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Texas Elects Rick Perry For Another Four Years

Enough voters signified their happiness with Gov. Rick Perry in the Nov. 7 election to reward the 56-year-old Republican with another four-year term in the governor's mansion.

An estimated 1.7 million voters - 39 percent of the registered voters who actually cast ballots - picked Perry.

This was widely reported as the lowest percentage for winning the high office of governor in more than a century.

But, should Perry serve out the next four years, he will have held the office 10 years - a period two years longer than any of his predecessors.

Democrat Chris Bell, a former U.S. representative from Houston, placed second in the race for governor with 29 percent of the vote, or 1.3 million votes.

Outgoing State Comptroller Carole Keeton "Grandma" Strayhorn, a Republican running as an independent, placed third with 18 percent.

Writer and entertainer Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman, also an independent, placed fourth with 12 percent.

James Werner, a Libertarian from Austin, drew 0.6 percent.

Secretary of State Roger Williams' office reported the statewide voter turnout at 32.97 percent of the 13,074,279 Texas residents who registered in time to vote.

Proceeding down the ballot in some of the major statewide races, rounded results taken from unofficial results showed the two biggest vote-getters in each race, as follows:

- Incumbent Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst was re-elected over Democrat Maria Luisa Alvarado, 60 percent to 36 percent.

- Incumbent Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott was re-elected over Democrat David Van Os, 61 percent to 37 percent.

- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, a Republican, was

elected to succeed Strayhorn as comptroller of public accounts. Combs' vote percentage was 61 compared with Democrat Fred Head's 36 percent.

- Incumbent Republican Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson was re-elected over Democrat VaLinda Hathcox, 55 percent to 41 percent.

- Former State Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine, a Republican, was elected to succeed Combs as agriculture commissioner, over Democrat Hank Gilbert, 55 percent to 42 percent.

- Incumbent Republican Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones was re-elected over Democrat Dale Henry, 54 percent to 42 percent.

- Incumbent Republican Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson was re-elected over Libertarian Tom Oxford, 76

percent to 24 percent.

Republicans swept the other Supreme Court seats on the ballot.

In the courts of criminal appeals races, it was almost a GOP sweep.

The spoiler was Diane Henson, a Democrat, who won against Republican Will Wilson in the race for Place 3, 3rd Court of Appeals. The margin was 50.32 percent to 49.68 percent.

The GOP also won all but one seat up for re-election on the State Board of Education.

Democrat Takes DeLay District

Former U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, a Democrat, emerged the winner in the race for former U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay's U.S. Congressional District 22 seat.

Former House Majority Leader DeLay resigned from Congress in June, having been indicted by

the state's chief ethics officer on charges of campaign ethics violations.

The story was covered by state and national media for months.

The Republican Party promoted Houston City Council Member Shelley Sekula-Gibbs as its write-in candidate but she lost to Lampson in a field that included other write-ins and a Libertarian.

Sekula-Gibbs will serve out DeLay's un-expired term and in January Lampson will take the oath of office and begin service.

Judge Rules in Favor Of State Law

U.S. District Judge Rob Junell in Pecos ruled the Texas Open Meetings Act is not in conflict with the U.S. Constitution.

A present member and a former member of the Alpine city council sued the state, alleging the opening meetings law vio-

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By Ed Sterling

lated their right to free speech because it prevented them from privately discussing matters of public business and was "unconstitutionally vague."

The act requires state and local government officials to notify the public and meet in an open forum when they plan to deliberate on matters of public interest.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

November 18, 1982

Funeral services were held for Robert Bruce "Bob" Waddell, 36, an assistant cashier at First National Bank who passed away of a heart attack...

Spec. 4 Oscar Hurd, son of Hazel and Raymond Hurd of Eagle Lake arrived for duty at Ft. Hood Texas...

Todd Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harris of Olney and grandson of Constable and Mrs. J.T. Frnka of Eagle Lake completed 3 ratings on his 17th birthday. He received his private pilot license...

Sylvia Contreras was complimented with a baby shower November 8 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas, with workers of the Thomas Clinic as hostesses...

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Smith of Garwood announced the birth

of their second child, Lori Ann, born Nov. 10 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton...

Craig Erikson, member of Boy Scout Troop 846, sponsored by Cypress United Methodist Church, received his Eagle Scout Award November 9. Craig's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harry of Garwood and Mrs. Emma Erikson of Port Lavaca, attended the ceremony and reception...

Mrs. Lillian Mays of Corpus Christi, mother of Mrs. W. F. (Pearl) Meitzen, Jr. of Eagle Lake, closed her eyes to a peaceful rest Wednesday, November 10 at the age of 83 in a nursing home in Corpus Christi after battling cancer for two years...

Funeral services for William P. Fitch of San Antonio, a resident of Eagle Lake for several years following World War I, were conducted Friday, November 5 at the Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio...

The community was deeply saddened Thursday, November 11, upon the death of beloved citizen, Axel Helmer "Pappy" Seaholm, who closed his eyes to a peaceful rest at six o'clock that evening in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Mrs. Luisa S. Casares, mother of Mrs. Gloria Munoz of Eagle Lake, passed away Sunday, No-

vember 14 at 9:45 a.m. in Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a brief illness...

Funeral services for Lt. Colonel (retired) Robert MacConnel Beatty were held Tuesday, November 16 at 10 a.m. from the Chapel of Mill-Bauer Funeral Home with the Rev. Melburn Sibley, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment followed in Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston...

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mahalic were in San Marcos to attend the Golden Key National Honor Society fall reception. Their daughter Lori, who is a junior at Southwest Texas University, was one of the new members being inducted...

