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Hurricane Dean Response Personnel Stand Down

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Aug. 21 ordered the withdrawal of disaster response personnel and equipment deployed to South Texas in anticipation of Hurricane Dean.

Perry issued the order after the hurricane began tracking on a westerly path away from Texas.

The hurricane earlier struck Jamaica and the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico, and appeared to be headed toward the Texas-Mexico border region.

Personnel, search-and-rescue teams, buses, aircraft and refuelers were staged in the Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio to support community efforts to prepare for bad weather.

"Luckily, our state was spared and it is time for the dedicated men and women who answered the call of duty to return home," Perry said.

College Ready Texas hits road

What does it mean for a student

to be "college ready?" Basically, it has to do with ensuring that high school curriculum matches college entrance standards.

Members of the Commission for a College Ready Texas have been on the road to get more input on exactly what it means.

Austin attorney Sandy Kress chairs the commission. Other members are Robert Scott, acting state commissioner of education, and Raymund Paredes of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

House Bill 1, in effect since 2006, requires teams of educators to define college readiness and the State Board of Education adjust high school curricula and develop online instructional resources for students and professional development for educators.

So far, the commission has gathered public testimony in Austin, Houston, Arlington and Midland. In September, they'll have meetings in Harlingen and San Antonio.

State considers new signs
 The Texas Transportation

Commission is contemplating passage a regulation that would allow electronic billboards visible to passing motorists.

If the commission grants preliminary approval, a 90-day public comment period will follow before final approval.

Opponents say the changing messages can distract drivers. Supporters say it's not that big of a deal if messages don't flash or crawl. Home rule municipalities would still have the final say-so in their jurisdictions.

Sales tax holiday helps shoppers

Shoppers saved about \$52 million in state and local sales taxes during the Aug. 17-19 annual sales tax holiday.

Combs and Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston, the primary author of the sales tax holiday law, have said they would like to increase the maximum price for tax-exempt items from \$100 to \$150.

The officials hope to add another dimension to the tax holiday by including items such as pencils, pens, crayons and paper

to the list.

Perry is asked to end shipments

Citizens and more than two dozen state legislators asked Gov. Perry to use his authority to stop further shipments of toxic waste to a Port Arthur incinerator.

The corrosive liquid waste comes from VX, a type of military nerve gas. The gas is chemically broken down and shipped from Indiana to Texas in 4,000 gallon containers.

A Port Arthur firm is processing and disposing the liquid under a three-year, \$49 million contract that took effect in April.

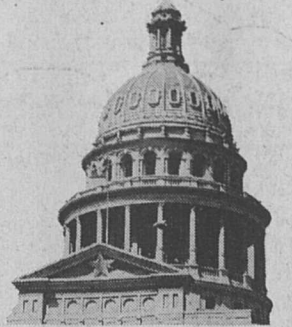
State executes death row inmate

Johnny Ray Conner was executed at Huntsville Aug. 22 for the 1998 robbery and murder of convenience store clerk Kathya-anna Nguyen in Houston.

Conner was the 400th Texas death row inmate to be executed since 1982, when the state resumed capital punishment.

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HIGHLIGHTS
 By Ed Sterling

Florida man given death sentence

John Couey, the Florida man convicted in the 2005 rape-murder of nine-year-old Jessica Lunsford, was sentenced to death by a Florida court Aug. 24.

The case prompted 31 states, including Texas, to enact some form of Jessica's Law to help protect children from sexual predators.

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 I woke up one morning and four turned into three, no way, this isn't happening to me, this isn't the way it's meant to be, what has happened to my little family, just like that and you were gone, disappeared, gone, just gone.
 Love always,
 Aunt Peggy, Bingo, Ashley, EJ, Sarah and Racheal

Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

September 1, 1983
 On Monday, August 23 a luncheon was held for the staff and employee's of the Heritage House in appreciation for their loyal and dedicated service. Mexican dishes were served and table decorations and table decorations of the same theme were used...

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Williams of Garwood are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ann Gertrude to Bill L. Olson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Olson of Houston. The wedding is scheduled for October 29 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Little Miss Heather Marie Henske celebrated her first birthday on Saturday, August 27 with a barbecue given by her parents, Mike and Penny Henske. Her actual birthday was August 30...

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kryer of Rosenberg are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Monica Lynn to Wayne (Bubba) Fishar. Bubba is the son

of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fishar, Jr. of Lissie. The couple plan a September 10 wedding at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg...

Mrs. Lue Minette Fitzgerald passed away of natural causes on the evening of August 22 in Austin. Funeral services were conducted from Christ Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. August 26 with Rev. George Welsch of Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake and Rev. William Brooks of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Houston officiating. Interment was in Masonic Cemetery...

