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# State Supreme Court rules against VitaPro contract

The Texas Supreme Court unanimously ruled invalid the state prison system's contract to buy VitaPro, a soybean based meat substitute sold by a Montreal firm.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice agreed to buy nearly \$34-million worth of VitaPro through a contract approved in 1994 by James A. "Andy" Collins, who then was executive director of the prison system.

Collins resigned in Dec. 1995 and took a \$1,000-a-day consulting job with VitaPro.

The Texas Board of Criminal Jus-



By Ed Sterling  
Texas Press Association

Collins' successor, Wayne Scott, later learned that the contract bypassed the bidding process and did not receive approval from the board. They then ordered an investigation.

Texas prisons stopped accepting shipments of Vitapro in 1996. VitaPro's addition to the prison

diet "demoralized the staff and inmates and led to adverse health effects, including rampant flatulence" according to the ruling, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

The Court also ruled VitaPro is a processed food and not an agricultural commodity and therefore not exempt from bidding laws.

"Certainly we welcome the court's decision," said Allan B. Polunsky, chairman of the prison board.

"We have felt strongly all along that the contract was invalid.

"That is why the board initiated an investigation of the VitaPro situation when it first came to our attention."

### TEA Lauds Migrant Programs

Sixty-five Texas school districts have been named to the Texas Education Agency's 1998-99 All State Migrant Education Team.

The agency singled out school districts that do an exceptional job of educating students who are migrant farm workers.

With more than 116,000 migrant students, Texas has the second-largest migrant education program in the country behind California.

Texas received more than \$43 million in federal funds during the 1998-99 school year, enabling nearly 400 school districts to provide programs for migrant-worker students.

### Fund Compensates Victims

Crime victims received \$37 million in compensation in 1999 from a fund managed by the Texas Attorney General's Office.

It was the highest amount ever paid out in the 20-year history of the attorney general's Crime Victims Compensation Division.

Awards to victims also include:  
•Medical bills including hospital stays, physician fees, X-rays and prescriptions;  
•Counseling for victims and cer-

tain family and household members;

- Funeral and burial expenses;
- Lost wages and loss of support;
- Costs associated with crime scene cleanup;
- Travel costs related to seeking medical treatment or participating in the criminal justice process; and
- Reasonable replacement costs for items taken as evidence or made unusable by the crime.

During the 1999 Texas Legislature, lawmakers added a new benefit to the list of current awards: a one-time-only assistance payment of up to \$3,800 to be used for relocation costs, including housing rental expenses for victims of family violence.

### Caution: Dry Christmas Tree

Texans need to take extra precautions this holiday season to make sure their natural Christmas trees don't become fire hazards.

Warm, dry weather can make the trees dangerously dry, said State Fire Marshal G. Mike Davis.

When picking a tree to buy, check it for freshness, Davis recommended.

A fresh tree has green needles that are hard to pull from their branches and do not break when bent or fall off when the trunk is bounced on the ground.

The trunk bottom should be sticky with resin.

### Other Highlights

•Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams criticized the United Nation's Dec. 11 vote to renew its oil-for-food program with Iraq. "Putting Saddam in the driver's seat of the oil-price roller coaster is a slap in the face to Texas [oil] producers and their families," he said.

•Texas' new "parental notification" law will take effect Jan. 1. The law requires a doctor to notify a minor's parent or guardian 48 hours before performing an abortion, unless the girls obtains a court order certifying she is mature enough to make the decision.

Let's Look Back...

# 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 17, 1974

These seven young ladies lead the Eagle Lake Middle School Band and other performances. They are Luann Brown, Deanne Van Nort, Lora Mahalite, Drum major, Tracy Gertson, Lana Mahalite, Johnna Griffith and Dianne Van Nort...

Mr. & Mrs. Guadalupe Gasca are parents of a daughter born Oct. 2. Her name is Mary Elaine...

Little Miss Shannon Matula celebrated her second birthday with a party at the home of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Len Matula...

These third grade students of Eagle Lake Primary School were winners in the Decorated Can Contest. Grand prize winner was Gilbert Alvarado, followed by Tamra Psencik, Brandon Cope and Renae Dierschke in first, second and third places, respectively...

