas show most Texans believe they are less ethical than members of any other profession except politicians.

Richard Pena, president of the



## State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling  
Texas Press Association

State Bar, encouraged his colleagues to spread the word that lawyers are "the glue that holds this country together" and to make that message part of the State Bar's ongoing campaign to restore public trust.

Panelists in the discussion agreed lawyers should stop filing frivolous lawsuits and refrain from bashing judges and each other.

In a report by *The Dallas Morning News*, lawyer-lobbyist Denise Brady, an advocate for the disabled, said the state bar campaign is a good idea, but "as long as the majority of people feel that if they need a lawyer they won't be able to afford one, then the perception is not going to change."

## Flooding Taints Water Supply

Flooding caused by tropical storm Charley could affect other public water systems and private wells, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission warned last week.

The city of Del Rio's public water supply was shut down due to contamination by floodwaters.

The Texas Department of Health recommended that residents in stricken areas avoid ingesting water that may be flood-contaminated and use bottled water or boil water before drinking.

## Other Capital Highlights

John Hill said he won't seek reappointment to the Texas Lottery Commission when his term expires in Feb. Hill said he wanted to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest after his law firm announced plans to merge with the law firm of Texas Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers.

Major daily newspapers have filed open records requests to learn how much profit Gtech, the firm that operates the Texas Lottery, has earned from running the state's games of chance.

The Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Authority last week downplayed the opinions of two hearing examiners (judges) who impugned the agency's proposal to build a nuclear waste repository near Sierra Blanca. The judges said a fault beneath the site has not been sufficiently studied.

Attorney general candidate John Cornyn, a Republican, last week said Texas should allow counties to handle child support collection cases and let private contractors handle the rest of

child support enforcement. To do that would require a waiver from the federal government.

State Auditor Lawrence Alwin has recommended two pay raises - 3.9% in 2000 and 3.9% in 2001 - for about 150,000 state employees. Alwin estimates the cost to total \$472 million and says the raises are needed because valuable workers are leaving for higher pay in private-sector jobs.

Rice University, at No. 18, is the only Texas school in the nation's top 50 public and private colleges in 1998, as ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*. For the past 12 years, the magazine has ranked schools based on academic reputation, faculty, student body, finances, graduation rate and alumni support.

The Department of Public Safety and local police seized cash and 68 "eight-liner" video gambling machines at four businesses in the Dallas area last week. The ban on the Las Vegas-style machines has been in place for six months.

Larry Paul Manley has resigned as executive director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to resume his career in law and investment banking. Manley recently had been criticized for his agency's failure to spend more than \$100 million in federal funds to help poor families secure better housing.

Insurance Commissioner Bomer will hold a public hearing Sept. 24 to gather information on how best to enforce Texas law that prohibits managed care organizations from offering financial incentives to physicians or providers that result in limiting medically necessary services.

Let's Look Back...

## 24 &amp; 48 YEARS AGO

July 13, 1973

Eagle Lake Little League All-Stars will play in the Area III Tournament against Weimar-Schulenberg at 8 p.m. Thursday. The team consists of David Ruiz, William Kell III, Larry Witte, Refugio Cardenas, Clarence Davis III, Richard Olvera, Mike Duarte (alternate), Darrel Appelt (alternate), Keith Sommerlatte, Stephen Spanihel, Walter Lee, Michael Thomas, Jack Mann, Michael Morales, Phillip Williams and Oscar Lopez. The manager is Bill Appelt and the coach is Edwin Gay...

Three pretty young ladies from Eagle Lake and one from Sheridan are among the eight candidates competing for the title of 1973 Colorado County Farm Bureau Queen. Contestants from Eagle Lake are Dana Wiese, Dina Marie Kohleffel and Janelle Bauer; and from Sheridan, Aileen Botard...

Citizens of Garwood and Nada communities gathered for a delightful farewell party honoring Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Stone at the fellowship hall of the Garwood United Methodist Church. Mr. Stone was the former principal at Garwood School...

