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Companies file suit against TNRCC

TXU Electric Co., one of the state's largest power providers, last week joined the list of industries that have filed lawsuits against the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

The state environmental agency faces similar lawsuits, all filed in Travis County, by Solid Waste Association of North America, Allied Waste Systems Inc., the City of Garland and the City of Grand Prairie.

The lawsuits seek to prevent the TNRCC from enforcing new rules meant to improve air quality. The new rules would bring Texas into compliance with air-quality mandates from the U.S. Environmental Protection



State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

Agency.

States are required to meet minimum standards mandates by EPA under the federal Clean Air Act. States that fail to comply risk federal fines or cuts in funding.

"Although we believe we will prevail in court, defending those lawsuits is going to consume resources which instead should be directed to

clean air efforts," said TNRCC chief Jeff Saitas.

"Lawsuits," he added, "do nothing to clean up the air."

The TNRCC also already faces lawsuits by certain airlines, cement kiln operators and engine manufacturers seeking to block portions of an aggressive clean-air plan in the Dallas-Forth Worth area.

Insurers Face Scrutiny

The Texas Department of Insurance is surveying insurers selling "industrial life" and other small life insurance policies to determine if any are charging African-Americans higher premiums than others.

The agency last week mailed letters to insurance companies that sell "industrial life" or similar coverage, asking them to research their own files for terms such as "White Risks Only" and "Negro Risks."

Companies have 45 days to respond to the agency's request for possible evidence of discrimination that might be found in files dating back to the 1950s.

State Removes Plaques

Plaques bearing symbols of the Confederacy last week were removed from the Texas Supreme Court building under orders from the governor's office.

The NAACP applauded the action, but Confederate heritage groups filed a complaint with the General Services Commission, the agency that maintains state buildings.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips said the plaques presented a "problem for people who come to the court seeking relief" and he is glad they were replaced.

New plaques on display say equal justice is available to all Texans regardless of race, creed or color.

Other Highlights

• Beginning with the July 19 drawing, Texas Lottery players will have 54 numbers to pick from instead of 50, the Texas Lottery Commission decided last week. In May, the commission elected to increase the number of balls reasoning that doing so will build bigger jackpots and appeal to more players.

• Overall crime dropped 0.06% statewide last year, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported last week. Fewer murders, rapes, burglaries and motor vehicle thefts were reported in 1999 than in 1998. Up slightly were figures on robbery, aggravated assault and theft.

• Authority over Texas' \$22 billion (See Highlights, Page 3)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Feb. 12, 1976

Miss Peggy Raye Allison, daughter of Mrs. Opal Allison of Goldthwaite, and Steven Loyd Smith, son of Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Smith of Eagle Lake, were united in marriage on Jan. 31 at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Glen Love...

Airman Michael C. Michulka, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank G. Michulka of East Bernard, completed his basic training at Lackland, AFB...

Andy Blake, manager of the Eagle Lake Dairy Queen, presented a new Citizens Band Radio to Howard A. Besch of Columbus following a drawing last Saturday...

Sharon L. Cranek, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cranek Jr. of Garwood, is one of 60 students at The University of Texas School of Allied Health Sciences at Galveston named to the Dean's List for work completed in the 1975 Fall Trimester...

Mrs. Robert R. Wells Jr., chairman of the Library Board for the Eagle Lake Study Club, Joe S. Reed Jr., chairman of the Wintermann Library's First Annual Program held last Sunday, joined in welcoming the program's guest speaker, Howard K. Finch, noted radio personality...

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Causey, recently married, were honored Jan. 31 with a cocktail hour and buffet dinner...

Gifts of Distinction, owned by Mena & Eldin Kveton, has moved from 113 McCarty next door to 115 McCarty, the former location of Eagle Lake Insurance Agency...

The Rice High School Girls basketball team champions of West Zone of District 13AAA, tangle with the West Columbia girls Friday. Members of the Raider team, coached by Reuben Wunderlich and Fran Mayer, are, Lena Frazer, D'Ann Davison, Beryl Shorter, Denise Wiese, Mary Lou Banks, Carol Botard, Vickie Clayton, Brenda Kallina, Mary Jo Spanihel, Debra Parker, Glenda Popp, Elisa Keeter, Cynthia Tomchesson and Mae Hurd...

Mrs. Helen Glover has been named Jr. High Counselor at Eagle Lake Middle School...

Feb. 19, 1976

Keith Austin showed the grand champion hog in the 6th annual Rice FFA show and sale held Saturday, while Todd Lundquist showed the grand champion calf...

