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## To The Editor & You

### Thanks from Kidfish, Reed

Dear Editor:

Thanks to so many people Kidfish this year was an amazing success! Despite the 28°F chill factor, more than 200 youngsters and their parents came out to fish for fun, prizes and, more importantly, to raise money so that Kidfish can continue next year.

Kidfish participants raised more than \$3,500!

It was wonderful to see so many kids brave the elements and come out and support this outstanding program.

Kidfish would not have been so successful without the support of the following people, and we really owe them a debt and our thanks:

Mrs. Jean Thornton, who year after year, graciously donates her property to fish on; Mike Shoppa and his crew with LCRA who make the pond and the grounds ready to handle so many people and who were standing by to pull some of us out of the mud.

To Larry Dulany and Dulany Funeral Home who have donated and installed the tent of three years; and IGA Foods and Jerry Retzlaff who donated soft drinks.

To B&B Foods and Store Manager Mitch Carroll who also donated soft drinks; Dan Canaris and Dan's Minute Stop and Steve Balas and Eagle Lake Drug Store who donated money to help buy the kids' lunch at the Prairie Chicken Festival.

To Steve and Brent Mathis of the Cupboard who donated ice to chill the soft drinks.

We would also like to thank the Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps for being on hand, especially Janette Abel, Dorothy Flores and Carolyn Baird.

Also making major donations of soft drinks were Coca Cola Bottling of El Campo and Better Beverages of Hallettsville. Our thanks to them.

When you see these people, please thank them (and give them your business when you can) for being so generous to our young people.

I want to especially thank Susan Tomchesson for her tremendous work as organizer of the Prairie Chicken Festival and for allowing us to dovetail the Kidfish event with the overall scheme of the festival.

I also want to thank Rotary for accommodating Kidfish with the order of so many hamburgers... they really handled it without a hitch.

I want to thank my staff at Lake Motors who, once again, did an outstanding job in preparation and organization and ensuring our guests at Kidfish had fun.

Lastly, I want to thank the kids themselves and their parents.

They are the ones who raised the money and are really the ones who support this program and make it the success it is.

We are already looking forward to next year when Kidfish will be bigger and better than ever.

We will see you then!

Sincerely yours,  
Tom Reed

Let's Look Back...

## 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

June 29, 1972

The body of Ben Zbranek, who disappeared in the Colorado River near Nada last Tuesday evening, was located at around 3:30 p.m. Thursday, some eight miles down stream from the point it was believed he entered the water...

The first rice in the county for the 1972 season was harvested during the weekend. Neal Stallman of Garwood began combining a 160-acre field of Bell Patna on land four miles north-east of Garwood...

Three members of the Eagle Lake Council, Knights of Columbus, recently received 25 year membership pins: Joe Koudelka and Albert Lidnicky of this city and Daughtery H. Roberts of Rockport...

Mrs. L.W. (Bill) Stiles Jr. announced that Emily's Realty is now a

dealer for Catalina mobile homes...

Arthur Anderson was named "Rotarian of the Year" at the banquet held at the Community Center on June 20. He received congratulations from outgoing president T.J. Smith and newly elected President Donald Obenhaus. Also at this banquet, Albert Pustejovsky received his 32-years of perfect attendance pin...

The Allen Dale Cassidy home on Laughlin Road was the setting for a coffee honoring Miss Vicki Lynn Beene, bride-elect of Clark Powers, on Saturday morning, June 24...

Seven Eagle Lake area students earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University. They were Phillip A. Kana, Glenda A. Sunderman, Sidney E. Struss, Walter M. Willis, Wilbert D. Kucherka, Ronel W. Roberts and, from Garwood, David S. Lobprides...

Miss Ramona Buchanek of El Campo became the bride of Delmar Krenak of Garwood in a pretty ceremony at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada at 2:30 p.m. on June 10. The Rev. Henry Rolf officiated...

Mrs. Roy Towell and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Causey Sr. attended the 1972 graduation ceremony at Spring Branch Memorial High School in Houston. Their grandson, Mark Causey, was a member of the class. Accompanying them were Mr. & Mrs. George Causey and Paul. Mark is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Causey Jr....

Mrs. David Hengst Jr., the former Miss Pam Austin of this city, was honored with a tea shower in the W.L. Bauer home Friday, June 16, from 3 to 5 p.m....

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Marsalia of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Doris Faye, to Billy Wayne David of Columbus. The groom-elect is the son of Mrs. Hertha David of Columbus and the late Frank David. The wedding is planned for July 14 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

Mrs. Charles Hewitt Kelly announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Jackie Sue, to Robert Dennis Kloppenburg, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Kloppenburg of Sheridan. Jackie is the daughter of the late Charles Hewitt Kelly. The wedding is plan-

ned for Aug. 5 at the First Baptist Church of Hallettsville...

Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas Pilkington Sr. announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marilyn Kay, to Glen Allen Harbers, son of Mr. & Mrs. Roland Harbers of this city. The event is scheduled for Aug. 26 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

Miss Patricia Meador, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. O.C. Meador of Bay City, and John Birdwell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Birdwell of this city, were united in marriage at the Calvary Baptist Church in Bay City at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9...

Mr. & Mrs. M.E. Selph of Eagle Lake happily celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house and reception at their home from 3 to 6 p.m. last Sunday...

Twin sisters Mrs. S.C. Stafford and Mrs. Louis Hintz passed the momentous occasion of their 95th birthday June 17 and received special recognition from President Richard Nixon...

