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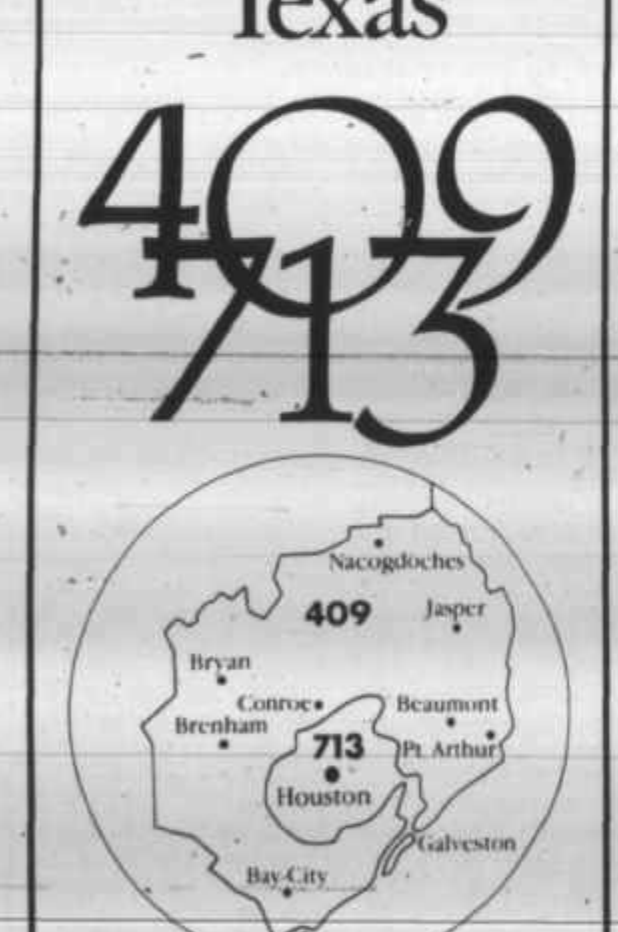
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Student essays:

The following three articles were written Saturday at the Eagle Lake Middle School by students participating in the Ready Writing segment of the academic contests. We thought the ideas and information would be of interest to the general public.

Why Information on the dangers of Alcohol and Drugs should be taught at the Junior High level.

Information on the dangers of alcohol and drugs should be taught at the Junior High level. Thousands of people are killed each year because of drunk driving or because they got hooked on some drug, went crazy and killed themselves.

Why do people drink alcohol and take drugs? Is it because they do not know the dangers of it? Everytime you take a drink of alcohol you are destroying a brain cell and drugs are not very hard to get hooked on. That is why you should stay away from alcohol and drugs.

There are many cases of people getting hooked because of alcohol. Sometimes it isn't the guilty person who gets hurt or killed. Sometimes it's the innocent victim. For example, take a sip of alcohol gets run over by someone who's driving while drunk. In other cases the drunk driver has a wreck and hurt or kills himself. Most of the time it's the innocent person. People don't always get killed from alcohol because they were driving while drunk. Some people drink too much and it destroys their body.

Drugs are also another way people get killed each year. When you take drugs you become just like another person. You do weird things like if you were in a trance. When you come out of that trance you usually do not remember what you did. Drugs have caused many people to think they could fly. They jump out of a window and they end up dead. However sometimes people on drugs just want to kill themselves.

Why Information on the dangers of Alcohol and Drugs should be taught at the Junior High level.

One of the most upsting problems in schools these days, is the problem of drugs and alcohol. Many students do not know how dangerous drugs and alcohol really are. Drugs and alcohol are not only a problem in high school, but there are problems in the middle school (junior high), and the elementary too. Junior High students need to be taught what drugs and alcohol do to your body as well as your friends and family. They say it takes them away from all of their problems. Some people who say that have been known to become depressed, irritable and nervous while drinking or taking drugs. Why do they say it makes them feel better or more relaxed? Probably these people have become hooked on a drug or can't stop drinking. The first step in getting rid of you're drinking problem is wanting to stop. This is why there are special hospitals that can help you. Some people drink alcohol and take drugs because their friends do and they don't want to be left out or called "chicken." So many people have this attitude.

You can also go to jail or reform school if you are caught with drugs too many times. Driving while drunk can get you into jail too. Hopefully that teaches a lesson.

