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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Thank you, Mr. Shoukat

To the Editor,

I wanted to send a very warm thank you to Eagle Lake Supermarket and Mr. Ali Shoukat.

A friend of mine and I went to the supermarket this past Sunday, on the spur of the moment, asking if we could possibly sell raffle tickets for "Family & Friends", which helps our local needy families during the holiday season.

Not only did Mr. Shoukat give us

permission, but also offered his assistance in setting up. He then brought out cookies and napkins for us to offer to our potential buyers!!!

We were not expecting such hospitality; what a very nice gesture!

Knowing we have a local, newly remodeled, small town store, where the workers and owners have smiling faces and are ready to assist you is wonderful.

My friend and I, along with many

others, are glad to welcome Eagle Lake Supermarket to town and wish them many successful and prosperous years to come.

Our Sincere Thanks,
Lynn Ellis and Shelly Wied

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Aug. 21, 1973

Employees of Rice Consolidated received recognition for their dedicated service to the Rice District at the pre-school luncheon and awarded pins. Recipients were Lewis Rosprim, Vocational Agriculture, 25 years; Mrs. Mable Franklin, cafeteria service, 25 years; Troy Krennek, Vocational Agriculture, 25 years; Roy T. Marshall and Mrs. Joyce Davidson, 20 years; Betty Wegenhof and Marcus Gunter, 15 years; and Mrs. Jo Ann Bunge, Mrs. Glenda Eberhart and Obie Rhodes, 10 year pins...

A Garwood resident was among 733 Southwest Texas State University students who applied for degrees awarded Saturday, Aug. 18. The Garwood student was Joyce E. Krennek, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Troy Krennek...

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Anderson are pleased parents of a son born Sunday, Aug. 19, at 8:40 a.m. in Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. His name is Mark Noble Anderson Jr. and at birth weighed seven pounds, three ounces...

In a formal ceremony in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church,

Miss Julia Louise Balas and Howard Lynn Lobpries were united in marriage.

Nov. 9, 1950

Twelve new local Chamber of Commerce directors have been elected. They are: Harold Ware, Ben H. McElhinney, R.H. Reese Sr. and Jim H. Clipson, three terms of office; E.C. Terrell, Rudy Spanihel, E. H. Booth and D.S. Taylor, two year terms; R.B. Powell, Chas. D. Stephens, Clyde Gold and E.H. Shirley, one year terms...

Miss Ophelia Johnson was brought home from Scott & White Hospital in Temple Tuesday night...

The M.W. Pape family is moving to Premont where Mr. Pape has been transferred by the Shell Oil Company...

The Rev. D. Rhea Allison, pastor of Colly Memorial Methodist Church, has received a personal invitation to attend Southern Methodist University's annual homecoming celebration. He is an active member of the SMU Alumni Association...

The Eagle Lake Garden Club will celebrate its 15th anniversary today at a luncheon. A horticulture program will be presented by Mrs. V.T. Matthews preceding Councilor of District I Mrs. MacGregory Anderson's talk...

R.J. Taylor, a pioneer of Lissie who was 80 years old, passed away last Friday in a Pasadena hospital. Mr. Taylor's family lived in Lissie when it was known as New Philadelphia. At that time, the town was all on the north side of the track, and there were no streets or fences...

Billy Reading spent last Friday night and Saturday morning in Laughlin Hospital for observation of a chest injury received in the Eagles' football game with Columbus Friday night...

A son was born yesterday to Capt. and Mrs. Bill Woods at Laughlin Hospital. Capt. Woods is with the Army in Korea and Mrs. Woods is staying with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Sales in Sheridan...

The lot between Schneider-Ware Company and the Tate Service Station has been rented by Excel Smith, who plans to build an office and warehouse there for his Oilfield Contracting Company.



State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

Legislature convenes on Jan. 12. He will preside over the 31-seat Senate with a one-seat (16-15) GOP majority.

Bullock, who plans on working for an Austin public relations and consulting firm, said he is hopeful that party politics won't come into play with Perry at the helm.

Perry, who soon will name committees and pick chairmen, said Democrats and Republicans will share leadership roles in the Senate. Perry also said he will continue to seek advice from Bullock after he leaves office.

Insurance Benchmark Rates Cut
Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer has cut homeowners insurance benchmark rates by a statewide average of 6%.

Benchmark rates vary among Texas' 32 rating territories, but the largest reductions occurred in the southern half of the state.

