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YFZ Ranch Men Sentenced For Sexual Assault, Bigamy

AUSTIN — The 51st State District Court in Tom Green County on April 15 sentenced Lehi Barlow Jeffs of Eldorado to eight years in prison for sexually assaulting a child.

The court, in San Angelo, rendered its prison sentence after the defendant entered a plea and the judge found that the defendant perpetrated both sexual assault and bigamy.

The court also sentenced Mi-

chael George Emack of Eldorado to seven years in prison for violating Texas bigamy laws.

The sentence will run concurrently with the seven-year sentence he received in January for sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl.

Twelve YFZ Ranch defendants have been indicted on sexual assault of a child, bigamy or other charges; five defendants have been convicted on felony charges

and sentenced to prison; the other seven defendants are awaiting trial.

All prosecutions are being handled by the Office of the Attorney General, working in cooperation with District Attorney Steve Lupton of the 51st Judicial District.

The charges stem from a spring 2009 raid on Yearning for Zion Ranch, a spread near Eldorado owned and operated by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Smoking ban funds made available

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on April 12 announced the availability of grant money for schools and local law enforcement agencies to bolster their tobacco abatement efforts.

Grants of \$1,000 to \$150,000 can be used for tobacco education for kids, tobacco retailers and court personnel; keeping schools and school events tobacco-free; and sting operations to catch retailers selling tobacco products to minors.

"Consistent education efforts show kids and retailers that Texas is serious about preventing young people from taking up an extremely costly habit, in terms of money spent on tobacco and the high cost of tobacco related illnesses," Combs said.

The deadline to apply for a grant is May 7 for schools with on-campus law enforcement and May 14 for police departments, sheriffs, constables and district attorneys.

See <http://www.texasahead.org> for information and application forms.

Reporting fugitives now pays more

Thanks to additional state funding, Texas Crime Stoppers and the Texas Department of Public Safety plan to increase rewards for citizen who help track

down fugitives on the Texas Top 10 Most Wanted list to \$5,000, with some rewards reaching up to \$50,000.

Gov. Rick Perry said, "These rewards will encourage Texans who may have details about these offenders to speak up and help bring these criminals to justice."

In the past, Texas Crime Stoppers paid a \$1,000 cash reward to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of these fugitives.

Rewards may vary for each fugitive, although all Top 10 rewards currently stand at \$5,000.

"The higher rewards will provide additional incentive to assist in apprehending these dangerous criminals, who are generally wanted for violent crimes such as murder, rape and robbery and are often gang members who pose a significant threat to public safety," DPS Director Steven McCraw said.

Calls have led to the arrests of 114,000 criminals, recovered \$182 million in stolen property, and led to the seizure of \$800 million in narcotics, according to the DPS.

Call 1-800-252-TIPS to make a report.

Unemployment rate remains same

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March remained at 8.2 percent for the fifth consecutive month.

The March U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 9.7 percent.

While Texas has a civilian labor force of a little over 12 million workers, about one million Texans are out of work.

2 House members lose runoffs

In their respective party primary runoffs, State Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock lost to challenger Charles Perry and State Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso, lost to challenger Naomi R. Gonzalez.

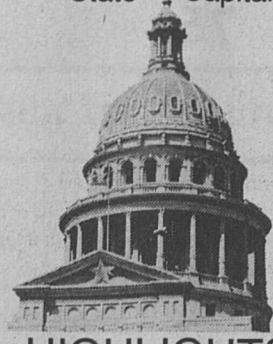
Jones, 86, is one of the third-most senior members of the Legislature, with 14 two-year sessions to his credit.

Chavez has served for six sessions.

Both Gonzalez and Perry will run unopposed in the Nov. 2 elec-

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

tion. Jones' and Chavez' terms expire in Jan.

Capitol to increase surveillance

The State Preservation Board voted last week to add metal detectors and X-ray machines to the state Capitol's four public entrances.

The machines and extra security cameras will cost an estimated \$3 million.

On Jan. 21, Fausto Cardenas, 24 was arrested by state troopers on the south steps of the Capitol immediately after he fired several shots from a handgun into the air.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 50 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1986

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lake announced the birth of their first child, Lucas Matthew Lane on April 29. Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Wick of Eagle Lake...

