



**12th Man Student Foundation Meeting**

Weds. Nov. 13 in Koldus 111 @ 5:45 p.m.

Speaker: Coach of the Women's Basketball Team Candi Harvey

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The survey is available on the Internet (<http://trinity.tamu.edu/~ergocent/>), IBM-format diskettes or paper copy. If you would like the survey on disk or paper copy or wish to participate in the environmental mock-up scenarios please contact Kevin McSweeney or Steve Hudock at 862-2649 or by e-mail at [mobile\\_computing@trinity.tamu.edu](mailto:mobile_computing@trinity.tamu.edu)

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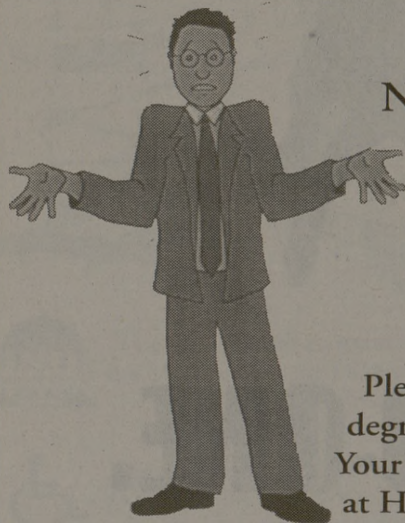


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**Gov. Bush criticizes curriculum rewrite**

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush on Tuesday criticized a draft of the state's first major curriculum rewrite in more than a decade as vague and recommended clearer goals for Texas students.

"The document will determine the learning landscape for all of Texas, from our textbooks to our testing system, so it's important that we get it right and come up with a plan that is clear, concise and doable," Bush told the Texas Business and Education Coalition.

The 1,444-page document has been worked on by educators, parents, curriculum specialists and business representatives since 1994 and will go to the State Board of Education for consideration.

The board will take public testimony next year as members consider adopting the curriculum standards, which are used by publishers as guidelines for classroom textbooks.

Officials have said the rewrite's key difference from current subject requirements is a subtle but important shift in focus: Rather than specifying what educators should teach, it will detail what skills students should learn.

People involved in the process have said the goal fits with a state philosophy to define expectations clearly, then allow schools to design programs to meet them.

Two board of education members who in the past have supported the curriculum rewrite, Rosie Sorrells of Dallas and Will Davis of Austin, did not immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press.

But Bush used an example of an objec-

tive laid out in the language arts section of the curriculum rewrite to show that it needs improvement.

"When I read things like this: 'The student analyzes the influence of the speaker's verbal and nonverbal behaviors on listeners' perception and acceptance or rejection of the message, including the speaker's use of

tion that he would like addressed in the 1997 Legislature, which convenes Jan. 15, Bush said education would be a top priority and that lawmakers increase the number of open-enrollment charter schools. Currently, there are about 100 publicly funded schools are independent school districts, able to enroll students regardless of district lines, and free of state regulations.

They are separate from campus schools which may be granted by local school boards.

"They've worked. Competition in the way we shouldn't be afraid of, and schools inject competition into the school system," Bush said.

Bush stressed literacy initiatives that ensure every Texas child can read by third grade.

Bush called on businesses and communities for assistance, either by sponsoring reading programs or through contributions. "This is not one speech. It's not a one-time thing for me and then I move off the stage. This is my passion," Bush said. "This must happen if we are going to change Texas. And it's going to happen. Mark my words, and your help."

Bush called on Texas teaching unions and colleges to do a better job.

"If reading is the goal and the fundamental gateway to knowledge, our universities and colleges must do a better job of preparing teachers to meet this goal," Bush said. "Many of our universities are wedded to teaching methods that do not work. That is not acceptable to the governor of the state of



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language, voice and gestures,' I don't know what that means," Bush said.

"Moreover, I don't know how you test a child on that," Bush said. "We must say plainly what we want students to know and when we want them to know it."

"No touchy feely essays or learning by osmosis, no holding hands until the karma is right, just straightforward lists of state expectations is what I expect from this study and so does the Commissioner of Education (Mike Moses)," Bush said.

Bush cited several objectives for educa-

**Man's body exhumed to aid investigation**

CONROE, Texas (AP) — Nearly three years after he was buried, the body of a 29-year-old Spring man has been exhumed because of lingering questions surrounding his death.

"It's been very draining," Glennie Beauchamp said of her son Paul's unearthing on Monday. "But it's a relief to know there could be a conclusion."

Beauchamp's death was ruled an accidental drowning. But his family rejected the official finding by a former Harris County pathologist and Montgomery County sheriff's detectives that Beauchamp was drunk, staggered into a pond, and drowned after leaving a Christmas party.

A man who said he was target shooting on his grandmother's property reported finding Beauchamp's body in a pond on Dec. 26, 1993. The man said he fired at what he thought was a turtle, but it was Beauchamp's head, visible just above the surface.

Sheriff's detectives said a lie-detector test and eyewitness accounts cleared the shooter of any wrongdoing. Acquaintances said he regularly shot turtles in the pond. The victim and the shooter did not know each other, but they had mutual friends.

