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Patience needed for Texans seeking Kuwait contracts

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, saying there is plenty of work to be done in rebuilding Kuwait, issued a note of caution Thursday that the awarding of contracts may take some time.

Bentsen invited Texans interested in competing for contracts to contact his office for information on procedures that should be followed.

"I am advised by the U.S. Department of Commerce that there is a lot of work to be done but patience is required," Bentsen said.

"The government of Kuwait is currently addressing the emergency phase of reconstruction — such things as restoration of basic services and extinguishing the oil well fires. Contracts awarded up to now have only been for this phase."

"No timetable has been established for awarding contracts for other projects. Timing for these will depend on decisions about specific needs," Bentsen said.

Senator Bentsen said his office has prepared a packet of information about competing for Kuwait contracts after receiving numerous inquiries from interested Texans.

He said he is also receiving some 10 calls a day from Texans seeking work in Kuwait, but officials don't anticipate demand for a large number of U.S. workers since ample labor is available in the Persian Gulf area.

He said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers advises that workers with skills in such areas as telecommunications, petrochemicals, architecture and management should contact companies that have been awarded contracts.

Information provided by Bentsen's office includes the names of companies that have received contracts. The Bentsen information packet also lists the key U.S. and Kuwait government agencies that can advise Texans how to proceed.

"Rebuilding Kuwait will be a long-term effort, possibly lasting up to 10 years or more. With this in mind, there is plenty of opportunity for small and medium size companies that have a long-term outlook and it would certainly be worthwhile to make inquiries," Senator Bentsen said.

Deer hunting lease register available

Although this is springtime, many hunters are beginning to look for a deer lease. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department publishes the Deer Hunting Lease Register, a listing of lands available for lease.

The list is maintained by the department and provided free upon request. It currently lists more than 2 million acres of land offered by 327 landowners.

Hunters wishing to obtain a copy of the list, or landowners who wish to list lands, should write to the Wildlife Division, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas, 78744, or call

Wildflower tours underway

As spring fills the air, thousands of visitors are flocking to Eagle Lake to experience the awesome beauty of Mother Nature.

Wildseed Farms' annual tours of the world's largest wildflower production crop is the event drawing those crowds to view wildflowers in fields covering over 600 acres.

The tours continue daily through April 28 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. including weekends. For a relaxed, beautiful day in the country, plan an outing amidst the breathtaking wildflowers.

Find a photographer's "dream come true" when you bring your families and cameras to capture the hundreds of acres of wildflowers in bloom. You may view the scenic route via narrated wagon rides and stroll along nature trails for a nominal admission charge.

Also, a Wildflower Celebration is being held downtown with the Prairie Edge Museum, 408 E. Main, serving as headquarters.

For more information call 409-234-7353.

Of 31 applications received for the vacant position of city manager, the personnel committee narrowed the field to six. "None really caught my eye," stated Councilman Vic Corman, a member of the committee. Councilman Mike Duarte then asked Acting City Manager Lucille Perry to consider adding her name to the list. She declined due to what she felt was a lack of support from council and the financial risk to herself. At this time the mayor asked that the six be contacted to see if they were still interested and set up interviews before the full council.

In other business, Councilman Phillys Thomas as election judge for the May 4th election with Ernie Sommerlatte as his alternate.

Approved the speed zone changes for FM 102.

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School Board

The completion date for the project is between August 15 and 31, "as long as we don't have another three weeks to do what we're doing now," stated Gaeke.

The board awarded the bid for gasoline and diesel fuel for delivery to the district fuel tank to Colorado County Oil Co., Inc. On regular unleaded gasoline, the net cost to the district as of bid date will be \$.8585 per gallon. Diesel fuel #2 was accepted at \$.746 per gallon.

Colorado County Oil, the only bid received prior to bid opening, was also awarded the bid for oil, grease and transmission fluid. The products bid were Mobil and Texaco. Upon recommendation of Transportation Maintenance Supervisor, Verlin Argo, a price for Phillips products on oil and transmission fluid was negotiated and the original bid for grease was accepted. Mr. Argo feels that since the district has consistently used Phillips for a number of years the older vehicles need to continue with the same product.

Columbus Welding Equipment, the only bid received, got the bid on electric metal arc (stick) welding at a cost of \$405.

Mohawk Resource of Amsterdam, New York was awarded the bid on the vehicle lift at \$7,140 plus \$425 freight cost. Argo will do his own installation.

Bids were requested on gasoline and diesel fuel purchased at the pump in Eagle Lake, Garwood and Rock Island, since there are several buses that never return to the district tank. No bids were received from suppliers in any of these cities so purchases will be made in each community as needed.

