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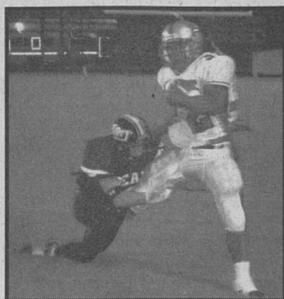
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To The Editor & You

To the Rice Raider Fans!

Remember last Friday at Tiger Stadium Sealy asked, "Rice Who?" Oh yeah, the Mighty, Mighty Raiders! Go Big Blue!
 Rowena



Sealy tries to hold on last Friday night at Tiger Stadium, but the Rice Raiders kept going and gained another district win. See *Raiders Tame the Tigers* on page 1.
 Headlight Photo by Dwight Hadley

Carol's At Cat Spring

Wednesday Nights Italian Buffet Choice of entrées beef, chicken, fish New Additions: shrimp, crab, salmon and catfish All You Can Eat \$14.95	Thursday Nights All You Can Eat Dungeness Crab \$24.95 New: BBQ Pork Ribs \$14.95. <i>Regular Menu Available</i> We Are Open: Wed-Sat, 5 pm to 10 pm Sun. Brunch/lunch/supper, 10:30 am to 9 pm
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Legislature eyes accountability in school finance

Unless it had to do with the election, Austin was pretty quiet last week. The business of state government went on, of course, but to say that most elected officials had a singular focus would be an understatement.

House Speaker Tom Craddick, addressing the Permian Basin Petroleum Association in Midland, did make it plain that the next session of the Legislature (assuming the governor does not call a special session, which seems unlikely this close to January) would be interested in more than the funding side of public education in Texas.

"I don't believe the only way to fix education is to throw money at it," he told the oil folks. "I believe we need some reforms in the system."

Indeed, one buzz word when it comes to education seems to be "accountability."

Craddick said work on a plan that would include more accountability measures is nearly complete.

The speaker also said that whatever the Legislature does to make public school funding more efficient likely

will include reducing property taxes.

Sizing up classroom size...

Another educational issue last week involved the student to teacher ratio for elementary schools, currently 22: 1.

On Oct. 5, Education Commissioner Shirley J. Neeley mailed what the Texas Education Agency called a guidance letter on what school districts should do if a class exceeds 22 students.

That's clearly a touchy issue with teachers. Not long after the letter went out, the Texas Classroom Teachers Association and other groups complained that how class size waivers are handled should be settled through TEA's regular rulemaking process.

In response to that, Neeley rescinded her letter late last week.

Armed men fan out in Texas...

Saturday is opening day of deer season across most of Texas.

The numbers reported by the Texas



State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox
 Texas Press Association

Many ranchers, he said, "are saying range conditions are the best in 20 years."

Main Street cities announced...

La Porte, Livingston, San Angelo and Sinton have been selected by the Texas Historical Commission as 2005 Main Street Cities.

Those four cities join more than 80 other communities designated as Main Street Cities included in THC's historic downtown revitalization program. When a city gains Main Street status, it qualifies for state help in developing strategies to use historic preservation as an economic stimulus.

For more information on the program, check the agency's Web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

News from Pastor Ken

Oh Halloween night, from 5 to 7 p.m. Didner Hall, at the Catholic Church rang out not with the sounds of ghosts and goblins, but with the laughter of small children, who were enjoying a safe and supervised Halloween night. As the room became crowded we saw princes, and princesses,

(See Pastor Ken, Page 4)

Lets Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 9, 1980

Mr. & Mrs. William Harrison Sr. constructed a beautiful Victorian Dollhouse as a fundraising project for the Eagle Lake Study Club Fun Night and Auction set for Nov. 1...

Chad Sunderman won first place in the bicycle competition of the Eagle Lake Lions Club parade...

Four youth were arrested for the burglary, vandalism of Eagle Lake Primary School. Two of them were 15 years of age the other were 18 years old...

Relatives and friends were saddened to learn of the death of **S.J. Williams** Oct. 4 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Otradovsky of Garwood announced the arrival of a daughter, Amy Renee born Sept. 29. She was welcomed home by Larry Jr., 7; and Chad Allen, 11 months...

Judy Bunge and **Bert Tise** were on the list of National Merit Scholar Semifinalists...

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Baumgarten of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Pamela Ann De La Cruz** to **Charles Frank Supak**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Dan Supak** of Eagle Lake. An Oct. 25 wedding is planned at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...
Kristine Carpenter a student at

the Garwood School is the 1980-81 Garwood/Sheridan drum major...

Mr. & Mrs. Isidoro Ramirez of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Suzanne**, to **Ray Sykowski**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Roman Sykowski** of Rosenberg. Nuptial vows are set for Nov. 22 to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church...

Peggy Leopold bride-elect **Tommy Burns** was complimented with a Recipe Shower at the Draper Stephens home Sept. 27...

Dan & Jean Thornton returned from a two-week trip to Winchester, Virginia; Greenbriar, West Virginia and Paducah, Kentucky.

Oct. 18, 1956

Over 300 people over the county congratulated **Mr. & Mrs. I.V. Duncan** on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 9...

John Allen Rolf and **Denny Parker** were the two players that made it possible to take the game from Needville with a 13-7 win. The Eagle Lake Junior High Eaglets remain undefeated...

Little Miss Virginia Clipson was honored on her ninth birthday with a party on Sept. 29 given by her mother, **Mrs. R.L. Clipson**...

Janelle Miller, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Miller** was honored at a birthday party on the occasion of her seventh birthday...

Woodrow Wilson, 22-year-old Columbus man, plead guilty to driving over 100 miles per hour in his 1950 Ford...

Robert Schiurring has been named the County Chairman for the National Democratic Campaign in the 15th Senatorial District...

The Eagle Lake area was blessed with from one-half to four and eight-tenths inches of rain bringing relief from the drought...

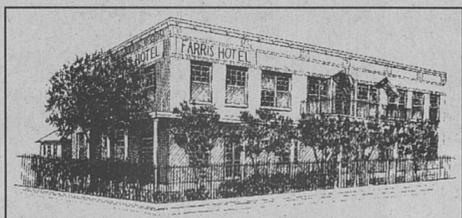
Henry Alvarado ran 65 yards to make a touchdown in the football game between the Eagle Lake Eagles and Pearland Oilers with **Walter Jones**, **Joe Barela** and **Larry Shaver** also helping in creating the score of 31-14...

W.H. Kansteiner of Columbus has rented the **McCreary** building formerly the **Snow White Laundry and Cleaners** and plans to move his cabinet and upholstery shop here...

A collision between a milk truck and auto resulted in damages to the auto but no injuries. **Joe Koncaba** of Hallettsville was backing up the truck when the collision with the car driven by **Mrs. Annie Rollins** occurred.

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CORRECTION!!

2004-2005 Waterfowl Hunting Season Dates

(South/Eastern Zones)

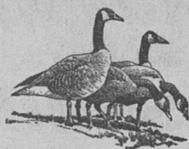
Ducks Oct. 30-31; Nov. 13 - Jan. 18

Light Geese Nov. 6 - Jan. 30

Dark Geese Nov. 6 - Jan. 30

Light Geese Conservation Order Jan. 31 - Mar. 27

* Dates are from the 2004-2005 Texas Waterfowl Digest, pg. 16



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