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Emergency crews survey the damage of a wreck between two 18-wheelers that occurred last Wednesday on Highway 90A near the Colorado River Bridge. According to DPS reports the truck pictured above struck another 18-wheeler from behind. Reports indicate that the latter was stopped to allow an oversize load to cross the bridge. The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Thomas Janak.

## Teen Gets 50 Years For Rape

An Eagle Lake teenager was sentenced to 50 years in prison for the aggravated sexual assault of an 83-year old female resident of Eagle Lake.

Curtis O. Frazier, 17, pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault on July 17, 2006 and was sentenced on August 7, 2006.

In addition to the 50-year sentence, he will also serve 24 months in state jail for the offense of burglary of a building, which was committed one month before the sexual assault.

The 50-year sentence was the maximum sentence available to Judge W.C. Kirkendall, following a plea agreement reached at the request of the victim, who preferred not to testify at a trial. Frazier will have to serve a minimum of 25 years in prison before being eligible for parole.

"The Eagle Lake Police Department used DNA evidence and scent discriminating bloodhounds

to conduct an investigation worthy of a CSI television show," said County Attorney Ken Sparks. "The citizens of Eagle Lake are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals as Chief Bill Lattimore and Lt. Wendy Alley on their police force," he added.

Sparks gave major credit to two citizens for possibly saving the victim's life by interrupting the crime. Unsung heroines in the case were Eugenia Ruiz, 66, and Julia Barrios, 75, friends of the victim.

Sparks explained that they go for a daily walk together past the victim's house.

They were walking on the date of the crime and noticed the victim's gate was open and her door was closed, which was not normal.

They decided to check on her welfare and heard the victim screaming.

Ruiz went to the dining room



Curtis Frazier

window, heard more screams, and knocked loudly on the window, causing Frazier to quickly depart the premises. "If these nice ladies had not interrupted this shocking crime, the victim might be dead today," said Sparks. "We need more people to become involved in the fight against crime", he added.

## Arrest Made In Weekend Shooting

By Fred Kaiser

On August 7, Eagle Lake Police Department arrested Amado Aguilar as a suspect in the August 5 shooting of Christopher Lujan.

Police arrested Aguilar on suspicion of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a class B felony.

The shooting incident occurred early on the morning of

August 5, when Officer Brandon Wilson responded to a call reporting a man yelling for help in the 500 block of Strickland St.

Wilson discovered Lujan lying partially in the street, having received a gunshot wound to the lower torso.

Eagle Lake EMS transported Lujan to Rice Medical Center via

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The Raider football team began practice on Monday morning in preparation for another run at the playoffs.

## Raiders Early Favorites For District Title

By Fred Kaiser

The Rice Raiders enter the 2006 football season ranked highly in a variety of football publications and as favorites in district 28-2A.

Following the drop to region IV-2A the Raiders are highly

touted, boasting a #6 rank in the State Farm Coaches' Poll. Dave Campbell's Texas Football places

Rice at #11 while Lonestargrid-

iron.com ranks Rice #9 in classification 2A.

The Raiders move to district 28-2A from district 20-3A this

year, following redistricting done by the University Interscholastic League.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### GMOBC musical, annual choir Aug. 12-13

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) invites the public to its musical on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. "Brotherhood", all male choir annual will perform Sunday, Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. Rev. Jackie Gilmore and Greater Zachary BC of Fulshear will be the guests.

### Child find consultation meeting is Aug. 14

Officials of private schools and parents of home-schooled students living in the Rice CISD are invited to attend a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14 to discuss Child Find issues as well as services available for children suspected of or identified as having special needs. Private school officials and parents of home-schooled children should attend the meeting at the school district in which the private school or residence is located.

### Community revival services Aug. 14-18

The public is invited to the Community Revival Services at Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC), Aug. 14-18, nightly at 7:30 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. C.L. Wallace, pastor of Mother Zion BC of Wharton. Sponsors for the event are GRSBC, Rev. T. Scott and White Cloud BC, Rev. O. Rhodes.

