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Automatic promotion to be a thing of the past

Automatic promotion of elementary school students soon will disappear.

This year's kindergarten class, when it reaches third grade in the 2002-2003 school year, will have to pass a state reading test to be promoted.

School superintendents, at the direction of Texas Education Commissioner Jim Nelson, are sending parents a brochure outlining new promotion standards.

The brochure also lists steps par-

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By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

ents can take to help their children:
•Reduce the child's television time and plan family learning activities that support learning;
•Spend as much time as possible with the child reading a wide variety

of books and other kinds of text;
•Ask questions about what they have read, discussing the meaning of new words and comparing one story with another; and
•Keep in regular touch with teachers and school officials.

Arson Hotline Announced

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor and State Fire Marshal G. Mike Davis last week announced the creation of an arson hotline number that residents anywhere in Texas

can call to report a suspicious fire.

The new toll-free hotline number is 1-877-4-FIRE-45 or 1-877-434-7345. Fire departments also may call this number for assistance.

"Arsonists are responsible for more than 10,000 fires every year in Texas," said Montemayor.

"These fires take lives and destroy millions of dollars in property. We want to stop these people before they do any more harm."

UT Turns Away Applicants

The University of Texas last week announced a moratorium on admissions, due to overcrowding, and stopped its online application service.

It's too late for first-time and transfer students and perhaps 1,000 third- and fourth-year students who had planned to enroll next spring.

"I don't think anyone was expecting us to shut off spring admissions," Bruce Walker, director of admissions, told the *Austin American-Statesman*. "We realize this is a stopgap measure."

UT anticipates a record entering freshman class of 7,500 this fall. Last fall, the entering freshman class was 7,040.

Austin Gives Gun Locks

Austin is the first Texas city to take advantage of a private program to distribute the free gun locks.

Project HomeSafe, a firearm awareness program funded by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, is providing the locks, which retail for about \$10 each, and paying administrative costs of the program.

The city announced plans to give away 2,500 locks on May 7.

Study: Inmates More Violent

Texas prison inmates are more violent and less likely to be granted parole.

According to a study released May 4 by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, violent offenders now make up 45 % of the prison population, an increase from 38% from 1994.

"There's a very definite correlation to show the system has hardened," said agency spokesman Glen Castlebury.

"We've got to assume the system will continue to harden, and that makes these jobs more dangerous and stressful.

Castlebury attributed fewer paroles to increased violence against guards, who have been calling for higher salaries and more help. He said assaults on guards rose from 700 in 1994 to 2,000 last year.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 9, 1975

Sen. John Hightower will be the featured speaker at the third annual Mexican American Youth Council Scholarship Fund dinner Oct. 11 in Eagle Lake...

Two juveniles from Eagle Lake were apprehended last Saturday and are charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle after taking a 1974 Chevrolet owned by Mrs. Mary Ann Frnka here around 2:30 in the afternoon...

1975 Punt, Pass and Kick winners in local competition last Saturday were Andy Gertson, Jeffrey Berger, Joe Mike Young, 10 years old; William Hollas, Richard Klekar, Steven Herman, nine year olds; Tom Posey, Donald Hollas, eight year olds; Andy Anderson, Tory Corman, Phillip Schorlemmer, 11 year olds; John Young, Scott Holden, Ricky Miller, 12 year olds; Wayne Chisum, Kyle Mackey and Darrel Appelt, 13 year olds...

Melody Farris, bride-elect of Michael Grigar, was honored with a recipe coffee Sept. 20 in the home of Mrs. Frank Higgins with Mrs. Butch Szymanski as co-hostess...

Dan Thornton of Eagle Lake was re-elected to the board of directors at South Texas Chamber of Commerce at the 49th annual meeting in Laredo, Oct. 2...

Rikeland (Tommy) Rosenthal, 54, of Pikesville, Maryland, husband of former Madeline Frederickson of Garwood, passed away suddenly at his home Sept. 23 after a brief illness...

