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**Governor Perry Pressing For More Disaster Relief Aid**

AUSTIN - President Bush on July 24 granted Gov. Rick Perry's July 23 request for a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration as Hurricane Dolly walloped South Texas.

The declaration helps pay for emergency expenditures that occurred before, during and after the hurricane. But, Gov. Perry said, the declaration does not cover hurricane-related individual or business losses.

Perry wrote again to the president on July 31, to speed "individual assistance" to people whose homes were damaged but not covered by insurance and

"public assistance" to fund the repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed public facilities or infrastructure.

Thousands of South Texans remained without power and hundreds were staying in temporary shelters, as of Aug. 1.

**State releases mansion tape clips**

Newspapers and broadcast media stations requested copies of videotapes recorded by governor's mansion security cameras on the night of June 8, when the governor's mansion was gutted by fire.

The Texas Department of

Public Safety initially denied the requests, arguing that the videotapes relate to a pending criminal investigation and should not be released. The Texas Attorney General's Office sided with the DPS and the videotapes were kept under wraps.

However, on July 29, state and federal investigators made two video clips from the videotapes available to the public and offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

One video clip shows a man walking on a sidewalk near the mansion. Another video clip shows a man running on a different sidewalk near the mansion.

The video clips and still images can be viewed at the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us.

**Indicted men turn themselves in**

A Schleicher County grand jury on July 22 indicted five men, all members of the polygamist sect that occupies the Yearning for Zion Ranch near Eldorado.

On July 28, the men surrendered themselves to the Schleicher County sheriff.

The Texas Attorney General's Office published their names and the charges against them:

-Raymond Merrill Jessop, 36, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison.

-Allan Eugene Keate, 56, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison.

-Michael George Emack, 57, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison.

-Merrill Leroy Jessop, 33, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child and bigamy, both first-degree felonies; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison on each count.

-Lloyd Hammon Barlow, 38, charged with three counts of fail-

ure to report child abuse, a class B misdemeanor; possible sentence of up to six months in prison and a fine of \$2,000 per count.

Also indicted was sect leader Warren S. Jeffs, 52, who is a Utah prison inmate convicted of two counts of being an accomplice to rape. Jeffs is serving two consecutive sentences of five years to life.

An anonymous allegation of domestic violence and sexual abuse prompted San Angelo State District Judge Barbara Walther to order the seizure and custody of more than 400 ranch children in early April.

State appellate courts overturned Walther's order and the children were returned to their parents in early June.

**Education ratings are released**

The Texas Education Agency released accountability ratings for schools and campuses on Aug. 1. The agency also released dropout and completion rates for districts

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and schools serving students in grades seventh to 12th.

More Texas school districts and campuses earned the state's two highest ratings, exemplary and recognized, in 2008, the TEA reported.

Statewide, the graduation rate for the 290,662 member class of 2007 was 78 percent. Between ninth grade and the end of 12th grade, 11.4 percent of the members of this class dropped out of school.

Complete statistics can be found at www.tea.state.tx.us.

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Let's Look Back... **24 YEARS AGO**

**August 23, 1984**  
The candlelight double ring ceremony in the Immaculate Conception Church of Sealy was the uniting of Miss Connie Faye Luedenke and Harold Dean Reibenstein, both of Sealy, on Saturday, July 14 at 4 p.m. The ministers performing the ceremony were Father Edward Geiser, Rev. Carlton Dyer and Edward Karesek...

Stephanie Bowen of Houston, bride-elect of Wesley Wick of Eagle Lake, was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Jack Leopold at 7:30 p.m. on August 17...

Mrs. Diane Gertson Beard was complimented with a bridal shower on August 18. Many guests gathered at the Lissie Fellowship Hall for the occasion. Mrs. Beard's mother, Mrs. Elaine Wacholtz, and sister, Mrs. Carol Gertson, flew in from Bakersfield, California for the gala affair...

Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Skipper) Lee of Nome announced the birth of their third child, a daughter named Angela Agnes. The little lady was born at 3:31 p.m. on August 13 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont and weighed eight pounds and nine ounces...

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Poenitzsch of Columbus announce the birth of their third child, a baby girl, born at 6:02 p.m. August 16 in the Columbus Community Hospital. The new arrival weighed nine pounds, 11 ounces and measured 22 inches in length at birth and she has been named Kayley Elizabeth...

John D. Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Draper Stephens, received an Associate Degree in

Electronic Technology August 10 from Texas State Technical Institute in Waco...

Carol Ann Birdwell and Robert Lewis Hancock, both of Baytown, were united in marriage in a quiet ceremony in Clear Lake City at 3 p.m. on July 2. Carol is

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Birdwell of Eagle Lake, and Robert is the son of Mildred Hancock of Nacogdoches and the late Thomas Hancock of Dayton...

