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New Driver's License Requirements Go Into Effect

AUSTIN — Starting March 1, Texas driver's license applicants between the ages of 18 and 24 must complete an approved driver education course and a driving skills test.

A Texas Department of Public Safety news release said appli-

cants must submit a certificate proving that they successfully completed a driver education course approved by the Texas Education Agency.

A 2009 state law created the requirement and authorized the development of a six-hour

adult driver education course to meet the needs of this group of drivers. Applicants who present proof of successful completion of the approved course will not be required to submit to the written highway signs and traffic laws test required under section 521.161 of the Texas Transportation Code but must still pass the driving skills examination.

A driving safety course or drug and alcohol driving awareness program are not acceptable as driver education courses for this requirement.

This change in the law does not affect applicants ages 15 to 17 who still are required to complete a driver education course to be licensed, the DPS said.

Sweep nabs nearly 300 individuals

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and its law enforcement partners arrested 284 foreign nationals with criminal records during a three-day enforcement surge throughout Texas, making it the biggest operation of its kind carried out by ICE in the state.

The operation concluded Feb. 25. ICE officers and agents worked in teams with the U.S. Marshals Service, Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service and local law enforcement agencies.

Of those arrested, nearly 160 have violent criminal histories, such as homicide, assault and robbery, and more than 20 have convictions for sexual offenses. Of the total arrested, 18 already have been removed from the country.

Texas standards already higher

Texas' English and mathematics college and career readiness standards meet and in some cases exceed national standards, according to an analysis released Feb. 23.

Texas College and Career Readiness Standards adopted in 2008 were compared with the national Common Core College Readiness Standards created by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association.

Examples of standards for Texas students that are not in the national standards:

- Analyze works of literature for what they suggest about the historical period and cultural context in which they were written;
- Use effective reading strategies to determine a written work's purpose and intended audience;
- Identify and analyze the audience, purpose, and message of an informative or persuasive text;
- Geometric reasoning that

makes connections between geometry, statistics and probability;

• Connecting mathematics to the study of other disciplines by using appropriate mathematical models in the natural, physical and social sciences.

Former secretary of state dies

Myra McDaniel, Texas' first African American secretary of state, died of lung cancer at her home in Austin on Feb. 25. She was buried in the Texas State Cemetery on March 1.

McDaniel, 77, served as general counsel to Gov. Mark White. White named her secretary of state in 1984 and she served until 1987. She also was a former assistant special counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas and former chief, Taxation Division, Office of the Attorney General of Texas. Most recently, she was an attorney for the Austin law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta L.L.P.

Gov. Rick Perry said McDaniel "personified the Texas tradition of dedication to her community, from editing her church newsletter all the way to serving as Texas secretary of state."

Snapshot before primaries

On the weekend before the March 2 party primaries, polling

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

information pointed toward a likely runoff between incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. Debra Medina of Wharton was running third.

In the Democratic primary, with the two top polling candidates for governor, Houston Mayor Bill White and Houston businessman Farouk Shami, showed White with a double-digit lead.

ARRA money is spoken for

The Texas Department of Transportation reported Feb. 25 that various transportation authorities in the state have obligated all of the \$2.25 billion Texas received for transportation projects through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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Let's Look Back...

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March 27, 1986

Mrs. Mary L. Villa, 76, of Eagle Lake, mother of Peggy Byrn, passed away March 20 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Boxie Kallina of Garwood added his name to the deer hunting record books with a pair of locked antlers, one of which has qualified as one of the best in the world...

Mrs. Caudie Mary Hosman, 79, of Grapeland, mother of Charles W. Hosman of Eagle Lake, passed away March 24...

Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Psi Psi sororities of Eagle Lake announced March 23 the selection of Mrs. Heyln Farris as their First Lady of the Year for 1986...

Tina Grahmann has been selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Wal-Mart Store in Columbus...

If you want to know something about the Civil War, just ask Mayor Elmer Struss. Last Thursday he told members of the Eagle Lake Lions Club about some of the events in the era from 1855 to 1865, including some centered in Colorado County...

Older Texan winners were William Harrison, Sr. of Eagle Lake and Elizabeth Schoellmann of Nada.

Lizzie B. Criswell, 91, of Sheridan, passed away March 16.

William Hunt Derrick, 56, a former resident of Eagle Lake,

passed away at Katy Community Hospital following a sudden illness.

March 24, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. James Gertson are proud parents of a son, born March 17 at Laughlin Hospital. Mike Everett weighed seven pounds, four ounces. The Gertson's have two other children, Jim, 5 and Beverly, 3...

