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August 17 Sets Record For Texas Energy Consumption

AUSTIN—Mercury, the liquid metal and not the planet closest to the sun, has been topping 105 degrees over much of the state in recent days.

Fortunate folks don't seem too worried about the heat as long as they can flick a switch and cool air comes-a-flowing.

And flick their switches they did on Aug. 17. Enough Texans ran their air conditioners to set an energy-use record during one of the hottest hours of the day: 4 to 5 p.m.

During that short period, Texans used 63,056 megawatts of power, eclipsing a record set one month earlier, the Electric Regulatory Council of Texas reported.

Kinky unveils Texas energy plan

Continuing on the subject of energy, Kinky Friedman on Aug. 16 made public his energy-generation goal for Texas.

The independent gubernatorial candidate said he "aims to reverse the state's current position as a net importer of energy by expanding existing development of renewable energies while systematically improving conventional power generation in Texas."

Friedman said "Texas has the resources to be self-sufficient. We have enormous solar, wind and biofuel capabilities. What we lack is leadership."

Public education ratings improve

The Texas Education Agency reports 87 percent of Texas school districts made what is termed "adequate yearly progress" under an evaluation system created by President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind Act.

The "AYP" formula calls for measurable annual achievement objectives for all students, racial

and ethnic groups, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and students with limited English proficiency.

That's an improvement. Last year, 78 percent of the state's nearly 8,000 campuses made adequate yearly progress.

"While this is a strong performance," said Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley, "the No Child Left Behind Act requires all campuses and districts to meet increasing adequate yearly progress targets through 2014, so we must continue to improve performance levels."

Child support collections are up

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced that child support his office collected topped \$2 billion with 15 days remaining in the state fiscal year that ends Aug. 31. This year's collections

exceed last year's by \$140 million. Abbott's staff is on target to collect more than \$7 billion since he took office in December 2002.

State's bonds earn high rating

Texas sells tax revenue anticipation notes every year to meet its financial obligations from Sept. 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year, until tax revenues hit the coffers.

Wall Street has a high level of confidence in those notes.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced the state received the highest ratings for its short-term notes from bond rating firms Standard & Poor, Moody's Investor Service and Fitch Inc.

High bond ratings mean lower interest rates, and lower interest rates mean decreased debt service costs.

"The money from the sale of

these notes helps the schoolchildren of Texas by funding school districts at the beginning of the school year," Strayhorn said.

Park funding ideas to be heard

The Texas State Parks Advisory Committee on Aug. 24 will present recommendations for state park funding to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The parks system has been under-funded and allowed to languish over the past few years.

And, speaking of parks and wildlife, hunting and fishing licenses for 2006-07 went on sale Aug. 15.

Perry: equal treatment for Texas

Gov. Rick Perry announced FEMA granted his request that Texas receive equal treatment for costs of debris removal and

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

damage to public infrastructure resulting from Hurricane Rita.

Texas will get the same amount of monetary relief Louisiana received for the disaster. The funds can be used to reimburse for damages to roads, bridges, water treatment facilities, publicly owned utilities and public buildings.

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Let's Look Back...

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Aug. 26, 1982

Leading the cheers for the 1982-83 Rice High School Raider football season will be Leslie Harrison, Bertie Garcia, Rachele Hunt, Karen Rucka, Becky Bengel and Lisa Parker...

Friends in the area were saddened this week when Mrs. Ernestine Lyle, 79, of Ramsey passed away Aug. 22 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frnka visited in Houston with his sister, Mrs. Ed (Evelyn) Radack, in Southwest Memorial Hospital...

Johnnie Joe "Jo-Jo" Mathis LeBlanc, 41, resident of Eagle Lake, passed away at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital from

injuries received in an auto accident...

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ball of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Chris Owens, to Arthur James Lopez, son of Benny G. Lopez of Port Lavaca and Mrs. Jessie Vasquez of Eagle Lake. The couple plan a garden wedding on Oct. 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Anderson in Eagle Lake...

Willie Lloyd Jackson, Jr. of Eagle Lake, 36, succumbed to a peaceful rest at 10:15 a.m. Aug. 17 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital suffering a heart attack at his home that same morning...

Three Rice FFA members received scholarships valued at \$13,500 from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. John Lee Korenek (\$6,000), Ricky Miller (\$1,500), and David Shimek (\$6,000)...

Marilyn Mahalitic, was named the Area Star Lone Star Farmer. Roger Rutledge was named the Area Star Greenhand...