A total of 16 pretty young ladies from this area are entered in the Fairest of the Fair competition to be held at the concluding event of the 27th Annual Garwood Lions Fair and Carnival this Saturday. Young ladies entered are Trudi Obenhaus, Sandy Tate, Sharon Reese, Sharon Zbranek, Sheryl Smith, Margaret Wilcox, Crystal Jones, Laurie Kasmiersky, Brenda Kallina, Sarah Hammons, Phyllis Korenek, Donna Burris, Sandra Hammons, Sandy Rhodes, Dina Kohleffel and Monica Hoffman...

Mrs. Elbert Whorton, formerly Evangeline Ann Loessin of Eagle Lake, recently was named by Goodwill Industries in Galveston as a 1974 Distinguished Citizen of Galveston and Brazoria Counties...

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Pustejovsky are very pleased parents of a daughter born Oct. 11. Her name is Tanja Nicole...

Mr. & Mrs. Everett Eisenhower had as house guests last Wednesday through Sunday their cousins, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Eisenhower of Jonesboro, Tenn., and her brother, Ross Stevens of Greenville, Tenn. ...

Funeral services were held Oct. 11 for Frank P. Staff, a life-long resident of the Garwood-Nada community...

Daryl Hunt, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hunt of Garwood, has been notified that he is to be featured in the eighth annual edition of Who's Who

Among American High School Students for 1973-74...

Mr. & Mrs. W.C. (Dub) Alley returned last week from a very enjoyable vacation trip through southern states. The trip concluded with a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Laughlin in Arkadelphia, Ark. ...

Colorado County Commissioners' Court in session on Monday morning accepted with regret the resignation of Ernest (Bob) Weishuhn as the Justice of Peace in Frelsburg precinct No. 5...

Oct. 24, 1974

Garwood Lions Club President J.T. (Ted) Danklefs presented a bouquet of flowers to Miss Brenda Kallina of Garwood who was named Fairest of the Fair last Saturday evening. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Kallina of Garwood and a sophomore at Rice High School...

Mr. & Mrs. Eliot Tucker II became the happy parents of a baby daughter last Wednesday, Oct. 16, in the Methodist Hospital in Houston. She has been named Ann Duncan Tucker...

Sunday, Oct. 19, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Schilhab observed their 55th wedding anniversary with a covered dish dinner held at their home near Sheridan...

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Canaris are the new owners and operators of the Canaris Cupboard, formerly Foster's Superette at 104 Boothe Drive in Eagle Lake...

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will have a woman president for the first time ever in its 25 year history when Jan. 1, 1975 rolls around. Her name is Mrs. Bill (Emily) Stiles, the owner of Emily's Realty and the local H&R Block office. She will succeed Mark Anderson...

Randon Kent Turner, son of Mr. & Mrs. R.F. Turner of Garwood, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas...

Mr. & Mrs. R.F. Spanihel of this city and their daughter, Miss Grace Spanihel of Houston, visited with the family of a daughter and sister, Mr. & Mrs. John Dullahan and Cathleen in Orange, Friday, Oct. 11. They went especially to see Cathleen perform with the Orange High School drill team...

Mr. & Mrs. George Vernon White of Midland announced the engagement of their daughter, Cathy Ann, to Benton New, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chesley Alton New of Lissie. The wedding is planned for Jan. 25 in Austin...

Eagle Lake Middle School students have been stressing fire safety and awareness by having a Fire Prevention Poster Contest among the 5th, 7th and 8th grade art students. In the 5th grade, Elida Munoz's poster placed first; Eugene Spears placed second and Danny Morales placed third. Winners in the 7th and 8th (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

## Letter to Editor Policy

The Eagle Lake Headlight will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the "Letter to the Editor" column under the following guidelines:

1. Letter should not be more than 1,500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, 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 published.
3. The writer may request that their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in 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.
5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.
6. The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.

If you are looking for God and need a place that is early in-early out? Where you'll feel accepted for the person you are and not what you wear? A church full of just plain folks. Where one baptism is good forever with plenty of room for you and your family? A place that still has a traditional worship service? A pastor whose sermon helps you through the week? A church that has been worshipping in the same location for over 50 years? Then join us at:

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake  
Worship starts at 10:00 am

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:**  
Friday, Dec. 24 at 6:30

p.s. we serve a meal at least once a month

# Celebrate

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## Bible Verse of the Week

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." — Luke 2:14

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

## Lake Motors Will Be Closed Friday, Dec. 24, for Christmas

We Will Re-Open Monday, Dec. 27

We Wish You A Happy & Safe Holiday!

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