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Highway Department Releases Trans-Texas Corridor Impact Study

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration on Nov. 13 released a 1,072-page "draft environmental impact statement" for the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor/Interstate 69 project.

A 650-mile long area stretching from far south Texas to extreme northeast Texas that someday could include a matrix of new roads, rail and utilities.

Existing highways will be considered first when it comes to choosing where the project might be routed, TxDOT suggested.

The draft statement combines nearly three years of work with local officials and input from citizens, TxDOT said.

But there is more left to do. Opportunities for the public to be involved will be unprecedented over the next several months, TxDOT said.

State offers Clean Bus rebates

The state's environmental agency is accepting applications from school districts to reimburse costs for installing emission-reducing equipment on school buses.

In promoting the "Texas Clean School Bus" rebate program, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said:

- More than 36,000 buses carrying an estimated 1.3 million students drive Texas roads every school day.
- More than one-third of these buses are more than 10 years old. Most older buses emit more pollution than most newer models.
- Exposure to diesel exhaust from school buses can aggravate respiratory problems, asthma and allergies.

In some cases, an \$800 retrofit can reduce emissions by 70 to 80 percent, said TCEQ Commissioner Larry R. Soward.

All public school districts and charter schools in Texas that op-

erate one or more diesel-powered school buses or a transportation system provided by a county-wide district are eligible to be reimbursed for costs of approved retrofits.

Snake permits to be required

People who sell, transport or possess venomous snakes not indigenous to Texas would have to purchase a \$60 permit under proposals the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission may adopt Jan. 24.

Four species of python and one of anaconda likewise would be regulated and anyone who possesses one of the controlled exotic snakes but does not sell it would be required to buy a \$20 "recreational controlled exotic snake permit."

People who buy one from a pet store could use their sales receipt as a temporary permit good for 21 days, giving them time to buy an official state permit.

HB 12, enacted by the 80th Texas Legislature, requires Parks & Wildlife to establish the permits.

Unemployment rate matches low

The Lone Star State's October statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent, down from 4.3 percent

in September and 4.8 percent in October 2006.

For the third month in 2007, the jobless rate reached the lowest point since the current series began in 1976.

Non-agricultural employment grew by 24,200 jobs in October. Employers have added 206,400 jobs over the past 12 months for an annual growth rate of 2 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Nov. 15.

The national unemployment rate is at 4.7 percent.

Turkey, troopers signs of season

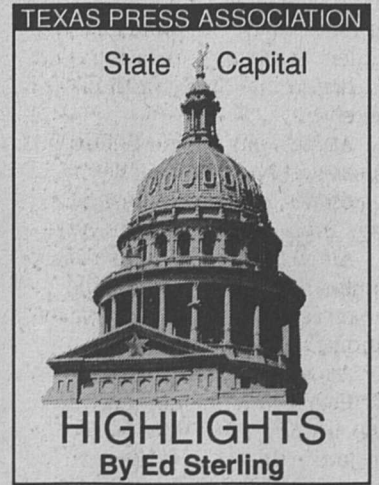
Most people who drive personal cars and trucks over the Thanksgiving holiday will be paying \$3 or more for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline.

While they are on the road, they most likely will see more state troopers than usual on duty, ticketing speeders and pulling over other motorists that catch their eye.

When many of the holiday travelers reach their destination, the cost of that home-cooked Thanksgiving meal they'll be eating, with turkey, the standard side dishes and dessert, is expected to run about \$4 per person.

State will have more to spend

Texas Comptroller Susan



Combs said Nov. 15 that the state will have \$83 billion for general revenue expenditures in fiscal 2008-2009.

That's about \$2 billion more than expected. Combs attributed part of the surplus to an 11 percent increase in state sales tax collections.

State settles pharmaceutical case

Pharmaceutical manufacturer Glaxo-Smith Kline, its parent company, SmithKline Beecham Corp., and a subsidiary, on Nov. 16 agreed to repay the state of Texas almost \$1.4 million for charging the state inflated prices for the prescription drugs Kytril, Zofran and Amoxil from 1994 to 2002.

Taco Tony's Mexican Restaurant
 20 Calhoun Road • Eagle Lake
 979-234-3984

Breakfast Specials: Mon.-Fri., 8 to 11:30 a.m.

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

November 3, 1983
 Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Harper of Logan, Oklahoma announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lois Marie to Calvin Zwerneemann of Eagle Lake. The wedding is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, November 19 at Sealy Assembly of God Christian Center...

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Lanier of Houston are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born at 11:12 a.m. October 24, at Memorial City General Hospital in Houston. The little lady weighed seven pounds and three ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth. She was given the name Leslie Michelle...

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ramirez, Jr. of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Crystal Dawn, born October 14 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. She weighed in at six pounds, six ounces and measured 19 inches at birth...

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mascheck of Eagle Lake are happy to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Lucy to Jerry W. Gilmore of Houston. The wedding is set for 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 19 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

Miss Jeanne Lynn "Nina" Zbrank and John David Conway were united in marriage on October 22 at 7 p.m. at the Lehrer United Methodist Church in Garwood. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zbrank of Garwood and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Conway of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zbrank of Garwood. The ceremony was performed by the Reverends Laurina Matthews and Effie Mae Young, former and present pastors of Lehrer United Methodist Church in Garwood...

time resident here passed away October 25 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Last rites were conducted from the chapel of Dulany Funeral Home at 10 a.m. October 27 with Rev. Melburn Sibley, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating at the services. Interment followed at Masonic Cemetery...

