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To The Editor & You

Rice Raiders... gaining respect and the joy of winning

Words can't describe the feelings reflected by the players, parents, and supporters at Rice's victory over Sealy. The tears shed were tears of joy... much more pleasant than tears that one displays after a loss. Even me, an "old warrior" of 36 years of coaching, could not remember a game more gratifying.

This was a game about respect. Rice, in the past looked on as a "door-

mat", totally dominated one of the states most prolific football programs. A successful encounter that had been eluded for 15 years. The Raiders came out focused and determined. The spoils were not reflected in the final score of 16-3. Rice out blocked, out tackled, and out hustled the Tigers to the point that did something that I have never witnessed in a Sealy crowd. Silence!

I have been on the other end of the score a few times in the past, playing Sealy in the playoffs. I can remember that depressed, hollow, feeling that it impressed on my mind.

It wasn't just the usual Raider stars that shown so bright. Every young man on the squad can stick his chest out with pride. Doesn't matter whether the player was on defense, offense, specialty teams, or a back-up. Everyone had done his job all week and it showed, because Rice won all phases of the game.

tude starts out as a dream. Fulfill your dreams. Go to Bryan Friday night and take another victory. It isn't going to be easy. You must be totally focused and prepared to give your all for your team, family, and your school district. Show Madisonville why you're there by out-hitting and out-thinking them for 48 minutes, because we people who respect and love you are going to be there doing our part.

Doug Roark

Looking good!

I'm writing this letter to brag on the work that's being done to Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. I was told by word of mouth that the church was getting a make-over so I happened to be in that area one day and decided to take a peek for myself. Boy, was I in for a surprise. I couldn't believe what I saw. Was this the same church I've attended a few times before? I also noticed new carpet and new pews which were beautiful in color. What really gets to me is that the church isn't quite finished and with the color of the carpet and the pews the church looks awesome.

But can you imagine how it will really look when they do put the finishing touches? Wow! What's the slang word they use when something

looks good, of yeah, "sweet", "tight". Yep, that describes Friendship. They will be looking good. You go, Friendship. I'm very proud to see Friendship looking good and I know Friendship Missionary Baptist Church members are proud too.

But let's not forget the men who took the time out to do this wonderful make-over. I don't know who they are but, whoever you are, I salute you. Give yourself a pat on the back. Job well done. God has blessed you with wonderful skills and hands. Be proud because in the end God will bless you.

I hope I can come back to see the final results. Let me rephrase that, I will be back.

Raiders, parents and supporters, feel the pride! Continue to be proud to support the blue and silver.

It isn't over, Raiders. There is another obstacle in the way called the Madisonville Mustangs.

Each week brings another challenge. Every championship and everything accomplished of any magni-

Editor's Note: What Doug "Pop" Roark said about Madisonville more than applies for this Friday's game against Newton.

Another step higher in the playoffs means the team needs to step up even more.

Of course, we're all behind you... 110%!

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American Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia afflicting older Americans. Scientists have discovered that parts of the brain degenerate. There are formations of abnormal tissues called *senile plaques* and *neurofibrillary tangles*. Destroyed brain cells can also reduce the responsiveness of remaining healthy cells.

Most of the drugs available for Alzheimer's work best if given during the early, mild stage of the disease. *Donepezil* (Aricept) and *rivastigmine* (Exelon) both work by increasing the levels of a key neurotransmitter substance, *acetylcholine*. These medicines can improve symptoms slightly and may delay the need for nursing home care. Although *donepezil* is easier for patients to use than *rivastigmine*, it has several drug interactions that limit its use. A popular over-the-counter memory enhancing supplement called *huperzine A* (Memorall) is also a potent promoter of acetylcholine, so it should not be taken along with *donepezil* or *rivastigmine*. Research has shown that chronic use of the NSAIDs, particularly *ibuprofen* (Motrin, Advil) may delay or prevent some of the brain damage associated with this degenerative disorder.

Teacher praises County Clerk

I would like to extend great appreciation to Colorado County Clerk Darlene Hayek and her entire staff at the County Clerk's office.

For the past several years, Mrs. Hayek and her staff have shown great support during election years by providing materials and taking the time to explain and demonstrate the voting process to the many Columbus ISD students I have brought through the doors of the County Clerk's office.

The time and effort cheerfully put forth by Mrs. Hayek and her staff has been invaluable in teaching the importance of the electoral process to our young people who are the voters and leaders of the future.

The information provided to our students has been a tremendous benefit to both the students who now attend school and the graduates from our Columbus schools who are now participating in the election process by

voting.

