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Governor To Create Hurricane Recovery Panel

AUSTIN - In the space of three months last summer, the Texas coast suffered punishing blows from three hurricanes: Dolly, Gustav and Ike.

Because of the resulting breadth and depth of disaster in coastal counties, Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 20 announced the creation of the Governor's Commission for Disaster Recovery and Renewal.

It's an advisory panel of public and private sector experts who will create a plan to assist communities in recovery.

Perry also directed the Texas

Department of Transportation to assist with debris removal in Southeast Texas.

"Two months after Ike's land-fall, Texans are still sleeping in cars or tents outside of padlocked trailers," Gov. Perry said. "Mounds of debris are piled up in coastal communities, creating health hazards while Washington remains mum about whether it will provide the same level of resources it did for Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

"These situations clearly demonstrate that the federal govern-

ment's recovery system is broken. I am confident this new commission will find solutions to these challenges as well as create a plan to speed recovery and accelerate economic development."

Job one is to address the housing shortage for residents whose homes were destroyed by the hurricanes.

State seeks to curb trafficking

Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, harboring, transporting or obtaining of a person for labor or services for the purpose of subjecting victims to involuntary servitude, slavery or forced commercial sex acts.

On Nov. 17, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, held a news conference to announce the release of the Office of the Attorney General's new 57-page report, "The Texas Response to Human Trafficking."

The study details the impact of human trafficking on Texas and examines how changes in the law could reduce human trafficking and provide better services for

victims.

Van de Putte said she plans to advance state efforts to eliminate human trafficking in Texas in the upcoming legislative session.

Abbott said, "The state of Texas must continue to focus on preventing human trafficking and protecting its victims."

Former Texas AG Mattox dies

Former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox died in his sleep Nov. 20 at his home in Dripping Springs. He was 65.

Mattox served as the state's chief law enforcement officer from 1983 to 1991. He also served Texas as a state representative, 1972-76, and as a U.S. congressional representative from 1976-82. He ran for governor in 1990 and lost to Ann Richards in the Democratic primary. He also ran for U.S. Senate in 1994, losing to Richard Fisher in the primary. In 1998, he tried to win back the office of attorney general, but lost to Republican John Cornyn.

Gov. Perry ordered flags to half-staff in memory of Mattox Nov. 20-21.

Another files to be next speaker

Now 10 lawmakers have filed to be the speaker of the Texas House of Representatives in the upcoming 81st regular session of the Legislature.

The latest is State Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, who filed on Nov. 18.

The 150-member body will vote on opening day, Jan. 13.

The list of speaker candidates presently includes incumbent House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland and Reps. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, Allan Ritter, D-Nederland, Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, and Solomons.

Texas sounds call for retirees

The Texas Department of Agriculture is promoting a growing list of Texas cities and counties as friendly and attractive places for Americans looking for the perfect place to spend their golden years.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

So far, the agency's GO TEXAS Certified Retirement Community Program presently includes 22 cities and counties, including Athens, Canyon, Clifton, Cuero, De Kalb, Duncanville, Franklin County, Gun Barrel City, Harlingen, Longview, Lufkin, Nacogdoches County, Odessa, Palestine, Panola County, Paris, Pittsburg, San Augustine County, Shelby County, Texarkana, Tulia and Winnsboro.

Created in 2005 by the Texas Legislature, the program helps smaller communities draw attention to their attributes through national marketing and promotional work.

The Rice Area Memorial VFW Post 8783

Would like to thank those who donated items for their recent drawing and also thank you to those who purchased drawing tickets.
All proceeds benefit college scholarships.

Taco Tony's Mexican Restaurant

20 Calhoun Road • Eagle Lake
979-234-3984

Breakfast Specials: Mon.-Fri., 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Lunch and Dinner Specials
Mon.-Fri. Beginning at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

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Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
and 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
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Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Let's Look Back...

December 13, 1984

Miss Tanya Ann Marcareale bride-elect of James L. Bunge, III was honored with a lingerie shower, Saturday, December 8 in the home of Mrs. Dennis Smith...

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ware, announced the birth of their second child, a son, born on December 4 at 2:20 p.m. at Park Plaza Hospital in Houston. The baby was named James Russell and weighed nine pounds, four ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller of Eagle Lake...

Army Pfc. Bonnie L. Laughlin, daughter of Richard L. and Doris A. Laughlin of Rock Island has arrived for duty in Butzbach West Germany...

William Eugene Royer, 68 and Lillian Viola Royer, 72 both of Houston passed away from injuries received from an auto accident on December 6 on Hwy.

90A in Sheridan. Mr. Royer passed away at the scene of the accident. Services for Mr. and Mrs. Royer were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 10 from the Brookside Funeral Home Chapel in Houston

with Pastor Phillip C. Tesch officiating. Burial was in Brookside Cemetery...

Maria DeLaLuz Cardenas, 72, of Eagle Lake, passed away on Saturday, December 8 at 10 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community

Hospital following a lengthy illness. Services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 10 from Berea Church with Ruben Romero officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Twenty-one individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, November 19. They included:

Blanca Salinas Alvarez, assault causes bodily injury family member. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, \$150 fine plus court costs and ordered to attend anger management classes.

Antonio Casas, fleeing police officer. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Rocky Glen Howe, Jr., possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, \$350 fine plus court costs and ordered to attend drug classes.

Felipe Ray Melendez, driving while license invalid with previous conviction. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Juan Melendez, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Tomica Moore, theft of stolen property. Fined \$100 plus court costs, reduced to Class C.

Dennis Pavlicek, theft of stolen property. Fined \$100 plus court costs, reduced to Class C.

Ernesto Robles, theft. Probation extended three months.

John L. Thompson, terroristic threat of family/household. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Manuel Arevalo-Gutierrez, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Brenda Axel, assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, \$150 fine plus court costs and ordered to attend anger management classes.

Larry W. Hahn, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs, one year driver's license suspension.

Lloyd Eugene Harris, driving while license invalid with previous conviction. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Tracy Henry, theft of stolen property. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, fined \$100.

Jimmy Kieborz, III, assault causing bodily injury. Sentenced to 50 days in jail.

Michael Lujan, assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Francisco Lumbi, possession of dangerous drug. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350 plus court costs, ordered to attend drug management classes.

Hector Rendon, bail jumping and failure to appear. Sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Hector Rendon, failure to identify giving false/fictitious information. Sentenced to 12 days in jail.

Surjit Singh, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs, six month's driver's license suspension.

Lee Ellis Tate, Jr., evading arrested/detention. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

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The Eagle Lake Headlight's Kris Kringle Cash Giveaway

Count the number of symbols in advertisements in this edition and submit your guess in writing to the Headlight by Monday, Dec. 1

(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
advertising in this edition.

Kris Kringle Cash Entry Form

(Return to The Headlight by 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1)
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Name _____ Phone _____

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Headlight Goes to Vegas!

From left, Adrian "Mudcat" Gonzales and wife Natalie, Stephen Aguilar, and Laura Miramontes were caught reading the Eagle Lake Headlight in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada.

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