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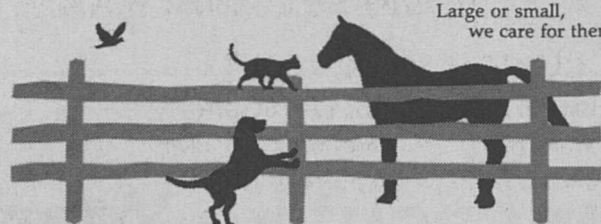
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Sweep Nets 81 Drug Cartel Arrests

AUSTIN -- More than 200 Texas Department of Public Safety agents, troopers, pilots and Texas Rangers took part in an Oct. 21 sweep targeting the La Familia Michoacana criminal cartel resulting in 81 arrests in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and Austin areas.

The law enforcement work was done in coordination with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Reported as seized in the sweep: 220 pounds of methamphetamine, 23.1 pounds of cocaine, one gallon of liquid methamphetamine, \$960,000 in cash, 54 guns, 53 vehicles, one jet ski, one recreational vehicle and two all terrain vehicles, the DPS reported.

Earlier this year, Mexican authorities arrested 27 public officials in the state of Michoacan with suspected ties to La Familia, the DPS reported.

RRC creates new division

The Texas Railroad Commission, the state agency that regulates the energy industry, last week approved the creation of a new Alternative Energy Division.

Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones provided the impetus.

Jones said the new division will focus on existing alternative energy currently under the commission's jurisdiction and will provide a platform for development of alternative energy forms such as compressed and liquefied

natural gas.

Scratch-off to benefit vets fund

A new \$2 lottery ticket, The Veterans Cash Scratch-Off, will go on sale Nov. 9.

Proceeds from ticket sales, expected to about \$8 million in its first year, will benefit the state's Permanent Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

The lottery ticket will provide "a secure revenue stream to fund critical services and programs for veterans and their families."

"Our veterans have already paid the price, now it is time for Texas to honor their sacrifice," said State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio.

Van de Putte and state Rep. Chris Turner, R-Arlington, announced the debut of the new game on Oct. 19.

Sunset review list is released

State Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, the newly appointed chair of the Sunset Advisory Commission, last week released the names of 28 state agencies to be reviewed in 2010-2011.

A few of the agencies on the list are: the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the Texas Department of Information Resources and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The 12-member commission reviews policies and programs of more than 150 state agencies.

Community college enrollment is up

Enrollment increased by 65,000 at Texas community colleges this fall — an 11 percent increase — the Texas Association of Community Colleges reported last week.

Dr. Richard Rhodes, TACC chair and president of El Paso Community College, and Dr. Rey Garcia, TACC president and CEO, said in a letter to the governor, lieutenant governor and House speaker that community colleges in Texas have grown by more than 40 percent since 2000, like "adding the equivalent of seven Texas Tech universities or four Universities of Texas at Austin to the state's higher education system capacity."

End of toll fine program in sight

Motorists who have not paid delinquent tolls may still take advantage of the Texas Department of Transportation's offer to reduce violation fees.

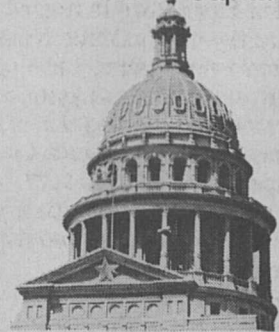
They have until Nov. 30 to pay up.

In return for payment of all outstanding tolls, TxDOT says it will waive 90 percent of the administrative and collection fees accrued.

To receive the fee reduction, customers must also open a TxTag account and keep it in good standing.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Changes to reduce wait times

The DPS is doing something to reduce wait times for residents applying for licenses or for renewing them.

As of Oct. 29-30, those motorists who want to reinstate suspended or revoked driver's licenses or obtain copies of their driving record, instead of showing up at the DPS office will instead submit their required documentation online or by mail.

Giant school aid fund recovers

The Permanent School Fund overseen by the State Board of Education apparently is mirroring the recovery generally seen in the financial markets.

The fund was down to about \$16 billion last spring, but it is now around \$22 billion, the Texas Education Agency announced Oct. 23.

The fund, established in 1854, helps pay for textbooks and other educational expenses.

In Memory of Mildred Parker Williams
March 11, 1943-October 28, 2003
Our Mother Depart, But never her love,
And never the lessons she taught us,
Never her guidance, Never her blessing,
Never the joys she bought to us.
It's been six long years
Without you,
We love and miss you so much!
The Curry, Parker and Rogers Family

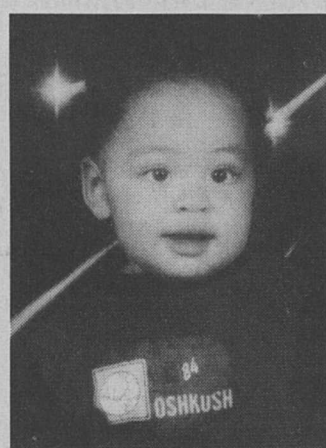
Happy 1st Birthday

Chace Diggs

October 28

Love,

Mom, Dad and Family



Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

November 21, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Leopold of Nada announce the arrival of their fourth child, a daughter, born November 9 at Columbus Community Hospital. She weighed nine pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches long. The baby was named Margie Ann....

