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To The Editor & You

Reader sends 'little prayer'

Dear Editor,

I found this little prayer and thought it applies to all of us. Please just read it and think about it.

Prayer To Be A Better Listener

The Christophers (used by permission)

We do not really listen to each other
God, at least not all the time.
Instead of true dialogue, we carry on
two parallel monologues.
I talk, my companion talks.
But what we are really concentrating
on is how to sound good, how to
make our points strongly, how to
outshine the person with whom
we are talking.

Teach us to listen as your Son
listened to everyone who spoke
with him.
Remind us that, somehow, you are
trying to reach us through our

partner in conversation.
Your truth, your love, your goodness
are seeking us out in the truth,
love, and goodness being
communicated.
When our words are harsh, hostile,
angry, we convey the very

opposite of those qualities.
Teach us to be still, Lord, that we
may truly hear our brothers and
sisters - and, in them, you.
Amen.

Sincerely,
Anonymous

Local urges citizens to vote for Reed

Dear Editor:

I am writing to encourage your
readers to vote for Colorado County
native and my friend, Tom Reed, in

the Democratic Primary Runoff elec-
tion for U.S. Congress on Tuesday,
April 14.

I have known Tom all his life. I
watched him grow into the mature and
dedicated man he is today.

He is an elder in his church, serves
as Colorado County Economic Devel-
opment Chairman, works with the
school district in a variety of ways and
has been a Colorado County EMS vol-
unteer for eight years.

He is a hard worker in his family
business, knows issues and loves
people.

I am convinced that Tom is run-
ning for Congress to put the people of
Colorado County and the 14th Con-
gressional district first.

Tom's message is one of problem
solving, something we all could use
more of. As a small business owner
who fights government regulations
and taxes daily, he wants to lower
taxes on businesses and families, not

House approves its version of spending bill

The U.S. House last week ap-
proved its version of a bill that would
pump \$218 billion into the nation's
highways and mass transit systems
over the next six years.

Texas' share of the amount, under
the House plan, would be \$1.9 billion
a year. Under a similar bill passed
earlier by the Senate, Texas would
receive slightly less - \$1.86 billion a
year.

"Both the House and Senate bills
give Texas an improved rate of return
on what we send to Washington in
federal transportation (gasoline)
taxes," said Texas Transportation
Commissioner David Laney, who



State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

added that ultimate success will be a
combined bill that preserves the fair-
ness of the House and Senate bills.

House and Senate members in
charge of combining the bills will
have to decide how Congress will get
states to toughen drunken driving laws
- through incentives or penalties.

In addition, the House bill in-
cludes about \$440 million for about 60
transportation projects in Texas; the
Senate bill has no such provision.

Congress will have to find money
by cutting other federal programs to
help pay for the transportation pro-
gram.

Inmate Costs Discussed

In a discussion of medical treat-
ment of prison inmates, the Senate
Criminal Justice Committee learned
two things last week: that it costs more
to keep older inmates healthy and the
number of Texas prison inmates is
growing due to longer sentences and
new laws that stiffen parole require-
ments.

As of Jan. 1, Texas had 9,130 pris-
oners age 50 or older - a 15% increase
from a year earlier and more than
double the number of that group four
years ago.

At the meeting, committee chair-
man John Whitmire, D-Houston, said
elderly prisoners with terminal ill-
nesses who pose no risk to society
should be allowed to leave prison to
die at home with their families.

Under the state's managed
healthcare system, the cost per doctor
visit for inmates age 55 and older is
\$14.50. And, the cost for drug ther-
apies for inmates with HIV is projected
to rise to more than \$18 per day per
patient by the end of the fiscal year.

Court Reject TEA Suit

On March 31, the U.S. Supreme
Court rejected a lawsuit that would

have freed Texas of certain federal
requirements when stepping in to
manage a school district with serious
financial problems. Justices said the
suit was premature because it raised
potential, not actual, circumstances.

At issue was the amount of time
state officials have to wait to inter-
vene, under present law, when condi-
tions in a given school district have
badly deteriorated.

"When a district is in critical
shape," Debbie Graves, a spokesman
for the Texas Education Agency, told
the *Dallas Morning News*, "we need to
be able to act quickly to protect the
interests of schoolchildren. That is
why this lawsuit was filed."

The suit was filed after Education
Commissioner Mike Moses ap-
pointed - with federal approval - two
"masters" to oversee the Wilmer-
Hutchins school district two years
ago.

Moses said he was disappointed at
the court's rejection of the suit, but
still believes the state has a right to
intervene in school districts when
circumstances warrant. "At such time
as that need again arises, we will pro-
ceed in a manner that is in the best
interests of the children and defend
our right to do so if challenged,"
Moses said.

