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House Revises School Accountability

AUSTIN - The Texas House and Senate on April 30 passed legislation to revise the accountability system for public schools.

The legislation, SB 3 by Senate Education Committee chair Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, and HB 3 by House Public Education Committee chair Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, have long lists of amendments that must be agreed upon or discarded as the process moves forward.

Under both bills, the education system would be changed to focus on students' readiness for post-secondary education that could be college or other forms of training.

Shapiro said Texas' current accountability system has created an illusion of progress.

"The passing standards on the assessments lack any link to success after graduation.

"The world today requires sound preparation.

"All students must be prepared for post-secondary education."

SB 3 and HB 3 update curriculum requirements for high school students.

They'll take four years of math, science, social studies and English, two years in the same foreign language and eight electives that could include fine arts or career-in-technology education that gives students who don't plan on going to college workforce training.

In addition, school districts would have new accountability standards.

Accreditation and performance ratings would be based not only on passing standards, but also on how students score on college readiness standards.

Schools could receive recognition in more areas, for success in 21st century workforce development, fine arts, secondary languages, physical education and academic excellence.

Speaker Names Budget Conferees

The primary task of the Texas Legislature is to produce a budget for fiscal years 2010-2011.

The House and Senate versions of the \$180 billion (give or take) budget don't match, so the two bodies are going to have to compromise.

House Speaker Joe Straus on April 27 announced the following appointees to the Conference Committee on SB 1, the state's biennial budget for 2010-2011:

House Appropriations Committee chair Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie and vice chair Richard Raymond, D-Laredo; Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio; John Otto, R-Dayton and John Zerwas, R-Katy.

The five House members will work with five Senate members named earlier by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

They are: Senate Finance Committee chair Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, and vice chair Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Shapiro; Senate Intergovernmental Relations chair Royce West, D-Dallas, and Senate Administration Committee chair Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands.

June 1 is the last day of the 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature, so the pressure is on to wrap up the budget and get it to the governor.

Bill May Change Agency's Name

SB 341 by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, proposes to rename the Texas Railroad

Commission as the Texas Energy Commission.

The bill was passed by the Senate and now moves to the House for consideration.

If the bill becomes law, the name change will be phased in before Jan. 1, 2010.

The Texas Railroad Commission regulates the oil and natural gas industry, pipeline transporters, natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline industry, natural gas utilities, the liquefied petroleum-gas industry and coal and uranium surface mining operations.

The Texas Department of Transportation regulates railroads.

Health Chief Addresses Swine Flu

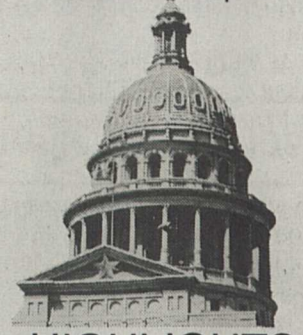
David Lakey, Texas Health commissioner, on April 29 delivered a public statement on swine flu or H1N1.

Lakey said the Department of State Health Services is taking measures to prevent the spread of this disease.

"In communities where we

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

have identified swine flu, we're asking the communities to do specific steps.

"We're asking them, at certain times when they have the disease in their schools, to close their schools.

"We're asking them to implement their Pandemic Influenza Plan so we are ready, and the community is ready, for whatever comes their way.

"We're working with health care providers throughout the state so they know what they need to do in order to protect your health."

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Let's Look Back... 24 YEARS AGO

May 30, 1985

Miss Judy Bunge, a student in the College of Pharmacy at The University of Texas at Austin, was initiated into the Nu Chapter of Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society at the annual Spring Banquet...

Not everyone gets the opportunity to study at Oxford, but a biology major from Colorado County is spending the summer in England studying philosophy at one of Europe's most prestigious universities. Steven R. Northrup a philosophy and chemistry minor at Southwest Texas State Uni-

versity applied for admission to Oxford and wrote a letter about why he wanted to attend the university. He had to have both a personal and an academic recommendation. He is the son of Tom and Katie Northrup who live near New Ulm.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Nine individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Monday, May 5. They included:

Paul C. Archuletta, Sr., indecency w/child sexual contact. Sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000, 150 days in county jail.

Jeremy R. Escamilla, driving while intoxicated with child passenger under 15. Sentenced to two years state jail, probated three years, three days in jail.

Walter F. Hancock, labeling record. Sentenced to 300 days county jail, 41 days jail credit.

Farris Lee Hunt, Jr., aggravated sexual assault. Sentenced to 35 years ID-TDCJ.

Benito Lujan, assault public servant. Sentenced to 300 days in county jail.

Linzey Ray Orise, prohibited substance in correctional facility-alcohol/drug/phon. Sentenced to four years ID-TDCJ, 86 days jail credit.

Paul Ruiz, obstruct retaili-

ation. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Paul Ruiz, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 12 months state jail.

Teresa Mata Torres, driving while intoxicated. Probation conditions modified, sentenced to 20 days county jail.

Francisco Pena Velazquez, driving while intoxicated-3rd or more. Sentenced to three years ID-TDCJ probated five years, fined \$1,000.

Officer Remembrance Day May 11

The week of May 11-16, 2009 is National Peace Officer Remembrance week. Joe C. Fling, chairman of the Colorado County Historical Commission, joined by Eagle Lake Police Chief William E. Lattimore announce an opportunity to remember six peace officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty to the City of Eagle Lake.

Those wishing to honor our fallen peace officers will gather on the city square at the corner of Commerce and Main across from the First National Bank at 3 p.m. on Monday, May 11.

Fling has been working for some time on a program to honor all peace officers who have been killed in the line of duty in Colorado County.

He will offer brief remarks concerning the circumstances of the death of the officers, followed by prayer for all those who have passed away in the service of Eagle Lake.

Those to be mentioned, who are known to have passed away while in service as peace officers include Officer Roberto Nieto, Of-

ficer Tobin Craig Thomas, Night Policeman Albert Louis Schmidt, Night Marshall Lan Smith, Chief William R. Kinard, and Constable David I. Sutton.



Joe C. Fling recently traveled to Sherwood Cemetery, near Mertzon in Irion County to the gravesite of Officer Tobin C. Thomas who was killed in the line of duty in 1998.



In Loving Memory of "Daddy"
 "Daddy's Shoes"

Daddy's shoes made a deep impression, in that Wisconsin snow. I put my feet where he was steppin, cause he left a real good trail to follow, but my father in heaven led him home that day on May 5, 2006, that was three years ago.

But I can say that in this heart of mine I'm still steppin in the tracks of my "daddy's shoes." Its a trail I love to follow cause it'll lead me through. And when life turns cold and bitter, I'll just do what I saw him do. I'll make it safely home someday, steppin in the tracks of my "daddy's shoes."

We dedicate these gold medals to Daddy. We remember when he would bring in the softball trophies and bowling trophies.

We love and miss you "Daddy"
 Your loved ones left behind