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**Gubernatorial Race Gets Scrapper As Election Approaches**

AUSTIN — With 40 or so days between now and Election Day, candidates for governor are punching hard.

Gov. Rick Perry's reelection campaign accused opponent Carole Keeton Strayhorn, in her role as state comptroller, of allowing insiders to secretly set tax policy.

But Strayhorn's campaign countered that the comptroller's tax policy committee conducts open meetings and discloses its actions.

In another salvo against all opponents, Perry touted himself as

the only candidate who is thinking big enough to prepare Texas for its future transportation needs.

Strayhorn's counter to Perry has been to appear around the state at public hearings on his proposed Trans Texas Corridor project.

In these forums "One Tough Grandma" regularly knocks the incumbent governor for signing a "secret" deal with CINTRA, a Spanish roadbuilder that has partnered with San Antonio-based Zachry on the Trans Texas Corridor contract.

Strayhorn's camp has in ef-

fect called the multi-billion dollar project fiscally irresponsible and a problem for homeowners, ranchers, farmers and businesses that would find themselves displaced in a new superhighway matrix.

After calls by open government advocates to make the Trans Texas Corridor construction contract public, Attorney General Greg Abbott ruled the contract is public information. But the contract is still under wraps because CINTRA has sued to keep certain parts of it confidential.

Meanwhile, Hill Country independent Kinky Friedman was admonished by the Texas NAACP for using racial slurs in an old standup comedy routine and as recently as a year ago on the campaign trail.

Also taking Friedman to task for racially insensitive language were Strayhorn, Perry, Democrat Chris Bell and state Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston.

Also, Perry's camp blasted Friedman for changing his position on border security many times, and criticized Bell for wanting to appoint a panel of experts instead of giving details on how he would improve public education.

**Decision to come on money gifts**

People who hold public office must report gifts they receive to the Texas Ethics Commission.

But what if a gift is a check? Presently, reporting rules are vague: vague enough to allow an official to report that he received a check from Jane Doe, but not the dollars and cents written on it.

The Texas Ethics Commission, the state agency that handles such matters, has been asked to decide if check amounts need be disclosed.

A decision on the matter is not likely to occur until after the election, if at all. Why? With the Texas Legislature convening in January, lawmakers will be able

to rewrite the state election law, where campaign finance tuning takes place.

State Reps. Fred Hill, R-Richardson, and Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, plan to file legislation requiring disclosure of amounts.

**Child identification effort begins**

From now through October, 2 million Texas school children in grades kindergarten through sixth will bring home child identification kits and letters to parents or guardians.

Each kit will contain an inkless fingerprint card, two swabs to obtain a child's DNA from their saliva, and a laminated wallet card to keep an updated photograph and physical description of the child, according to a governor's office news release.

Funding for the program comes through a \$1.8 million state grant to the Sheriff's Association of Texas, plus private donations.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
 By Ed Sterling

**Hurricane Rita's first anniversary**

Sept. 24 marked the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Rita. The storm, clocked at 120 mph when it hit Sabine Pass, pushed a wall of water inland from the Gulf of Mexico.

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Some changes involve a reduction in the number of taste buds on the surface of the tongue.

Different diseases, nutritional deficiencies, and certain drugs can affect the sense of taste and smell.

Dental problems such as dry mouth, gum disease, and bad breath can affect the sense of taste.

Removeable dentures can cause irritation of the mouth that may affect taste, and also create a physical barrier that decreases the tactile enjoyment of food.

The best thing that you can do to combat these taste-reducing changes is to schedule routine dental examinations and a professional cleaning at least twice a year.

All dental infections (cavities and gum disease) as well as other dental problems should be treated as soon as possible.

To remove coatings that block your taste buds, use a soft bristled brush to brush your tongue at least twice a day.

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*Let's Look Back...*

**24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**Sept. 30, 1982**

**Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prihoda, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Krenek, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Korenek, Connie Labay and Irene Skuca** all of the Nada area, spent two weeks touring Europe...

**Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Meitzen, Jr.** of Eagle Lake were honored by their children on Sept. 26 in observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary...

**Miss Stephanie Braden** celebrated her first birthday on Sept. 26 (actual birthday Sept. 22) with her parents, **Ann and Earl Braden, Jr.** at their home in Eagle Lake...

Funeral services were held Sept. 19 for **Rosetta Powell McGrew**, who passed away Sept. 16...

