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To The Editor & You

Thanks for prom help

Dear Editor;

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the parents who helped with prom set-up and clean-up. The prom was a huge success.

The students were very well behaved and had a good time.

There were several parents and business who donated prizes which were given away throughout the evening.

Many thanks to McCreary Auc-

tion Company, The Cupboard, Alo-ette Cosmetics, Simple Simon's Pizza, Eagle Lake Drugstore, 2 K's Taqueria, Lake Lumber, Austin's BBQ & Catering, J&K's Corner, Tresses Inc., Johnny's Sport Shop, Leon & Cindy Schneider, Jimmie &

Helen Hotz, Dan & Sue Canaris, David & Debbie Little, Al & Janet Mahalic, David & Betty Schiurring, Michael & Sylvia Rucka and Shirley Seaholm.

There are prom glasses still available. Call Mrs. Van Gorp if you would like to purchase any.

Thank you,
Lori Van Gorp

'We were overwhelmed'

A special thank you is in order to all the citizens in the area for the benefit to assist Lana and Henry Mazoch Jr. What a success it was! We want to thank all the folks for their generous donations, the workers, donors, auctioneers and the local media.

We were overwhelmed to see so many people came together from near and far. Maybe someday we will be able to return the favor.

Many thanks from Lana and Henry Mazoch Jr.

May God bless you all!

Bible Verse of the Week

"Let us not get tired in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest of blessings if we don't get discouraged and give up." — Galatians 6:9

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

Happy 1st Birthday Chastity



With Love from
Your Cousins,
JoJo & Oliver-Lynn

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Dear friends and loyal customers,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the honor of serving you the past fourteen years. (It is hard to believe it has been this long.)

I have always appreciated your trust in me when designing flowers for you whether for a happy occasion or a sad one. Your faith in me has always touched me and made me count my blessings many times. I tried to do my best in following your wishes and visions. I also hope that offering you a variety of gift items made it easier for you to shop here in Eagle Lake when needed.

It is with excitement that I make the changes that are about to occur. Anna Gertson, my faithful co-worker for over five years, my accomplished apprentice (some of you can't even tell the difference between our work) and my friend, will be taking over the ownership of creative expressions. I will be helping her two days a week or more if needed. She has wonderful plans for the future and I look forward to serving you again in my new capacity (the underling) while Anna takes the lead.

Starting now till May 31st we will be having a 40% off sale on all gift items except fresh flowers and plants. This will give us a chance to restock when we go to market.

Again, I want to say thank you, thank you, thank you for your patronage.

Sincerely,

Michele Benhauer

P.S. creative expressions will be closed all of june 2000.

School-related violence on decline

Figures by the Texas Education Agency show decreases in the number of incidents of campus violence and firearms and other weapons confiscated.

School-violence figures from the 1998-99 school year showed there were nearly 51,000 incidents of assaults against students in Texas schools. There were nearly 3,800 cases of assaults against teachers or staff members, and about 500 guns were confiscated from students statewide.

Meanwhile, awareness of violence on Texas school campuses is on the increase, spurred in part by the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., on April 20, 1999.

Last week, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and Education Commissioner Jim Nelson hailed the release of a new report suggesting ways to curb violence in Texas schools.

Based on a year-long study by Cornyn's 22-member School Violence Prevention Task Force, the report contains recommendations such as:

- A way for students to anonymously report threats of violence;
 - Implementation of conflict resolution techniques;
 - Zero tolerance of bullying;
 - Zero tolerance for actions motivated by prejudice;
 - Increased use of student uniforms and dress codes; and
 - Increased efforts to stop truancy.
- Cornyn and Nelson joined in saying school districts should coordinate anti-violence efforts with local law enforcement and fire and emergency management to be able to respond to gunfire or explosive devices on campus.

"Sadly, we know that we are not immune here in Texas from school violence," Cornyn said.

"We know there are far too many assaults against students and teachers,



State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

and far to many weapons seized in places of learning, no less."

Enrollment Deadline June 5

Current enrollment period for Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state's pre-paid college tuition program, ends June 5.

The fund, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, works like an investment plan allowing parents to lock in tomorrow's tuition at today's prices.

A Texas Tomorrow Fund account started for a newborn child today would require a monthly installment of \$26 to pay for one year's tuition and fees at a public university when the child comes of age to attend.

Texas college tuition and fees have risen 460% since 1985.

"If current cost trends continue, and you are not enrolled in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, if your child is in kindergarten right now, his or her college tuition and required fees for four years at a state university will cost \$36,391, compared to \$13,472 today," Rylander said.

"If you have a newborn, you should plan on paying \$52,244 for four years of tuition and required fees

at a state university by the time your child goes to college in 2018."

Other Highlights

• Randall Riley, director of the Texas Department of Economic Development's Smart Jobs program, said lawmakers forced him to resign after he told them about problems in the program. The state auditor's office found evidence of gross fiscal mismanagement in the program and the Texas Sunset Commission has recommended the program be transferred to the Texas Workforce Commission.

• Fortis Benefits Insurance Co. of Kansas City, Mo., has filed suit against Elton Bomer, former Texas Insurance Commissioner and present Secretary of State. The suit accuses Bomer, while insurance commissioner in 1998, of improperly intervening in a policy coverage dispute between Fortis and Charles Terrell, a former Texas prison board member. Terrell is namesake of the state's new deathrow prison unit in Huntsville.

• A report released last week by the state comptroller's office estimates that Texas spent \$4.7 billion on health care for uninsured people in 1998, or about \$1,000 per uninsured person. The report said the federal government paid about \$200 million of the sum.

• The University of Texas System Board of Regents last week considered increasing the cost of staff health insurance premiums. Costs could go up from 20 to 30% next fall.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 30, 1975

Miss D'Ann Davison, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L.V. Davison and Rice High School senior cheerleader, was crowned 1975 Homecoming Queen at

the halftime of the Raider-Columbia game last Friday night. Her escort was Clifford Hodde. She was crowned by Student Council representative Al Mahalitic...

Miss Julia Thomas was crowned 1975 football sweetheart by the football team and presented with a beautiful bouquet of red roses. She is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Thomas...

The University of Texas named 38 candidates for Bachelor of Science degrees which included the name of David Euers, son of Mr. & Mrs. Les Euers of this city...

Funeral services for retired banker W.E. Lenhart were held Oct. 24 at Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake...

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps sponsored a First Aid Course for 29 boy and girl scouts Oct. 15-20. Diane Van Nort, Lisa Frazar, Luann Brown, Janie Clipson, Carol Crabb, Leigh Ann Bryant, Lana Mahalitic, Lori Mahalitic, Michelle Sibley, in Jane Clipson's Girl Scout troop attended. Also, Jeffrey Psenick, Michael Faichtinger, Michael Virnau, Adam Cavazos, Phillip Schorlemmer, Ronnie Cook, Troy Corman, Chris Barela, Roger Meinecke, Greg Leopold, Andy Anderson from Verlin Argo's Boy Scout troop attended. Instructors and helpers were La Von Toliver, June Mahalitic, Jo Ann Gertson, Joe Herbert McCreary, Nell Ash, Paul Causey and Candy McCreary...

Nov. 11, 1975

Richard F. English II, 14-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard F. (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

World's Greatest Mother Award

presented to:

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Therefore, in acknowledgement, the undersigned take pride in presenting this well-deserved citation:

World's Greatest Mother

Date: May 14, 2000

Signed: Rita Kaye, Michael
Byron & "Ray"

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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.