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## To THE EDITOR & YOU

Thank you for your concern

**To the Community,**  
 Clark, Andrew and I would like to thank all of you who called and checked on Timothy's well-being on the morning of the tragic accident at A&M.

I cannot tell you how comforting it was to know that so many friends were thinking of him. We are so thankful it was not the time for his outfit to work because he would have been right in the "thick of things".

I know I speak on behalf of all the parents of the Eagle Lake students at A&M. We do have quite a few and it could have been any one of them who was on the bonfire. But, praise be to God, they were all safe.

It means so much to know that you think of our children while they are away at school.

I would ask that you please be in prayer, especially this time of year, for the families of those who were not quite as fortunate. This will be a very difficult time with the holidays approaching and we need to lift them up as often as possible.

Also, please pray for the continued safety of our students, both here in

Eagle Lake and those away at college. Again, Clark, Andrew and I appreciate your thoughts and prayers on Timothy's behalf.

Sincerely,  
 Clark, Vicki & Andrew Powers

**NOTE:** According to Dr. Tom Hancher via Steve Balas, the U.T. Extension Student Association of Colorado County has opened an account at Columbus State Bank for the "Texas Exes A&M Memorial Fund".

You may send contributions to the bank at P.O. Box 249, Columbus, Texas 78934; or drop them off at Eagle Lake Drugstore.

According to Larry Dulany, the fund will be turned over to the Colorado County A&M Exes for a scholarship in memory of those who lost their lives in the bonfire collapse.

## Supreme Court to hear Santa Fe prayer case

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case of Santa Fe Independent School District vs. Jane Doe regarding the constitutionality of student-led prayer in public schools.

Attorney General John Cornyn and Gov. George W. Bush filed a friend of the court brief on March 26 asking that the court hear the case.

"I am optimistic that the [Supreme] Court will protect the First Amendment rights of students," Cornyn said Nov. 15.

In Feb., the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans held that schools could allow students to deliver prayers at graduations as long as they are nonsectarian and non-proselytizing and that even student-initiated prayers are never permissible at school-sponsored football games.

Cornyn said Fifth Circuit's decision "cast a cloud over the student's right to engage in voluntary prayer at football games."

**AG Seizes Gambling Devices**  
 The Texas Attorney General's office, the Texas Department of Pub-

### State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling  
 Texas Press Association

lic Safety and local law enforcement officials last week continued in their quest to rid the state of illegal gambling equipment.

They worked together to seize 120 Las Vegas-style eight-liner slot machines in Brown County and 143 in Gregg County.

"My office will work closely with local law enforcement to vigorously investigate and prosecute those who violate the law," Cornyn said.

Search warrants were served and after investigations were conducted, suspects were arrested in the counties for charges ranging from gambling promotion, keeping a gambling place and possession of gambling devices and gambling paraphernalia.

Illegal wagers and thousands of

dollars in prizes also were seized.

**Lower Electricity Rates Due**  
 Texas electric customers of Central and South West (CSW) Corp. can expect lower rates and improved service to result from a merger with American Electric Power Co. approved by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) earlier this month.

The agreement provides for specific rate reductions and service improvements over a six-year period, PUC officials said.

CSW is based in Dallas and its Texas operations include West Texas Utilities Co., Southwestern Electric Power Co. and Central Power and Light Co. The companies serve some 988,300 customers in Texas.

**Rylander Promotes 'e-Texas'**  
 Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week launched an initiative to put many Texas government services online.

The move will make a routine transaction, such as renewing a license, permit or paying taxes, a

simple, electronic procedure.

"Texas government needs to be transformed from a brick-and-mortar model that closes after 5 p.m. and on weekends to a virtual government that services Texans 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Rylander said.

**Other Highlights**

- Lady Bird Johnson, 86, was released from an Austin hospital Nov. 13 after an overnight stay following a fainting spell.
- Reagan Brown, Texas agriculture commissioner from 1977 to 1982, died at week of injuries suffered in a tractor accident on his Brazos County ranch. He was 78.
- Shorter days and cooler nights signal the beginning of fall and the start of the propane-heating season. The Texas Railroad Commission reminds Texans to have their propane tanks and heating appliances properly inspected before the first signs of colder weather.
- The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, which oversees (See Highlights, Page 5)

## Child safety seat checkup is Dec. 11

There are rear-facing car seats, forward-facing car seats, belt-positioning booster seats and high back booster seats. All of these are critical

in keeping a child safe in a vehicle, but they are not the most important factor.

According to Safety Education Senior Trooper Gary Pflughaupt of the Texas Department of Public Safety, "Parents are the most important factor in ensuring that children are securely placed in the proper child safety seat for the child and the proper child safety seat for the vehicle."

On Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAES) of Colorado County will conduct a child safety seat check-up event in the Columbus Wal-Mart parking lot on I-10 and Hwy. 71.

"Four out of five car seats are used incorrectly," Trooper Pflughaupt

said.

"You don't just put in in the car and snap it in," said Pflughaupt. "The safety belt must be routed through the correct slots on the child safety seat, and the child safety seat should be secure enough that it doesn't move more than an inch from side to side or toward the front of the vehicle."

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration trained and certified child passenger safety technicians will go over the checkup form with parents and point out what is correct and incorrect with each child safety seat. They will then properly install the child safety seats, take them back out, and allow the parents to re-install them. Inspections may take up to 30 minutes each depending on how many pointers are given to the parents.

"Besides buckling a child in properly, there are other measures to take to help ensure safety when riding in a vehicle. Put bags of groceries in the trunk of a car or in the very back of a sport utility vehicle or van. In a crash, cans and jars can turn into deadly projectiles," Pflughaupt added.

