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To The Editor & You

I'm proud of all of you!

I've had a really emotional year in my life this past year, but not much could top the emotional high of seeing our Pee-Wee boys winning the infamous last tournament game in Waller on June 29.

We have gotten so many compliments on our team and I am proud of

the boys!

I want to thank our cake bake supporters and our ad and trophies supporters. A special thank you to Jack and Judi Johnson for sponsoring a barbecue lunch and Splashway Waterpark for sponsoring our Champions Party to be held July 15.

We're going to start the morning with a father-son game at 9 a.m. on the Sheridan ball field. Then, at 10:30, we'll move to the Waterpark for fun in the sun. At noon, we'll gather for a barbecue lunch and presentation of awards.

We hope that you get a chance to join us for all the fun.

Thank you again to the supporters, without your contributions, this wouldn't be possible.

A very special and heartfelt thank you goes to the coaches.

With Rice Pride,
Lynn Ellis

'We cannot express'

Blair and I were married 25 years (shy a few hours). In that time, we moved around Texas several times. He worked in several hospitals and settled at Rice Medical Center. The staff of the hospital and the Pink Ladies welcomed him.

Before coming to Eagle Lake, the only organization he joined was his church. But here, he belonged to Rotary, The Nature Club, Habitat for Humanity and was always ready to support fundraisers for the hospital, all local churches and other organizations.

He was pleased to be a part of building the houses for Habitat and helping to plan for the new City Park and was an encouraging supporter for the Main Street Program.

Blair was a quiet, private person but, when he came to Eagle Lake, he began to change in subtle ways. He became more out-going and frequently commented about how good it felt to know the people he encountered while going to the bank or the post office, or just running errands. He appeared to embrace the small town spirit and, as his daughter said, "put down roots."

Words cannot express our appreciation for the caring respect he found in this community and we are grateful you shared in his life.

We thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and actions that demonstrated your concern and support during his illness and all the expressions of condolence and sympathy, both spoken and unspoken.

Elaine Hickey and Family

HMOs to stop Medicare plans for Texans

Some Texas HMOs will stop offering Medicare plans as of Jan. 1, 2001, forcing almost 200,000 Texans to find other coverage.

Aetna U.S. Healthcare, which covers about 130,000 Texans, is the largest HMO leaving the Texas market. Humana is withdrawing from 28 counties, affecting nearly 37,000 Texans.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor advised those who will be affected not to panic and to look for alternatives now. He also said policy holders should not make final decisions until they confirm their Medicare HMO coverage will end Dec. 31.

Those losing coverage will have the option to switch to another Medicare HMO if possible, return to traditional Medicare coverage or go to a new, private "fee-for-service" plan offered in all but 15 counties.

Starting in mid-July, the federal

State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

Health Care Financing Administration will provide information on plans that will offer Medicare HMO coverage in 2001.

The information will be available at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-633-4227.

State Faces Spending Deadline

Texas is in use-it-or-lose-it situation. If the state fails to use federal funds earmarked for health-care program for uninsured children by a Sept. 30 deadline, the money may be redirected to other states.

Texas could lose nearly \$450 mil-

lion in health care for needy children because its Children's Health Insurance Program did not get under way until May, more than two years after funds were authorized by Congress.

Each dollar Texas spends in the program yields \$3 in federal matching funds.

Sales Tax Holiday Is Set

Texas' second annual "sales tax holiday" will be observed across the state Aug. 4-6.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, no state or local tax will be charged on most clothing or footwear priced under \$100," state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said last week.

The timing of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year, she said.

This year, Rylander added a new dimension to the "holiday." Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during Aug. 4-6 will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax, she said.

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the first annual sales tax holiday and saved more than \$32 million in sales taxes, the comptroller's office reported.

Bullock Museum Taking Shape

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, on the southern edge of the University of Texas campus in Austin, is projected to open on April 21, 2001, San Jacinto Day.

The project, under the direction of the State Preservation Board, includes construction of a 190,000-square foot, two-level parking garage; a four-story, 178,000-square building housing a 400-seat IMAX theater, a 200-seat storytelling theater, 41,000 square feet of exhibit space, a museum store, cafe, offices and classrooms.

The museum's three floors of exhibit space will show enduring themes of Texas history: "Encounters on the Land," "Building the Texas Identity" and "Creating Opportunity."

Agency Meets Without Member

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs met July 5 and approved expenditures of more than \$63 million for affordable housing, home repairs and flood relief.

The meeting was held with Dr. Florida Bell Griffin absent.

Griffin is under indictment on federal bribery, theft and mail fraud charges, and could not, therefore, attend the meeting without placing federal funding in jeopardy, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development warned.

Other Highlights

• About 200 Texas state prison guards and supporters marched through downtown Austin on the 4th of July to demand higher wages, better training and safer working conditions. Texas prison guards can make as much as \$28,380 per year. The national average for state prison guards is \$34,000.

• About 27% of new jobs in Austin are in technology industries, according to a new study released by The Benchmark Co. July 3. Austin now has 411,000 people working in technology fields and about half of the 30,000 people who move to Austin each year come from other cities in Texas.

Letter to Editor Policy

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1. Letter should not be more than 1,500 characters.
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SWEET TOOTH IN YOUR BRAIN

Did you ever wonder what causes your craving for sweets? According to recent studies, your "sweet tooth" is really the result of the action of several chemicals on the appetite-regulating area of your brain.

One of the most recent discoveries is Neuropeptide Y (called NPY). This is a brain chemical that not only boosts appetite, but also causes a strong urge for sweet and starchy foods. These studies indicate that NPY builds up during time of low food intake - before breakfast, for example - and that unexplained surges of NPY may be partly responsible for eating disorders like bulimia.

Still another brain chemical - serotonin - makes you feel full and satisfied. Sweets and carbohydrates trigger the production of serotonin in the brain. In effect, serotonin is the key to keeping your sweet tooth under control.

While it's important to understand how these chemicals affect appetite, the best way to control your "sweet tooth" is still through moderation and will power.

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April 8, 1976

Julia Thomas and Laurel Anderson will represent Rice High School in the Class 3A girls doubles tennis regional competition as the result of their second place win in district play last week...

Setting new track records for the Rice High School track program were Tony Black, Dwight Rhodes and James Salinas...

Making the Honor Roll at Southwest Texas State University were Janelle Bauer, Gayle A. Gertson and Marsha A. Thomas...

William Carpenter was chosen the new president of the Rice Classroom Teachers Association at a brief business meeting of that organization on March 30...

The new ten unit Stuart-Helm Apartment Complex on Church Street will soon be ready for occupancy...

Bill Appelt was victorious in his bid for position No. 1 on the Rice School Board...

David Euers, a new comer to city politics, was elected as a new Alderman for the City of Eagle Lake...

Miss Elizabeth Berger, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Berger of Garwood, modeled a two-piece sport ensemble in the Sakowitz Easter Fashion Show...

These five student from our area have been named to the Dean's List at Sam Houston State University: Marilyn Sunderman, Carol Ann Wick, John R. Williams, Timothy Zboril and Richard Seifert.

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