Deadbeat parents facing jail time

By SHERRELYN MAUN DIFF

The number of cases of civil contempt against deadbeat parents in Travis County has nearly doubled in the past year, and the local chapter of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has reported that it has seen an increase in cases of non-payment of child support.

A Travis County official said that while the number of cases has increased, it is still not enough to keep up with the demand.

"We are seeing a significant increase in the number of cases," the official said. "But we are also seeing a decrease in the amount of money collected."
Chief appraiser warns of homestead application scam

Rumors on the ground suggest that a number of property owners in the county have been contacted by an individual claiming to be a county appraiser. The individual is said to be offering to help the property owners with their homestead applications. However, the property tax assessor's office at the courthouse cautions residents against falling for this scam.

The assessor advised residents to be wary of anyone claiming to be an appraiser and offering to do work for them. Residents were told to contact the assessor's office directly if they have any questions or concerns about their homestead applications.

The assessor's office also reminded residents to be vigilant about their property values and to report any suspicious activity to the local law enforcement.

Davis runs for Precinct 4 Commissioner

Randy Davis, a young and energetic candidate, is running for Precinct 4 Commissioner in the upcoming election. Davis, who has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Texas Tech University, has been involved in local politics for several years and has a proven track record of success.

Davis is running on a platform of improving local infrastructure, increasing public safety, and reducing property taxes. He is also committed to making the county more business-friendly and promoting economic growth.

Davis is running against incumbent Precinct 4 Commissioner Mike Smith, who has been in office for several years. Smith is expected to face a tough challenge from Davis, who is popular among many residents of the county.

The election will take place on November 8th, and Davis is hoping to win a majority of the votes to secure his seat in the Precinct 4 Commissioner's office.

PGH plans medical office

Dr. John Smith announced plans for a new medical office building on the outskirts of downtown. Smith, a well-respected physician in the area, said the new building would provide more space and accommodate the growing patient population. The building would also include laboratory facilities and an in-house pharmacy.

The new building would be located on the corner of Main Street and 1st Avenue, providing easy access for patients. Smith said the location was chosen because of its central location and proximity to other medical facilities.

Dr. Smith also announced plans to hire additional staff to meet the increasing demand for medical services. The new building is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Davidson announces for DA

Brian Davidson, a former judge and former state representative, has announced his candidacy for District Attorney. Davidson, who is well-known for his tough stance on crime, says he wants to bring a new approach to the office.

Davidson promises to focus on reducing crime rates, improving police-prosecutor relations, and increasing public safety. He says he will use his experience as a judge and as a state representative to bring a fresh perspective to the office.

Davidson is facing several challenges from other candidates, including incumbent District Attorney Lisa Gomez. Gomez, who has been in office for several years, is expected to face a tough challenge from Davidson.

The primary election will take place on March 1st, and the general election will be held on November 8th.
Judge throws out indictments
Hutchison hearing scheduled Jan. 7

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AUSTIN — An Austin judge on Thursday threw out all charges filed against 11 persons, including former Rep. Joe Grady, after his attorneys argued that the case was improperly handled.

Diane McCormick, the former state health commissioner, was charged with one count of perjury and two counts of criminal mischief. She was accused of destroying state records related to the sale of a state building.

However, the judge ruled that the charges were filed improperly and dismissed them.

In January, McCormick was also charged with one count of perjury and one count of criminal mischief.

The case was brought by the state's attorney general, D. Daniel Schreiber, who accused McCormick of destroying state records related to the sale of a state building.

State Capitol

HIGHLIGHTS

By Bob Marshall

The House Ways and Means Committee met Thursday to discuss the state's budget. The committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the state's budget.

The committee discussed the state's revenue projections and the state's spending plans. The committee also discussed the state's tax policies and the state's economic outlook.

The committee's work is important because it sets the tone for the rest of the legislative session. The budget will be considered by the full House and the Senate, and it will be signed into law by the governor.

The committee's work is also important because it sets the state's priorities for the next year. The budget will determine how much money the state will spend on education, health care, and other services.

The committee will continue to meet throughout the legislative session to review and approve the state's budget.

Financal FOCUS

By John S. Ford

The state's budget for the fiscal year 1996-1997 is expected to be $15 billion. This is an increase of $3.5 billion over the fiscal year 1995-1996 budget.

The budget will be used to fund the state's education, health care, and other services. The budget will also be used to pay off the state's debt.

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Local family doctor re-certified as family practice specialist

Dr. James Keith Bailey of Carthage re-certified as family practice specialist with family practice, internal medicine and obstetrics-gynecology. Bailey is a resident in family practice and obstetrics-gynecology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. He is board certified in family practice and obstetrics-gynecology by the American Board of Family Practice and the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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Fire report

Carthage residents stocked on water during dry spell due to fire

Carthage, Texas, on Jan. 1, 1989 - The City of Carthage, Texas, has taken steps to ensure its residents are not affected by a dry spell that has reduced the water level in nearby lakes, which are the source of water for the city.

Mayor Don W. Vines said the city has made arrangements with local water treatment facilities to provide additional water to meet the needs of the city's population.

"We have been in contact with our local water treatment facilities to ensure that we have enough water to meet the needs of our residents," Vines said.

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