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Governor Asks For New FEMA Aid Extension

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 11 requested an extension of the registration deadline until Jan. 10 for Hurricane Ike victims to apply for individual assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FEMA's current registration deadline for Ike victims ended Dec. 12.

"Since Ike made landfall on

our coast, families and communities have struggled to restore their lives," Gov. Perry said. "If granted, this extension will allow more families the assistance they need and deserve to rebuild their homes and lives."

Individual assistance is for individuals, families and small businesses with disaster-related expenses not covered by insur-

ance, including:

- Temporary housing and rental assistance;
- Crisis counseling;
- Unemployment assistance;
- Legal services; and
- Low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration for homeowners, renters, businesses and non-profit organizations.

To date, more than 700,000 households from the affected area have registered, and more than 150 residents have registered each day since Dec. 1, Perry's office reported. Ike hit Texas in mid-September.

Beach debris removal begins

The Texas General Land Office has been preparing for Hurricane Ike beach debris removal by creating cleanup zones marked by 5-foot-tall metal posts. The top 12 inches of each post will be painted bright orange. Debris removal was set to begin after Dec. 15.

Sharp to run for U.S. Senate

John Sharp, the former Texas comptroller, said Dec. 10 he will run for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

The seat is currently held by Kay Bailey Hutchison, who has filed papers necessary to run for governor in 2010. Her six-year term of office as a U.S. senator will expire in 2012, but she could resign to run before then.

In his announcement, Sharp said, "I will be a candidate whether the election is in 2012 or any time before then."

Sharp, who received the highest percentage of votes statewide of any Democrat during the past decade, added, "Texans face tough challenges that call for innovative solutions, and that's what our campaign is all about."

Sharp said he is forgoing the step of forming an exploratory committee and will file the required papers on Jan. 1 so that he can begin raising money and campaigning across the state in the new year.

As state comptroller from 1991-99, Sharp earned national recognition for initiating the Texas Performance Review, a governmental body auditing program that saved taxpayers billions of dollars.

Sharp previously served as a member of the Texas House, the

Texas Senate and as chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission.

In 2005, Sharp was appointed by Gov. Perry to serve as chair of the Texas Tax Reform Commission, a bi-partisan committee that produced a solution to fund public schools without the creation of a state income tax.

Sharp, 58, is currently a principal in the Austin office of Dallas-based Ryan & Company, a tax consulting firm.

Governor supports new ID rules

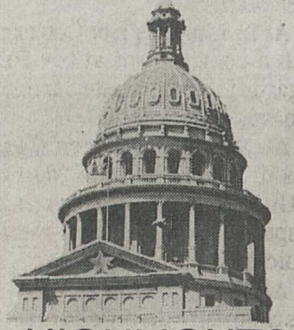
Gov. Perry on Dec. 9 spoke out regarding Department of Public Safety rule changes requiring non-U.S. citizens to present proof they are in this country legally before being issued an original, renewal or duplicate Texas driver's license or identification card.

"I strongly support the recent DPS rule changes that ensure public safety and national security, and am confident the vast majority of Texans feel the same way..."

Perry said the new policy is no different than what U.S. citizens must do to obtain a driver license in most Mexican states and Canadian provinces.

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Troopers get in-car computers

A \$15 million project to equip troopers across Texas with in-car computers is close to completion the Department of Public Safety, reports.

When the project is completed, nearly 2,000 highway patrol and commercial vehicle enforcement units will have in-car computers.

In-car computers give troopers a way to instantly identify wanted individuals and stolen vehicles. The secure network provides real-time alerts, digital photographs and homeland security information and GPS (Global Positioning System) technology.



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Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

January 3, 1985
Raymond Lee and Dorothy Kohleff visited her brother Joe Mahalitc in Negley, Texas Wednesday through Saturday...

Mrs. Annie Margaret White spent a few days including Christmas day in Austin visiting her daughter and son-in-law and later visited Doug Tramer and family who live in Round Rock...

Texas Farm Bureau the largest Farm Bureau in the Nation will send 22 voting delegates and more than 600 County Farm Bureau leaders to the 66th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federations January 7-10 in Honolulu. John Engstrom of Garwood commodity chairman of rice were among many other commodity chairman and voting delegates who will be attending the convention...

Mrs. Lula Hartt Chumney,

92, of Eagle Lake passed away Thursday, December 27 at 5:50 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The funeral was conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 29 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of United Methodist Church and Rev. David Edgar, pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church of Corpus Christi, officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery...

Mrs. Lillie Mae Herron, 91, of Garwood passed away on Friday, December 28 at her residence. The funeral was conducted at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 30 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Runk officiating. Burial was in Lehigh Memorial Cemetery in Garwood...

Joshua Peter Rivera 10 day old infant son of Johnny and Lori Rivera of Garwood passed away on Friday, December 28 at Hermann Hospital in Houston. He was born on December 18 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, December 31 from the Wallis Bible Church in Wallis with Rev. Jerry McKinney officiating. Burial was in Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island...

