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Gubernatorial Candidates Prefer To Use Nicknames

AUSTIN — Candidates for governor of Texas seem in agreement on at least one thing: they favor their nicknames over their given names while on the campaign trail.

Gov. "Rick" Perry's given name is James Richard Perry, and "Chris" Bell, the Democratic challenger and former U.S. representative from Houston, is officially Robert Christopher Bell.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, a former Republican who filed as an independent candidate for governor, is asking that her name appear on the November ballot as Carole Keeton "Grandma" Strayhorn.

In case any confusion should result, Grandma was Carole McClellan when she was mayor of Austin (1977-83) and Carole Keeton Rylander when she was on the Texas Railroad Commission (1994-98).

Since her first successful "One Tough Grandma" political advertising campaign for the office of comptroller eight years ago, Strayhorn has widely been identified as a grandma and most recently as the only grandma in the race for the governorship of Texas.

Richard S. Friedman, also an independent candidate for governor, is known more by his nickname "Kinky" than his given name. Friedman, 61,

said he's had his nickname for more than 40 years.

Friedman and Strayhorn must be certified for ballot spots by the secretary of state because independent candidates have no statewide primary.

Both submitted petitions carrying many times more registered voter signatures than necessary, but for each candidate the secretary of state must verify as true and accurate a minimum of 45,540 signatures.

The secretary of state's office has not announced that either of the two independents has met the requirement.

Dems granted restraining order

An Austin state district court granted the Texas Democratic Party a temporary restraining order preventing the Republican Party of Texas from appointing a candidate to replace U.S. Congressional Dist. 22 Rep. Tom DeLay on the November ballot.

The Democratic Party alleges DeLay asserted his candidacy during the GOP primary, but intentionally pulled out later so no vote for a replacement would occur at the primary. The court scheduled a June 22 hearing on the matter.

Earlier this year, DeLay stopped his reelection campaign as allegations

of ethical breeches mounted against him, and he withdrew from the race. He resigned from office June 9, facing criminal indictments on charges of election law violations.

Border watch to involve citizens

Imagine Texas' 1,240-mile border with Mexico from Port Isabel to El Paso dotted with Texas-side video cameras to monitor illegal crossings.

With volunteer landowners pitching in, it would be kind of like a neighborhood watch, Gov. Perry suggested.

The cameras are part of a multi-million dollar plan teaming the public with local law enforcement, the U.S.

Border Patrol and the National Guard in border security operations.

Toll road project to open sooner

Gov. Perry announced that at least part of the state's three-toll road project will be open to traffic in December, nine months ahead of schedule.

Drivers will be able to avoid notoriously heavy traffic through the capital city on Interstate 35.

Drivers who purchase the special electronic "TxTag" will enter the toll road without stopping at a booth, and save 10 percent.

Agency chief resigns from post
 Dr. Eduardo J. Sanchez resigned June 6 as commissioner of the Texas

Department of State Health Services, effective Oct. 6.

A native of Corpus Christi, Sanchez was appointed to the post in 2001 by Gov. Perry. The agency has 11,500 employees and an annual budget of \$2.3 billion.

Parties hold biennial conventions

State party conventions were held earlier this month. The Republican Party of Texas met June 1 and 2 in San Antonio.

The Texas Democratic Party met in Fort Worth June 8 and 9.

Both parties focused on immigration policy and border security issues.

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HIGHLIGHTS
 By Ed Sterling

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

June 10, 1982

Michaelanne Hefner was one of six local contestants in the Farm Bureau Queen's contest...

Sunny Gertson, daughter of **Ralph and Connie Gertson**, was honored on the occasion of her third birthday, June 6. Her actual birthday is June 8. A Strawberry Shortcake theme was used...

David Adkins and **Stephen Mahalite** attended Boys State in Austin...

Miss Debra Fudge, bride-elect of **Jon Gregory** was honored with a linen and tea shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Smith...

On the afternoon of June 6, friends gathered at Broyles Lake to help **Kyle Fink** celebrate his third birthday...

Last rites were held June 1 for **Carl Venghaus** of Beaumont and **Clint Venghaus**, 18, of Rock Island in Columbus. The brothers were killed in a tragic accident May 29...

Blake Canaris was honored May 29 with a "Smurfday" party celebrating his fourth birthday...

