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New laws to bring sentences for violent crimes

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

Tougher criminal laws adopted last year by the Texas Legislature went into effect Sept. 1, requiring murderers, rapists and child molesters to serve half their prison sentences or 30 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Sponsor of the legislation was Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee. He told the *Houston Chronicle* that under previous law, Texas prison inmates often "came out worse than they went in."

Some nonviolent, first-time felons will get probation instead of prison under the revised laws that call for supervised probation up to five years and six months in new state lock-ups.

Nonviolent offenders on probation may be required to undergo drug and alcohol treatment, counseling sessions, community service and educational and vocational training.

"Over the last 50 years," Whitmire said, "our prisons had become a revolving door...but under the new plan, we don't want to comingle young offenders with hardcore rapists, murderers and child molesters."

Violent offenders, who often served a month for each year of a sentence under the state's old, "revolving door" de facto policy, will be doing more hard time with 22,000 more state prison beds scheduled to be ready for use by the end of the year.

Richards Cleared in Phone Flap

Gov. Ann Richards and her staff have been cleared of wrongdoing in the 1993 destruction of telephone records in her office.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle issued an Aug. 26 statement saying that there was no evidence of criminal intent on the part of Richards or her staff.

Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for the campaign of GOP gubernatorial challenger George W. Bush, reacted to Earle's statement, charging that records were improperly shredded in Richards' office and that senior staffers told different stories why the shredding occurred in an effort to cover it up.

Richards' chief of staff, John Fainter, said he approved the destruction of the phone records because the governor's office was drowning in paper, and that he misunderstood rules requiring that phone bills be retained for three years.

Judges Asked to Redraw Lines

A group of Republicans has presented a three-judge federal court panel in Houston a plan to reshape half of the state's congressional districts before the Nov. 8 statewide election.

The state, however, has asked the panel to keep the current boundaries - drawn by the Legislature in 1991 - intact for the election.

The judges ruled on Aug. 17 that the state's 30 congressional districts, one in Dallas and two in Houston are racially gerrymandered and must be redrawn to comply with the U.S. Constitution. Redrawing those districts will affect dozens of contiguous districts.

Lawyers for the GOP plaintiffs say the proposed new districts are more compact and would help minorities gain seats, but Texas Attorney General Dan Morales argued that if new lines are to be drawn, they should be drawn in the next session of the Legislature.

Happy Hour Left Intact

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission last week rejected a proposal to ban happy hours but promised to consider new restrictions on such promotions as nickel-beer nights.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has been urging the commission to eliminate happy hours, contending they encourage heavy drinking over a short period of time.

But bar owners and the Texas Restaurant Association argued that such regulations would limit competition and amount to price-fixing.

TABC chairman Ray Orr of DeSoto, said he and his colleagues are convinced that a happy hour ban is warranted, but they will look at some new restrictions in Oct.

Gibson to Leave Chamber Post

Bruce Gibson, former Democratic state representative from Godley, will leave his post as president of the Texas Chamber of Commerce to become vice president for government affairs at Houston Industries Inc., whose holdings include Houston Lighting & Power Co.

There are reports that Gibson may not be replaced at the chamber, which is continuing merger talks with the Texas Association of Business.

Other Highlights

•State Rep. Ben Campbell, R-Carrollton, has until Sept. 6 to appeal his April federal court conviction for bank fraud, affecting whether he can be replaced on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. On Aug 26, Campbell was sentenced to 51 months in prison and five years probation upon release. U.S. District Judge Paul Brown also ordered the senator to pay $540,229 in restitution and to report to prison in 30 days.

•New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman warned both Republican and Democratic candidates about attacking women as soft on crime. "Women care about crime as much as anybody else," said the first-term governor while campaigning last week for George W. Bush, the GOP nominee for governor and Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

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Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 Years Ago

Jan. 6, 1970

Congressman Jake Pickle condemned the 15% rice allotment... **Eagle Lake Community Hospital** Fund now at $200,000 in cash and pledges... **District Clerk Charlie Allen** has announced he'll run for re-election... A total of **36.39 inches of rain** was reported for Eagle Lake in 1969... Former rice sales manager **Simon S. White** died Jan. 1 at the age of 75...

And H.L. Parker opened a used furniture and appliance business at 311 South McCarty... The **First National Bank of Eagle Lake** reported record deposits of $11,056,303.65, up over $2 million from 1968...

