

Bryan prohibits spankings

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — There will be no more spankings in Bryan's 13 schools. The Bryan school board, in an unanimous vote, decided Monday to ban corporal punishment.

"I don't think we want to be in the business of hitting kids," board secretary Susan

McKneely told The Eagle newspaper of Bryan College Station in Tuesday's editions. McKneely has long sought the removal of corporal punishment. "Were trying to teach them not to hit people," she said.

Spankings ceased Tuesday in Bryan schools after the school

board voted unanimously Monday night to ban corporal punishment. The ban went into affect Tuesday. Joy Dyer, the district's elementary education director, said the practice of paddling has been all but nonexistent in the district in recent years.

Agents report access to nation's airports

DALLAS (AP) — Federal agents repeatedly sneaked through security doors and onto planes at four major airports, prompting officials to step up inspections at 70 large airports, *The Dallas Morning News* reported Wednesday.

The newspaper obtained a letter written by the Federal Aviation Administration's associate administrator for security, warning airports nationwide that if se-

curity is not improved, it might be necessary to post guards at every airplane. Members of Congress were to be briefed on the security issue at a closed-door meeting. The FAA has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in the past 10 years on sophisticated systems intended to limit access to aircraft parking ramps and airplanes to those with security clearances. But federal agents who

showed up unannounced at four airports found it was possible to sneak through open vehicle-access gates or to walk through doors behind airline employees without being challenged. "Without displaying any identification, the agents roamed the air operations area, passing 229 employees, but were challenged only 53 times," wrote Cathal Flynn, the FAA security official.

Cheerleader mom targets tells of life after incident

HOUSTON (AP) — The so-called Cheerleader murder plot said the one such a strain on her life. She suffered heart trouble, her husband had a stroke and they now are separated.

"I feel that we've taken hell and back," 45-year-old Heath of Channelview said in a March 8 issue of *People* magazine. "People want you to be strong. They want you to be like that, but it still hurts."

Wanda Holloway was charged with solicitation of capital murder in 1991 for trying to hire a hit man to kill Heath, whose daughter was competing against Holloway's daughter for a spot on the school's cheerleading squad. Prosecutors claimed Heath wanted Heath dead because she believed then 13-year-old Heath would be so distraught she would drop out of the competition. The verdict was thrown out when it was discovered that Heath was on probation. But in 1997, Holloway pleaded no contest to the murder and received a 10-year prison term, which was released in 1997 after six months in prison.

Abortion notice passes committee

AUSTIN (AP) — Bills requiring parental consent or notification for a minor could get an approval from a divided Senate panel Wednesday.

The bills were approved by the Senate Human Services committee and sent to the full Senate for consideration.

Sens. Judith Zaffirini, D-Dallas, and John Carona, R-Dallas, sponsored the bills. Sens. Christopher Harris, R-Arlington, and Bernsen, D-Beaumont, and Gallegos Jr., D-Galena Park, were against.

By the same vote the panel approved another bill to create a four-hour waiting period before abortions could be performed in Texas.

About 140 people lent support to the bills at Wednesday's committee hearing with 46 people signing up to oppose them.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Plano, sponsored the bill requiring parental notification. Sen. Mound, sponsored the bill requiring parental consent. Sen. Shaprio, R-Plano, sponsored the bill requiring parental notification.

Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, said the Texas Family Code grants parents the authority to consent to their minor child's abortion. He said it is not enforced because it does provide minor an alternative to parental consent as required by the Supreme Court.

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