Cecil Alton Smith, Garwood rice farmer and rancher, filed his application for a place on the ballot for Garwood Position No. 2 in the forthcoming April 3 Rice Consolidated School District trustee election...

Dianne Clipson Blake, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Clipson, and Terry Causey, son of Mr. & Mrs. George Causey, were married in the home of her parents on Feb. 14...

Miss Susan Rose Staff of Dallas and Paul Franklin Causey of Eagle Lake were united in marriage during a lovely ceremony performed in the Slaughter Chapel First Baptist Church of Dallas on Jan. 17...

Miss Janice Ruth Popp, bride-elect of Ray Obenhaus, was complimented with a miscellaneous shower on Feb. 6 at St. Mary's Parish Hall...

Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Hefner of Garwood are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marilyn Estelle, to Roger Warren Price of Longview. The wedding is scheduled for June 12 in the United Methodist Church in Garwood...

Miss Becky Gertson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Gertson of Eagle Lake, was selected as the 1976 Trail Ride Sweetheart and was presented with a plaque by FFA president Al Mahalic...

Sandy Grammer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Grammer of Altair, was named to the list of Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges...

Kevin Henske and Jimmy Moss were honored with a party on the occasion of their birthday anniversaries at the country home of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Henske on Feb. 15.

Feb. 26, 1976

The new La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant has opened in the former location of Pat's Cafe on A Street...

Females can handle calves as well as males. Denise Austin proved that females can raise show animals just as well as any male here at Rice. Denise is the first girl to ever win anything in the Rice FFA Show. She won first place in the Brahman Cross division with a Braford that she worked very hard with. There were nine others competing against her...

Ed Wine of Garwood, who serves as a navigator on the Merchant Ship Monticello for Victor Carriers, has returned to the states after a long trip to Russia aboard the Monticello...

Dennis Bluntson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arvis Bluntson of Garwood, will take part in the calf scramble on Feb. 27 at the 1976 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Others competing are Woody Jones, son of Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Jones of Garwood; Dale Popp, son of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Popp of Garwood; and Paul Vasut, son of Mr. & Mrs. Emil Vasut of Eagle Lake... Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Gold of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, LaVerne, to Ronald Haller of Houston, son of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Haller of Illinois. The couple is planning a May 22 wedding in Nada...

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Paula Blake Oliver and Harold Waits exchanged vows in Houston on Feb. 7...

Mary Katherine Young has been selected the Spelling Bee Champion of the Eagle Lake Middle School for the 1975-76 school year...

A total of 304 students from Texas have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian College for the 1975 fall semester. Included is Daryl Hunt, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hunt of Garwood...

Mr. & Mrs. Lanny Powers became the happy parents of a baby girl born Feb. 21 in Gulf Coast Medical Foundation in Wharton. She has been named Lanette DeLain...

Eagle Lake Police Officer Buford and Vicki Ashley announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Kelley Jean, born Feb. 24 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Carolyn F. Dancy, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Powell and a 1972 graduate of Rice High School, will exchange vows with Archie B. James on March 6 at White Cloud Baptist Church...

Mr. & Mrs. Luther Smith of Pearsall, parents of T.J. Smith of this city, were honored on the momentous occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 15.

June 12, 1952

Rice was planted by air for the first time in the Eagle Lake area this week on 180 acres of land farmed by Charles W. Causey. Cecil Beyette seeded the 180 acres of rice with Century Patna seed on a field flooded with water...

At a meeting of the Executive Board of the Texas Flying Farmers Association which was held at Mineral Wells on June 1st, W.M. Thomas Sr. was elected as new director for District No. 4...

Mrs. Eddie Hansen has joined the Headlight staff and will divide her time between the news and advertising department. Mrs. Louis Balas has returned to her position after several weeks of illness...

The photo of young Bob McLellan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chas S. McLellan, was awarded first place in the local baby contest sponsored by Autrey Enterprises with the cooperation of Rice Theatre. Jane Katherine Booker, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Booker, won second place and Kathy Sue Metz, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E.L. Metz of Alleyton, won third...

The daily papers have recently been featuring a big land deal in which the town of Sargent and all the land around it, and down the Gulf, had been bought by a group of men. What those stories did not tell was that the promoter behind the whole deal is a former Eagle Lake resident, J.W. "Bud" Anselin...

A.L. Marx has purchased the Humble Station on East Main...

Surrounding P-TA's attacked the county health program at the Commissioners' Court meeting. Mrs. V.T. (See 24 & 48, Page 6)

Letter to Editor Policy

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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.
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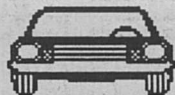
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