

Rural Health Care: Who Loses, Who Pays, Who Survives?

"Texas Rural Health 2000: Who Loses, Who Pays, Who Survives" will focus on both the continued assault on the health care infrastructure of Texas rural communities and possible solutions that exist or might be created," Ernie Parisi of Llano said.

Parisi, president-elect of the Texas Rural Health Association, is chair of TRHA's 15th Annual Conference in Austin Sept. 19-21. The conference, which headlines nationally-known speakers on rural issues, will include celebrations commemorating both TRHA's 15th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives-Texas State Office of Rural Health.

"Many rural communities in Texas are facing a crisis in survival of their medical and economic infrastructures due to legislative and reimbursement changes," Parisi, administrator of Llano Memorial Healthcare System, said.

"Our conference will address what happens to a community when it loses its health care providers and the economic impact that can have on the community itself. Speakers and program segments will provide tools and solutions for surviving."

TRHA's conference is designed to assist rural communities by providing insight into the development of health networks and finding alternative resources for preventing or recovering from loss of access to health services.

The annual event, which brings together several hundred people concerned about rural health issues, is attended by rural community leaders, chamber of commerce folks, elected city, county and state officials, educators and providers from rural areas.

A conference brochure, registration materials, exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities for *Texas Rural Health 2000: Who Loses, Who Pays, Who Survives* are available by calling 512-476-6527 or e-mail: TxRHA@aol.com.

The Texas Rural Health Association, headquartered in Austin, is a statewide membership organization providing a unifying forum on Texas rural health care issues for consumers, public officials, employers and health care professionals.

Visit the association's Internet website at www.trha.org.

Land Banks merge

Two mortgage lenders merged Sept. 1 to provide long-term real estate financing and related services throughout Central and Southeast Texas and beyond.

The new organization, Capital Farm Credit Land Bank, was formed by the merger of SE Texas Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) and Capital of Texas FLBA. With approximately \$550 million in outstanding loans, the firm is one of the largest rural mortgage lenders in the state.

"The merger of these two financing cooperatives will result in a stronger entity with a more diversified portfolio," said Ben Novosad, Capital Farm Credit CEO. "By combining operations, we will be able to achieve significant cost savings, improve efficiency and offer a broader array of (See Merge, Page 4)

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Miss Patricia Tate, bride-elect of Jim R. Harris, was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the lovely home of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Zboril of New Taiton on Sunday, March 31, from 3 to 5:30 p.m....

Memorial services will be held for Mrs. Minnie Skelton Peebles at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m....

Mr. & Mrs. L.L. Ingram of Eagle Lake celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last Thursday, March 28 with a quiet and enjoyable day at their home...

Julia Thomas, a junior at Rice High School, was the only winner in tennis singles competition in a district tournament held in West Columbia...

Bobby Olvera placed second medalist in a golf tournament held here Friday at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. He shot a 39-38-77.

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Angeline Louise is the name of the new daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lester Paschall...

Other new arrivals in the Laughlin Hospital have been Patricia Sue, daughter born to Mr. & Mrs. Victor Witte, and Pedro, son born to Mr. & Mrs. Sosa...

Directors of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce are actively engaged in an effort to obtain for Eagle Lake improved postal facilities...

Dan Thornton, manager of the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, reports a new plant record having handled 8,576 barrels in one day...

The Jamboree Scouts have returned home from the Austria camp...

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Program to Assist Good Drivers

Insurance Commissioner Montemayor also announced the new campaign, "Good Rates for Good Drivers," to help Texas drivers find lower-cost auto insurance, especially in underserved areas.

"Good drivers should not pay bad drivers rates," he said.

The Department of Insurance will expand efforts to help drivers through free auto rate guides and through its Market Assistance Program. The program assists good drivers who live in 382 underserved ZIP Codes in 90 Texas counties. In those areas are high percentages of drivers with policies from insurers who serve high-risk drivers at comparatively high rates.

Montemayor said he will give a progress report on the program early in 2000.

Other Highlights

Thirty-eight people were killed and 36 injured statewide in fatal traffic accidents over the Labor Day weekend, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported. Forty-five people died on Texas roads and highways over the same holiday last year.

The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Treasury Department cited Austin and Baltimore as test cities in a media campaign to collect \$24 billion in unpaid student

John J. Drapela succumbed after lengthy illness...

Little Loretta Miller, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Miller, had a party on the occasion of her sixth birthday...

Elected as head drum major for the Eagle Lake School Junior Band was Jo Ann Konvicka. Majorettes are Nancy Bradford, Carol Sens, Ruth Ann Tate, Donna Lou Thomas, Myrna Wesson and Janice Selph...

