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Bush 'looking at' state's affirmative action programs

Gov. George W. Bush said last week that Texas should not duplicate the University of California's decision to discontinue programs aimed at making sure minorities get into state universities.

"I believe the Texas schools are doing everything in their power to try to recruit the best and brightest of our minority students," Bush told reporters.

The governor said he will examine Texas' affirmative action programs to see whether they are fair and inclusive for people they are designed to help.

"I think what Texans need to do, which I intend to do, is to address what...we expect out of a program that tries to be inclusive," Bush said. "It is an economic development device or is it a preference toward people who have already benefited from the system?"



State Capitol Highlights
 By Lyndell Williams
 and Ed Sterling
 Texas Press Association

30% of public works contract budgets with businesses owned by women and minorities, known as historically underutilized businesses or HUBs.

"If the affirmative action programs are meant to be helpful to start-up companies...then we ought to design them so they're that way," Bush said.

3 Investment Firms Hired
 The State Board of Education has broken with tradition by contracting with three private companies to invest \$3.5 billion of the \$12.2 billion Permanent School Fund this year and more next year.

The companies, Capital Guardian Trust Co. of Brea, Calif., Wellington Management Co. and Harbor Capital Management Co. Inc., both of Boston, Mass., plan to invest \$1.2 billion in international markets - the first time in the history of the 141-year-old fund that investments will be made beyond U.S. borders, the *Associated Press* reported.

According to Texas Education Agency figures, the new "active" investment strategy could yield as much as \$64.2 million more a year than a "passive" investment of \$2 billion.

The trust fund is expected to provide \$1.3 billion to Texas school districts in 1995-96.

Authority to contract with private investment firms was allowed by the 1995 Legislature's rewrite of the state education code, signed into law this spring by Gov. Bush.

Perry Square with EPA
 Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has not been lax in enforcing federal pesticide laws, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has concluded after conducting a three-month investigation.

Complaints against Perry's enforcement of the laws had been lodged by labor, consumer and environ-

mental groups, who asked that the EPA usurp the Texas Agriculture Department's enforcement role.

Isolated problems the EPA found included record-keeping errors, untimely reporting and failure to document reasons when a penalty was changed from the recommendation of the department's review committee, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

"We did not find any major problems where we would even consider rescinding the agency's primary enforcement responsibility," said John Larson, life scientist with the EPA's Dallas office.

The EPA did, however, encourage Perry to beef up his department's communications and interaction with the public.

Mayors Fear Budget Cuts
 Seventeen mayors attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Austin last week expressed fear to Vice President Al Gore that deficit-reduction efforts in Congress would devastate their cities.

The vice president agreed with the mayors and criticized Republican budget bills designed to reach a balanced budget in seven years.

"The budget resolution now being considered in the Congress would in fact be devastating to the cities of America," Gore said. "And it doesn't matter whether the mayor is a Democrat or a Republican."

Despite Gore's criticism, President Clinton appears ready to sign the measure after negotiating an easing of some cuts with congressional leaders.

Kenedy Prison Opens
 Texas' prison-building boom ended last week with the opening of a maximum-security facility in Kenedy, about 60 miles southeast of San Antonio.

The John B. Connally Unit, a 2,580 bed facility began accepting inmates on July 28 and likely will reach capacity within four weeks, Warden Dayton Poppelt said.

The prison is the last of three maximum-security centers the state built under a \$1.1 billion prison expansion program.

Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Nov. 26, 1970
 Julius Boros filmed the ABC-TV *Outdoors Show* with Jimmy Reels *Goose Hunting Club* and the Bucks-nag Club in Garwood. Some shots were also taken at the Prairie Chicken Refuge. D.A. Thornton aided in the filming process.

Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Cone sold their interest in the No-Courts Motel on East Main Street in Eagle Lake to Henry Earl Fletcher, formerly of Houston, effective Nov. 19.

Miss Donna Trant of El Campo, bride-elect of Raymond Kubesch of Nada, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the Nada parish hall, Sunday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. Miss Diana Baker, bride-elect of William Brunner, was honored at a coffee shower from 9:30-11:30 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the home of Fred R. Friska.