Friends in the community were saddened this week upon the death of **Gilbert Duty**, 68, of Eagle Lake who passed away suddenly Monday June 7 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Funeral services were held June 9...

Megan Elizabeth Mayo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mayo, was christened at Peach Catholic Church in Houston...

Officers for the new year for Heritage House Auxiliary are **Fay Ander-**

son, president; **Sharon Webb**, treasurer; **Jean McIneer**, secretary; **Eva Marshall**, vice president; **Mrs. Bill Couvillion**, public relations reporter; and **Carolyn Ferrell**, Heritage House social director...

Funeral services were held May 31 for **Violet Pauline Uhlig**. She passed away in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital on May 29...

Mr. and Mrs. Pascual Sosa of Eagle Lake proudly announced the arrival of a son, born May 22 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The newborn was given the name, **Christopher Lee**...

Christopher Klekar of Eagle Lake received an undergraduate degree in chemical engineering at Texas A&M University's spring commencement exercises...

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky attended the funeral of **Joe Janis**, his brother-in-law, in El Campo...

Friends in the area learned with

great sadness that **Otto T. Danklefs** of Garwood passed away in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital on June 7. Funeral services were held June 8.

June 19, 1958

Three projects are underway here with the construction of the new **First National Bank** building, sizeable addition to the **Eagle Lake Rice Dryer** and addition and improvement to the **Laughlin Hospital**...

Lissie Youth Fellowship will sponsor its annual ice cream social next Thursday...

County Superintendent **Lavo Wegenhoft** skinned death when he came in contact with an electric power line while about 20 feet off the ground. He is in the hospital with internal burns...

John Mahalite is recovering from a heart attack he suffered Sunday night...

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold J. Konvicka announced the approaching marriage

of their daughter, **Jo Ann**, to **Kenneth James Mahalite**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Mahalite**. The wedding is set for July 21...

Miss Myrna Elaine Wesson and **David Edwin Cook** were united in marriage Sunday, June 8 in the First Presbyterian Church...

Miss Anna Lee Swearingen is in Scott and White Hospital in Temple undergoing surgery...

In the local league, the Cards gave the Sox a 16 to 3 pounding with **Jerry Alvarado** as the winning pitcher and the Cubs rolled up a 9 to 3 victory over the Yanks with **Butch Marquart** as the winning pitcher...

Miss Mary Beatrice Konvicka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John S. Konvicka**, was married to **Travis Hubert Arnold**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Burton U. Arnold** on June 8 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Death and Taxes
 Death and taxes are two unavoidable things in life. We have no control over death and we all have to pay taxes at some point in our lives, which brings me to the school bond issue. Most of us have made the statement that the kids are the future. If we really feel that way why don't we put our money where our mouth is? Let's invest in the future.

Buildings regardless of regular maintenance are not built to last forever. When you start putting monies into buildings that need major overhauling it's like putting money into a dark hole. Temporary fixes do eventually lead to more money.

A lot of time and research went into the planning of this project several years in the making starting with a small committee which lead to a bigger one, representatives from all the communities involved. The pros and cons were discussed. Site visits to each school were done with extensive evolutions of these schools. A cost analysis was formulated from data received. There have been implications that a little more study was needed.

This project has been studied from the point of exhaustion and would need CPR to revive. It's obvious that the committee probably should have kept the general public informed of its progress by publishing updates in the paper. Everyone could have seen the amount of time and labor that went into the project. If we expect our kids to be able to compete we need to give them the tools to do so. We can create an environment that is conducive to our kids so they can excel, and be successful in life. Exposure to the arts, technical trades and higher academics by partnering with the local junior colleges. The monies estimated to build a new school is at a premium price now next year expect more. There is an old saying about a bird in the hand. I strongly agree with Mr. Clark Powers when he urges administration and the school board to consider putting the bond issue on the November ballot. Our kids deserve an opportunity to be able to excel academically, socially and athletically. Let's provide them with an enriched learning environment.

Education, as we keep telling our

kids is the KEY! Let's practice what we preach. A small increase in taxes is a small price to pay when you consider the benefits.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rene Cooper-Scott RN

Your Attendance Was Appreciated

Thanks to all who attended the 20th Century Sunday School BTU Congress in Eagle Lake last week.

Thank you to White Cloud Baptist Church for being a great host.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to Mayor Michael Morales and the City Council for their support and also to the Eagle Lake Police Department.

Rev. D. Curry, President

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