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Agencies agree on vehicle emission standards

Texans can look forward to cleaner air in 2004 under emissions standards for motor vehicle exhaust agreed upon last week.

Major automakers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission came to terms on tougher emissions standards for new cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles customized for sale in Texas, beginning with model year 2004.

When the new standards go into effect, emissions from new cars will be reduced by 77% and emissions from light trucks and SUVs by 95%, compared to today's new vehicles.

Emissions controls to be installed on 2004 models also will prevent the constant release of gasoline vapors from any parked vehicle, whether in a parking lot or garage.

The new standards for Texas are

State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

not as tough as emissions standards in force in California today.

Water Smart 2000 Begins

With reservoir levels at all-time lows, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission last week launched a statewide water management plan dubbed "Water Smart 2000."

Passed into law as Senate Bill 1 in 1997, the plan features a comprehensive campaign to educate consumers about efficient water use and stave off water outages.

Co-author of SB 1, Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson, released a proclamation from Gov. George W. Bush urging all Texans to be "Water Smart" by repairing water leaks and limiting water usage in homes and yards.

A media campaign in English and Spanish will promote Water Smart 2000 in the coming months.

Bush Pardons Tyler Man

Gov. Bush on June 1 accepted the recommendation of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and issued a pardon for A.B. Butler of Tyler.

Butler was serving concurrent 99-year sentences for the abduction and rape of a Tyler woman in 1983. He was released on bond several weeks ago by the trial court judge pending the outcome of his pardon request.

Bush made the decision after prosecution and defense attorneys, the trial court judge and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals regarded DNA evidence in context with other evidence as proof of Butler's innocence.

Poster Contest Winner Named

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced last week the winners of Texas Tomorrow Fund's "What I Want To Be After College" poster contest.

The contest drew nearly 6,000 entries from young students across the state. Each of the four winners will receive a college scholarship.

Winners are Robert Gonzalez, 11, of Waco, who wants to be a judge; Katie Richardson, 10, of Huntsville, who looks forward to a career teaching children with disabilities; Marissa Hernandez, 14, of Edna, who wants to discover new treatments for cancer; and Natasha Reyna, 15, of Victoria, who wants to be an artist.

Administered by the comptroller's office, Texas Tomorrow Fund allows families to freeze the cost of their children's and grandchildren's future college education at today's

prices.

Course to Educate Hunters

Texas Parks and Wildlife will offer hunter education classes all summer long throughout the state.

All Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must meet these requirements:

• Hunters age 17 and older must successfully complete a hunter education course.

• Hunters ages 12 through 16 must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older.

• Hunters under age 12 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older.

The course is a 10-hour class that teaches hunting safety, skills and responsibility. Those who complete the course receive a certification card good for life and honored by all 50 states and 10 Canadian provinces. The card must be carried at all times while hunting.

Other Highlights

• Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications through Nov. 15 for the 2000 Family Land Heritage Program. The program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agriculture production by the same family for at least 100 years. Applications are available through county judges.

ABOUT TOWN...

• Wharton County Junior College has recognized a number of area students as distinguished scholars for the spring semester of 2000. The following students were named to the Dean's List for earning at least a 3.5 grade point average, out of a possible perfect 4.0, in all work completed during at least 12 semester hours of work.

From Eagle Lake: Brian Cardenas, Shara Glaiser, Jonathan Pope, Justin Rodgers, Richard Saucedo, Kurt Sunderman and Ricardo Vargas; from Nada: Angela Leopold; Sheridan: Tammie Hinz, Karen Kazmir; and Altair: Laine Labay.

• Marine Corps Pfc. Xavier Chauncy N. Smith, son of Sandra and Kevin Jackson of Eagle Lake, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Smith successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

He is a 1999 graduate of Rice High School.

• Congratulations to John Osbourne of East Bernard and Adeline Rudel Cathey of Wallis who have been chosen to serve on the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 30, 1975

A 20-year-old Weimar man, Pat Seifert, was the victim of a one-car accident Dec. 25. He was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Seifert of Weimar...

Sheriff George "Doc" Mueller, completing his second four-year term as Colorado County Sheriff this year, announced this week he will be a candidate for re-election...

Mrs. Becky Marsalia of Eagle Lake received a certificate of commendation from Carroll B. Bryant, president of the Texas Association for Mental Health. Mrs. Marsalia raised the highest per capita, 10.5¢ in the Eagle Lake communities with a population between 3000 to 4000...

Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Hunt observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a reception Dec. 21...

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Meitzen have received word that their son, Sgt. Richard M. (Mike) Meitzen, received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster on Dec. 15 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida...

Funeral services were held from the chapel of Mill-Bauer Funeral Home in Eagle Lake Dec. 23 for Mrs. W.W. (Ethel) Moore, a longtime resident of the Bonus community...

Friends and relatives were deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of Buren John Kallina Dec. 28. Funeral services were held Dec. 30...

