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# Lawmakers Receive Homework For 81st Legislature In 2009

AUSTIN — Speaker Tom Craddick on Nov. 28 and 29 released lists of legislative interim charges for House committees to study and report on before the 81st Legislature convenes on Jan. 13, 2009.

Here are only a few of the dozens of subjects our lawmakers will be taking a close look at in their respective committees:

- Identity theft;
- Voter fraud;
- College scholarships and student support programs;
- Creation, use, maintenance and preservation of electronic documents;

- Economic development and job growth programs;
- Immigration enforcement and border security;
- Jury service by citizens;
- Protection of homebuyers in mortgage fraud schemes; and
- State employee pay and benefit packages.

**Texas House will see new faces**  
Change is certain in at least seven of the 150 seats of the Texas House of Representatives.

Not seeking re-election are state Reps. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple; Robby Cook, D-Eagle Lake; Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock; Fred Hill, R-Richardson; and Mike O'Day, R-Pearland.

State Rep. Anna Mowery, R-Fort Worth, already resigned, and will be replaced in a Dec. 18 special election runoff to fill her vacant seat.

State Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, gave up his seat to run for Congress. He is seeking his party's nomination for U.S. Congressional Dist. 22, the seat held from 1984-2006 by former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. Now holding the seat is U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Stafford. State Rep. Rick Noriega, D-Houston, on Dec. 3 announced he will seek his party's nomination to

run against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-San Antonio. As far as can be discerned at this point, all sitting state senators intend to hold onto their seats.

**Christmas trees arrive at Capitol**  
On Nov. 28, the state Capitol received shipment of three evergreen trees from a Texas farm in Palestine, including one called "The Angel Tree."

According to House Speaker Tom Craddick's office, the Angel Tree will be decorated with gift tags for 115 foster children currently under the care of Child Protective Services. The tree is on display in the Capitol Extension outside the Capitol Grill cafeteria.

The other two trees will be placed in the governor's and the lieutenant governor's reception rooms.

**Crop year 2007 looks like record**  
Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced on Nov. 29 record agriculture production estimates for 2007.

For the first time in history, he said, projections show the Texas agriculture industry will surpass \$100 billion in economic impact for the state. The previous high was

\$85 billion in 2004. Some of the largest increases this year are from crops used to produce biofuels. Production of grain sorghum was up 440 percent compared with last year, while corn production increased 91 percent, Staples said.

**No steroid testing firm named yet**  
Last spring, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 8, a law requiring random drug testing of Texas high school student athletes, regardless of sport, gender or participation level.

Nearly three-quarters of a million Texas high school students participate in athletics.

The random testing, with oversight by the University Interscholastic League, was supposed to begin in the current school year, but did not, and the UIL has not awarded the testing contract.

The UIL did say Nov. 28 its list of banned steroids will mirror the NCAA's banned anabolic agent list, which contains the names of more than 25 drugs.

**TxDOT warns holiday shoppers**  
'Tis the season to prevent vehicle thieving.

Two holiday season public service announcements by the



Texas Department of Transportation remind citizens to lock their vehicles.

In the announcement titled "Open Your Presents First," a man is pictured breaking into a car. The other announcement has a banner that reads, "To a Thief, These Are Holiday Store Windows," and shows cars in a typical parking lot scene.

**Group names Perry chairman**  
The Republican Governors Association elected Texas Gov. Rick Perry chairman for 2008 at the group's annual meeting Nov. 30 at Dana Point, Calif.

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## Let's Look Back... 24 YEARS AGO

**November 17, 1983**  
Miss Kimberly Ann Courville and Christopher Alan Gold were united in marriage at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 5 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Hillje. The Rev. Paul Raaz of San Antonio, cousin of the groom was assisted by Msgr. Victor Schmidtzinsky and Rev. James Kelley in performing the ceremony and concelebrating the High Mass...

Joe Maretka of El Campo, father of Gene Maretka, passed away November 4 at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. Funeral services were held from Wheeler Funeral Home in El Campo at 3 p.m. on November 6 with Rev. John A. Parks officiating. Interment was in Garden of Memories

Cemetery in El Campo... Funeral services were held Thursday, November 17 at 2 p.m. from Dulany Funeral Home for Wade Einkauf of Rock Island. Interment followed at the Myrtle Cemetery of Rock Island with Rev. Charles Runk of United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake as minister...

Funeral services for Howard J. Criswell were held November 12, at the Kubena Funeral Home with graveside services at Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan...

