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Gov. Bush signs bill requiring parental notification before abortions for under 18

Gov. George W. Bush last week signed a law requiring doctors to inform parents when their under-18 daughters seek abortions.

Under the new law, doctors must wait 48 hours before performing the abortion and must notify parents by registered mail or telephone that their unmarried daughters younger than 18 are seeking to terminate their pregnancy.

The new law was authored by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, and Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple.

Prayer Vigil Honors Slain Man

A circle of two dozen people dropped to their knees and held hands in a Capitol rotunda prayer vigil June 7 to mark the anniversary of the death

State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

of James Byrd Jr., a middle-aged black man from Jasper.

Byrd died after being chained at the neck and dragged behind a pickup truck. Three white men were charged in Byrd's death, inspiring hate-crime legislation.

Texas lawmakers failed, however, to pass the measure during the session that ended May 31.

Advocates of a proposal that would have enhanced penalties

against perpetrators of hate crimes have asked Gov. Bush to call a special session of the Texas Legislature to reconsider the issue.

The governor took no position on the issue during the regular session.

Homeowner Program Launched

In conjunction with National Homeownership Week, June 5-12, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs last week launched its Texas Statewide Homebuyer Education Program.

The program, intended to increase ownership among low-to moderate-income Texans, was mandated by a 1995 Texas law requiring the creation of a program to help citizens learn how to buy a home and keep a home.

Daisy Stiner, executive director of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, said the program initially will be directed toward underserved areas. She said low-income Texans, minorities and people with disabilities also will be a priority.

The Department of Housing and Community Affairs is responsible for affordable housing, community development and assistance programs and the regulation of the manufactured housing industry in Texas.

Study: Kids Reach for Marlboro

It is against state law for anyone under 18 to buy, possess or use tobacco products, but Texas children annually smoke more than 15 million packs of cigarettes worth \$39 million.

Survey results released June 10 by the Texas Department of Health show how much children smoke and which brands they prefer.

The agency's Texas Youth Tobacco Survey shows Marlboro is by far the most popular brand of cigarettes among underage smokers.

Seventy percent of the smokers in

sixth-through-12th grades smoke Marlboro. Newport, at 9%, is the second-most popular brand followed by Camel, at 7%.

It's no coincidence that Marlboro leads the list, according to Texas Commissioner of Health William Archer. "Marlboro is the most heavily advertised brand," he said.

The survey, a sampling of middle and high school students in Texas public schools, was conducted last spring.

Safety Is Tops Among Concerns

Safety in schools was a major topic at the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals' summer workshop last week in Austin.

Contraband-sniffing dogs, locker-less schools, gang activity and teacher and student anxiety were among 99 topics discussed at the three-day event attended by more than 1,500 principals and educators.

Other Highlights

A survey released last week by the State Bar of Texas reveals that nearly half of the judges in Texas believe campaign contributions significantly affect courtroom decisions. Holding the same belief were nearly 80% of lawyers and nearly 70% of other court workers.

Gerald Garrett, 48, of Austin last week was appointed by Gov. Bush as chairman of the 18-member Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. Garrett will replace current chairman Victor Rodriguez on July 11.

To all you folks who have friends and/or business concerns in Southeast Texas, telephone area code 409 will not "exhaust" in early 2000 as anticipated, the Texas Public Utilities Commission announced last week.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 4, 1973

Patrick Bubela of Nada, who recently received severe injuries in an auto wreck, had another close call Saturday morning when he was "run over" by a car at the New Bielau dance hall. He was hiding under the car when it suddenly began to move. He was not seriously injured but was taken to the Burn Institute in Galveston for burns received from the manifold on the car...

State Rep. John Wilson of La Grange discussed the re-writing of the constitution with Steve Taylor, project chairman for the Lions meeting last Thursday, and Lions President Roy Dean Van Nort...

City Manager and Assistant Fire Chief T.J. Smith and Fireman Bennie Miller demonstrated the proper way to extinguish a fire to students at Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS). They gave a very informative presentation to ELMS 5th graders who are currently studying a unit in fire prevention...

The Upper Room Book Store was officially opened and dedicated in an impressive ceremony at the new location at the intersection of Hwy. 90A and 102 Sunday afternoon...

Miss Marianne Burke was home for the Thanksgiving holidays for a visit with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Burke, and other relatives and friends, from Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia...

