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TNRCC to administer wastewater/sludge

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) now has the authority to administer a statewide wastewater and sludge management program.

Authority was granted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, effective Sept. 16.
TNRCC officials said the agency will implement a Texas version of the

federal program that formerly covered all permitting, inspections, effluent monitoring, public assistance and enforcement powers over sludge and wastewater pretreatment and discharges from:

- Industrial and municipal wastewater treatment works;
- Concentrated animal feeding operations; and
- Runoff from industry, construction sites and city storm sewers.

In 1979, Texas began submitting applications to the EPA to gain control of its own wastewater management and oversight.

The federal agency has granted similar authority to 42 other states.

AG Addresses Sunset Review
Texas Attorney General Dan Morales recently wrote to legislators regarding the Texas Sunset Commission's review of his agency's child support operations.

Morales asked for an expanded review of the child support program beyond a decision whether the program should become a free-standing agency or remain within the purview of the attorney general or another state agency.

A private consultant hired by the Sunset Commission to review the program is planning to recommend that the child support function remain at the Office of the Attorney General, Morales wrote.

"If [however] it can be shown that a separate agency will streamline collections in our state, I will support such a recommendation," Morales wrote.

Moving the program will have no benefit, Morales wrote, if the collection process is not over-hauled and additional resources are not provided.

Docket backlogs will increase as welfare clients move to the child support rolls, and the demand for services created by this increase will overwhelm existing resources within the program, he wrote.

"If we intend to keep pace with this burgeoning caseload which now exceeds one million cases," Morales wrote, "the Legislature must look seriously at significant increases in funding for child support operations."

Bush's Eyes Are on Texas
Last week, as the focus on Presi-



State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

dent Clinton's public and personal life tightened, Gov. George W. Bush said a decision whether to run for president would hinge on his family's wishes.

Bush has been showing more concern with getting re-elected Nov. 3 and working with the 1999 state Legislature than with answering questions about his presidential aspirations.

Other Capital Highlights

•The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is reviewing construction bids to rebuild the executive chamber at the Walls Unit in Huntsville. The interior of the single-story, red brick building in use since 1924 will be redesigned to increase seating in the viewing area to accommodate five witnesses for the condemned inmate and five survivors of the victim.

•Austin Independent School District altered results of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test administered last spring to boost the ratings of three elementary schools, a private auditing firm reported. Last week, the Texas Education Agency lowered the schools' ratings in response to the auditors' findings.

•The State Board of Education on Sept. 11 approved 85 new publicly funded charter schools. After the board took action, Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses expressed concern that the issuing of so many new charters will make it hard for his staff to monitor all of the schools.

•Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas honored retiring Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock with the 1998 James Madison Award, recognizing the career public servant for his support for and defense of First Amendment rights.

•A July study by Dun & Bradstreet, the business consulting firm, rates the Austin-San Marcos area as the fifth-best spot in America for entrepreneurial activity. Ahead of Austin on the list were Monmouth/Ocean, N.J., Las Vegas and Salt Lake City (tie) and Orlando, Fla.

•Gov. Bush was one of nine governors who called on the U.S. House last week to approve more visas for specially skilled foreign workers.

To THE EDITOR & YOU

Who are the laws for?

Who should obey the law? Only those without a badge or gun?

Now I understand why there's no respect for the law enforcement officers in the community or surrounding counties.

Today, while going to the post office, I had the opportunity to witness a Department of Public Safety Officer make a U-turn in front of the post office. Mind you, there were no sirens or lights (in other words no emergency), so why couldn't he park further or even around the block by the

bank and walk over.

By the way, there is a big sign in front of the post office that reads, "No U-Turn", as well as around the corner between the bank and post office.

If a regular citizen would have done this and been seen, I can guarantee you he would have gotten pulled over.

Why not make it so all of us have to follow the rules?

An inquiring mind
(Name withheld by request)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

July 24, 1973

John Mader, who has served as vocational counselor at Rice High School for the past three years, was elected to the position of principal at the Garwood Elementary School to replace F.C. Stone who has accepted a position in Iraan, Texas...

James Allan Schilling of Garwood was the first to harvest the 1973 rice crop. Schilling began combining the field of LaBelle rice shortly after noon on Friday. **Henry Sunderman** of Eagle Lake followed behind Schilling as he combined his first field of LaBelle rice on Saturday...

Five pretty young ladies, all daughters of Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen, will compete for the honor of being named the Firemen's Queen in a penny-a-vote contest to begin August 1st. Candidates are **Rhonda Kochwelp**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **Mickey Kochwelp**, 16, a junior at Rice High School; **Teresa Spanihel**, 17, a Rice High School senior and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **L.J. Spanihel**; **Carol Wick**, 17, Rice High School senior and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **Wilfred Wick**; **Linda Rucka**, 16, a junior at Rice High School, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **Ervin Rucka**; and **Mary Jo Spanihel**, 15, sophomore at Rice High School, and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **L.J. Spanihel**...