**Norman Roy Baker**, age 52 of Willis passed away on November 13 in Conroe. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16 from Brookside Funeral Home in Houston. Graveside services and interment was at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island with Rev.

Mike Mercer, officiating. Local arrangements under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home...

Funeral Services for Andrew Gutierrez were held Wednesday, November 16 from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church of Eagle Lake at 3 p.m. with Rev. Ray Widacki. Interment will be

at the Lakeside Cemetery. Miss Fae Annette Eggemeyer became the bride of Gregory Bryan Popp at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 22 at St. Phillip's Catholic Church in El Campo. The Rev. Tim Kosler and Bishop Hugo Gerbermann officiated at the double ring ceremony.

## Colorado Candlelight Homes Tour

Christmas on the Colorado, Saturday, December 8 will again feature the Candlelight Homes Tour from 6-9 p.m.

The event, sponsored by Colorado Historical Preservation Trust as a fundraiser to maintain their properties in Colorado County, is a unique way to experience a bit of yesteryear at Christmas-time.

The 1885 Milam House, located at 1503 Milam Street, was built by an unknown teacher in the Columbus School System.

Part of the house was originally a depot, and it was moved to Milam Street to enlarge the existing home. It is built of cypress and has 12-foot ceilings.

Many families prominent in the growth and development of Columbus have lived there, including the Millers, the Skinners and Clemans Schobel and his wife, Frances Smahlik Schobel. On the Candlelight Homes Tour the house will be shared by the Smahlik and Haluska families.

The Tate-Senftenberg-Brandon House, located at 616 Walnut Street, is a beautifully restored and furnished Victorian home that has been decorated by the Columbus Garden Club.

Decorations this year will feature a 1900's Christmas Village under the family Christmas

tree, complete with hand-painted houses, dolls dressed in hand-made period clothes, animals, snow-covered trees and a 'White Christmas' landscape.


Also on the Tour is the Santa Claus Museum with the collection of Mary Elizabeth Hopkins, whose collection was begun in 1913.

This collection is a delight for children and adults alike. The museum, newly redecorated and ready for Christmas, is located at 604 Washington.

Never before shown is The Whitehouse House, located at 1308 Milam. This two story stone and stucco home is now owned by John Whitehead. Mr. Whitehead moved to Columbus in 2007 from Washington, D.C.

You will want to see his extensive collection of blue and white porcelain, his political memorabilia and an unusual Turkish rug.

The minimal cost... \$3 per house for adults and \$1 per house for children (no cost for children under 6 years old)...will be an investment that starts your Christmas Season "on the right foot"!

**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, Dec. 3 (including symbol on this entry form)

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

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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, Dec. 3)  
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

**Christmas on the Colorado Candlelight Homes Tour Sat., Dec. 8, 6-9 p.m.**

The Tour will feature:

- The 1885 Milam House at 1503 Milam St.
- The Tate-Senftenberg Brandon House, at 616 Walnut Street
- The Santa Claus Museum
- Never before shown The Whitehouse House, at 1308 Milam

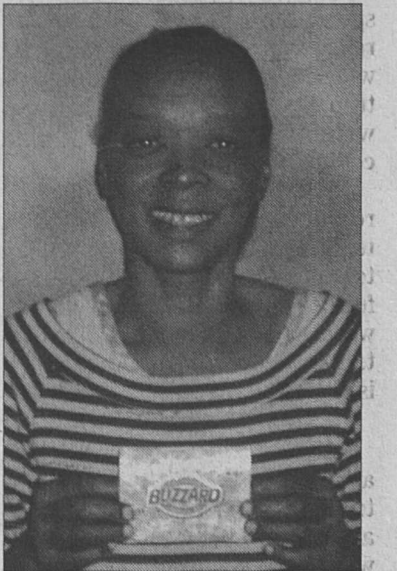
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Sponsored by Colorado Historical Preservation Trust

**The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce**  
at 303 E. Main Street

Will hold a bake sale, and be selling hot chocolate and apple cider on Saturday, December 8. Stop by before or after the annual "Traditional Christmas Parade of Lights" to check out the progress and warm up with some of their goodies.

The Chamber is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Muriel Fuller, pictured, and Ann Pavliska, both of Eagle Lake, were the winners of the Headlight Kris Kringle Cash Contest. Fuller will use her certificate at Dairy Queen and Pavliska will use her's at the Eagle Lake Drug Store.

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