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# Ballot For Governor To Feature Five Candidates

AUSTIN — Independent candidates for governor Kinky Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn will be on the Nov. 7 ballot.

On June 21, the secretary of state's office told the two they gathered several times more than the required number of valid signatures.

Independents must petition for a ballot spot, because they have no statewide primaries. Their campaigns had the 62 days prior to May 11 to come up with at least 45,540 signatures, or 1 percent of the total number of registered voters in the state.

Secretary of State Roger Williams, the state's chief elections officer, indicated ballots probably will list the two as Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

Strayhorn wants "Grandma" added to her name. Williams said Grandma is more of a slogan than a nickname, and state law prohibits slogans on the ballot.

Also running for governor are incumbent Republican Rick Perry, Democrat Chris Bell and Libertarian James Werner.

"Not one but two viable independent candidates have made the ballot for the first time in nearly 150 years," Friedman said. "This tells us what we've long suspected: the two-party system has failed our state. ..."

**Strayhorn decries foster system**

Comptroller Strayhorn said her agency has turned up a list of problems with the state's foster care system.

She cited reports of Medicaid prescription fraud and abuse, poisonings, rapes and pregnancies of children in the state's foster care system.

Strayhorn said Fiscal 2003 information from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services documents that 30 foster children died in the state's care; in Fiscal 2004, 38 foster children died; and in Fiscal 2005, 48 foster children died.

Strayhorn said she urged Gov. Perry to create a family and protective services crisis management team by executive order in 2004, but the governor failed to act.

**Chevron joins cigarette pact**

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced Chevron has agreed to do more to prevent minors from buying cigarettes.

CVS Pharmacy, Conoco Phillips 7-Eleven, Wal-Mart, BP Amoco, Walgreen Drug Stores and Exxon Mobil have already agreed to do the same.

These companies post "We Card Under 30" notices and verify the age of the cigarette purchaser. And, they don't display self-serve tobacco kiosks,

vending machines, free samples and cigarette look-alike products.

**Redistricting decision due**

A case over the Texas Legislature's remapping of congressional districts is on the U.S. Supreme Court docket and may soon be decided.

The Republican Party gained five seats in Congress after lawmakers redrew the boundaries in the 2003 legislative session. The legislation prompted many House and Senate Democrats to temporarily leave the state in protest.

The high court heard oral arguments in late February. The outcome may affect the Nov. 7 election.

**Skeptic dishes border plan**

CNN commentator Lou Dobbs has been calling states' sending National Guard troops to duty assignments on the U.S.-Mexico border a publicity stunt.

Dobbs most recently made the remark June 25 on ABC-TV's "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos.

Gov. Perry has sent about 100 troops for border duty so far. He

plans to send about 2,000 Texas-based troops to assist in a federal homeland security operation to protect the border.

**Katrina money goes to Houston**

Gov. Perry released \$19.5 million in federal money to the city of Houston and Harris County to support public safety efforts in response to the on-going impact of Hurricane Katrina. The federal grant funds are part of a congressional earmark to support hurricane recovery efforts in Texas.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

*Let's Look Back...*

## 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

**June 24, 1982**

Vincent Carbona joined the Headlight staff as a news editor...

Mr. and Mrs. David Barr announced the birth of a son, Kyle William Barr born June 19 in San Antonio...

Mrs. Lizzie Luedecke, mother of Wilfred Luedecke of Eagle Lake, passed away June 22 in Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston...

Last rites were held for Leo Hoffman, longtime resident of Nada who passed away June 18...

Brian Lee Hadley was honored on the occasion of his first birthday at a party given by his parents, Dwight and Susan Hadley on June 19. His actual birthday is June 18...

Gilbert Corella of Eagle Lake recently completed his freshman year at the University of Texas' College of Fine Arts in Austin and was named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring 1982 semester...

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Legler announced the birth of a second child, a daughter, Katherine Suzanne, born June 3 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton...

Funeral services were held June 20 for Justina Korenek of Nada...

Miss Donna Lynn Danklefs of Garwood, daughter of Mrs. James T. Danklefs and bride-elect of Alan Kent of Houston, was honored with a tea shower on June 10 at the Harry Engstrom home...

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Glueck Sr. of Cat Spring announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Judith Rose, to Gary Randal Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver of Columbus. A July 31 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

John Matthew Ray made his arrival on June 10 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. His parents are John and Ramona Ray of Eagle Lake...

A miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Miss Patricia Drlak, bride-elect of John Batla, was held at Mentz...

Mr. and Mrs. Waco Kansteiner of Columbus announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra Ann, to Mark Alan Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Robinson of Rock Island. A July 10 wedding is planned at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus...

Leland Ray Williams of Rock Island was awarded a bachelor degree in business administration for the spring semester at Sam Houston State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams of Rock Island...

Mr. and Mrs. James Dierschke were delightfully surprised on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary with an Ice Cream Social at the Charles Stephens home on June 16...

Funeral services were held for Ethel Vesta Dufner, 84, of Eagle Lake...

After much deliberation, Police Chief Earl Winebrenner announced to the city manager of Eagle Lake of his decision to accept a job offered to him by another police force.

**July 3, 1958**

Miss Donna Lou Thomas is Eagle Lake's entry in the annual July Fourth "Miss South Texas" bathing Beauty Revue in Seguin Friday. Miss Thomas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomas and is being sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce...

Miss Jeanette Labay of Garwood,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Labay, won the coveted title of 1958 Queen of the Colorado County Farm Bureau Tuesday night...

