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Volunteer Lawyers Rush To Help In YFZ Cases

AUSTIN — A task force of volunteer lawyers traveled to San Angelo to assist in the YFZ Ranch child protection cases, the Texas Supreme Court press office reported April 18.

The volunteers were in San Angelo for an April 17 custody hearing concerning the 416 children taken from YFZ Ranch, a

polygamist settlement owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The church is not affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or the Mormon Church.

In early April, state agencies entered the ranch near Eldorado in Schleicher County and took

the children into custody after an anonymous caller said she had been beaten and sexually abused at the site.

"Overwhelmed court staff in Schleicher and Tom Green counties have been assisted by Carl Reynolds, executive director of the Texas Office of Court Administration, in what is being called the largest child-custody case in U.S. history," according to the report.

The Texas Supreme Court's Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families is engaged in the process, helping channel resources and train lawyers, child-protection social workers and other staff involved with courts handling child-protection cases.

The volunteers responded to an appeal by the Texas Access to Justice Commission and the State Bar of Texas for qualified family lawyers across Texas to volunteer their time to represent parents and children in the case.

Perry declares reelection plan

Texas voters aren't scheduled to elect a governor again until November 2010, but Gov. Rick Perry, said April 17 he plans to seek reelection.

Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, regarded as a

strong potential candidate to be the next governor, said she is only focused on the present since it's kind of early to be declaring.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, also a Republican and a potential candidate for governor, said he is working on the 2009 legislative session, which convenes in January.

In 2000, then-Lt. Gov. Perry took over as governor when then-Gov. George W. Bush became president. Perry was elected to a full term in 2002 and reelected in 2006.

Communities get tobacco money

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced her agency has distributed \$92.3 million to Texas communities from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account.

The money, released April 16 to two cities, 159 counties and 135 hospital districts, is to help cover costs of indigent health care provided during 2007.

"This year the state is sending 12 percent more money to communities responsible for providing indigent care," Combs said. "This money comes from Texas' settlement with tobacco companies and will help communities offset the

costs of providing medical care for those who cannot pay."

Since the first distribution of funds in April 2001, local entities have received nearly \$430 million from the trust fund.

In other news, Combs said local law enforcement agencies and schools may apply for block grants of up to \$40,000 to help enforce state laws prohibiting sale or distribution of tobacco products to minors.

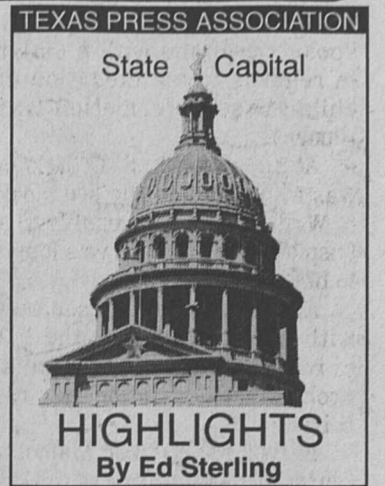
The application deadline for schools is May 1. The deadline for police departments, sheriffs, constables and district attorneys to apply for grants is May 9.

"Texas minors illegally buy or smoke 67.6 million packs of cigarettes each year," Combs said. "These grants help our communities enforce the law and educate violators about the risks of teen smoking."

Metal purchases are reportable

It is legal to recycle metals, but theft of pipe, tubing, fittings and wire made of copper and other valuable metals is on the increase.

Businesses that pay cash for metal are required by law to report their purchases and file paper reports. But now, there is



an easier way to file the report. Purchases may be reported electronically by using the new "Metal Recycling Entity Registration" link on the Texas Department of Public Safety home page, txdps.state.tx.us.

Corridor ad spending is noted

Advertising stimulate interest in public forums the Texas Department of Transportation hosted across the state on the proposed trans-Texas corridor projects.

Chris Lippincott of TxDOT said \$590,064 has been spent on TV ads, \$60,000 on Internet banner ads and \$154,766.77 on newspaper ads for a total of \$804,830.77.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1984

Billy and Sherry Zbranek of Eagle Lake, are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Garrett West, born April 17 at 9:54 p.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. At birth Garrett weighed eight pounds, six ounces and measured 21 inches long...

