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Candidates give no response to questionnaire

Republican gubernatorial challenger George W. Bush, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, and her Democratic opponent, Richard Fisher of Dallas, are alike in this respect: they did not answer a questionnaire by Project Vote Smart.

The Oregon-based nonpartisan group that informs voters about candidates' views on key issues via toll-free number 1-800-622-SMART, did, however, get answers from Gov. Ann Richards to questions on issues such as crime, health care, taxes and abortion.

Richard Kimball, president of Project Vote Smart, said 42 of the 86 candidates in Texas running for governor or Congress answered the survey.

Hutchison's campaign said the senator did not receive the questionnaire, while Fisher's campaign said answers were being prepared for mailing. The Bush campaign said it mailed position papers to Project Vote Smart but is now answering more specific questions.

The original deadline for candi-

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

dates to complete the questionnaire was April 25, but the deadline was extended to mid-Aug.

Tougher Sentences Endorsed

Gov. Richards last week endorsed proposals by the Greater Dallas Crime Commission to step up prevention against youth crime and to toughen sentencing.

The commission is working on a legislative package that includes: Establishing a system that makes the punishment fit the crime; Enacting teen curfews; Holding parents responsible for their children's failure to make court-ordered restitution payments; expanding determinate sentencing, which will require youths to serve full sentences; and Allowing

law enforcement agencies to share juvenile records.

But Bush, who has proposed lowering the age at which juveniles can be tried as adults to 14, said the governor's endorsement of the reforms are "too late and not tough enough."

A Nov. 1993 Texas A&M poll showed crime as the number one concern of voters. Last week, the Richards' gubernatorial campaign began airing television commercials focusing on juvenile crime.

Bullock Needed Over Aide

Tex Lezar, the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's campaign aide Jim Warren is a gambling lobbyist and renewed earlier charges that Bullock has been "bought" by gambling interests.

In pointing out that Bullock has received some \$150,000 in campaign contributions from casino promoters, Lezar told *The Dallas Morning News*, "Bob Bullock says he's personally against casino gambling. But with a casino lobbyist as his official mouthpiece, don't bet on it."

Bullock, however, said Lezar's complaint about his aide may be rooted in the fact that in 1990 Warren helped state Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, defeat Lezar and others for the Republican nomination for attorney general.

Death Row Fast Track

Gov. Richards on Aug. 4 called for speeding the appeals process for inmates on Texas' death row, whose wait averages 10 and a half years.

"If someone has been wrongly convicted, we should find out as quickly as possible. If not, we should carry out the sentence imposed by the jury and move on," the governor said in a news release, the day after the death penalty was carried out on three men on Arkansas' death row.

Richards also called for setting a deadline for filing habeas corpus petitions in state court; and requiring that judges set an execution date after such petitions are filed.

But Bush, Richards' opponent, interpreted the governor's comments as political and having nothing to do with criminal justice.

AG: Complaint Has 'No Merit'

Attorney General Dan Morales says former Assistant Attorney General Gary Bledsoe's racial discrimination complaint against him has "no merit."

Bledsoe filed the complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission after he left his job in January, saying he was ordered to resign or be fired. Bledsoe, who is president of the NAACP's Texas Chapter, had been with the attorney general's office for 15 years, overseeing cases involving civil rights, elections and open government.

In Sept. 1993, state Republican Party officials accused Bledsoe of conducting NAACP and Democratic Party business while carrying out his duties for the state. Morales placed Bledsoe on paid administrative leave and ordered an investigation.

Bledsoe resigned in Jan., and two months later, the Travis County District Attorney's office, which conducts ethics investigations, cleared Bledsoe of any wrongdoing.

Other Highlights

James Granberry, former chairman of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, was sentenced to six months in a halfway house after pleading guilty in April to lying to parole consultants. U.S. District Judge Walter Smith ordered Granberry to spend nights and weekends in the Smith County Rehabilitation Center. He also received five years of probation.

President Clinton awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan last week. Jordan, 58, is a professor of ethics and public policy at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and chairs the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day." Psalms 71:8

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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Let's Look Back...
24 & 48 YEARS AGO

December 11, 1969

Eagle Lake Community Hospital board and fund raising committee kicked off their drive for the new \$1,000,000 facility. David R. Wintermann and J.H. Clippson are co-chairing the drive... Miss Kathleen Rees was named the DAR Good Citizen at Garwood High School...

Santa is to arrive by helicopter Saturday at 2:30 p.m.... Mr. & Mrs. Cleve Baynes, owners of White House Hotel, plan to open their restaurant soon... The Eagle Lake Eagles won the cager trophy in the Columbus tournament...

