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# Only 'organized' prayer banned

Attorney General John Cornyn has mailed letters explaining a federal appeals court ruling to school officials across the state, according to a report disseminated by the Associated Press.

Cornyn's letter, mailed last week to school boards and school administrators, states that the ruling prohibits only "school-organized" prayer.

In Feb., the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals issued an opinion banning organized prayer from football games and nonsectarian, non-proselytizing prayer from graduation ceremonies.

Some school districts interpreted the decision as a ban on all prayer at football games, creating turmoil where pre-game prayers were a tradition.

"The opinion does not prohibit students from engaging in voluntary prayer and should not be construed to prevent that type of activity as long as school and school officials are not involved," the letter states.

Citing a recent ruling by U.S. District Judge Sim Lake, Cornyn said schools may adopt policies allowing a student elected by peers to deliver a pre-game message over the school's loudspeaker.

**Deer Season Begins**

General deer season opens Nov. 6 in North Texas and runs through Jan. 2. South Texas deer season is from Nov. 13 through Jan. 16.

## State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling  
Texas Press Association

White-tailed deer attract more than 500,000 hunters who spend \$2 billion a year on hunting-related purchases in Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department estimated last week.

The demand is great and the supply greater with white-tailed deer population of more than 4 million, the agency said.

**Other Highlights**

Secretary of State Elton Bomer, the state's chief elections officer, last week visited cities across the state, urging Texans to vote in Tuesday, Nov. 2, elections. "If you're a proud Texan, get out and vote. Period. No excuses," Bomer said. About 10% of registered voters typically cast ballots in Texas' biennial constitutional amendment elections.

Most Texas gun owners and non-gun owners agree that guns sold in the United States should be childproof, according to a poll commissioned by the Southwest Injury Prevention and Research Center. Twenty children under 18 died of accidental shootings

last year, according to the Texas Department of Health.

Fall enrollment estimates are in, and almost 29% of university students and 39% of community college students are African-American or Hispanic, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board reported last week. The minority enrollment percentages are the highest on record.

The Texas Department of Transportation is studying the ideas of building separate lanes or roads called "truckways" for tractor-trailers and other large trucks as an alternative to dangerous, congested Interstate 35 from Laredo to Dallas.

The average price of a hotel or motel room in Texas is \$69.50, according to a report published by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. In 1990, the average price of a room was \$49.50. Nearly 1,000 motels and hotels have opened in Texas since 1990. State revenue from the 6% hotel/motel room tax totaled \$220 million in fiscal 1999.

With Texas Lotto sales down nearly 40% in the current fiscal year, Texas Lottery officials are ready to listen to players who may have ideas on how to stimulate interest in the jackpot game. The agency has scheduled public hearings around the state to gather input in the coming weeks.

A study by the University of Texas shows the Internet may generate in excess of \$500 billion in sales this year. Internet business is a growing chunk of the nation's \$8 billion economy.

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Steve Mansfield last week pleaded no contest to trespassing and was placed on six months' probation. Charges stemmed from a ticket-scalping incident last Nov. in which the judge was arrested by University of Texas police for trying to sell his complimentary tickets to the UT-Texas A&M football (See Highlights, Page 3)

Let's Look Back...

## 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

July 11, 1974

Ron Mayabb, a resident for a number of years, formerly employed by Pate Auto Repair and later by Argo Auto Repair, was found dead at his place of residence Sunday morning, July 7th...

Miss Phyllis Ann Hoffman of Nada and Ronald Michael Meitzen of Eagle Lake were united in marriage on Saturday, June 29, at two o'clock at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Miss Kim Glithero and Kenneth Cranek were honored with a family hamburger supper Sunday, June 30 in the Kuchar country home. Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Kuchar, Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Baumgart and Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Meisner were hosts. Miss Glithero and Mr. Cranek will be married Aug. 23...

Funeral services were held Monday, July 8, for Vicente Saucedo, 55, of Eagle Lake...

Miss Suzanne Marie Wendt became the bride of Donald Leopold on Saturday, June 29...

Mrs. Helen Ponce is announcing the opening of the Modern Beauty Shop located in the former Chicken Little building on Boothe Drive...

Colorado County Sheriff Doc Mueller reports that deputy John Moody has tendered his resignation effective on the night of July 14th, Sunday...

The Eagle Lake All-Stars will open play in the Area III Tournament in Flatonia, July 18. Members of the team are Ed Gay, Victor Davis, Robert Aleman, Keith Matcheski, Billy Ray Tillman, Rufus Cardenas, John Stephens, Rich Farris, Robbie Cook, Jeff Pesnell, Wayne Chisum, Michael Duarte, Darrel Appelt and Patrick Hurd. Alternates are Ralph Cordova, Russell Johnson, Roger Fry and Steven Navarro...

Kleckar Shoe Mart will begin a gigantic "Quitting Business Sale" today, July 11. Fred C. Kleckar,

owner, says that the entire stock will be sold...

Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Thomas and Dr. & Mrs. R.R. Thomas complimented Elizabeth Reed and Murray Cohen with a swim party and patio brunch at the J.R. Thomas home June 22nd...

Mrs. Lucy Rachelle Klotz, mother of Dick Wood of Eagle Lake, passed away July 4th in the Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton...

Friends and relatives gathered at the First Presbyterian Church in Eagle Lake on Friday, July 5, to pay final tribute to Arno L. Wahrmond, a resident of this community for over 60 years...