Miss Carol Beth Wells, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Wells Jr.**, exchanged vows with **Clarence Thomas Gore** on Dec.27... **Miss Pam Szymanski** was honored with a kitchen shower at the home of **Mrs. Ray, R. Thomas**...

Jody Wayne McCage is home from tour in Vietnam, visiting with his mother **Mrs. R.W. Strunk**...

Medicare fee is to rise July 1, from $4 to $5.30 announced H.E.W. Secretary **Robert H. Finch**...

The **J.F. Walker** home won Sheridan lighting contest... **Marine Gilbert Hollub** arrived home from Vietnam for the Christmas holiday. He was welcomed home by his parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Hollub**, and other family members...

Mrs. August Schindler died Jan. 2 after a lengthy illness... **Mrs. Mary Bottino** passed away in a Columbus nursing home at the age of 94 on Jan. 5...

Eagle Cross Country Team placed fourth in state. The team is made up of **Ricky Higgins, Eloyd Gutierrez, Edward Dawson, Ronnie Robinson, Wayne Hemphill, Willie Cleveland;** the coach is **Robert Bokies**...

Pvt. E-2 **Jimmy Wood**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Dick Wood**, reported to Huachuca, Arizona...

Miss Elaine Holt of Sheridan, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Tommie Holt**, was married to **Oliver Jack Dromgoole** of Eagle Lake on Friday Nov. 28. He is the son of **Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Dromgoole**...

Miss Faye Scott, graduate of Eagle Lake High, received her diploma in IBM Computer Machine in Dec. from South Western University...

Howard, Tom and **Elizabeth Reed, Kathy Scott,** and **Dan** and **Jeff Frnka** enjoyed the U.T.-Notre Dame football game at the Cotton Bowl last week... **Beatrice Dugie** of Garwood and **Albert Bittner** of Nada were married Dec. 28 at St. Mary's...

Lloyd Neal Krenek, 22 of Garwood, died of illness Jan. 1 in Houston...

Friday May 17, 1946

Paul & Orville Powers had a narrow escape from death on Tuesday afternoon while working in the field with **Art Chrystal** when lightening struck in their midst, knocking all three to the ground....

Construction is under way at the school athletic field of a new club house with 15 by 80 foot floor dimensions.... The sixteen concrete tile houses being erected by **J.R. Colly** here are proceeding well, despite the vast amount of rainy weather which has curtailed construction....

In an advertisement in this issue of the *Headlight*, **Louis Kohleffel** is announcing his plan to inaugurate a garbage disposal service here.... **Mr. & Mrs. O.L. Mill** will leave for Bristol, Virginia, where they will join their daughter, **Miss Virginia Mill**, a freshman student at Sullins College, and accompany her home for a summer vacation....

Mr. & Mrs. Walter A. Braden of Nada announce the engagement of their daughter, **Virginia, to Robert J. Young Jr.** of Baytown, Texas.... **David Konesheck** has purchased the equipment of the End-O-Main Service Station from **Mrs. A. W. Templeman** and began management of the new business on last Saturday...

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Heffley and little sons, of Houston, were Mother's Day guests of his mother, **Mrs. Lottie W. Heffley.**

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On its 207th anniversary

Salute the genius of the Constitution

Americans across the nation are urged to commemorate the birthday of the world's oldest working Constitution, Sept. 17-23.

Pay special tribute to the authors and signatories whose vision created the model for the world, notes U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

Constitution week is being celebrated Sept. 17-23 to mark the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. constitution by delegates from 12 states at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, 207 years ago.

Since its adoption, the Constitution has been amended only 27 times. "That is a testament to the remarkable vision of America's founding fathers," Gramm said.

"No matter how many people are in the majority or how many people think they know better, the basic, fundamental right of every American to live free is the true genius of the Constitution," he remarked.

The American Constitution guarantees something few people in other countries enjoy. It guarantees freedom.

Some are familiar, such as freedom of speech and religion.

Others might not be as familiar, such as freedom to own property, make decisions about where we live or work, freedom to choose our own doctors and shopping places and the freedom to bear arms.

"What this has meant to America is that here, ordinary people like us have had more opportunity and more freedom than any other people who have ever lived.

"And with that opportunity and the freedom, ordinary people have been able to do extraordinary things," he concluded.

There she blows!

"Buster" Biesel, Director of Public Works for the City of Eagle Lake, looked like he was washing down Main Street on a recent Thursday morning. But, in fact, he and another gentleman were running pressure tests on the fire hydrants for Eagle Lake's insurance rating.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

About Town...

