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# Bazaar & Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 3

Knights of Columbus Hall — Highway 90 West, Sealy

## Barbecue Dinner & Supper

Serving begins at 10:30 a.m.

Adult Plates: \$6.00 Child Plates: \$3.50  
Plates to Go: \$6.00 Meat To Go Available

Daytime Music by Ray Krenek and...

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Auction: 1:30 P.M.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## TNRCC to evaluate effect of greenhouse gases

Officials with the state's environmental agency last week laid out plans to figure what role Texas industries play in the dirtying of the planet.

The three-member Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) adopted measures to evaluate the effect of Texas' greenhouse gases on global warming.

The commission instructed TNRCC Executive Director Jeffrey

A. Saitas to complete the following actions and issue a report by Dec. 1, 2001:

- Compile TNRCC and EPA information on actual greenhouse gas emissions, or use estimates if necessary.

- Survey other states and the federal government to determine what specific actions are being taken to address global warming.



### State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling  
Texas Press Association

- Consult with other state agencies and Texas universities about the most up to date science regarding global warming, including potential effects and potential solutions.

- Estimate how much greenhouse gases have been reduced by TNRCC measures already in place, including environmental provisions of Senate Bill 7 (electric utility restructuring and deregulation) and Senate Bill 766 (reduction of grandfathered air emissions).

The agency also will:

- Estimate greenhouse-gas reduction that may be attributed to various state plans to reduce ground-level ozone, and federal plans that could have an effect;

- Create a registry for greenhouse gas reductions.

- Recommend any strategies needed to reduce greenhouse gases in Texas.

The commission's action was in response to petitions filed by a coalition of environmental organizations.

#### More Taking 'Advanced' Tests

Texas public school students took almost 98,000 Advanced Placement exams in 1999-2000, a 21.9% increase over the previous year and double the growth rate experienced nationally, Commissioner of Education Jim Nelson announced Aug. 23.

The number of Texas public school students taking the exams reached 55,176 last year, a record level for the state and a 17.9% increase over 1998-99 participation levels.

Nationally, 617,547 public school students took advanced placement exams, an 8.7% increase over the previous year, according to the College Board, which oversees the pro-

gram.

Texas students also outpaced the nation in the percentage increase of students earning score of three, four or five on the exam. Possible scores range from one to five.

Most higher education institutions will award course credit or advanced placement when a student earns a score of three or higher.

In the past five years, the number of Texas students taking AP tests has risen 95% while the number of exams taken has increased 112%, figures from the College Board show. In 1996, 28,351 students took an exam versus 55,176 in 2000. In 1996, Texas students took 46,237 exams. By 2000, the number of exams taken had risen to 97,965.

#### Drivers Can Apply Online

Good drivers in underserved ZIP codes can apply online for lower-priced car insurance through the state's automobile insurance Market Assistance Program (MAP).

Texans can apply via the Internet on the Texas Department of Insurance's web site, [www.tdi.state.tx.us](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us).

"The MAP has demonstrated many, many times that it can save hundreds of dollars a year in car insurance premiums for eligible drivers who apply," Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said.

"We want Texans to apply, and letting them do it online makes the application process even easier than it was before."

#### Other Highlights

- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will conduct town hall meetings across Texas beginning in Sept. She plans to meet with farmers, ranchers and rural community leaders to discuss issues affecting agriculture and rural life. El Paso and Marfa are the first two cities on the list, with meetings set for Sept. 15.

- Land Commissioner David Dewe (See Highlights, Page 4)

## To THE EDITOR & YOU

*Enjoy dinner, dancing while supporting your hospital*

Dear Colleagues,

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers are holding their 5th Annual Harvest Ball Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

As an integral part of the RMC, which benefits from these funds, the Employee Volunteers need your support to make the Ball a success.

We are seeking fund to underwrite the expenses for the event so that all the money raised can go toward im-

provements and renovations at RMC.

