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Gov. Bush sends more Troopers, agents to border

Gov. George W. Bush ordered the Department of Public Safety to dispatch 100 more troopers and narcotics agents to an 80-mile-long sector of the border of Mexico.

In Aug., the DPS beefed up its numbers around Eagle Pass to stop the flow of illegal drugs. Ranchers in that

region have complained that armed drug smugglers are invading their property. The smugglers are bringing in, at will, huge caches of heroin, marijuana and other drugs from Colombia and Mexico.

State officials say the magnitude of the problem warrants immediate federal assistance, but the federal government has not met requests for more agents and air surveillance.

Public Safety Commission Chairman James B. Francis Jr. of Dallas told the Dallas Morning News that foot-dragging by President Clinton's drug czar, former Gen. Barry McCaffrey and other federal officials, has slowed the interdiction effort.

"All we have gotten is one excuse after another when we asked them for help. What you get is a bunch of lip service and no action," Francis said.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

McCaffrey said it will be two years before enough U.S. Border Patrol agents will be available. Texas will be assigned 100 of the 1,000 agents who are being trained, while California will be assigned the other 900 agents.

Francis criticized the apparent ineptitude. "We've got 700 miles of border and California has 100 miles. It's completely irrational rationing manpower according to need," he said.

Traffic Death Toll Leaps

Traffic deaths have increased 17% across Texas and 30% on rural interstate highways since the state began raising speed limits last Dec.

In an analysis of accident reports from Dec. 8 to June 30, the Austin American-Statesman reported last week that at the present rate, about 3,600 people will die in traffic accidents in Texas this year — the highest total since 1985. The traffic death toll during the period was 1,936 compared to 1,655 traffic deaths between Dec. 8, 1994, and June 30, 1995.

"It's even worse than I thought it would be," said Bob Draper of the National Traffic Safety Institute. "But it's not totally unexpected. You now have people driving just 70 to 80 and 85, even 90 mph. At those speeds, when an accident happens, people die."

Dev Tulsiani, an engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, said his agency hasn't yet pinned the blame for double-digit increases in traffic deaths on the higher speed limits. The fact that more drivers are

on the road might figure into the equation.

Bush Approval Ratings High

Sixty-eight percent of those surveyed in the latest Texas Poll said they approve of Gov. Bush's performance nearing the midpoint of his term.

"I'm honored that people like my job, but I take nothing for granted," Bush said, adding however, that he bases his decisions on philosophy rather than the polls.

According to the poll, 72% of whites, 63% of Hispanics and 51% of African-Americans approve of Bush's job performance.

Also, 54% of those surveyed — 64% of Republicans, 52% of independents and 47% of Democrats — say Gov. Bush should run for president some day.

The survey of 1,001 Texans was conducted Sept. 3-13 for Harte-Hanks Communications by the Office of Survey Research of the University of Texas.

Bush Submits Welfare Plan

Meanwhile, last week, Gov. Bush sent to U.S. regulators a plan implementing federal mandated changes to the welfare system, while incorporating reforms passed during the 1995 Texas Legislature.

Although states have until July 1997 to submit such plans, Bush submitted Texas' plan months ahead of the deadline to retain an additional \$72 million in federal funds for the "Texas for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" — known as the Aid to Families with dependent Children program before the new federal welfare overhaul.

Bush made the decision to send the plan to Washington after Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney said they were satisfied with it.

The state was budgeted to get \$414 million in AFDC funds in the current budget, the Dallas Morning News reported. Bush's action means the state will receive a \$486 million lump sum payment — \$72 million more than it would have otherwise received, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Federal regulators have 30 days to review Texas' 97-page plan to see if it meets requirements.

Bomer Drops 'Unnecessary' Rules

Texas' insurance rule book will be 42,000 words lighter and the regulatory burden on the state's \$40 billion insurance industry will be reduced without harming consumers, as a result of an order signed last week by Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer.