Other Capital Highlights

Insurance Commissioner Elton
Bomer last week ordered mandatory
discounts, beginning May 1, for hail-
resistant metal roofs and created an
endorsement on homeowners policies
to deal with cosmetic damage. Home-
owners will be eligible for home-
owner discounts as high as 35%,
depending on the area of the state where
they live. Companies have the option
of offering discounts for homeowners
who installed hail-resistant roofs prior
to Feb. 17, the Texas Department of
Insurance said.

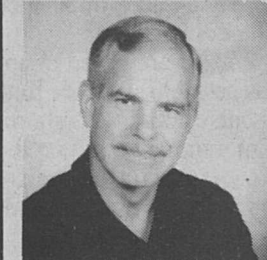
The *Austin American-Statesman*
reported last week that despite an in-
crease in applications from students of
all races, the University of Texas has
offered fall admission to fewer black
freshmen and almost the same number
of Hispanics as a year ago. The figures
indicate an ongoing effect from the
federal court decision known as the
Hopwood ruling, which prohibited
the use of a race-based admissions
policy.

Former Texas Department of
Corrections executive director Andy
Collins has been indicted on eight
counts related to an alleged conspir-
acy to ensure that a Canadian company
VitaPro received state contracts worth
\$33.7 million in 1995.

Texas exports grew 14% last year
- to \$84 billion - outpacing the national
growth rate. Texas exports increased
to \$84 billion in 1997. California was
the only state to export more goods
than Texas last year.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1973

A portion of the committee of the
appreciation day activities to be held
Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Com-
munity Center honoring Dr. J.R.
Laughlin, founder of the Laughlin
Hospital, were completing plans for
the event. Committee members are
J.T. (Tommy) Pilkington, Mrs.
David R. Wintermann, Dr. Ray-
mond Thomas, Charles D. Ste-
phens, Mrs. Harold Thomas, Mrs.
V.T. Matthews and Mrs. Charles D.
Stephens...

Patrick Bubela of Garwood re-
ceived serious injuries at 12:30 a.m.
Monday morning when his 1972 Ford
was in collision with a pickup truck on
Hwy. 71 between Garwood and Nada.
The other driver was Edward Kore-
nek of Nada. Mr. Korenek and his
daughter, Phyllis, 15, were treated at
Nightingale Hospital and released
with lesser injuries...

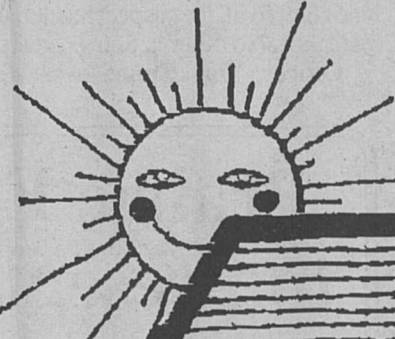
B.H. Fillmon has tendered his
resignation as deputy with the County
Sheriff's office effective May 1st...
Judy Meitzen, daughter of Mr. &

Mrs. Bob Meitzen and a senior stu-
dent at Sam Houston State University
at Huntsville, was one of 12 students
initiated in the Phi Chapter of Pi
Omega Pi, National Business Educa-
tion Honorary Society March 8...

Cheri Lundquist and Robin En-
gstrom, seniors at Rice High School,
participated April 13 in the Miss
Texas Universe Pageant in San Anto-
nio. Robin and Cheri won the honors
of being in the pageant by winning
former pageants and beauty con-
tests...

Mrs. Marcy Salinas, Miss Rose
Yanez and Miss Olga Salinas of
Marcy's Beauty Shop and Mrs. Inez
Matura of the Kurlette Beauty Shop
were in Houston Sunday, April 15, to
attend "Miss Southland's Spectacular
Show of Stars" at the Astroworld Ho-
tel...

Mr. & Mrs. R.V. Willis Sr., for-
merly of Eagle Lake and now residing
in Sugar Land, will quietly celebrate
their 50th wedding anniversary at
their home Thursday, April 26. Due to
(See 24 & 48, Page 4)



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Bible Verse of the Week

"Do all things without
murmuring and dis-
putings."

— Phillipians 2:14

Submitted by
Neddy Phillips

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reasonable length letters for publication in
the Letters to the Editor column under the
following guidelines:

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1,500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's
name printed as well as the writer's signa-
ture, and include the writer's address and
home and work telephone numbers. The
Headlight must be able to reach the writer
in person before the letter can be pub-
lished.
3. The writer may request their name
be withheld from publication, but the in-
formation mentioned in Paragraph No. 2
must be included for our files.
4. Letters about political activity will
be published but those which mention
candidates will be considered advertising
and charged at the regular advertising rate.
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ered for publication but the writer's name
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