The Rice Raider girls won first place in the Katy girls' tourney last Wednesday by defeating the host Katy girls 54 to 51 in the finals of the tourney Saturday night...

Mrs. Frances J. Vasek of Wharton, sister of Mrs. J.T. (Jimmy)

Frnka of Eagle Lake, passed away Saturday, Nov. 7, at the age of 53 at Gulf Coast Medical Center...

Navy Commissaryman Third Class Larry G. Baker, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Baker of Eagle Lake, is a crewmember on the Destroyer Ingram that won the 1973 Battle Efficiency "E" for attaining the highest degree of battle readiness in Destroyer Squadron 14. A 1969 graduate of Eagle Lake High School, he joined the Navy in March 1971...

Citizens of the community learned with great sadness of the death of Michael Warren (Mike) Mayes, 69, of the Nottawa area between Lissie and East Bernard.

May 31, 1951

Congratulations and best wishes are being extended to Jo Ann Meitzen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter F. Meitzen Jr., and Ralph Gertson, son of Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Gertson, upon the announcement of their engagement and approaching marriage...

Charles Stephens of Eagle Lake Implement Co. reported a big crowd of farmers, cattlemen and ranchers out at his brush and weed cutting demonstration given last Friday at the R.L. Lange farm...

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pidgeon, Martha and Jack attended the commencement exercises of their daughter and sister, Frankie Jean, from Lon Morris College...

A well planned program by Lawrence Tate highlighted the last regular Cub Scout meet. Dr. J.C. Laughlin, president of the Lions Club, the sponsor of Cubs, set up a motion picture machine and C.L. Richter was projectionist for the showing of several movies...

Achievement awards were presented to the following: Harold Raabe, bear badge, denner stripes and gold arrow; Bill Rhoades, bear badge, gold arrow and three silver arrows; Alan Causey, lion badge, and one-year star; Larry Tate, gold arrow and wolf badge...

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. L.J. Spaniel upon the arrival of their first child, a daughter, who has been named Cynthia Anne...

Another new arrival in Eagle Lake is the infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C.K. (Buddy) Randow...

T.P. "Hoot" Dowdy had a near perfect day at the shoot last Sunday at the Skeet Club dropping only one bird in 100, posting a 99-100 to lead a field of eight shooters. Mac Webb broke 50 out of 50 targets, followed by Cal Gertson with a 48-50...

Jimmy Thomas wrapped up the 1951 Lakeview Golf Club championship Saturday after defeating Dr. J.R. Laughlin in the finals of the tournament...

Mr. & Mrs. S.J. Williams spent the weekend in San Antonio with their son, Pvt. Harold Lloyd Williams, who is stationed at Camp Bullis near there.

Museum computerizes collections

Prairie Edge Museum (PEM) has made remarkable progress in its past 17 years of formal existence in accumulating materials relating to the natural and cultural traditions of Colorado County.

Its more than 50 illuminated exhibit cases are filled with public educational and newsworthy attractions. However, says Curator W.H. Harrison, these visible materials are but a fraction of all the collections stored and awaiting their exhibition time according to a rotational system.

In the meantime, behind-the-scenes activity includes cataloging collections and recording data about them, when and how they were used, and brief glimpses about their users and/or donors. To date, these kinds of data have been laboriously entered by hand into a traditional museum catalogue.

At long last, however, PEM is modernizing its cataloguing system. Museum donor Philip Leopold has recently presented PEM with a state-of-the-art Hewlett Packard "Pavilion" computer and printer so curators can (See Museum, Page 6)



By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
MORTON'S NEUROMA

If you suffer from a fiery pain in the ball of your foot that often travels to your toes, you could have a Morton's neuroma, a swollen nerve between the metatarsal bones. Named after the U.S. surgeon who first described it, T.G. Morton, the condition usually causes a specific, localized pain. It most often occurs between the third and fourth toes. In severe cases, the toes become numb. Pain usually subsides if you are barefoot and worsens with tight shoes. The simplest treatment involves modifying your shoes, which diminishes the irritation and swelling around the nerve. Anti-inflammatory medication or cortisone shots may also be prescribed. If these steps fail to relieve the pain, surgery may be recommended.

