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**Perry Declares Drought Disaster**

AUSTIN - A month-long weather system producing triple-digit temperatures and no rain has much of Texas suffering. The high-pressure system centered over Texas caused Gov. Rick Perry to declare 167 counties disaster areas because of the threat of wildfires.

Bastrop County in Central Texas lost 12,000 head of cattle to the drought, and Texas farmers are facing more than \$1 billion in losses this year. Officials with Texas A&M University's AgriLife Extension Service said farmers who depend only on rainfall could lose up to 80 percent of their crops.

Farmers and ranchers looking for disaster relief from the federal government will have to wait until fall to receive payment for last year's losses. Aid for this year's losses won't be available until 2010.

Nearly 20 percent of the state is experiencing the most extreme drought conditions. Central and South Texas are suffering through the worst drought conditions in the nation. The worst drought in recent times was from 1950 to 1957, when rainfall was 40 percent below normal levels and 90 percent of the state was declared a federal disaster area.

**Texans told of sweepstakes scam**

Attorney General Greg Abbott is alerting Texans to a clever sweepstakes scam. People are told by phone that they are being

contacted by the Federal Trade Commission because they won hundreds of thousands of dollars in a sweepstakes contest. In order to collect, however, they must pay several thousand dollars in insurance costs.

The phone calls are followed by a letter with the FTC logo telling recipients where to send a check. The phone number on the letterhead directs callers to the scammers, who pretend to work for the FTC. In fact, the FTC never collects money from consumers.

Abbott said anyone receiving the scam calls and letters should contact his office at 1-800-252-8011 or the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP.

**Perry names new DPS chief**

Steve McCraw, 55, was named the new head of the Texas Department of Public Safety by Governor Perry. McCraw, a former member of the FBI, was Perry's homeland security chief for the past five years.

McCraw takes over an agency in the spotlight for recent problems, including its role in guarding the Governor's Mansion in Austin when it was burned in an arson fire in June 2008. He is the department's fourth director in less than a year.

**Panel to seek new A&M president**

Texas A&M System regents have named a 15-member search committee to seek a new president for the College Station campus. Former President Elsa

Murano, A&M's first female and first Hispanic president, resigned under pressure last month.

The search committee includes three regents, five faculty members, two students and five other stakeholders. Regent Richard Box will serve as chairman. The committee will cull the applicants to three finalists and recommend one to the board next February.

**Texas students narrow math gap**

A national test found that the difference in math scores between black and white students in Texas closed somewhat between 1992 and 2007. Texas was one of only four states that narrowed the math gap among eighth-grade students and one of 15 states that did so among fourth-grade students.

For eighth-graders, the difference in scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress math test was 26 points nationally. In Texas, the gap was 23 points. For fourth-graders, the national average was 31 points and the Texas average was 29 points.

The NEAP test also found that scores on the math test rose for students of all races in Texas over the 15-year period.

**Texas running out of jobless money**

The Texas unemployment insurance trust fund is going broke quickly, and the state will have to borrow \$643 million from the U.S. Department of Labor soon.

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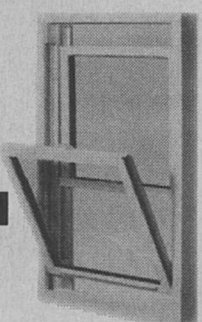
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*Let's Look Back...*

**24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**August 15, 1985**

**Marine Pfc. Paul A. Hogan**, son of Richard Hogan of Rock Island recently graduated from the Basic Hygiene Equipment operator course at Marine Corps Engineer Camp...

**William Ernest Lenhart, Jr.**, 76, of Beaumont, passed away Sunday, August 11 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday August 14 from St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Beaumont with Reverends **Byron G. Gocker** and **Ben H. Shawhan** officiating. Burial was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Beaumont...  
 Marine Sgt. Garrett W.

Wright whose wife, **Shelia**, is the daughter of **Willie and Eunice Wainwright** of Eagle Lake, recently reported for duty with First Marine Division Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California...

**Diana Wunderlich**, of Rice High School was presented an award by the Vocational Home Economics Teachers Association of Texas at their 22 annual awards luncheon held at the Amfac Hoel DFW Complex in Dallas on August 14. The award is in recognition of her 20 years dedication and service to the teaching profession...

**Miss Michelle Lynn Lasseter** and **Carl Gene Brown** exchanged wedding vows in a lovely ceremony on Saturday, July 27 in the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake at 4 p.m. The double ring ceremony was performed by **Rev. Melburn Sibley**...

