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To The Editor & You

Child care keeping welfare moms at home?

Dear Editor,

This past week, I came to realize what may possibly keep so many people in Eagle Lake on the welfare system - of course there are some people out there who are just down right lazy and it's easier for them to let us (the working public) support them. The point is, a working parent must have child care for the little one's who are too small for school. There are several very good home care sitters in Eagle Lake but they have full loads and then there are the Certified Day Care systems.

These systems have an enrollment fee of \$60 per child plus their weekly charges of \$60 to \$65 per child, with no break for families who may have more than one child in the system. At an extra cost, they will feed your child breakfast.

An average of four meals are served during the week by the day care at lunch time. On Fridays, you must provide their meal. Most working mothers in Eagle Lake hardly bring home \$100 to \$125 a week. With the cost of child care and of course other

expenses such as gas for the car - what does the mom have left to pay bills with? Wouldn't you think that the day care would provide five warm meals at this cost?

Plus - what about the fact that some of these day cares have family members with criminal histories (attempted murder, stealing and drugs) that also have access to our children? What about the rights of our children? This is every town in the USA.

I can't believe the outrageous cost of the certified day care centers. They are out of reach for most of the people

in Eagle Lake.

With yet another thing to think about - if the child gets a runny nose - they are sent home - with mom or dad missing work. And the day care still gets paid whether the child is there or not. "Wow, what a money-maker."

So, the facts are it's simpler for mom to stay home and care for her own children and stay on welfare (than go to work and have to pay someone else to care for her children).

A concerned citizen
(Name withheld by request)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 21, 1972

Bufford Ashley Jr. of Sheridan has been employed as patrolman for the city of Eagle Lake Police Department announced City Manager T.J. Smith this week...

Directors of the Eagle Lake

Chamber of Commerce met Monday afternoon and re-elected Travis Wegenhoft as president of the Chamber for 1973...

Simon S. Sinclair, owner of Universal Motor Co. in Eagle Lake, the local Ford and Mercury dealership, announced this week that he has sold an interest in the business to Dan S. (Steve) Taylor...

Lynn Wheelless, 1972 graduate of Rice High School and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Wheelless of Eagle Lake, recently received the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps' Distinctive Gen. Military Cadet Ribbon and the Extracurricular Participation Ribbon...

Mr. & Mrs. J.L. January of Houston announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, July January, to Allen Polach, son of Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Polach of Sheridan. The wedding is planned for Jan. 27th in Weimar...

Daniel R. (Bob) Thornton, son of Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Thornton of Eagle Lake, was among the 990 to receive degrees at Texas A&M University. He received his degree in agronomy...

Two students from this area received degrees at Texas A&M University Dec. 9th: Norman L. Clark of Eagle Lake received his master's in management; and Chris W. Shaw of Garwood received a master's in civil engineering...

Roger Stienke, was named by Coach Jack Grammer as outstanding Rice Raider Cager of the Week...

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Briscoe of Sheridan announced the marriage of their daughter, Shelia Ann, to James

Archie Mathis Jr. The wedding and reception were held Dec. 16 in the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Kimple of Columbus. The groom's parents are Mr. & Mrs. James Archie Mathis Sr. of Eagle Lake.

Sept. 23, 1949

Mr. & Mrs. George R. Burke Jr. of Rock Island are the parents of a son born yesterday, Sept. 15th. The baby, who has been named George R. III, weighed eight pounds, five ounces...

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie George and Pop Gertson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. & Mrs. Cal Gertson and family...

Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Wiese and Mrs. Armit Thomas attended wrestling matches in Houston Friday night...

Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Herman spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hartman in Weimar...

Mr. & Mrs. Gardner C. Duncan returned Sunday from a vacation trip to New Orleans. They brought their daughter, Diane, home with them from Port Arthur, where she had been

visiting with her uncle and aunt, Mr. & Mrs. I.W. Russek...

