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To THE EDITOR & YOU

'Have you ever made a mistake?'

The day I saw our school on television I was ready to write a not-so-nice letter about Coach Roark's situation.

Then, I thought to myself, "Have you ever made any mistakes?" Of course I have, we all have. Everyone is human and no one is perfect. Coach Roark made a mistake and I'm sure he's kicking himself for it.

Did the media need to make such a big deal of the whole thing? NO! I have to agree with the publisher and say we were never important before... WHY NOW?? It's such a shame that Houston media came and made a huge deal of this, bothered our students and hurt so many people just to get a story.

Coach Roark hasn't been convicted of anything yet. My big question is what was the officer doing on the running board anyway?? Is this standard procedure when trying to question someone or give them a ticket? Hmm, I wonder. There has to be something more to this than what was shown on television. I don't know Coach Roark personally but I find it hard to believe he would try to hurt that officer. I don't think anyone who is as great as everyone says Coach Roark is would do something like that on purpose.

On a happier note - Raiders, hold your heads up high and fight your way all the way to state!

My husband and I have always been Raider fans. I even was in the Mighty Raider Band. We will continue to be

Raider fans!! We have been to every game and were two of the foot stomping, cheering fans Ms. Perry mentioned in her letter. By the way, GREAT GAME. We enjoyed every second of it. I know I will continue to be your LOUDEST Fan out there.

My boys look up to you guys like you play in the NFL and even have favorite players. These are the things that should matter the most.

'Make you aware'

The Colorado County Retired Teachers Association would like to make you aware of a situation in Columbus. Retired teachers, age 65 and over, are covered by Medicare with our association insurance serving as the secondary coverage. We do have good health coverage and are thankful for it.

Retired teachers under the age of 65 depend on association insurance (TRS-Care Aetna). TRS-Care and Medicare pay similarly. They both establish fees for services rendered and therein lies the problem. The doctors and hospitals in Weimar and Eagle Lake are gracious in accepting this contract. For this, we thank you.

The Columbus Hospital and some Columbus doctors, however, have refused to sign a contract with TRS-Care Aetna to accept these fees. This means that retired teachers under 65 will be responsible for paying the difference

The media should think long and hard about who they hurt when they air stuff like this.

Coach Roark will have his day in court and that's his business. As our school songs says... Raiders charge on to VICTORY!!

Good luck, Coach Roark, and good luck, Rice Raiders.

A Raider Fan For Life!!!
Misty Maldonado & Family

between what the insurance company sets as fees and the price the hospital and doctors' charge for their services. Naturally, this will cause a hardship for these teachers.

Recently, doctors and hospitals asked for our support for Proposition 12. This is not a one-way street.

Now, we ask for their support of retired teachers.

Sincerely,
Bill Carpenter, President,
Colorado County Retired Teachers Association

By State Rep. Jim Dunning,
Democratic House Caucus Chairman

Most children are born after 9 months, but it's taken 10 long months of hard labor to birth Tom DeLay's baby - a divisive new Congressional map redrawn to guarantee him up to 7 more votes in Washington.

It's neither boy nor girl - just plain mean, and just plain ugly.

Now, I know that's not a polite thing to say about someone's baby. But Tom's map is a brutal assault on the State of Texas - independent voters, rural communities and minority Texas, in particular.

It carves up communities of interest and guts rural Texas - ensuring that rural voters cannot control a single Congressional district in the state.

Senate passes redistricting bill

Six months of partisan warfare ended in Austin Sunday with Senate passage of a congressional redistricting bill, but as is the case with most wars, the cessation of formal hostilities does not mean all the combatants will have a "let bygones be bygones" mind set.

By a 17-14 vote, the Senate approved a redistricting map that could make two-thirds of Texas' congressional districts Republican. Two Republicans, former Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff and Sen. Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay, voted with the Democrats in opposing the measure.

Democrats say the plan will be challenged in court.

Earlier Sunday afternoon, the House voted 79-35 to pass House Bill 7, a piece of legislation dealing with the organization of state government. With Senate amendments, it also turned into a piece of legislation containing a major political pay back for Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who some legislators said had come to see her office as a third wing of the Legislature.

HB 7 strips her authority to do performance audits of state agencies as well as school districts.



State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox

Texas Press Association

All the money, files and employees previously involved in that process under Strayhorn will be transferred to the Legislative Budget Board. The LBB will handle those audits in the future, once the bill is signed and goes into effect.

A Kinky rumor...

Not all the talk in Austin has been about redistricting. For weeks, there's been some low-level buzz that singer-songwriter-novelist Kinky Friedman, who lives on a ranch near Medina, is thinking about tossing his cowboy hat in the proverbial ring for the next gubernatorial election.

Given the results of the recent election in California, the Kinky For Governor movement may be more than another one of the 58-year-old, cigar-smoking Texan's famous one-liners.

Like the new governor of the Golden State, Friedman also can boast

of little to no political experience. At least Friedman knows what it's like to have his name on the ballot. He ran unsuccessfully for justice of the peace in Kerr County in 1990, promising to reduce the speed limit, then 55 miles an hour, to 54.95 and to prevent war with Friedricksburg.

