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Education, insurance are current campaign issues

The issues in the governor's race seem to be whatever the two campaigns think are of concern to Texans, and they aren't having trouble finding subjects to discuss.

Two issues that have surfaced again recently are education and insurance.

Democrat Tony Sanchez says the state's schools are in a mess and need help.

Republican Rick Perry disagrees,

going on to call the notion "non-sense".

Politics aside, when Texas' school-children head back to the classroom in a few weeks the standards they will face are more rigorous than their parents or grandparents had to measure up to.

The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test, more difficult than its predecessor the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, kicks

off this school year.

Third-graders must be able to pass the reading portion of the TAKS to be promoted to the fourth grade.

Education may be Texas' future but insurance is all about the amount of money in your checkbook.

Sanchez has called for a special session of the Legislature to deal with the problem of insurance rates that seem to be climbing faster than a flood-swollen river, but Perry has said "no way" to that.

New troopers hit the roads

From Brownsville to Dalhart, 101 new Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers are taking up 90 different duty stations after their graduation from the DPS Training Academy. The troopers, part of the 121st DPS training class, graduated July 12 in ceremonies at the Tony Burger Center in Austin.



State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox

Texas Press Association

"Because of men and women like these here today," said State Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, who spoke at the graduation, "Texas is a great place to call home. Their selfless desire to serve Texas communities helps to ensure our citizen's safety as well as their way of life."

Though most of the new troopers will be in the Highway Patrol, others have been assigned to the License and Weight Services, Driver License Service or the Capitol Police.

The new troopers began their training Jan. 7 and received instruc-

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

June 22, 1978

Rev. Vincent Harris, Bishop of the Austin Diocese, offered his congratulations to Rev. Father Edward Geiser on his upcoming retirement June 30 after serving 41 years as a Catholic priest, 12 of which were spent in Eagle Lake. Geiser will be succeeded by Father Tom Hanis...

Ervin Estlinbaum, 63, general contractor and businessman in Eagle Lake for over 30 years closed his eyes to a peaceful rest on June 20...

Friends throughout the area were deeply saddened when Sam K. Seymour III, 53, of Columbus passed away on June 14 in a veteran's hospital in Temple. He was affectionately known as "Sambo"...

Colorado County Sheriff George

(Doc) Mueller announced this week the resignation of Mike Moore who has been serving as Deputy Sheriff in the Garwood-Nada area...

Melba Blazek of East Bernard won the Ladies Invitational golf tournament sponsored by the Eagle Lake Ladies Golf Association...

Winners in the 1978 Colorado County 4-H Dress Revue included Laura Appelt and Randa Wegenhof of Eagle Lake...

Approximately 850 University of Texas engineering students have been recognized as honor students for the fall semester. Included on the list was Clifton Hefner, son of Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Hefner of Garwood...

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mike Spanihel announced the birth of a daughter born June 18 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. She has been named Michelle Lynn. Michelle was welcomed home by a sister, Stacey, age three...

Two Texas Lutheran College students from Eagle Lake were among the 201 seniors who received bachelor's degrees during the 87th annual commencement exercises. Graduating were James W. Matthys, son of Mrs. Laura Matthys, and Griffith Thomas, son of Dr. & Mrs. Raymond R. Thomas...

Mr. & Mrs. Frank John Hallinger Sr. of El Campo announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cynthia Paula, to Mark Frank Waligura, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Michael Waligura of Garwood. The couple plans an Aug. 12th wedding at St. Philip's Catholic Church in El Campo...

Tommy Balusek, a Rice High School 1978 graduate and son of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Balusek of Garwood, attended the Alice TYRA Youth Rodeo June 7-10.

July 1, 1954

Is Cupid losing his grip? The City had no June wedding bells...

Fencing is seen as a solution to the deer crop damage problem...

Small fire in oven at the T.J. Frnka home is quickly extinguished...

Pastor G. Wolf is ill; there will be no services at Grace Lutheran Church...

Dan Thornton was installed as Worshipful Master of the Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge...

Rites were held today for H. R. Jacobsen, 59, a Rock Island resident...

As a living memorial to one of the organization's most faithful workers, the late Maxine Crim (Mrs. George W. Crim), the Eagle Lake Girls Scouts have elected to name their first day camp "The Maxine Crim Girl Scout Camp"...

The engagement of Lela Jane Shoop and George Koenig was announced...

Winn Poole suffered a cracked ankle recently...

Puerto Rican Commissioner presented the Eagle Lake Library with an edition on Joseph Mansfield...

B.H. Tolliver is in a Temple hospital undergoing leg and hip surgery...

Mrs. Dallas Hodde hit the jackpot on a KGUL-TV program...

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sunderman proudly announced the adoption of a little daughter and son, Jewel Ann and Glen Thomas...

The undefeated Junior League team continued its torrid pace with three wins...

Walter Meitzen, capable member of the ELHS baseball team, attended a two-week baseball camp at Sam Houston State Teachers College...

Oscar Millers attended the Texas Junior Teen-age League Baseball Association meet in Waco. He is president of the Rice-Belt Junior Teen-age Baseball League...

