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Texas has highest uninsured rate in the country

A U.S. Census Bureau study released last week shows Texas had the highest percentage of residents without health coverage.

Nearly one in four Texans, or 24.5%, lacked health insurance last year, the highest uninsured rate in the country, according to the study.

In the spring, the Texas Legislature already knew nearly 5 million Texans did not have health insurance, and they agreed to appoint a blue-ribbon panel to study the problem.

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and House Speaker Pete Laney have appointed panelists, but the group won't meet until Gov. George W. Bush also has named panelists.

Last week, Linda Edwards, spokeswoman for Bush, said the governor probably would select his appointees within a week.

The Office of Public Insurance Counsel reported last year that 57.4% of Texans were in employer-sponsored insurance coverage in 1996,

compared with 64% of all Americans.

Furthermore, only 26.9% of Texans could get dependent coverage through work, compared with about 32% nationally.

AG Targets Online Child Porno

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn on Oct. 6 announced a partnership with Internet service providers to identify and prosecute online transmission of child pornography.

Cornyn released suspect-referral guidelines based on his office's successful partnership with the Internet service provider America Online.

Since 1998, America Online had made about 80 referrals.

"These guidelines serve the state's interests in getting these criminals off the Internet, and the ISPs receive the benefits of customer loyalty in being family friendly," Cornyn said, and encouraged other ISPs to join in the effort.

Chad Kissinger, president of the Texas Internet Service Provider Association, also urged all Texas ISPs to adopt the guidelines.

AG Criticizes Unfunded Mandate
Attorney General Cornyn last week called on the federal govern-



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By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

ment to allow flexibility in implementing an unfunded child support mandate.

Cornyn said that although Texas' child support system operates efficiently through county offices, the federal mandate requires a central state office to handle disbursement of child support payments.

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the federal government is "asking us to reinvent the wheel and pay for it ourselves."

Cornyn said he will be working with members of the Texas congressional delegation to develop a legislative remedy.

Lottery Cans 54-Ball Idea

No further public hearings will be conducted on the Texas Lottery Commission's proposal to add four more numbered balls to its 50-ball (See Highlights, Page 4)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

May 30, 1974

Mr. & Mrs. Troy Krenek of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Pamela Joy, to Harry Alonzo Brisco Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Alonzo Brisco Sr. of Sheridan. The wedding will take place Aug. 17 at First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake...

Curtis W. Reed, 63, a resident of Sheridan for the past two years, passed away Wednesday, May 15, enroute to Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Mrs. Linda Jackson, new owner of the Western Club on Hwy. 71 in Altair, will hold a grand opening celebration this Sunday, June 2...

Paul Russell Kasmiersky, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Kasmiersky of Garwood, graduated from Subiaco Academy, Subiaco, Arkansas, on Saturday, May 18th...

A check for \$893.53 was presented to the Rice FFA President Clifton Hefner by Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club President Joe Wendel. The money is to be used to help pay for the new FFA Show Barn on the Rice High School campus...

Mrs. Gladys Schiurring of Garwood won first place in the Annual Port O'Conner Fishing Tournament held Friday through Sunday, May 24-26, with 279 contestants in the event. She landed a 13 pound, eight ounce redfish about 2 p.m. Saturday...

In recognition of 25 years as an Oldsmobile dealer, Joe S. Reed Jr., owner of Lake Motors Inc. of Eagle Lake, was presented a special commemorative plaque by Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corp....

All-district baseball teams for the 1974 season were selected by coaches and include Oria Mason of Rice High School, who made the team for the third year in a row...

Approximately 1,130 students at the University of Texas have been named to the fall semester honor roll of the College of Business Administration, including Joe Clement Fling and Stephen Craig Schiurring of Garwood...

The announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Kim Marie Glithero, daughter of Mrs. Char-

les Eugene Glithero and the late Mr. Glithero of Columbus, to Kenneth Wayne Cranek, son of Judge & Mrs. Lester J. Cranek of Garwood. They will be married in St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus on Aug. 23...

Misses Janelle Bauer, Terry Lynn Kohleffel and Susan Spallinger, 1974 Rice graduating seniors, were honored at a party given by Mrs. Allen D. Cassidy on Saturday, May 18...