•Mike Mithana, owner of ARA Grocery on Main St., commented that he has now completed a full year in business in Eagle Lake. He took over operation of the grocery store on Aug. 27, 1993.

•The fall high school football season kicked off last Friday night in summerlike temperatures in the 90s. It's hard to think about sweaters and those hot uniforms in this weather. Nov. and under 60 degree nights seem a long way off.

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Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

WHEN A BUNION IS NOT A TRUE BUNION

A bunion is usually defined as an enlargement of the bone at the joint where the big toe meets the foot. The joint becomes deformed, eventually pushing the other toes out of position. In degenerative diseases like arthritis, a condition can develop that feels and looks like a bunion, but really isn't. These diseases may actually begin with a bunion, which left untreated can cause extra wear and tear on the joints and break down cartilage. This damage then opens the way for the degenerative diseases to strike. Osteoarthritis, which is the breakdown of cartilage due to aging, and rheumatoid arthritis, which can affect other parts of the body, are common culprits, often causing bunion-like pain and stiffness.

If it hurts, it's important to find out why. Following diagnosis, it's then time to formulate a treatment plan which may consist of medications, orthotics, or surgery. Many foot problems evolve over time, from improper shoes, physical stress, muscular imbalance, and slow-growing medical conditions. Whatever your foot problems - don't try to cure them on your own - it's important to communicate with your doctor. Put our staff on your health care team - we're easy to find at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital (234-5571). I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

P.S. Heredity, not tight shoes, is the usual cause of bunions, although tight-fitting foot wear can make the condition worse.

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Jodi's photos published

Jodi Franta Sebesta of Columbus recently had two of her photographs selected for publication in the 1994 edition of the book *Professional Photographers of America Loan Collection*.

The two images by Sebesta are of Tammy Theriot of Columbus and of April Harris of La Grange.

From the 6,000 plus entries, 150 were selected to be included in the book honoring outstanding photographers of 1994. This is the second year that photos by Sebesta have received this honor.

Sebesta is a master photographer who owns the studio, Jodi & Company, in Columbus. She specializes in creative photography.

Songwriters' showcase to open season at Stafford

Grammy winning songwriter Townes Van Zandt will headline the first production of the 1994-95 season at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus, Saturday, Sept. 17.

Van Zandt will head up a songwriters' showcase beginning at 7 p.m. The Texas born songwriter and singer is best known for the hits "If I Needed You" recorded by Don Williams and Emmylou Harris; the Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard recording of "Poncho and Lefty" and "White Freightliner Blues" recorded by New Grass Revival. He also wrote "Tecumseh Valley", recorded by Nanci Griffith on her Grammy winning album "Other Voices/Other Rooms".

Also on the program are songwriters Davey Davis of Brownsville, Vt., and Bobby Applegate of Columbus.

Tickets for the concert are $10 a person and may be purchased at The Style Shop in Columbus or by calling 409-732-5135.

Davis, featured with his band Brown Trout and the Lunkers, is becoming widely known for his outdoor oriented country style, particularly for "Deer Hunter's Widow" released last fall and the new album release "Untangled" which elevates the pasttime of fishing to a religious experience.

Applegate has been entertaining country music fans across Texas for the past 18 years. He began serious songwriting about three years ago and has had success this year with his singles "Eight Seconds at a Time" and "When It Don't Rain in Seattle."

All three will be performing Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Opera House.

The next performance scheduled for the season will be the "Cavalcade of Harmony" barbershop singing production on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Thomas Clinic welcomes med. student

Dr. Russell Thomas and the staff at Thomas Clinic in Eagle Lake welcomed a new student last month as part of the Texas Statewide Preceptorship Program. Dominique Isenhower, currently a student at Baylor University and a Rice High School graduate, was at the clinic last month to observe the family practice.

The physicians at Thomas Clinic are actively involved as volunteers with the program through the Texas Academy of Family Physicians to help interest students in the field of family medicine.

The statewide program, begun in 1980, has enabled 2816 clinical and 1513 preclinical medical students to work up to a month in the offices of experienced family practitioners in Texas. This exposure gives the medical students an opportunity to observe, firsthand, the challenges and the satisfaction of primary care, as well as examine family practice as a serious personal career option.

