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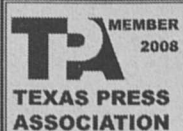
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Governor Warns Clean Air Rules Would 'Cripple' Texas

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 24 urged the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency not to pass a proposed framework that

would toughen regulations on greenhouse gas emissions.

Examples of greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, ozone and

methane.

Perry said the EPA is planning to reinterpret the federal Clean Air Act in ways that would "cripple the Texas economy."

Concerned that the EPA will take action before President George W. Bush's term of office ends in January, Perry and a group of other governors scheduled a Dec. 2 meeting with president-elect Barack Obama to discuss regulatory concerns.

Perry on Nov. 24 proposed:
✧ Making alternative energy technologies less expensive to encourage commercial use.

✧ Removing barriers to innovation and competition.

✧ Modernizing the national energy grid to support wind and solar energy transmission.

✧ Facilitating investments in the development of carbon capture and sequestration technologies.

✧ Removing barriers to investment in nuclear generation that would reduce carbon emissions.

✧ Encouraging competitiveness, innovation and growth in alternative energy sources.

Filing of early bills continues

Jan. 13 is the start date for the 81st session of the Texas Legislature and March 13 is the deadline for the filing of major bills, so there is plenty of time for every Texan's state rep and senator to attempt to make new laws or repeal or amend existing ones.

As of Nov. 30, Texas lawmakers had filed more than 700 bills to be considered in the coming session. Here are a couple of bills that were filed Thanksgiving week.

SB 321 by Elliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, would require the filing and posting on the Internet of reports of school board candidates' political contributions and expenditures.

HB 345 by Gary Elkins, R-Houston, would require businesses to do more to protect sensitive personal information contained in customer records. SB 327 by Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, is the same as HB 345.

Board limits state budget

The Texas Constitution requires the Legislature to pass a state budget that does not exceed the projected growth of the state economy.

In mid-November, the 10-member Legislative Budget Board

unanimously adopted a rate of 9.14 percent for fiscal 2010-11.

The rate reflects the estimated growth rate in the state economy from the 2008-2009 biennium to the 2010-2011 biennium as projected by the Texas Comptroller.

The LBB is required to meet and set the constitutional spending limit prior to every legislative session. It is co-chaired by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, and includes certain automatic appointed members.

They include Steve Ogden, R-College Station, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Warren Chisum, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and Jim Keffer, chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means; and appointed members, Sens. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, John Whitmire, D-Houston; and Reps. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, and Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

TEA chief joins task force

The Texas Education Agency announced Nov. 25 that Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott has been selected to serve on a 10-member presidential transition task force to develop education recommendations

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that could be carried out during the first 100 days of the Obama administration.

The task force was created by the Council of Chief State School Officers, a geographically and politically diverse group that will forward its recommendations to the next U.S. secretary of education.

Mattox buried in state cemetery

Former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, 65, died of a heart attack in his sleep at his home in Dripping Springs on Nov. 19. His body lay in repose in the Texas House Chamber on Nov. 24, and thousands paid their respects. Mattox was buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin on Nov. 25.

The Eagle Lake Christmas

"Traditional Christmas Parade of Lights"

Sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Inc.
Visitor's Bureau and Office of Economic Development

Saturday, December 13, 2008

Please submit your entry by: Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Lineup: 5:00 pm-6:00pm

Judging: 6:00pm- 6:30 pm

Parade Starts: 6:45 pm

The Chamber Office will open at 5:00pm to sell baked goods, hot chocolate & light-up necklaces!

Entry Forms can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you.

Contact Information

Chamber@elc.net
979-234-2780
www.VisitEagleLake.com

Return completed entry form to:

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce
303 East Main Street
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

The Chamber Office will be open before, during and after the parade. We will be selling Hot Chocolate, Baked Goods and Necklaces for the Kids! There is no fee to enter the parade; donations will be graciously accepted to offset expenses. Contact the Chamber office Tuesday thru Friday 8:30am-12:00noon for your entry form.

Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

December 20, 1984

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Pidgeon left on Friday, December 14 for San Antonio to enjoy the Christmas festivities on the River Walk...

Donny Dierschke graduated Saturday, December 15 from Sam Houston State University with a BBA degree...

Marine gunnery Sgt. Bobby G. Wright son of Douglas R. and Martha A. Wright of Garwood has enlisted for five years while serving with second Marine Aircraft Wing Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina...