Bessie Lou Beane Raver passed away October 26 at her Houston residence. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. October 29 at Height Funeral Home in Houston with Rev. Bill Servis officiating. She was then brought to Eagle Lake for services at 3 p.m. that day from the chapel of Dulany Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Runk officiating at the services in Eagle Lake. Interment followed at Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island...

Mrs. Volina C. Boothe, resident of a Waco nursing home passed away October 28 at 5:30 p.m. Graveside services were held October 30 at 3 p.m. with Rev. Charles Runk officiating. Interment was in Masonic Cemetery...

Jack Ray Hough of Wallis passed away in the Del Oro Hospital in Houston on October 13 at the age of 72. Funeral services

were held from Knesek and Sons Funeral Home at 2 p.m. October 16 with Rev. Wm. S. Couvillion of Lissie officiating. Interment was in Wallis Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ricky, Charles, Jack, Randy, Edward and Virgil Hough, Jr.

December 3, 1959
 Williard Ethridge, local high school principal, was elected superintendent to fill the unexpired term of the late Supt. E.B. Gibson...

Gentle Lee Henry, a native of the Rock Island community, opens Sinclair Service Station on East Main Street in Eagle Lake...

Miss Marcella Speck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Speck of Rock Island, and R.W. Maertz, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Maertz of Mentz, were married November 22 in Eagle Lake...

Blue Eagles drop bi-district game to Freeport Wildcats 20-0.

Mrs. Helen Collins returned from a visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. George Collins, in Bogota, Colombia, South America...

Miss Judith Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Johnson entertained her former school friends of the class of '59 with a Coke party November 27.

The Eagle Lake Headlight's Kris Kringle Cash Giveaway

Count the number of ☺ symbols in advertisements in this edition and submit your guess in writing to the Headlight by Monday, Nov. 26 (including symbol on this entry form)

A drawing of all the correct entries will be held to determine the winner

Two winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to any one of the businesses advertising in this edition.

Kris Kringle Cash Entry Form
 (Return to The Headlight by 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 26)
 PO Box 67, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

My Guess Is _____ (including symbol on this entry form)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

I'd like to use my certificate at _____ (Must be business advertising in this week's Headlight)

One Entry Per Person

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

District Court
 Eight individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Nov. 15.

Bonnie Pearl Alley, forgery financial instrument. Sentenced to 10 years TDC.

Timothy J. Brown, criminal mischief. Probation conditions modified.

Jared J. Ferguson, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, fined \$800.

Cherie Ellzey House, prohibited substance correction facility, alcohol/drug/phon. Sentenced to two years TDC.

Cherie Ellzey House, credit card or debit card abuse. Sentenced to 15 months state jail.

Jose A. Perez, III, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to two years state jail, probated three years, fined \$1,000.

Jessie Mae Tone, prostitution with third or more. Sentenced to 12 months state jail.

Vincent Walker, possession of a controlled substance. Reduced to Class B, fined \$1,000.

Eight individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Monday, Nov. 19. They included:

Randy E. Clayton, burglary of habitation. Probation conditions modified.

Jared D. Fields, possession of controlled substance. Sentenced

to two years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,500.

Jerry Lee Henneke, Jr., driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. Sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication, probated five years, fined \$1,000/SAFP.

Don R. Hennis, Jr., burglary of a building. Probation conditions modified, Central Texas Treatment Center.

Stralecia A. Johnson, fraud use/possession of identifying info. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$500.

Ryan Lee Knesek, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to 10 years TDC, probated 10 years, fined \$1,000, and SAFP.

Kathy Dawn Lynch, delivery of a controlled substance. Sentenced to seven years TDC.

Reuben Bernard Moss, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication, fined 1,000, 90 days in jail as C.O.P.

County Court

Twenty five individuals were sentenced in County Court on Nov. 7.

They included:
 Rocio E. Beane, driving while license invalid. Sentenced to three days in jail, credit for two served, fined \$350.

Jose Falcon, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350, ordered to take drug class and pay

\$140 in restitution to DPS. Sergio Flores, driving while license invalid with previous conviction. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Timothy Scott Foster, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$1,500 plead to Abst. Hwy.

Preston Ray Jenkins, Jr., criminal trespass. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, credit for 86.

Preston Ray Jenkins, Jr., violation of protective order. Sentenced to 60 days in jail, credit for 58.

Lowrie Lemons, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, credit for two served, fined \$350.

Beau Ac Marshall, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to deferred adjudication, fined \$350.

Patrick Middleton, evading arrest/detention and failure to ID. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, credit for 24, count 1; sentenced to 30 days in jail, credit for 36, count 2.

Enrique S. Navarro, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 and interlock device.

Arthur Ray Rhodes, theft. Sentenced to 60 days in jail, credit for 67, fined \$100.

Michalle R. Richard, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 15 days in jail, fined \$500.

Jose M. Tapia, assault causing

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