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51% of Texas voters go to polls

Fifty-one percent of registered voters turned out Nov. 7 to cast ballots in the general election. Nearly 6.4 million Texans voted on election day and another 2.5 million cast ballots during the early voting period.

Terry County had the highest turnout with 76% or 6,209 of the 8,123 registered voters casting ballots. Loving County followed with 74% or 156 voters out of 211 registered.

The lowest turnout was in Dimmitt County, which trailed the rest of the state by nearly 12%. Only 19% of that county's 8,311 registered voters voted in the election.

In the presidential election, Gov. George W. Bush captured 59% of the vote statewide to Vice President Al Gore's 38%. Green Party candidate Ralph Nader garnered nearly 2% of the Texas vote.

Texans overwhelmingly re-elected Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison. She received 65% of the vote to Democratic challenger Gene Kelley's 32%.

Democrats came out on top in Texas' 30 congressional district races with all incumbents of both parties winning re-election. Texas has 17 Democrats and 13 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Republicans retained two of the three seats on the Texas Railroad Commission. Commissioner Charles R. Matthews was re-elected and voters affirmed Gov. Bush appointee Chairman Michael L. Williams, who stepped into the position in Dec. 1998 to fill the unexpired term of Carole Keeton Rylander, who vacated to become comptroller.

The three Republican incumbent Texas Supreme Court Justices Nathan Hecht, Priscilla Owen and Al Gon-

State Capitol Highlights
By Pauline Word
Texas Press Association

zales also kept their seats on the nine-member court.

Two Republicans, incumbent David Bradley and newcomer Cynthia A. Thornton, were elected to District 7 and District 10 respectively on the State Board of Education. District 10 Democrat Will Davis did not seek re-election. When the new term begins in Jan. 2001, 10 Republicans and five Democrats will control the board.

The makeup of the Texas Senate remained the same with all incumbents winning re-election.

In the Texas House of Representatives, Democrats gained one seat, District 11, in which Chuck Hopson beat Paul S. Woodard, and Republicans added District 59, in which Sid Miller beat Democratic incumbent David Lengefeld.

In District 18, which covers part of East Texas, Democratic incumbent

Rep. Dan Ellis earned 51% of the vote to barely fend off Republican challenger Ben Fend. The long-time Democratic district became a hotly contested vote in Polk County. Only a week before the election a state judge cleared the way for a group of Recreational Vehicle owners to vote in Polk County. The predominantly Republican RV owners live part of the year near Lake Livingston and claim their RVs as a primary residence.

State Farm to refund \$3.1 million
State Farm, the nation's largest auto insurance provider, has agreed to refund an estimated \$3.1 million to insured drivers in Texas.

The state sued State Farm alleging the company reduced auto repair claim payments to policyholders for "betterment" of the vehicle.

An estimated 30,000 policyholders who had claims dating from Feb. 1, 1996 to present day will receive refunds plus interest as part of the company's settlement with the state. State Farm also agreed to pay \$175,000 in attorney fees to the Attorney General's Office and said it would not raise current insurance rates to offset the refund.

The state has settled with four other insurance agencies pending 10 other bettment cases are while.

Other Highlights

•Lotto Texas celebrated its eighth birthday last week. Since the big-jackpot game began Nov. 7, 1992, players have won \$3.5 million. Only one \$12.3 million jackpot, drawn Oct. 26, 1994 at Stone Creek Mini Mart in Flower Mound, remains unclaimed.

•The state likely will head to court this week to defend a clean-air proposal designed to reduce emissions at Dallas and Fort Worth area airports. Delta Airlines declined to participate in the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's (TNRCC) plan. Southwest Airlines, American Airlines and the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth already had committed to the TNRCC.

•The Texas Department of Transportation says the federal government is shortchanging the state on two key programs designed to improve trade corridors and border transportation infrastructure. TxDOT officials say Texas stands to gain only \$11.3 million, or 49¢ on the dollar, for all discretionary highway funds.

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St. Mary's, Nada Youth Fall Festival
Sunday, Nov. 19
Nada Community Center
•VARIETY SHOOT
1 to 4 p.m. (Wide variety of prizes; includes women's & children's rounds)
•Hamburgers, Chili, Pastries & Other Refreshments
Served 4 to 7:30 p.m.
•Cake Walk •Christmas Crafts •Silent Auction •Bingo •Games for All Ages
•DRAWING!
25 Prizes to be Given Away
For drawing tickets, contact Kim Gold or call 979-758-3895
Proceeds to benefit Christian Education and youth activities

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

Nov. 18, 1976
This group of volunteer charter members of the Eagle Lake unit of the Colorado County Emergency Ambulance Corps have over 36,000 hours of total volunteer service and were presented certificates of appreciation.

They were Jim Clipson Jr., Herman Maxie, Robert Finney, Joe Duncan, Laura Finney, James Cash, Carolyn Rosprim, Edna Rosprim, JoAnn Gertson, Emily Stiles, Joe Herbert McCreary, Lavon Toliver, Bill Stiles, Mark Creary, Johnnie

Schmidt, Alice Schmidt, Griff Thomas and Rev. Charles Meyer...

