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Interest High In Primary Filing

AUSTIN -- The filing period to run in next year's Democratic and Republican primaries opens Dec. 3 with an extra helping of political interest.

Former gubernatorial hopeful Tom Schieffer is out of the Democratic Party primary race; Houston Mayor Bill White now is considered the leading Democratic candidate for governor; and GOP candidate U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said she will remain in the Senate until after the primary.

Gov. Rick Perry and Hutchison have scheduled a debate in North Texas for Jan. 14.

That means Hutchison, if she files to run for governor, will have to maintain her presence in Washington while trying to campaign against Perry in Texas.

And it leaves other Republicans hoping to move up the political ladder having to seek their current offices rather than a higher or different one in the March 2 primary.

The deadline for filing to run in the two primaries is Jan. 4.

White is a proven fundraiser and popular mayor who would give the Democrats their best opportunity in years to win statewide office.

The other candidates who have said they will enter the primary race for governor are rancher Hank Gilbert, hair products entrepreneur Farouk Shami

and humorist Kinky Friedman. All said they intend to stay in the race.

Even if White wins the March primary handily, he will have an uphill race against either Perry or Hutchison. Republicans have won every election for a statewide office since 1996.

Texas loses military contract

The Pentagon has decided to switch production of Army trucks from Sealy to Wisconsin, which could mean the loss of \$2.6 billion and 10,000 jobs if Texas politicians can't save the contract for BAE Systems. BAE, which has been making the trucks for 17 years, lost the bid for the contract to the Oshkosh Corp.

Oshkosh had financial help from the Wisconsin governor's office and the support of the state's Democratic congressional delegation.

Gov. Perry's office said BAE did not ask for the governor's help in securing the contract. Oshkosh's bid to build 23,000 trucks and trailers over the next five years was about 10 percent below BAE's.

"We never saw this coming — we were completely blindsided," says a top aide to U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a former member of the Senate Armed Services Committee panel with jurisdiction over military vehicles.

Perry rejects school standards

Gov. Perry has told Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott the state should not adopt national standards in seeking federal stimulus money.

The U.S. Department of Education is giving preference for Race to the Top stimulus funds to states that adopt national standards and assessments for public school students.

Perry said that Texas is ahead of most states in setting standards for students to be college-ready at high school graduation and that the federal government should not be intruding in Texas classrooms. In a release from his office, Perry said Texas is eligible for as much as \$750 million in Race to the Top funds, but it would cost the state up to \$3 billion to realign its education system to meet the education department's standards.

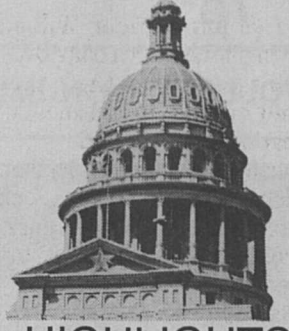
"The federal government works best when it supports state-led efforts to improve our schools," Scott said. "This is not a state-led effort." Texas has been praised in education circles for its standards for schools and its efforts to measure student progress.

No extra pay for state retirees

Attorney General Greg Abbott has ruled that retired state workers and teachers are not eligible

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

for a \$500 bonus this year. Last session, the Legislature approved the bonus for retired members of the Employees Retirement System (ERS) and Teacher Retirement System (TRS).

But the \$155 million in payments depended on a ruling from Abbott that the bonus was legal. In his opinion, Abbott said the Legislature's requirement for a conclusive ruling made it impossible to find authority for the one-time payment.

Tim Lee, executive director of the TRS, said it appeared the Legislature wrote the bill to ensure the bonus would not be awarded. The \$500 one-time payment was a compromise. The House had proposed a \$1,000 payment, but the Senate bill had none. The \$155 million will now go into the two retirement funds, which still can't cover their obligations to retirees over the next 31 years.

Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1985

John Stovall and Charles Budaus worked as Santa's Helper at the Garwood School...

Army Colonel Joe N. Frazier, III son of Joe N. Frazier, Jr. and Ellen B. Frazier, arrived for duty with the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA...

Receiving his BBA degree in accounting from Sam Houston State University was David Sommer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sommer...

Aleecce Martinez Munoz of Eagle Lake, and Mablean Bluntson and Monica Pieprzycza of Garwood passed the state examination for licensure as vocational

nurses...

Mascot and Sparkle for 1986 for the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department are Mascot Christopher Tolliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tolliver and Miss Sparkle Sammi Gertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gertson...

Mary Canaris, manager of the Texas Televideo Movie Club here received a trophy for having the cleanest, neatest store among the 20 such clubs in the chain...