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at the lowest prices available. Board Members Jim Wiese and Labay were appointed to serve on the employees salaries and benefits committee.

McGaughey requested the building committee to review the Master Plan drawn up by the board prior to the bond election passage for renovation of buildings. McGaughey told the board that in light of construction costs and money spent to date this plan should be reviewed as soon as possible.

In a special meeting on Monday, April 1, the board rejected the bids for the Rice and Garwood School additions because it was very much over the proposed budget. The project will be re-bid upon with revisions that should reduce the overall costs.

Three math "Make-it and Take-it" workshops were offered to parents with students in grade PK-8 during the week of March 18-22.

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Rice High School schedule change

Beginning Monday, April 22, there will be a slight schedule change at Rice High School. Currently tutorial period runs from 8:05 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. Attendance at tutorials has been minimal because students are not assigned to a specific teacher. Under the system which

goes into effect on the 22nd, students will be assigned to a teacher. We are moving to this system in the interest of the students. Currently, we are experiencing a high rate of failing grades. This trend must be reversed and practice has shown us that additional structured time at school will produce positive results. Tutorial time is to be utilized to get additional help if needed and to complete homework or other assignments. There will be minimal change in the time schedule, bus arrival and departure.

See new schedule, Raider Review, page 5, of this issue.

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Three announce write-in candidacy for council

Leroy Alvarado this week announced his write-in candidacy for city council. Alvarado is a 34-year-old Honor Graduate of 1975 Rice High School where he served in various student activities and student government.

He attended Wharton County Junior College and graduated with an associate degree in Electronic Technology in 1977. He is an employee of Houston Lighting & Power Company, where he has worked the last fourteen years in the Electrical Facilities Engineering Department. Alvarado has

lived in the Eagle Lake Community his entire life. Leroy and his wife, Helen, bought a home at 301 Burns Avenue in September of 1985. The Alvarado's have one child, Victoria, and are members of Living Hope Church in Eagle Lake.

Melvin Stanick has also announced he will be a write-in candidate for the position of city councilman of Eagle Lake. He says if elected, he will serve to the best of his ability.

Mike Marland has chosen to "throw his hat into the ring" as a write-in candidate for a position on the city council.

RCISD principals express concern over test scores; parent, community involvement

By LYNDIA APPELT, Contributing Writer

Annual principal reports furnished the Rice Consolidated School Board with an insight into objectives and goals of each individual campus in the district at its regular meeting Monday night.

Parent and community involvement, relations and communication and improvement of test scores were cited by all five principals as priority objectives. Rice High Principal Fred Graham told the board that improving parent and community relations will affect all the other objectives in some way. Garwood Principal John Mader stated, "The more parents we involve, the better school we have."

Principals are enthusiastic about student successes but concerned about failure which seems to be on an increase, both in six weeks reporting and on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) Test.

Graham reported that his staff has directed its attention to finding out the reason and is directing its strategies to that area.

"Rice High School will be implementing a place and time for students who need a structured atmosphere in order to study and do homework, and can't find it at home," stated Graham. Volunteer teachers and parents will staff the area and be the link between the student and classroom as help is needed.

Site-based management and Channel I Educational and News Satellite are being used at both Rice High and the Eagle Lake Middle School with excellent results.

The reports indicated that all campuses are using TAAS scores to discover student weaknesses and working diligently on the remediation of those weaknesses.

Principals Major Bengie and Charles Abel reported strong emphasis on vocabulary development at the primary and middle schools.

(See School Board, Page 12)

Support the soldiers as they return home

A few of our local men who have served in the Persian Gulf have al-

ready returned home. Last week you read of Kevin Earls visiting his family for the Easter Holidays. HMI Dana Sanders of Sheridan has been home for about two months. This week we were informed that SPC Norman Breimon, son of Rosa G. and the late Norman C. Breimon Sr., has come home and is visiting Mexico with his mother. Marine Corp's Mickey Scott, son of Doris and Norman Scott, has been home for a few weeks. CPL Richard H. Wiese, son of Donnie and Anna Mae Wiese, is due home this weekend.

These are just a few of our local personnel who have returned, but more are sure to shortly follow. Regardless of race, color, creed or religion, these men and women NEED the support of their hometown. They bravely and proudly fought not only for us, but for our children, so that they can have the security of a safe and peaceful world. Give as many of these soldiers as possible a token of your appreciation and admiration, whether it be a card or just a simple "Thank You and Welcome Home!"

4th of July Parade and Welcome Home Celebration plans are being made. We will inform you when the time comes and we encourage you to mark your calendar now so that you can take part in officially welcoming home our fighters.