Friends in the community will regret to learn of the death of E.S. Horton of Mart, the father of Mrs. Sidney Miller of this city. Funeral services were held Dec. 29 in Mart...

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Karl Bubela of Garwood are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, a son, born Dec. 24 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. The little gentleman has been named Patrick Karl Bubela Jr....

Jan. 8, 1976

Mrs. J.T. (Lillian) Frnka received a silver service and tray upon her retirement after 18 years of service in the local hospital...

A 15-year-old youth, Roy Lee Berry, who resides in the Altair area, is recuperating from an accidental gun shot wound he received while playing at his home...

Robert & Maxine Griffith, owners of Strickland Insurance Agency of Eagle Lake, announced the purchase of the Eagle Lake Insurance Agency from Edwin Gay and took over the new business Jan. 1, 1976...

Constable J.T. (Jimmie) Frnka announced he will seek re-election...

The first baby of 1976 year in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital was little Ana Delida Diaz, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Diaz...

A tragic accident claimed the life of Edward Fitzgerald, 40, of Alleton, nephew of Rice High School ag instructor Willie Fitzgerald. The

freak electrical accident also hospitalized Alton Gottschald Jr. of Garwood...

Mr. & Mrs. Eldin H. Wied of Garwood announced the engagement and summer wedding of their daughter, Melba Anice, to Richard Lee Higgins, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Higgins of Eagle Lake. The couple plan a July 10 wedding in United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake...

Mr. & Mrs. Tanner Walker were honored on the observance of their 50th Wedding Anniversary...

Funeral service for Richard Daniel Witte, 35, were held in Wallis...

One of the community's most beloved citizens, Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Martin, closed her eyes to peaceful rest on Jan. 3...

Jonna Webb, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thurston Webb, was honored on Jan. 2 on her 11th birthday with a slumber party...

Mrs. Mable Popp of Garwood announced the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Janice Ruth, to Donald Ray Obenhaus, son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Obenhaus of Eagle Lake. The wedding is calendered for Feb. 28 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Citizens of the area were saddened to learn of the death of Alfred (Fly) Reuther of this city, son of Mrs. Henry Reuther, Jan. 5...

A new business in Eagle Lake is the Shindler Electric Service to be operated by Phillip Shindler. Mrs. Shindler is the former Miss Jerry Lou Pate of this city...

Jan. 15, 1976

Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Meitzen of Eagle Lake announced the engagement of their daughter, Judith Marie, to John Yates Seydler, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Seydler of Rosenberg. The couple plan a Feb. 21 wedding at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Veselka of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, a son, born Jan. 9 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. His name is Kevin Jason...

Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Novak Jr. announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sharon Kay, to Rudolph John Till III, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph John Till Jr. of Garwood. The wedding is planned for Feb. 21 in Ganado...

Bill Esterling of Rock Island announced this week as a candidate for the office of County Sheriff in the forthcoming May 1st Democratic Primary Election...

Construction has been started on a new and modern 10-unit apartment complex on Church Street, just west of the People's Laundry location. One of the partners in the project is Willard W. Shuart of Eagle Lake...

Mrs. Opal Allison of Goldthwaite is happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Peggy Raye, to Steven Loyd Smith, son of Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Smith of Eagle Lake. The couple will be married Jan. 31 in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Glen Love of Caradan, Texas, sister of the bride-to-be...

The sudden death of Mrs. Sally B. Mathis of Lissie brought great sadness to her loved ones and friends. (See 24 & 48, Page 3)

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.
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Ron Heathington, R.R.T., (pictured here), Trudy Dunkelberger R.R.T., Cara Goff, C.R.T., and Glen Dyer, R.R.T. are GCMC's technicians who have been trained in the operation of the chamber.

The HBO unit is 2000 state-of-the-art "Nth Hyperbaric Chamber System," specifically designed and built for **Gulf Coast Medical Center**.

For more information about HBO services contact:

Glen Dyer, Director of Cardiopulmonary Services

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Weimar, Texas Celebrates Its Birthday!

June 8, 9 & 10

"Gedenke! - Let the Music Roll"

Parade Saturday, 2 p.m.

Food Booths • Biergarten • Carnival • Arts & Crafts

Thursday Night Victor Rodriguez/Karaoke

Friday Night The Telstars

Los Caprichosos

Go Joe Entertainment

Saturday Afternoon Wilfred Chevis and his Texas Zydeco Band

Saturday Night Texas Unlimited Band

Chris Chitsey Backtraxx

Activities

Carnival Opens Thursday, June 8 (Arm Band Night)

Fun Run - Saturday, 8 a.m.
Wanda Barteck 979-725-6602

Arts & Crafts
Becky Roberts 979-725-8002

Parade
Gonzalo Garcia 979-725-8781

Barbecue Cook-Off
Paul Billeck 979-725-6644

Washer Toss, Friday Evening
Ken Sparks 979-725-6024

Volleyball Tournament
Tara Dille 979-725-8915

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