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Rush Begins On Legislation Filing For Upcoming Session

AUSTIN — Lawmakers filed more than 500 bills Nov. 10-14 in advance of the 81st session of the Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13.

With dynamic national and world economic conditions on the table, lawmakers' big jobs, to appropriate funding and to pass a state budget, are likely to demand more time and effort than in previous sessions.

Those issues aside, here are examples of a few early bills:

HB 60 by Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, would require tax collectors to accept partial payment of ad valorem taxes.

HB 72 by Ryan Guillen, D-San Diego, would repeal the 60-day waiting period for issuing a divorce decree, if one spouse was convicted of assaulting or threatening the other.

HB 220 by Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, would make it illegal to use a cell phone while driving, except if making a call for emergency services.

HB 208 by Rep. Jim Jackson, R-Carrollton, would require local authorities to forward death certificate information to the secretary of state so the names

of the deceased may be purged from lists of eligible voters. The bill also adds language to existing law to deny voting privileges to people who cannot prove citizenship. Another bill, HB 47 by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston, would tighten voters' eligibility by requiring documented proof of home address to be presented at polls.

SB 29 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, would redefine bullying to include "expression through electronic means." Another bill, HB 18 by Rep. David Leibowitz, D-San Antonio, would create an anti-bullying hotline for school children to use.

SB 84 and SB 85, both by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, would require the Texas Education Agency and the Department of State Health Services to create a suicide prevention program for high schools. The program would include training for high school counselors, teachers, nurses, administrators, and other staff, and for law enforcement officers and social workers who regularly in-

teract with high school students.

SB 259 by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, would curb the operation of a concrete crushing plant within 440 yards of a public park, playing field or business where people work outdoors.

SB 297 by Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, would give in-state tuition rates at public colleges and universities for certain veterans, their spouses and children.

Grand jury indicts YFZ suspects

A Schleicher County grand jury in Eldorado on Nov. 13 issued felony indictments against four defendants associated with the YFZ Ranch, the home of a break-away sect of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said one defendant was indicted for conducting an unlawful marriage ceremony involving a minor, a third-degree felony. A second defendant was indicted on three counts of third-degree bigamy. A third defendant was

indicted on three felony charges of bigamy and a felony charge of tampering with physical evidence.

The fourth defendant, sect leader Warren Jeffs, was indicted on a first-degree felony count of aggravated sexual assault. Jeffs also was indicted in July for sexually assaulting a child.

To date, Abbott said, 12 people associated with the compound have been indicted as part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

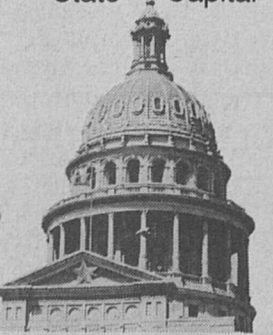
Federal, state and local government officers entered the compound last spring and took into custody more than 300 children who resided there. The children were placed in temporary foster care for about two months.

Program for veterans announced

Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 10 announced the creation of the Texas Veterans Leadership Program to help those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to re-enter civilian life.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

The program, headed by Texas Workforce Commissioner Tom Pauken, will help veterans with job training services, resources and employment referrals.

In August, Perry called on the Texas Legislature to provide in-state tuition to all qualified veterans, their spouses and dependents. The tuition waiver could save veterans and their families up to \$8,100 a year if they take 30 semester credit hours at a Texas public university, Perry said.

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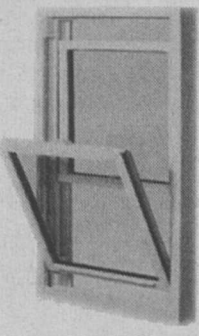
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December 6, 1984

Happy birthday wishes are extended to Shirley Luedecke on December 9...

Sandy Bendy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Truly has joined her dad in his real estate business in Eagle Lake called Truly Properties...

Miss Brenda Gail Rucka and Stephen Wayne Potter were united in Holy Matrimony in a beautiful ceremony at 4 p.m. of Saturday, September 29 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake. Reverend Lionel de Silva officiated at the double ring ceremony...

The United Way of Eagle Lake area received a total of \$16,632.89 in contributions donated during their campaign. Below are a few donors who contributed Irving Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stiles, Marvin Semora, Albert Konviska, Rev. Ray Widacki, TXI. Ernie Sommerlatte and Phyllis Thomas, campaign chairpersons, are delighted on the end

results of the fund drive, which they exceeded their goal thanks to the people of this area...

Mrs. Nida Marie Beane, 90, of Ramsey, passed away on November 29 at her residence following a sudden illness. Services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday,

December 1 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Runk, Pastor of United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery...

Mrs. Mattie D. Barnett, 81,

of Eagle Lake, passed away November 26 at 11:50 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Houston. Services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 29 from the Dulany Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Runk officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery.



