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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Reader responds to 'Raider Review' article

In last week's *Headlight*, there was an article submitted by Ms. Erin Gold "Day Cares in High School... Good or Bad?"

First, let me commend Ms. Gold for addressing the issue; it was certainly a topic of discussion for my peers and I. I applauded the two teenagers who felt this was not a good idea and were brave enough to say so.

We are living in times when it seems like every thing goes. The proper order of things are when you have a baby you are no longer a care-free teenager but an adult with a responsibility (a 24-7 responsibility until he/she is 18 years of age).

Believe it or not, you are now a parent in the real world and the baby or babies are depending on someone to take care of him/her/them.

When I grew up, if you became pregnant, you were not allowed to continue school if the pregnancy was discovered. You either got married to the father, or you stayed at home with your new responsibility. Let's take this a step further to the medical point of view.

Pre-marital sex can create the following conditions: HIV or AIDS, gonorrhea, herpes, chlamydia, and trichomonas. Just to name a few of the

communicable diseases. There are also the social economic conditions of caring like: Proving clothes, food, comfort (a home/apartment), love and a right to be successful in life.

These are not easy tasks. I have no problem with teenagers getting an education, but that education should be developed in reading, writing and arithmetic not teenage parenting. There is plenty of time for that.

High schools were not designed to be converted into day-care centers. It is not fair for the teenagers who want to do it the right way to be subjected to the wrong doings of others. Those federal funds can be better utilized to

educate our teenagers on the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases that can cripple you for life as well as shorten your life span.

Finally, for you teenage parents who want to consider continuing your education, try home schooling. That way you can be at home with your baby and not be concerned about how they are, who's taking care of them, or the funds to pay day-care.

I wish you luck in your endeavor to pursue your education.

Respectfully submitted,
Rene Cooper-Scott, R.N.
Eagle Lake

To thine own self be true

I once spent money I didn't have, on things I didn't need, to impress people I didn't even like and who didn't even like me.

I wanted to be a part of, instead of from.

I wanted to be better than, instead of equal to.

Today, I know acceptance is the key to all my problems.

Until I could accept myself completely, I could not be happy. Until I could accept life on its terms; I could

not find peace and serenity. That meant taking the focus off others and putting it on myself.

I learned I need not concentrate so much on what needs to be changed in the world as on what needs to be changed in me and my attitudes.

It doesn't matter where I live, it's how I live.

I doesn't matter what I drive, it's important what drives me.

It doesn't matter what I have on, it's what I have within.

Submitted by the
Evolution Center

From the office of State Rep. Robby Cook...

Proposed Amendments, Part 1

State Rep. Robert L. "Robby" Cook encourages Texans to be informed and go vote on Election Day Nov. 6.

Last spring, the Texas Legislature passed 19 state constitutional amendments that require voter approval on

the upcoming Nov. ballot.

Cook explained that the voters of Texas must approve any amendments to the Texas Constitution for it to become effective. Since the state first adopted its constitution in 1876, Texans have approved 390 constitutional amendments.

With a total of 19 amendments on the ballot, Cook said that he will be issuing a two part series featuring amendments in the weeks preceding the election.

The first 10 proposed amendments on the ballot cover a range of topics, from dealing with close outcomes in presidential elections to authorizing bonds, said Cook.

Proposition 6 would provide clear guidelines for the Governor to follow to designate Texas' presidential electors in the event of an election contest such as the one in Florida last year.

Federal law gives the state approximately 50 days after election day to clarify their presidential electors.

If its reasonably likely that the outcome of the election will not be determined by the federal deadline, this amendment requires the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature for the appointment of presidential electors.

Proposition 7 authorizes the Veteran's Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to benefit the Veteran's Housing Assistance Fund II.

This amendment would also allow the use of funds from veterans' land and housing assistance programs for veterans' cemeteries and help meet the rising demands for veterans' home mortgage loans.

Cook said early voting starts Oct. 22 and runs through Nov. 2.

Your last chance to cast a ballot is Election Day, Nov. 6.

For more information and/or a (See Cook, Page 4)



Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

SURGERY FOR ACQUIRED FLAT FEET

Individuals with acquired flat feet can prevent future complications by undergoing reconstructive surgery in the condition's early stages, according to recent clinical studies. Undergoing a joint preservation procedure before the arch completely collapses is better for the patient than waiting until later, when surgical fusions often become necessary to stabilize the foot. Normal wear and tear on the feet can cause the arch to weaken over the years, potentially leading to a complete collapse. Without treatment, a collapsed arch causes painful and debilitating arthritis in the foot and ankle. About 5% of adults over age 40 experience collapsed arches. An early sign of trouble involves pain from the inner ankle to the arch as the tendon stretches and becomes inflamed.

To determine the best treatment for flat feet and other foot conditions, a podiatrist will examine the foot, perform a gait analysis, and look at the patient's medical history, past medical problems, length and frequency of symptoms, types of current activities, and pain and problems in other parts of the body. We offer comprehensive care for all foot problems here at Rice Medical Center, for feet of all shapes, sizes, and ages. Call 234-5571 for a Tuesday appointment.

