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**Investigator Named For Texas Youth Commission Inquiry**

AUSTIN — Rather than place the troubled Texas Youth Commission in conservatorship at the urging of the lieutenant governor and a committee of lawmakers, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Jay Kimbrough as special master to get the agency back in line.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, the state's ethics prosecutor, is conducting his own investigation into allegations that reports of sexual abuse in TYC facilities were altered by state officials.

Kimbrough's job will be to investigate sexual abuse of detainees reported at facilities in Giddings, Brownwood and Pyote.

A former assistant Texas attorney general, Kimbrough also is a former chief of staff for Perry and formerly served as the state's director of homeland security.

**AG abates opinion on documents**

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott took action to help prevent identity theft on Feb. 21 by issuing an opinion saying that county clerks should remove Social Security numbers from copies of documents on file before releasing them to the public.

Abbott's opinion said failure to comply would result in criminal charges. So clerks found themselves in a tough spot when citizens showed up the next day to get courthouse records needed to conduct routine business.

County clerks across Texas had to slow down or shut down all or part of their public information operations, because so many types of documents contain Social Security numbers.

Complaints from far and wide flew in, prompting Abbott to abate his opinion for 60 days — supposedly enough time for counties to adjust to the practice of redacting Social Security numbers.

**House slows down**

Jessica's Law  
 The Texas House on Feb. 28

postponed further deliberation on House Bill 8, a "Jessica's Law" bill by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston.

After salty debate mainly over the bill's death penalty component and costs of implementation, the House voted 131-10 to wait until March 5 to continue consideration by the full House.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 14 announced the filing of SB 5, the Senate version of Jessica's Law.

Differences between the two bills would have to be reconciled in a final version, but as presently written, the legislation would do the following:

- Require mandatory 25 years to life sentences for a first-time violent sexual offense against a child under age 14;
- Require lifetime GPS monitoring for child sex offenders;
- Allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty for a second sexually violent offense against a child under age 14; and
- Double the statute of limitations on sexual crimes against children from 10 to 20 years.

Jessica's Law is named for 9-year-old Floridian Jessica Lunsford. In March 2005, the child was abducted from her Florida home, raped and murdered by a convicted sex offender. Since then, more than two dozen states have enacted toughened sex-offender laws.

**Organic farming bills are filed**

Rep. Doc Anderson, R-Waco, and Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, filed House and Senate versions of legislation to create an 11-member Texas Organic Agricultural Advisory Board.

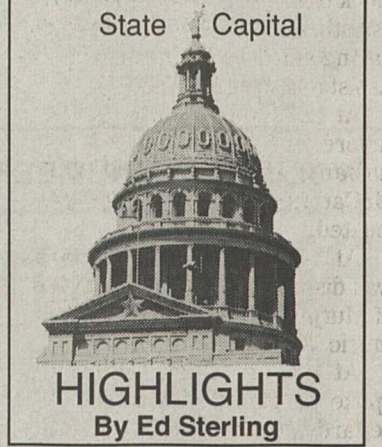
The board would:

- meet at least once a year;
- assist the Texas Department of Agriculture in assessing the organic produce industry;
- find ways to promote and expand the industry;
- work on getting grants and gifts to nurture the industry;
- help to develop an organic agricultural products education and awareness campaign.

**Agency would redraw districts**

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San

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Antonio, filed SB 1068, legislation to create a Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission.

The highly politicized task of redrawing U.S. congressional district boundaries is normally done by the Texas Senate every 10 years.

Wentworth's bill would give the job to a nine-member, balanced, bipartisan commission of Texas residents. Eight members (four from each major party) would elect a nonvoting member to preside.

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**Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**March 10, 1983**

Lisa Corman and Julia Rosprim won a local essay contest sponsored by the San Bernard Electric Company which was held the week of February 29-Mar. 4...

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Jones of Breckenridge wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter LaVonda Carol to Gerald Wayne Popp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Popp of Garwood...

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Sanders are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Kurt Ryan born on February 18, 1983 at 7:08 a.m. in Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. Kurt Ryan came into this world weighing seven pounds, three ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches at birth...

Funeral services for Charles Viaclovsky, 69, of Eagle Lake were held February 20 at Guardian Angel Catholic Church in Wallis with Rev. Mike Krol and Rev. R. Widacki officiating. Burial followed at Guardian Angel Cemetery...

