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Abbott Joins Other States In Health Reform Lawsuit

AUSTIN -- Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and 12 state attorneys general filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the new federal law designed

to overhaul the nation's health care system incrementally over the next decade.

Congress narrowly passed H.R. 3590, The Patient Protec-

tion and Affordable Care Act, on March 21.

President Barack Obama signed the act into law on March 23.

Abbott said the new law infringes on individual liberties, encroaches on the sovereignty of states and imposes "dramatic" Medicaid spending increases.

Attorneys general acting on behalf of the states of Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington and Utah joined as plaintiffs.

Filed in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, the lawsuit names as defendants the U.S. departments of Health and Human Services and the Treasury and Labor agencies are charged with implementing the new law.

Briefly, according to the Obama administration, this is how the new law affects Texas in particular:

-6 million residents who do not currently have health insurance and 1.1 million residents who have non-group insurance could get affordable coverage through a "health insurance exchange."

-3.3 million residents could qualify for premium tax credits to help them purchase health coverage.

-2.8 million seniors would receive free preventive services.

-493,000 seniors would have

their brand-name drug costs in the Medicare Part D "doughnut hole" cut by 50 percent.

--223,000 small businesses could be helped by a small business tax credit to make premiums more affordable.

No Republican U.S. House member voted in favor of H.R. 3590, but 11 of Texas' 12 U.S. House Democrats voted in favor of the bill.

Rep. Chet Edwards of Waco was the lone Texas Democrat who voted against it.

Gov. Rick Perry issued a statement on March 23 in support of the lawsuit.

Radioactive material stolen in Alice

Six small lead containers were stolen from a private company's pickup truck parked outside the Wal-Mart store in Alice on March 19, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported.

The containers were in a clear plastic bag taken from a toolbox in the back of the truck.

Each metal container is shrink-wrapped and contains a glass vial of ceramic granules.

A person handling the containers or the sand could be at risk of radiation exposure.

Anyone who has information about the containers should call their local police or sheriff's department or the state health department at (512) 458-7460.

ProTechnics, a Houston-based

company is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the containers.

Rewards for efforts against obesity

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on March 22 announced the availability of grants to fund childhood obesity prevention programs and nutritious meals.

The Agriculture Department is offering up to \$950,000 to schools and community and faith-based organizations that seek funds to promote better health and implement better nutrition practices in Texas schools.

"In the last two decades, the obesity rates have doubled across America," Staples said.

"These statistics are alarming and we must partner to create healthy school environments to stop this dangerous trend."

Census deadline is April 1

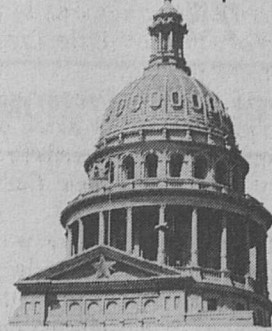
Secretary of State Hope Andrade urged all who reside in Texas to complete and mail in their U.S. Census form.

"This is our state's chance to secure the necessary representation and resources to meet our growing needs over the next decade," she said, "If Texans go uncounched, Texas will be short-changed."

According to the Texas State Demographer, each person not counted in Texas could result in a loss of \$13,500 in federal funds

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

over the next decade to Texas state and local governments.

High court puts execution on hold

The execution of state prisoner Hank Skinner, 47, was put on hold by the U.S. Supreme Court on March 24, the day his execution by lethal injection was scheduled.

Skinner, who was convicted for the 1993 murder of his girlfriend and her two adult sons in Pampa, requested DNA testing.

The court granted Skinner's request for the testing of evidence.

Gov. Perry must determine what happens next.

Unemployment rate stays same

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas was 8.2 percent in Feb., unchanged for the fourth month in a row, the Texas Workforce Commission reported March 25.



BAKE SALE • THURSDAY, APRIL 1
9 A.M. TILL SOLD OUT
IN FRONT OF
FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The Colorado County Relay for Life Relay team "The Hillbillies" will be hold a bake sale on Good Friday in front of the First National Bank starting at 8 a.m. until all sold out.

Special orders can be called into Connie Herman 979-234-3927.



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Let's Look Back...

April 24, 1986

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Youens Hopkins of Garwood and Columbus was named 1986 Woman of the Year by the Beta Sigma Phi of Columbus...

