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To The Editor & You

Teachers to hold rally

Dear Editor,

Texas school children may soon be asking, "Where is my teacher?" or "Who will be my teacher?"

Education in Texas is facing the worse crisis in the history of the state. Teachers are leaving the classroom to pursue careers in which they are paid salaries that will enable them to support their families, as well as receive insurance benefits. College students, who would truly love to teach, cannot afford to pursue a teaching degree knowing they will not be able to provide for their families.

Texas ranks 35th in the nation in teacher's salaries and Texas ranks 50th in the nation in its contribution (6%) to the teacher's retirement fund. Although the state pours huge amounts of money in the ERS retirement fund (raising it again in the last legislative session), it ignores the TRS, which has not been improved in 22 years! Also, teachers are not pro-

vided with any insurance benefits unless their local district picks up the tab.

On March 1, Texas teachers are having a legislative rally in Austin. Teachers, your superintendents received letters in Jan. of 1998 requesting that this day be set aside on your 1998-99 school calendar to enable you to attend this rally. Hopefully they did this.

If you are not being given this day like many schools are, please take a personal day and be in Austin to help your fellow educators make Texas legislators aware of the crisis school children and teachers are facing. Contact your legislators and set up a meeting with them March 1 to discuss these vital issues. Impress upon your legislators that the state must FULLY FUND any increases and not keep putting the financial burden on the back of the local school districts.

Let's have a great rally on March 1 at 10 a.m. on the South steps of the capitol. See you there! If you need more information about this rally e-mail <http://www.lcc.net/~penpals/> or call 254-968-3662.

Sincerely,
Becky Copeland (first
grade teachers for 25 years)
945 Mockingbird
Stephenville, Texas 76401

Bible Verse
of the Week

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path."

— Psalms 119:105

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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Alzheimer's Disease: Newer Antipsychotic
Medicines May Help

Studies presented at a recent meeting of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology in December may be good news for victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families. The studies involved two popular antipsychotic medicines called *quetiapine* (Seroquel) and *risperidone* (Risperdal). Scientists evaluated the effect of these medicines on hostile behaviors sometimes associated with Alzheimer's.

In one study involving over 300 elderly persons who were institutionalized with Alzheimer's disease, those who received risperidone for a 12-week period improved in both psychotic and aggressive behaviors. Researchers were pleased with the low level of side effects. In the study involving quetiapine, about 40 individuals with Alzheimer's and hostility prior to the study showed significant improvement during a 12-month evaluation.

Mental health experts suggest that persons taking antipsychotic medicines on a long-term basis be evaluated for involuntary movements of the body and uncontrolled grimacing of the face. In addition, such medicines should be used with caution in persons with a history of seizures.

'Social promotions' may end in Texas schools

Gov. George W. Bush's initiative to end social promotions in Texas public schools was unanimously approved by the Senate Education Committee last week.

The initiative, Senate Bill 1, would require third- through eighth-grade students to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), a reading, writing and math test.

High school students' scores on the exit exam required for graduation no longer would be waived to keep them with their peers, but the legislation includes funding for remedial programs to keep students from falling behind.

Teel Bevins, R-Amarillo, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said he was pleased the bill drew the committee's unanimous approval.

"I think it's become pretty clear that this bill is targeting educationally disadvantaged kids who have historically fallen through the cracks," he said.

Among provisions in the bill co-authored by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, are these:

- Third-graders, beginning in 2003, must pass the reading portion of TAAS to be promoted;
- Fifth-graders, beginning in 2005, must pass TAAS reading and math; and
- Eighth-graders, beginning in 2008, must pass TAAS reading, writing and math in order to advance.

Money to pay for Senate Bill 1 is included in a \$125 million emergency appropriations bill that also would fund child abuse prevention programs, boll weevil eradication and prison beds.

AG Seeks Child Support Funding

Attorney General John Cornyn last week asked the Senate Finance Committee for money to bolster his child support collection mission.