Funeral services were held in Danville, Ill., Oct. 2 for Roy Clipson, 80, an uncle of Jim and John Clipson and Mrs. B.D. Anderson of this city and Mrs. Bud Gilbert of Navasota...

Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Burrow of this city celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 27 in Moulton...

Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas of Eagle Lake are very proud parents of a son, born Oct. 6, at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. He was named John Ryan and is welcomed home by two sisters, Marla and Trisha.

Oct. 16, 1975

Smith Industries Inc., a Houston based industrial manufacturing and service company, will hold open house at its 51,000 square foot building on Oct. 18...

Beryl Elyse Shorter, 18, of Eagle Lake was among statewide finalists in the 1975 State 4-H Dress Revue the weekend of Oct. 3-5. She is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Coby Shorter Jr. of this city...

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Rollins announced the marriage of their son, Donald, to Nora Miller of Columbus. The couple exchanged vows in the home of the bride's grandmother, Emilie Mikulenska...

Friends in the community will regret to learn of the death of Ben H. McElhinney Jr., who died Oct. 10 in a Leesburg, Virginia, hospital...

Phillip Soto, local agent for the Southern Life and Health Insurance Company, received a beautiful trophy for "Outstanding Salesmanship for the Month of September"...

Funeral services were held Oct. 8 at Christ Episcopal Church for Mrs. C.A. (Jewel) Brewer, a native of this community and a resident of Eagle Lake and Eldridge communities for most her life...

Miss Kathryn Kurtz, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Kurtz of Bay City, became the bride of Walde W. Schiurring on Oct. 10 in Bay City. The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Waldo Schiurring of Garwood.

Oct. 23, 1975

Miss Brenda Kallina, 1974 Gar-

wood Fairest of the Fair, presented a bouquet of red roses to the 1975 Miss Fairest of the Fair, Marla Birkner of El Campo, at the close of the competition in the Garwood School gymnasium last Saturday evening...

Ricky Caraway, 21, a worker on an oil drilling location on Lehrer land about four miles west of Garwood was dead on arrival at Eagle Lake Community Hospital last Friday as the result of injuries in an accident at the rig...

These five popular girls are Homecoming 1975 Queen candidates at Rice High School. The Queen will be named at the halftime of the Raider-Columbia Roughneck football game Friday night. They are Denise Wiese, D'Ann Davison, Laurel Anderson, Phyllis Korenek and Debra Parker...

Funeral services were pending from Mill-Bauer Funeral Home for W.E. Lenhart, prominent Eagle Lake citizen and former chairman of the Board of First National Bank, who died early Wednesday morning in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

U.S. Navy Lt. Don Frnka was a visitor Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred R. Frnka, other family members and friends...

Lee Barnett of La Porte, a former resident of Eagle Lake, was elected recently as the new president of the La Porte School Board. He is the son of Mrs. W.A. Barnett of Eagle Lake...

Funeral services for T/Sgt. Edward A. Rosprim Jr. (USAF, Retired) 51, of El Paso were held Oct. 10. Mrs. Lewis Rosprim and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rosprim of Eagle Lake flew to El Paso to attend the services and to be with the family. He was the son and brother of the late Mrs. Frances Rosprim and the late Lewis J. Rosprim...

In an early evening candlelight ceremony at seven o'clock on Saturday, Aug. 23, 1975, in the First Christian Church of Lockhart, Miss Carol Belinda Lehmann became the bride of Case Allen Hollub...

Mr. & Mrs. Joe D. Yuen Jr. of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Gilbert Guzman, son of Mr. & Mrs. Pedro R. Guzman of Victoria, formerly of Eagle Lake. The wedding has been set for the evening of Nov. 21, 1975...

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Hooper of Rock Island announce the engagement and approaching marriage of (See 24 & 48, Page 3)

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.
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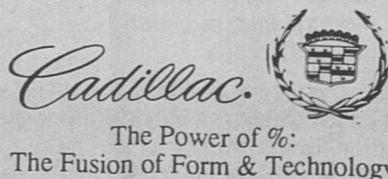
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