P.S. Congenital flat feet are best treated with orthotics in children - 90% of those born with flat feet do well with conservative treatments.



State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

a matter of money.

Parsons said he fears the pottery has made its way to the underground Indian artifact black market.

"Pot hunters have been robbing Caddo cemeteries for years," he said. "I've heard stories of them tunneling under roads and even houses to get to graves. It's a tremendous problem in East Texas."

The missing pots were kept in a wired bin on the second floor of the TARL facility. The theft was discovered when someone found that one of the locks on the bin had been severed with bolt cutters.

"Someone got the outside door open without leaving any signs and then went upstairs and cut the locks on the bins," Parsons said. "They even brought replacement locks for some of the bins."

UT archeologists collected some of the stolen vessels in the 1930s, Parsons said.

The pots are invaluable to archeologists because they are used to iden-

tify other vessels.

"They are used for study and comparison," he said. "They are really invaluable, because they are the basis of classification."

To the thieves, however, the pots have a definite monetary value. They are sold to collectors for big prices, he said.

Parsons said one hope for recovery is that the thieves will try to peddle their stolen goods to a conscientious dealer willing to report their effort to police.

"You can help by keeping your eyes and ears open," Parsons said in an e-mail to Texas' archeology community. "If you happen to know collectors who buy artifacts, especially Caddo pottery, please notify them of the theft."

Take your kid hunting

Whitetail deer season starts on Nov. 3, but Texas children can get a head start Oct. 31-Nov. 1.

This will be the state's second annual youth only hunting season. Kids under 16 hunting with a supervising adult can take deer, quail and Rio Grande turkey.

A special \$6 resident hunting license is required for a child to take part in the hunt.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 20, 1977

Susan Kell won the honor of being named Fairest of the Fair of the Garwood Lions Club Community Fair. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kell of Eagle Lake. First runner-up was Debbie Thompson. Second runner-up was Susan Henneke...

Dieck W. Obenhaus, 54, Eagle Lake city councilman and manager of Colorado County Farmers Supply Co. Inc. of the community, passed away in the Veteran's Hospital in Houston on Oct. 13...

The new OEA officers for Rice High School are: **Janet Kersh**, secretary; **Terese Gold**, reporter; **Sharon Hoffman**, treasurer; **Virginia Scott**, president; **Lisa Mahalite**, historian; **Tammy Walker**, vice-president; **Dana McClain**, sgt.-at-arms; and **Brenda Argo**, parliamentarian...

Raymond L. Kohleff was the honoree at a surprise birthday backyard barbecue and covered dish luncheon at his home on Oct. 16...

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada was the setting for a double ring ceremony uniting **Miss Beverly Jean Gertson** and **Joe Paul Krenk**.

Oct. 15, 1953

The 6th Garwood Lions Club Fair and Carnival is set to open with **Cong. Clark Thompson** as the principal speaker...

Garwood-Matthews FM Road is also to be officially opened during a ceremony that same day...

The P-TA is conducting a porchlight membership drive...

The Boy Scout fund drive has kicked off, announced drive chairman **Charles P. Boggess**...

Sheriff J.O. Walker had a close call when the pistol, used by **Clay** in the murder of nightwatchman **Albert Schmidt**, accidentally discharged in district court vault...

Eight hundred are to board the train here, bound for the Shrine Circus...

The \$11.21 per barrel offered for

Rexoro variety grown by **Dutcher & Co.** was a new high for the 1953 season...

James Adams was named as the new night patrolman in this city...

Mrs. Norman Eaton was the hostess for WMU meeting at Rock Island...

Mrs. G.C. Edds is the new president of Rock Island WHD Club...

Mrs. Ray Zahradnick is a patient in the new Hermann Hospital in Houston...

Cpl. Patrick Lednicki is enjoying his furlough here with his parents, the **Albert Lednickys**...

The County is among 15 in the state in use of commercial fertilizer, reports the County Agent **Doyle L. Moore**...

Lula Gene Snelling is in the WCJC chorus...

John Carroll Jr. defeated **Joe D. Luna** for the Lakeview Golf Club championship...

A new home was started this week for **Edith Duty** and son, **Bobby**...

Mrs. H.T. Neiswender was elected president of Eagle Lake WHD Club...

Mrs. Hargrove Smith attended a luncheon for the Republican Committee members. She is Republican Committeewoman from the 15th District of Texas...

Ruby Lee Perry of Eagle Lake is a member of Southwest Texas State Bobcat Band...

Rock Island PTA installed **Mrs. George Eaton** as president...

Frank C. Pidgeon, president, and Band Director **O.N. Campbell** called an important band boosters meeting...

The **Frank Stephens Co.** sold its Magnolia Oil Co. interests here to **Walter Meitzen Jr.** and **Bob Meitzen** after operating the business for over 40 years...

Pfc. Frank Tate was selected Soldier of Week at Fort Lewis.

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.

- Letter should not be no more than 1,500 characters.
- All letters must include the writer's name, printed as well as the writer's signature, and 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.
- The writer may request their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in No. 2 must be included for our files.
- Letter about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
- Letters from political candidates endorsing a political party, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.
- The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.



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