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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Thanks sent from Fair livestock committee

As chairman of the livestock committee, I would like to take this time to thank everyone that was involved in the Colorado County Youth Livestock and Poultry sale at the Colorado County Fair.

The sale was a big success because of the involvement of so many people. I am not going to name anyone because I would surely miss someone.

The chairpeople of each event did a wonderful job of handling their jobs. The young people we worked with were great. They were very polite and cooperative.

I want to pay a special tribute to the buyer groups and the people who put them together. The groups are becoming a big thing at the Fair. They are a lot of fun and mean a lot to the sale. I hope next year there will be more.

As we look forward into the year 2000, I would like to remind everyone that we plan to be in our new facilities at the Ag Complex next year. It has been a long fight but construction is under way and we plan to have enough buildings to have the Fair there next year.

Court, I believe that the County Fair is the only true county entity in the whole county.

When we raised the money for the complex, it was a great county-wide effort and I hope as we progress, the negotiations can be started to make our youth show and sale a true county Fair by all three of our schools and our 4-H organizations taking part in the Fair.

Thank you again,  
Kenneth Brune

Besides the Commissioners'

State program to 'crack down' on gun crimes

A new effort to crack down on gun-slitting criminals is under way in Texas.

Last week, Gov. George W. Bush announced a grant to Texas Attorney General John Cornyn for \$1.6 million to kick off Texas Exile, a two-year program to help prosecutors keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

"The best way to protect our citizens is to vigorously enforce the tough laws we have on the books," Bush said. "This program gives law enforcement the opportunity to combat gun violence by enforcing the tough-



est laws on the books, whether federal or state."

All four assistant U.S. attorneys in Texas and seven urban district attorneys are working together to create Texas Exile, which will be based on Project Exile, an effective program

developed in Richmond, Va., to reduce gun crime.

Under the Richmond model, when law enforcement catches a criminal using a weapon while committing a crime, the criminal is referred to a special prosecutor who uses a federal gun law to seek the longest possible sentence.

Another dimension to Texas Exile is a public awareness campaign that targets criminals.

The attorney general plans to use some of the funds to put a slogan developed by the city of Fort Worth - "Gun Crime Means Hard Time" - in newspaper ads, on billboards and on posters. The campaign tells criminals that if they commit a crime with a gun, they will serve at least five years in jail.

Texas Exile also will have a toll-free hotline.

LULAC Urges TV Boycott

State leaders of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) last week urged Hispanic parents to find better things for their children to do than watch television.

"Turn off the television and work on homework," said Rene Lara, a member of the LULAC stated education committee.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that LULAC's effort corresponds to a nationwide TV boycott encouraged by leaders of the National Council of La Raza and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Both organizations have commented on the lack of minority actors on network TV shows and the use of negative stereotypes of minority characters.

Bush Swears In Judges

In the Texas Senate chamber last week, Gov. Bush swore in eight new state district judges - seven of the appointed to courts created by the state legislature last spring.

Judges sworn to serve in newly created courts were Laura Lee Parker and Robert C. Richardson of Bexar County, Ann Murray Moore of McAllen, Ernest Aliseda of Edinburg, Robert J. Kern of Sugar Land, Kathleen Cardone of El Paso, and George Boswell of Mineola.

Judge Karen S. Price of Center, appointed to an existing court, also was sworn in.

The seven new district court judgeships will be on the ballot in the Nov. 2000 general election.

Flores Named Unsung Hero

Jesus Flores, an outreach worker for the Texas Workforce Commission, recently received the U.S. Department of Labor's 1999 Unsung Hero award at a ceremony in Atlanta.

Flores, himself, a former migrant worker, walks rows of corn and cotton in Willacy and Hidalgo counties to tell migrant families about unemployment benefits and other services. "Whatever they need, I try to have an answer," he said.

Federal law requires the Texas Workforce Commission and other agencies to deliver news about state and federal services directly to migrant seasonal farm workers in the fields, or wherever they can be found. Outreach workers keep up with all support services a community provides and report abuse and exploitation.

Meeting Subject: School Violence  
The Attorney General's School Violence Protection Task Force met last week in Lubbock to discuss parental awareness, peer pressure, teen alienation conflict resolution, crisis management and security.

The goal is to ensure that every school district has a crisis management plan. The Task Force met in San Antonio in July. Other meetings are scheduled for Nov. 3 in Houston and Feb. 3, 2000 in Dallas.

Other Highlights

Oct. 4 is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 2 constitutional amendment election. Oct. 18 is the first day to vote early in person. The county clerk/elections administrator may order early voting to begin on Oct. 16 or 17.