The Eagle Lake Headlight's Kris Kringle Cash Giveaway

Count the number of symbols in advertisements in this edition, including Gift Guide, and submit your guess in writing to the Headlight by Monday, Nov. 24

(including symbol on this entry form)

A drawing of all the correct entries will be held to determine the winner

Two winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to any one of the businesses

Kris Kringle Cash Entry Form
(Return to The Headlight by 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 24)
PO Box 67, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

My Guess Is _____ (including symbol on this entry form)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

I'd like to use my certificate at _____
(Must be business advertising in this week's Headlight)

One Entry Per Person

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Twenty-eight Sentenced In District Court

Twenty-eight individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Nov. 14 and Nov. 17. They included:

Corey Levan Bishop, injury child/elderly/disabled reckless bodily. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$250.

Sherman W. Blackstock, engage in organized criminal activity. Sentenced to five years ID-TDCJ.

Sherman W. Blackstock, criminal mischief. Sentenced to 18 months in state jail.

Lotronda Devon Coleman, theft. Sentenced to three years ID-TDCJ.

Terrance Earls, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to five years ID-TDCJ.

John Dustin Henry, aggravated assault w/deadly weapon. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$750 - BIPP Class.

James Robert Jordan, assault causing bodily injury date/family/house. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$250.

Jimmy Kieborz III, aggravated assault w/deadly weapon. Sentenced to 10 years ID-TDCJ.

Rebecca A. Linney, engage in organized criminal activity. Sentenced to three years ID-TDCJ.

Rebecca A. Linney, criminal

mischief. Sentenced to 15 months state jail.

Bonnie Margolis, driving while intoxicated-3rd or more. Sentenced to four years ID-TDCJ.

Antonio H. Mendoza, driving while intoxicated-3rd or more. Sentenced to 10 years ID-TDCJ, probated five years, fined \$500.

Mariano R. Mendoza, assault causing bodily injury date/family/house. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$250.

Michael Edwin Paden, Jr., sex offenders duty to register 10 years. Sentenced to 10 months state jail.

Roderick Rhinehart, sex offenders duty to register life/annually. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Savannah Rae Spears, obstruct retaliation. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$750.

Lee Lydell Toliver, credit card or debit card abuse. Sentenced to 12 months state jail.

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Juan J. Vasquez, burglary habitation intend other felony. Sentenced to five years ID-TDCJ.

Nov. 17, 2008

Alejandro Garza, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to six months state jail.

Valentine Guerrero, obstruct retaliation. Sentenced to 30 days in county jail.

Monika Herrera, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$500 - nine days in jail COP.

Veronica Kay Jackson, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$500.

Morgan Case Jennings-Smith, criminal negligent homicide. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$5,000.

Steven R. Kilpatrick, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to two years state jail, probated three years, fined \$500, to CTTC.

Michael J. Miles, fraud use/possession of identifying info. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000, \$620 restitution.

Charles E. Mosby, possession of a controlled substance. Probation conditions modified to SAFFP.

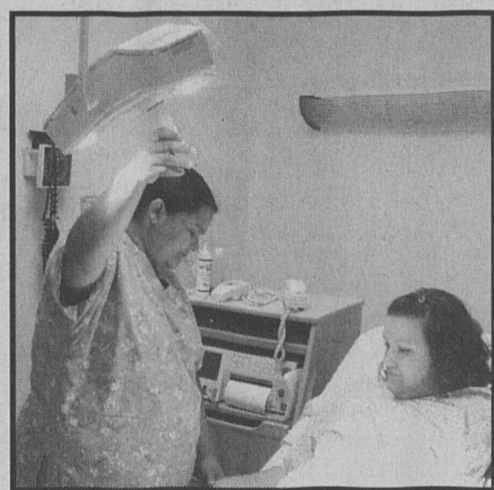
Stephanie N. Navarro, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$500.

Joseph Ruiz, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Sentenced to 10 years ID-TDCJ.

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Delfina Sosa, prohibited substance correctional facility-alcohol/drug/phone. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500 reduced to Class A, abandon correctional facility enhancement.

Cathy F. Sturm, theft. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, \$3,000 restitution up front, signed restitution lien, 30 days in jail.



Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers

purchased state of the art overhead guided lamp lighting in both the emergency trauma room and labor and delivery room suite to improve patient care.

Anna Hailey, RN, OB nurse is displaying the new lighting system in the OB suite.

Hailey, along with Erin Glueck, RN, recently completed specialty certification in neonatal resuscitation. RMC continues to strive to provide our patients with modern equipment and highly trained staff to care for your family.

Four Sentenced In County Court

Four individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, Nov. 12. They included:

Christopher A. Lofton, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 20 days in jail, fined \$250 plus court costs.

Cedric Penn, theft of stolen property. Fined \$100 plus court costs, \$335 in restitution.

Michael J. Sanders, interference with emergency call. Fined \$600 plus court costs.

Jimmy Smith, assault family violence. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Jimmy Smith, assault/terroristic threat. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

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