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In case you haven't heard...

By Jeannine Fearing, Publisher

In case some of you haven't heard about the "article" (and I use the term loosely) in last week's *Citizen*, I'll give you the "low points" it contained.

First off, the headline itself irritated me to the point that I didn't want to read anymore... "Brahmas stomp Raider bubble".

Stomp? A 21-point win by a state-ranked team against what the *Citizen* infers is a nothing team... is that a stomp? I thought a stomp was something like East Bernard's first two games, 44-6 and 56-0 (or something like that).

Or the time we beat Hempstead in Hempstead by a 56-12 score in 1993.

To continue, the writer of the game "report" (whose name is not given)

says the East Bernard game "introduced (the Raiders) to reality", then points out that the two teams we have beaten this year have only one win between them.

So, who has Columbus been playing? Any state-ranked teams?

The topper, so to speak, is the statement that "Rice got a good lesson in how a real championship team operates." Golly gosh... you think so?

Get real! Championship teams don't interfere with pass receivers (at least not in my book).

And "championship" publications don't bad-mouth high school athletes for losing a football game!

The *Citizen* writer expounds on the attributes of the Brahmas' quarter-

back, a junior. That's nice for them; he'll be back next year. And, he did do a good job.

But, if he's such a hot shot and the team "stomped" Rice, why did it take them from midway through the third quarter until near the end of the game to score their final touchdown? That's an elapsed time of more than 11-1/2 minutes... almost an entire quarter!

Why? Because the Raiders did play. Maybe not as hard as they did the first two games, but if there had been no defense on the field, East Bernard would have scored a whole lot more!

Anyway, to make a long story shorter, following my tirade is a letter Susan Gertson submitted to the *Citizen* for publication. We at the *Headlight* decided to print it too, just in case the *Citizen* decides not to include it in their publication.

I agree with Susan, even though she was a whole lot more tactful than I would have been if I had a son playing football for Rice High School!

To the Editor of
The Colorado County Citizen:

The name of your paper, the *Colorado County Citizen*, suggests you represent not only Columbus, but Weimar, Rice and all other schools in our county.

Why is it then, you would write such an obviously mean-spirited column about the Rice Raiders losing a football game?

In all the years that Columbus has had a winning football team, everyone I know has taken pride that a "local team" has done well.

This year, the "Cards" have had a slow start and I haven't seen anything negative written about them in the *Eagle Lake Headlight*!

To write a demoralizing article about the Rice Raiders is not fair to our athletes who have worked very hard to be where they are.

Either support all of our local teams or change your name to the *Columbus Citizen*!

Sincerely,
Susan Gertson
Eagle Lake

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Nov. 30, 1972

Russell Sullivan, who has been serving as the night patrolman for the City of Eagle Lake Police Department for the past two years, has tendered his resignation to accept a position with Brookshire...

James Raabe suffered a badly cut and mangled left hand Monday afternoon when his hand was caught in a wood cutting saw at the Raabe home northeast of Eagle Lake...

David Hengst, son of Mr. & Mrs.

David Hengst of Eagle Lake, is a student for the fall trimester at the Texas State Technical Institute in Waco...

Over 400 friends and relatives attended an open house at Didner Hall from two to six p.m., Sunday, Nov. 26, to offer warmest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. R.F. Spanihel on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary...

Miss Sharon Holland, who became the bride of John (Bubba) Alley on Oct. 20, was honored with a miscel-

laneous bridal shower on Oct. 31...

Miss Janelle Miller, bride-elect of Clinton Mascheck, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Nov. 6 at the Charles D. Stephens home...

On Nov. 17th, Allen Morales, son of Mr. & Mrs. Morris Morales of Eagle Lake and a member of the class of 1970 at Eagle Lake High School, completed two years of training in the field of electronics at United Electronic Institute in Dallas...

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Green, the former Doris Payne of this city and Tenaha, are very proud to announce the arrival of a son, born Nov. 3, 1972, and named James Richard Jr. He weighed in at nine pounds and ten and one-half ounces...

Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas are the proud parents of a daughter born at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Sunday, Nov. 26, at 6:44 p.m. The little lady weighed five pounds, five ounces at birth and her name is Patricia Dawn...

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Arnold of Garwood celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner and get-together at their home...

Two Eagle Lake men, Edwin Gay and H.E. (Snooks) Burger, fortunately escaped serious injury recently in an accident en route to a hunting spot 18 miles west of Clovis, N.M. ...

Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Armstrong and Michael enjoyed attending a "Southern Pacific Night" on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Albert Thomas Convention Hall in Houston.

Aug. 19, 1949

A resident of Colorado County for 72 years, Joseph Labay, 89, of Nada was buried Friday morning at the Nada Catholic Cemetery...

The sale of four Hereford bulls by the Poyner Hereford Ranch near Columbus is reported by Otis Pouncey, manager of the ranch. Two of the bulls were sold to Miles Theuman of Eagle Lake...

Mrs. S.H. Broyles reports that x-rays taken of Mr. Broyles' injured leg showed the breaks in the bone are mending satisfactorily and he can be moved from Hermann Hospital in Houston...

Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Reed Jr. spent last week at the Gilchrist beach home of their aunt and uncle...

Dr. & Mrs. J.C. Laughlin and children left Sunday by train for Cleveland, Ohio, for a visit with Mrs. Laughlin's family. They expect to be gone two weeks...

One Eagle Lake student is a candidate for a degree to be awarded at Sam Houston State's summer commencement exercises to be held Aug. 26. Gardner A. Seaholm will receive a bachelor of science degree...

Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Alley and Doris Ann and Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Reuther enjoyed a chicken fry at the river Wednesday evening...

Carl W. Austin has been relieving Ed Hanly as mail carrier for a few days...

Mrs. Gladys Gold of Epps' Store is in Dallas this week attending the buyers market...

Miss Mary Elizabeth McDonald, daughter of Mrs. G.M. McDonald, and Danny Greek were married July 30th in the Baptist Church in Rosenberg...

Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Wilcox Jr. entertained Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock to introduce Mr. & Mrs. Tom (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

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Inhaled Steroids May Increase Cataract Risk

Cataract formation is a clouding of the lens of the eye. Over several years, the cataract (cloudy area) blocks or distorts light, progressively reducing vision. Cataracts usually occur in both eyes, but in most cases, one eye is more affected than the other. The exact cause of cataracts is unknown and may involve several factors. Deterioration of the lens due to aging is listed as an important factor. Diabetes, heredity, and injury to the eyeball are also thought to be contributing factors.

For several years health experts have known that taking oral steroids on a long-term basis could contribute to the development of cataracts. Recently it has been reported that persons who used inhaled steroids for control of asthma symptoms may also be at risk. The most recent report occurred in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Researchers at the University of Sydney (Australia) examined 3,654 adults and found that 370 had used or currently were using inhaled steroids for asthma. Many had never used any other type of steroid. Cataract formation in the center of the eye lens was 1.5 times more common among inhaled steroid users than among persons who had never used these medicines. The incidence of cataracts at the back of the lens was even greater. These researchers felt that other studies are need to confirm these findings.

Concerned about the flow of "soft money" where sources of funds can be obscured, Texas House Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney has directed House committees to identify any campaign finance practices that undermine public confidence in the state's election system.

He asked the House Elections Committee and House State Affairs Committee to study ways to eliminate such practices.

"It's time to shed more light on the flow of contributions and find out if we need to make it more accountable to the public... I hope the committees can find some common-sense solutions," Laney said.

Tobacco Lawyers Seek Gag Order

Tobacco industry lawyers asked a federal judge last week to forbid lawyers representing both sides from talking to media about the state's \$14 billion lawsuit against tobacco companies.

The request for a "gag order" came days after a news conference during which Attorney General Dan Morales

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

compared the tobacco industry to "a typical criminal who blames the victim for the crime."

Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for Philip Morris Inc., said Morales' statement could influence potential jurors. "We asked the court to keep the attorney general under control. We don't want him to prejudice the jury," McDonald said.

Kathy Warbelow, managing editor of the *Austin American-Statesman*, said the newspaper would consider intervention to oppose the motion for a gag order. "This is extraordinary in a civil lawsuit. Grand standing is not the issue. The issue is for the public to see as clearly as possible what will be a very complicated case," Warbelow (See Highlights, Page 10)

TO THE EDITOR & YOU

It's nice to know...

Kindness remains

I was in your town financially stranded and needed something to eat. The ATM's were all shut down due to the storms coming from up state.

On Saturday evening, I was in a grocery store but unable to purchase food as the EFT function was inoperative also.

A kindly lady offered to pay for

my grocery bill. I was in a rush to get back to Baytown and I did not ask her name.

The kindness of the people of Eagle Lake, as I knew from childhood, remains the same as it was when I was a resident of Eagle Lake in 1974-75.

Sincerely,
Michel A. Durham

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