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Can Board of Education still screen textbooks?

Ignoring protests by religious conservatives, the State Board of Education voted last week to begin screening textbooks only if the attorney general says it is legal.
In a 10-5 vote that followed some heated debate, board members agreed to ask the attorney general to decide whether they still have authority to screen textbooks for objectionable materials.



State Capitol Highlights
By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association
The Dallas Morning News, insisting that his intent was to shift the major decisions on textbook content from the state to local school boards.

Republican majority. We've got an aggressive campaign planned this year.
Democrats hold a 17-14 edge in the Senate and an 84-64 majority in the House.
Grusendorf's group listed 27 House seats where it envisions potential Republican victories, including Laney's West Texas District. His GOP opponent is Springlake rancher Hollis Cain.

of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, said when insurers rely on other insurers' decisions, consumers don't get a fair shake from either company.
He said the court made clear that the procedure, not necessarily the rules, was wrong.
But Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said insurers must consider all the information available.

Board Chairman Jack Christie acknowledged there was only an "outside shot" the attorney general would approve screening, but he said the board is ready to review all textbooks if given clearance to do so.
Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, who wrote the 1995 reform law, said he had no quarrel with the board asking the attorney general for an opinion.

GOP Group Targeting Laney
House Speaker Pete Laney accused a Republican group attempting to seize control of the Texas House of seeking to make the Legislature look like Congress - gridlocked.
"A small group wants the Texas House to adopt the most partisan aspects of Congress," Laney said.

Insurance Rules Invalid
A state "backlisting" rule blocking insurance companies from considering another company's decision to drop or refuse to cover a prospective customer is invalid, the Texas Supreme Court has ruled.
The rule, along with another thrown out by the court, was adopted by the Texas Board of Insurance, which was replaced in 1993 by an appointed commissioner.

Locals May Share Lottery Cash
State Sen. Tom Hayden, R-Wichita Falls said he will introduce a bill next year to give cities and counties five cents of every \$1 lottery ticket sold within their boundaries.
All lottery revenues now go into the state general fund.
With ticket sales of almost \$3.5 billion in the past 12 months, the Texas Lottery is the most successful in North America. And Sen. Haywood thinks local governments should share in that success.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS!
Your County Farm Bureau is conducting a petition drive to demonstrate support for property tax relief.
The Governor has appointed a Citizens Committee to review alternatives to the property tax in Texas.
Let the Citizens Committee know your views on property taxes.
Sign our petition at your local county Farm Bureau office.

Colorado County Farm Bureau
1117 Travis Street
Columbus, Texas 78934

Haywood said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, the Senate's presiding officer, has promised to let him move the bill if he can get the needed votes.
Rod Borderlon, executive director
Seems one of the girls decided to steal the show the hard way as a group of friends were celebrating Bridget Baine's 17th birthday at the Garwood pool.
Reportedly, the group decided Sunny Gertson needed immediate medical attention so they rushed her to the emergency room where she underwent an emergency appendectomy in the wee hours of Thursday morning.

ABOUT TOWN...
Heard there was quite a stir at the ER of Rice District Community Hospital late Wednesday night last week when a swarm of bikini-clad young ladies arrived like a scene from "Baywatch".

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

Oct. 21, 1971
Marlan Holley, plant manager for Plant No. 68, Eagle Lake for Gifford-Hill Corporation, accepted an Industrial Expansion Citation from Governor Preston Smith in Austin last Thursday during the Governor's conference on industrial expansion. He was accompanied to the luncheon by City Manager T.J. Smith and Travis Wegenhoft.
Dr. J.W. Gissel, 73, who practiced in Eagle Lake during the late 1930's and 1940's, died in Atlanta, Georgia, last Wednesday, Oct. 13. He had resided in Houston for the past 26 yrs.

May 14, 1948
Three hours after her birth at 12:30 noon last Saturday, baby Willa Jean Brune, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Brune, passed away.
Supt. W.C. Reed of the Eagle Lake High School announced this week that Miss Ernest Mae Sealholm, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Sealholm, has a 4-year average of 95 to become valedictorian of the senior class of 1948. Miss Mary Elizabeth Davidson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Davidson, is class salutatorian with a 4-year average of 87.25.
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Sealholm are now occupying their new home on Hwy. 200. Their son, Carl Jr., was home from S.W.T.S.C. in San Marcos to spend the weekend with his parents.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Nicholson of Houston and Mrs. Selma Falen were guests of Mr. & Mrs. E.F. Munford at the Senior Play in which their brother and son, Edmund Munford, was a member of the cast in "For The Love of Mike".
Little John Benton Gayle paid his first visit to the home of his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. B.D. Fussell, this week. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. John Gayle, and sister, Annette, of West Columbia.
Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Wilcox and Tommy had as weekend guests their son and brother, Robert Wilcox Jr. from Southwestern University in Georgetown; his brother, Malcom Wilcox of Calvert, and the family of his sister, Mrs. K. E. Voelkel and daughters, Patty and Nita, of Austin.
Mrs. F.M. Taylor and son, R.W. of West Columbia, spent the weekend visiting her father, Ed Hoode, the family of her sister, Mr. & Mrs. Jake Zoeller, and other relatives.
Dr. & Mrs. Lewis Kopecky were in Wharton last Saturday to attend the wedding of her niece, Miss June Ladell Kopecky, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. George Kopecky, and Gayle Stuart Alden.
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Reel, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Thomas and Mr. & Mrs. Harland Bell were in Houston Sunday to attend the Sports Show.
Coach Edwin Rench and the football and basketball squads of 1947-48 of Eagle Lake High School were entertained with a barbecue supper along the creek in the Matthews area by Mr. & Mrs. George Cason Sr. Wednesday evening. Athletes attending were Tommy Wilcox, Bill Hanly, Boniface Parma, Leon and Frank Parma, Ernest Larmer, David Zahradnick, Tommy Scott, Bill Reed, David Anderson, George Cason, Walter Franka, Isidoro Contreras, Frankie Ripper, Jack Dodd, Bobby Wright, John Walker, James Thornton, Eckhardt Abercrombie, Vernon Gertson, Billy Joe