Mrs. Lilly Duerr of Glen Flora passed away March 20. She was the sister of Mrs. H.A. Dromgoole and sister-in-law of Mrs. Orville Mill of this city...

News was received of the death of Mrs. C.H. Radack. She

is the mother of E.A. Radack, son-in-law of Publisher and Mrs. Fred. G. Frnka...

Funeral services were held for Bill Brasher, 71, a citizen of this community for over 30 years. He passed away at his home...

Edward Walker took over as operator of the Gulf Service Station on Post Office Street and is now operating the state as Walker's Gulf Station...

Charles A. Schamerhorn, assistant cashier at The First National Bank tendered his resignation...

Miss Gini Pendergrass, freshman at Baylor University, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

J.N. Pendergrass of Eagle Lake has been announced as one of the nine students at Baylor winning in the Southern Literary Festival Contest...

Miss Glenda Altman was elected the best dressed cowgirl in the Wharton Junior College during western week activities...

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Thomas of Edna announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to George Rayburn Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Frazier of Luling. Patricia is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Griff Thomas of this city.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

Thirteen Sentenced In District Court

Thirteen individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Friday, Feb. 26. They included:

Reginald R. Coombs, theft. Probation conditions modified to restitution center.

Samantha Coronado, aggravated assault with deadly weapon. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$500, \$381.62 restitution.

Samantha Coronado, bail jumping. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication.

Billy Clint Gage, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. Sentenced to five years ID-TDJC, probated 10 years, fined \$1,000, 10 days in jail as condition of probation.

Leslie Guthrie, fraud pos-

session of controlled substance prescription sch. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000, in patient drug treatment substance abuse treatment facility (SAFPF).

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Teresa D. Jackson, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to two years ID-TDJC.

Thomas D. Kaluza, bail jumping and fail to appear felony. Sentenced to eight years ID-TDJC.

Thomas D. Kaluza, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to eight years ID-TDJC.

Hilarion Sanchez Martinez, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. Sentenced to six years ID-TDJC.

Preston G. Neuendorff, forgery financial instrument. Probation conditions modified. Special needs SAFP.

Travis Noska, burglary of building. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$750, \$475 restitution, 12 days in jail as condition of probation.

David Ramirez, Jr., inj child/elderly/disabled with intent bodily injury. Probation conditions modified. Extend one year to SAFP.

Jose Ivan Rios, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. Sentenced to three years ID-TDJC.

Alma Saenz, prohibited substance correctional facility-alcohol/drug/phon. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$500, \$140 restitution to DPS.

Robert Anthony Sloan, assault public servant. Sentenced to 12 months county jail.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the period ending Feb. 11.

Friday, January 29

At 11:20 pm, Sgt. Edman and Deputy Shoppe responded to FM 806 near IH-10 in reference to a welfare concern. A subject had called 911 to report he was lost and out of gas. On arrival, contact was made with the subject and arrangements were made with family to come and get him. Case closed.

Saturday, January 30

At 12:40 am, Deputy Lindemann responded to B&B parking lot in Eagle Lake to assist the Highway Patrol with an uncooperative subject. The assistance was rendered and the subject was charged with Driving While Intoxicated by DPS. Case closed.

At 1:51 am, Sgt. Edman and Deputy Shoppe responded to FM 2434 east of Hattermann Lane in reference to an intoxicated subject. After further investigation,

Cesar Duque, 37 of Oakland, was arrested for Public Intoxication. Case closed.

At 12:15 pm, Deputy Head responded to Harbert Street in Alletton in reference to an Assault and Criminal Mischief. On arrival, the suspect was identified. After further investigation, war-

rants were obtained and Leonard Earl King, 37 of Columbus, was arrested for Family Violence Assault, Criminal Mischief, and Theft. Case closed.

At 12:38 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to a residence on FM 109 in reference to a family distur-

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Colorado County Crimestoppers

Colorado County Crimestoppers will pay quick cash if you give information that leads to the arrest of any of the following persons. You can make a quick \$50.00 on subject(s) that are rested on Misdemeanor warrants, or a quick \$100.00 on subject(s) that are arrested on Felony warrants. You do not have to give your name.

Alvaro Benitez, misdemeanor.
 Frankie Garcia, misdemeanor.
 Sally Harrison, misdemeanor.

Donald Janota, misdemeanor.
 Jeffery Malcolm, misdemeanor.
 Deborah Y. Fryar, felony.
 Jose L. Valenzuela, felony.
 Robert Ward, felony.
 James A. Wiggins, felony.
 Juan G. Aguilar, felony.
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