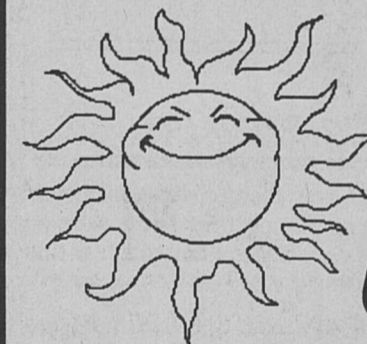
If you suffer from sharp pain, numbness, or a burning feeling in your feet, a nerve condition may be the cause. These can result from wearing tight shoes, being on your feet too long, or general medical conditions. Nerve conditions can be hard to detect, but we're trained to identify them, relieve any pain they cause, and correct them whenever possible. There's no need to suffer... we can help. For a Tuesday appointment, please call 234-5571, at Rice Medical Center.

P.S. It is important to wear shoes with enough width in the area of the ball of the foot. This helps to keep the bones from squeezing the neuroma.

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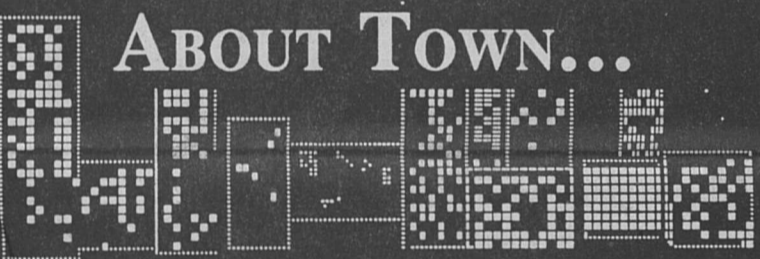


Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday:
6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday:
6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday:
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday:
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The following students have been named to the Dean's List at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) for spring 1999: Kyle J. Cranek and Evelyn L. Krueger of Columbus and Tracy Lenae Talas of East Bernard. Kyle also received his Bachelor of Science degree from SHSU in May.

The Dean's List at Sam Houston consists of all full-time students having grade point average of 3.5 and above on a 4.0 scale.

News from Baylor University in Waco lists Robbin Shea McClanahan of Eagle Lake on the Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade point average of 3.7 while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.

Celebrating their first year of marriage on June 13 were Louis and Carol (Cardenas) Nelson of Eagle Lake. As part of their anniversary, they, along with Carol's dad, Tony Cardenas, took their nieces, Racheal and Sarah Navarro, to Kansas City, Kansas, to meet their dad, Mark Navarro. Mark drove from Minnesota to

pick up the girls for summer vacation. It was a long trip, but Carol says it was well worth it to see the smiles on the girls' faces when they saw their dad.

Diplomas were awarded to 4,304 Texas A&M University graduates at the spring commencement. From this area was Allen Edwin Eggemeyer of Garwood who received a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Making the Dean's Honor Roll and Distinguished Students at Texas A&M were Jill Renee Satsky, majoring in biology, on the Honor Roll. Sarah Frances Matthews, majoring in industrial distribution; and Timothy Clark Powers, majoring in agricultural systems management, were named Distinguished. All are from Eagle Lake.

The Colorado County Farm Bureau awarded three \$500 scholarships to the following students: Codie Sue Friedrich, daughter of Alice Friedrich of Weimar; Scott Bittner, son of Paul and Annette Bittner of Garwood; and Jessica Harbich, daughter of Charles and Teresa Harbich of Alleyton.

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BETWEEN TEETH CAVITIES

Interproximal decay is the sort of cavity that occurs between your teeth—where they touch one another. Difficult to locate except with dental x-rays, they call for more personalized treatment to repair. To prevent such cavities from forming, some simple home health dental hygiene care is suggested.

Brush your teeth at least twice a day. Use dental floss daily. Use a toothpaste that contains fluoride. Ask your dentist about using daily applications of a topical fluoride. Avoid sticky, sugary foods or brush immediately after eating them. See your dentist regularly for cleanings and early treatment of cavities.

Decay usually starts on one tooth surface but spreads quickly to other surfaces. These "tight-squeeze" regions are vulnerable to decay because food becomes easily trapped within. More plaque accumulates and they are harder to brush. Regular dental treatment, daily flossing, and nutritional guidelines will protect against cavities between teeth or elsewhere.

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