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Recent Rains Create Bug Problems Across State

AUSTIN - Recent heavy rains and flooding following Hurricane Dolly and Tropical Storm Edouard sent the Texas mosquito population soaring, the Texas Department of State Health Services reports.

Health Commissioner David Lakey suggested that citizens use bug repellent "every time they are outside."

Meanwhile, health officials are focusing on a dozen possible cases of flea-borne murine typhus in Travis County.

Headache, fever, nausea, body

aches and skin rash are possible symptoms of typhus. Certain prescribed antibiotics are used to treat the disease.

State health officials said it is unusual for murine typhus to be contracted as far north as Travis County.

Stop now, AG tells debt collector

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Aug. 6 charged a Dallas-based debt collection firm with using deceptive practices to collect payments from Texas consumers.

Abbott took legal action to stop Anderson, Crenshaw & Associates LLC from harassing Texas debtors with deceptive letters and unlawful telephone calls.

The enforcement action also accuses Anderson, Crenshaw & Associates of threatening to garnish consumers' wages or file liens against homesteads in violation of the Texas Debt Collection Act.

The attorney general's office cited complaints that the defendant's representatives harassed, abused and threatened debtors during profanity-laden, repeated or continuous telephone calls.

The attorney general's enforcement action seeks civil penalties of up to \$20,000 for each violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Perry criticizes ethanol decision

Gov. Rick Perry on Aug. 7 issued a statement lashing back at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to deny his request for a 50 percent waiver from the grain-based Renewable Fuels Standard.

Perry said the EPA's decision "not only goes against common sense, but every American's grocery bill."

And, he said, the decision would increase the burden on families while doing even more harm to the livestock industry.

"Any government mandate that artificially props-up a single industry to the detriment of millions of Americans is bad public policy," he added.

Austin leads hard-drinking list

Forbes magazine reported Aug. 8 that Austin, Texas, is No. 1 on the list of the country's hardest-drinking cities.

Forbes based its story on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2007 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey, assessing what citizens reported about their drinking habits.

An estimated two-thirds of Austin residents have a least one drink per month, the study showed. That's easily more than half a million drinks.

The study put Milwaukee in

second place and San Francisco in third.

Crane safety looms as issue here

News of collapsing cranes and related accidents in other cities has made Austin want to do more to ensure safety of workers and bystanders.

Capital city visitors find the "national bird of Texas" or the heavy construction crane, easy to spot these days. They perch on or next to new high rise buildings that have popped-up in the downtown area.

City Manager Marc Ott is studying crane inspection processes and procedures used by other cities and will report his findings to the city council soon.

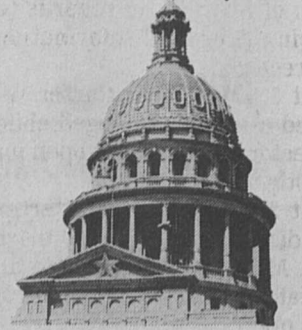
State executes 2 foreign nationals

The state of Texas executed convicted murderers Jose Medellin, 31, of Mexico on Aug. 5, and Heliberto Chi, 29, of Honduras on Aug. 7.

The Medellin execution prompted national and international concern because the Texas judiciary failed to inform Medellin

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By Ed Sterling

of his right to consular access and assistance during trial.

The failure reportedly violated the Vienna Convention, leaving to speculation what might happen to Americans arrested in foreign countries.

Goal: Cleaner air on school buses

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Parent Teacher Association announced Aug. 7 that they will work together to distribute funding to protect school children from harmful particulate matter by retrofitting diesel burning school buses.

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Let's Look Back...
24 YEARS AGO

August 29, 1984

A 100th year Birthday celebration was held in honor of Baudelio Castillo on Saturday, August 18 at one of his son's residence...

Little Heather Marie Henske, daughter of Mike and Penny Henske, was honored on her second birthday on Saturday, August 25...

Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Smith spent last weekend in Kingsville attending their daughter Tanne's graduation from Texas A&I University on Friday, August 17...

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dostal and Jane and Edward Peters of Columbus spent the weekend in New Orleans. While there they

attended the football game Saturday between the Washington Redskins and the New Orleans Saints at the Superdome...

Murray L. Cohen, Ph.D., Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service, received the Commendation Medal in a ceremony in Morgantown, West Virginia on July 26...