Gilbert & Virginia Lehmann of Chesterville, announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jerri Lynn, to L. Scott Schake, son of Dr. & Mrs. Lowell M. Schake of Connecticut. The couple is planning a May 24 wedding...

Mrs. Bill Olson, Mrs. L.J. Meyer and Mrs. John Williams were hostesses honoring Audrey Williams, senior at Rice High School with a luncheon at Pier 59 in Wharton...

Xi Pi Psi installed new officers. They were Ernie Sommerlatte, president; Cherry Corman, vice president; Glenda Blair, recording secretary; Pat Cook, treasurer; and Kay Clipson, extension secretary...

Kay Beth & David Barr announced the birth of their child, Ashley Barr on April 29. Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Brunner of Eagle Lake...

On April 30, Brice Stephens bowled 12 strikes for the 300 game...

Billy Harrison son of Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Harrison, Jr. of Eagle Lake was selected as senator at East Texas State University...

Houston television personality Marvin Zindler brought his investigative eye to Eagle Lake...

Roy Richard "Ricky" Chisum, 29, of Eagle Lake, passed away May 8 while at work...

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Kretschmar and Mr. & Mrs. Luis Muzny of Eagle Lake are planning a reception at the Community Center on May 25 in celebration of their golden wedding anniversaries...

Robert Dierschke an art student at Rice High School, has been awarded a scholarship to The Savannah College of Art and

Design in Savannah, Georgia... Richard Leroy Obenhaus, 73, passed away May 8 at his home...

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Reyes of Eagle Lake announced the birth of their second child, a daughter, born May 3 in Wharton. Jennifer Renee was welcomed home by a sister, Kimberlie Nicole, 15 months old. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Musio Reyes of Eagle Lake...

Alpha Delta Phi installed new officers. They were Gail Guthman, president; Debbie Christ, vice-president; Melody Grigar, extension officer; Sylvia Rucka, recording secretary; Connie Gertson, corresponding secretary; and Sue Canaris, treasurer.

May 5, 1960

Mrs. Herbert O. Paul, sister of Sam and Herman Boothe of this community, was named the winner of an all-expense paid tour of Europe in a recent contest held by the Austin American-Statesman newspaper...

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Mascheck complimented their son, Danny, with a slumber party at their home...

Misses Judy Clipson and Mary Ann Uzzell, members of the graduating class of 1960 were complimented with a breakfast given by Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Tyler at Marvin's in Altair on May 2nd...

Many friends, local and out of town, were here for final rites for P.P. Ramsey, long-time resident of Eagle Lake who passed away May 4 at the Laughlin Hospital...

James C. Adkins, son of Mr. & Mrs. James L. Adkins of Lissie, is a candidate for a degree

at Sam Houston State Teachers College...

Four members of the graduating class of Eagle Lake High School, Pam Terrell, Jo Ann Gause, Mary Ann Uzzell and Johnny Meitzen were complimented at a delightful Bermuda Party at the Community Center...

Eddie Mooney, son of Mr. & Mrs. E.L. Mooney was complimented on May 7 with a party...

The annual reunion of the Frnka families will be held on June 5 in San Marcos...

The Eagle Lake Lions Club elected Lorrell Dye president of the club for the 1960-61 year...

Gerald Birdwell, Eagle Lake High School senior, left Houston by airplane bound for Fort Worth where he will meet other Texans bound for the National Science Fair International to be held in Indianapolis this week...

Eagle Lake high school golfers won second in state in Austin on Friday and Saturday. Curtis Laughlin, a member of the team won medalist honors in the state meet. Local golfers were Laughlin, Mike Cheatham and Eddie Wiese. They are coached by Ben Cobb...

Henrietta Schoellmann daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Schoellmann of Garwood was named valedictorian of the Garwood High School class of 1960...

William (Billy) Reese son of Mr. & Mrs. Boyd W. Reese of Garwood was named salutatorian of the Garwood High School class of 1960...

Voters turned out in heavy numbers for Sheriff J.O. Walker for re-election for another four years in a close contest over former Sheriff Harvey Lee.

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