Louis Balas is leaving Sunday for Austin to re-enter the University of Texas. He expects to graduate in Feb. of next year...

Mrs. Ola Laughlin of Eddy, mother of Dr. J.R. Laughlin, is staying with the Laughlin children while Dr. & Mrs. Laughlin are in New Orleans...

Pete Gertson, who returned last Saturday from a month's big game hunt in Canada, was in town this week on his way to the taxidermist with a truck load of hunting trophies...

Mrs. Jack Grieves and sons, David and John, are expected home today, after spending most of the summer in Las Vegas, N.M., with Mrs. Grieves' mother...

Mr. & Mrs. J. Harland Bell and Mr. & Mrs. George Crim were guests at a square dance at an El Campocub Thursday evening last week...

Mr. & Mrs. Elmo Sens and Carol and Mrs. Luke Puskey spent the weekend visiting Mr. & Mrs. Louis Tallas and friends in Goliad.

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ABOUT TOWN...

Our prayers are with Joe and Mercy Fling as they pray for a full recovery for each of their two sons. The boys, along with Mercy, were involved in an auto accident last Thursday afternoon.

Last week, one of the boys was at the Rice Medical Center and the other at Hermann Hospital (we think). Hopefully both will be home soon.

Congratulations to these students for being featured in the 20th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List:

Rebecca Burrow, Eagle Lake, Sam Houston State University (SHSU); Eric Garza, Sheridan, Wharton County Junior College; Jordan Brod, Cat Spring, Texas A&M;

From Columbus, Audrey Anderson, South West Texas State Univer-

sity; Christopher Blaschke, Temple College; Dana Coreathers, SHSU; Sheila Lacourse, SHSU; Nicole Noska, Blinn College (BC); Charles Potter, Texas A&M; Stacey Supak, BC; Kimberly Venghaus, BC; Mandi Webb, University of Houston; Vickie Maertz, Alleyton, Houston Community College.

The Rice Jr. High coaching staff presented a white carnation with a Raider blue bow to every member of their volleyball teams Tuesday evening. The girls then presented the flower to their mother and/or father if they were able to make it to Eagle Lake Middle School for "Parents' Night".

All the chauffeuring and time given by the girls' parents is appreciated, Coach Karen Rosenbaum said.

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Workers' Comp Bid Denied

A man paralyzed from an injury sustained while playing football in 1974 for Texas Christian University won't collect workers' compensation.

Ken Waldrep, whose neck snapped in a game against the University of Alabama, was not a school employee and therefore not eligible to collect benefits, state district court jurors ruled.

"We are disappointed," said Waldrep, 43, of Plano. "College athletes are still at the mercy of their schools. They're the ones earning the money for their universities."

Schools, insurance companies and the National Collegiate Athletic Association had watched Waldrep's case to see whether it would lead to workers' compensation claims from other athletes and students, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

Bush Appoints Justice

Gov. Bush named Dallas appeals court judge Deborah G. Hankinson to fill the seat held by Texas Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn, who stepped down to run for the GOP nomination for Texas attorney general.

Hankinson, a 44-year-old Republican, was appointed by Bush two years ago to the Dallas-based 5th District Court of Appeals.

While a partner in the Thompson and Knight law firm, Hankinson represented Dallas-area school districts, arguing that aspects of the state's school finance law were unconstitutional. In Jan. 1995, the Texas Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the law.

Other Capital Highlights

Catholic bishops of Texas implored citizens to call on elected officials to stop the death penalty and replace it with non-lethal punishment, such as life imprisonment without parole. Texas leads the nation in executing convicted murderers.

This year's 30-page unclaimed property section, which appeared in Sunday, Oct. 19, editions of more than 30 newspapers, listed 89,000 owners of more than \$49 million in property turned over to the state of Texas.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Depart from evil,
and do good; seek
peace, and pursue it."

— Psalms 34:14
Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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