Leading the Eagle Lake Middle School student body this year in spirit yells are Sheli Meitzen, Suzanne Corman, Katina Carson, Sofia Ugarte and Stacey Causey, and Monica Ramirez...

William H. Harrison, Jr. a Eagle Lake resident was elected to a major position of the Texas Baptist boards during the annual meeting of the 2.2 million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas in Corpus Christi on Nov. 9-11...

Miss Katie Grigar, daughter of Janet and J.J. Grigar of Lockhart, celebrated her second birthday Monday, November 15

along with a variety of festivities during the weekend.

January 15, 1959

W. E. Lenhart, president of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, was honored Tuesday on the occasion of completing 50 years of faithful service to the bank. D. R. Wintermann, on behalf of the Board of Directors, presented Mr. Lenhart with a Rolex wristwatch...

Funeral services were held January 11 for J. R. Colly in the Colly Memorial Methodist Church with Rev. L. A. McDaniel officiating. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery...

Miss Jo Ann Woodruff of Garwood, bride-elect of James Bunge was complimented with parties during the vacation holidays from her studies at Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos. Mrs. M. C. Rees and Mrs. C. A. Brewer hosted a lingerie shower. Mrs. John Gideon and Miss Sally Gideon honored her with a buffet luncheon and Mrs. J. K. Jackson and Miss Rita Frnka hosted a Coke party...

Gerry Clipson scored 15 points to help the Eagle Lake Eagles win the game against the Pearland Oilers Tuesday with a 41 to 31 score. The girls beat Pearland Oilers 36-30 with top scorers being Sandy Thomas with 21 points and Margaret Meitzen with 14.

Columbus Chamber Santa Breakfast

The Columbus Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the American Red Cross, Eagle Lake Chamber and Weimar Chamber will provide a jolly big time "Breakfast with Santa" on December 2. The purpose of the event is to publicize the presences

of the American Red Cross of Colorado County as part of the Rio Colorado Chapter ARC.

All funds received will help get our county chapter started and will remain in Colorado County.

This festive event, designed around a Christmas theme, offers a Saturday morning of fun and frolic for children and parents.

"Breakfast with Santa" will be held in the new cafeteria at Columbus Elementary School located at 1324 Bowie Street from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The theme of the event is accented with a breakfast bag

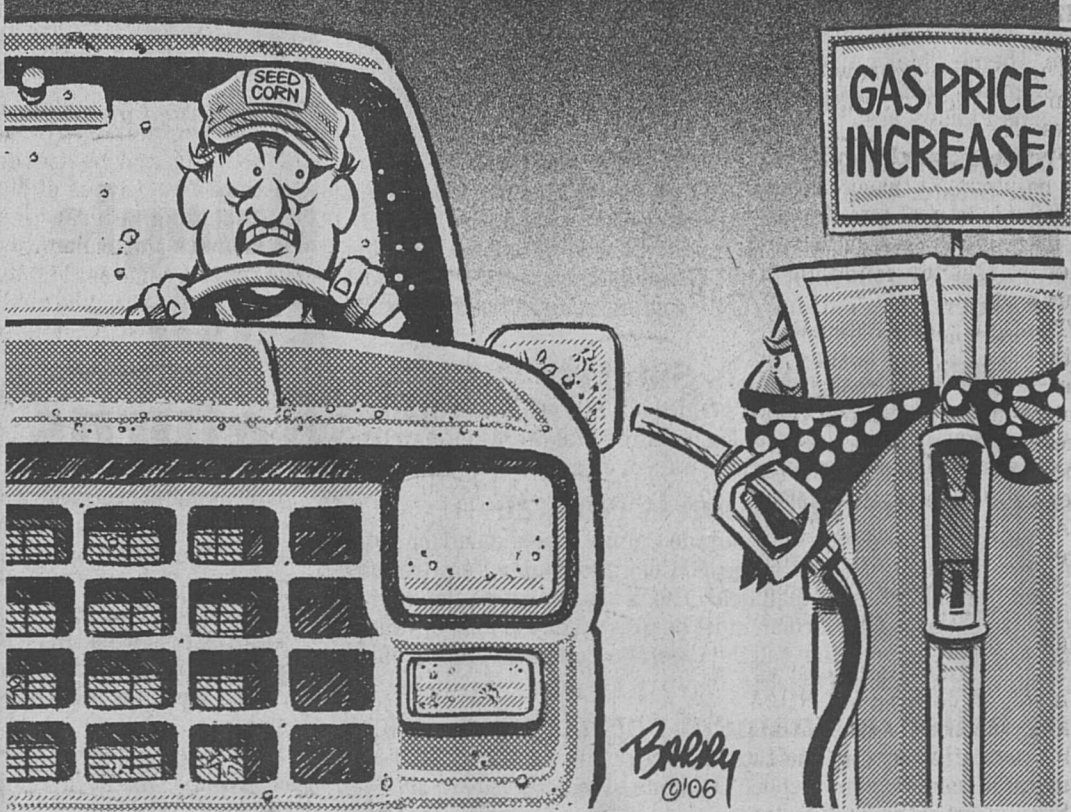
that can be purchased by all for a small fee. Many children's games for entertainment will be offered that will allow for children to get a small prize.

Of course, the big event will be Santa Clause and the picture gallery for parents that want to remember the occasion with Santa.

What better way can we inaugurate the American Red Cross Rio Colorado Chapter (Colorado County) than "Breakfast with Santa?" For more information, please call George Fox at 979-732-8385.

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