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TNRCC passes new rules concerning gasoline

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission last week approved rules for cleaner gasoline and vapor recovery equipment to be used by large retail gasoline outlets and bulk terminals in Texas.

The rules, effective May 1 through Oct. 1, 2000, require that fuel be formulated to evaporate more slowly, thereby reducing ozone-producing

vapors. By Jan. 1, 2004, sulfur content of gasoline must be cut back to reduce tailpipe emissions from vehicles.

Cleaner gasoline and vapor recovery equipment will be required in a 95-county area along and east of Interstate 37 from Corpus Christi to San Antonio, then in counties along and east of Interstate 35 north through the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex to the Oklahoma border.

The rules do not mandate or prohibit the use of the controversial gasoline additive MTBE. The TNRCC will continue to monitor the Environmental Protection Agency's blue-ribbon panel on MTBE, expected to make its recommendations by the end of July.

The four-county Dallas-Ft. Worth ozone non-attainment area and the eight-county Houston-Galveston ozone non-attainment area are excluded from the new rules because they already participate in a more stringent federal reformulated gasoline program.

Jury Indicts 32 in Fraud

A Dallas County grand jury last month indicated 32 people for "clean sheeting," a fraudulent practice that involves obtaining life insurance by submitting an application that hides an applicant's terminal or life-threatening illness.

The indictments allege that insurance companies issued more than \$10 million in life policies based on applications falsified by the defendants. Persons indicted include three li-



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By Ed Sterling
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censed insurance agents and a former viatical settlement marketer who allegedly masterminded a clean-sheeting ring.

The indictments culminated an eight-month investigation by the Insurance Fraud Unit of the Texas Department of Insurance, the State Securities Board and the Dallas County district attorney's office.

AG Now Funding Child Centers

The Texas Attorney General's office has assumed responsibility for the administration of funding for Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Attorney General John Cornyn announced June 23.

The \$5 million needed to operate 38 such centers across Texas comes from excess funds in the attorney general's crime victim compensation fund. Funding for the centers previously was handled by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

The centers provide a safe, child-friendly atmosphere for law officers, district attorneys and caseworkers to investigate incidents of child abuse without having to subject children to repeated interviews.

17 Proposed Amendments

A proposal to clarify how to fill vacancies in the offices of the governor and lieutenant governor will top the ballot in the constitutional amendment election on Nov. 2.

Sixteen other proposed amendments will appear on the ballot. These are a few of them:

- SJR 12, relating to making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage;
- HJR 4, to authorize the Legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation;
- SJR 22, to increase the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads and preventing the overburdening of a homestead;
- HJR 16, to authorize garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance;
- SRJ 16, to provide for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students;
- HJR 36, to permit spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property;
- HJR 71, to provide that certain (See Highlights, Page 3)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1973

Mark Anderson was elected the new president of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce for the 1974 year at a meeting of the Board of Directors. Mr. Anderson will succeed Travis Wegenhoft, president in 1972 and 1973...

Johnny Meitzen has purchased the Coin Car Wash on Post Office Street from A.A. Klockman...

Miss Theresa Theuman, bride-elect of Joe Laughlin, was complimented with a Miscellaneous Shower in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Charles D. Stephens on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m....

The Jean Walker home was the scene of a Bridal Shower honoring Mrs. Ike Peterson. The affair was held at 2 p.m. on Dec. 2nd...

Little Miss Diana Lynn Graves of Sheridan celebrated her first birthday, Dec. 4th...

Miss Harriet Ann Ottley, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh L. Ottley of Edna, and Quinton Marshall (Ike) Peterson II, son of Mr. & Mrs. Quinton Marshall Peterson of Sheridan, were united in holy matrimony on Friday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m. in the Curtis Webster home in Edna...

Bud Seaholm, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gardner Seaholm of Eagle Lake, placed second in bareback riding at the Sam Houston State University Rodeo held in Simonton recently...

Mrs. Robert Elbert Tait of Columbus announced the engagement of her daughter, Monica Lyn, to Matthew James Hagendorf, son of Mr. & Mrs. Willard Edmund Hagendorf of Sheridan. The wedding is planned for Friday, Jan. 4, in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Columbus...

A 1972 Buick was demolished but miraculously the driver, Kenneth Williams of Eagle Lake, escaped injury on a curve on FM 102 two miles south of Eagle Lake...

The J.R. Thomas family, including Mr. & Mrs. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cheatham, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Balas and Miss Marsha Thomas, enjoyed a hunt last week on the Max K. Martin Ranch in Mason. They were all successful in getting a deer except that Mrs. Cheatham had the hard luck of knocking down a big buck but then was unable to find it.

The kills were the first of Mrs. Balas (Linda) and for Marsha.

June 21, 1951

The eight new directors of the Retail Merchandise Association are: A.H. Dipple, First National Bank; Jack Grieves, Eagle Lake Furniture; Joe Lee McCreary, Eagle Lake Furniture; Albert Pustejovsky, Albert's Variety Store; Joe S. Reed Jr., Universal Supply Co.; W.L. Spalinger, Spalinger Hardware; L.J. Spanihel, Spanihel & Son; and L.S. Tate, Gless Farm Equipment Company...

D.F. Waldrop, new rice grader for the America Rice Growers Association, has moved to Eagle Lake. Mr. Waldrop and his wife have two sons...

New arrivals in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital recently were a baby girl, Deborah Jane, born June 17 to Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Wiese; and a baby boy born to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lobppries of Garwood...

