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Texas Mourns Death Of Former Gov. Ann Richards

AUSTIN — Former Gov. Ann Richards, 73, died at her home in Austin on Sept. 13.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered flags to be flown at half-staff at state buildings in memory of the former governor through sunset Sept. 18.

Richards had battled cancer of the esophagus for six months before her death.

She served one term as governor, from 1991-95, two terms as state treasurer, 1982-90, and two terms as a Travis County commissioner, 1976-82.

She inspired many Texans to a life in public service and stood out in her appointing of women and minorities to posts in state government.

The former governor's body lay in state in the state Capitol rotunda Sept. 16-17. A Sept. 18, public-welcome funeral was held at the University of Texas' Frank Erwin Center. Burial followed in the Texas State Cemetery.

Former Texas governors still living include Dolph Briscoe, Mark White, Bill Clements and George W. Bush.

Food borne illness skips Texas

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported no known Texas cases of E. coli infection traceable to the consumption of bagged fresh spinach grown in California.

Across the nation, grocery stores emptied their shelves of the product that reportedly caused E. coli infections in other states.

Symptoms of the infection include intestinal cramping, diarrhea and vomiting.

Next to California, Texas is the second-largest producer of fresh spinach. Nearly all of Texas' commercial spinach crop comes

from nine counties in Southwest Texas known as the Wintergarden region. No cases of E. coli are traceable to the Texas crop.

Credit requirement may increase

Students who are now in eighth grade would need two more credits to graduate from high school, under a plan endorsed by the State Board of Education.

That translates to one more math and one more lab-based science course.

While such a plan should better prepare students for college and professional ambitions, concerns were raised over the cost of building labs and the difficulty finding enough qualified teachers for advanced courses such as statistics and pre-calculus.

A final vote on the plan will come in November.

Break possible for 10 percent rule

Texas high school students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class are admitted to the Texas state college or university of their choice.

The so-called 10-percent rule was enacted to increase minority enrollment. Now state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, one of the chief

proponents of the rule, is suggesting it might be worth it to stop enforcing it for a couple of years to see what will happen.

If the Legislature passes a moratorium on the rule, the University of Texas and other public schools will have a chance to prove how well they're doing at enrolling minority students.

TxDOT air division loses money

The Office of the State Auditor released a report concluding the Texas Department of Transportation is not operating the state fleet of aircraft in a cost-effective manner in fiscal year 2006.

The office estimated losses incurred by the Flight Services Section of TxDOT's Aviation Division at close to \$1 million over the period.

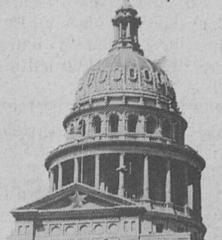
The section provides air transportation to state officials and employees traveling on official state business, maintenance and repair services to state-owned aircraft, and fuel and hangar storage services for Austin-based state aircraft.

Lawmaker asks for AG opinion

If a registered sex offender moves to town, what is the mini-

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

mum number of feet their dwelling must be from a school campus?

State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, asked for an attorney general opinion on whether Texas law limits cities' authority in restricting where a registered sex offender may live.

A number of cities, including some in Nelson's district, have passed ordinances prohibiting registered sex offenders whose victims were under age 16 from living within 1,000 or 2,000 feet of places where children commonly gather, like schools.

It may take several months for the opinion to be rendered.

CAREFUL DENTURE CLEANING

When you're cleaning your dentures, you need to be particularly careful about how you handle them. As a precaution, you could brush them over a towel or over a sink half-filled with water. Make sure you brush them lightly and use only a soft nylon toothbrush or a specially recommended denture brush. You can put your denture in cleanser overnight, or for at least 30 minutes during the day. That should be adequate for removing stains and cutting down on the possibility of infection and odor.

Also, massage your gums daily with a soft toothbrush for about a minute. Be observant for any spots that are sore or red and for any white patches. Oral cancer screening is very important, especially if a denture is old and does not fit as well as it should. The irritation can cause the tissue to become pre-malignant. Bring these to the attention of your dentist immediately. Remember, even if you are wearing full dentures, you still need to visit your dentist regularly.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Sept. 23, 1982
 Raiders end pre-district play with a 44-14 victory over Needville...