(See Commissioners, Page 12)

NEWSBRIEFS

Spring Gospel Concert to be held April 13

Providence Baptist Church located at 1207 East State Street will be holding a Spring Gospel Concert on April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Special guests for the evening include Artist Charles Tyrone, Tawana Shepard and the Faith Community Choir. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

Parents, teachers of G/T students program

Adele McClelland, director of programs for gifted/talented students in the Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. will present a program for teachers and parents of gifted/talented students at Rice High School on Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Ms. McClelland, a knowledgeable and much sought presenter on topics related to serving gifted and talented students, is the current President of the Texas Association for Gifted/Talented. The five most common errors in serving G/T students will be the topic of Ms. McClelland's presentation.

Attention parents, incoming ninth graders...

There will be a meeting held in the Rice High School Commons on Wednesday, April 17 at 6 p.m. for any interested parents of students currently enrolled in premium courses, pre-advanced placement courses and advanced placement courses.

Dr. Williamson from the College Board will explain the program and answer any questions regarding the advanced placement courses being implemented at Rice High School.

Remember, any and all parents are invited.

Chapter 1 and 2 meetings at ELMS Tuesday

All parents of ELMS students are invited to attend a Chapter 2 meeting at the ELMS library on Tuesday, April 16 at 4:30 p.m. Parents of students participating in the ELMS Chapter 1 program are encouraged to attend the Chapter 1 meeting that will be held at 4 p.m. Recommendations and suggestions for next year will be discussed.

Class of '51 reunion to be held April 20

The Eagle Lake High School Class of '51 is having their 40th year reunion on Saturday, April 20th. They will come together to a dinner in the home of Gay and Dexter Anderson at 600 Partridge Lane, then the rest of the evening in the home of "Snookie" and Nellie Frnka at 755 S. McCarty. Other classes and friends feel welcome to drop in for the evening "hello" and visit.

Class members of '51: Sam Alvarado, David Anderson, Donna Rae (Anderson) Buckmaster, Judith (Anderson) White, Nellie (DeShazo) Frnka, Faye (Dodd) Anderson, Gay (Dodd) Anderson, Frank Lee Graves, Mary Irene (Graves) Tedder, Eleanor (Jones) James, John Mahalic, Jo Ann (Meitzner) Gertson, Sue (Mooney) Fultz, Marjorie (Parma) Miller, Bobbie Payne, Bill Reading, Bill Stiles, Tommy Scott, Melba Jean (Walker) Hatterman, Bill Reed, George Carson, Albert Dutcher, Betty Ruth (Beane) Mooney.

KC Chicken Fried Steak Lunch April 21

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus is holding the annual chicken fried steak lunch on Sunday, April 21 at the KC Hall in Eagle Lake from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 per plate and available from any KC member. You can take your plate to go or enjoy the delicious meal there.

Garwood Rice Dish Contest coming in June

The Rice Festival Rice Dish Contest will be held on Saturday, June 15 at the Garwood Lions Hall and City Cafe. There will be a \$5 entry fee and the deadline to enter is Wednesday, May 1st. For more information call Iris Danklefs at 758-3422 or check posters placed in businesses about town (Eagle Lake, Garwood, Nada, Columbus, El Campo, Sheridan and Rock Island). You may also mail your recipe to Rice Dish Contest, P.O. Box 198, Garwood, Texas 77442. Grand Prize for the best over all rice dish will be \$100; first runner-up, \$50; and second runner-up, \$40.

Fire Department missing folding chairs

The Eagle Lake Fire Department has notified us that they are missing some of their folding chairs. If you have borrowed them and forgot to return them, please notify one of the firemen or contact Melvin Stanick at 234-2534.

Class of '71 reunion in the making

If you are interested (or know of anyone who is) in participating in a 20 year class reunion of the first graduating class of Rice High School — the class of 1971, please call one of the numbers listed below with your name and address. The date will be June 22nd. Your name and address will be needed by April 20.

Those who you can call are: Kathy (Miller) Ware, Missouri City, 713-437-1788; Theresa (Theunman) Laughlin, Lake Jackson, 409-297-2398; Diane (Kuchera) Spaniel, Eagle Lake, 234-3941; Ann (Sanderman) Pavliska, Eagle Lake, 234-2221; or Susan (Braden) Hadley, Eagle Lake, 234-5337.



Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

Week ending Tuesday, April 9

Thursday afternoon a school bus driver contacted the Police Department and advised of a vehicle that had passed his bus while his red lights were activated and he was unloading a child. The bus driver knew the vehicle and driver and went with the officer to the subject's residence, but the driver was not at home. The officer later went back to the residence and contacted the subject. After checking her driver's license, it was learned that she was wanted in Austin County on outstanding warrants. She was arrested and transported to Colorado County Jail.