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Governor's Mansion Burned, Arson Suspected

AUSTIN — The governor's mansion burned Sunday morning, June 8. The 152-year-old structure, which was being renovated, is gutted.

Firefighters were summoned around 1:45 a.m. They worked for hours to put the fire out. Authorities said the cause of the fire appeared to be arson. A multi-agency investigation has commenced.

Gov. Rick Perry and first lady Anita Perry were traveling in Europe on a trade mission when the fire occurred. The Perrys moved into a private home months ago to make way for the mansion's multi-million dollar renovation.

What is left of the mansion is

salvageable, the state fire marshal said.

Texas Democrats convene here

Thousands of elected delegates, alternates and guests poured into Austin June 6-8 for the Texas Democratic Party convention.

Boyd Richie of Graham was reelected state party chair. Gov. Tim Kaine of Virginia appeared on behalf of U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee. U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., addressed the convention via the Internet to voice her support for the Obama candidacy. After a 17-month battle for the nomina-

tion, Clinton on June 7 suspended her campaign. A few days earlier, Obama amassed enough delegates from the states and U.S. possessions to win.

The Republican Party of Texas will be in Houston June 12-14 for its state convention.

YFZ children back with families

The Texas Supreme Court on May 29 ruled the removal of children from the polygamy-practicing YFZ ranch in Eldorado should not have been ordered because the state failed to present evidence that the children were in danger.

On June 2, Judge Barbara Walther, in accordance with the Supreme Court ruling, instructed the state Department of Family and Protective Services to release the ranch children from foster care.

Walther, 51st state District Court, Tom Green County, gave the order that set the YFZ Ranch raid in motion on April 3.

Some 416 children who had been placed with caregivers

across Texas were quickly moved back to their families after Walther gave the order.

Authorized people regained custody of children by providing a thumbprint, having their photograph taken with their child and agreeing to attend and complete parenting classes. The state will continue to use DNA testing to establish the parentage of each child and state efforts to investigate possible abuse of children also will continue.

A YFZ ranch spokesman said members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who reside at the 1,700 acre compound near Eldorado will no longer practice "spiritual marriage" of underage girls.

Albert Hawkins, head of the Texas Department of Human Services, said despite the reversal of the massive child custody intervention, the state will not shrink from its duty to protect children from abuse.

Victim protection program debuts

There is a new address con-

fidentiality program for victims of family violence, stalking and sexual assault.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on June 2 announced that eligible Texans may register for an anonymous address that would appear on voter and school registration cards, driver's licenses and most government documents.

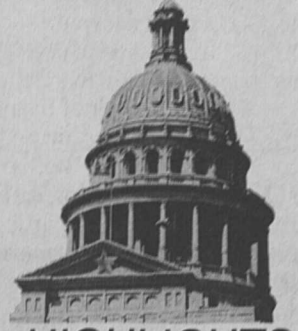
The attorney general's Crime Victim Services Division will assign a substitute address, receive service of process and mail for the participants and forward mail to participants' actual address.

Applicants must meet with a local domestic violence shelter, sexual assault center, law enforcement, or prosecution staff member to discuss a safety plan and learn more about the enrollment process.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Palmview, authored a law passed during the 2007 state legislative session creating the Address Confidentiality Program.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Program scrutinizes drivers

Roadcheck 2008 subjected commercial vehicle drivers to higher than usual scrutiny on the roads of North America, June 3 through June 5.

The Texas Department of Public Safety participated in this intensive inspection program.

Troopers stopped thousands of commercial vehicles to check safety equipment, drivers' log books, licenses and more. Troopers also looked for evidence of drug or alcohol use.