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Corman and family are now occupying the former **James Boudreaux** home on Peyton

Lane. Mr. & Mrs. Corman purchased the home from the Boudreauxs who moved recently to Crowley, La....

Miss Robin Engstrom of Garwood participated in the La Bahia Downs Beauty Contest July 14 and won the honor of being named fourth runner-up of the 27 South Texas beauties...

Mrs. Estet Frazier Cubage, a former Eagle Lake citizen, passed away in a Corpus Christi hospital at 7 a.m. last Thursday, July 17...

Miss Sue Matthews and her fiancé, **George Weller Jr.**, were honored at a ski party at Broyles Lake Sunday, July 15...

Miss Julie Balas, bride-elect of **Howard Lobpries**, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 6, at the Lutheran Church...

Work is progressing nicely on the new Scott's Snack Shack on E. Main Street to be operated by Mrs. T.W. Scott; watch for the opening soon of Mrs. Gene Baker's Merle Norman Cosmetics shop next to Strickland Insurance; and construction work is progressing nicely on the new buildings and lumber yard being erected on the Glen Flora Road next to Central Repair by **Walter Gold** and his crew.

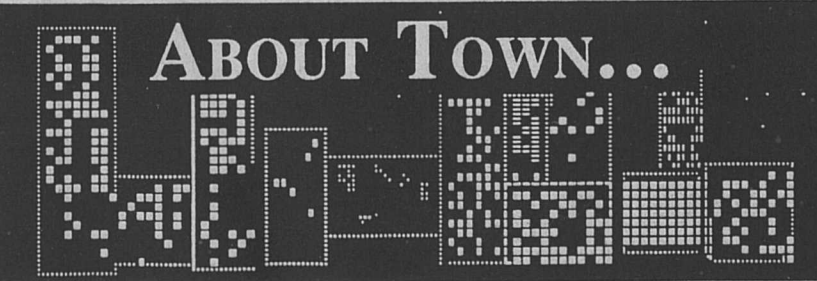
Sept. 21, 1950

Miss Judith Anderson, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M.L. Anderson, has been chosen by the Senior Class of Eagle Lake High School to represent this community as Eagle Lake's duchess at the Wharton County Fair...

Mrs. W.F. Meitzen Jr. was re-elected secretary of the South Texas Girl Scout Area at a meeting of over 100 members and leaders at the newly completed Girl Scout Little House in Bay City last week. Attending the meeting with Mrs. Meitzen were Mrs. **Fred G. Frnka** and Mrs. **O.S. Campbell**...

Remodeling operations are going on at the former **Julius Pavlu** home which the R.L. Duncans have bought; and also at the former **McRee** home, which has been purchased by the J.B. Wessons...

Robert R. Wells Jr. of Eagle Lake, a representative of the New York Life Insurance Co., has been named a member of the 1950 Nylie (See 24 & 48, Page 3)



•Rod and Amy Adkins of Eagle Lake are the proud parents of a son finally born Monday, Sept. 21, at the Columbus Community Hospital.

The baby was named **James Hunter**, weighed 7 lbs., 9-1/2 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

All the particulars will follow in a future edition of the *Headlight*.

We send our congratulations to Rod and Amy along with a "phew..."

it's over!" Now the "fun" begins!

•It appears, hopefully, that the cricket situation is winding down. At least the sidewalks don't have to be swept two or three times a day.

Of course the ones that have sneaked their way inside buildings will probably drive us all crazy with their incessant chirping until they finally expire!

Next comes the love bug invasion!

Rice Consolidated Independent School District Health Advisory Council

Invites All Parents and Interested Citizens to Hear a Presentation on

ABSTINENCE-BASED SEX EDUCATION

This curriculum is being proposed to be added to the regular school curriculum to meet the requirements of Texas Senate Bill 1 and to enhance the education of our children.

Featured Speaker, Lori Kuykendall of the Women's Pregnancy Center of Houston, will present an overview of the proposed curriculum for grades five through twelve.

A Question and Answer Period Will Follow

The same program will be presented in the following locations:

Garwood School	Monday, Sept. 28	7 p.m.
Sheridan School	Tuesday, Sept. 29	7 p.m.

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE MOST INFORMATIVE MEETINGS!

For further information, please contact
Debra Ugarte, R.N., at Eagle Lake Primary School, 234-3587

REGISTER & VOTE

FOR RESIDENTS OF COLORADO COUNTY
PARA RESIDENTES DEL CONDADO DE COLORADO

**COLORADO COUNTY TAX OFFICE
732-2710
COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOX 38**

Voter Registration Deadline for the November 3rd General Election is Monday, October 5, 1998.

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