Miss Jeanie Marsalia, bride-elect of William James Mahon, was complimented with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Charles D. Stephens, on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Lona Wainwright, mother of Garner H. Tate, passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, at Polly Ryan Hospital in Richmond following several months of illness. L.G. Lawrence, 48, of Eagle Lake passed away at his home at 1 p.m. Saturday, after a lengthy illness. Mr. Lawrence formerly was a dredge operator at Gifford Hill gravel company.

Dan A. Thornton of Eagle Lake has been selected to the Board of Directors of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce by a vote of the membership present at the Chambers 44th Annual Meeting which concluded Friday, Nov. 20, in Corpus Christi.

May 2, 1947
 Miss Mary Edna Walker, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.O. Walker, will represent the Eagle Lake Rotary Club in "The Court of the Old South" June 12, 13, 14 at the 17th Annual Tomato-Tom-Tom in Yoakum.

Superintendent W.C. Reed announced this week that Draper Stephens, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles D. Stephens, is the valedictorian of the senior class of '47 and Delores Spanihel, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R.F. Spanihel, is salutatorian. Helen Canaris, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Canaris, was 3rd highest.

According to an announcement here this week, R.F. Spanihel and son L.J. Spanihel have purchased the B.M. Daily dry goods store... Walter A. Luna, father of Joe D. Luna, Eagle Lake drugist, died at his home in Bay City early Wednesday morning.

Little Gail Albright celebrated her third birthday last Friday afternoon in the home of Dr. & Mrs. J.C. Laughlin.

About Town...

*Angela Ann Anderson, of Eagle Lake, was among the 1,511 honor students named to the Dean's Academic Honor List at Baylor University. She is a junior at the university. To be named to the Dean's List a student must be an undergraduate with

minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

*Marianne Kayembe, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Burke Jr. of Eagle Lake, and her two children are visiting from St. Louis. They'll be down for a period of three weeks, visiting Matagorda last week.

*It's bad enough trying to make ends meet in today's economy, but what do you do when suddenly a big hunk of cash flows the wrong way? Ask Elmer Struss.

After placing the garbage can at the curb, Elmer got in his car, backed out of his driveway and headed for town. When he got to Meitzen's Service Station, it all of a sudden hit him that the bank bag was not in the car. He immediately turned around and headed back to the house. No bank bag.

Needless to say, every square inch of ground between the Struss' house and Meitzen's was searched repeatedly. The house was gone over with a fine tooth comb, as they say. Still, no bank bag.

The only distinguishing feature of the bag is an IOU Isidoro Ramirez had put in an earlier time. "It's just a piece of paper with 'IOU \$100 Izzy' written on it," Struss said.

Otherwise the bag is just like a number of them businesses in the area use... blue, with "The First National Bank, Eagle Lake, Texas" printed on one side.

Of course, a reward is being offered for the bag's return. The return of the large amount of cash inside would also be greatly appreciated.

If you have any information, contact Struss at 234-2020 or you can call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 or the Eagle Lake Police Dept. at 234-2727.

*Melissa Buckner, daughter of Jim and Elizabeth Buckner of Eagle Lake, was surprised on her birthday last week with a party, given by her parents. All her friends were in on it, of course. A couple of them even went as far as dressing up a story to get her out of the house for a couple of hours before the party so things could be set up.

Hope everyone had a good time. Happy birthday, Melissa!

*It was learned last week that another brave soul is planning to open up The Grill (next door to us). Boy, won't that be nice! A source of coffee while our first pot is brewing, an easy, quick lunch. We'll pass along any other info when it comes our way.

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- *Ear/Nose/Throat: Harold Griffin, M.D.
- *Nurse Practitioner: Helen Burchfield, M.S.N., R.N., F.N.P.-C.
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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS
 Deed: Patrick Peters, et ux to Marvin A. Hreck, et ux, 10 1/2 wide strip, located in Block 103 in the City of Weimar, filed 6-26-95.

Deed: Joe Hallmann, et ux to Rocky Luetge, 0.52 acres, out of the Casper Simon Survey, A-502; 6-26-95.