Bob Meitzen, 71, of Eagle Lake passed away April 16 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

New Alpha Delta Phi officers are Gail Guthman, president; Debbie Christ, vice-president; Robin Thomas, parliamentarian; Sue Canaris, treasurer; Melody Grigar, extension officer; Vicki Powers, historian; Sylvia Rucka, recording secretary; and Connie Gertson, corresponding secretary...

The John Marquart family was set to hold their 33rd family reunion Sunday, April 27... Lester Bunge, Sr., 86, of Garwood passed away, April 17 at the El Campo Memorial Hospital... Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brown announced the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Luann, to Ricky Meyer, son of Mrs.

and Mrs. Richard Meyer of Columbus. The couple will be married June 21 at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake...

New FTA officers are Lara Dupre, Shari Popp, Lynette Banks, Jennifer Mader, Sharon Shimek and Kelli Lanier... LaVerne Ann Adkins, 36, passed away April 17...

Victoria Darden and Tina Grahmann were named top students of the Rice High School Class of 1986. Darden was named valedictorian and Grahmann salutatorian.

April 21, 1960

Sherman D. Tyron, 30, formerly assistant cashier at the Katy National Bank has been named new assistant cashier at the First National Bank of

Eagle Lake to succeed Charles Schomerhorn, who recently resigned...

Judith Johnson was named to the Straight A Honor Roll list at Wharton County Junior College...

Otis M. Pouncey began duties as manager of the Lehrer cattle interests in the Garwood area...

Earl Braden, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Braden, celebrated his fifth birthday with a party at his home Friday, April 15...

Funeral services were held in Nada on April 14 for John Labay, a long-time resident of the Nada Community...

Mrs. Eldin Kveton complimented her play school children with a delightful Easter party.

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

2010 DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS TRASH OFF DAY EAGLE LAKE
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 234-2780

Colorado County Courthouse Report

Seven Sentenced In District Court

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

Vanessa A. Barretto, possession of controlled substance. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000, \$140 to DPS.

Kevin L. Godley, theft. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, fined \$750.

Reed Lewis Howren, burglary of building. Probation conditions modified, 30 days in jail as COP.

Alan R. McNea, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, \$140 to DPS.

Jose Rafael Medina, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Miguel Ramiro, criminal mischief. Sentenced to 12 months state jail.

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Michael V. Rosas, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. Probation conditions modified, 30 days in jail.

Thirty Sentenced In County Court

Thirty individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, March 24. They included:

Natalie J. Camareno, criminal trespass in habitation/super fund site. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Virgie Denley, assault causes bodily injury. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$150 plus court costs, ordered to attend anger management classes.

Troy Fraysur, theft. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, \$764.55 restitution.

Christy Sue Gallaher, assault causes bodily injury family member. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$150 plus court costs, ordered to attend parenting class.

Bianca Lea Guerra, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 20 days in jail, fined \$500, six month driver's license suspension.

Patrick R. Guerrero, Jr., possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250 plus court costs, ordered to attend drug class.

Norman P. Howard, disorderly conduct discharge/display. Reduced to Class C, fined \$500 plus court costs.

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

Floyd J. Kelley, driving while license invalid with previous conviction. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250 plus court costs, 10 days of jail as C.O.P.

Trevor Eugene McNeil, sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250 plus court costs, ordered to attend drug class.

Nicholas Meza, assault causes bodily injury family member. Sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Isaac Rene Moreno, sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250 plus court costs, ordered to attend drug offender class.

Glenn Morris, assault causes bodily injury. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs.

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

Steven Powell, theft by check. Fined \$100 plus court costs.

Angelique Neichole Reed, assault causes bodily injury family member. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Nina Reip, criminal trespass in habitation/super fund site. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Richard Leland Stolar, criminal mischief. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Paola Tavera, criminal trespass. Sentenced to 15 days in jail.

Travis Wilson, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to eight days in jail as C.O.P.

Patricia Woodward, criminal trespass in habitation/super fund site. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Miguel Avila, driving while intoxicated-2nd offense. Sentenced to two years probation, fined \$1,000 plus court costs, 10 days in jail, one year driver's license suspension, interlock device, DWI impact panel.

Lester Kotrla, terroristic threat of family/household. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$750 plus court costs.

Chadley D. Lacewell, driving while intoxicated. Probation extended one year with fees, \$500 additional fine.

Suzan O'Brien, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$750 plus court costs.

Yonathan O. Ortiz, driving while intoxicated. Probation extended six months, 10 days in jail as C.O.P.

Sergio Rangel Perez, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus

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