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# Judge Rules DeLay's Name Must Stay On Ballot

AUSTIN — U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks of Austin ruled former Sugar Land congressional Rep. Tom DeLay's name must stay on the Nov. 7 election ballot.

Sparks ruling was on a petition brought by the Republican Party of Texas. The party had sought to appoint a candidate to replace DeLay as the nominee for Congressional District 22.

The Texas Democratic Party countered that DeLay's name belongs on the ballot because DeLay gave voters the impression he would run and serve.

DeLay resigned from Congress June 9 and moved to Virginia.

In his ruling Judge Sparks cited the U.S. Constitution's requirement that a candidate reside in the state when elected. So, if DeLay does not return to Texas and establish residence in this state by Nov. 7, he will be ineligible to serve, if elected.

DeLay is still under indictment in Travis County on state charges of money-laundering and campaign finance fraud in connection with the November 2002 election.

That election resulted in Republican majorities in both houses of the state Legislature and made it possible for lawmakers to break with tradition and carry out a mid-Census redistricting.

The vote after the redistricting erased Texas Democrats' 17-15 seat majority in U.S. congressional seats and delivered Texas Republicans a 21-11 seat majority.

Some of DeLay's work to reconfigure the state's political map may be shortlived.

Mapmakers diluted the Hispanic Democratic vote in Laredo, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June.

The high court then instructed a federal three-judge panel to redraw boundaries of the con-

gressional district that runs from Laredo to far west Texas.

Meanwhile, the Republican Party of Texas has appealed Sparks' ruling to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

DeLay hinted he might come back to Texas if rulings on pending indictments against him go in his favor.

Whether it will be DeLay or a yet-unnamed GOP nominee running for CD-22, former Congressman Nick Lampson will be the Democrat in the race.

**Man sentenced in child porn case**

A San Marcos man was sentenced for storing sexually explicit images and videos of children on

his iPod portable digital video player.

Ron James Guzman, 39, received a 10-year prison sentence for possessing the illegal material and a 20-year prison sentence on a charge of promoting child pornography.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said it was the first such child pornography case handled by his Cyber Crimes Unit.

Guzman also pled guilty to four counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of indecency with a child in a separate plea agreement reached with the Hays County District Attorney's Office for a separate offense. The sentences in the two cases will run concurrently for a total prison term of 40 years.

**Guv announces millions in aid**

Texas is opening its pocket-book to the tune of \$255 million to help victims of Hurricane Rita and low-income families purchase a home of their own. The program is expected to assist 2,300 Texas families.

In announcing the funding, Gov. Rick Perry said, "This is the largest amount of homebuyer funds ever released by the state. And more than 40 percent of it, or \$108 million, is coming here to help Southeast Texans recover from Hurricane Rita."

Perry also announced the award of \$26.7 million to help crime victims under the federal Victims of Crime Act fund. The

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By Ed Sterling  
money supports programs that address family violence, child abuse and sexual assault, and provide support services to help victims recover from the effects of crime through counseling, advocacy and intervention.

Let's Look Back...

## 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1982

Pat Gold of Nada a senior at Rice High School, won the art award from the El Campo Art League at the 25th annual art show...

Former Eagle Lake Police Chief Earl Winebrenner was honored by friends, colleagues and city officials at Broesche's Restaurant with a going away party...

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frevola, Jr. of Akron, Ohio, announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sherry Renee, to Michael Blaine Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Thomas of Eagle Lake. A September 11 wedding is planned at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Akron...

A large group of Eagle Lakers were among the many, many people enjoying the Fourth of July weekend camping at Canyon Lake near New Braunfels. Those from here who braved the rapids of the Guadalupe River were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Marsalia and family; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Mascheck and Todd; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Kaluza, Susan and John Miles; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jones and Charlet; Debbie Moore; Tammi Austin; Glen Janow; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gertson, Kristi and Sammie; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Toliver and Chris; Mr. and Mrs.

Gary Glaiser, Shane and Shara; Beverly Rucka; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gertson, Jr. and Sunny...

The girl's major softball league winners for 1982 were the Eagles. Team members included Lakeshia Jackson, Lacricia Weeks, Stephanie Owens, Sheryl McGrew, Amy Smith, Kimi Corman, Charlene McGrew and Lori Flores. Coaches for the team were Paulette and Bob Klockman...

George Burke considered himself lucky after receiving a couple of cracked ribs and severe bruises after a tractor he was riding rolled over on top of him...

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald New proudly announced the arrival of a son, June 15 at Clear Lake Hospital. Josh was welcomed home by his brothers, Kevin, 7; Gregory, 2-1/2; and sister, Amanda, 4...

Friends were interested

to learn that Mike and Cindy Cheatham moved to El Campo from Louisiana and Chic and Ruth Stein of Altair recently purchased the home of Michael and Margaret Wilcox Henry...

Parents of Cameron Muzny honored him with a birthday party in June since he was unable to have one in January due to bad weather. He turned six.

July 17, 1958  
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Meisner of Garwood proudly announced the arrival of a daughter, Wanda Joan, born July 7 in El Campo...

Mrs. Travis Arnold was complimented with a miscellaneous shower July 11. She is the former Miss Mary Bea Kovicka...

Harold Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Todd, celebrated his eighth birthday with a party given by his mother July 12...