Deed: Estate of Riberta Anderson to Mary Helen Cervantes, Lot #5 of the Boothe and Rawes Addition to the City of Eagle Lake; 6-26-95.

Deed: Wessie Agce Jr., to Ronald R. Stewart, et ux, 10 acres out of the John Dunlavy Survey, A-165; 6-27-95.

Deed: Jean F. Walker, et ux to Bessie Dornhaag, Lot 13 in Block 31, Town of Sheridan; 6-27-95.

Deed: Vivian L. Smith Testamentary trusts to Anne Ilse Anderson, Successor Trustee for Alice W. Huckabay Trust LTD, 78.356 acres, out of the P.H. Mayes Survey, A-426; 6-27-95.

Deed: W.A. Schindler and John W. Schindler to Bennie A. Polasek, et ux, 5.365 acres out of the John McCrosky Survey, A-31; 6-27-95.

Deed: Reinhardt Brandt, et ux to Leo Laeve and Adela Laeve, Lots No. 11 and 12 in Block No. 78 in the Town of Weimar; 6-28-95.

Deed: Jerry Murrin to Doe Foe undivided interest in all oil, gas, sulphur and all other minerals, land in Colorado County; 6-28-95.

Deed: John Williams Schindler to W.A. Schindler, 13.283 acres out of the James Stuart Survey, A-507, et al; 6-28-95.

Deed: Madeline German Hattermanto Alan C. Hatterman, 5 acres, a part of the Alfred Keco Survey, A-368; 6-29-95.

Deed: Thelma Smith Miller to Herman Williams Jr., 0.50 acres, Colorado County; 6-29-95.

Deed: Alfred Boland to Sheridan Parks and Recreation Center Inc., being Lot 9 in Block 41 of the Town of Sheridan in Colorado County; 6-29-95.

Deed: Guy Boland to Sheridan Park and Recreation Center Inc., being North half of Lot 12 and Lot 8 in Block 41 of the Town of Sheridan; 6-29-95.

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Greater Mt. Olive holds revival

Any who missed the revival which was held last week, July 17-21, at Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church located at 709 N. Lake, missed a treat. The revival was conducted by Rev. R. Kiser.

On Monday, the teacher was Rev. O.B. Rhodes, pastor of White Cloud Baptist Church. His scripture was from Matthew 22:1-10.

Also on Monday, Pastor Kiser chose the Deity Book, John 3:18, 19 with the subject of "The death chamber" or (row).

On Tuesday, the teacher was Rev. J.H. James, N. Lake Baptist Church. Rev. James taught on "Sanctification and Regeneration", out of the Deity Book, John 17:17.

On Wednesday, Rev. J.H. James favored us with another lesson from John 17:17. He taught on the seven steps to salvation.

Pastor Kiser's sub-text for Wednesday was a self-searching message, "A dead church in a dying world." Ez. 37:1-4.

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Our own Rev. Kiser's message was from the law book of the New Testament, Romans 3:26, 6:23, "For all have sinned". This was a personal survey with the question asked, "How many sins, does it take to destroy your soul?"

Friday evening, Rev. J.H. James expounded on Apostle Paul's letter to the church at Rome, Rom. 5:1, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through..."

Pastor Kiser sub-text for the Communion of the Spiritual evening was "I've got to talk to somebody" Psalms 27, 7, 8.

N. Lake Missionary Baptist Church reporter, Ste. Inola Johnson, Rev. J.H. James, Pastor.

Scripture was read by Rev. O. Scott from Romans 10:1-9. The evangelist inspired us by preaching on "Christ and the Lost", Lost in the House today.

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Fire damages Riceland's Columbus service clinic

Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority, at 624 Preston in Columbus, suffered fire damage at the County Outpatient Mental Health Service Center on July 22.

Fortunately there were no injuries, but losses include damage to the building structure and office equipment.

A temporary service location has been set up at the site to ensure the safety of and continued services to our consumers in Colorado County.

Currently, Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority is working with Colorado County to locate a facility to provide services until the Preston location can be cleaned and damages repaired.

The announcement of this location will be forthcoming.

The continued focus of Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority is to provide services without disruption.

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