The main reason I think information on the dangers of alcohol and drugs should be taught is so people will understand why these things are wrong. Maybe then so many people won't get killed a year but most of all so people will stay away from drugs and alcohol when they get out of school.

Why Information on the dangers of Alcohol and Drugs should be taught at the Junior High level.

My school has had many kids caught with drugs and alcohol at times. But we have had many people visit our school and talk to us about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. One time we had three prison inmates come to our school and talk to us about why they were put in jail. They were horrible stories about how drugs and alcohol messed up their lives. When they left, I thought about what their lives would be like if they hadn't even mixed up with drugs and alcohol in the first place. That made me think about what I might do to stay away from drugs and alcohol. Showing kids what could happen when they get mixed up in drugs or alcohol is a good idea because it might just show them the right way to live: away from drugs and alcohol.

I hope all schools will have programs about the dangers of alcohol and drugs to show kids who are in junior high. Those kids have a right to know just how bad drugs and alcohol really are. And if tell children the dangers of drugs and alcohol might change their mind, then I think it's worth a try. Just think it could even save lives for in future. As a junior high student myself, I know how hard it is to grow up and not be tempted to take drugs or drink. That is why we should know at our age just what the effects of drugs and alcohol can do to you. We all need help to grow up at one time or another so I think it is a good idea for young kids to be taught about drugs and alcohol. I think with this teaching, the kids who are in junior high and who are going to be in high school in the future will make a better future for all of us.

Senators draw for 2, 4 year terms

Within the length of a few minutes last week, the fates and ambitions of several Texas senators were made or unmade when the lawmakers drew lots of staggered election terms.

The Constitution requires that following each redistricting, senators will draw lots and 16 will run in two years and 16 will run in four years.

In its own small way, the draw determines for many who will move up in the political world and who will not, depending upon the advantage gained or lost. Some senators, like Craig Washington of Houston, preferred to run in '84, a presidential election year, but most wanted to wait until '86, the next gubernatorial election year.

Forecast: In the desire to get a "free shot" at some higher office, which means a lawmaker would not have to leave his present office in order to run higher.

Washington was, for the most part, in the minority because most senators were happy just to get two extra years of breathing time before hitting the campaign trail again. He was planning on trading to obtain a two-year term, which would free him up for a shot at the judgeship, but the Legislature ruled trading was not allowed by the Constitution.

By the time the alphabetical draw reached his name, all the two-year terms had already been taken, to his political dismay.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndall Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

The draw may be all for naught, if the Justice Department decides all senators must run again in two years because of negotiations to end a legal fight over boundaries in some new districts.

Appointments
Governor Mark White last week made history twice by appointing the first black as regent of East Texas State University and the first woman to the Texas Board of Corrections.

Herman Furlough, Jr. is a high school counselor and city councilman at Terrell. Dersley Davis of Fort Worth is vice chairman of the Texas Democratic Party and chairman of the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats.

24 Years Ago

Let's Look Back

March 12, 1959
R. P. Wilcox of Wilcox was appointed as chairman of the Eagle Lake Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Three new candidates filed for the council positions before the midnight deadline Saturday night. They are Lerrell Dye, Jack Grievens and Fred R. Franks.

The three incumbents, A. H. Seaholm, a member of the council for eight years, H. E. Tate, six years and A. W. Wise, six years on the council declined to file for re-election.

Eleven couples surprised Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kohleff with a housewarming party in their new home Tuesday evening.

March 3, 1959
In the Legislature, the House passed the 60-day limit on voting and commenced floor votes, approving a bill removing the license for a hardy driver's licenses for 15-year-olds.

The Senate, following heated debate between Carl Parker of Fort Arthur and Ted Lyons of Mesquite, passed the controversial Wildlife Conservation Act which gives a state agency control of wildlife management in all Texas counties.

The bill puts an end to the veto powers still resting with some 30 counties and is highly supported by sportsmen and hunters.

The Senate also approved legislation designed to trigger early parolees if Texas prison population comes close to a court-ordered limit. Non-violent offenders would be paroled if prison population approaches 95 percent capacity.

48 Years Ago

Let's Look Back

March 23, 1935
Fire Tuesday afternoon of last week, damaged the H. C. Thomas home near Ramsey. Mrs. A. W. Braun is improving nicely at Hermann Hospital in Houston following a serious operation ten days ago.

Riggs Farris arrived here Tuesday to be a member of the Southern Pacific station, "bumping" P. E. Clark, who with his family will leave today for Rosenberg.