Funeral services for Albina Peters, 62, were held December 21 at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton. Burial was at Hungerford Cemetery...

Harry D. Larson, 91, of Eagle Lake passed away on December 24 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 27 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Runk officiating. Burial was in Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island...

Elizabeth Popp, 72, a lifetime resident of the Nada community passed away in a Houston nursing home on December 16 after an extended illness. A rosary was recited December 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada. Funeral services were conducted December 19 at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church with Bishop Bernard Popp officiating.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the period ending Nov. 20.

Friday, November 7

At 3:25 pm, Deputy Abbott conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 south at CR 111 near Garwood. After further investigation, Robert Efraim Garza, 27 of Wharton, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid and No Proof of Liability Insurance. Case closed.

At 4:45 pm, Deputy Butts responded to Bailey Road in New Ulm in reference to a vehicle parked in the roadway. On arrival, the vehicle was determined to be a road hazard. The vehicle was removed from the location by Jimmy's Wrecker Service. Case closed.

At 5:45 pm, Deputy Zak responded to property near Weimar in reference to a Theft. After further investigation, the incident was determined to be a civil matter. Case closed.

At 8:22 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to a residence on Beech Crest in New Ulm in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, Jamie Michael White, 33 of New Ulm, was arrested for Family Violence Assault with Previous Conviction.

Saturday, November 8

At 12:39 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to a residence on CR 106 near Columbus in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported that someone stole a bell from his front porch. The complainant also identified a possible suspect, but didn't wish to pursue charges. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 12:43 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to CR 234 near Weimar in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported a missing padlock. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

At 2:46 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to a residence on CR 273 near Weimar in reference to a Burglary. On arrival, the complainant reported that a rifle and pellet gun was stolen. Evidence

was collected and two possible suspects have been developed. Case is pending further investigation and action.

At 7:45 pm, Deputy Martell responded to a residence on Brunessmill Road in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, the disturbance was determined to be a verbal argument that occurred earlier in the night. Case closed.

Sunday, November 9

At 2:20 am, Sgt. Staff conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 90A near Rice High School After further investigation, Richard Lee Hanzelka, 47 of East Bernard, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. Case closed.

At 9:40 am, Deputy Mieth responded to a residence in Garwood in reference to a Burglary of a Habitation. The complainant reported a stolen car radio. A report was filed and the case is pending further investigation.

At 6:45 pm, Deputy Gonzalez contacted a complainant from CR 240 near Weimar in reference to a Burglary of a Vehicle. The complainant reported a missing rifle from his pickup. A description of the stolen weapon was obtained and two possible suspects have been developed. Case is pending further investigation.

Monday, November 10

At 7:38 pm, Sgt. Staff conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 90 and FM 806 in Columbus. After further investigation, Adrian Martinez, 41 of Alleyton, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and driving without a License when required. Case closed.

Tuesday, November 11

At 8:20 am, Deputy Mieth responded to a residence in Garwood in reference to a Theft. After further investigation, one subject was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning. No charges were filed in regard to the Theft. Case closed.

At 6:20 pm, Deputy Gonzalez contacted a complainant from Alleyton in reference to a Runaway Juvenile. After further investigation, the Juvenile was located in Columbus and later returned to

a parent. Case closed.

Wednesday, November 12

At 12:20 pm, Sgt. Girndt conducted an investigation into an allegation from CPS about neglectful supervision that occurred at a residence near Columbus. After further investigation, the allegation was determined to be unfounded. Case closed unless future complaints are reported.

Thursday, November 13

At 11:30 am, Sgt. Girndt received a mental health warrant on a subject in Eagle Lake. The warrant was executed and the subject was screened by Texana and later released. Case closed.

Friday, November 14

At 12:30 pm, Sgt. Girndt met with a complainant from Altair about several Forgeries that occurred in Columbus and Eagle Lake. The complainant did not wish to pursue charges at the time. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 3:35 pm, Deputy Abbott responded to property on Henry Street near Eagle Lake in reference to dogs attacking livestock. On arrival, it was determined that the dogs had already put down by the complainant and the dog owners were issued citations for Certain Dogs Prohibited from Running at Large and Possession of Unvaccinated Dogs. Case closed.

At 10:45 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt made a parking lot check at Ms. Molly's bar on CR 107. After further investigation, Travis Gene Talley, 29 of Taylor, was arrested for Public Intoxication.

Saturday, November 15

At 12:15 am, Sgt. Pflughaupt made contact with two pedestrians walking on Back Street near Hwy 90 in Columbus. After further investigation, Brian James Schobel, 40 of Columbus, and Anita Marie Thompson, 46 of Columbus, were arrested for Public Intoxication. Case closed.

At 1:15 pm, Deputy Butts responded to Brushy Road in reference to a civil property dispute between neighbors. Both parties

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The Eagle Lake Headlight's

Kris Kringle Cash

Giveaway

Count the number of ▲ symbols in advertisements in this edition and submit your guess in writing to the Headlight by Monday, Dec. 22

(including symbol on this entry form)

A drawing of all the correct entries will be held to determine the winner

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