Thank you Darlene and every person on your staff for investing your time and effort to enhance our young people's understanding of the election process.

Sincerely,
 Sheri Peters, Columbus

4-H sends thanks

On Nov. 9 and 11th Colorado County Shooting Sports hosted its 4th Annual Archery Invitational. This was a very successful undertaking due to the hard work of the archers and their parents.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers, youngsters and adults who helped. Without you, it could not have happened.

I would also like to extend special thanks to the National Guard Armory, Sgt. Al Riley Jr., Sgt. Thurman Mitchell and Cpl. Jason Jones. Without them, it could not have been possible.

I've tried to thank everyone personally, but I know I've missed some. Please accept my thanks now.

Sincerely,
 James R. Ross
 Colorado County 4-H Shooting Sports

Texas legislators file 282 new bills

State legislators filed 282 bills in the first three days after the Nov. 13 pre-filing began for the 77th Legislature.

When the session convenes in Jan. 2001, legislators will face months of debate on many hot topics including abortion, drug and alcohol use, campaign reform and school finance.

House Bill 17 would specify new requirements for abortion procedures. The bill would require that new abortion facilities built after Sept. 1, 2001 be located at least 1,500 feet from a church or school. The bill also sets new licensing requirements for abortion clinics and would require physicians to provide a woman seeking an abortion with detailed information and brochures at least 24 hours before the procedure can be performed.

State Capitol Highlights
 By Pauline Word
 Texas Press Association

Drivers who are convicted of a second or subsequent offense within five years of the first conviction for driving while intoxicated would face automatic suspension of all their vehicle registrations under House Bill 90.

City officials, both current and appointed, and certain municipal candidates would face new disclosure requirements under House Bill 64. The bill would require those people to file financial statements of their financial activity and the financial activity of their spouse and dependent children.

All public school students would be required to recite the Pledge of

Allegiance under House Bill 88. School districts could exempt a student only if his parent or guardian submits a written request.

SB 28 would raise the wealth per student cap for school districts to \$320,000 from \$295,000 under the state's public school finance system.

The session convenes Jan. 9, 2001 and is scheduled to end May 28, 2001. Legislators have until March 9 to file bills and joint resolutions that are not local and have not been declared an emergency by the governor.

Hepatitis ads are misleading

Texas Department of Health officials say a series of TV and radio ads being distributed statewide are misleading and could cause non-risk people to seek unnecessary hepatitis C blood tests.

The agency said the ads imply that anyone who has ever had surgery or dental work and people with body piercings and tattoos are at risk of hepatitis C infection.

"The universal safety precautions and sterilization practices followed in operating rooms and dental offices makes the transmission of hepatitis C during surgery or dental work virtually nil," said Sharilyn Stanley M.D., associate commissioner for disease control and prevention.

Hepatitis C is transmitted when blood from an infected person gets into the bloodstream of another person. Stanley said high-risk groups include people who have shared needles or other equipment in using injectable, illegal drugs, people who received blood transfusions or solid organ transplants before July 1992 and people who received anti-coagulant blood products before 1987.

Other Highlights

•Correction: Due to some figures being double reported to the Secretary of State, last week's column contained an error in the counties with the highest and lowest turnout in the Nov. 7 (See Highlights, Page 3)

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR EXISTING SPACE &/OR SITES EAGLE LAKE, TX - MAIN OFFICE

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Smaller and larger sites will be considered, particularly those with a corner location. Consideration will also be given to individuals wishing to submit for lease existing buildings within the preferred area shown above. The existing building must contain at least 4,221 square feet of usable space and provide parking for 35-42 vehicles.

Environmental: Property offered must be in compliance with all the requirements of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7414) and the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1318). Property offered must be in accordance with applicable Federal Laws and Regulations, state and local laws, and EPA standards that no hazardous/toxic or unhealthful materials or substances including friable asbestos may be present in or on the offered space. Furthermore, the site cannot have contaminated soil, water or undisclosed underground storage tanks.

The offeror must own or control the property offered. If the proposal is submitted by an agent for the owner, evidence of the agent's *exclusive* authority to offer the subject property must accompany the proposal. Offers should be submitted by letter to the office shown below, together with evidence of the current ownership (Deed), a current Owner's Title Insurance Policy (if any), and any maps, Survey and/or Field Notes that may be available. Proposals are available at no charge from the Eagle Lake Postmaster, located at 100 East Main Street or from the Real Estate Specialist listed below. Return 2 copies of the Assignable Option to Purchase for each piece of property offered.

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