We are asking donations such as: sponsoring a table and four tickets to the Ball (eight people), \$400; sponsoring a table for advertisement, \$200; an item for our silent auction (big or small); the purchase of a Harvest Ball ticket.

The tickets are \$50 per couple and includes a Social Hour beginning at 6 p.m., with dinner and dancing to follow. Your ticket automatically enters you into a raffle where you can win cash prizes. This is a great deal any way you look at it.

Please join us as we honor Mr. Steve Balas for his Vision, Leadership, and Commitment to the Health and Well Being of Our Community. During dinner, several speakers will share their experiences in a tribute to Mr. Balas.

If you have any questions please call 979-234-5571. You can speak with Susan Hernandez at extension 5273, or Imelda Hernandez at extension 5230. We hope to hear from you soon.

As always, Our Family Caring For Yours, RMC Employee Volunteers

#### Sept. 2, 1976

School spirit at Rice High School is running high this year and these five young ladies get a lot of credit for their efforts as cheerleaders for 1976-77. They are Denise Rucka, Sherry Fajkus, Brenda Kallina, Kathy Frazier and Julia Thomas...

Arthur Mahalite of Eagle Lake was honored with the coveted Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree plaque, the top award of the Texas Associa-

tion of the Future Farmers of America presented to him at the Area III meeting in Bryan...

Twenty-three medical record administration students graduated at the Eighth Annual Commencement Exercises of the University of Texas School of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Among them was Sharon Cranek, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cranek of Garwood...

John and Mary Fella celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary here Aug. 22 with their children, John V. Fella of Alvin, Mrs. C.E. Farthing of Eagle Lake and James W. Fella of New Providence, New Jersey...

Relatives and friends were saddened to learn of the death of Frank Salinas Aug. 30 in the Cañon Valley Hospital in Wharton...

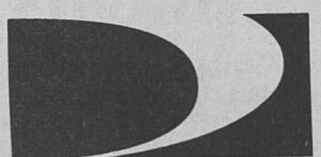
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Spennath were the recent recipients of Masters Degrees at Sam Houston State University...

The College of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas named 666 students to the spring honor roll. Among them included Ampla Cum Laude, Griffith Mose Thomas, son of Dr. & Mrs. Raymond R. Thomas...

Miss Deborah Sue Hartsfield and Michael Keith Sewell were united in marriage in the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake on Aug. 14...

Sgt. Ronald M. (Mike) Meitzen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Meitzen of Eagle Lake, has received the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the U.S. Air Force (See 24 & 48, Page 3)

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## "Family Fun Day in the Park"

Saturday, September 16, 2000

All events held at Eagle Lake Municipal Park

**BLUE BELL Ice Cream Social Hour**  
4 to 6 p.m.  
"Make your own sundae"  
\$1.50 per scoop Free  
Toppings - add your own!



**Horseshoe Tournament**

2 to 4 p.m.

\$5.00 per person

Contact: Billy Cook

234-3023



### KIDS' GAMES - FREE

3 to 4 p.m. Bubble Gum Blowing \*  
Sunflower Seed Spitting Contest \* Hoopa Hoop \* 3-legged races

### Tennis Tournament

8 a.m. to noon

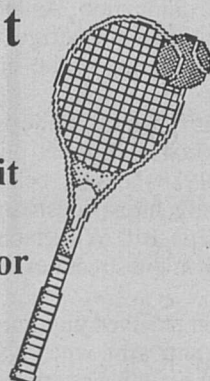
\$15.00 per person

Doubles only - 20 player limit

Contact persons:

Bernice Bornstein 234-3214 or

Laura Myres 733-9949



**FACE PAINTING**  
by Elaine Hickey  
2 to 5 p.m.  
\$1.00 small design  
\$2.50 full face

### Domino

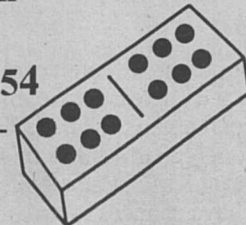
**Tournament**

2 - 4 p.m.

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Contact: Joan

Matthews 234-2554



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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.

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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