A pink and blue shower honored Mrs. Tommy Scott at the A.A. Gertson home with Mrs. E.F. Kochwelp and Mrs. Aulton Kingsley sharing hostess honors...

Steve Burger was honoree at a birthday party...

Albina Fojtik and John Tallas were married in East Bernard.

Bible Verse of the Week

"To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." — Romans 8:6

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

To The Editor & You

Visitor commends Heritage House

I was in Eagle Lake visiting at the Heritage House Nursing Home and I want to commend Mrs. Paula Stevenson and her housekeeping staff for such a well done job.

The building looked and smelled so clean.

Mrs. Helen McAllen

Thanks, volunteers

Red Cross swimming lessons, being taught by Judy Pustejovsky, Shannan Perez and many volunteers, were held at the Eagle Lake City Pool July 8th through July 19th. A total of seventy-eight students enrolled in classes ranging from level one to level five. All the kids were very well mannered and showed much improvement by the end of the two weeks.

I would like to send a personal thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted in the lessons: Cathy Fearing, Stephanie Sommerlatte, Sasha Sharp, Alyssa Hernandez, Kandi Gertson, Stefani Gertson, Trent Kucherka, Shawn Politsch, Hillary Johnson, Victoria Alvarado, Helen Alvarado, Kristi Jasek, Lauralea Jasek, Carrie Gobert and April Pagel.

Thank you again to the volunteers, parents and students. Hope to see you next year.

Judy Pustejovsky

Grant money awarded to area alternative school

Representative Robby Cook announced that the Colorado County Juvenile Boot Camp received \$50,000 in grant funds from the Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board.

This noncompetitive grant will provide the alternative campus with funding for new telecommunications equipment, upgraded infrastructure and equipment, and high-speed internet connectivity. The grant funds were targeted to alternative schools so that the students and instructors would have equitable access to modern technology. Alternative campuses typically provide instruction to at-risk students and students with non-traditional learning styles. These students will have the opportunity to earn technology application credits and become more competitive in the job market upon graduation.

"This state funding source was created in 1995 so that all students, no matter where they live, what their wealth, or what their educational path may be, can have access to modern technology and gain the expertise and skills they need to succeed after graduation," said Rep. Cook. "Education funding is vital for the success of our students in Texas."

Since its creation by the 74th legislature, TIF has awarded more than \$1 billion in grants to its four constituent groups — public schools, libraries,

institutions of higher education, and public, not-for-profit healthcare facilities. TIF is set to expire in 2005.

For more information, contact TIF at 512-344-4300 or 888-533-(TIFB) 8432. Additional information, including lists of all grantees and future grant opportunities, is available at <http://www/tifb.state.tx.us>.

Sts. Peter & Paul Festival is Sunday

Sts. Peter & Pauls Catholic Church would like to invite everyone to join them in Frelsburg Sunday, Aug. 4, for their festival with a Hawaiian twist. There will be a good time for young and old.

The day will begin with holy mass at 8:15 a.m. followed by a meal. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. with the meal consisting of fried fish, buttered potatoes, hush puppies, cole slaw and iced tea.

Meal tickets will be \$6 for large and \$3.50 for small. There will be a drive-thru line for plates to go.

Auction will start at 1 p.m. with many handmade, homemade and other interesting items to bid on.

Guests will be able to enjoy playing bingo, country store, silent auction, raffle, cake walk, horseshoe pitching, dunking booth and many other games.

A hula hoop, grass skirt and limbo contest for anyone interested in participating. It should be a lot of fun for all ages. How low can you go?

Hamburgers will be served beginning at 3 p.m.

There will be a dance from 4 to 8 with music by The Central Texas Sounds. Admission is \$5 per person.

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New Treatments for Psoriasis Evaluated

There is no cure for psoriasis, a skin condition that affects people of all ages. Typically the skin becomes red and scaly patches occur on the scalp, elbows or knees. Severe psoriasis also may appear on the palms of the hands or soles of the feet. Mild cases can often be controlled with topical medicines such as coal tar preparations, pyridione zinc (DermaZinc), tazarotene (Tazorac), or calcipotriol (Donovex). More severe cases may require ultraviolet light and/or immunosuppressive drugs.

Several new drugs are on the horizon for treating psoriasis outbreaks. Although none appear to cure the disease, clinical trials indicate that they may ease symptoms considerably and control spread of the disease. One such medicine is Alefacept (Amevive), a disease-modifying agent with a highly selective action. It targets part of the immune system thought to be involved in the development of psoriasis. Early trials showed promising results in some patients without psoriasis rebound. Another is Efalizumab (Xanelim) which is being tested for moderate to severe psoriasis plaques. Some specialists are evaluating an existing rheumatoid arthritis injection, etanercept (Enbrel).

Thursday Night Specials!

Specials Good 5 to 8 p.m. Only

Beef Fajitas

Served with Rice, Beans & Pico de Gallo

\$7⁹⁹

Chicken Fried Steak

Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

\$5⁹⁹

2 Beef Enchiladas & 1 Crispy Taco

Served with Rice & Beans

\$6⁹⁹

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