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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Raiders show character

Dear Editor:

I watched the Rice Raiders play football Friday night and witnessed a group of young men show more character in the face of adversity than I ever could have imagined.

The way they never gave up... the

way they battled back... that was far more powerful a statement about who they are than the final score of just a football game.

I am so proud of these young men and Coach Russell Roark and his staff. They showed true class and deserve

our praise and our thanks for giving it their very best in the playoffs for their school, their fans, and especially, for themselves.

Sincerely,
Tom Reed
Eagle Lake

'Pass this thought around'

Please print this in your paper. This was sent to me by my brother Philip Sr. on his 80th birthday.

And now I have just had my 80th birthday - and want to pass this thought around.

My brother passed away in 1999 - at the age of 81.

Today - Dear Lord, I'm 80 and

there's much I haven't done, I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81.

But, then, if I haven't finished all I want to do - would you let me stay a while - until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go - so very much to see,

Do you think that you could man-

age to make it 83?

The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store.

I'd like it very much - to live until I'm 84 - and if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to make it 85.

More plans will be up in the air, so I'd like to stick and see what happens in this world when I am 86.

I know, dear Lord - it's much to ask, and (it must be nice in heaven),

But I'd really like to stick around until I'm 87.

I know by then I won't be fast - and sometimes I'll be late - but it would be so nice - to be around at 88.

I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful time - so maybe I'll be willing to leave at 89.

And now I'm 90 Lord and my mind is sound. I like it here and can still walk around. My time is limited and some day I'll have to go.

Am I so greedy - or guided by fears?

I want to see what happens in the next few years.

I'm sure you've heard this plea before,

But my bags will be packed at 104!!!

Thank you very much,
Lola Valdez

Child support program exceeds goals

Texas' child support program has improved greatly since the Legislature placed it on probation and demanded a complete overhaul nearly two years ago.

The 75th Legislature placed the division under Sunset Review in 1997 and the commission in 1999 recommended a two-year probationary period for the program that collects and distributes child support payments in Texas.

The review shows that this year the division exceeded its established goals in five key areas and has improved customer service, upgraded its technology and hired new managers. In 2000, the division collected \$1.02 billion and established paternity for 48,841 children. Just two years ago, the division collected only \$757 million and established paternity for 40,173 children.

Computer systems that caused major problems in 1997 and 1998 have been fixed and now operate smoothly, but improvements still are needed, the report found. The report also found that problems still exist in the volume of undistributed payments but the attorney general's office plans to have a new automated system in place by Jan. 2001 to identify and release several categories of the payment holds.

Customer service also had improved over the last two years, according to the report. The 76th Legislature approved an additional 114 staff members to man phone lines and now 95% of incoming customer calls are answered, up from only about 15% in 1998.

Bush supports black college aid
Gov. George W. Bush last week announced his support of a plan to



State Capitol Highlights

By Pauline Word
Texas Press Association

improve Texas' two historically black state-funded universities. Texas Southern University in Houston and Prairie View A&M University in Hempstead.

The governor wrote a letter to the U.S. Department of Education, which also has signed off on the Priority Plan.

"I am committed to ensuring that minority students in Texas, who chose to pursue a university education, must have the very best opportunities made available to them by our state's higher education system. I endorse the Priority Plan that we have jointly produced and believe that it provides a blueprint for achieving academic excellence," Gov. Bush said.

Officials from the governor's office, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, TSU, Prairie View and community leaders worked 18 months developing the Priority Plan, which still must earn funding in the coming legislative session under both colleges' appropriations requests.

Under the plan, TSU would receive more academic support for first-year students, improved housing and childcare, and a new science building and other renovations.

Prairie View would receive a premier academic support program and a new student development center and new nursing, architecture and juvenile justice facilities. Both colleges also would receive new ad-

vanced degree programs and expansion of current programs.

Texas Exile earns conviction

Texas Exile, a crime control initiative using existing laws to find and punish criminals who illegally carry weapons, added another conviction to its list.

Aaron Robinson, 35, was sentenced to 92 months in federal prison Nov. 16 after a federal court found him guilty of possessing a loaded .38 caliber revolver last March in Fort Worth. Robinson already had three state felony convictions for kidnapping, theft and aggravated sexual assault and a state misdemeanor for unauthorized possession of a weapon.

Texas Exile is funded by a grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division that pays for eight prosecutors stationed throughout Texas. Since its inception in 1999, the program has netted 181 convictions and has confiscated more than 850 guns.