W.F. Meitzen, Sr. shipped the first carload of watermelons from this area Monday...

Sharon Giruad, who is spending some time here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Evoritt, suffered a broken arm in a fall from a picnic bench last Friday...

Mrs. W.L. Farris complimented Mrs. G.G. Grant with a Coke party. Fourteen ladies and the hostess were present to bid Mrs. Grant farewell since she and Mr. Grant and son, Larry, are moving to Orchard...

Eagle Lake Little Leaguers took two more opponents in the Colorado Valley Little League edging against East Bernard 3 to 2 Friday night and whipping Garwood 9 to 2 Tuesday night...

Final rites were held Friday morning for Mrs. Henry Busse, 82, resident of this community. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery...

Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Kenefake became the proud parents of a son born Tuesday morning in Laughlin Hospital...

*Lloyd & Barbara Middleton...  
 Would like to say Thank You to each and everyone in the Eagle Lake community and from Columbus, Tx, that reached out with their support in the time of our crisis. We Thank You all so very much for your help. May God bless each and everyone of you!  
 Thank You for your Caring and Sharing!  
 Sincerely Lloyd and Barbara Middleton*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Schools Backed**

Like Helen Craig said last week, in this country we can disagree with our friends and still remain friends. I am about to test that statement as I respectfully rebut my former school-teacher.

1. Regarding the \$8 million surplus... I don't know what the surplus is but I do know that some of it will be put to use in the proposed construction. The administration was never asking the voters to pay for the entire project through the bond. Mrs. Craig's facts about salaries in the RCISD are wrong. She writes, "In the past years, RCISD attracted and kept well-qualified teachers because it paid as much as \$3,000 above the state level in salaries. This premium has been eroded until it no longer exists." Not true! Last year the local increment was \$3,800 plus an additional \$5,000

for secondary teachers in math, science, English and social studies. As a government/economics teacher, I received a total of \$8,800 above state. The pay in Lamar and El Campo districts is higher, but we are the leader among area 2A and 3A schools. We are now hiring experienced teachers away from neighboring districts.

2. Regarding the campus swap, I have no information.

3. Regarding the neglect of building and plant maintenance... Neglect? The problem is not neglect but age and changing times. The property that needs to be replaced is not a 30-year-old home. It is the 50+ year-old part of Eagle Lake Elementary. A 50-year-old school has served a useful

life. The school children in Eagle Lake deserve better. If the bond had passed, the old part of ELE would have been torn down, so our total plant would not have increased very much.

The biggest concern is how do we meet the increasing demands by the government in the future? With declining enrollment, how do we staff a high school and 3 junior highs when math and science requirements are increasing, testing requirements are tougher, and the No Child Left Behind act requires that all teachers be "highly qualified"? I am angered that anyone would suggest that our administrators have forgotten what the real purpose of school is. They would never ask the taxpayers to

spend millions just to improve the athletic program. They are a dream to work for, standing behind us, yet, expecting us to stand and deliver. And, they know better than anyone does what we face in the future.

The last proposed bond may not have been best for us but, if a bond proposal comes before the voters again, study it, get facts not rumors, and then make a decision. Some painful changes may have to be made because education, like everything else in our world, is changing rapidly.

Sorry I'm so outspoken, Mrs. Craig. It's something I learned in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Thanks for all you gave me.

Melody Grigar  
 Teacher, Rice High School  
 (more letters on page 4)

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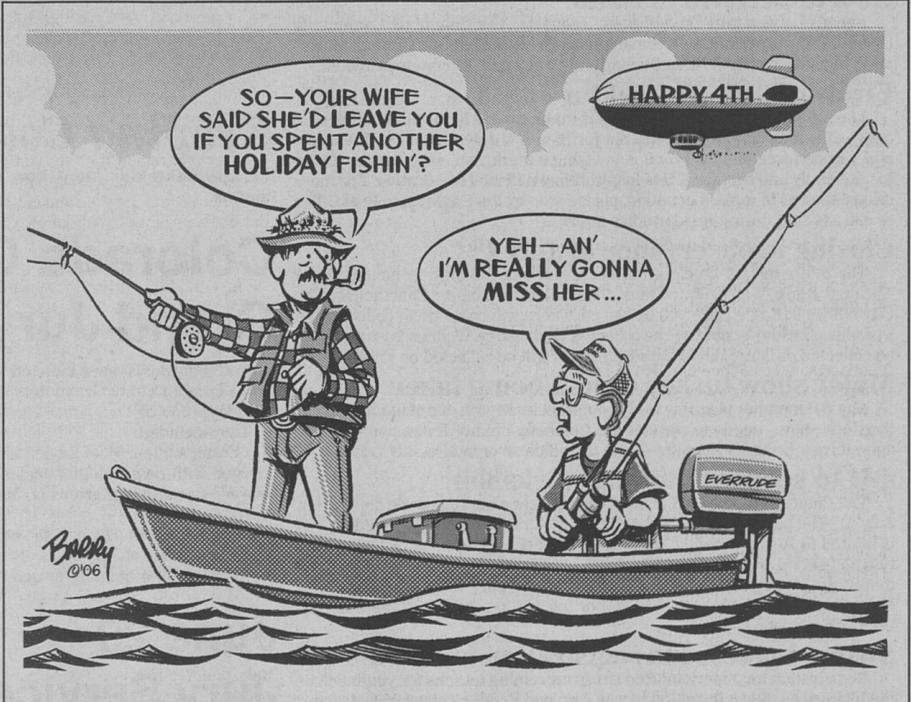
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