Seniors have returned from their two week cool western trip and are now sizzling in this Texas heat. Making the trip were: Florine Richter, Nora Miculka, Jeanette Causey, Jo Ann Meitzen, Annie Kocich, Melba Jean Walker, Faye Dodd, Eleanor Jones, Nellie DeShazo, Donna Rae Anderson, Judith Anderson, Dolores Tetsch, Bill Reading, Billy Stiles, Frank Lee Graves, Albert Dutcher, Lester Herman, Patrick Lednicki, John Mahalite, Bobby Payne and Tommy Scott. Driving the bus was W.W. Atkinson and also on the bus were Mr. & Mrs. Rosprim, David Anderson and Mrs. L.S. Tate. Accompanying the group in Mrs. Charles Causey's car were Mrs. Causey, Mrs. W.F. Meitzen Jr., Mrs. Jimmie Reel and Mrs. A.H. Anderson...

Attending a 10-day Scout camp at Camp Strake near Conroe along with their Scoutmaster Mike Canaris are Dick Laughlin, Leon Simank, Bobby Duty, David Cook, Bobby Kilgore, Walter Meitzen, Billy Henneke, James Bell, John Matthews, Riley Wiese, Bob Cook, Johnnie Pendergrass, Henry Lockwood, Jack Smith, Hugh Braddock, Dick Terrell, Bennie Lee Miller and Jim Milby.

Sanctions cost U.S. producers almost \$20 billion

Economic sanctions to achieve political goals in foreign policy cost the U.S. between \$15 and \$19 billion per year, according to the American

Farm Bureau Foundation.

"Currently, these sanctions apply to six countries, and have major effects on markets for U.S. agricultural commodities," said Charles Harbich, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau.

American farmers and ranchers may not sell any products to Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea and Sudan, Harbich said. "This takes 14% of our rice market, 10% of wheat, 5% of vegetable oil, and 4% of the corn market off the table," Harbich said. "It has a very major impact."

Since World War II, the U.S. has imposed sanction 104 times - 61 times since 1991. Representative Phil Crane (R-Illinois) has introduced the Sanction Reform Process Act, which would establish what he calls a "common sense procedural framework" for consideration of future sanctions. Under Crane's bill, Congress and presidential administrations would be required to conduct cost-benefit analyses and determine sanctions would achieve foreign policy goals.

"When Congress imposes sanctions, there may be the best of intentions, but not always a clear understanding of what the consequences are," Crane said.

Representative Bill Archer of Texas is a co-sponsor of the bill. "If all we do is deny our producers the ability to sell their products and services, only to see our competitors take over those markets, we are not accomplishing much," Archer said.

Harbich said the Farm Bureau supports efforts to exempt agriculture from unilateral economic sanctions.

Did You Know...

Father's Day was first observed in West Virginia in 1908, but it was not until 1972 that the president signed a Congressional resolution making this uniquely American holiday official.

Views On Dental Health

"MORNING MOUTH"

It's that stale odor and sour taste building up overnight because of reduced salivation during sleep that gives rise to the odorous problem of "morning mouth". Head colds and sinus infections also are to blame for stale-smelling breath. Blame certain medications and periodontal disease as other culprits.

Dieting? "Hunger" breath is traced to a buildup of stomach acid if food is denied for a "longer than normal" time period. Smoking or eating strong smelling foods can lead to the stale-smelling breath in the morning or during the day, too.

Sweeten your breath with oral hygiene. Brush and floss regularly and thoroughly. (The same bacteria that cause gum disease and decay cause stale breath.) You may have a systemic disorder or diabetes which needs to be investigated. Your dentist can diagnose the cause, advise on correction and treatment so you awaken with a fresh approach to see you through the day... and night, too!

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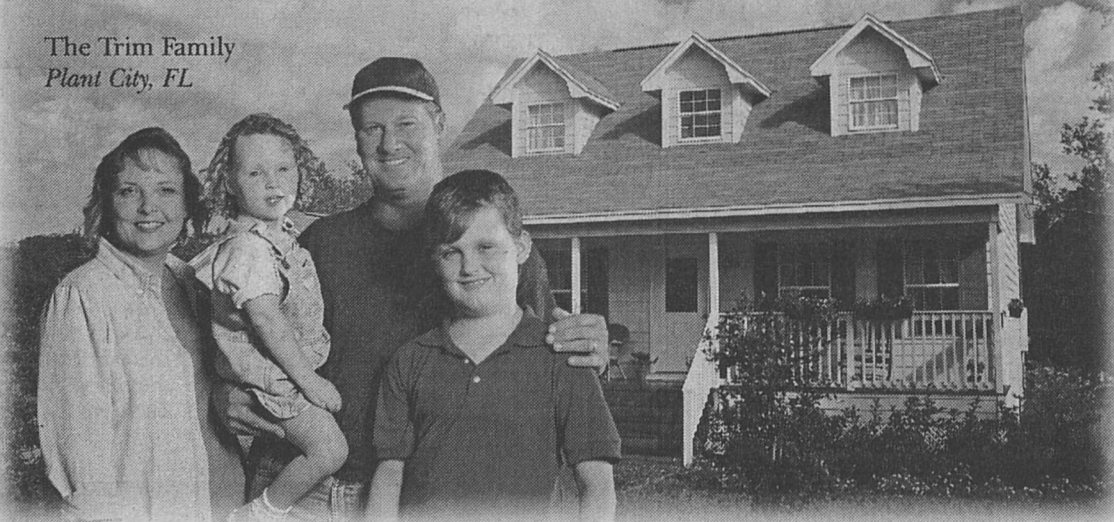
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