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Border Council Seeks Input

AUSTIN -- Texas' new Border Security Council will conduct public forums in border communities Oct. 1-3.

The state of Texas launched "Operation Border Star" last month in hopes of reducing crime along the Texas-Mexico border.

The governor's office described the operation as a "surge" in border security.

Working together in the operation are the U.S. Border Patrol, local law enforcement, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rangers, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens, plus Texas military forces personnel and their equipment.

The governor's office said Operation Border Star will be expanded during the next year with guidance from the Texas Border Security Council and more than \$100 million provided by the 80th Texas Legislature.

In other news, information about a proposed border barrier fence along the eastern portion of the Rio Grande was published Sept. 25 in the Federal Register.

The information describes a 16-foot-tall fence strong enough to withstand a crash by a five-ton vehicle traveling 40 mph.

TxDOT names new chief exec

Amadeo Saenz, a 51-year-old transportation engineer who has been with the Texas Department of Transportation for 29 years, has been promoted to executive director of the agency.

The Hebronville native began his career with TxDOT in 1978 as an engineering lab assistant and worked his way up.

In other news, TxDOT officials said rising costs, less federal funding and a ban on most private toll road deals could combine to force the agency to scale back on projects.

Also, in late September, State

District Judge Orlinda Naranjo of Travis County refused to grant a motion by Terri Hall of the San Antonio Toll Party and Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom for a temporary restraining order to stop a TxDOT-funded toll road-promoting campaign.

Texas' first family moves out

Gov. Perry and family moved out of the governor's mansion and into a \$9,900 a month rental home just outside of Austin.

The mansion is undergoing repairs including plumbing improvements that could take a year and a half to complete.

The location of the temporary quarters raised a question about the constitutionality of a state office holder living outside of Austin city limits.

AG urges safety at schools

Texas law requires school districts to conduct campus security audits and report the results in the fall of 2008.

In that regard, Attorney General Greg Abbott said he wants school districts to take new safety procedures that could prevent a shooting like the one last spring at Virginia Tech.

Abbott recommended that

each campus develop its own emergency plans and set up an anonymous incident reporting program.

He also encouraged more information sharing among law enforcement entities, juvenile justice officials and school authorities.

Volunteers clean Texas beaches

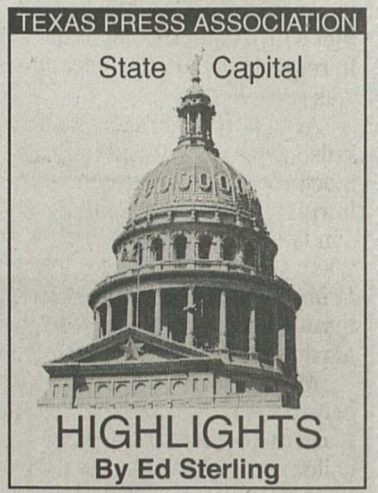
More than 9,600 volunteers removed almost 190 tons of trash from Texas beaches on a mid-September weekend as part of the 2007 Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup.

Among the found objects: toilet seat, underwear, syringes, Cadillac steering wheel, bikini, rubber chicken, hair piece, dog house, tea cup, hair curlers, light bulbs, rug and broom.

State to fund background checks

Top state officials directed the Texas Education Agency to shift funding necessary to pay the \$50 fee for fingerprinting and background checks on teachers.

Earlier, teachers and other education workers were going to have to pay for the checks themselves. Last session, the \$50 million in funding for the background checks was cut from the budget.



Prevention week theme: Strategy

The State Fire marshal's theme for Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13, is "Have an Exit Strategy Where You Live, Work, and Play."

Texans are urged to learn two ways out of any room they're in, whether that room happens to be their own kitchen, a boardroom at work, a movie theater, or any other locale.

Firms seek nuke plant permits

NRG Energy of New Jersey and CPS Energy of San Antonio filed papers to build nuclear reactors at the South Texas Project in Bay City that would go online in 2014.

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

September 22, 1983
Roxanne Ripper was crowned the 1983 Colorado County Fair Queen...

Duncan Ranch winner of the this year's city softball league went to the Astrodome September 14 to watch the Astros/Dodgers game in celebration of their victory...

Dr. Jose Ugarte will serve as the chairman of the American Cancer Society educational and fundraising Cancer Crusade in Colorado County...

Last rites will be held September 17 for **Mrs. Consuelo Sosa**. She passed away September 15 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Holli Schindler, daughter of Phillip and Jeri Lou Schindler celebrated her third birthday with a swimming party at her home...

Emily "Schottsie" Stiles graduated from Texas Women's University...