Also, never place an infant in the front seat of a car, especially one with a passenger side air bag. The safest place for all children 12 and under is the back seat.

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## Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

**Aug. 22, 1974**  
 David Cardosa of Sheridan was among the candidates to receive a Master of Arts degree in Guidance and Counseling at Texas A&I University in Kingsville on Aug. 16. Mr. Cardosa is a P.E. and Health instructor and coach at Rice High School...

**Elo Leigh Beckman**, who served the Eagle Lake community and surrounding area for more than half a century, succumbed to a short illness in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital on Aug. 15 bringing great sadness to his friends in the area...

**Tommy & Helen Pilkington** fired a 41-41-82 to win the men's and women's Scotch Golf Tournament at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center...

Funeral services were held Aug. 17 at Great Mt. Olive Baptist Church for Mrs. Elve D. Haynes McGrew who died at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital on Aug. 14...

A Southwest Texas State University student from Eagle Lake was among 189 to receive master's degrees on Aug. 17. That recipient was John D. Konvicka, son of Mrs. Ethel Konvicka of Mill Street...

**Robert S. Martin** received his official appointment certificate naming him as postmaster here. The certificate was presented by W.P. Barefoot. Retirees present were H.C. Johnson, a postmaster who retired in Feb., and Ed Hanly, retired rural mail carrier for the local postoffice...

**Joe Frybert**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Frybert of this city, has received a \$500 grant from the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus in Austin to help him continue his education...

Miss Dana Wiese, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford T. Wiese of Eagle Lake, was named runner up Friday night at Wharton in District Eleven Farm Bureau queen competition...

Friends extended sympathy to the family and relatives of Ed Skuca of Nada who passed away Aug. 15 in the Heritage House in Eagle Lake...

The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Nancy Munoz, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nick V. Munoz Sr. of Sheridan, to Frank T. Stasney, son of Mr. & Mrs. E.L. Stasney of Needville, is announced. The wed-

ding is planned for Aug. 30, 1974...

**Jimmi Carol McCauley**, a 1974 graduate at Rice High School, was recently notified that she is to be featured in the 8th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1973-74...


The first Miss MAYC Pageant will be held on Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Eagle Lake Community Center with 13 girls competing for the title. Participants include Mercy Alvarado, Sylvia Ann Barela, Marielva Gutierrez, Sonia Lopez, Diana Morales, Linda Morales, Sophia Morales, Chris Morales, Susan Olvera, Carolina Perez, Janie Rodriguez, Alma Munoz and Sandra Jean Vera...

Saturday evening, Aug. 17, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Jones of Bernardo were pleasantly surprised by relatives, friends and neighbors with an "old fashioned chivaree" in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary...

Eighteen year old Andy Anderson, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Anderson of El Paso and grandson of Mrs. M.L. Anderson of Eagle Lake, was a happy youngster recently when Vice President Gerald R. Ford (now president of the U.S.) dropped in at a New Orleans hospital where Andy is confined for a visit Aug. 14...

**Lake Motors Will Be Closed Thursday & Friday for Thanksgiving**  
 Our Sales Department Will Be Open  
 Saturday, Nov. 27, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 We Wish You A Happy & Safe Holiday!

# Rice Medical Center introduces Dr. Ramon O. Cantu



Rice Medical Center is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Ramon O. Cantu to its Medical Staff.

Dr. Cantu is presently providing Emergency Room coverage at Rice Medical Center and is also at the Thomas Clinic one weekend each month.

Dr. Cantu plans to sign a long-term contract with Rice Medical Center to begin his full time Family Practice in August of 2000.

**Dr. Ramon O. Cantu**

Dr. Cantu Earned a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in biology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio in 1990. He graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Michigan State University in 1997 and will complete his residency in Family Practice at Corpus Christi Medical Center in July, 2000.

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## Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

### FOOT ODOR

Bromohydrosis, or smelly feet, is a common, annoying foot condition, especially for physically active people. A bacterium is usually the culprit, as the warmth and moisture inside shoes - especially athletic shoes - promote its growth. Eliminating the bacteria is the only way to treat foot odor. Activated-charcoal shoe inserts, foot powders, and other odor-fighting products will not get to the source of the problem. Wash feet with antibacterial soap, including between the toes. Dry skin well, using a hair dryer if necessary. Wear absorbent socks and change them frequently. Wear shoes that "breathe," allowing them to air out for at least 24 hours after use. Antiperspirants and tea soaks may help. Finally, benzoyl peroxide 5% or 10% gel applications may decrease bacteria.

A thorough understanding of your feet and what they need can go a long way to helping you avoid recurring conditions and prevent further problems in the future. No matter what your foot concerns, from smelly feet to nerve pain, we'll give you complete instructions for followup home care so you can get on with the job of problem-free, pain-free daily living. A custom-tailored treatment plan made to fit your individual needs is waiting for you at Rice Medical Center. Call 234-5571 for a Tuesday appointment.

P.S. Excessive sweating or smelling of the feet can be systemic, indicating conditions like anemia or an overactive thyroid. Professional attention is necessary.

**Aug. 29, 1974**  
 Mike Duarte, a 13-year employee with the U.S. Postal Service, was appointed to the position of Supervisor of Postal Operations in the Eagle Lake postoffice effective Aug. 2, 1974. He and his wife, Virginia, have four children: Imelda, Michael, Randall and Jason...

Mrs. Vera Brown returned to Eagle Lake after presenting an open-

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## Letter to Editor Policy

The Eagle Lake Headlight will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the "Letter to the Editor" column under the following guidelines:

1. Letter should not be more than 1,500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
3. The writer may request that their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in No. 2 must be included for our files.
4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.
6. The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.