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Only 33% of voters participated in election

About one-third of Texas' 11.5 million registered voters cast ballots in the Nov. 3 election, tallying out as a

Republican "coat-tails" sweep of statewide offices.
Popular incumbent Gov. George

W. Bush picked up more than double the number of votes cast for the challenger, longtime Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro.

Continuing down the ballot, in the race for the powerful office of lieutenant governor, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry edged Comptroller John Sharp by 85,000 votes, or less than 2% of votes cast.

Former Texas Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn, running for attorney general, beat former Attorney General Jim Mattox after both men waged a multiweek war of mudslinging television ads.

Railroad Commissioner and "One Tough Grandma" Carole Keeton Rylander, 59, achieved a narrow (1%) victory in the race for state comptroller over up-and-coming 38-year-old Paul Hobby of Houston.

David Dewhurst, a Houston businessman, won an 18-point victory over state Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Benavides, for commissioner of the General Land Office.

State Rep. Susan Combs of Austin beat Brookston rancher L.P. "Pete" Peterson for agriculture commissioner.

And, former Secretary of State Tony Garza of Brownsville won the race for railroad commissioner with a 16-point margin over Huntsville lawyer Joe B. Henderson.

The Libertarian Party fielded candidates in the statewide races, but none managed to garner more than 2.7% of the vote.

MAP Program Reaches DFW

Good drivers in 39 underserved ZIP codes in Dallas and Fort Worth are now eligible to get help in finding lower-cost car insurance through the Texas Department of Insurance.

A toll-free call to 1-800-799-6277 connects with TDI's automobile insurance Market Assistance Program, which uses the Internet to send eligible drivers' applications to participating insurance companies.

Launched July 1 in Austin, El Paso

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State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

and the Rio Grande Valley, the program added ZIP codes in Houston on Sept. 1. Underserved ZIP codes in the remainder of the state will join in the program on Jan. 1.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer started the program to help good drivers who became insured by the state's assigned risk plan or by county mutual insurers. County mutuals specialize in covering problem drivers at unregulated rates.

"The MAP is a Texas-style approach that encourages insurance companies to voluntarily cover these misplaced drivers at rates that match their driving records," Bomer said.

Applications from eligible drivers go to nine insurance company groups that write about two-thirds of the car insurance sold in Texas. They are Allstate, Farmers, GEICO, Nationwide, Progressive, Prudential Property & Casualty, Safeco, Southern Farm Bureau and State Farm.

Each insurer is participating voluntarily and has agreed to charge customers obtained through the MAP the same rates as its other standard and preferred car insurance customers.

Bush Reappoints Mike Moses

One of Gov. Bush's first official acts after winning re-election was to declare his intention to reappoint Dr. Mike Moses to another term as commissioner of education. Bush first appointed Moses in 1995 to the Texas Education Agency which oversees the state's vast public education system. That term of office expires in January. The reappointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

"I am honored that Gov. Bush has asked me to serve another term," Moses said. "I really enjoy working with George Bush and his team. I am honored to be able to serve."

Moses has implemented the Governor's Reading Initiative, administered the rewritten education code and downsized the Texas Education Agency from 1,144 employees to 834 employees. He also has worked to improve the state's curriculum standards.

"We have a good education system in Texas. It is improving mightily and will continue to do so under my leadership and the leadership of Mike Moses," Bush said.

The number of students passing all parts of the Texas Assessment of Academics Skills has risen from 55% in 1994 to 77% in 1998. Also, the number of students taking Advanced Placement exams, which allow them to earn college credit, increased 18% this year, compared to the national average of 8%.

Other Highlights

Herman Nethery has been sentenced to 30 years in state prison for his role in the operation of an illegal landfill in southeast Dallas. Nethery and another Dallas resident, Herman Gibbons, operated the landfill for several years without proper authorization.

To THE EDITOR & YOU

Four stars for Mr. Stanley

Mr. Stanley is the new principal at the Eagle Lake Primary School.

I had the pleasure of meeting him while enrolling my granddaughter there several weeks ago.

During the paperwork process, I observed this tall, gentle man down on one knee, speaking directly to the student.

He spoke in a soft non-intimidating manner, taking away the fear factor and getting on the student level. I was really impressed.

I also had the opportunity to see him in action at a PTO Meeting. I was blown away when he conducted the

entire meeting in both English and Spanish.

I can only say if you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew or cousin who attends the Primary School, you owe it to yourself to meet this remarkable young man.

He is obviously sincere and dedicated to all the children who attend the Primary School.

I look forward to working with him and his entire staff this school year.

Respectfully submitted,
Councilwoman Rene
Cooper-Scott, RN

Nasty rumors

Recently there have been so many rumors and plain old "nasty" gossip about our police department, police chief and officers.