Bomer ordered the repeal of 116 insurance regulations identified as unnecessary in a review that began last spring by the Texas Department of Insurance.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 30, 1971

William N. Lehrer of Garwood Implement & Supply Co. presented a set of keys to a 1972 International pickup to Miss Debbie Roch, sweetheart of the senior Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter at Rice High School. Richard Seifert, president of the Rice FFA Chapter, was also present.

The homes of Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Meliten Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Altman were awarded first places in the annual Christmas lighting and decorations contest sponsored by the Eagle Lake Jaycees and Central Power & Light.

The homes of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lobpies and Mr. & Mrs. Laddie Lee Krenke were judged winners of first place in the annual Christmas lighting contest in the Garwood/Nada area.

Firemen from Sheridan and Hallettsville battled a big fire which destroyed a large barn filled with hay and farm equipment on the Zane and Lavo Brisco farm last Thursday, Dec. 23.

Airman Edward Morales, son of Mr. & Mrs. Morris Morales Sr. of 1111 East A Street, has completed his U.S. Air Force basic training at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB.

He is a 1970 graduate of Rice High School.

Marine Lance Corporal Manuel Rodriguez, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Rodriguez of Eagle Lake, is a member of the 2nd Marine Divisions Battalion Landing Team 1/2, homebased at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Rodriguez took part in Operation U.S. 1, a multinational NATO operation which was hosted by the French.

Miss Yvonne Vogler became the bride of John Anthony Balas of Eagle Lake in a double-ring nuptial ceremony in Rosenberg at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 12.

Mr. & Mrs. Fulton Dromgoole and Mr. & Mrs. David Hengst at-

tended the graduation ceremonies at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville on Dec. 17. Fulton Dromgoole Jr. was a member of the graduating class.

July 23, 1948

Kenneth Davis, life guard at the American Legion pool, will begin swimming classes for all ages this Monday morning at eight o'clock.

President Harry S. Truman issued a proclamation calling for the draft registration to start Aug. 30th in fulfillment of a recent law passed by the 80th Congress of the United States.

Early Tuesday morning, the Harvey's Store at Sheridan was burglarized of \$60 in cash.

The first bale of cotton of the 1948 season was brought into Nada Thursday by Cyril Shimek and weighed 580 pounds.

Mr. & Mrs. T.P. Dowdy and family have as guests her sister, Mrs. H.T. Reynolds and children, Ramelle and Relaine of Estado Zulla, Venezuela.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Kolberg and little son of College Station were guests last week of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. O.G. Kolberg.

Clifton Tyler and his friend, Harvey Meadows of New York, left Houston by plane Tuesday after a visit here with Clifton's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Louis L. Tyler of Altair, and other relatives.

William F. Rey and Albert J. Arnold of Garwood, both graduates of Garwood High School and former students of Wharton County Junior College, enlisted in the U.S. Army July 13th.

Robert Humbird, popular Eagle Lake High School football and basketball star, headed for naval duty this week and expects to take his basic training in San Diego, Calif.

Many parents in Eagle Lake will welcome the opening of a dancing school here by Mrs. Ralph Thomas.



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Bible Verse of the Week
"Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil." Ephesians 6:11
Submitted By Nedd Phillips

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Boyd Rees et ux to William Earl Rees, 2 tracts of land in the Preston Gilbert League, Garwood; filed 7-2-96.
Deed: Delores Margaret Kana Hatterman to Mark A. Janda et ux, part of Lot 3, Block 45, City of Weimar; 7-2-96.
Deed: Aline R. Adamick Barta to Jason R. Ervin et ux, part of Lot 3, Block 34, City of Weimar; 7-3-96.
Deed: Dorothy E. Cassidy to John E. Walker and Susan W. Walker, 319.78 acres, GH&H RR Co. Survey 21, A-248; 7-3-96.