County Judge John A. Hancher was guest speaker at the Rotary Club weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday...

Albert Pustejovsky will head the Eagle Lake Quarterback Club. He succeeds T.P. Dowdy. E.F. Abercrombie was re-elected vice president and Fred R. Frnka will serve as secretary-treasurer, an office held last year by Bob Ashby...

Wayne Brasher won the Lakeview Golf Club Junior Tournament here Sunday...

The Henry Mazoc home in the Mentz-Bernardo community was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday...

Mrs. K.C. Frederickson complimented her daughter, Ora Belle, with a swimming party at the Shamrock Hotel on her 16th birthday...

Brent Boggess was honored with a party on his third birthday by his mother, Mrs. C.P. Boggess...

Mrs. W.F. Meitzen Jr. had a surprise Canasta party for Mrs. W.F. Meitzen Sr. on the occasion of her birthday anniversary Tuesday...

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Eaton are the proud parents of a baby girl.

loans. Austin residents have 26,000 delinquent accounts worth about \$128 million, the Associated Press reported.

"Texas Attorney General John Cornyn announced Sept. 9 that his office's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit has discovered \$7.6 million overpaid to providers due to fraudulent claims in 1999. Penalties for intentionally submitting fraudulent claims may include prison time, fines and restitution."

"The Texas Workforce Commission invites students to visit a consumer reporting Web site just for them. The web site helps Texas students choose the community college or technical school that is best for them by revealing how graduates of a particular school are doing."

The DECIDE Web address is www.decide.soicc.state.tx.us/.

"The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission maintains a user-friendly Web site that keeps the public informed about levels of ozone air pollution in cities across the state. Since early Aug., high levels of ozone pollution have been recorded in many metropolitan areas of Texas. Go to www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/ and click on "Ozone Information."

Sept. 20 is the last day for political subdivisions to order an election to be held on Nov. 2.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT



DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS

Friday, Sept. 11, the State of Texas found David Charles Langhoff not guilty in the case in which Langhoff was charged with the attempted capital murder of D.C. Peikert.

Lawrence Elwood Flowers Jr., burglary of a building, 11-24-98. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, \$500 fine, court costs and 600 hours community service to run concurrent with cause no. 99-155 and 99-156.

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David Kittreal, burglary of a building, 4-18-94. Sentenced to three years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Probated for three years.

Lawrence Elwood Flowers Jr., unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 11-24-98. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, \$500 fine, court costs and 600 hours community service to run concurrent with cause no. 99-154 and 99-155.

Amanda High, delivery of a controlled substance, 8-26-98. Sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication, \$500 fine, court costs and 240 hours community service.

Willie Lewis Utley, theft, 6-25-97. Sentenced to two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years, \$750 fine, court costs, restitution to run concurrent with cause no. 98-72.

Jeremy Craig Skaggs, theft, 9-13-98. Sentenced to seven months in a state jail facility and court costs.

Willie Lewis Bean Jr., burglary of a habitation, 11-22-96. Sentenced to seven

years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for seven years, \$500 fine, court costs, restitution and 300 hours community service.

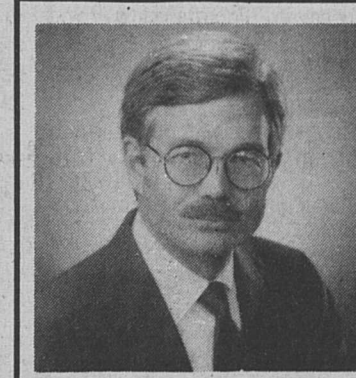
Severo Vasquez Jr., driving while intoxicated, felony, 5-16-99. Sentenced to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years, \$1,000 fine and court costs.

Kirby Allen Gordon, possession of a

controlled substance. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, \$1,000 fine, court costs, told to complete an Anger Management Class, restitution to DPS, and 250 hours of community service; at which time state agrees to dismiss the pending misdemeanor case #14665.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Scott Robert Stiles and Renee Lee Beiser; 9-7-99.



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Bible Verse of the Week

"Walk in the spirit, and you will not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

— Galatians 5:16
Submitted by Nedly Phillips

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<p>Bumble Bee</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">TUNA</h2> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">6 Oz. Can (Oil or Spring Water)</p> <h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">2/\$1</h1>	<p>So Dri</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">PAPER TOWELS</h2> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Roll</p> <h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">2/88¢</h1>	<p>Imperial</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">MARGARINE</h2> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">1 Lb. Qtrs.</p> <h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">2/88¢</h1>

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