### Meet the Teacher at ELJH is Aug. 15

"Meet the Teacher Night" for 3 and 4 year old children that are eligible to attend public school will be held at the Eagle Lake Junior High Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m.

### Pre-school prog. for armed forces children

All four-year old children who have parents actively serving in the Armed Forces may enroll their child in the Rice CISD pre-school program. Please contact your local elementary school principal for more information.

### Beauty captivates beast at plaza

The Footelites of the Community Theatre of Wharton and Betty and Sylvan Miori present Disney's Beauty and the Beast through August 20 at the Plaza Theater on the Square in Wharton. Curtaintime is 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$15 for adults, with discounts available for full-time students age 22 and under, seniors age 65 and over, and groups of 10 or more. Reservations are advised. For tickets, reservations or additional information, call 979-282-2970 or visit www.whartonplazatheater.org.

### Season tickets now on sale

Season tickets for Rice High School (RHS) home football games are now on sale at the Rice CISD Administration Office through Friday, Aug. 11. Beginning Monday, Aug. 14 those who have not held season tickets may purchase them on a first-come, first-serve basis through Friday, Aug. 18. The cost for the season tickets for all home games is \$25 per set. (We have 5 home games this year). The cost at the gate will be \$5 per game. NO refunds will be honored for any of the games. Reserved seats for individual games will cost \$7 at the gate. Adult pre-game general admission tickets will also be sold for \$5 each. They will be available only at RHS on Thursday and Friday until 2:30 p.m. Call Suzanne Sykowski at 234-3501 ext. 1001 for more information.

### St. Michael Harvest Fest is Sunday

St. Michael's Church in Weimar will hold their Harvest Fest Sunday, Aug. 13 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Weimar. A fried chicken

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## Academic Ratings Released

By Fred Kaiser

Schools in the Rice School District last week got mixed academic ratings for the state, based on student performance on state tests.

Two of the five schools in the Rice School District - Sheridan and Garwood elementaries - received "recognized" status from the Texas Education Agency based on results from the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests.

One school, Eagle Lake Elementary, maintained its "academically acceptable" rating from

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## County Tax Values Up 12 Percent

Property values increased by 12.29 percent in Colorado County between 2005 and 2006, figures from the Colorado County Appraisal District show.

Total taxable property values increased by \$153.7 million to \$1.405 billion.

Increases in oil and gas values totaled \$71.1 million, with residential values increasing by \$41.8 million.

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The Rice Raider Cheerleaders put on a cheerleading mini-camp for area youngsters this week.

## Police Searching For Suspect

By Fred Kaiser

Police continue to search for Christopher Lee Sosa, who is charged with making a firearm accessible to a child and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon in connection with the accidental shooting of his daughter.

The charges stem from the July 19 incident in which police responded to an open 911 line at Sosa's residence. 911 dispatchers received a call in which they heard screaming. Officers from the Eagle Lake Police Department were dispatched to investigate.

Upon approaching Sosa's residence in the 500 block of Norris St. officers observed blood in the interior of the home through the front door, which had been left ajar.

The officers then searched the residence looking for a victim or an attacker. During this search another officer was dispatched to Rice Medical Center in order

to investigate reports of a child with a gunshot wound.

Police eventually determined

that Sosa, his estranged wife, and their four children were

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## Counterfeit Money Investigation Continues

By Fred Kaiser

Eagle Lake Police continue to search for suspects in the recent counterfeiting case.

Police became aware of the situation July 14 when five counterfeit \$100 bills were passed in Eagle Lake.

The bills appeared at a number of different locations including the Eagle Lake Superstop, Buc-ee's convenience store, and the Eagle Lake Dairy Queen.

No additional bills have been discovered since the incident.

"Some of the bills were fairly good, meaning they passed the

pen test. Hopefully our investigation has encouraged whoever is producing the bills to back off,"

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## Judges Order New Districts

A three-judge federal court Friday, Aug. 4, redrew a Texas congressional district map that

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