Deed: Estate of Violet Mooney to William H. Harrison Jr. et ux, interest in oil, gas and other minerals in 2 tracts, Gabriel Strawneder Survey, et al; 7-5-96.
Deed: Edward L. and Debra J. Gundlach to James Williamson, Lot 16, Block 11, Town of Sheridan; 7-2-96.
Deed: Marvin Long Sr. et ux to Ernest L. Rodriguez et ux, 5,000 acres, T.C. Cockrill Survey, A-853, et al; 7-5-96.
Deed: Lirva Jane Kaase et ux to Kenneth William Kaase, mineral and/or royalty interests owned by Grantor, situated in Austin, Colorado and Jackson Counties; 7-8-96.

Deed: Billy J. Neundorff to Billy J. & Doris J. Neundorff Living Trust, et al; 7-5-96.
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Deed: Harry C. Henkhaus Jr. et al to Stacie J. Glacser-Rebel, part of Lot 3, Block M, Smith and Jones Addition, Town of Columbus; 7-4-96.
Deed: Ethel Lee Clayborne to Shirley Ann Clayborne Bennett, Ind. Exec. of the Estate of Burt Clayborne, a tract of land in the W.B. Dewees Survey in Colorado County; 7-8-96.

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Golds celebrate 50th anniversary

Albert and Agatha Gold celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past Saturday, October 5, 1996.

The couple was married October 8, 1946, at St. Mary's Church in Nada. They made their home in Garwood and were blessed with three children, James, Judy and Edward. They began farming and continue to do so today. Agatha is a homemaker and enjoys baking and gardening.

A 5 p.m. mass was held at St. Mary's Church in their honor and was presided over by Father Joe Koebel. Following the mass, a dinner was held at Schoebels' Restaurant in Columbus.

Attending were Harvey and Judy Heimann, Wendy, Tammy and Wesley and Richard Chomout; and Ed and Kim Gold, Erin and Layton.

Honor Rolls released for first 6-week period

EAGLE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Students having 90 avg. in required subjects and satisfactory conduct:

Fourth grade: Miguel Arellano, Ysenia Castillo, Emerson Dawson, Kelly Konesheck, Amber Lancaster, Daniel Posada, Arizbeth Rivalcaba, Lindsey Thomas, Vanessa Villaforte.

Fifth: Madison Burrow, Vera Cleveland, Charlotte Foster, Nicolas Galvan, Eric Gonzalez, Jennifer Hasin, Carlos Hernandez, Julia Jackson, Ashley Lead, Jessica Lopez, Audra Marsalia, Ines Melendez, Orlando Morales, Shani Pena, Jose Posada, David Ramirez, Kimberly Rodriguez, James Salinas, Cleve Scott, Latoya Sims, Angel Strickland, Roger Toriz, Hillary Torres, Kevin York.

Sixth: Jose Casas, Felicia Galvan, Matthew Hentzel, Kalyan Osborn.

Seventh: Jennifer Bisselli, Olivia Cardenas, Jerry Clivland, Sarah Fearing, Erica Garcia, Chris Jasek, Cleo Johnson, Jessica Lares, Rebecca Lopez, Corissa Mathis, Stephanie Sommerlatte, Deedra Wesemann, Kayce Wilkerson.

Eighth: Jessica Cisneros, Barbara Cooper, Erica Dunmore, Amy Ellis, Sarah Gould, Stephanie Jackson, Johana Lopez, Rhonda Peroni, Andrew Powers, Christopher Rodriguez, Dora Rodriguez, Marisela Rodriguez, John Rucka, Jose Zuniga.

First: Courtney Andrejczak, Randy Brown, Kaci Kazmir, Bryan Layton, Austin Moore, Melissa Smith, (See Honor Rolls, Page 8)

Second: T.J. Dankfles, Guadalupe Vasquez.

Third: Kristen Dankfles, Jessica Engstrom, Dane Krenke, Cassidy Popp, Hunter Smith, Curtis Williams.

Fourth: Frankie Guthrie, Theresa Henry, Kristi Johnson, Alyson Lanier, Guadalupe Saez, Pam Sykes.



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