Lawrence Max Girndt Sr., 81, of Rock Island, passed away Saturday, December 15 in Eagle

Lake Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 17, at Rock Island Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Burial was in Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Eight Sentenced In District Court

Eight individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on December 1. They included:

Kathleen Cleveland, forgery financial instrument. Sentenced to six months county jail.

Andrew Garamillo, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000.

Kenneth W. Kunetka, posses-

sion of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000, and 10 days in jail.

Thomas Avery Moore, III, evading arrest/detention using vehicle. Sentenced to 60 days in jail, fined \$2,000.

Chandra D. Perry, theft. Sentenced to 18 months state jail, probated five years, fined \$500.

Robert Lee Reyna, assault public servant. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Robert Lee Reyna, aggravated

assault with deadly weapon. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Robert Lee Reyna, assault public servant. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Brandon Roberts, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to five years ID-TDCJ.

Robert Lee Reyna, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Sentenced to 12 months state jail, no credit.

Hilario Zuniga, Jr., possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to six months state jail.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the period ending Nov. 6.

Friday, October 24

At 6:02 am, Deputy Hudson met with a complainant from Glidden in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported that her cell phone was stolen from her residence. The suspect was identified and later issued a citation for Theft. Case closed.

At 1:55 pm, Deputy Argo responded to Rice High School in reference to a student causing a disturbance and using profanity. After further investigation, one student was issued a citation for Disruption of Classes. Case closed.

Saturday, October 25

At 12:30 am, Deputy Martell and Sgt. Staff made contact with a subject in a vehicle at the KoKonut Grove Bar on FM 2434 in Glidden. After further investigation, Terry Glynn Jenkins, 25 of Butler Alabama, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. Case closed.

At 8:05 am, Deputy Savino made contact with a complainant about a Public Nuisance allegation at a residence in Sheridan. On arrival, it was determined that a subject had piled garbage and brush into an area between residences. The suspect was issued a Public Nuisance warning and given 30 days to remove the garbage. Case is pending compliance within the allotted time period.

At 3:30 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to A. Braden and Cat Spring Road in reference to several loose head of cattle on the property. After further investigation, the owner was located

and arrangements were made to retrieve the cattle. Case closed.

Monday, October 27

At 3:43 am, Deputy Gonzalez responded to a residence on Old Altair Road near Eagle Lake in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, the disturbance was determined to be a verbal argument. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 8:23 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt conducted a traffic stop on Austin Street and Hwy 90A near Eagle Lake. After further investigation, Ashley Christine Nelson, 21 of LaGrange, was arrested for Altered Vehicle Registration and No Liability Insurance. Case closed.

Tuesday, October 28

At 9:10 am, Deputy Butts conducted a traffic stop on FM 2434 and Hwy 90 in Glidden. After further investigation, William Coronado III, 28 of Columbus, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid and No Proof of Liability Insurance. Case closed.

At 11:03 am, Deputy Mieth met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to phone Harassment. After further investigation, the suspect was identified and advised to stop making contact with the complainant. No criminal charges were filed at the request of the complainant. Case closed.

At 2:20 pm, Deputy Abbott initiated a traffic stop on FM 2434 and Hwy 90 in Glidden. After further investigation, Cordaroll Jade Celestine, 22 of Glidden, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid, No Proof of Liability Insurance, and Disregarding Stop Sign. Case closed.

At 7:37 pm, Deputy Zak responded to an abandoned vehicle

on FM 109 at Road Runner Lane north of Columbus. After further investigation, Donna Jean Vaneke, 48 of Three Rivers, was arrested for Public Intoxication. Case closed.

Wednesday, October 29

At 8:17 am, Deputy Mieth responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to a dispute. After further investigation, the incident was determined to be a civil matter. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 11:30 am, Sgt. Staff responded to Texana in reference to a Peace Officer's Warrant for a mental patient. The patient was transported to the Austin State Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

Thursday, October 30

At 6:25 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to a residence on FM 102 in reference to fence damage. On arrival, the complainant and suspect had already arranged for the incident to be handled as a civil matter. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 9:08 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 71 and Main Street in Garwood. After further investigation, Jodi Renee Grimes, 35 of Freeport, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid. Case closed.

At 10:15 pm, Deputy Zak made contact with a subject on N. Eagle in Weimar. After further investigation, Mario Sandoval, 23 of Columbus, was arrested for Public Intoxication. Case closed.

Friday, October 31

At 8 am, Deputy Argo and Deputy Hudson responded to Rice High School in reference to students fighting. After further

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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. 8

(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. 8)

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)