In making his request, Cornyn told the budget-writing senators seven out of every eight calls to the Attorney General's Child Support Customer hot-line are not answered.

Cornyn said he needs \$39 million to build four regional call centers that would employ 114 workers and to upgrade computers that can speed the processing of child support checks.

Bush 'Idea' Gains Momentum

A coast-to-coast, 57-member congressional delegation last week called Gov. Bush "the perfect person to lead all Americans into the future," according to a copyright story by the *Austin American-Statesman*.

State Capitol
HighlightsBy Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

Meanwhile, a Texas Poll released last week shows that 81% of Texans rated the governor's job performance as excellent or good.

Sixty-four percent of respondents wanted Bush to run for president. Of that 64%, 79% identified themselves as Republicans and 50% said they were Democrats.

Bush said, however, that a decision to run for president "is not one that can be found in a poll. It's really got to be found in my heart," he told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 2, 1973

C.E. McTear and Johnny Prazak repeated as winners in the *Headlight's* football contest and lead in the contention for the \$50 prize, to be awarded to the persons with the most weekly wins at the end of the 10-week series...

Ballots in the Eagle Lake Firemen's Queen contest were tabulated this week and Miss Rhonda Kochwelp was named the Firemen's Queen for 1973-74; Miss Teresa Spanihel was named alternate to the position...

Colorado County Commissioner's Court, upon the recommendation of the Colorado County Medical Society, appointed Dr. Raymond R. Thomas of Eagle Lake as the new County Health Officer...

Tonda Shontelle Bunge, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Oscar L. Bunge of Garwood, received the sacrament of Baptism at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at St. Phillip's Catholic Church in El Campo...

Virgil Yanta, grandson of Mrs. Charles Kallina of Garwood, was awarded a \$750 scholarship from the Clark Foundation by the Texas Inter-scholastic League Foundation. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Yanta of Runge...

Army First Lt. Janice Aull, whose parents, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Aull, reside in Eagle Lake, has been as-

Other Highlights

• Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, and Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, have proposed a revision of the Texas Constitution that would put most state agencies under control of the governor's office and give the governor power to appoint the heads of those agencies.

• State agencies have asked the Legislative Budget Board for a combined total of nearly \$92 billion in new appropriations. That amount is over and above the \$9 billion projected to maintain current obligations for the 1999-2000 biennium.

• Rep. Harryette Ehrhardt, D-Dallas, has filed legislation to provide every Texas public school employee and their dependents with health insurance. The measure would cost the

state \$2.3 billion a year but would save school districts money that could be used for classrooms or to cut property taxes, she said.

• This legislative session, if lawmakers fail to pass a law banning open alcoholic beverage containers in cars, \$40 million of the state's federal highway money will go toward safety awareness programs instead of highway improvement projects. Rep. Fred Hill, R-Dallas, and Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, have filed the necessary bills.

• For the first time in the 1990s, AIDS does not appear on the list of leading causes of death in Texas, according to a report by the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Heart disease, cancer and stroke still rank as the top causes of death in the Lone Star State. Deaths from liver disease and cirrhosis are up.

signed as a nurse at the Army's Fitzsimon's General Hospital, Denver, Colorado...

On Sept. 19 at Houston Clinical Center, Miss Margaret Christal, eldest daughter of Mrs. Joyce Christal of Eagle Lake, received her nursing cap at an impressive ceremony honoring the Prairie View A&M University School of Nursing...

A tragic two-car accident took the life of John McCreless Jr., a resident of this city for the past several months, on the outskirts of San Antonio around 7 p.m. Sunday night. John, who had been a resident here with the Harvey Pustejovsky family, was visiting his parents in San Antonio and was enroute back to Eagle Lake...

Bud Seaholm of Eagle Lake lacked only one point in the finals of the bareback riding competition Saturday night at the San Jacinto County Fair and Rodeo, to capture the 1973 championship crown. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gardner Seaholm...

Mr. & Mrs. Everett Anderson are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter at Wharton's Caney Valley Hospital Sunday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m.