Opportunity Buyers still wanted for fair

Any individual or business interested in contributing to the Opportunity Buyers Fund for the Colorado County Fair Youth Livestock Sale may contact the following individuals:

Weimar area, Peggy Langhoff at Hill Bank & Trust;

Columbus area, Sandra Berger at Columbus State Bank;

Eagle Lake area, Carol Ripper at First National Bank; and

Garwood area, Annette Bittner at Farmers Coop.

The opportunity buyers committee will pool the money received and support the sale by boosting prices and purchasing lots during the Youth Livestock Sale.

The junior sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

John Deere newest tractor on display here

Area farmers and ranchers will be among the first in the country to see an all new John Deere 8000 Series tractor during an open house at Eagle Lake Implement next Tuesday.

General Manager Draper Stephens invites everyone in the community to the open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 13.

The dealership is located at 1700 E. Main St. in Eagle Lake.

"These new high horsepower row-crop tractors set a new standard for maneuverability, visibility, power and control in this size class," Stephens commented. "They feature fingertip control, all around visibility and more. These tractors are going to cause a lot of excitement."

During the open house, everyone will have an opportunity to closely inspect the tractor and have their questions answered.

Bible Verse of the Week

"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion." Psalms 71:1

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Eunice Collins to Eunice Faye Collins, two tracts, subdivisional Lot 7, Block 111, City of Columbus and 16.667 acres of the J. Tumlinson League, Abstract No. 46; filed 7-12-94.

Deed: Frances Williamson Brod to Crockett Leyendecker, et ux, 1.3895 acres of the John Hadden League Survey, Abstract No. 28; 7-12-94.

Deed: Estate of William Edwin Pinchback to Michael Lanier, 0.519 acre of the Outlot No. 7, Town of Garwood, Preston Gilbert League, Abstract No. 25; 7-12-94.

Deed: Dorothy M. Wince to Jimmie R. Stanley and Rhonda Stanley, und. int. in Lot 14, North J.B. Fenn Survey, Abstract No. 215; 7-12-94.

Deed: Stacy Mueller, et ux to Charles L. Watson, et ux, 2.0 acres in the Gabriel Strawsnider League, Abstract No. 40; 7-13-94.

Deed: Catherine Eck, et al to Grace M. Basa and Jose F. Kotico Jr., Lots No. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block No. 10, City of Weimar; 7-13-94.

Deed: IC Manufacturing Company to ICMC Acquisition Company, four tracts in the L& G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 27, Abstract No. 251, et al; 7-13-94.

Deed: Beatrice M. Kavanaugh to Texas Commerce Bank N.A. as trustee of the Lewis Mineral Trust, Int. in and to all oil, gas and other minerals in land situated in the Francis Mayhar Survey, Abstract No. 400; 7-14-94.

Deed: Donald D. Lewis to Texas Commerce Bank N.A. as trustee of the Lewis Mineral Trust, Int. in and to all oil, gas and other minerals in land situated in the Francis Mayhar Survey, Abstract No. 400; 7-14-94.

Deed: Lisa Lewis Harrington, et al to Texas Commerce Bank N.A. as trustee of the Lewis Mineral Trust, Int. in and to all oil, gas and other minerals in land situated in the Francis Mayhar Survey, Abstract No. 400; 7-14-94.

Deed: Lisa Lewis Harrington to Texas Commerce Bank N.A. as trustee of the Lewis Mineral Trust, all such mineral interests and interests in and to oil, gas and other mineral royalties, etc. situated in the Francis Mayhar Survey, Abstract No. 400; 7-14-94.

Deed: Carlton A. Bugg to Barbara J. Ellis Living Trust, 1.0 acre of the Thos. Cartwright League, Abstract No. 11; 7-14-94.

Deed: Carol L. Ellis to Barbara J. Ellis Living Trust, Lots No. 6 and 7A, Block No. 13, Westmoreland Addition, Eagle Lake; 7-14-94.

Deed: Carlton A. Bugg to Barbara J. Ellis Living Trust, 8.0 acre of the Thos. Cartwright League, Abstract No. 11; 7-14-94.

Deed: Carol L. Ellis to Barbara J. Ellis Living Trust, Lots No. 2 and 3, Block No. 23, Westmoreland Addition, Eagle Lake; 7-14-94.

Deed: Robert E. Connor to John M. Connor Sr., et ux, subdivisional Lot. No. 10, Block 78, City of Columbus; 7-15-94.

Gift Deed: Robert W. Hervey to Robert W. Hervey and Doris D. Hervey, 411-3/4 acres in the B. Moeller Survey, Abstract No. 429, et al; 7-15-94.

