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Governor Perry Pushing For Tougher Border Security

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on June 1 announced a plan he said would fill gaps in federal efforts to protect the Texas-Mexico border.

Perry will ask the Texas Legislature to fund his plan, which includes:

- The spending of \$20 million in available state funds to sustain and expand Operation Rio Grande, a border security strategy now in effect through the current fiscal biennium;

- Authorization of another \$100 million in the next legislative session to sustain Operation Rio Grande until the federal government "fulfills its responsibility of securing the border"; and

- Use \$5 million, with the help of private landowners, to begin placing cameras along "criminal hotspots and common routes used to enter this country."

Guv, others cheer tax reform bill

The governor's office and members of the Texas Legislature are touting House Bill 1 as the biggest tax cut in Texas history.

The legislation was signed by Perry on May 23. Texans will save \$15.7 billion on property taxes over the next three years, enough to lower tax rates by 33 percent, Perry said. That means a 33 percent reduction on school district's maintenance and operations portion of the tax rate, not the combined tax rate of all local governmental entities.

HB 1 also raises pay for school teachers by \$2,000 across the board and restores \$500 of their \$1,000 health insurance supplement taken away by the Legislature in 2003.

And, HB 1 creates a bonus program for classroom teachers. The program draws from a \$260 million fund from which teachers identified as "excellent" may be paid a bonus of up to \$10,000.

Students must pass the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills tests in order to advance in grade and

graduate.

Critics of the bonus program argue that it will reward teachers for "teaching to the test" and that teaching to the test makes test results phony.

Supporters say that as long as TAKS is the yardstick for educational success, teachers should be rewarded when their students score high or show substantial improvement.

Incumbent leads in early poll

A SurveyUSA poll sponsored by an Austin and a San Antonio TV station shows Rick Perry ahead of his challengers with six months to go until election day.

Released May 22, the poll shows Perry with 41 percent, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn with 20 percent, Democrat Chris Bell with 18 percent and Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman with 16 percent.

The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 points, which to some observers means Bell, Strayhorn and Friedman are in a dead heat.

Friedman and Strayhorn are running as independents. The secretary of state's office is in the process of verifying signatures on their petitions

to be included on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Free tickets for elected officials

To certain people, the UT System generously doles out free tickets to University of Texas Longhorns football games. In a widely published report, it was written that elected officials, state legislators in particular, received about 1,000 free tickets and about the same number of reduced-price tickets over the last five seasons.

Season tickets are selling for \$365. Single-game tickets range from \$50 to \$85. UT regents get free tickets for life.

Security compromises hit Texans

Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. announced May 30 that an employee of one of its contractors lost a piece of equipment containing the names and Social Security numbers of 1.3 million borrowers. The loss occurred on May 24.

Also in late May, Attorney General Greg Abbott Texas asked veterans to take precautionary measures because

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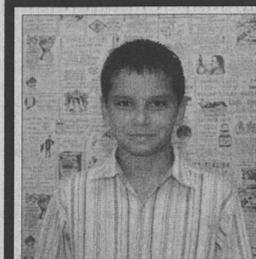
State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

of a theft of electronic data from an employee with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. A missing computer hard drive contains name, Social Security number and date of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans discharged from military service since 1975.

On June 2, the Austin American-Statesman reported that Texas Department of Health and Human Services said applicants for state benefits had been sending, by mistake, faxes containing their confidential information to a wrong number that turned out to be a warehouse in Seattle.



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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

June 3, 1982

Barbara Ross of Sheridan was awarded a scholarship from the Dow Chemical Co., Foundation worth \$1,200 per semester...

Frank Cantu of Eagle Lake, an employee of Colorado County Precinct 4 passed away May 26. Funeral services were held May 29...

Miss Patricia Drlik, bride elect of John Batla, was honored at a miscellaneous shower at the Nada Parish Hall on May 30...

The annual Trecka Family Reunion will be held June 13 in Nada...

Dustin Michael Hruzek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hruzek of Eagle Lake celebrated his third birth-

day with a party given by his parents and brother, Jonathan, on May 30. His actual birthday is May 28...

