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Secretary Of State Reports 800,000 Increase In Voter Rolls

AUSTIN - The Monday morning deadline for this column forces coverage of the Nov. 4 general election into the next week.

But here is something that is reportable: Texas Secretary

of State Hope Andrade on Oct. 28 announced the final tally of registered voters in Texas for the Nov. 4 general election was 13.5 million, up from 12.7 million registered voters in this year's

March primaries.

Andrade, the state's chief elections officer, said more than 2 million registered voters cast a ballot during the first eight days of the early voting period, which began Oct. 20 and ended Oct. 31.

State Rep predicts

House change

State Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, on Oct. 29 predicted the end of Speaker Tom Craddick's tenure as leader of the Texas House of Representatives.

Craddick, R-Midland, was first elected speaker on Jan. 11, 2003, after serving 34 years as a member of the House. His colleagues reelected him to the powerful post in 2005 and again in 2007.

In a news release posted six days before election day, Keffer said, "Within 24 hours of the polls closing after Tuesday's historic election, I predict there will be a new consensus choice for Texas House Speaker."

Keffer said he plans to consolidate bipartisan support of his candidacy for the speakership on election night.

Keffer, 55, has served as state representative for Eastland, Hood, Brown, Shackelford, Stephens and Palo Pinto counties since 1996.

House members will decide

who is to be speaker soon after the 81st Texas Legislature convenes on Jan. 13, 2009.

RRC catching up with demand

On Oct. 30, Texas Railroad Commissioner Victor Carrillo said record energy sector activity has resulted in drilling permit application numbers that haven't been seen since the last energy boom in the 1980s.

In early October, processing times for expedited drilling permits had reached 13 days, and up to 40 days for non-expedited drilling permits, the RRC reported.

Now, four weeks after a new effort to reduce a backlog of drilling permit applications, the RRC says it has reduced the processing time for expedited drilling permits to three days, and for non-expedited permits, to seven days.

RRC Chairman Michael L. Williams said that to reduce the backlog, some employees are working overtime on Saturdays, some employees have been moved to the drilling permit section and some outside contractors have been hired.

Law lets agency read licenses

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Oct. 31 released an opinion that state law allows the Texas

Lottery Commission to use electronically readable information encoded on the magnetic stripe of a driver's license to verify the age of persons using self-service terminals and vending machines to purchase lottery tickets.

Abbott's opinion, GA-0675, says the Lottery Commission's reading of the cards serves a legitimate law enforcement or governmental purpose.

Texas Lottery director dies

Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Anthony J. Sadberry, 59, died Oct. 28.

First appointed as a lottery commissioner by Gov. Ann Richards in late 1993.

He served as commission chair from October 1994 to August 1995, was named acting executive director in January 2006, and was named executive director in June 2006.

Hurricane shelter aid continues

FEMA extended its program for Texans and Louisianans displaced by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike to Jan. 15, 2009.

The program makes available lodging to evacuees who remain unable to live in their homes because of damage or power outages directly resulting from Gustav or Ike.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

The Federal Emergency Management Agency pays costs of room and taxes directly to the hotel. Meals, telephone calls and other incidental charges are not covered.

Security threat detailed in hearing

Steve McCraw, director of the Texas Office of Homeland Security, on Oct. 28 told a state Senate interim committee that Mexican drug cartels continue to threaten public safety and pose a homeland security problem.

McCraw said Ciudad Juarez, across the Rio Grande River from El Paso, has had 1,140 murders this year, so the state has intensified border security and increased teamwork with local and federal agencies to inhibit cross-border gang activity.

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

The Old Skool Organization and its supporters had a Bake Sale and Car Wash on Friday 10/31/08 and Saturday 11/01/08. We would like to thank all of it's many participants, the children, parents, sponsors and supporters, The First National Bank of Eagle Lake, and B&B Foods of Eagle Lake. Your continued efforts and support made our event both successful and rewarding. We are committed to have a positive outlook, support and willingness to aid our youth. Again, many thanks to the entire city of Eagle Lake for supporting the Old Skool Organization. Striving to support and broaden our kids' horizon, One child at a time

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Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Let's Look Back...

November 22, 1984

Kathy Kalinowsky, bride-elect of Chris Wied, was honored with a bridal shower on November 17 at Nada Parish Hall...

Mrs. Annie Margaret White spent last weekend in Gonzales with her sister and their family. It being her sister's 90th birthday, there was a lovely party given on

Saturday afternoon...

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dostal of Eagle Lake and Bubba Dostal of Kingwood returned home last Thursday from their annual deer hunt in Colorado...

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saucedo Sr. of Fort Worth, announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born on September 19 at 9:48 p.m. The baby was named Sarah Marie and weighed six pounds, 15 ounces. Paternal grandmother is Elsie Saucedo of Eagle Lake...

Miss Tanya Ann Marcarele, bride-elect of James L. (Jay) Bunge III, was honored with a lovely tea shower in the Garwood home of Mr. and Mrs. William Mark Wied. The party was held Saturday, November 3 in the afternoon...

Elmer and Frances Struss were in Austin November 4 to attend the baptism of their granddaughter, Heather Lindsey. The service was held in the Abiding Love Lutheran Church. Sponsors were her aunts and uncles. Heather's parents are Warren and Colleen Struss...

Mrs. Eutie Marie Rowland,

75, of Sheridan passed away on Friday, November 9 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a brief illness. Graveside services and interment were conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 12 at Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island with the Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake, officiating. Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements...

Albert B. Hester, 74, of Cleveland, passed away November 13 at the Humble Rehabilitation Hospital in Humble. The funeral was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 15 from the Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel in Cleveland with Bro. Ira Irwin officiating. Graveside services and interment was held at 3 p.m. at Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island. Local arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home...

James (Jamie) Robert Bass, 21 months old passed away on Thursday, November 8 at 4:15 p.m. at the Ben Taub Hospital in

Houston following a brief illness. The funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 10 from the Dulany Funeral Home, Chapel with Rev. Russell Kope, pastor of the Victoria Church of God, officiating. Burial was in Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan...

William Adolph Baumert, 82, of Eagle Lake, passed away Thursday, November 15 at 8 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 17 from Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Paul Krupicka, Grace Lutheran Church, officiating. Graveside services and interment was held at 2:30 p.m. on November 17 at Kingsbury Cemetery in Kingsbury...

Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth French Avery, 66, of Columbia, South Carolina, passed away Thursday, November 14 in the Monchies Army Hospital there. Services were held Saturday, November 17 at the Dunbar Funeral Home, Divine Street Chapel in Columbia. Interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Two individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Friday, October 31. They included:

Timothy Wiseman, possession of a controlled substance. Probation conditions modified to Central Texas Treatment Center.

Anthony Deshawn Wright, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Sentenced to 10 years

ID-TDCJ.

Anthony Deshawn Wright, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. Sentenced to eight years ID-TDCJ.

Anthony Deshawn Wright, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to 10 years ID-TDCJ.

Anthony Deshawn Wright, aggravated assault with deadly

weapon. Sentenced to 10 years ID-TDCJ.

Marriage Licenses

John Leslie Henslee and Angela Hope Parris, Oct. 31.

Robert Shane Laake and Shelli Dennise Layton, Oct. 31.

Patrick Sean Mackey and Elizabeth Mae Wiseman, Oct. 30.



The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called to a grass fire on Friday afternoon south of town.

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