Bible Verse of the Week

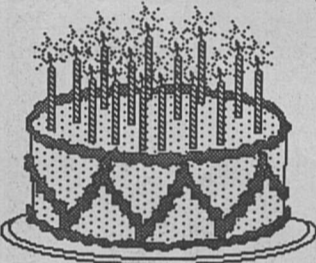
"If God be for us, who can be against us?" — Romans 8:31  
Submitted by Nedly Phillips

Happy Birthday Nana

Oct. 2

We Miss You!  
See You Soon!

Cathy & Amy  
(and Mama, too)



Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1974  
Fred R. Frnka, editor and publisher of the Eagle Lake Headlight, received a certificate of merit from the Texas State Teachers' Association from Public Relations Director Bob Newbill of Austin...

Don Reed, Administrator of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, has been appointed to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Health Commission for a term of three years...

The induction of four new Honorary Chapter Farmers to the Rice FFA Chapter took place at the Future Farmers Parent-Son Banquet Thursday, April 18. Inductees were E.A. Krivacka of Eagle Lake, Lavo Brisco of Sheridan, Louis Cranek Sr. of Garwood and Fred R. Frnka of Eagle Lake...

Mrs. Lavo Brisco and Mrs. Gerald Reinhardt represented the Sheridan Youth Memorial Library at the Governor's Conference on Libraries in Austin, Wednesday, April 17th...

Miss Phyllis Hoffman, bride-elect of Michael Meitzen, was honored at a miscellaneous shower at Dider Hall last Tuesday, April 16th...

Eagle Lake Brownies from Troop 70 attended a Fun Day sponsored in Weimar last Saturday. Attending were Denise Toucheck, Lynn Mota, Joyce Sosa, Betty Coronado, Julia Rosprim, Tamra Psencik, Robin Orange, Renae Dierschke, Roxanne Ripper, Suzanne Frybert, Karen Rucka, Patricia Austin, Stacey Holden and Connie Prazak. They were accompanied by Mrs. Laurel Holden, Mrs. Carolyn Rosprim and Mrs. Carol Ripper and son, Scott...

Mrs. Nida Beane enjoyed a family get-together with her children and some of her grandchildren at her home in Ramsey on the Saturday before Easter...

Mr. & Mrs. Reynaldo Perez of Woodsboro announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rosemary Laredo, to Freddie James Armstrong, of Woodsboro, son of Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Armstrong Eagle Lake. The couple plans a Saturday, June 8, wedding in the First Baptist Church in Woodsboro...

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Balusek of Garwood celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Tuesday, April 16, with a family dinner at the El Campo Restaurant...

The Rice High School Raiders girls track team has completed a successful year including first place trophies in two meets. Members are Sylvia Barela, Glenda Popp, Sherry Fajkus, Crystal Jones, Vicky Clayton, Zanthine Lowe, Phyllis Korenek, Gwen Payne, Frances Banks, Mary Bell Sims, Jackie Polach, Cynthia Tomchesson, Brenda Kallina, Linda Prince, Charlene Parker, Jo Ruth Clayton, Carol Botard, Dina Kohleffel, D'Ann Davidson, Rena Popp, Mary Jo Spanihel, Odessa Blunston, Pearl De La Cruz, Teresa Spanihel, Shirley Fajkus, Kathy Scott, Janice Popp, Beverly Gertson and Sandy Grammer. Manager is Alice Godley; their coach is Fran Meyer...

Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Blunston announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carolyn, to Oliver Wayne Nichols Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Wayne Nichols. The wedding ceremony will be performed at the Nichols home in Garwood at eight o'clock in the evening of Saturday, April 27th...

Miss Marianne Burke, a freshman at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va., has been named a Gold Key Guide to serve as an official campus hostess next year. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George R. Burke Jr. of Eagle Lake...

Cunningham L. Griffith, 78, long-time Colorado County rancher and resident of Alleyton, died Tuesday, April 16, after a long illness...

Mrs. Barry Rogers of Houston was honored with a baby shower Monday evening in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Powers. Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Robert Griffith were hostesses...

Friends were saddened to learn that Lorraine Vernon (Buddy) Hough passed away suddenly sometime during the early hours of Saturday morning, April 20, at his home...

May 2, 1974  
The Rice Consolidated Independent (See 24 & 48, Page 3)

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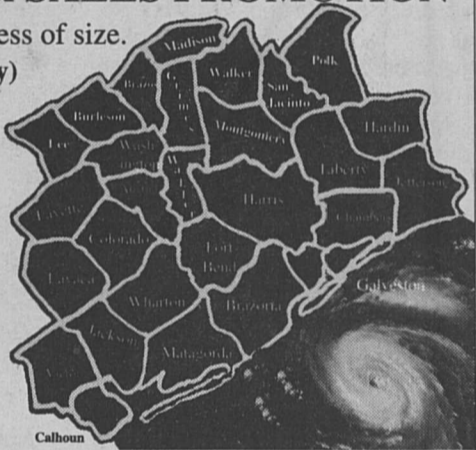
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