Funeral services were conducted for Frank Joe Dittrich, Jr., 67, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake August 28 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Paul Krupicka, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery...

Luther Julius Alfred of Vernal, Utah former resident of Rock Island passed away suddenly August 19 at 5:29 p.m. in Ashley Valley Medical Hospital in Utah.

Last rites were held August 23 with memorial services at 7 p.m. from Vernal Mortuary and cremation at Lake Hill's.

September 3, 1959
 Albert Pustejovsky was elected Grand Knight to the newly organized Knights of Columbus Council. Other officers include: Rev. A.W. Didner, Chaplain; Stanley Kucherka, Deputy Grand Knight; R.F. Spanihel, Chancellor; L.J. Rosprim, recording secretary; Draper Stephens, Warden; V.J. Kana Financial Secretary; Daughtry Roberts, Advocate; L.J. Spanihel, Lecturer; Arthur Mahalite, Treasurer; Kenneth Mahalite, Inside Guard; Billy Stiles, Outside Guard; and trustees three years, Fred G. Frnka; two years, Chas D. Stephens; and one year Joe Koudelka...

Winners in the August fishing contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, are: John David Konvicka in the catfish division with a five pound fish; Herbert Marquart in the crappie division with a one pound, five ounce fish; and Bertice Dittrich

in the bass division with a three pound, four ounce fish...

Eagle Lake Chief of Police James Adams tendered a resignation to the Eagle Lake City Council requesting relief from his duty by September 15. Having been employed by the city for the past six years, Adams plans to join the law enforcement agency at Hearne...

Duck season to open November 13 and close January 1 and goose season from October 26 to January 8...

Mrs. Gardner Duncan and Mrs. W.F. Meitzen defeated Mrs. Bill Farris and Mrs. Fred R. Frnka in the ladies doubles competition of the city's second tennis tournament of the summer. In singles competition Mrs. Duncan defeated Mrs. Meitzen in a grueling well-played match. Clyde Duncan and Mrs. W.F. Meitzen won the championship by defeating Mr. and Mrs. Duncan.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

District Court Dispositions August 21, 2007

Following are District Court Dispositions from August 21, 2007.

Juan L. Belman, forgery govt. Instrument/money/securities. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000.

Justin Castaneda, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to four years TDC, probated five years, fined \$500.

James C. Schindler, criminal mischief. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000, restitution, \$8,984.93 and \$627.

Daniel A. Scialom, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to five years TDC, probated five years, fined \$500.

Steven Clint Thomas, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 16 months state jail.

Willie M. Wicks, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$250.

County Court Dispositions August 22, 2007
 Following are Colorado County Court dispositions from August 22, 2007.

Hunter Bentley, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days jail, credit for two served, fined \$450.

Quinton L. Clark, failure to identify fugitive intent to give false information. Sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Julius Coleman, assault causing bodily injury. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Staton E. Connor, assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$150, ordered to attend anger management classes and 10 days in jail as condition of probation.

Randall R. Davis, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$500 and one year driver's license suspension.

Preston Ray Jenkins Jr., criminal trespass. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Preston Ray Jenkins Jr., assault causing bodily injury/date/family/house. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Marcus D. Kirksey, assault causing bodily injury. Fined \$500, reduced to Class C.

Charles L. LeBouef, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, credit for 63 served.

Naomi Lopez, possession dangerous drug. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350, ordered to enter drug program.

Richard Mancha, burglary of coin operated/collection machine. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, credit for 90 served.

Richard Mancha, theft. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, credit for 90 served.

Jorge Jacinto McCormick, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$250.

Ernesto Robles, theft. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, restitution \$35.

Ernesto Robles, theft. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350, restitution \$378.86.

Ernesto Robles, theft. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$400.

Jose Arnoldo Sanchez, driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid. (DWD) Sentenced to 180 days in jail, fined \$500; second count, sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, no fine.

Dangelo D. Shropshire assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Dangelo D. Shropshire, resisting arrest, search or transport. Sentenced to 180 days in jail, credit for 62 served.

Kyle Pollard, criminal trespass. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, credit for 10 served.

Christina Lamberth, possession of dangerous drug. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Dennis Spain, driving while license invalid and possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 30 days in jail credit for 40.

Rickey Norris, assault causing bodily injury date/family/house. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500.

Joshua Ellison, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 30 days in jail-weekends.

Ilieke Bage, assault-family violence. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Michael Dunne II, theft stolen property. Fined \$100.

Ramiro Hagle, escape from custody. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Norris D. Holloway, assault causing bodily injury. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Freddie Orozco, driving while license invalid. Sentenced to three days in jail, credit for two served, fined \$350.

Fred Evans, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, credit for two served, fined \$2,000.

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