Mrs. Oneta Alice Runk, 58, of Eagle Lake passed away on Thursday, November 14 at 2:40 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 16 from Eagle Lake United Methodist Church with Rev. E.B. Beasley, pastor of Lissie United Methodist Church officiating. Graveside services and interment was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Shiner City Cemetery...

Mrs. Elizabeth Julia Braden, 86, of Eagle Lake passed away on Monday, November 18 at 10:45 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Rosary was recited at

7 p.m. Wednesday, November 20 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Services were held Thursday, November 21 at 10 a.m. from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with Rev. Paul McCollum officiating. Burial was held at Lakeside Cemetery...

Alice Herring, 108, passed

away on Wednesday, November 13 at Genetic Nursing Home in Ocala, Florida. Graveside services were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 16 in Webster Cemetery in Webster, Florida with Rev. Ball officiating...

Mary and Charles Dudleyston were honored on their birthdays with an open house in

the Henry Kretschmar home from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, November 3 by their children...

Mrs. Joyce Brown, county extension agent-home economics serving Victoria county since 1972, received the prestigious Texas Superior Service Award in ceremonies at Texas A&M University recently.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Nine Sentenced In District Court

Nine individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Friday, Oct. 23. They included:

\$15,000.00 in U.S. Currency, asset forfeiture. Awarded judgment of forfeiture to the state.

Stephen W. Bass, burglary of building. Sentenced to 180 days in jail.

Marco Antonio Beltran. Forgery government instrument/money/securities. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Melissa J. Beyer, criminal mischief. Probation conditions modified, Jefferson County Restitution Center.

Jarred L. Doyle, possession controlled substance. Sentenced to 10 months state jail.

Martin Guzman, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. Sentenced to 10 years, probated five years, fined \$1,000, 10 days in jail as COP.

Deana Hamilton, theft. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication.

Luis A. Barra, possession controlled substance. Sentenced to five years ID-TDCJ.

Mark Mitchell, Jr., engage in organized criminal activity. Sentenced to 12 years ID-TDCJ.

Connie Pavlicek, possession controlled substance. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, fined \$500.

Twenty-Four Sentenced In County Court

Twenty-four individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday Oct. 21. They included:

Darvin C. Ashton, assault causing bodily injury. Sentenced to 180 days in jail.

Ryan Allen Cason, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined \$250 plus court costs.

Michael Chovanec, accident involving damage to vehicle. Sentenced to four days in jail, fined \$250 plus court costs and restitution.

Ricky Fenix, Jr., possession of controlled substance (dismissed) and possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 10 days in jail — weekends.

London Ferguson, driving while intoxicated-2nd offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, work release.

Jean F. Nesbitt, driving while intoxicated-2nd offense. Sentenced to two years probation, fined \$1,500, 10 days in jail as COP, court costs and interlock device.

Juanita Nieves, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Joel Ramos, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 45 days in jail.

Cody Ryland, possession of dangerous drug and reckless driving (abandon). Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Isidro Villa, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Frederick O. Wilks, Jr., possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250 plus court costs, ordered to attend drug class.

Christine R. Bodily, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500, \$140 restitution.

Reginald R. Bursey, resist arrest search or transport. Sentenced to 75 days in jail.

Kenneth L. Cranford, terroristic threat of family/household. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Troy Cardell Denley, assault causes bodily injury. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Christopher M. Gonzalez, fail to identify giving false/fictitious info. Sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Christopher M. Gonzalez, harassment. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Matthew Brian Hinze, driving while intoxicated-2nd offense. Sentenced to two years probation, fined \$1,500 plus court costs and restitution.

Johnny K. Matejek, harassment. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Belinda Joyce McAfee, theft

stolen property by check. Fined \$100 plus court costs.

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Ross A. Moore, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$600 plus court costs.

Jon Charles Nelson, III, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250 plus court costs, drug class.

Felipe Almanza-Robles, prohibited weapons switchblade/knuckles. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Rafael Ruiz, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Rayshan Renard Spears, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

One Suit Filed In District Court

One lawsuit was filed in the last week in Colorado County District Court.

On Oct. 26, Thomas and Roylene Pigg filed suit against Zimmer Inc., Sandy B. Bahm II and Columbus Community Hospital in a dispute over treatment received at the hospital on Oct. 22, 2007.

Divorces Filed

Juanita M. Vasquez and Jesus Vasquez, Oct. 23.

Norman LaShawn Shropshire and Shonetta LeeTrece Shropshire, Oct. 23.

County Approves Grant Application

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, approved contracting with Grantworks Inc. to apply for \$75,000 in federal stimulus funds for energy efficiency and conservation.

County Judge Al Jamison said Grantworks would be paid \$1,500 for its work in assisting the county.

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CHAMBER'S

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