Other Highlights

•Low-income Texans looking to buy their first home can apply for a piece of a \$124 million low-interest mortgage program administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Fifty lending institutions across the state will offer 30-year fixed 6.6% loans for qualified buyers. For information call the Texas First-Time Homebuyer Hotline at 1-800-792-1119.

•Texas Starr, the largest bass in captivity in Texas, died this month at Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. The 18.82-pound bass was 14 years old and originally caught in 1996 during a tournament.

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Potential Problems from Supplements Used by Athletes

Use of performance enhancing substances by athletes often is considered inappropriate and sometimes invalid event rules because it violates the ideal of fair competition. In addition some supplements can threaten the athlete's health.

Anabolic steroids are used to increase muscle strength and to recover more rapidly from intense training. Unfortunately, such steroids also can cause liver dysfunction, breast enlargement, and premature baldness. Erythropoietin or EPO may effectively increase physical endurance. It can be dangerous, however, due to its blood thickening effect. Blockages in the heart or brain can occur. Some sources of growth hormone (hGH) carry a risk of Cruetzfeldt-Jakob disease. Also, high doses of hGH can cause a progressive enlargement of the head, face, hands, and feet. Creatine is used to delay fatigue, and speed muscle recovery. However, studies have shown that creatine does not have muscle-building capability and is not effective for enhancing endurance. Athletes whose natural levels of creatine are low may benefit from supplementation, but most users will not.



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

The U.S. Postal Service is soliciting offers to purchase a site for a proposed new main office in Eagle Lake, TX.

Preferred Area: North by: 2 Miles from Post Office
South by: 2 Miles from Post Office
East by: 2 Miles from Post Office
West by: 2 Miles from Post Office

Site Size: 57,600 to 65,000 square feet
Dimensions: 260 feet of frontage by 240 feet of depth

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 showing 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.

Questions and offers should be directed to:

Joel K. Roitenberg 7800 N. Stemmons Freeway Suite 400 Phone: 214/819-7298
Real Estate Specialist Dallas, TX 75247-4217

Offers must be received by 3:00 PM on December 21, 2000.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Nov. 25, 1976
Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen elected 1977 officers in their recent business meeting. They re-elected most officers including Fire Chief L.J. (Sonny) Spanihel...
Anderson Assurance Agency Inc. announced that G.R. "Jerry" Sparks has joined their staff...
Mr. & Mrs. C.N. Duddleston Sr.

will be honored by the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with a 60th wedding Anniversary Open House Reception on Nov. 28 at the Eagle Lake Community Center...
Mr. & Mrs. Leon J. Spanihel announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Teresa Marie, to Frankie Joe Briscoe, son of Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Briscoe, also of this city. The wedding is planned for Jan. 2, 1977 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...
Miss Madilyn Marie Merta of El Campo was the bride of Gary Louis Zbrank of Woodward in a double ring ceremony on Nov. 6 at St. John's Catholic Church in New Tai-

son...
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake was the setting for the nuptial mass uniting Miss Gail New and Darrell Gertson on Nov. 6...
Elisa Keeter and Andrea Parker were named to the all-tournament team at the conclusion of the 7th Annual Rice High School girls' basketball tournament last Saturday night...
Miss Martha Supak, bride-elect of Earl Jones, was complimented with a miscellaneous shower at the lovely home of Mrs. C.E. Farthing on Nov. 16...
Mrs. Hazel Tjaden announced the opening of the Dutch Country

Antique shop at 203 Stevenson Street.
Dec. 2, 1976
District 11 Gold Star 4-H awards winners were Denise Ann Zimmermann and Lionel Bluntson...
Highlighting the Powder Puff game Nov. 6 was the crowing of the Powder Puff King at halftime. The lucky young man awarded this honor was Al Mahalite...
Fay & Jay Anderson were honored with a dinner party at their home on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary...
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh G. Williams Sr. of Rio Hondo, Texas, announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deborah Jean, to Don M. McGehee, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Chester M. McGehee. The couple has chosen a Jan. 1, 1977 wedding at First Baptist Church in Rio Hondo...
Moody H. Galbreath, 66, a former school administrator at a number of schools in Southwest Texas, died in Anson, Texas...
Funeral services were held for Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Lobpries of Garwood Nov. 26 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...
The area experienced record-low temperatures during a severe ice storm which struck last weekend, skidding temperatures to the low 20s and icing streets and highways with sleet, especially Sunday morning.

Nov. 13, 1952
The Chamber of Commerce has (See 24 & 48, Page 3)

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