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

June 28, 1984
 Elizabeth Ann Koliba bride-elect of Joe J. Rhodes was honored with a pantry shower Tuesday, June 5...
 Clint Wishert celebrated his first birthday with a party on Saturday, June 16 at the home of his parents Chris and Sandy Wishert in Nada...
 Miss Lori Anne Zemanek of Bryan and Allan Haley Higgins of Houston plan a September wedding at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bryan...
 Little Russell Clint Mueller, son of Stacy and Marilyn

Mueller, was honored on his first birthday Sunday, June 17 with a dinner and party...
 Brian Hadley celebrated his third birthday, Saturday, June 16 at the home of his parents. His actual birthday was June 18...
 Area students have been named to the roster of academic achievement for the 1984 spring semester at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton from Eagle Lake, Francisco J. Delacruz, Elizabeth Garza, Stephen A. Mahalite, Linda G. Schmidt, and Yvonne S. Williams...
 Raider band members Christine Corella and Ronnie Ford won medals at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest held June 4 at the University of Texas at Austin...
 The sanctuary of the First

Baptist Church was the setting for the wedding vows of Miss Janelle Bauer and Charles Jackson Hooper, Jr. Saturday, May 26. The Rev. Melburn Sibley, pastor of the First Baptist Church performed the double ring ceremony...
 Miss Katherine Elizabeth McCart of Austin was united in a lovely ceremony held at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin on Saturday, June 23 with Rev. James T. Bethell officiating...
 Rebecca Louise Anderson, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in education during spring commencement exercises at Baylor University in Waco...
 Larry and Diane Smidovec of Garwood honored their daughter, Misty on her sixth birthday with a party on Thursday, June 21. Her

actual birthday was June 16...
 Funeral services were conducted for William Robert "Bob" Picketts, Jr. at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23 from the chapel of DuLany Funeral Home. Rev. Mike Barron officiated at the services. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery...
 Becky Yvonne Benge of Eagle Lake was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo...
 Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Sommerlatte are very proud to announce the arrival of their second child, a daughter Stephanie Marie Sommerlatte. She arrived on June 20 at 8:07 a.m. weighing nine pounds, two and one half ounces and measured 20 inches long.

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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

District Court Sentencings
 Two individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Monday, June 9. They included:
 Don R. Hennis Jr., burglary of a building. Sentenced to two years probated five years to SAFFP.
 Jesus Montoya, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to 20 years ID-TDCJ.

County Court Dispositions
 Sixteen individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court Wednesday, June 4. They included:
 Eric Brian Angst, driving while intoxicated-2nd offense. Sentenced to 18 months probation, fined \$1,000 plus court costs, three days in jail, and one year driver's license suspension.
 Melvin Ray Henry, criminal trespass. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$100, plus court costs.
 William P. Hollman, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to

one year probation, fined \$750 plus court costs and interlock device.
 John T. Johnson, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.
 Ronald D. Kegler, bail jumping and failure to appear. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, credit for 22.
 Ronald D. Kegler, possession of marijuana (abandon court II, driving while license suspended). Sentenced to 45 days in jail, credit for 45.
 Gilberto Saenz, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 50 days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs.
 Marsha Staff, theft. Fined \$100 plus court costs.
 Tammy Tippit, theft of stolen property. Reduced to Class C. Fined \$50 plus court costs.
 Francisco Velazquez, driving while intoxicated-2nd offense. Sentenced to two years probation, fined \$1,000 plus court costs, five days in jail, one year driver's license suspension, ignition interlock.
 Alfredo Rodriguez, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 20 days in jail, fined \$250 plus court

costs.
 Mason Bergman, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350 plus court costs, ordered to attend drug classes.
 Jennifer Baldrige Bogar, driving while intoxicated-2nd offense. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, credit for 58, fined \$500 plus court costs, one year driver's license suspension.
 Xicotencalt M. Diaz, theft of stolen property. Reduced to Class C. Fined \$100 plus court costs.
 Garrick Francis, theft of stolen property. Reduced to Class C. Fined \$100 plus court costs.
 Gary Wayne Walla, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.
 Michael Peter Weston, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, credit for two, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Two Lawsuits In District Court

Two lawsuits were filed in Colorado County District Court in the past week.
 On June 4, CACH Llc, filed suit against Jennie L. Moore in a dispute over a credit card account. The amount in dispute is \$16,667.
 On June 6, prosecutors filed suit to have forfeited to the state a 1997 Chevrolet Suburban that was seized on June 5 by Trooper Klent Tipton. The suit seeks to have the vehicle forfeited as contraband. Defendants in the suit are Efrén Rentería and Francisca García, both of Houston.

Divorces Filed
 Vivian Guerra and Jerry R. Guerra, June 9.
 Eric Alexander Nethery and Meredith Nicole Nethery, June 9.

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