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Strayhorn Ends Grandma Try, Poll Reveals Order

Carole Keeton Strayhorn ended legal efforts to have "Grandma" included as part of her name on the Nov. 7 election ballot.

Strayhorn, who is running for governor as an independent candidate, appealed Secretary of State Roger Williams' decision not to allow the nickname.

A state district court rejected the appeal, and soon after, Strayhorn told her lawyers she would not continue to pursue the matter.

Candidates to Debate In October

Three of the five candidates running for governor plan to participate in a broadcast debate Oct. 5.

So far, Democratic candidate Chris Bell of Houston and independent candidates Richard "Kinky" Friedman of Medina and Carole Keeton Strayhorn of Austin have agreed to take part in the event at the KERA television studios in Dallas.

Incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry has not committed to

join in. Debate sponsors have not decided whether to invite Libertarian candidate James Werner of Austin.

Poll Shows Where Candidates Are

The Zogby/Wall Street Journal tracking poll for July showed Perry in first place with 38.3 percent; Bell with 20.8 percent; Friedman in a statistical dead heat with Bell at 20.7; and Strayhorn trailing at 11 percent.

Perry's polling data is up 0.6 percent since June; while Bell's is up 1.1 percent; Friedman's is up 3.2 percent; and Strayhorn's is down 3.1 percent.

List of Coal Plant Sites Narrows

The U.S. Department of Energy narrowed its search to include four possible sites for FutureGen, the world's first "near-zero emissions" coal-fired power plant.

Gov. Perry said a site near the East Texas town of Jewett and a West Texas site near Odessa are being considered. So are two sites in Illinois.

Final selection will be in the fall of 2007 with groundbreaking in 2008. The billion-dollar facility may be up and running as early as 2012.

According to Environmental Protection Agency records, coal-burning power plants in Texas are among the nation's worst in toxic mercury emissions.

Smoking Ordinances Put On Line

Now that the U.S. Surgeon General has confirmed the health dangers of secondhand smoke, more towns and cities may adopt anti-smoking ordinances.

How are such ordinances worded? It's easy to find out, using the online database http://txshord.coe.uh.edu/.

The database, developed by

the University of Houston and funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services, contains "all known Texas municipal ordinances designed to restrict exposure to secondhand smoke."

Sales Tax Holiday Coming Up

Texas' annual sales tax holiday will be observed by merchants Aug. 4-6.

State tax law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes over the three days, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Merchants who sell items that do not qualify for the exemption may not advertise or promise they will pay customers' sales tax. However, merchants may

advertise that tax is included in the sales price of the taxable items sold.

Judge Hears Open Meetings Case

In Pecos on July 26, U.S. District Judge Robert Junell heard arguments in a lawsuit with statewide implications.

Brought by Alpine city council member Avinash Rangra and former council member Anna Monclova, the suit questions the constitutionality of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Rangra and Monclova said the act compromised their freedom of speech by making it illegal for them to discuss, including via e-mail, city business anywhere but in an open meeting. Defendants are the State of

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Texas, Attorney General Greg Abbott and Brewster County District Attorney Frank Brown.

Junell gave the parties two months to file papers relevant to the case before he rules.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

July 29, 1982

Gil Steen was appointed Chief of Police for the City of Eagle Lake by a unanimous vote by City Council...

The parking lot behind the post office is one of the many areas due to be paved and resurfaced...

J.W.E. Stephen a retired banker and member of the community for the past two years passed away July 21...

Myrtle and Roy Van Nort, Eunice and Fred Frnka, Doris Clipson and Pearl Mayes enjoyed the beautiful sights of the Lake Tahoe area in Nevada and California from Sunday through Wednesday of last week. They were surprised to see the Gene Evans and Dan Peevey families of Columbus in the airport in Reno, Nevada...

On Friday, Fred Frnka, former editor and publisher of the Headlight, suffered a separated shoulder in a freak accident at his home...

Lt. Commander Don Frnka of Eagle Lake returned home from

two weeks of active flying duty with the U.S. Navy...

Friends of Ric and Diane Weaver and infant son, Boyd Dean regretted to see them move from Eagle Lake but wished them the best in their endeavors at their new home in Trent, Texas...

T.R. Jackson of Houston, a former resident of Garwood, passed away July 26 at the age of 74...

Mrs. Louise Janik was honored on her 91st birthday at the home of Marie Kopecky, her daughter...

Tanya Henske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Henske and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henske and Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Breithaupt of Eagle Lake, celebrated her 5th birthday with

a swimming party at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Seaholm in Eagle Lake, July 24...

Stephen Epps, son of Retired Colonel and Mrs. Lewis B. Epps, earned Distinguished Student status at Texas A&M University...

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Muegge announced the birth of a third child, a son, Layne Griffin Muegge, born July 18 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton...

Brian Korenek of Nada and Theodore Ruesewald of Garwood are candidates for summer graduation at Texas State Technical Institute at the Waco Campus.

Aug. 14, 1958

2 Lt. James E. Jochez of Eagle Lake recently received the

silver wings of an Air Force jet pilot at Laredo Air Force Base. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jochez and is married to the former Barbara Andrews of Louisiana...

Hired to the faculty of the white schools were Garland McMeans, F.A. Boechel, Mrs. Kathryn Boechel, Marcus Gunter, Mrs. Eunice Gunter, and Mrs. Ken Powell. Also hired at the E.H. Henry Colored School were Catherine Thomas and Lucille Case...

Rev. Ralph Jones conducted last rites for Mrs. S.D. Willis Aug 9 with burial at Lakeside Cemetery...

Retired Santa Fe Railroad worker Joe J. Sota, passed away.

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Disaster Assistance Loans Available

Small, non-farm businesses in Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca, Wharton and Austin Counties may now apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

These disaster loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues to farmers and ranchers caused by adverse weather conditions throughout the state, announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center - West.

Small businesses may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$1.5 mil-

lion to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage.

"These loans have an interest rate of four percent, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agri-

cultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared these disasters at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration.

However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

ACT Registration Deadline Aug. 18

College Bound High School Students Should register for ACT Exam by Aug. 18

The next ACT test will be administered on Sept. 16.

College-bound high school students who wish to take the exam must register by Aug. 18 - the deadline for having the registration postmarked.

There is a late registration postmark deadline of Aug. 25, but an extra fee is charged for late registration.

Students can register online at www.actstudent.org or regis-

tration forms can be picked up at high school guidance counseling offices.

The cost is \$29 for the traditional ACT and \$43 for students who choose to take the optional ACT Writing Test.

Some colleges require a writing score but many don't, so students should find out the requirements of prospective colleges before registering for the exam.

Virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools, accept ACT scores.

ACT's website www.actstudent.org has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order inexpensive test prep materials.

Correction:

In last week's edition, an estimate on the cost of initial work to stabilize the ceiling of the district courtroom was incorrectly attributed to County Judge Al Jamison.

