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To THE EDITOR & You

Firemen sends thanks to City

Dear Editor:

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department (ELVFD) would like to thank Mayor Michael Cooper, the Eagle Lake City Council, City Manager Ron Holland and City Secretary Lucille Perry for their help in the process of purchasing our new tanker/pumper fire truck.

The Council worked very hard to help us come up with the funds necessary to pay for this very vital piece of equipment.

This tedious process has been an on-going project for the past year. They have put in many hours going

over specs on different trucks and looking for extra money that they could use to help the fire department buy this truck, which will be a great asset to this community for years to come.

The fire department is asking the citizens of our area to thank the members of our city government for their continued support of our department and the community that we protect.

Members of the ELVFD
Kurt Sunderman, Secretary

Bible Verse of the Week

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." — Romans 12:18

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

Record high passing rate set on TAAS test

Texas students, for the seventh year in a row, set a record high passing rate on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, Commissioner of Education Jim Nelson announced May 17.

Statewide, it was the students' best performance in the 10-year history of the exam.

Preliminary results show that 80% of all students tested in third through 10th grade passed the English version of the TAAS this spring, compared to 78% last year.

This latest passing rate is 27 points higher than the 1994 passing rate for all students. That year, 53% of the students passed all tests taken.

This spring, 1,882,991 students in

State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

third through eighth and 10 grades took either the English or Spanish version of the TAAS test, compared to 1,847,199 in 1999.

Gun Lock Program Debuts

Gov. George W. Bush on May 12 announced Project ChildSafe, a five-year, \$5 million program to provide free child-safety locks and firearm-safety information to Texas parents.

Funded through a grant from the governor's criminal justice division, the program will provide parents with instruction and child-safety locks for handguns.

Sheriffs and police chiefs across the state will be notified during the next few weeks about Project ChildSafe and will receive kits to distribute in their communities.

Panel Considers Inmate Care

It costs a lot less to place a terminally ill Texas prison inmate in a nursing home than to keep him or her under special care in a penitentiary, prison officials said last week.

The Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council, quoting a Legislative Budget

Board estimate, said the annual state cost for "special-needs offenders" who require 24-hour skilled nursing care is about \$34,000 in prison versus \$7,000 for nursing facility care outside prison.

The council recommended that the Texas Legislature:

• Adopt a computerized system to assess candidates for special-needs parole;

• Broaden the definition of terminally ill to include inmates diagnosed as up to 12 months from death; and

• Consider expanding the number of nursing homes eligible to receive paroled offenders.

Other Highlights

• Texas has moved from worst to fifth-worst in the nation in the release of toxic industrial chemicals, according to new figures released by the Environmental Protection Agency. Over the last 10 years, Texas led the nation by cutting its total toxic industrial chemical releases by 47%.

• Thirty Texas Department of Health employees were sent home Friday after three kinds of hazardous mold were found in laboratories where HIV, rabies and measles tests are conducted. The molds can cause allergic reactions, asthma, bronchitis, skin rashes, sinus problems and nosebleeds. Air-quality tests are being conducted to determine the extent of the problem.

• Over its 90-year history, the Texas A&M bonfire has evolved from a trash pile into a "complex and dangerous structure... built without adequate physical or engineering controls," the Texas Board of Professional Engineers said last week. Twelve students died when the 55-foot-tall timber structure collapsed on them last Nov. If the bonfire meets the definition of a "public work," it will be subject to fines for safety and construction violations, the board said.

• San Antonio car dealer Red McCombs gave the University of Texas College of Business Administration \$50 million last week. It was the

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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.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1975

Mr. & Mrs. A.P. Berger of Nada were honored for their 40th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Berger in Rosenberg recently...

Leading the Garwood School spirit this year are these cheerleaders: Nova Mann, Judy Bunge, Pam Kallina, Kelly Mackey, Marie Carter and Kelly Kallina...