G.F. "Slim" Harborth, 79, of Eagle Lake, passed away Dec. 18 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Andrew Garcia, 62, of Eagle

Lake, passed away Dec. 23 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Mrs. Kucherka's 3rd graders presented "The Night Before Christmas". A few of the actors were Amy Dornak, Meredith Anderson, Breana Wood, Kelly Thomson, Shea McClanahan, Becky Waddell, Christal Lockett, Christina Rodriguez and Josh Romo...

Marie Argo's won \$1,000 when her name was drawn from thousands of entries submitted in the Shop Eagle Lake First promotion...

Frnka Huvar and Dale Hunt tied for 1st in the annual Garwood

Christmas Lighting contest. Second place went to Albert Bittner and third to Bill Zboril...

Grand champion adult winners in the pecan food show were Donna Trefny, Betty Peschke, Ruby Hoffman, John Lee Korenek, Thelma Doplauf and Leona Boeer. Grand champion youth were Vicki Hyek, Charlotte Krenek, Jamie Wesselski and Ann Drlik. Reserve champion youth were Jason Gallagher, Erin Korenek, Vicki Hyek, Marsha Hoffman and Donna Drlik. Reserve champion adults were Angelina Hoffman, Elsie Fries, Rose Staff, Ella Buzek and Betty Leopold.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

23 Sentenced In District Court

The following 14 individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Tuesday, Nov. 24. They included:

Carolyn Elaine Brooks, evading arrest/detention-using vehicle. Sentenced to 180 days in jail.

Pedro Calderon-Mendez, driving while intoxicated with child passenger under 15. Sentenced to two years state jail, probated three years, fined \$500.

Jason B. Garrett, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to nine months state jail.

Christopher Kulhanek, burglary of building. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000.

Christopher Kulhanek, criminal mischief. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000.

Gilbert Zepeda Kutach, driving while intoxicated-3rd or more. Sentenced to five years ID-TDCJ, probated five years, fined \$750, one year driver's license suspension, 10 days in jail.

Nickolas Martinez, unauthor-

ized use of a motor vehicle. Sentenced to eight months state jail.

Jose N. Olvera, driving while intoxicated-3rd. Sentenced to three years ID-TDCJ.

Thomas Rankin, III, theft. Sentenced to four years ID-TDCJ.

Jose Juan Sanchez, aggravated assault with deadly weapon. Count I, sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ; Count II, 18 months state jail.

Earl Ray Smith, theft. Probation conditions modified, 180 days county jail.

Michelle Reyes Torres, forgery financial instrument. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$500.

Carlos Urbina, criminal mischief. Sentenced to 18 months state jail.

Derrick M. Wilson, tamper, fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Derrick M. Wilson, possession of controlled substance. Sentenced to 12 months state jail.

Derrick M. Wilson, credit card or debit card abuse. Sentenced to 12 months state jail.

Leslie Wycoff, engage in orga-

nized criminal activity. Sentenced to 10 years ID-TDCJ.

Nine individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Monday, Nov. 30. They included:

Darrell J. Ford, credit card or debit card abuse. Sentenced to two years state jail, probated three years, fined \$500.

Michael R. Mason, aggravated assault with deadly weapon. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500, four days in jail as C.O.P.

Amy Jean Mendoza, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, 30 days in jail as C.O.P.

Amy Jean Mendoza, prohibited substance correctional facility alcohol/drug/phon. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000, 30 days in jail as C.O.P.

Jose Gonzalez Montano, burglary habitation intend other felony. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Roque Aguilar Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated-3rd or more. Conditions of probation modified to ISF.

Glynn G. Scheffler, driving while intoxicated-open container 3rd or more. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Delfina Sosa, prohibited substance correctional facility alcohol/drug/phon. Sentenced to 150 days county jail.

Anita Marie Thompson, forgery financial instrument. Sentenced to two years state jail, probated three years, fined \$250, \$367 restitution, 30 days in jail as C.O.P.

Kirktrina Wiley, violating civil rights person in custody violate/sexual. Sentenced to one year county jail.

Divorce Filed

William McKnight Keels and Susan Young Keels, Nov. 30.

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. 7

(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. 7)

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

Letters to Santa

Hey Kids, Write Santa a Letter!

The Eagle Lake Headlight wants to print your letter to Santa in its Christmas issue.

All letters received by December 11 will be printed.

Include your FULL NAME, your AGE and ADDRESS.



Mail or bring your letter to the Eagle Lake Headlight Office no later than December 11.

There is a mail slot if you would like to use it.