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To THE EDITOR & YOU

We applaud you!

This is written to inform the communities of Sheridan, Garwood and Eagle Lake how outstanding their Rice All-Stars represented them.

They played two great games and, even though they didn't win, they scored big with the Tournament Director.

After their last game, the Director told the coaches and boys that he had not seen a better team in quite a few years.

Better because of their politeness, good manners and respect of other teams and officials.

While other players and coaches from different teams were arguing and showing a lack of respect for others, the Rice All-Stars stood out.

These coaches and players should be commended for their outstanding sportsmanship!

In this day and age with children getting into trouble and showing little

respect for others, isn't it terrific to know these boys stood out?

The coaches set good examples for them to follow, and follow they did.

These coaches should be thanked, not only for the time and teaching baseball, but for teaching respect and discipline. These are lessons the boys can take with them in life.

To the players and coaches we applaud you—You Have Made Us Proud!

Coaches: Darryl Hinz, Dwight Hadley and Dennis Hentzell.

Players: Matthew Hinz, Patrick Milentz, Reggie Ford, Zak Kloss, Michael Sosa, Matt Hentzell, Russell Hadley, Jess Little, Jeff Leopold, Rusty Moore, Brandon Jenkins, Garrett Flores and Jeremy Ramirez.

Sincerely,
Sharla Hinz, Nancy
Chabreck and Alice Hinz

New laws make health insurance more accessible

New state and federal laws making health insurance more accessible to Texans took effect July 1. Additional measures, including a Health Insurance Risk Pool for "uninsurable" people and their families, should be in place by the end of 1997.

The catalyst for the changes was the federal Health Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 - commonly known as the Kassebaum-Kennedy Act, which also became effective April 1.

The 75th Legislature passed two bills, both by Rep. Kip Averitt, R-McGregor, and Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, to bring Texas into compliance with the Kassebaum-Kennedy legislation.

The federal and state bills apply immediately to new health plans started on or after July 1. For existing health plans they take effect on a plan's first renewal date on or after July 1.

The new health insurance measures do the following:

- Give workers with pre-existing



State Capitol Highlights

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medical conditions credit for their time in a previous health plan. A provision known as health insurance "portability".

- Make virtually all individual hospital, medical and surgical policies (including major medical plans) guaranteed renewable.

- Enable businesses with as few as two employees, including the owner or owners, to obtain coverage from participating insurance companies and HMOs under Texas' Small Employer Health Insurance Availability Act.

- Treat school districts of any size as small employers - at the districts' option - for the purpose of obtaining health insurance.

- Prohibit employer group health plans from treating pregnancy or genetic information as pre-existing conditions.

- Require insurers writing health plans for employers of 50 or more workers to cover all or none of the eligible workers and their dependents.

The Risk Pool will provide individual major medical coverage for people deemed "uninsurable" because of their medical condition.

Coverage in the pool will not be inexpensive. Premiums for the first year must be between 125% and 150% of a "standard risk rate." The standard risk rate will be calculated by the pool, which will be governed by a nine-member board of directors appointed by Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer.

Bush Backs Curriculum Plan

Gov. George W. Bush called an impromptu news conference last week to endorse a new blueprint for the basic subjects taught in Texas schools, rejecting opposition from

religious conservatives.

Bush, who criticized the curriculum proposal last fall by describing it as "mushy," said it has been reworked and is now satisfactory.

"I appreciate very much the voice of concern, but I believe this document puts Texas on the leading edge of educational change," Bush said. "After a lot of hard work by a lot of smart people, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills curriculum plan has been improved a lot."

Six Republican board members aligned with conservative religious groups have opposed much of the plan and have called for wholesale changes that they contend will make it more rigorous.

Lottery Panel Delays Bids

The Texas Lottery Commission voted to delay seeking new bids on the \$100 million a year lottery operator contract.

The commissioners had planned to get the bid advertisements out by June 30 but decided to give the agency's new executive director, Lawrence Littwin, another month to prepare the bid specifications.

Littwin previously worked for a competitor of GTECH Holding Corp., the state's current lottery operator. GTECH officials, who have opposed rebidding the contract, had no comment on the delay.

The commissioners also agreed to pay Frank Stern, a New Jersey technical consultant, \$187.50 an hour, not to exceed \$30,000 to help draft the bid proposals.

Others Capital Highlights

- If former pitching star Nolan Ryan runs for agriculture commissioner while his television commercials for Dairy Queen and Advil continue to air, Texas television stations would have to give his opponents equal air time, a federal official told the Associated Press. Ryan told the Texas Farm Bureau officials he will seriously consider running for agriculture commissioner if his lucrative television commercials can continue.

- Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer has fined Professional Liability Insurance Co. Ltd., a Bermuda-based medical malpractice insurance operation, \$235,000 for violating a previous order to stop doing business in Texas without a license.

The fine is the largest ever levied by a Texas Insurance Commissioner (See Highlights, Page 4)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

September 7, 1972

The Rice Raider Boosters elected Jean Walker of Sheridan as the new president of the club for the 1972-73 school year...

Lee H. Schoellmann of Nada has purchased the Dairy Delite in Altair from Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Adkins and plans to re-open the business this Thursday, Sept. 7...

Mr. & Mrs. Alois J. Bittner of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rita Kay, to Robert Arnold Chase, son of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie

Arnold Chase of Edna. The wedding is planned for Oct. 28 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Rice High School has two new teachers for this school year: Mrs. Jane Kell and Obie Rhodes...

In a beautiful double ring ceremony in the Lissie United Methodist Church, Miss Mary Jane Adkins became the bride of Daniel Robert Thornton Saturday, Aug. 19, at eight o'clock in the evening. Parents of the couple are Mr. & Mrs. James L. Adkins and Mr. & Mrs. Daniel A. Thornton of Eagle Lake...

Miss Deborah Lynn Duncan and Jack Vawter exchanged vows in a beautiful ceremony at the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake at seven-thirty in the evening on Saturday, Aug. 26...

Miss Lois Swannott became the bride of Herbert L. Scott on Saturday, Aug. 5, in a ceremony in the Providence Baptist Church at half past seven o'clock in the evening...

Frances Campbell of Houston, the sister of D.A. Thornton of Eagle Lake, passed away in the Methodist Hospital in Houston last Thursday, Aug. 31. She had been ill for quite some time.

Miss Cynthia Gay Anderson, bride-elect of Dennis DeLaughter, was complimented with a bridal luncheon held in the Audrey Leveridge home in East Bernard on Aug. 15 at twelve-thirty o'clock...

Mrs. Charles Stephens was honored Saturday, Sept. 2, on the occasion of her birthday with a hamburger supper at the Stephens' home...

Lana and Lori Mahalite celebrated their eleventh birthday with a party on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 2.

May 27, 1949

Elmer Struss has been elected president of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club for the coming year. He will take office July 1st...

Coach W.B. Hinton Jr. of East Bernard, who became seriously ill last week, was still in Memorial Hospital in Houston yesterday...

Mr. & Mrs. George R. Burke Jr. entertained Sunday afternoon and evening with a swimming party and buffet supper at their home in Rock Island...

Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Causey Jr. of Austin are reported the first of the week for a visit with Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Causey Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. R.H. Towell...

Henry Lloyd Kretschmar and Don Smith of Den One of Cub Pack 78 graduated from the Cub ranks into the Boy Scout organization at Tuesday night's Pack meeting at the Lions Hall. Scout Bill Hanly welcomed the boys into Scouting in absence of a Scoutmaster...

Lions Club officers have been elected for the coming year. C.P. Bog-

gess will be president; E.J. Parma, first vice president; M.D. Thompson, second vice president; W.C. Alley, third vice president; Louis Muzny, secretary; Robert Wilcox Jr., treasurer; R.L. Cook, tail twister; and R.B. Powell, Lion tamer...

Miss Helen Horn and Tommy Pilkington, whose wedding was scheduled for Sunday, May 29th, have chosen their wedding attendants. Mr. & Mrs. Dan Thornton will be the only attendants of the couple...

Mrs. Sophie Zoeller is enjoying a week's vacation from her duties at SW Bell Telephone Company...

New teachers on the Eagle Lake faculty this fall will be Mrs. Leonard Davis and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ripple.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Preserve me O God for in thee do I put my trust." — Psalms 16:1

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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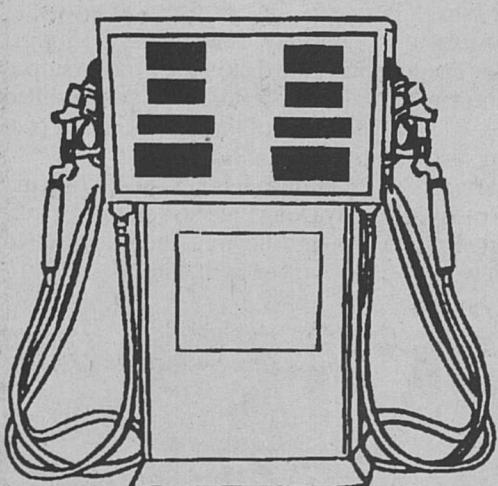
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