These volunteers received plaques signed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe for over 1,000 hours each of on-call service to the Eagle Lake Community as member of the local unit of the Colorado County Volunteer Ambulance Service during the past two years of operation. They are Emily Stiles, Joe Duncan, Joe Herbert McCreary, Carolyn Rosprim, Charles Meyer, Johnnie Schmidt, Edna Rosprim, Billy Stiles, Alice Schmidt, James Clipson Jr., Laura Finney, Robert Finney, LaVon Toliver, Herman

Maxie, James Cash, Mark Anderson and Jo Ann Gertson...

Mr. & Mrs. Hans German Jr. will be honored Nov. 23 at the Eagle Lake Community Center to honor them on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary...

The directors of the First National Bank named two new advisory directors to the board: John A. Meitzen and Robert L. Cook Jr....

Mrs. Lupe Saucedo announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Dianne, to Domingo Estrada, son of Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Estrada of El Campo. The couple plan a Dec. 27 wedding in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

Friends in the community will regret to learn of the death of Loyd Nail of Pearsall, the father of Mrs. T.J. Smith of this city...

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Fajkus are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shirley Ann, to Dennis Ray Korenek, son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Korenek of Nada. The couple plans a Dec. 13 wedding in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

After a brief illness, death came to Mrs. E.H. Shirley Nov. 13 in the

Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Miss Sandy Grammer was initiated into Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary society at Temple Junior College. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Grammer of Altair...

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Uzzell spent a long weekend in Valparaiso, Ind., getting acquainted with their new grandson, John Jefferson Steger Jr., son of Capt. & Mrs. Jeff Steger, who was born Oct. 30...

Mr. & Mrs. William (Butch) Estlinbaum are happy over the arrival of a daughter, Melinda Kay, in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Nov. 15. The Estlinbaums have a son, Darrell, age 28 months...

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Buxkamper were honored on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a reception at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada on Oct. 26th.

Nov. 27, 1975

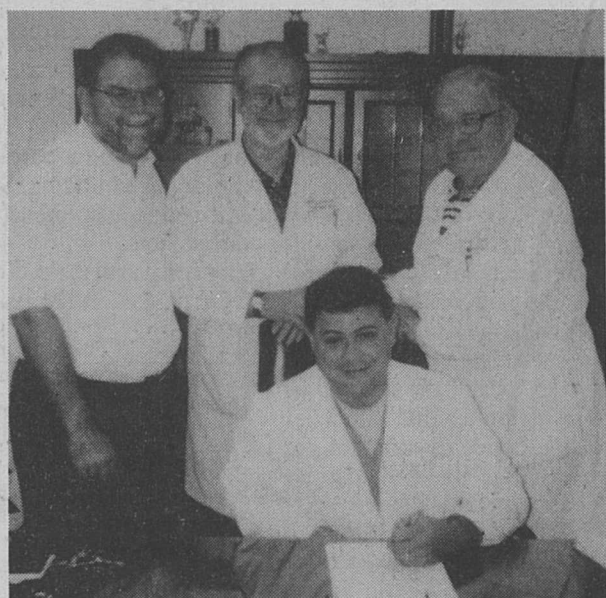
The College of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas named 726 students to the honor roll for the spring semester. On that list was R. Russell Thomas, son of Dr. & Mrs. R.R. Thomas, on the Cum Laude list...

The Rice High School girls basketball team won first place in the

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Rice Medical Center Signs Dr. Ramon O. Cantu

RMC Administrator David Keith, Chief of Staff Dr. Len Bornstein, and Dr. Raymond Thomas look on as Dr. Ramon O. Cantu signs his contract to practice medicine at Rice Medical Center.



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 or two Saturdays each month. Dr. Cantu will be at Rice Medical Center full time as of July 3, 2000.

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 June, 2000.

"We are very excited about Dr. Cantu joining our medical staff," says RMC Administrator David Keith. "His high quality of expertise has already been demonstrated in our Emergency Room and at the Rice Medical Associates Thomas Clinic. We are looking forward to a long and rewarding relationship with Dr. Cantu and we welcome him and his family to Eagle Lake."

Appointments with Dr. Cantu may be made by calling the Rice Medical Associates Thomas Clinic at 979-234-2551.

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