Bachelor's Bridge club meets with Miss Lois Wade. The Eagle Lake Headlight was singled out by students of journalism at Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Rain, wind and further threatening weather broke up a fishing party at the Colorado River Saturday night. P. T. Kollmann, Buddy Rankin, Fred Franks and Adolph Burger had gotten their lines out and had arranged for a night of real fishing when the rain came. Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann, who were married in Houston several weeks ago, arrived here Tuesday night following a wedding trip to Cuba, Jamaica, and a trip through the Panama Canal. Mr. and Mrs. Wintermann are at home in the A. L. Wagner cottage.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Edmond Fraser, 44, Eagle Lake, and Annette Ann Ray, 31, Eagle Lake. 3-11-83.

Robert Valdez, 27, Columbus, and Virginia Ann Pulido, 22, Columbus. 3-11-83.

Jorge Magdaleno Prieto, 23, Columbus, Mercedes Duran, 18, Columbus. 3-14-83.

Fernando Duran, 20, Columbus, and Anna Maria Ruiz, 20, Columbus. 3-16-83.

Thomas Wells McCausland, 28, Houston, and Iris Ruth Martindale Allen, 25, Weimar. 3-18-83.

Clifford Gene Corlies, 38, Katy, and Candace Colleen Brown, 22, Katy. 3-18-83.

DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED

Patsy Jo Paschall and Dan Paschall, divorce. 3-9-83.

Buddy Daley vs Kenneth J. Hollan; suit on note. 3-9-83.

Mary Ordner vs. Kenneth J. Hollan; suit on note. 3-10-83.

Vicki Kellum, and Don Wesley Kellum; divorce. 3-17-83.

Suzanne Pelkert and Donald Ray Pelkert; divorce. 3-17-83.

Joseph P. Sugura vs. Carl O'Neil Anderson, Jr.; damages. 3-18-83.

COLORADO COUNTY COURT ACTION

Michael Cardenas, Clark St., Eagle Lake, plead guilty to hindering apprehension by a peace officer, fined \$400.

Grover F. Ferguson, Jr., East Main St., Eagle Lake, plead guilty to driving while intoxicated; fined \$380 plus one year probation on 30-day jail sentence.

James Emil Farek, Flatonia, plead guilty to driving while intoxicated, fined \$310 plus one year probation on 30-day jail sentence.

Ted N. Brandon, Austin, and Anthony Phillip Tucci, Austin, plead guilty to criminal trespass, each fined \$400.

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Sheriff's Report

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March 14: Investigated a theft on 2434. Investigated a burglary on 1693. Responded to a burglar alarm activating North of Columbus. Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Had JP court in the AM. Checked on a disturbance in Altair. Issued 11 traffic citations and served four civil citations.

March 15: Checked on a burglar alarm activating near Columbus. Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Had JP court from the roadway on 71 South. Assisted at the scene of a drowning near Bernardo. Issued 13 traffic citations and served three civil citations.

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My name is Frederick Leopold, candidate for Position 6 on Rice CISD School Board.

I was born in Nada, Texas on April 11, 1937, the son of Mary Heine and A. C. Leopold, who was active in school, community, and church activities. I attended Nada Public School for six years, graduated from the eighth grade from St. Mary's in Nada, graduated with honors from Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville in 1955. I have had continuing education in electronics and electrical technology.

I am married to the former Catherine Hoff of Nada. We have three children: Corey and Amy attend St. Mary's School while Dana will be in kindergarten in Garwood this fall. We are active members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, a money. When you add salaries, operating funds, repairs, interest, etc., one can see this is a big business that must be operated with sound business judgement to maintain the system and not overburden the taxpayers. We need to attract and hold top quality teachers and a competitive salary scale is the first way to approach this problem.

I have lived in this district all my life. I own land, my home, and business interest in this district, and I intend to be here in the future.

I promise if elected I will serve in a fair and responsible manner.

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Catholic schools, including three in Colorado County. I served a year and a half of a two and one-half year term) as president of St. Mary's School Board until February 2, the day I filed for the Rice School Board.

I feel my previous school board experiences will be an asset in helping to provide our children with an education that is the best possible within our means. Our District has strong athletic and vocational programs, and I feel we should strive for higher academic achievement at all levels. I promise full support to the administration and teachers in whatever steps are necessary to maintain discipline and respect for people and property.

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