Mrs. Gilberta Hernandez Aguilar, 48, passed away at 12:30

a.m. August 17 at her Kendleton residence following a lengthy illness. Services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 18 from the Vine of the Lord Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Bernardo Garcia officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery.

**Little, Jr. Miss, Mr. Fair Contests**

The Colorado County Fair Association will offer contests for the children of the county prior to the 2008 fair. The Little Mister and Miss Contest is for children who will be 4, 5 and 6 years old as of September 1, 2008.

The Junior Mister and Miss Contest is open to children who will be 7, 8 and 9 years old as of September 1, 2008.

All contestants must be residents of Colorado County or attend school within the county. Brandy Tuck will serve as chairman and mistress of ceremonies for the event.

The Little Mister and Miss Contest will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 6, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Columbus. It will consist of an on-stage interview before a panel of out-of-county judges.

Contestants will be scored 90 percent on personality and 10 percent on dress. The Junior Mister and Miss Contest will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 6, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

It will consist of an on-stage interview before the same out-of-county judges. Scores will be based 90 percent on personality and 10 percent on dress. Contestants in both events must wear

western attire.

For complete contest rules and entry forms contact one of the following: George Fox at the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce at 979-732-8385; Dianne Causey in Eagle Lake at 979-234-2958 and

Donna Guentert at The Hair Stop in Weimar at 979-725-6635.

The deadline to enter both the Little Mister and Miss and the Junior Mister and Miss is 5 p.m., Friday, August 29. The deadline is final, there will be no exceptions.

**Colorado County Sheriff's Report**

**Friday, July 4, 2008**

At 11:50 pm, Deputy Abbott conducted a traffic stop on Alleyton Road east of Columbus. After further investigation, Johnny Rumellnaquon Phillips, 25 of Columbus, was arrested for No Driver's License and No Proof of Insurance. Case closed.

**Saturday, July 5, 2008**

At 9:50 am, Deputy Hudson responded to the Columbus Cycle Shop on Mentz Road east of Columbus in reference to a Terroristic Threat. The suspect was identified, but the complainant did not wish to pursue charges. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 12:40 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to Hwy 90 near Weimar in reference to mailbox damage. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

**Sunday, July 6, 2008**

At 10:15 pm, Deputy Gonzalez responded to FM 2434 near Weimar in reference to a vehicle that drove through a fence. On arrival, evidence was collected and the case is pending further investigation.

**Monday, July 7, 2008**

At 12:45 am, Sgt. Girndt responded to the Colorado/Fayette Medical Center in Weimar in reference to a mental patient. The individual was taken into custody on a Peace Officer's Warrant and transported to the Austin State Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

At 6:30 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to the Columbus Community Hospital ER in reference to a subject who had been shot in the hand. After further investigation, the incident was determined to be an accidental shooting that occurred while riding a 4-wheeler near Garwood. Case is closed.

At 8:30 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to Secates Road near Fayetteville in reference to a large knife that was found in the roadway. The knife is described as a 5-inch Bowie knife with a bone handle and brown leather case. A report was filed and the case is pending locating an owner.

**Tuesday, July 8, 2008**

At 6:00 am, Deputy Zak re-

sponded to Nelson Lane in Cat Spring in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, Jennifer Maria Santillano, 21 of Cat Spring, was arrested for Family Violence Assault by contact and Justina Torres, 20 of Alleyton, was arrested for Family Violence Assault causing bodily injury. Case is closed.

At 11:15 am, Deputy Butts responded to Yett Street near Eagle Lake in reference to a large amount of debris piled within 300 feet of the roadway. The property owner was located and issued a Public Nuisance Warning. Case will be closed unless the property is not cleaned within a 30 day time period, at which time charges will be filed.

At 1:54 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to FM 109 south of Frelsburg in reference to a Theft. There is one suspect. Case is under investigation.

At 4:06 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to Ohnheiser Lane near Weimar in reference to a family disturbance. After further investigation, Bettie Louise Adams, 40 of Weimar, was arrested for Family Violence Assault and one Juvenile was issued a citation. Case is closed.

**Wednesday, July 9, 2008**

At 8:35 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to Harbert Street in Alleyton in reference to a large amount of debris piled within 100 feet of the public road. The property owner was contacted and issued a Public Nuisance Warning. Case will be closed unless the property is not cleaned within the 30 day time period, at which time charges will be filed.

**Thursday, July 10, 2008**

At 9:26 am, Deputy Butts responded to Texanna located on Hwy 90A west of Eagle Lake in reference to a Burglary of a Motor Vehicle. During the investigation, it was determined that several gallons of gasoline were missing from the fuel tank. Case is pending further information.

At 11:00 am, Deputy Ortiz responded to IH-10 near the 700 mile marker in reference to a report of Harassment. It was reported that

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