If Friedman makes a run at the governor's office, there is some precedent.

In 1938, Fort Worth flour salesman and radio announcer W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel stunned political observers by winning office. His slogan was "Back the Biscuits, Pappy."

Back in the 1970s, Friedman and his Texas Jewboys band had a popular song also containing the word "biscuits," though in not quite as family-oriented a context as O'Daniel's.

Legislators agree on a lot...

And you thought the Legislature hadn't been doing much during its special session marathon.

Actually, the statistics show that during the first, second and third called sessions, of 1,466 pieces of legislation filed, 973 measures passed both houses. Of course, most of those measures have been various noncontroversial resolutions, not new laws.

Old South meets the Wild West...

The Texas Historical Commission has just released another in its series of heritage tourism brochures, this one featuring the area of North Central Texas from Paris to Wichita Falls.

The area includes 31 counties, from Archer to Wise (that's the alphabetical range, not the geographic coverage) and plenty of lakes. Enough lakes, in fact, to give the mini-travel guide its name, "Texas Lake Trail Region: Exploring the Heritage of North Central Texas."

Copies of the free brochure are available by calling the THC at 512-463-6254 or visiting the agency's Web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

ABOUT TOWN...

Shawn McDonald, son of Cheryl and John McDonald of Sheridan and grandson of Bobby and Mary Semora of Eagle Lake, had urethra-repair surgery Thursday and is doing fine according to his grandmother. He was expected to be released Sunday, Oct. 12, to recuperate at home.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Sept. 27, 1979

For the first time in some 55 years, a member of the Boothe family is no longer associated with the feed, grain and hardware store in Eagle Lake. This came about on Sept. 19 when Sam and Herman Boothe sold the business to Bob Hudson of Eagle Lake...

Robert Wilcox and Buck Swords announced that plans have been finalized for a 5,000 square foot expansion to the Wilcox Minimax food store at 200 S. McCarty Ave....

Relatives and friends were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Burton Arnold on Sept. 21 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Officers for the Auto Mechanics Club at Rice High School are Manuel Munoz, president; Albert Delgado, vice-president; Johnny Cooper, secretary; Bruno Leal, treasurer; Bill Abel, reporter; Ronnie Lillie, parliamentarian; and Roger Fry, Sgt.-at-arms...

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Uzzell were honored at a "Farewell Party" on Sept. 22. They will now make their home in Dallas...

Miss Lisa Mahaltic, bride-elect of Thierry Hoffmann, was honored with a miscellaneous shower on Sept. 13 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada...

Mr. & Mrs. August Mrkwa Jr. announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, born Sept. 21. She has been named Frances Marie...

Royce Abbott, a deputy sheriff for the County Sheriff's Department for less than a month, submitted his resignation effective Sept. 17 to Sheriff George "Doc" Mueller...

John Joseph Grigar IV, son of Mr. & Mrs. John J. Grigar III, was christened Sept. 23 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lockhart. Godparents are his aunt, Connie Grigar of East Bernard, and uncle, Jeff Frnka of Eagle Lake.

Sept. 22, 1955

Miss Mary Katherine Kainer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Kainer, was named the Colorado County's 1955 Gold Star 4-H Girl...

Arnold R. Klockman opened the

new Sinclair Service Station, located on East Main Street...

Eddie Mooney, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mooney Jr., was named the grand prize winner of the Third Annual Child Photo Contest conducted at the Eagle Lake Furniture Co. in cooperation with Larry's Studios of Houston...

Scott Powers, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Powers, was honored with a party on his fifth birthday...

Mrs. Fulton Dromgoole chose the "Rumpus Room" theme as the setting when she honored her daughter, Myra Ann, with a birthday party...

Friedrich Hoeninghaus III, son of Mr. & Mrs. Friedrich Hoeninghaus Jr., is getting along nicely following an attack of polio...

Services were held for Mrs. Mattie Briscoe of Sheridan at the First Baptist Church in Sheridan...

Mrs. Harold Lloyd Williams paced lady bowlers with a high game of 160 at the La Grange Bowling Association...

Private Roy E. Addicks, son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred E. Addicks of Eagle Lake, will take part in Exercise Sage Brush with the 3rd Infantry Division this fall...

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Gertson are the proud parents of a second son born to them on Sept. 13th. They are naming him Gayle Alan...

Darlene Fay Loessin was honored with a party at the G.F. Loessin home on her sixth birthday.

Your voices...

U.S. Representative: District 14, Congressman Ron Paul; address: 203 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Phone: 202-225-2831.

State Senator: District 18, Senator Kenneth (Ken) L. Armbrister; Capitol office, CAP 1E.14, phone, 512-463-0118; District office: 3205 E. Mockingbird, Victoria, TX 77904, phone 361-572-8061.

State Rep.: District 17, Robby Cook; Capitol office, EXT E2.204, 512-463-0682; District office, PO Box 217, Eagle Lake, TX 77434, phone, 979-234-2493.

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