New benchmark rates for rate-regulated companies, which set their own rates within a 30% range above or below the benchmark, will take effect Feb. 1.

Bomer cited reduced claims compared to premiums as one reason for the benchmark rate reduction.

"Our violent weather patterns appear to have simmered down, and that's helped lower homeowners benchmark rates," Bomer said. "We can be thankful that we have dodged hurricanes for the past decade and other catastrophic windstorms in recent years."

However, Lloyds companies and reciprocal exchanges, which account for about 80% of the homeowners market, write at unregulated rates and are unaffected by the benchmark.

Judicial Appointments Bill Filed

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, filed legislation last week proposing a constitutional amendment to have the governor appoint appellate judges.

Under Duncan's plan, the governor would appoint supreme court, court of criminal appeals and courts of appeals judges to six-year terms.

From Your State Representative...

News from Rep. Cook

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) announced the awarding of more than \$30 million that will directly benefit low and very low-income Texas individuals and families, including the elderly and persons with disabilities. These awards were made possible through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds and the Texas Community Development Program's Housing Infrastructure Fund.

"These funds will directly benefit low and very low-income Texas by helping them with their affordable housing needs," said Daisy A. Stiner, acting executive of TDHCA. "The combination of the 1998 HOME allocations and the Housing Infrastructure Fund will create 2,140 units of affordable housing for the citizens of this state."

Created in 1992, the HOME Programs' purpose is to expand the supply of affordable housing for very low and low income households and to alleviate the problems of excessive rent burdens, homelessness, and deteriorating housing stock. The state receives an annual allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and encourages units of local government, public housing agencies, community housing development organizations and other non-profits and for-profits to apply. HOME provides funding and general guidelines to state and local governments and empowers them to design and tailor affordable housing strategies to address local needs and housing conditions.

The Housing Infrastructure Fund, administered through TDHCA's Texas Community Development Program (TCP), provides funding for public facilities in support of the development of single family and multifamily very low to moderate-income housing. The TCP program provides cities with populations of less than 50,000 and counties with populations of less than 200,000 with financial assistance for public works, housing, economic development and planning.

The TDHCA is Texas' lead agency responsible for affordable housing, community development and community assistance programs, as well as regulation of the state's manufactured housing industry.

The Department annually administers funds in excess of \$500 million—most of which is derived from (See Cook, Page 7)

Beanie Bear Drawing
Britannia

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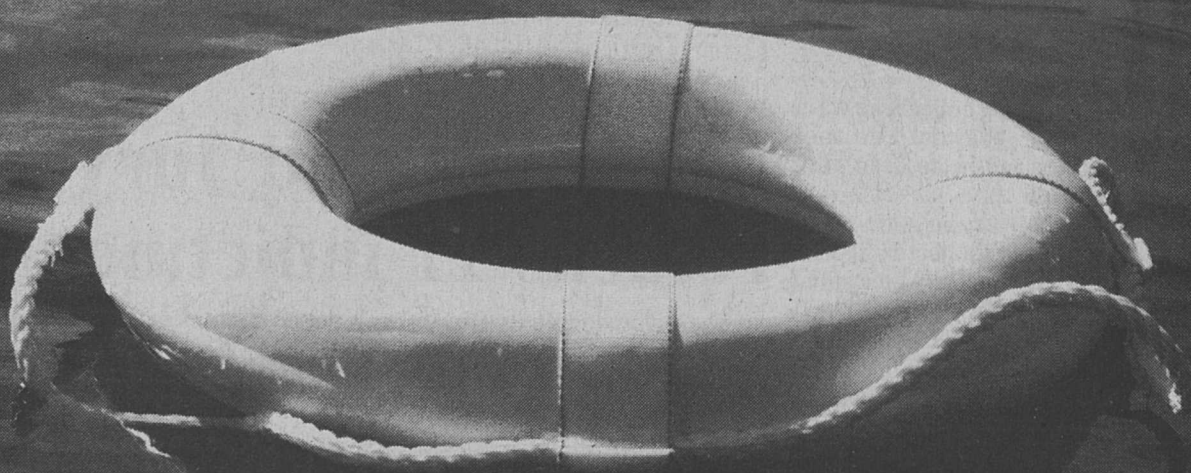
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The Angel Beanie, Halo

Person whose name is drawn Tuesday, Dec. 2, from the "Halo Box" will be able to purchase Halo for \$5!

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And A **Flu Shot**
Have In
Common?



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Diabetes,
Ask Your
Doctor.

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