Medical Examiner Chief Administrator Alex Conforti said he's uncertain what a new autopsy might reveal. Beauchamp's organs were discarded after the original autopsy and only skeletal tissue is likely to remain after such a long time.

Justice of the Peace Edie Connelly ordered the exhumation last week because of differing opinions from at least two pathologists and inconsistencies raised by the family and the district attorney.

Detectives theorized Beauchamp, who had been drinking earlier in the day and later at the party, drove into a remote area and got his pickup truck stuck in mud not far from the pond.

His parents question why their son's shoes were found about 200 feet apart near the pond and how he could have been lucid enough to walk 600 feet from his truck to the water but so disoriented or drunk that he entered the chilly pond and drowned.

They also want to know why there was little water in Beauchamp's lungs and why there was blood and swelling consistent with gunshot injuries when he was supposed to be dead at the time he was shot.

**Same-sex marriage, abortion proposals among bills filed**

AUSTIN (AP) — Proposals prohibiting the state from recognizing same-sex marriages and two abortion bills — one requiring parental notification, the other requiring a 24-hour waiting period — were among hundreds of bills filed Tuesday for the 1997 Legislature.

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, filed the measure against same-sex marriages. The one-page bill says the state may not "give effect to a public act, record or judicial proceeding that recognizes or validates marriages between persons of the same sex."

That bill, as all others, would have to be approved by both the House and Senate before Gov. George W. Bush could consider signing it into law.

"I am against same-sex marriages in Texas," Bush said Tuesday, adding that he would wait to see the bill before commenting on it.

Diane Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the Lesbian-Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, said the group will fight Chisum's bill.

"Mr. Chisum's bill does nothing for Texas," Hardy-Garcia said. "It does nothing but spread hate and intolerance. It will be difficult for us to stop him."

Tuesday was the first day of bill filings for the next biennial session, which convenes on Jan. 14. Issues expected to dominate the session include property tax relief, educational reforms and deregulation of the electric utility industry.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, filed the so-called parental notification abortion bill. It would require parents or guardians to be informed if their minor daughters seek abortion services.

Rep. Frank Corte, R-San Antonio, filed the so-called informed consent abortion bill. Among other things, it would require

women seeking abortion services to be counseled on alternatives, informed of risks and the probable gestation of the fetus, and shown pictures of a fetus at that gestational age.

Women would then have to wait 24 hours before having the abortion. They would have to wait 24 hours after getting information before the operation could be done.

Chisum, who was not available for comment Tuesday, filed a 22-page bill to establish a 12-member board — made up of lawmakers — to consider deregulation of the electricity market in Texas.

The bill also would have the Public Utility Commission, which regulates the electric industry, set up a pilot program in which electricity sellers would be allowed to sell a state agency power.

The PUC could not move to deregulate the industry unless authorized by law.

Other bills filed would: — Have juveniles 14 and older automatically tried and sentenced as adults if they committed felony crimes as juveniles. Currently, hearing is held to determine whether a juvenile will be treated as an adult.

"We can no longer tolerate justice who flagrantly disobey the law," said Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, who filed the bill.

— Allow Texans to initiate legal challenge laws passed by the Legislature at the ballot box. The so-called initiative and referendum bill would allow voters to get proposed laws on the ballot or to challenge measures already in law.

— Eliminate parole for violent criminals, including those convicted of murder, rape, assault, child molesting, burglary, arson and kidnapping.

**Kemp, Reno discuss public policy at Rice conference**

HOUSTON (AP) — Failed vice-presidential nominee Jack Kemp and Attorney General Janet Reno offered their two-cents-worth on public issues Tuesday but kept quiet on their own futures.

The two were the headliners at a public policy conference at Rice University in Houston.

Kemp stumped for lower taxes and an overhaul of the tax system. Reno discussed the importance of prevention in fighting crime.

But the two were virtually silent when asked to comment on their plans.

As President Clinton restructures his Cabinet for a second term, Reno repeated she would

remain at his request.

"I intend to keep on doing the best I can, the best I know how," she said when asked about a tenure that has included the FBI files flap and the Branch Davidian standoff. "I intend to keep on doing it until the end."

When pressed on whether she had talked to Clinton about staying on in Washington, Reno would only say, "He's in the process of forming his new administration now."

Meanwhile, Kemp talked about the need to change the current tax system. He kept mum about his future and about the presidential campaign.

Bob Dole's running mate said

it is up to Clinton to take care of Medicare spending, recalling Democratic assertions that Republicans were out to gut the health program for the aged.

"(The Republicans) are not going to bail him out of Medicare when he absolutely allowed that issue to be demagogued to such a degree," Kemp, a former housing secretary, said. "We want to help but let him come up with his solution after banging on the Republicans and Dole for the last six months."

Kemp, who believes tax cuts stimulate the economy, criticized Clinton for making a balanced budget, not economic growth, his top priority.

"This economy is not growing at all fast enough to either balance the budget or to provide solutions to many of the problems of our country," told reporters. "He's got his ties wrong."

Kemp said he was not commenting on his and Dole's bid for the White House.

"I'm too close to the end of my campaign," Kemp said. "I'm going to have some reflections about right now."

The former New York congressman sidestepped questions about whether he would run for president in 2000, offering a two-word hint.

"Stay tuned."

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