Miss Mona Rucka became the bride of David Gatlin in a pretty ceremony in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake on Saturday, July 7...

A University of Texas committee chose 30 outstanding students for recognition in the 1973 Cactus yearbook. The list of outstanding students included: Elizabeth Ann Reed, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe S. Reed of Eagle Lake and Phillis Marie Janicka of Weimar...

Mrs. Linda Henske is subbing for Mrs. Virginia Snelling while she is on vacation from duties at the D.R. Wintermann offices...

Mayor Elmer Struss and council members invite you to be on hand Friday night for the dedication ceremony and the final home game for the local Connie Mack team composed of players from Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan. Coach Jack Grammer and the boys will appreciate your presence, too.

Aug. 31, 1950

The new building being constructed for O.L. Mill's Home Appliance store is expected to be ready for occupancy within the next several

weeks...

Sadness spread over friends and relatives of Edward Joseph Kone-sheck last Friday when he suffered a fatal heart attack...

Bobby Payne and Billy Stephens were injured Saturday night when the motorcycle they were riding was in collision with a car that reportedly did not signal a turn...

We've received a complaint from Cpl. James R. Beane who has been moving from one island to another in the Pacific. Although his *Headlight* leaves here air mail, it has not been catching up with him for the past six weeks. All we can say is that it's leaving here air mail, and after that it's up to Uncle Sam...

The John T. Goodes are the proud parents of a baby boy, John Earl, born Wednesday morning in Alice...

Theresa Marie is the new arrival for Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Glueck of Cat Spring. She arrived on Aug. 29 in the Laughlin Hospital...

Coach Arnold Payne and Assistant Coach Tom Kirksey for the Eagle Lake Eagles have reported the following are expected for the 1950 football season: Lettermen Robert Zahradnick, Ernest Larmer, John Mahalic, Bruce Kilgore, Jack Dowdy, Frankie Parma, Billy Reading and Tommy Scott; also, Leon Simank, Dan Duncan, Weldon Knox, Tommy Smith, James Ricks, Gayle Thomas, Sammy Tise, Cledus Hollas, Lewis Epps, Bill Hanly, Alfred Marx, Joe Thrasher, Joe Salazar, David Cook, Joe Andrew, Kenneth Perry and Craig Adams...

On Saturday when the full moon was at its brightest, the members of the Senior Girl Scout Troop and their dates enjoyed a mystery hay ride. Attending the novel party were Martha Pidgeon, Betty Kay and Jo Ann Meitzen, Mary Annette Broyles, Billy Jean Walker, Ernestine Davidson, Jeanette Causey, Sue Moon-ey, Lula Jean Snelling, Bill Reading, Martin Dean Pape, Ralph Gertson, Dan Duncan, Billy Stapleton, Bobby Payne and Bill Fultz. Assisting the girls was troop leader Mrs. W.F. Meitzen Jr., Mrs. Frank Pidgeon and Mrs. Charles Causey...

Deepest sympathy to the family of Albert Stock who passed away following a field accident from which he was reportedly recuperating nicely but suffered a sudden heart attack.

## St. Mary's Festival is Sunday

On Sunday, Sept. 6, all roads will once again lead to Nada for the annual St. Mary's Festival and Homecoming. Holy masses will be celebrated at 7 and 9:30 a.m. by Rev. Joseph A. Koebel, pastor.

A barbecue beef and sausage dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the air-cooled Nada Community Center. Dinner is \$5.50 per plate including tea and dessert.

A fast drive-thru line for plates to go will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner entertainment will be provided by "The Rusty Steins" of Holy

Family Parish from Victoria. Two members of "The Rusty Steins" are native priest son, Rev. Greg Korenek, pastor of Holy Family Parish, who plays the accordion; and former parishioner, Alan Kristynik, trumpeter.

Cakes and other homemade pastries will be available for purchase.

The ladies bazaar will offer noodles, canned goods, crafts, plants and many other items for sale.

The country fair games and kiddie rides will begin at 1 p.m.