Graveside services for Mrs. Ola L. Smith were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 7 at Cheetham Cemetery in Sheridan with Rev. Bernie Helge pastor of New Gulf Baptist Church officiating. Mrs. Smith passed away March 4 at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston...

Mrs. Lester (Sallie) Little, 84, passed away in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Wednesday, March 2. Burial was in Schulenburg City Cemetery on Friday, March 4 at 11 a.m....

Mrs. Willie Rhodes, a long time resident of this county passed away Sunday, March 6 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 10 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in the Mathew community at 1 p.m. Rev. C. Williams will be officiating...

Sue Causey recently returned from a week in San Francisco where she attended a Discovery Toy Convention. Congratulations to Sue on being appointed as a new manager for Discovery

**Toys...**

Five students from Eagle Lake, Garwood and Columbus area were among the 1,331 students whose 1982 fall semester grades earned them places on the Dean's list at Southwest Texas State University. Students making the Dean's list are Jerri L. Clipson, Lana L. Mahalitic of Eagle Lake, Betty L. Boenisch of Garwood, Deborah L. Guthman and Nancy K. Untermeyer of Columbus.

**March 5, 1959**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Tedder are welcoming their second son, Darrell Duane, born in Laughlin Hospital February 27...

Misses Martha Black and Karen Richter spent the weekend in Houston with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton TenNapel and attended the Fat Stock Show and Rodeo...

Don and Jeff Frnka enjoyed shaking hand with Jim Arness, TV's Matt Dillion at the Houston Rodeo last Wednesday night, but Janet's heart was broken because he missed her little hand. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Frnka...

Billy Jean McGehee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester McGehee, celebrated her fifth birthday with a party given by her mother on February 27...

Nancy Keyser, Dorothy Pinn,

Dorothy Sens, Bertha Middleton of Columbus; Elizabeth Strunk of Lissie; Henrietta Frederickson of Rock Island; and Elizabeth Vitek of Wallis were capped as student vocational nurses at an impressive ceremony at the Wharton County Junior College Friday night...

Miss Patricia Loessin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Loessin of Eagle Lake has been accepted for membership in Alpha Omega, oldest women's social club at Baylor University...

Jeff Seaholm son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seaholm, Jr., celebrated his third birthday with a party February 21.

**Colorado County Sheriff's Report**

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls for the period ending Feb. 15.

**Friday, February 2**

At 3:41 am, Deputy Staff responded to Lakewood Lane in Sheridan in reference to a family disturbance. After further investigation, Jason Julian Christie, 32 of Sheridan, was arrested for Violation of a Magistrate's Protective Order. Case closed.

At 3:30 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to CR 270 in reference to Criminal Mischief. The complainant reported that someone had damaged his aluminum gate. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

At 4:07 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt and Deputy Hoffer responded to a residence on FM 109 in reference to a family disturbance. After further investigation, the disturbance was determined to be a verbal argument. Case closed.

**Saturday, February 3**

At 9:23 pm, Deputy Slubar and Sgt. Edman responded to a residence in Sheridan for a death investigation. Justice of the Peace Pct. 2, Richard Luhrs arrived on scene to conduct the inquest. After further investigation, the death was determined to be from natural causes. Case closed.

At 9:28 am, Deputy Pardo and Deputy Savino responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to a child custody matter. After further investigation, Ashley Dawn Moccabee, 22 of Sheridan, was arrested for Interference with Child Custody. Case closed.

At 3:10 pm, Deputy Pardo and Deputy Savino initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near Richter Road. After further investigation, Steven Andre Brown, 32 of Austin, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid. Case closed.

At 10:08 pm, Sgt. Edman responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to a reckless driver. An investigation was conducted and the suspect was identified. Case is pending warrant and apprehension of suspect.

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**Sunday, February 4**

At 10:22 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to the IH-10 west bound rest area in reference to a stolen vehicle. A report was filed and the vehicle was entered into the state and national database as stolen. Case pending recovery.

**Monday, February 5**

At 7:45 am, Deputy Pardo and Deputy Savino initiated a traffic stop on FM 102 near CR 307. After further investigation, Edward Ray Aguirre, 52 of Lake Jackson, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid. Case closed.

At 9:30 am, Deputy Argo responded to Rice High School in reference to a Burglary. Evidence was collected and the case is


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