are Carolina Perez, Sharon Rees, Glenda Popp, Carmen Stallman and Gayle Gaye.
Christine Herman, bride-elect of Robert Owens, was honored with at Rice Bag Party, Friday Oct. 11, in the Martin Herman home. Harold Taylor was elected vice president of the Rice Student Council. Harold is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Taylor of Sheridan.
Funeral services were held at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, Oct. 20, for Mrs. Lucy H. Garza, a long time resident of Eagle Lake. She passed away on Oct. 18 after a lengthy illness.



Wood receives appreciation award
Jenny Hajovsky, president of the Rice FFA Chapter, presented Jim Wood, owner of S&W Parts Company, with an appreciation award this summer. Wood was recognized for his support of the chapter by collecting Wix Filter box tops. These tops were then entered in a nation-wide fundraiser sponsored by Wix Filter Corporation. Wood presented a check for \$800 from the boxtops to the Rice chapter.

Cardenas receives national recognition

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Olivia Cardenas has been named a United States National Award winner in mathematics.
This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American high school students.
Olivia, a student at Eagle Lake Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Mr. Jim Crews, a teacher at the school.
Olivia will appear in the U.S. Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.
"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the Academy.
The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.
Olivia is the daughter of Linda Rodriguez. Her grandparents are Refugio and Olivia Cardenas of Eagle Lake.
Congratulations, Olivia!

Summer reading program a success

The Enla and David Wintermann Library's summer reading program, Ready, Set... Read, came to a close last week with 64 children attending.
Children from the age of four to completed fifth grade came to the library every Wednesday for story hour and every Thursday for movies.
Ninety-five children were registered for the reading program. Certificates, trophies and prizes (from a drawing) were presented to the 45 children who completed the program by reading 10 books.
Lemonade and cookies were enjoyed by everyone and party favors were passed out to the children before they left.
A special thanks goes to Tom Reed's Kiddish which increased our program membership by 10 children and to all of the following ladies who took time out of their busy schedules to present our programs on Wednesdays: Mrs. Robin Thomas, Dr. Vanda Verma, Mrs. Mercy Fling, Ms. Gloria Foster and Mrs. Lora Brummer.
We'll see all of you next summer!



Olivia Cardenas



Library winners

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS
Deed: Oscar Henke Sr. to Lenora Kotrla, Lot 6, Block 93, Town of Columbus; filed 4-1-96.
Deed: Lawrence J. Gold et al to Mark A. Janda et al, part of Lot 1, Block 32, City of Weimar; 4-1-96.
Deed: A.J. Reidel Jr. et ux to Kevin L. Hattermann, 1.160 acres out of the Joseph Thompson Survey, A-42; 4-1-96.
Gift Deed: Lillian P. Stallman to Thomas W. Stallman, tract of land out of the E. Tunlinson League, A-44, City of Columbus; 4-2-96.
Deed: Larry Jenkins Alley and Marvin Alley to Eddie Eugene Alley, 3.2 acres located in the James Cummins League, A-12; 4-2-96.
Deed: Andrew Trumbull to Ronnie J. Zatopek et ux, 13.09 acres of land out of the Joseph Duff Survey, A-20; 4-2-96.
Deed: Terry L. Walker et ux to Jerry J. Meant et ux, Lots 104 & 105, Lake Sheridan Estates; 4-3-96.
Deed: Jeff Wied et ux to Frederick W. Weishahn, 4.338 acres, a part of the Clement C. Dryer League, A-21; 4-3-96.
Gift Deed: Amy Bennett Lewis to Cathy Lewis, Lots 1, 21, 22, 23 & 24, Block 24, Town of Rock Island; 4-4-96.
Deed: Donald Kyle Hatchell to William Black et ux, 2 tracts out of the S.A., et al; 4-4-96.
Gift Deed: Wilburn Black et ux to Brian Clayton Ten Napel, und. int. in 20 acres out of the Eliza Hagan Survey, A-817; 4-4-96.
Deed: Georgia R. Hoggatt to Arnold Willie Schillab, und. int. in 52.233 acres out of the Timothy McKean Survey, A-416; 4-4-96.
Deed: John H. Peters Jr. et ux to Betty J. Untermeyer, 0.348 acre tract, a part of original Lot 1, Block 146, City of Columbus; 4-4-96.
Deed: Weimar MFG. Co. to Richard C. MacCauley, Lots 27 & 28, Block 3, City of Weimar, et al; 4-8-96.
Deed: Gwendolyn S. Black to Ron L. McGrew et ux, Lot 8, Block 5, Putney Ross Addition to the City of Eagle Lake; 4-8-96.

