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# Gov. Asks For Help With Rising Food, Feed Prices

AUSTIN - With grocery bills and livestock feed prices inching higher and higher, Gov. Rick Perry asked a federal agency to help bring relief.

In a letter dated April 25, Perry requested a waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency to cut the renewable fuel mandate for ethanol produced from grain

by 50 percent.

The waiver, if granted, would provide Texans with relief at the grocery store and enable the Texas livestock industry to continue providing its big share of the nation's food supply, Perry said.

"We appreciate the good intentions behind the push for renewable fuels. In fact we're diversify-

ing our state's energy portfolio at a rapid rate, but this misguided mandate is significantly affecting Texans' family food bill," Perry said.

The renewable fuel mandate increases corn crop diversion to ethanol production through 2015. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 established the mandate, and amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

**Count of YFZ children increases**

The number of children removed from the polygamist YFZ Ranch near Eldorado on April 3 and ensuing days originally was tabulated at 416. The count increased to 437, and then climbed to 462.

The increase from 437 to 462 accounts for the discovery that at least 25 of the mothers who left the religious sect's 1,700-acre ranch compound are in fact less than 18 years of age.

Ranch children have been transferred to state-certified foster homes, with their parentage to be determined and legal status still up to Texas courts of law.

In a related development, authorities identified 33-year-old Rozita Swinton, a Colorado Springs, Colo., woman, as a "person of interest" in calls made to a crisis hotline that resulted in

law enforcement intervention at the ranch compound. The Texas Rangers are investigating.

**Due date for new tax is extended**

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on April 22 announced that businesses unable to meet the May 15 due date for the franchise tax will have an additional 30 days to submit their returns or file an extension without penalty.

The complexity of the revised franchise tax and the newness of the enhanced electronic reporting methods have caused concern among taxpayers statewide, Combs said.

**Panel to study property taxes**

House Speaker Tom Craddick on April 24 announced the formation of the Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform.

Craddick named Rep. Jim Otto, R-Dayton, as chair and Rep. Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, as vice chair of the 13-member panel.

The assignment is to review sections of the tax code and the Texas Constitution that deal with

the appraised value of property and the limitation of increases in appraised value.

The panel will report its findings to the 81st Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13, 2009.

**High school classes will be online**

The Texas Education Agency announced April 25 the launching of the Texas Virtual School Network.

Authorized by the Texas Legislature in 2007, the network will provide online courses to students throughout Texas.

Classes for grades 9 through 12 are scheduled to begin in the spring of 2009. A list of approved course offerings will be available this fall.

**New Briscoe memoir hits shelves**

The Center for American History at the University of Texas announced April 23 the release of a personal memoir, "Dolph Briscoe: My Life in Texas Ranching and Politics." Briscoe served as governor from 1973 to 1979.

Don Carleton, executive director of the history center, conducted a series of interviews with Gov.

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Briscoe. After each interview, Carleton edited the transcripts to build a narrative in Briscoe's voice. Throughout the process, Briscoe read and revised the text, Carleton said.

**Flags at half-staff for Guerrero**

Gov. Rick Perry on April 24 directed that flags be flown at half-staff in memory of Lena Guerrero of Austin. The former state representative and Texas Railroad Commission member died April 23 at the age of 50, after a long battle with cancer. Burial was in the Texas State Cemetery on April 26.

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

**May 17, 1984**  
 Wedding vows were exchanged by Doris Brigetta Nieman and Timothy Boyd Rees at Mission Bend United Methodist Church in Houston on April 28. The Rev. Robert Lang officiated at the double-ring ceremony...

Miss Denise Kae Fudge of Altair became the bride of Bruce Allen Cason of White Springs, Florida in an impressive double-ring ceremony officiated by the Rev. J. Melburn Sibley on Saturday, April 14 at the bride's home in Altair...

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nunes of Houston, Mrs. Bonnie Nunes of Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schindler of Cat Spring have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Luane and Allen. The June 30 wedding is planned at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus...

Funeral services were held for G.D. "Pete" Reading, 67, of Eagle Lake at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 12 from Christ Episcopal Church with Rev. George Welsh officiating at the services. Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery...

Lee Roy Stancik of Glidden, 62, father of Melvin Stancik of Eagle Lake, passed away May 10 at Diagnostic Hospital in Houston. Last rites were held from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Schorlitt officiating. Burial was in Brune Cemetery in Shaw's Bend...

Miss Mary Kay Dornak, bride-elect of Robby Cook, was honored with a Recipe Shower in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Mahalite Saturday, May 5...  
**May 12, 1960**  
 Eagle Lake High School golf-

ers won second place in state Interscholastic League competition in Austin. The local golfers, Curtis Laughlin, Gerry Clipson, Mike Cheatham, and Eddie Wiese, coached by Ben W. Cobb, posted a total of 676 strokes in the meet, only 5 strokes behind first place winner, Edna. Curtis Laughlin also won medalist honors in the state meet...

Lorell Dye elected president of the Eagle Lake Lions Club for the 1960-61 year...

James C. Adkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Adkins of Lissie, to receive degree at Sam Houston State Teachers College May 22...

Misses Judy Clipson and Mary Ann Uzzell, members of the graduating class of 1960 in Eagle Lake, were complimented at a breakfast given by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Tyler at Marvin's in Altair May 2.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This weekend my son Lee participated in the area track meet in Round Rock Texas, along with two of his teammates, Roman Herek and Mya Ruiz.

These kids are in Special Olympics and if you have never been to one of these events believe me when I say they are awesome. Kids from different towns come together to compete against one another and in their eyes they are not competing they are having fun. It doesn't matter if they come in first or last, to see the joy and excitement makes me look at my life differently.

These kids are living life to the fullest and I thank God everyday for blessing me with my son Lee. He knew what he was doing when he gave me Lee.

I wouldn't change him for the world. Lee has taught me how to be patient and to love and most of all it doesn't take much to be

happy and there are other things he is still teaching me.

I know sometimes we think we have it bad, but if you were to go to one of these Special Olympics events you would think twice about sweating the small stuff. Lee place fourth in the 50 meter dash and he will tell you in a heart beat he ran very fast.

He also placed first in the shotput. I'm so proud of him and I get so emotional during the awards ceremonies because I'm standing there looking at the kids all excited, jumping and doing a little dance and just so full of life and it just touches my heart.

We all have some type of a disability within ourselves and I would like to thank my sister-in-law Stephanie Fields for opening my eyes to that.

So if you see Lee, Roman and Mya make sure you stop them and congratulate them on a job

well done.

I would like to thank Mrs. Judy Pustejovsky for being such a wonderful head coach/busdriver, we couldn't do this without you, and to Mrs. Fruge for getting involved with us this year. We know we took you away from your babies.

Mrs. Molly is another person I would like to thank. If it wasn't for her, Lee, and I wouldn't be involved in Special Olympics.

She would always tell me about it and stayed on me about putting him in Special Olympics and I'm very grateful she did.

Thanks Mrs. Molly. Lee and I love you. If you would like to become a volunteer and want more information please call the Eagle Lake Elementary and ask to speak to Mrs. Judy or Mrs. Fruge or you can e-mail me at almanza@hotmail.com and I will send you to the right person.

Thanks also go out to Ms. Angie (Roman's mom) and to Mya's grandparents, Neil and Sandra. We had a grand ole time.

Thanks,  
 Lee's mom (Becky Almanza)

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