Friends and relatives helped Amber Mahalite, celebrate her first birthday on Saturday, August 25...

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Treka of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Donna Lynne, of Houston to Duane Winston Farthing son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Farthing of El Campo. The couple planned to be married on September 29 at 2 p.m. at St. Phillips Catholic Church in El Campo...

Miss Deborah Sue Meyer and Calvin Max Harris were united in marriage on Saturday, June 30 at 3 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Gospel Mission Church. Rev. Floyd Snyder performed the double ring ceremony...

Mrs. Beatrice Inez Wilson, 77, of Eagle Lake passed away Sunday, August 26 at 5:12 a.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28 in the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. George Welsch officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery...

Ben W. Cobb, 61, of Davilla passed away in a Temple hospital Monday. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 28 at Sheffield Funeral Home of Rogers with Rev. Ralph Persons officiating.

Burial was in Calvery Cemetery in Marlin...

Edwin Stanley LaPlante, 65, of Altair passed away Saturday, August 25 at his residence. His remains were committed to the sea. Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home...

Lloyd and Alicia Zahradnick of Eagle Lake announced the birth of their second child, a son, born on August 16 at 5:09 a.m. at Brazos Valley Hospital in Sealy. The baby was named Colt Lee Zahradnick. He weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long...

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shanks Jr. of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their second child, a

daughter, born on August 14 at 7:55 a.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. The baby was named Heather Elaine and weighed nine pounds, one ounce and measured 21 inches long at birth...

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hutchinson announced the arrival of a son, Jamie William on Aug. 19...

Laura Appelt, daughter of Bill and Lynda Appelt of Eagle Lake has been named an Academic All-American...

Leanne Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Smith of Eagle Lake, received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree at a ceremony at Texas A&I University August 17 which marked the end of the summer session.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

District Court Dispositions

Ten individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Monday, Aug. 11. They included:

Darvin C. Ashton, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, fined \$500 and 14 days in jail as C.O.P.

Gerardo Cruz, forgery financial instrument. Sentenced to six months state jail.

Autry L. Ellison, evading arrest/detention using vehicle. Sentenced to six months state jail.

Stephen Kyle Freeze, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 12 months state jail, probated three years, fined

\$1,000. Aaron Joseph Frnka, theft. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$500.

David A. Gutierrez, driving while intoxicated-3rd or more. Sentenced to 10 years ID-TDCJ, probated five years, fined \$1,500, and 10 days in jail as C.O.P.

Elizabeth Marie Luna, violating civil rights person in custody violate/sexual. Probation conditions modified, extended one year, eight days in jail (weekends).

Daniel Molina, prohibited substance correctional facility - alcohol/drug/phon. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500 - reduced to Class B.

Enrique S. Navarro, driving
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Happy 4th Birthday!
Karley Anahi Ramirez
8-18-2004

Love,
Daddy, Mommy,
Huelito Taro,
Huelita Myrthala,
Uncle Gus, Uncle Kerry,
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County Opts To Keep Courthouse Open Fridays

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, voted unanimously to keep the courthouse open on Fridays. Commissioner Tommy Hahn noted he had earlier expressed opposition to closing the courthouse on Fridays.

Several elected officials had indicated they were considering closing their offices on Friday and have expanded office hours on Monday through Thursday.

County Judge Al Jamison said his office and the maintenance department would remain open on Fridays and he understood the county auditor and county treasurer's offices would also be open.

He said he understood the county attorney, county clerk and county tax assessor collector were considering closing their offices on Friday and working 10-hour days, Monday through Thursday.

After the meeting, District Clerk Harvey Vornsand said if the courthouse remains open on

Friday, he planned to keep office hours on Friday.

Commissioners noted that elected officials can set their own hours of operation and the commissioners cannot force them to stay open on Friday.

But Hahn also read from book on county government that stated: "If the matter is litigated, a court could find restrictive office hours to be an abuse of discretion, the official could be subject to a writ of mandamus, forcing him to keep his offices open a reasonable amount of time."

Commissioners noted that there had been some talk that staying open later four days a week would accommodate residents who do not get off work until 5 p.m. The courthouse hours are currently 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

However, they also noted that officials could adjust their employees' work schedules, stay open later Monday through Thursday and still be open on Friday.

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