RR Co. Survey 29, A-252, et al; 4-8-96.
Betty Evoritt, Attorney-in-Fact for C.E. Evoritt Jr., Julia Evoritt Gannon et al to James, Inc. 160 acres out of the GH&H RR Co. Survey 29, A-252, et al; 4-8-96.
Mary Thompson to Cornerstone Land & Mineral Trust, 443.06 acres, out of the John S. Evans Survey, A-22; 4-8-96.
Agnes A. Williams to Cornerstone Land & Mineral Trust, 443.06 acres, out of the John S. Evans Survey, A-22; 4-8-96.
Cathleen Policks and Gary Skauca to Cornerstone Land & Mineral Trust, 443.06 acres, out of the John S. Evans Survey, A-22; 4-8-96.
Pearl Elizabeth Blaha and Douglas Charles Blaha; 7-2-96.
DIVORCES GRANTED
Darlene Brown and Bennie Charles Brown Sr.; granted 7-11-96.
Faye Viola Semora and Bobby Charles Semora; 7-11-96.
Woodrow Ray Anderson and Barbara Ann Woods Anderson; 7-11-96.
Shrona Jackson and Marion Clyde Jackson Jr.; 7-11-96.
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Carl David Birmingham Jr., 19, and Kristal Dawn Schmidt, 20, both of Columbus.
Wade Anders Carroll, 25, and Traci Wren Adams, 25, both of Weimar.

OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES
Mary Ellen S. Wales to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 480 acres out of the W.S. Delaney Survey, A-895; filed 4-3-96.
Lois Dian Crowley to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 480 acres out of the W.S. Delaney Survey, A-895; 4-3-96.
Josephine Stanton Sierra to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 480 acres out of the W.S. Delaney Survey, A-895; 4-3-96.
Bill James Walling et ux to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 480 acres out of the W.S. Delaney Survey, A-895; 4-3-96.
Virginia Neville Brown to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 480 acres out of the W.S. Delaney Survey, A-895; 4-3-96.
Elmer Kenneth Danklefs et al to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 320 acres out of the I&GN RR Survey 1, A-287, et al; 4-3-96.
Hattie Jackson to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 529.39 acres out of the I&GN RR Survey 1, A-300, et al; 4-3-96.
G.K. Jackson to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 529.39 acres out of the I&GN RR Survey 1, A-300, et al; 4-3-96.
Virginia McLaughlin Clapp to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 529.39 acres out of the I&GN RR Survey 1, A-300, et al; 4-3-96.
Robert C. Schirring et al to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 3 tracts out of the I&GN RR Survey 586, A-313 & 314, et al; 4-3-96.
Betty Evoritt, Attorney-in-Fact for C.E. Evoritt Jr., Julia Evoritt Gannon et al to James, Inc. 160 acres out of the GH&H RR Co. Survey 29, A-252, et al; 4-8-96.
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COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS
Ottell Thomas, El Campo, driving while intoxicated (DWI), defendant plead guilty, fined \$1,000, cost of court, 90 days jail time and 9 months probation.
Don Lewis, Columbus, DWI, defendant plead guilty, Court found the defendant guilty, fined \$500, court cost and 6 months deferred adjudication.
DISTRICT COURT DIVORCES FILED
Gwendolyn Marie Brown and Andrew Coy Brown; filed 7-1-96.

Super Strutters Twirling & Flag Classes
By Becky Moulder
Registration & Costume Fittings
Nada Hall: Tuesday, July 30; 6-7 p.m.
Eagle Lake Community Center: Wednesday, July 31; 6-7 p.m.
Classes Begin Aug. 6 & 7
Ages 4 and Up
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234-5717

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Eagle Lake Community Center, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
\$85.00
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Don't Own a Gun? Rentals Available
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nifer, rode around with her mother, but hadn't noticed the little one when she went to her room to dress.
Beth said about 20 people were out in cars and on foot looking for the tike. She didn't mention how he was finally found, but she said it was another example of how a small town pulls together under pressure.

Bible Verse of the Week
"Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known."
— Psalm 106:8
Submitted by Leslie Risk
Class of '80 average cost: about \$10,800 for four years of college
Class of '95 average cost: about \$26,000
Class of '10 projected cost: about \$60,000
Reality is expensive.
Prepare yourself for college with U.S. Savings Bonds.
Remember all those college costs when you were a student? Sure, tuition was expensive. But the bill for room and board was often higher than tuition. Plus there were books, a bike, typewriter... all those things college students needed to survive on campus.
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