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Schneider of Garwood announced the engagement of their daughter, **Sharron Rose** to **James F. George, Jr.** son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. George, Sr. of El Campo. The couple will be married November 1 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

OEA officers are **Shelia Dabney** president; **Patrice Austin**, vice-president; **Monica Pieprzyca**, parliamentarian; **Cynthia Gonzales**, historian; **Lynn Mota**, treasurer; **Rhonda Cotton**, sergeant at arms; **Norma Trevino**, reporter; and **Renae Dierschke**, secretary...

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zbrank of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Jeanne Lynn (Nina) to John D. Conway** of Wimberly. The wedding is planned for October 22 at Lehrer Memorial Methodist Church in Garwood...

Coy Sunderman celebrated his third birthday September 17 at his parents home, Mr. and Mrs. **Glenn Sunderman**...

Mr. and Mrs. Al Mahalite announced the arrival of their first child, a daughter, born August 22 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. They named her **Amber Nicole**...

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook of Lissie announced the birth of their daughter **Lise Rena** born September 9 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton...

Mrs. Larry (Diane) Smidovec of Garwood was surprised on her 25th birthday with a party at her home.

September 24, 1959
Maynard Ripper was elected president of the Eagle Lake chapter of the Future Farmers of America...

Miss Kate Griffin buried September 19 in Odds Fellow Cemetery in Columbus...

Miss Barbara Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reese, Jr., will compete for Texas Rice Queen at Bay City's annual rice festival...

Garwood Methodist Church to observe 50th anniversary October 4...

Miss Betty DeShazo and **Freddy Hammons** were married at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church August 29...

Miss Sandra Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas, and **Miss Doris McCreary**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee McCreary, were pledged to Alpha Phi Sorority during rush week at the University of Texas campus...

Kevin Scott, son Mr. and Mrs. **Tommy Scott**, celebrated his fifth birthday September 18 with a party given by his mother at his grandmother's, Mrs. T.W. Scott, home...

Mrs. Helen Collins visits her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. **George Collins**, in Venezuela for several months...

Miss Emily Ann Schott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schott, Jr. of Hallettsville, and **Louis W. Stiles**, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Stiles of Eagle Lake, are planning a November 21 wedding at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hallettsville...

Eagle Lake Eagles break twelve game losing streak by beating Weimar 26 to 8 last Friday.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the period ending Sept. 13.

Friday, August 31
 At 7:10 am, Deputy Cranek responded to Tornado Flare on IH-10 east of Columbus in reference to a cut lock on the main gate. During the investigation, it was determined that a horse trailer was stolen from the property. The trailer was entered into the State and National database as stolen. Case is pending further investigation.

At 7 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to a residence on CR 213 in reference to Burglary of a Vehicle. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

At 8:15 pm, Deputy Slubar arrested Pamela Munoz Moore, 40 of Schulenburg, for Possession of Dangerous Drugs and Possession of a Prohibited Substance in a Correctional Facility. Case closed.

Saturday, September 1
 At 8:12 am, Deputy Mieth responded to FM 2434 and CR 213 in reference to a subject passed out in a vehicle. After further investigation, Carolyn Elaine Brooks, 50 of Weimar, was arrested for Public Intoxication. Case closed.

At 5 pm, Deputy Cranek responded to the Splashway Water Park in Sheridan in reference to Burglary of a Vehicle. The information was collected, suspects are being developed, and the case is pending further investigation.

At 6:15 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to Business 71 north of Columbus in reference to Criminal Mischief. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

At 7:45 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to Thousand Trails in reference to a possible rabid squirrel. It was later determined that nobody was bitten and the squirrel was disposed of at the Weimar Veterinary Clinic. Case closed.

Sunday, September 2
 At 6:05 pm, Deputy Slubar met with a complainant in reference to Burglary of a Vehicle that occurred at the Splashway Water Park in Sheridan. The information was collected, suspects are being developed, and the case is pending further investigation.

Monday, September 3
 At 9:40 am, Deputy Pflughaupt met with a complainant in reference to Burglary of a Vehicle that occurred at the Splashway Water Park in Sheridan. The information was collected, suspects are being developed, and the case is pending further investigation.

At 11 am, Deputy Hudson responded to a residence on Zimmerseid Road near New Ulm in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported that someone stole her trash receptacle. Case is pending further information.

At 7:06 pm, Deputy Staff responded to a residence on CR 218 in reference to Burglary of a Building. Evidence was collected and the case is pending further information on possible suspect(s).

At 8:30 pm, Sgt. Girdt received a cell phone that someone lost at Beason's Park east of Columbus. The owner of the cell phone was located and the property was returned. Case closed.

Tuesday, September 4
 At 8:15 am, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to the Alleyton Shell in reference to Burglary of a Vehicle. The information was collected and the case is pending further information.

At 3:45 pm, Lt. Neisner spoke with a complainant in reference to a stolen Realtor sign at the intersection of Brunes Mill and Brushy road north of Columbus. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

At 9:10 pm, Deputy Gonzalez

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