Deed: Stephen N. Minor to Providence Mineral Trust, 696.00 acres of the Vital Flores League, Abstract No. 196; 7-15-94.

Deed: Johnny Martinez, et ux to The Texas Falls Corp., und int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 7-15-94.

OIL, GAS & MINERAL LEASES

Beverly A. Pederson to CICO Oil & Gas Company, 10 acres in the North J.B. Fenn Survey, Abstract No. 215; 7-11-94.

Donna Robinson to CICO Oil & Gas Company, 10 acres in the North J.B. Fenn Survey, Abstract No. 215; 7-11-94.

Allison Zweiner, et al to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 160 acres, the northwest quarter of S.A. & .M.G. R.R. Survey No. 9, Abstract no. 528; 7-11-94.

J.R. Thomas, et ux to Magnum Producing & Operating Company, 507.45 acres of the G.H. & H. R.R. Company Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 239; 7-12-94.

Jean Ann Hetzel Krisle to Auburn Enterprises Inc., 10 acres of the North J.B. Fenn Survey, Abstract No. 215; 7-12-94.

Jimmie R. Stanley and Rhonda Stanley to Auburn Enterprises Inc., 10 acres of the North J.B. Fenn Survey, Abstract No. 215; 7-12-94.

Dorothy B. Hite, et al to Eobwer L. Zinn, 47.48 acres of the James Earl Survey, Abstract No. 189; 7-13-94.

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

Roger Joe Acosta, Houston, speeding appeal; filed 8-29-94.

COUNTY COURT ARRAIGNMENTS
For Sept. 28, 9 a.m.

Robert Wayne Dow, Alvin, hindering a secured creditor.

Linda F. Hill, Missouri City, theft by check.

George S. Buffenbarger, Houston, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Dennis Mikeal Settle, Weimar, DWI.

Dagberto Morales Roblero, Houston, theft Class A.

Harley Waldrop, Eagle Lake, DWI.

Kent David Simmons, Austin, DWI.

Frank Gonzales Cumpian, Eagle Lake, DWI.

11 other Resets for second or more times.

New Docket:

Guadalupe Meza Alfaro, Rosenberg, DWI.

Benjamin Stone St., Weimar, theft by check.

Norman Henderson Jr., Altair, possession of marijuana.

James Alan Hull, Houston, driving while license suspended.

Donnie Franklin Surovcak, Cat Spring, DWI.

Travis G. Stone, San Felipe, theft by check.

Bobby Thompson, Houston, DWI.

Lee Zachary, Houston, theft by check.

Michael Everett Fannin, Austin, DWI.

Marcelino Cabellero, Houston, DWI.

Marvin Lewis Pitre, Columbus, DWI.

Debra Hering Gentry, Sealy, DWI.

Larry Alan Moran, Houston, DWI.

Ronald Ronnie Ramirez, Columbus, DWI.

Cathy Krushall, Boling, hindering a secured creditor.

Verna Johnson, Garwood, DWI.

David V. Acevedo, Galena Park, DWI.

Joe Thomas Alley, Alleyton, possession of marijuana; unlawfully carrying a weapon.

James Lester Moore, Weimar, DWI.

Morris Morales, Eagle Lake, DWI.

Robert Daniel Gilliam, Brazoria, DWLS and DWI.

Justin Trott Izard, Yoakum, DWI.

Sharon Walker, Altair, theft by check.

Lakeshia Jackson, Columbus, theft by check.

Yolanda Dogins, Eagle Lake, theft by check.

Allen Pavlicek, Schulenburg, theft by check.

Donald Brian Andrus, Columbus, DWI.

Debbie M. Sidney, Schulenburg, theft by check.

Michael A. Black, Eagle Lake, theft by check.

Billy Joe Stewart, Bastrop, DWI.

Vonna Morton, Pampa, theft by check.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Michael Lee Todd, 29, and Rhonda Louise Adams, 32, New Ulm.

John Richard Torres, 44, and Juana Ma Guadalupe Olivarez, 34, Eagle Lake.

Jason Paul Pavlicek, 22, and April Michelle Fuger, 20, Columbus.

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED

Civil Suit: Positive Feed Inc. vs. Texas Employment Commission and Marcus Guthman, unemployment; 8-23-94.

DIVORCES FILED

Earl R. House and Cherie D. House; 8-25-94.

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