An outdoor auction will also begin at 1 p.m.

The day will also feature special entertainment at 2 p.m. by SPIST Lodge, #30, Taiton.

Food and drink concessions will be available all day and into the evening.

There will be a free dance from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with music by "Colorado".

A drawing for 27 valuable prizes will be held at 10 p.m.

Come out Sunday, Sept. 6, for plenty of family fun and entertainment in Nada.

Everyone is invited to come when they can and leave when they want!

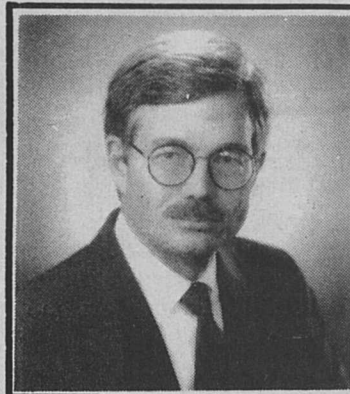
## Antique Festival is Sept. 12, 13

Preparations are underway for the annual Cat Spring Antiques Festival presented by Rural Texas Antiques Shows.

A delightful get-out-of-town weekend featuring 50 antiques dealers from far and wide with a myriad of collectibles and country furnishings will be housed in the historic Agricultural Hall and under shady arbors.

This event attracts collectors from the Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and Houston areas every fall.

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## Immaculate Conception Church

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Bazaar & Homecoming  
Sunday, Sept. 6

Knights of Columbus Hall — Highway 90 West, Sealy

## Barbecue Dinner &amp; Supper

Serving begins at 10:30 a.m.

Adult Plates: \$6.00

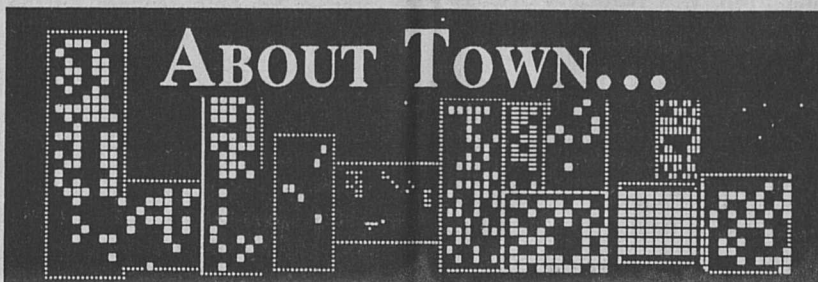
Child Plates: \$3.00

Daytime Music by Ray Krenek and...

## KRENEK'S &amp; THE TEXAS SOUNDS

Auction: 1:30 P.M.

EVERYONE  
WELCOME!



Mr. and Mrs. James Dierschke and their son, Nicky, took a 13-day trip to the North Western States.

A stop in Wyoming gave them a chance to visit Yellow Stone Park, which was said to be breath taking.

Stopping in Washington State offered the opportunity to see acres and acres of apple orchards.

They also had the chance to visit Canada.

On the way back home, they stopped in Las Vegas to see the many lights.

The last stop was the Grand Canyon, which in Georgia's words, "was awesome".

Temperatures were said to be quite cool. The temperature at Yellow Stone was a cool 44°.

The trip added up to passing through ten states and Canada.

Janie Schwemm's Sportsman's Restaurant will be closed Saturday,

Sunday and Monday for the Labor Day weekend which will also include a family reunion.

She wanted to keep the restaurant open at least Saturday, but, if you know Janie and the size of her family, you know there's no way she could handle a reunion of that magnitude and a restaurant, too.

Enjoy your weekend, Janie... you deserve some time off.

Bible Verse  
of the Week

"He that loveth not,  
knoweth not God for God  
is love." — 1 John 4:8

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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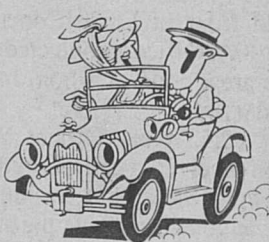
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