The First Baptist Church Christmas concert on Dec. 14 featured soloists Marjorie Woodruff, Gail Bradshaw, Betty Brown, Carl Bailey, Scott Powers and Lyle Derrick... Pfc. Paul Hernandez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cano Hernandez of Sheridan, is serving in Germany with the U.S. Army...

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Corman have a son, Charles Vance, born at GCMC Dec. 8... Vance Duncan was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant at Reserve Officer Training Corp in San Antonio... The Eagle Lake Junior High Band, led by drum major Jerrol Higgins, won a trophy in the Wharton Christmas parade...

The Rice Basketball Tournament, set Dec. 18-20 will have 18 teams competing... Mrs. Ralph Stransberry, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Emil Schenk of Eagle Lake, was elected to Phi Kappa Phi honor society. She will graduate in May...

The millionth phone was installed by Southwestern Bell somewhere in the Eagle Lake area on Dec. 1... Rev. Irvin Kreke is home after surgery in Houston... Eagle Lake Postmaster H.C. Johnson reminds patrons that Christmas cards require 6 postage stamps...

Friday, April 19, 1946

Mrs. Maris Forbes, attractive Australian war bride of Delno Forbes, former member of the U.S. Navy, arrived in Houston on Wednesday...

"They finally won! The weekly Tuesday night domino competition winners at long last, were Mike Mangum and Walt Meitzen. Winners of an unbelievable four in a row!"

Walt's birthday number 7 was celebrated Friday night as he and Mike attempted to defend their position in the weekly Friday night games. A good time was had by all.

"Well, Bill Jr. and Margo Harrison are grandparents! Leslie and her husband Jim had a baby boy last Thursday, Aug. 11. As soon as Grandma gets back, we hope she will bring in complete information about the joyous occasion."

"In addition to the 1994 receipt for school taxes, Lillian New brought information concerning the naming of Lissie. Seems the it was named after the daughter of the Southern Pacific Railroad's station agent. The railroad had named it "New Philadelphia" but agreed to the man's request to name it for his daughter who was born in 1887."

"Mary Jo Spaniel Spiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Spaniel of Eagle Lake, was recently informed of her inclusion in the "Who's Who of Global Business Leaders". Since the majority of new candidates nominated are not accepted for inclusion, it is a coveted event when selected. We send our congratulations to Mary Jo and the Spaniels."

Did You Know... Nicolaus Copernicus, the Polish astronomer, was also a doctor, a lawyer and a church official. His mother must have been proud of him.



Working together

Members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Garwood Ambulance Corps, Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Eagle Lake Auxiliary Officer Russell Dunn all responded to the call for assistance last Friday, Aug. 12, when medical assistance

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge...

Successful breeding year reported at Attwater Refuge

For the first time in seven years, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) staff at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) have good news concerning the endangered Attwater's Prairie Chicken. The prairie bird's breeding success in 1994 surpassed reproductive efforts of the previous four years combined, producing an estimated 28 young in the wild at the refuge.

A captive propagation program for the Attwater's began at Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in Glen Rose, Texas, and Texas A&M University (A&M) in 1991.

This year, the Houston Zoo joined Fossil Rim in establishing a third prairie chicken captive propagation facility. The main objective of the propagation program is to produce Attwater's Prairie Chickens for reintroduction into their historic range. Forty-nine eggs were collected in the wild this spring and distributed to A&M and the Houston Zoo.

Fossil Rim produced 59 eggs in captivity this year from stock produced the previous two years. Of the 108 eggs produced this year, 52 successfully hatched.

Together, the three facilities have raised 38 young Attwater prairie chickens to date, a combined 73% chick survival rate.

Refuge Manager Steve Labuda notes, "Not only has this year's captive propagation efforts been successful in numbers, but, more importantly, this year's efforts answered a very important question that has plagued this program from its start."

For the last two years, despite high hatching success, many chicks succumbed to enteritis, nearly wiping out

the whole captive flock. The specific source of this enteritis remained a mystery until this year. Salmonella was found to be the culprit for the birds' deaths. Pin-pointing the reason for the birds' deaths will help in raising future generations in captivity.

This fall, wildlife officials hope to release excess prairie chicken males back into the wild at the Refuge. "With another very successful year," Labuda adds, "we could be releasing both male and female Attwaters' in the wild next year."

This year's wild population at the Refuge, located just north of Eagle Lake, also saw an increase.

A total of 14 young were sighted during the annual brood survey conducted in July. In comparison, last year's brood survey found only three young.