Miss Cheri Lundquist will represent Eagle Lake at the Miss South Texas pageant held July 4 in Seguin...

March 4, 1949

Mr. & Mrs. George R. Burke Jr. of Rock Island have returned from a two weeks' trip to Florida...

Mr. & Mrs. Charles D. Stephens were Austin visitors Tuesday...

Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Gertson entertained a group of friends with a turkey dinner at Fay's Tuesday night. Guests for the dinner and dancing afterward were: Messrs. and Mesdames Harland Bell, John Clipson, J.R. Reed, Joe Frazier, W.F. Meitzen Sr., R.R. Wells Sr., S.C. Smothers, J.R. Reel, Cal Gertson, Miles Theuman, Henry Nelson, Alvin Kohleffel, F.B. Duve, S.J. Williams, Harold Thomas, and Mrs. Curtis Hough...

Miss Marjorie Criswell, formerly employed by the SW Bell Telephone Company here, was married last week to R.L. McIntosh...

Miss Mary Kay Stiles of Eagle Lake was one of the ten Archi-Arts ball honorees announced Saturday evening at a reception in the home of Dan. E. Williams of Houston...

Joy Albrecht, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. (See 24 & 48, Page 7)

citizens who want to work off their tax debt at minimum wage. The money earned is credited to their property tax bills.

"School districts in many cases have trouble finding people to do certain jobs in schools," McCall was quoted in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

"If a community has a concert pianist and they are short in the music department, they can bring in a retired concert pianist to work with the students."

### Auto Insurers Discriminate?

A study by the Austin-based Center for Economic Justice says insurance companies writing auto policies for Texas drivers are discriminating against low-income and minority areas by forcing residents to pay higher premiums.

And, the study says, the overall rejection rate has increased and insurance availability worsened over the past five years.

Insurance industry spokesman Jerry Johns, in a report by the Associated Press, said, "Any allegations that this is a racial or minority issue are absurd and totally without foundation. What apparently has occurred is groups have cobblestoned numbers together to prove what they want to prove."

Jim Davis, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, said the department recently established a hotline for people who believe they have experienced insurance discrimination by ZIP code, also known as redlining.

### Senate Approves Adoption Bill

The Texas Senate last week approved a bill that would make adoptions quicker, in some cases.

Sponsored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, the bill is aimed at expediting adoptions of children who have been removed from their parents by the state because of neglect or abuse.

"What's happening is that these children are growing up without a family. They move from foster home to foster home, and they age out (turn 18) and they're out on the street," Zaffirini said.

The bill also would create a paternity registry, making it easier to terminate the parental rights of fathers who don't claim their babies and allow the infants to be adopted, the Associated Press reported.

### Commission Merger Opposed

Gov. George W. Bush is opposed to a bill by Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas, that would merge the Public Utility Commission into the Texas Railroad Commission. The PUC regulates electric and telephone utilities, while the Railroad Commission regulates the state's oil and gas production, as well as gas utilities.

Under the measure, which the Senate State Affairs Committee approved 10-3, the appointed three-member PUC would be abolished and its staff and duties taken over by the Railroad Commission, whose three members are elected.

"The governor is opposed to the bill," Karen Hughes, Gov. Bush's communications director, said of Cain's bill.

But Charles Matthews, chairman of Railroad Commission, said he favors passage of the merger legislation.

### Other Capital Highlights

The Texas General Land Office said its annual spring sale of leases on (See Highlights, Page 4)

## RICE MEDICAL CENTER

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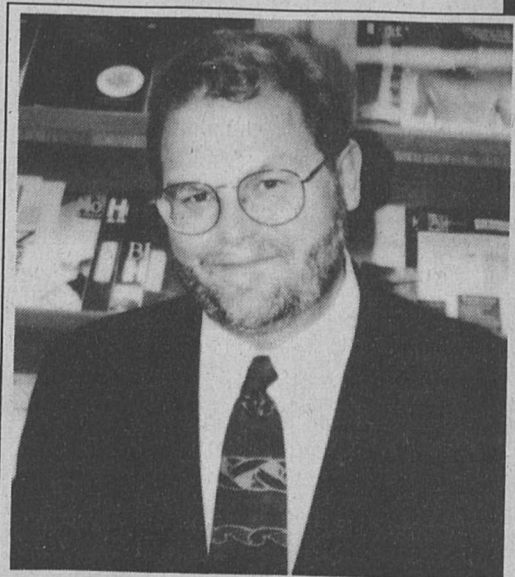
"Our Family Caring For Yours" is our motto and we want the community to feel that way when they visit Rice Medical Center. That is why we have made many changes to the way we do business. Our goal is to strengthen the relationship between the medical center and our citizens and add value back to the communities we serve.

Our mission is "to provide quality health services at a reasonable cost to those we serve." The Board of Directors has taken an aggressive stance and developed a three-year strategic plan to add new health services while lowering costs to the consumer. We will work hard to be our health provider of choice and meet your health care needs.

On May 3, we will be asking for the adoption of a 0.05% sales and use tax as well as the election of four directors. By voting "YES" for the sales and use tax, this will spread the responsibility of the tax burden to everyone and not just the property owners. This is the first step towards fulfilling our commitment to significantly reduce the property tax support for the medical center over the next three years.

Warmest Regards,

David Keith  
Administrator



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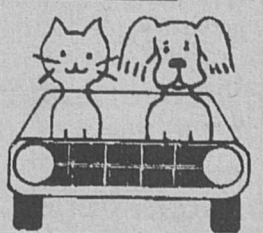
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