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Texas Cities Best In Nation In Bang For Buck

AUSTIN - With clogged credit markets and stocks zooming up and down, Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 15 asked state agencies to limit travel and cut discretionary spending before the slowdown in

the national economy hits Texas. On the same day, Perry sent out a news release quoting an Oct. 10 Forbes magazine story rating cities across the nation.

The story says "the economic

storm sweeping the country has left Americans with few places to hide. But those looking to hunker down might want to head to Texas, where they can get the best value for their dollar."

According to the Forbes story, Austin and San Antonio top the list of places where money goes farthest.

"Residents of (Austin and San Antonio) enjoy affordable housing and promising prospects for job growth in coming years. Houston and Dallas also land in the top 10, at Nos. 4 and 7, respectively."

Forbes quoted economist Andrew Gledhill of Moody's Economy.com who said military bases in San Antonio are a draw that spurs widespread job growth.

"Texas, as a whole, is one of the few economies that's performing extremely well because of the energy and technology sectors," Gledhill told Forbes.

U.S. Department of Labor statistics show the jobless rate in the Lone Star State is at 5 percent, or 1 percent lower than the national unemployment rate.

Youth commission gets new chief

Gov. Perry on Oct. 14 named Cherie Townsend of Austin as executive commissioner of the

Texas Youth Commission and removed the agency from conservatorship.

The TYC was placed in conservatorship in March 2007 after state officials received allegations of various forms of abuse and reports of failures and wrong-doing by staff.

The agency's stated mission is to provide for the care, custody, rehabilitation and reestablishment of Texas' most chronically delinquent and serious juvenile offenders, ages 10 to 19.

Townsend succeeds Richard Nedelkoff, who Perry named conservator and acting executive director of the TYC in December 2007. Nedelkoff succeeded Ed Owens who for six months served as conservator and acting executive director of the agency.

AG calls for tougher laws

The Texas attorney general's fugitive unit on Oct. 9 tracked down and arrested a Dallas man wanted for failing to register as a sex offender.

The man, a convicted sex predator, was caught operating a sexually oriented Web site.

After the arrest, Attorney General Greg Abbott said the case indicates that tougher laws are needed to ensure law enforce-

ment can properly monitor known sexual predators.

Abbott recommended that registered sex offenders be required to supplement existing registration data by also providing the Texas Department of Public Safety with their e-mail addresses and online identities, mobile telephone numbers, social networking aliases and other electronic identification information.

State money Web site wins award

The Center for Digital Government on Oct. 14 presented the Office of the Texas Comptroller with two 2008 Best of Texas awards.

An award for Best Technology Solution Serving the Public went to the agency for Where the Money Goes, a virtual check register providing details on state agency expenditures.

The Visionary Award was presented to Victor Gonzalez, director of innovation and chief technology officer for the comptroller's office, for "a vision of government made more accessible, more efficient, more open and more accountable through the use of technology."

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute focusing on

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

information technology policies and best practices in state and local government.

Early voting begins across Texas

Early voting takes place from Oct. 20-31 in all of Texas' 254 counties.

Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade on Oct. 17 suggested that Texans vote early in the Nov. 4 general election.

"I encourage voters to take advantage of the convenience afforded by the early voting period.

"We anticipate a large voter turnout for the general election. By voting early you can avoid the long lines we expect to see on Election Day," Andrade said.

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Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

November 8, 1984
 Navy Seaman recruit Michael L. Ross son of Pat Philipp of Sheridan has completed recruit training at Navy Recruit Training command, Great Lakes...
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kallina announced the arrival of Hannah a baby daughter born Tuesday, November 6 at 12:14 a.m. in the Weimar hospital. She weighed eight pounds, two ounces and

measured 22 inches long...
 Miss Tilda S. Segelquist, 87, of Alvin, passed away Wednesday, October 31 in the Alvin Convalescent Center. Services were conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 2 in the Froberg Funeral Home Chapel in Alvin with the Rev. J.B. Perkins officiating. Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. November 2 in the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake with the Rev. Charles Runk officiating...

Mrs. Ora Bell Baker, 88, of Eagle Lake passed away November 1 at her residence. The funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 4 from the Seydler-Hill Funeral Home in Gonzales. Burial was in the Harwood City Cemetery. Local arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake...
 Edwin Uhlig, 84, formerly of Hungerford, passed away on November 1 at the Heritage House Nursing Home in Eagle Lake. Graveside services were conducted at 4 p.m. on November 3 at Cat Spring Cemetery in Cat Spring with Rev. William Rotter officiating...

Mary and Rollin Baker have just returned from a long weekend on the Yucatan Peninsula, where they attended sessions of a symposium and visited the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza and Uxmal. Earlier, they camped in the mountains of western Mexico in August; attended meetings in Sydney and toured Australia in

July; and fished off the tip of Baja California in April. Now, they are making plans for a Pacific Island adventure in midwinter...

Ms. Linda Felder of Baytown is proud to announce the engagement of her daughter, Teresa Faye Felder to Darrell Wayne Black, son of Ms. Patricia Black of Eagle Lake. A November 17 wedding is planned at the University of Houston at A.D. Bruce Religion Center Chapel...

David and Arlene Nelson of Sealy announce the arrival of a babyboy, Dustin Ross, on October 15 in the Bellville General Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, nine one half ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nelson of Columbus and Gilbert Poenitzsch of Eagle Lake...
 Miss Brenda Kay Williams and Ronald O'Neal Fowler together with their parents, Ms. Dorothy Williams of Garwood and Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Fowler of Manor are

pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage. The wedding will take place on Saturday, November 17 at 2 p.m. in Austin at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church...

November 10, 1960

John F. Kennedy wins election as president of United States and Lyndon B. Johnson to be named as vice president...

Jesse Sosa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sosa, was killed when he and his brother and father were moving a television antenna and it fell across a power line with 12,000 volts...

Helen Thompson was crowned the 1960 homecoming queen to Sheridan school...

Theresa Theuman honored on eighth birthday by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Theuman, with a party at the Community Center on November 3...

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte are the proud parents of a son, Keith Duane, born on November 8 in Laughlin Hospital.

Chamber Plans Casino Night

Casino Night is coming to Eagle Lake!

The ever popular Eagle Lake Casino Night is coming back and it will be better than ever!

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Casino Night on Saturday, November 15.

There will be poker, blackjack, roulette and craps in Eagle Lake, Texas! You don't have to drive to Louisiana or fly to Las Vegas; this is in your backyard.

The fun will begin at 7:00 at the Prairie Edge Museum. Tickets

can be purchased for \$30 from any Chamber Director or at the Chamber Office, 303 East Main Street.

Two drink tickets are included. Come enjoy gaming, food, drinks, a drawing and more. Proceeds benefit the Chamber of Commerce's effort of attracting individuals to live, do business in and visit Eagle Lake.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the community's support.

For more information, please call the Chamber at 979-234-2780 or email Chamber@elc.net.

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