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To The Editor & You

Thanks for supporting 'Project Graduation'

We would like to thank the people who helped out at the Powder Puff Game on Nov. 19:
Jeff Argo for security and Coaches

Rusty Roark, Lee Politsch, Patrick Willis and Shannon Perimeter for refereeing and running the clock;
Michael Lanier, Leroy Stavino

and the School Board for showing their support of the project;
Judy Engstrom, *Eagle Lake Headlight*, parents, seniors and under classmen who helped or participated.

A special thank you to everyone who came out to watch the game. Everyone who came had a great time and can't wait until next year.

We plan to make this an annual event for Project Graduation.

Thanks,
Project Graduation

American Bankers Insurance Group to pay \$12 million in fines

A multistate inquiry into alleged mistreatment of consumers by one of the nation's largest sellers of credit insurance ended Nov. 23 with the company's agreement to pay fines totaling \$12 million.

American Bankers Insurance Group agreed without admitting any violations of state insurance laws, and 24 states will share the fine.

Of the fines, Texas is to receive nearly \$597,580. The money will go into the state's general revenue fund,



State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

but there also will be restitution to consumers, Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said last week. American Bankers underwrites credit insurance plans, such as those sold by department store chains to

their credit card customers and others who finance purchases of appliances and other big-ticket items.

American Bankers allegedly charged more than authorized rates, failed to make required refunds to consumers and underpaid claims filed by the customers.

Warning Signs to Be Installed

Americans are learning the hard way that it is illegal to carry firearms and ammunition across the border into Mexico.

On the heels of a recent increase in travelers serving jail time for such offenses, the Texas Department of Transportation announced plans to spend \$600,000 to install signs along the border warning travelers about carrying firearms into Mexico.

More than 50 new signs will be posted at border crossings from El Paso to Brownsville.

Holiday Road Safety Urged

Before Thanksgiving, the Department of Public Safety beefed up surveillance on Texas highways in anticipation of heavy traffic.

DPS Director Dudley Thomas stressed the need for heightened traffic safety.

"The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year. Motorists headed to see family and friends will have plenty of company on the roads and it's imperative they give themselves every chance of arriving safely at their destination," he said.

Last year, Thanksgiving was the single-most deadly holiday period in Texas, resulting in 48 fatal crashes and 55 deaths. Forty-four percent of those who died were killed in alcohol-related crashes and 45% of those who died were not wearing safety belts.

HIV Name Reporting to Begin

Texas doctors, hospitals and medical providers will be required to report the names of Texans who test positive for the AIDS virus beginning Jan. 1.

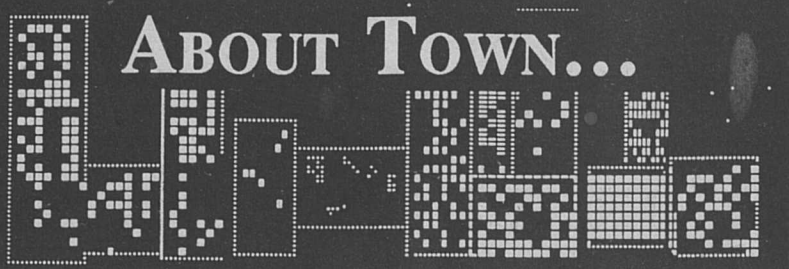
Anonymous testing for the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, still will be available, but the new rules, adopted unanimously Nov. 20 by the state Board of Health, will require medical providers to send to the state the names, if they know them, of any patients found to have HIV.

Confidentiality of the tests has not been compromised since anonymous testing began several years ago, according to the Board of Health.

Other Highlights

•Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said last week he wants to raise the percentage of students who must pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam for a campus to get a rating of acceptable. He also said he wants to add the Algebra I end-of-course exam into the accountability system.

•The Texas Education Agency has nominated 37 Texas public elementary schools for the U.S. Department of Education's 1998-99 Blue Ribbon Schools Program. The nominated campuses demonstrated strong leadership and working relationships among the school, parents and others in their communities. National final-
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ABOUT TOWN...