This increase can be attributed to a relatively drier spring this year compared to the springs of previous years. Although the refuge did experience some severe storms this spring, flooding of nesting habitat was not as detrimental as in previous years. A total of about 6.5 inches of precipitation fell on the Refuge during the period on May through mid-June this year, the peak of the prairie chicken's nesting season.

Last spring, following an extremely wet winter, the Refuge was overwhelmed by a total of 14.7 inches during the same period.

Did You Know... The disk-shaped photograph record was invented by Emile Berliner around 1887.

Chosen 'Miss Photogenic'
April Marie Pagel, daughter of Dwayne and Monica Pagel of Eagle Lake, was chosen Miss Photogenic at the Little Miss W.O.F.F. pageant recently in Wallis, Lynn's Grooming Corner, owned by Lynn Ellis of Eagle Lake, was her sponsor.

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referring to Prov. 31:31. A tribute to her in song was sung, "May The Works I've Done Speak For Me" by Nava Henry and Carrie Williams.

Mrs. Henry expressed motherhood at all times. Her desires of motherhood were well represented by her children and great grandchildren. Present was her granddaughter with her 8-week-old great granddaughter, Diamond Elaine Pace, and granddaughter Angella Henry Lynn, who is also expecting.

Love was expressed to Mother Henry by her boys, The United Brotherhood. They sang her favorite song, "A Charge To Keep I Have".

Many greetings, recognitions and

gifts came from the national and local offices of the United States, President Bill Clinton, Senators, State Houses, Secretary of States, County and local offices. Mr. Robert Martin gave Honorable Mention from the Mayor of Eagle Lake and Mr. William Harrison Sr. read a proclamation from Eagle Lake.

Of the many highlights, Mother Henry said the special and surprising was the designating of the County Road 269 as Henry Road which was presented by Wharton County Commissioner Prec. 2 Chris King.

Other events in Mother Henry's 100 year cruise were:

•When she was nine weeks old

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gold was discovered in Africa; •At the age of two, the first black received his Ph.D., Web Dubois; •At the age of seven, the first black ate at the White House, Booker T. Washington;

•1921 was a joyful year. She married the late E.H. Henry Sr. and became the mother of seven children.

The cruise ended after being recognized by many guests, relatives and friends with the blessing of the food by Pastor Nannond Williams. The meal was catered by Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Williams of Eagle Lake.

And wouldn't you know, Mrs. Dora Dervin of Garwood (also 100 years old) was present.

Substitute teachers selected for 1994-95

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees approved its list of substitute teachers for the 1994-95 school year during a recent meeting.

The substitute teachers are Nory Baggett, Josephine Becak, Ira Bennett, Arva Berkes, Carolyn Brisco, Shanna Brunner, Linda Buebel, Mary Christal, Maida Clark, Tina Coutts and Helen Craig.

Also, Susan Engstrom, Tara Halla, Robert Harris, Billy Hefner, Jessy Hefner, Penny Henske, Christine Hruzek, Duane Kerr, Kathleen Konecheck, Betty Layton, Maria Leal and Monica Lehrer.

Also, Beatrice Mota, Betty Muegge, Shana Murrell, Deanne Pittman, Frances Posada, Shanna Pustejovsky, Monica Quinney, Geraldine Saba, Hortencia Salinas, Debra Shanks, J.W. Shavers, Diane Smdovec and the Rev. John Allen Smith.

ANNOUNCING A NEW ARRIVAL

Joshua Adam Kucherka

Cpl. and Mrs. Paul A. Kucherka of Jacksonville, N.C., announce the birth of their son, Joshua Adam, born Monday, July 25, 1994, at 2:11 a.m. in the naval hospital at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Joshua Adam weighed eight pounds, five ounces, and measured 20-1/4 inches long. He was welcomed home by his brother, Thomas Christopher Roberts, age six.

Maternal grandparents are Albert and Judy Larson of Jacksonville. Paternal grandparents are Wilbert and Vernell Kucherka of Eagle Lake. His mother is the former Rebecca Larson Roberts.

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'94 Dodge Pickup Auto, A.C., Air Bag, Low Miles, P-957 \$11,500	'94 Buick LeSabre Snow White, Full Power, Low Miles, P-1015 \$18,750	'93 GMC Pickup Ridgeway, 4x4, Auto, Low Miles, E-1603-A \$12,995	'94 Dodge Ram New Body Style, You Must See! E-1459-A \$13,750	'91 Ford F-150 With Toppo, 3000, Power Miles, E-1603-A \$3,895
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