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Koneshek of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a boy who arrived April 29 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 11:50 a.m. The little fellow named Eric Thomas weighed six pounds 14 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches...

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Vasquez are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, Sonia Marie. The young lady made her arrival at 8:48 a.m. Thursday, April 19 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Sonia Marie weighed six pounds and 13 ounces and measured 19 1/2 in length...

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Janish of Nada are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth child Janna Elizabeth born Saturday, April 21 at 10:39 a.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. Janna weighed in at seven pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and measured 20 inches...

Peggy and Tommy Burns of Richmond are the proud parents of their first child, a daughter, born at 5:20 p.m. March 29 at Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston. Given the name Shelly Lynn, the little miss came into the world weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces and measuring 19 3/4 inches long...

In a small family ceremony, Debbie Frenzel and Dr. Jose Ugarte were united in marriage on April 18. The ceremony was held at the Grace Lutheran Church with Rev. Paul Krupicka reciting the vows...

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seape are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage

of their daughter Tracy Lynn, to Scott Reed Kilpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Kilpatrick of Columbus. The couple will be united in marriage at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus...

Funeral services for Wesley Harry Hintz, 74, of La Marque were conducted at 11 a.m. May 4 from the Chapel of James Crowder Funeral Home in La Marque. Rev. Bill Wright officiated at the services with burial immediately following in the Galveston Memorial Park in Hitchcock...

Mrs. Frankie Nail Seaholm, 90, of Eagle Lake, passed away Monday, May 7 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home with Rev. Melburn Sibley officiating. Interment followed in the Masonic Cemetery...

Madeleine Delia McCarty, 63, passed away Tuesday, May 1 in a Dallas hospital following a long illness. Funeral services were held Friday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, in Dallas. Rev. John Twyman officiated. Graveside services and interment were held Saturday, May 5 at the Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake with the Rev. George Welsch officiating.

May 5, 1960
 Memorial services were held for Mrs. E.B. Gibson at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake at 2 p.m. Monday afternoon...

Gerald Birdwell was named valedictorian with a 97.88 average at Eagle Lake High School and Mary Y. Jochetz was named salutatorian with a 94.6 average...

Michele Herman was commemorated on the occasion of her first birthday with a party April 26.

Rajun Cajun Fest On Tap Friday, May 2

The Colorado County Fair will host their 5th annual Rajun Cajun Fest ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAW-FISH and Live Auction (benefiting the Fair Scholarship Program) on Friday, May 2, at the Colorado County Fairgrounds in the Main Building.

The doors will open at 5 p.m. - serving begins at 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. The evening will also include a live scholarship/benefit auction starting at 8:30 p.m. Also, the Colorado County Jr. Fair Board will have silent auction.

The tickets are \$25 per person for an all-you-can-eat meal, with beverages are included.

Tickets are available from any of the Colorado Junior Fair Board Members (Tyler Baumbach, Dylan Hasse, Amber Huvar, Hillary Johnson, Kaci Kazmir, Hailey Kutach, Stacey McCord,

Kari Mahalik, Krystal Pesak, Kari Pfeiffer, Kayla Pfeffer, Koree Robinson, Garrett Schatte-Page, Chip Schneider, Luke Schneider, Trey Staff, Andrea Stock, Chelsea Walters, Clayton Watz, Kylee Werland, Tanner Williams and Cole Zajicek). The Colorado County Fair Royal Court: Simone Petrosky, Stefani Gertson, Shelby Hoelscher, Taylor Dungen, Justin Dvorak, Michaela Herring and Timothy Ulbricht.

Tickets are also available at any of these local businesses: Potter's Western Store, Schneider Machine & Welding, Columbus Visitor's Bureau, M-G, Inc., Eagle Lake Golf Course, First National Bank E.L., Hill Bank, Main Package Store, Bernardo Farm & Ranch, Pilsner's Place, and Heinsohn's.

Tickets may also be purchased from any of the Colorado County Fair Board member or for more information call 979-234-5981.

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