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Clipson honored their son, Richard, Jr.,

on his 13th birthday July 8 with a dinner and dance party at their home on the lake...

Leaving Tuesday for a vacation to Disneyland were Mrs. R.R. Wells Sr., Mrs. R.R. Wells, Jr., and daughters, Carol, Julia and Jane; Mrs. G.C. Duncan, Vance and Diane; and Mrs. I.W. Russek and Myra...

Diane Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Duncan; Carol and Julia Wells, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Wells, Jr., participated in the operetta which is the junior musical production given each term at Camp Arrowhead near Hunt, Texas where the girls attended camp...

Three 4-H'ers represented Colorado County at State 4-H camp held in Huntsville, July 7-10. Joyce Faye Wilson, Myrtle Hemphill and Garland Hemphill were accompanied by the county agents, Elna L. Bolin and S.E. Chase.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Advocacy Center Losing Funds**

Each year the Children's Advocacy Center receives federal funding. These funds help pay for the free counseling the center's therapists provide abused children and their family members. As you can imagine, this counseling is absolutely necessary for their healing. This counseling is absolutely necessary in breaking the cycle of abuse.

Recently, the center received word that the federal monies that they rely on will mostly fund

urban advocacy centers this year, not advocacy centers located in rural areas. The state average of child abuse per 1,000 children is 8.2. (The Harris County average is 5.8 and Travis County is 9.8) The average in our rural area is 15.6. Obviously the government decision makers did not fund the areas with the greatest need, but with the greatest population.

I am asking for your help so we can continue our therapy services throughout the summer months. With the federal funding cuts, we will have to close the Therapy House and drastically reduce the

therapists hours from 60 hours per week to 20 hours.

Grants are being written to help make up the federal gap, but the private grant funds will not be available until the fall at the earliest. We are trying to raise \$28,000 to help continue the therapy services until the grant money is available.

If you can help, it would very much appreciated. Please help keep the doors of therapy open for our smallest victims of abuse.

Lt. Wendy Alley  
Eagle Lake Police Department

## Tips For Traveling With Pets

There are more than 120 million dogs and cats in American households. Each year millions of them are taken along on family vacations and weekend getaways — often in cars. But, how do you ensure that your pet is kept safe during the journey?

**Before you go.** Have your veterinarian examine your pet to ensure that he or she is in good health before taking any lengthy car trips. (For some modes of travel or some destinations, an examination is required by law.) Be sure all vaccinations are current and that you have a sufficient supply of any medications your pet takes regularly.

Remember to check with the local health department in the destination to which you are traveling about specific requirements and ask your veterinarian about any documentation, such as a health certificate, that may be necessary to bring with you.

**Take a test drive.** If your pet is not used to taking long car trips, try a couple of test runs to help acclimate your pet to the ride.

For pets who have not ridden in a car before, you may want to start by simply spending time in the car while parked and work up to short trips to nearby destinations.

Be aware of your pet's level of

comfort or fear and try to make the experience enjoyable by bringing treats.

**Safety.** Although dogs who enjoy car travel do not have to be confined in a carrier, it is always a good idea to keep them in a restraining harness to protect them from injury in an accident and prevent them from interfering with the driver. Cats should be kept in a carrier.

Pack a First Aid Kit that should minimally include: tweezers and alcohol for tick removal, cloth bandages and topical antiseptic.

**What to pack?** Be sure to bring your pet's food and water dishes, bedding, litter and litter box, leash, collar and tags, favorite toys and their regular grooming supplies.

**Food and Water.** In addition to a bottle of water, take ice cubes for your pet to chew on. Too much water can upset their stomachs on the road. Feed your pet less than you would normally.

**Along the way.** Don't forget to stop regularly for exercise, water and relief.

**Identification.** When traveling to places your pet is not familiar with, you'll need to be particularly careful they don't get lost.

Make sure your pet has a collar with an ID tag that includes your permanent address and

phone number and, if possible, the address and number of where you're vacationing.

You may want to discuss a micro-chip identification implant with your veterinarian.

**If Lost.** Unfortunately it does happen. So, bring a current photo of your pet in the event you have to show it to police, shelter workers or to make "lost pet" posters.

**Cautions.** Do not allow your pet to stick their head out the window.

Small stones and debris become dangerous projectiles when traveling at highway speeds. And, never let your pet ride in the rear of an open pick-up truck, where they can be thrown in the event of a sudden stop or sharp turn.

Never leave your pet in a car in warm or hot weather. Even with windows open slightly or when parked in the shade, a car interior can quickly rise to temperatures of more than 160 degrees with lethal consequences.

**Drugs?** Some pets experience a great deal of anxiety when traveling in a car. Common reactions include excessive drooling, shaking and vomiting.

Your pet may simply be fearful of the experience or have motion sickness. A question for many pet owners is whether or not to medicate pets who do not travel well.

Check with your veterinarian for advice on the use of either over-the-counter or prescription medications.

41st Annual  
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**Chicken & Sausage BAR-B-QUE**  
**SUNDAY-JULY 16**

**Mentz Parish Hall**

DINE-IN ADULT PLATE	CHILD'S PLATE	DRIVE-THRU PLATE
\$7.00	\$3.50	\$7.00
(AGE 12 & UNDER)		

Serving Starts At Noon • Coffee & Tea Included  
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**Music and Entertainment All Day!**  
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**See you at the New Year's Eve Fireworks Display!**

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