•According to a "little bird" in town, Nolan Ryan, well-known major league baseball pitcher from Alvin, was recently hunting in our area.

Accompanying Ryan were Jimmie Thomas and Steve and Brian Balas.

Fox Sports Southwest reported, in a segment aired this past weekend, that there were "three generations" hunting with Ryan.

We know that's not quite accurate since Steve is Jimmie's son-in-law. Guess they were close.

•Be sure you don't miss out on the competition between Thomas Clinic and Dr. John Myres' office.

Word has reached this office that Myres' group is going all out this year to try to take the top spot in the Annual Christmas Parade away from the clinic. Could be the "feud" of the century!

Correction

In the information about the rice on its way to Central America in last week's *Headlight*, the company doing the hauling from the dryer to the mills was incorrect. It should have been Dwayne Pagel Trucking.

Seems both brothers have trucking companies.

We apologize for the error.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Aug. 24, 1973

Mrs. Thelma Moore retired after 31 years of teaching service; 13 of which were in the Rice and Eagle Lake Districts...

The new Scott's Snack Shack on E. Main Street in Eagle Lake will open this Friday and Saturday at 9 a.m. and be open seven days a week, says Mrs. T.W. Scott, owner...

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Listowski took over as new owners of Dick's Restaurant in Eagle Lake on Tuesday, Aug. 21st...

Mr. & Mrs. John Hoelscher of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carol Joyce, to Donald Shutts, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald O. Shutts of Bay City. The wedding is set for Saturday, Sept. 22, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Funeral services for Otto Hollas, well-known Weimar farmer and brother of Adolph Hollas of Eagle Lake, were held Thursday, Aug. 16, at St. Michael's Catholic Church. He

died Monday evening, Aug. 13, at his home...

Eddie Lee and Tommie Balusek, sons of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Balusek of Garwood, attended the YRA Lomax Youth Rodeo in La Porte, Aug. 10-12. Eddie Lee was declared Champion Senior Ribbon Roper and Tommie was declared Champion Figure 8 Barrel Racer.

Nov. 16, 1950

Clyde Nispel, local manager of the Central Power and Light Company, was elected president of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce during a special meeting of the newly elected directors...

A Future Homemakers of America Chapter has been organized at Eagle Lake High School under the sponsorship of homemaking teacher Mrs. Be K. O'Donnell. Officers are: Donna Rae Anderson, president; Pat Gold, vice president; Barbara Smith, treasurer; Mary Annell Broyles, secretary; Betty Ruth Beane, reporter; Jeanette Causey, historian; Gay Dodd, song leader; and Nora

Ruth Michulka, parliamentarian...

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Chas. D. Stephens on the passing of a great milestone in life... their silver 25th wedding anniversary...

Mike Canaris has agreed to serve as Scoutmaster of Troop 334 for the next few months. L.J. "Sonny" Spanihel, present Scoutmaster, will be unable to meet regularly with the Scouts for awhile, but plans to continue working with the boys next year...

Welcoming their first child, a baby daughter who has been named Jan, to their family are Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Causey Jr. Grandparents of the new arrival are Mrs. R.H. Towell Sr. of Eagle Lake and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Causey of Lissie...

Enjoying a day's outing at the camp on the Colorado River Monday were Mr. & Mrs. V.D. Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Stapleton and Billy, Mr. & Mrs. H.E. Tate and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Frnka...

Mr. & Mrs. E.B. Powers were honored guests at a supper Sunday
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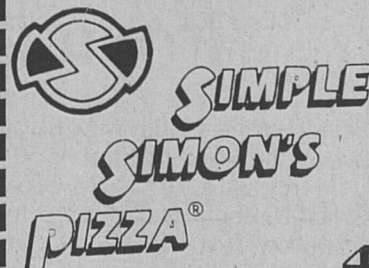
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