The rumor has it that the reason that most of our officers are leaving the Eagle Lake force is because the chief is forcing or pushing religion on them.

I, for one, am thankful... give me a religious "pistol packin' officer" any day!

This past year has been tough on the city as a whole. It suffered a great loss and a good officer, who believed in "God" as his Savior and died in the line of duty, protecting the citizens of this small town.

I've never been a Bible packing person but during this time "God" came into my life stronger than ever through Sgt. Bill Lattimore.

At a time when I needed strength more than ever, "Bill" touched my shoulder and said, "It's O.K. It's gonna be alright."

It wasn't Bill's voice I heard. It

was God, speaking though Bill. I snapped back to reality, took control of myself and did what I knew I had to do. The sadness was still there, but the fright was lifted.

The point I'm trying so hard to make to the people who are so upset that religion is priority 1! Who would you rather have on your side... a pistol packin' officer who will treat you with respect and like a human or that shouting, nasty talking man who treats you like trash and an animal?

I've seen both.
As for the accused officer, let him speak for himself. If he is falsely accused, he should clear himself as well as his reputation.

Rumors and slander do not solve a thing, but, prayer, peace and brotherhood go a long way.

Thank you, Chief Webb, for caring enough about life to provide us with the caring officers you have provided the city of Eagle Lake.

A Concerned Citizen

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Aug. 14, 1973

Colorado County Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller and Chief Deputy Bill Esterling are in Roswell, New Mexico, this week checking on some calves believed to be among those stolen recently from a feed pen just off I-10 near Weimar...

Five pretty young ladies have been busy this week soliciting votes to become the Firemen's Queen. The five young ladies are Carol Wick, Mary Jo Spanihel, Teresa Spanihel, Rhonda Kochwelp and Linda Rucka. The contest is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagle Lake Fire Department...

Denver Kocich, an employee at Prairie Rice Dryer at Chesterville, suffered the loss of his leg when he slipped into an auger at the dryer at around 2:30 p.m., Saturday...

Publisher Fred R. Frnka received a Beta Sigma Phi award from Alpha Delta Phi publicity chairman Mrs. Lynda Appelt...

Citizens throughout the area learned with regret of the death of Dr.

Willis Thomas Youens in a Houston hospital Monday, Aug. 13. He had been seriously ill for many months...

Miss Carolyn Marie Sommer became the bride of Randy Louis Burrow at 5:30 in the evening on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake. Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sommer Jr. and Randy is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Burrow, all of Eagle Lake...

Eddie Lee Balusek, son of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Balusek of Garwood, attended the YRA Galveston County Youth Rodeo in Arcadia, Aug. 2-4. He was declared champion tie-down Calf Roper at this show with times of 10:4 and 14:6...

In a formal service at Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake, Miss Verner Sue Matthews and George Arnold Weller Jr. were united in marriage Saturday, Aug. 4, at eight o'clock in the evening...

The Eagle Lake Little League held its end of season weiner roast Friday evening. Awards were given to the boys with top batting averages. The following boys had top averages for major league: Michael Thomas, 434; Dickie Olvera, 425; Pat Hurd, 392; and Mike Morales, 380.

Oct. 26, 1950

Mrs. Grobe (Fay) Tyler has an (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

Bible Verse of the Week

"The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it." — Psalms 68:11

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

To All the Citizens of Colorado County...

THANK YOU

from YOUR County Clerk,
Darlene Hayek

I will never be able to adequately express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to you, the voters of Colorado County, for my re-election to serve as your County Clerk. I will remain dedicated to my commitment to you, to serve with the highest standards of integrity and professionalism that you deserve from all elected officials you have placed your trust in by your vote.

And to all my family and friends, especially my husband Jerry, Stacy, Jim, Linda and Rhonda, without you, none of this would have been possible. Thank you.

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High Blood Pressure Treatment in the News

According to the findings of a recent meeting of approximately 60 world-wide experts on hypertension (high blood pressure) sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO), some 600 million people in the world with high blood pressure may be at risk of developing serious health conditions. These conditions include heart attack, stroke, and death. These people are at risk because they are being treated incorrectly or are not being treated at all. The director of the cardiovascular diseases unit at WHO indicates that of the 600 million persons who have hypertension, only 75 million receive adequate treatment.

Prescription medicines used for high blood pressure include:

1. Diuretics (water pills) such as *hydrochlorothiazide* (considered first-line medicines).
2. Beta adrenergic blockers such as *metoprolol* (Lopressor).
3. ACE (angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors) such as *enalapril* (Vasotec).
4. Blood vessel dilators such as *hydralazine* (Apresoline).
5. Calcium channel blockers such as *nifedipine* (Procardia).
6. ARBs (angiotensin receptor blockers) such as *losartan* (Cozaar) — the newest class of drugs approved for high blood pressure.

Breakfast Bargains

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