T Lang owner of Eagle Tractor, Inc. of Eagle Lake was honored by the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America by being awarded the Honorary Lone Star Farmers Degree.

September 4, 1958

The First National Bank of Eagle Lake has set Saturday, Sept. 13 as the date for the formal opening of the new bank building on the corner of Main and Commerce...

Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Bond and family moved to Houston where he was assigned duty by the Shell Oil Company office. Mr. Bond formerly served as engineer for the company in this area and will continue to served us but will do so from the Houston office...

A.L. Behrens fished a four-

foot alligator out of the city sewage plant where the critter was jammed in the lift pump...

A car, owned by Wylie Smith, tore down three barbed wire fences before landing into a deep gravel pit hole, and completely demolishing the car. Smith accidentally put the vehicle into gear while trying to free the stuck accelerator...

Mrs. M.C. Reese of Garwood honored her daughter, Kathy, on her sixth birthday with a party...

Eagle Lake Eagles football squad has been increased to 24 players and prepare for their 1958 schedule opener with the Louise Hornets on Sept. 12...

\$8.33 was the high bid of the day for Blue Bonnet rice being bid by Converted Mill for lots raised by W.J. Brunner and Griff Thomas. The highest bid Monday for Century Patna was \$7.23, bid for a lot raised by C.E. Eivoritt, Jr.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LCRA-SAWS Project Knocked

Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate Mr. Joe Beal on his ability to twist words to try to make people believe that LCRA is doing the right thing when they steal the water from the Colorado River Basin and sell it to the City of San Antonio for a fantastic profit.

I would also like to applaud him for his mathematics when he tells us that LCRA will drill up to seventy large bore water wells into out aquifer to use for agricultural purpose and that we will have more water in the aquifer than before they started pumping. Of course, LCRA's promise of using this water only for agricultural purpose could possibly change overnight.

Boy, wouldn't a rancher love to have ten calves to sell and sell eight of them and still have twelve left to sell, or a cotton farmer practice this theory by selling four of his five bales of cotton and still

have six bales left.

Mr. Beal, maybe you can tell me how to go to a service station and buy ten gallons of gasoline, burn eight gallons and still have twelve gallons left.

Comments about LCRA-SAWS Project:

1. Several years ago there was a rumor that LCRA was going to sell water to the City of San Antonio. This rumor was denied by LCRA who stated that this would never happen and there would never be any Colorado River water sent to San Antonio.

I wonder who in the LCRA organization got paid to change their mind and how much they were paid.

2. Why weren't the City Fathers of San Antonio thinking of a water supply other than for recreational and tourist attraction purposes fifty or seventy five years ago, and building reservoirs on the San Antonio river and other smaller rivers and streams in the area to insure a future water supply for the city?

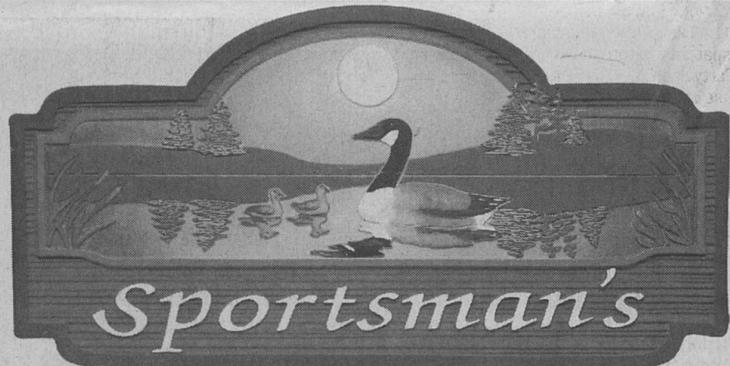
3. If and when this LCRA-SAWS project materializes and the land is either bought or taken by threat of condemnation, will LCRA steal the royalty and mineral rights like they did at the Fayette Power Plant Project?

LCRA now collects the royalties from the oil wells surrounding the lake. These royalties should rightfully belong to the landowners who had owned the land that was taken for the lake.

4. I wonder why LCRA management is so concerned about the future water needs of the City of San Antonio when the real issue should be the future local water needs for residential, industrial, agricultural and related uses of Colorado River water in the next fifty or possibly eighty years.

5. It seems that LCRA has become a giant culture or monster, consuming any and everything in its path and private land ownership no longer exists where LCRA is concerned.

C.L. "Buddy" Praise
Columbus, Texas



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