**Broesche's** will close their doors October 1. **Mr. and Mrs. Doug Schwemm**, formerly of Marietta, Georgia, were scheduled to take over the restaurant on Oct. 8...

The community was deeply grieved Sept. 21 when longtime resident and retired businessman **Sam Frank Boothe** was laid in his family resting place in the Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake...

Students at Eagle Lake Middle School proudly displayed their entries in the 1982 Colorado County Fair. Among them and the places they won were **Marsha McTear**, first, **Odessa Thomas**, third, **Brian Balas**, Best of Show for western art, elementary division; and **Dusty Jackson**, first in fine arts and western art, junior high; **Grady Crysel**, second in fine arts and first in western; **Melissa Perry**, first in western; **Carrie Perry**, second in fine arts; **Rhonda Hodde**, second in fine arts; **Beth Ferguson**, first in fine

arts; **Johnny Tomaseus**, second in fine arts; and **Phillip Ferguson**, first and Best of Show in fine arts, elementary division...

**Mrs. A.W. (Dorothy) Braun**, 90, aunt of **David Wintermann** of Eagle Lake, passed away in a Houston hospital Sept. 27. She was a longtime resident of the Eagle Lake area, living at Bonus all of her married life...

**Ben L. Malek, Sr.**, 73, of Houston, who was reared in Garwood, passed away Sept. 2.

**October 9, 1958**

**John Beseda**, foreman of the

Ramsey Thorstenburg gravel plant, suffered critical injuries when he was struck in the head with an object believed to be a large rock while at work Saturday...

A prowler attempted to enter the **Alfred L. Marx** Humble Station Monday night by unlatching window and trying to pull it up, but failed due to other fastenings...

**Mrs. H.R. Jacobsen**, 75, a long time resident of Rock Island passed away October 6. Funeral services were held Wednesday with burial in Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island...

**Carol Sens**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Sens**, a member of the Starlettes of the Wharton County Junior College, readies for a trip to the State Fair in Dallas...

**Eagles** outclassed 44 to 6 by Hitchcock, host Pearland Friday...

**Garwood Gars** whipped Van Vleck 38 to 21 for the fifth straight win of the season...

\$9.81 was the top price for Texas Patna rice on sale October 2 at the Garwood office of the American Rice Growers Association.

**Early Voting Begins Oct. 23**

Persons voting early by personal appearance in the Nov. 7 general election may vote at the Colorado County Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. beginning Oct. 23 through Nov. 3. There will also be early voting on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.

**Qualifications for Persons Wishing to Vote Early by Mail**

**Darlene Hayek**, Colorado County Clerk is now accepting Applications for Ballots by mail for the General Election.

The law requires that the address to which the ballot is going to be mailed must be the residence address of the voter indicated on the mailing address record with the Voter Registrar. The exceptions to the rules are as follows:

1. The voter is 65 or older, or disabled.

If the grounds for voting by mail is either 65 or over, or disability, the application must give the address of a hospital, nursing home, long term care facility, or retirement center, or the address of a relative within the second degree of affinity or third degree

of consanguinity, with whom the applicant is living.

2. If the voter is confined in jail.

If the reason is confinement to jail, the application must give the address of the jail facility at which the voter is confined, or the address of a relative within the second degree of affinity or third degree of consanguinity.

3. If the voter is expected to be absent from the County.

If the voter is expected to be absent from the County on election day and during Clerk's regular office hours for the remainder of the early voting period, the application must give an out of County address to mail the ballot, if submitted after early voting in person has begun. Early voting by personal appearance begins on Oct. 23.

Persons voting by mail must have their applications in the County Clerk's office by the close of regular business hours on Oct. 31.

**Limited Ballot**

1. The Election Code authorizes voting a limited ballot after changing County of residence.

2. The person voting a limited

ballot under Section 112.001 of the Texas Election Code is entitled to vote only on each office or measure to be voted in a territorial unit, State or District of which the person was resident both before changing their County of residence and after the change.

**Eligibility**  
 1. After changing residence to another County, a person is eligible to vote a limited ballot by personal appearance or by mail if:

a. The person would have been eligible to vote in the County of former residence on election day if still residing in the County.

b. The date of election is not more than 90 days after the new residence was established. A voter registration for the person in the County of new residence is not effective on or before election day.

2. A person is not eligible to vote a limited ballot by mail unless in addition to satisfying the eligibility requirements prescribed above, the person is eligible to vote early by mail under the standard early mail rules.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the county clerk at 979-732-6860.

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