New officers for the Garden Club included: Mrs. George Longmire, president; Mrs. Henry Rutledge, vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Abel, secretary; and Mrs. Frank Duty, secretary...

One traffic fatality in Eagle Lake and one near Columbus marred the holiday weekend. Locally, Lee Maechek, Sr., 82 passed away when a train struck the car in which he was a passenger. Brothers Clint and Carl Venghaus passed away on County Rd. 106 when their car struck a bridge railing...

Locals on the honor roll at WCJC are Mary Young, Regena Brisco, Jeffrey Darden, Pamela Kallina, Carolyn Pavlu, Cynthia Staff, and Evelyn Schoellmann. On the B or Better roll were Albert Delgado, Dora Jaramillo, Marcy McInteer,

David Sommer, Oliver Thomas, Veronica Villafuerte, Jenny Darden, Melissa Ross, Kenneth Hyek, John F. Korenek, James Kretschmer, John Schneider and Leticia Valdes.

June 12, 1958

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Sallie Westmoreland, 88, June 9 from Christ Episcopal Church with burial in Lakeside Cemetery...

Oil activity picked up slightly with a new test by Shell in the Chesterville field on the No. 1 V.A. Hayden...

Mrs. Gonul Arslan, a young Turkish pianist, is a guest in the home of Mrs. F.A. Hoeninghaus. They attended the Stoermer reunion in Yoakum along with Mrs. Fletcher Warren...

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tate announced the arrival of a daughter born June 8 at Laughlin Hospital and she has been named Penny Elaine... Mrs. Audrey White of Rock Island

bride elect of C.C. Trapp, Jr., was honored with a miscellaneous shower June 3 in the home of Mrs. George Easton. Hostesses were Mesdames Eaton, John Franks, Paul Eastland and Dan Hooper, Jr....

Jack Pidgeon fired a 2-under par 33 at Eagle Lake Recreation Center Monday and recorded the lowest scores at the local course, since its reconstruction...

On June 11 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Austin at Laughlin Hospital. She was given the name Denise Ann...

Eagle Lake Little League whipped East Bernard Little Leaguers. Darrell Struss and Bill Blair led hitting with three each...

The Cubs defeated the Sox 10 to 6 while the Yanks whipped the Cards 11 to 7 in the Local Little League Contest. Cubs collected home runs by Mike Dodson and Billy Lee. On the Yanks team Jerry Alvarado and Johnny

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Place: Eagle Lake Elementary School
701 Tate St., Eagle Lake, Texas

Time: Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Days: Monday - Thursday
June 12, 2006 - June 22, 2006

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Assumed Name Certificate, 3TK Cattle Co. Inc. et al doing business as Thomas Heirs Joint Venture, filed March 27.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Gloria Arnett to Everest Resource Company, 26.64 acres Samuel Kennelly survey, filed March 28.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Jean Batla et al to Jamex Inc., 50 acres BBB&C RR Co. survey, filed March 27.

Assumed Name Certificate, Kristen Baumbach doing business as Thomas Heirs Joint Venture, filed March 27.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Bobbie Jean Batla Boatright to Jamex Inc., 50 acres BBB&C RR Co. survey, filed March 27.

Assumed Name Certificate, Edward H. Boettcher doing business as Boettcher Electric Company, filed

March 30.

Assumed Name Certificate, Glenda Bozalina doing business as Thomas Heirs Joint Venture, filed March 27. Mineral Deed, Robert Breeden

to James Hodde, two tracts William Stapleton survey, filed March 30.

Assumed Name Certificate, Janice Brewer et al doing business as J&L Bucking Bulls, filed March 27.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Re: Letter from Clark Powers
In his letter to the editor Mr. Powers encouraged the administration, school board, and etc. to try again.

I would encourage everyone to wait a while. It is not clear what the new legislative changes will bring. Our lawmakers have a history of making changes that cost the local district. I just received an appraisal notice from Calhoun County and the CAD

raised my property value 9.6%. What the legislature did does not guarantee tax reduction.

This bond election is not something that has to be done today. I would encourage patience and a little more study.

Bill Carpenter
Garwood, TX