Feb. 8, 1951

Included in those reporting for physical examinations for the Draft Board are Draper Stephens, James Thornton, Isidro Contreras, Lalo Gonzales and Joe Smith...

Mrs. E.W. Hanley, who was injured in a most serious accident after falling on the ice in the backyard of her home, is still unconscious in Laughlin Hospital a week later. X-rays showed that her right shoulder is cracked. However, there are some signs that she has feeling in her right leg...

M.L. Anderson has received the bull he bought from the famous Wyoming Hereford Ranch...

Added to the broken bones list are Fred Addicks, who cracked a bone in his right leg, and Sam Miller, who broke his hip in falls on the ice...

Hardest hit so far as individual property loss were the cattlemen including I.V. Duncan, Pete Gertson, C.E. Everitt Sr. who lost calves, cows and bulls in the stormy weather...

Receiving congratulations on his 90th birthday was John Minarcik Sr. who was honored by his son and wife, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Minarcik, Sunday...

Participating in the Houston Fat Stock Show were John Mahalic Jr. with three steers and Lester Herman's hogs. However, the boys are not yet "in the money" as their animals did not place this year...

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World Day
of Prayer
is March 5

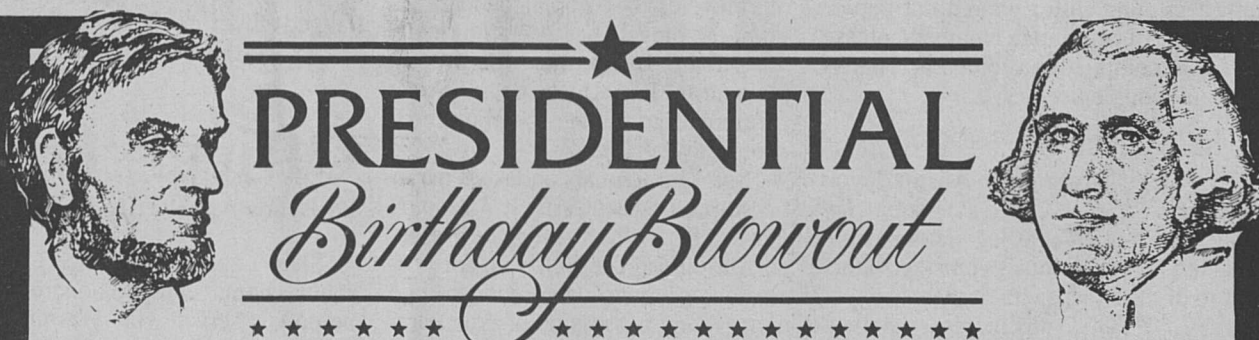
Christians in over 170 countries around the world will gather Friday, March 5, in observance of the 1999 World Day of Prayer Service.

In Eagle Lake, the service will be sponsored by United Methodist Women at United Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m.

Began in 1887 by Presbyterian laywoman Mary Ellen James, World Day of Prayer brings together women of various races, cultures and Christian traditions in informed prayer and prayerful action. Since 1941, World Day of Prayer has been sponsored in the United States by Church Women United, a grassroots ecumenical movement of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women.

This year's service, written by Christian women of Venezuela, focuses on the theme, "God's Tender Touch", and celebrates the gift of God's love. The writers of the service give thanks for the abundance of natural resources in their native country, while challenging the global community to become more aware of the needs that still exist among Venezuela's poor. On World Day of Prayer, we are invited by Venezuelan Christians to pray for a radical transformation of society that will reflect more fully God's redemptive grace, compassion and shalom.

Offerings received on World Day of Prayer support Church Women United's ecumenical ministries toward justice and peace for all persons. Ten percent of the total offerings received will be designated toward women's projects, both in the United States and in Venezuela. An additional 4% of the offering will go to support the ongoing work of the World Day of Prayer International Committee, which each year works with women in different countries in the preparation of service materials and resources.



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