The Eagle Lake Evening Lions registered a near capacity number of golfers for their annual invitational golf tournament Sunday, May 19th. Dr. Curtis Laughlin won the championship flight with a 69 stroke total, leading the field by two strokes...

Two Eagle Lake golfers, J.T. (Tommy) Pilkington and Dr. Curtis Laughlin, won first place in a member-guest golf tournament at the Wharton Country Club last weekend...

Eighteen youths have just completed the Eagle Lake Firearms Safety program to be certified as safe hunters by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Youths are Peggy Leopold, Lisa Frazier, David Delgado, James Zickuhr, Theresa Torres, Jimmy Hotz, Tommy Burns, Hortensia Jaramillo, Rose Jaramillo, Jack Mann, Pedro Sommerlatte, Gerald Hurd, Mark Krivacka, Jesse Yuen, Lyn Yuen, Michael Cotton, Linda Mathis and Kathy Frazier...

The gala decorated Gertson camp on the bank of the Colorado River was the setting for a reception following Rice High School Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 24, honoring two graduates, Gayle Gertson and Jerry Williams...

Mrs. Walter Wilkerson was honored with a lovely bridal shower at Didner Hall in Wednesday, May 15, at 8 p.m....

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at the South Point Baptist Church in Garwood for the Rev. Daniel Dancy Jr....

Mrs. Vicki Frederickson Gounarides, recent bride of Simeon John (See 24 & 48, Page 6)

To The Editor & You

Reader responds

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the letter in last week's paper.

I have been a member of the livestock committee for the past three years. Not now or have we ever been responsible for getting pictures for any paper. So don't try to pass the buck.

I do think it is a shame that the

other papers can manage to get pictures and you can't.

You seem to manage to get pictures of everything except the livestock. Could it be too hot on that end of the fair.

These are our youth also, so why not support them.

Barbara Roan
Eagle Lake

On behalf of the 3rd Annual RMC Classic Golf Tournament and the RMC Employee Volunteers' 4th Annual Harvest Ball,

our heartfelt thanks go to the following Sponsors, Donors, and Participants for their generosity in making each of these two events a tremendous success.

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	The Blue Plate Cafe	
	The Cupboard	

Early voting guidelines

Qualifications for persons wishing to vote early by mail:

The law now requires that the address to which the ballot is going to be mailed must be the residence address of the voter indicated on the mailing address of record with the voter registrar. The exceptions to these rules are:

1. The voter is 65 or older, or disabled.

If the grounds for voting by mail is either 65, or over, or disability, the application must give the address of a hospital, nursing home, long term care facility, or retirement center, or the address of a relative within the second degree of affinity or third degree of consanguinity, with whom the applicant is living.

2. If the voter is confined in jail. If the reason is confinement to jail, the application must give the address of the jail facility at which the voter is confined, or the address of a relative within the second degree of affinity or third degree of consanguinity.

3. If the voter is expected to be absent from the county on election day and during clerk's regular office hours for the remainder of the early voting period, the application must give an out of county address to mail the ballot, if submitted after early voting in person has begun. Early voting by personal appearance begins Oct. 18, 1999.

Persons voting by mail must have their applications in the County Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Oct. 18 through Oct. 29, 1999.

Early voting will also be conducted in the County Clerk's office on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the convenience of those who work out of town during the week and for those who would just like to come in and vote.

Limited Ballot

1. The election code authorizes voting a limited ballot after changing county of residence.

2. The person voting a limited ballot under section 112.001 of the Texas Election Code is entitled to vote only on each office or measure to be voted in a territorial unit, State or District of which the person was a

resident both before changing their county of residence and after the change.

Eligibility

1. After changing residence to another county, a person is eligible to vote a limited ballot by personal appearance or by mail if:

a. The person would have been eligible to vote in the county of former residence on election day if still residing in that county.

b. The date of election is not more than 90 days after the new residence was established.

A voter registration for the person in the county of new residence is not (See Voting, Page 3)

Letter to Editor Policy

The Eagle Lake Headlight will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the "Letter to the Editor" column under the following guidelines:

1. Letter should not be more than 1,500 characters.

2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.

3. The writer may request that their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in No. 2 must be included for our files.

4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.

5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.

6. The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.