Miss Debbie Wiese, bride-elect of Rick Christ, was honored with a bridesmaids' luncheon Saturday, July 6, at the J.R. Thomas home...

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Glaiser are

proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born July 2nd. The young man weighed six pounds, one ounce and has been named Shane Daniel...

Mrs. Tommy Smith, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sherrer and daughter-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Smith, received some painful injuries Wednesday morning, July 3, in a horse riding accident in the Bonus area...

July 18, 1974

Members of the Hospital Auxiliary gathered at the entrance of the new hospital to present a \$11,000 check for the purpose of equipping the lab in the new hospital. Mrs. Mabel Ware, president of the Auxiliary presented to check to administrator (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

## Regional water planning group to meet in Columbus

The regional planning group charged with drafting a long-range water plan for the Lower Colorado region will meet at the KC Hall on I-10 two miles west of downtown Columbus at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., the planning group (representatives from each of the 14 counties in the Lower Colorado area) will deal with the nuts and bolts of region-wide estimates of water needs over the next 50 years. At 2 p.m. the planning group will hear local community input and respond to questions. A special subcommittee charged with identifying potential reservoir sites will also make a presentation and receive comments.

Steve Balas of Eagle Lake, an agricultural representative on the Planning Group, says Colorado County

communities have vital interests at stake. "As population growth continues, there is more and more demand for water supplies from the Colorado River and the Gulf Coast aquifer. Cities, agriculture and the environment are competing for these supplies," he commented. "Involvement from people in the Colorado County area is critical because the Planning Group from San Antonio is studying the possibility of building a reservoir at Shaws Bend, among other alternatives."

Ronald Gertson of East Bernard serves as a small business representative on the Planning Group. He has commented that the planning process is now reaching the stage where important decisions will be made. "This is an excellent time for people to tell us their views, especially people in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda Counties, where we will be most impacted by water shortages in the future," he said.

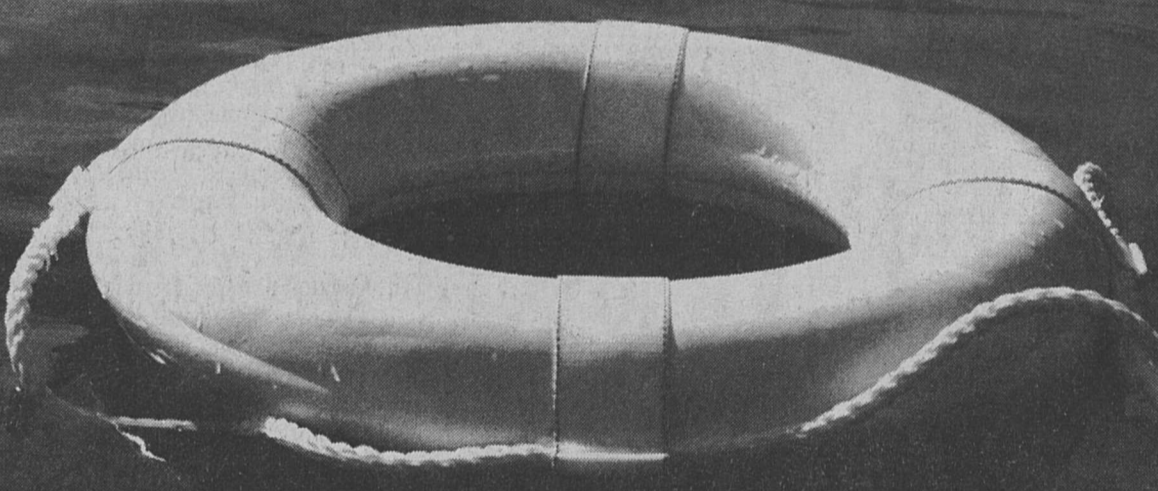
Although the public is welcome to attend the entire day's meeting, the portion beginning at 2 p.m. focuses on informing and receiving comments from Colorado County residents. The planning group will present an overview of the new water planning process the Texas Legislature adopted in 1997 and planning progress to date. In addition, the subcommittee in charge of identifying potential reservoir sites and unique portions of streams will lead a session on that subject. The planning process enables regional planning groups to recommend reservoir sites for consideration and stream areas be set aside and protected because of their unique characteristics.

Bob Pickens, who serves as an alternate to Steve Balas, pointed out, "Because of the reservoir proposals that have come up in this area and our need for water, Colorado County residents should come to the meeting to (See Planning, Page 3)




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**Fifth Disease: A Viral Infection That Affects Children**

A viral infection that seems to receive little attention in the news media is called *fifth disease*. The name of the infection comes from the fact that this condition was the fifth infection that children usually encountered in the days when viral vaccines were unavailable to protect children. This condition also goes by its medical name - *erythema infectiosum*. The infection primarily occurs during childhood, and is recognized by the bright red rash that typically appears on the affected child's face. The rash gives the appearance of a "slapped-cheek."

Fifth disease is caused by the *parvovirus B19*. Infection typically begins with a low grade fever, headache, and symptoms that resemble a cold (stuffy or runny nose). Sore throat, red eyes, and swollen glands may occur. The bright red rash appears about one week after exposure to the virus and usually lasts 1 to 3 weeks.

Because it is a viral infection, fifth disease does not respond to antibiotics. Symptoms tend to be mild, and treatment with medicines usually is unnecessary. However, fever-reducing medicines such as *acetaminophen* may be beneficial. Extra liquids and bedrest sometimes are recommended.

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