1983 Chevys, Olds and Cadillacs will be on display at Lake Motors Thursday...

On Sept. 15 the FFA held their first annual meeting during which they elected Becky Bengel as their FFA Sweetheart...

Fred R. Frnka, former publisher of the Eagle Lake Head-

light, is now serving as a sales representative for Seewee's Travel...

Sherry Frevola and Michael Thomas exchanged vows Sept. 11 in a double-ring ceremony in Akron, Ohio...

Joseph Benjamin Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson of Eagle Lake was baptized Sept. 19 at Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake...

Gus and Shirley Seaholm of Eagle Lake, announced the birth of their second child, a son, **Gus Einer Seaholm, Jr.**, born Sept. 15 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton...

Mr. and Ms. Clarence Eggemeyer of Garwood announced the engagement of their daughter, **Patricia Ann**, to **Brian Lindsay Sanders**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanders of Eagle Lake. The couple will exchange vows at 2 p.m. Nov. 20 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

A birthday party and supper was held in honor of **Coy Thomas Sunderman** on his second birthday Sept. 17...

Mrs. **William Troy (Becky) Krenek** of Houston, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. **Troy Krenek** of Garwood, graduated from the University of Texas Health and Science Center at Houston on

Sept. 17 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing...

Griffith M. Thomas, a native of Eagle Lake will serve a five-year residency at Scott and White in the department of general surgery...

Funeral services were held on Sept. 15 for **Tom E. Smith** of Livingston, father of Mrs. **Bill (Lynda) Appelt** of Eagle Lake...

Congratulations to **Pearl and Walter Meitzen** on their 50th wedding anniversary which they will be celebrating Sept. 27...

The Eagle Lake community lost to two of its beloved citizens this past week with the last rites conducted for **Sam Frank Boothe**, 75 and **Louis Paul "Louie" Kohleffel**, 73, both retired business owners in the community...

Final rites for **Sister Ernie Pauden Johnson**, 85, were conducted on Sept. 4 from Mt. Olive Baptist Church...

Recent accidents included that of a car owned by **Monroe Ripper** and driven by **Connie Prazak** of Eagle Lake that jumped a car stop at the northwest corner of the Snack Center. It caused damages totaling \$5,000...

Funeral services were held for **State Senator John Wilson**, former member of the Texas House

of Representatives for the district that included Eagle Lake.

October 2, 1958
 Funeral services were held Sept. 30 for **Mrs. E.F. Hoover**, 80, who passed away Sunday, Sept. 28. Interment followed in Masonic Cemetery...

Eagle Lake Eagles open district play in Hitchcock Friday night. They were defeated by the Garwood Gars 43 to 8 last Friday...

Northern brings cold wind and rain Tuesday evening causing more damage to unharvested rice...

Miss Tommy Lou Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **R.H. Reese**, and bride-elect of **Alton Herman**, was honored with a bridal shower Sept. 25 at the Lissie Church...

D.R. Wintermann was in St. Louis, Missouri Tuesday and Wednesday, attending a Railroad Freight hearing in behalf of the industry.

Wreck Kills Two Near Columbus

Two Columbus men were killed in a two-vehicle accident on FM 109, approximately 3 miles north of Columbus on Thursday, Sept. 14.

The accident occurred at 10:29 a.m. when a 1989 Lincoln that was pulling onto FM 109 from a private drive failed to yield the right-of-way to a 2001 tractor-trailer truck that was northbound on FM 109.

The two occupants of the Lincoln were killed in the collision. The driver of the Lincoln was identified as **Fabio Villegas**, 18, of Columbus.

A passenger was identified as **Roberto Grimaldo**, 32.

Both men were pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice Francis Truchard.

The driver of the tractor-trailer truck was identified as **Glenn Fink**, 48, of Sealy.

He was not reported to have been injured.

The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper **Billy McCloskey**.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The CITY OF EAGLE LAKE conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the CITY OF EAGLE LAKE from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 16.37 percent on SEPTEMBER 12 and SEPTEMBER 19, 2006.

The CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAGLE LAKE is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on SEPTEMBER 26, 2006, 7:30 P.M. at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 100 EAST MAIN STREET.

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