**Mr. and Mrs. Willard E. Hagendorf** of Sheridan wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their

daughter, **Denise Ann** to **Dr. Don Lewis** of Columbus, son of **Mrs. Floyd Lewis** of Amarillo...

**Patricia Ann Wier** and **Terry G. Vasina** were united in marriage on Saturday, June 29 at 4 p.m. **Rev. E.B. Beasley** performed the double ring ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Lissie...

**Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corliss** of Lissie are very proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Miss Donna Lou Corliss** to **David Ross Semmler**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Bill Semmler** of League City.

**August 20, 1937**

Eagle Lake will be represented by two of its charming girls at the statewide contests, under the sponsorship of the Port Arthur Legion post tonight. **Miss Mary Ethel Hight** will represent Eagle Lake in the statewide amateur contest and **Miss Eleanor Reese** is the local representative in the statewide beauty contest...

Football practice for the Eagles will begin September 1, **Coach W.B. Hinton** has announced...

**Mrs. Annie Taylor** is in Temple where she is going through the **Scott and White Clinic**...

**Rosanna Howard**, a former Eagle Lake girl, spent Sunday with her sister, **Mrs. E.C. Terrell**. She is attending Iowa A&M a co-ed school at Ames, Iowa...

**Miss Majory Townley, R.E. Beane, Jr., Franklin Reese** and **Norrie Reed** all underwent operations for the removal of their toenails this week...

**Mrs. John Kearney** is acting in the capacity of society report for the Headlight...

**Jimmy Reel and E.J. Braden** made a big catch of frogs while headlight hunting on the Colorado River. They caught 78 and their dressed frogs found a ready sale here Wednesday...

**Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Campbell** are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy, born at their home Wednesday.

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**Ag Comish Comments On Drought**

"The impact of this drought-the losses and associated wildfires are devastating to Texas farmers and ranchers," Agriculture Commissioner **Todd Staples** said.

"Intensive management and planning are essential during these extremely difficult times.

"It is because of this dire situation that last week I made a second request to USDA urging immediate action for assistance.

"I am committed to seeing that

Texas producers, who work from sun-up to sun-down to provide us with the most abundant and affordable food supply in the world, get the assistance they need during these trying times."

Last week Commissioner Staples made a second formal request to USDA to take immediate action in providing federal emergency assistance for Texas producers.

You can review the letter at [www.TexasAgriculture.gov/newsroom](http://www.TexasAgriculture.gov/newsroom) and click on Reading Room.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is part of the state's Agricultural Drought Task Force, which provides updated information regarding Texas' ongoing drought.

For information visit <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

**Beef Cattle Short Course On Tap**

With much of Texas reeling from a drought of epic proportions, staying on top of the latest beef production tools has never played a more crucial role, says Colorado County Farm Bureau President **Marv Ulbricht**.

"Some counties in Texas have been listed among the nation's absolute worst conditions since last year," **Ulbricht** said. "While we can't change the weather, we can do our part to better educate ourselves on management strate-

gies." The Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, scheduled for Aug. 3-5 in College Station, will offer producers just such an opportunity.

More than 20 of the courses offered are specifically catered to drought issues, including sessions on brush control, forage management and herd selection decisions.

Registrants will have an opportunity to receive seven pesticide continuing education units, veterinary continuing education credits and Texas Beef Quality Producer credits.

Registration for the short course is \$140 per person and includes education materials, the 600-page proceedings list, and trade show admittance, admission to the prime rib dinner, and meals and daily refreshments.

For more information, visit <http://beef.tamu.edu> or call **Cleere** at 979 845 6931.

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT**

**One Suit Filed In District Court**

On July 15, a civil suit was filed in Colorado County District in a dispute over payment on a credit card account. The suit was filed by **Pharia LLC** against **Donna Mills**. It involves a dispute over payment on a credit card account of **J.P. Morgan Chase Bank**. The amount in dispute is \$11,477.

**Divorces Granted**

**Linda K. Prather** and **Robert Lewis Prather**, July 20.  
**Ed Lopez** and **Amy Lopez**, July 20.

**Divorces Filed**

**Diane Marie Matus** and **Scott A. Matus**, July 15.  
**Sherri Lynn Gould** and **Michael Todd Gould**, July 17.  
**Katherine Rhoads Weber** and **Matthew Lee Weber**, July 20.  
**Bobby Jay Delgado** and **Hermania Delgado**, July 20.

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