The children of Mr. & Mrs. Louis v. Chrenk request your presence at an Open House celebrating the 60th wedding anniversary of their parents on Nov. 21...

Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Estlinburgh of Eagle Lake announced the birth of a baby girl, Jennifer Renee. She arrived Nov. 13 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

On Nov. 6, Rice High School twirlers Patti Mathis and Sharon Hoffman attended Regional twirling solo contest in Alvin...

Miss Janice Marie Korenek of Garwood became the bride of Harold Charles Kight Jr. of El Campo in a double ring ceremony at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada on Nov. 6...

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Supak of Eagle Lake announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Martha Elaine, to Earl Jones of Eagle Lake, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rufus Earl Jones Sr. of Holliridge, Louisiana. A Dec. 18 wedding was planned...

Miss Chrissy Mayes, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Billy Mayes of Rock Island, was named Princess; and Miss Melissa Ross, daughter of Mrs. Joyce Malys of East Bernard and Bill Ross of Sheridan, was named Queen of the Sheridan PTS Halloween Carnival held recently...

Ben Hanly received his 50-year Masonic Award on Nov. 11.

Oct. 30, 1952
Movie cowboy idol of kids from 6 to 60, Monte Hale, was a visitor here this week and the house guest of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Thomas and family... Sue Wegenhoft was elected Vice President of Texas Auditors...

Among the birthday honorees were Clark Powers; Betty Kay Meitzen, who was honored with a Mexican dinner; and Julia Fair Wells, a spook celebration honoring her birthday...

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To THE EDITOR & YOU
Family & Friends gearing up for the season

Dear Friends,
Our benefit date is approaching very quickly and many of you have asked, "What do you need? Is there anything I can do?" I thank you so very much for your generosity. That is what Eagle Lake is so well known for.

I have talked with many of you already, but if I haven't yet and you would like to donate an item(s) to the live or silent auction PLEASE call me as soon as possible.

We would like to buy that many of you would also be told or donate

your "free" turkeys while they are on sale during the Thanksgiving holiday, so we have placed a freezer at B&S Bird Taxidermy for those of you who may want to purchase them but have no room for them at home.

Please call me at 234-7582 if you are going to donate a turkey, but want to bring it directly to the First Baptist Church on Friday, Dec. 22, we will be distributing to our families from the church between 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"Family and Friends-God's Helping Hands" have chosen 63 families to

give holiday meals to, and will be providing gifts to each family member. Within these families there are 264 individuals that we hope to touch with the kindness and compassion that has been shown to us.

With all of us pulling our talents and assets together, I have no doubt that our benefit will be a total success!

We hope to see you after the parade. Thank you again for your offerings and may God bless your family and health.

Lynn Ellis-President

To ATM & Longhorn football fans!

For those of us who have tolerated our "friendly DJ" on Radio- I am sending this note.

The "Crow" I already had prepared on a styrafoam plate (for him to eat) did have to be scraped but I was easily able to trade it for a large box of laundry detergent to "fix" that underwear problem he had when ATM blocked OU's first punt and continued

getting holiday meals to, and will be providing gifts to each family member.

Pretty good for a football team that just doesn't know how to play football!

Gig 'em Aggies and next year OU will not have the same quarterback! Mark Farris & Applejack will still be here!

Ronny Jones
Columbus

THANK YOU
Citizens and Voters of Colorado County:
I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Colorado County for re-electing me as your sheriff. I will continue to do my best to make your Sheriff's Department one you will be proud of.
I also want to thank all the individuals who supported me throughout the entire campaign. The people who gave their spare time and worked so hard helping to put out signs; those who allowed me to place signs on their property; those who gave their time to organize and work at my benefit and their participation; those of you who gave campaign contributions; the many friends and family members who were there for me with words of encouragement, persistence and determination. Each of these aspects were vital to the campaign and my subsequent re-election. For all of this, I am very thankful.
My sincere thanks to all of you!
R.H. "Curly" Wied
Colorado County Sheriff



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National Diabetes Education Week
November 5 - 11 is National Diabetes Education Week. Diabetes is a chronic condition in which glucose from ingested food accumulates abnormally in the bloodstream. Naturally occurring insulin removes excess glucose from the blood and deposits it into the cells where it can be used for energy. In type 1 diabetes, the body does not produce enough of its own insulin. In type 2 diabetes, also called adult-onset diabetes, the cells fail to recognize the insulin that is present. Type 1 diabetes patients must inject themselves daily with insulin to control their blood glucose. Type 2 diabetes may be able to control blood glucose levels with oral medicines such as chlorpropamide (Diabinese), glyburide (DiaBeta; Micronase), or glipizide (Glucotrol).
Medicines approved for other uses may be beneficial. For example, some high blood pressure medicines such as captopril (Capoten) and benazepril (Lotensin) have been found to protect against a reduction in kidney function experienced by some diabetics. Sildenafil (Viagra) has shown promise in treating diabetic stomach (gastroparesis), a slowing or blockage of the passage of food from the stomach into the intestine.

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The Eagle Lake Headlight will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the "Letter to the Editor" column under the following guidelines:
1. Letter should not be more than 1,500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address, home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
3. The writer may request that their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in No. 2 must be included for our files.
4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.
6. The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.