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Texas School Officials Planning For H1N1 Flu Outbreak

AUSTIN - Texas school officials have plans to carry out if the H1N1 "swine flu" influenza virus hits schools this fall.

Here's a brief version of a set of federal/state guidelines schools are to follow if flu conditions are about the same as they were last spring:

1. Stay home when sick.
2. Separate ill students and staff.
3. Wash hands frequently with

soap and water and cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available).

4. Routinely clean areas that students and staff touch often.

5. Treat high-risk students and staff early.

6. Consider selective school dismissal to better protect high-risk students.

And here is a brief set of guide-

lines to be used if the conditions of increased severity emerge.

1. Active screening: Check students and staff for fever and other symptoms when they get to school in the morning, separate those who are ill, and send them home as soon as possible; monitor throughout the day.

2. High-risk students and staff members stay home.

3. Students with ill household members stay home.

4. Increase distance between people at schools, such as moving desks farther apart or canceling classes that bring together children from different classrooms.

5. Extend the period for ill persons to stay home: if influenza severity increases, people with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 7 days, even if they have no more symptoms; if people are still sick, they should stay home until 24 hours after they have no symptoms.

6. School dismissals if conditions warrant.

2009: Most drownings on record

So far in 2009, 84 children have drowned in Texas, according to the count by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

"If you can't see a child, you can't save a child," said Sasha Rasco, the state agency's assistant commissioner for childcare licensing.

"Children should never be left unsupervised for any length of time in or around water, because the results can be devastating."

An average of 70 children drowned each year since the agency began the count in 2005.

In 2008, 82 children drowned in Texas, previously the highest annual total.

Federal statistics show:

-- Children under one year old most often drown in bathtubs, buckets or toilets.

-- Children from one to four years old drown most often in residential swimming pools.

-- Most young children who drowned in pools were last seen in the home, had been out of sight less than five minutes, and were in the care of one or both parents at the time.

New stickers sport cowboy look

New Texas motor vehicle inspection stickers debuted Aug. 1, and they have a western look.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said images of cowboys will appear on different types of

inspection stickers.

"We want to present a new certificate design that was immediately identifiable as being Texan," said JoJo Heselmeyer, director of vehicle services for the DPS.

Texas issues 10 different inspection certificate designs, dependent upon factors such as the age of the vehicle, whether it is designated as a commercial vehicle and whether emissions testing is required.

TxDOT uses social networking

On Aug. 3, the Texas Department of Transportation announced it is using Twitter, Facebook and YouTube to communicate with the public.

TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz said, "It has already proved to be helpful in communicating important emergency information, traffic updates and lane closures and we intend to continue using this technology in the future."

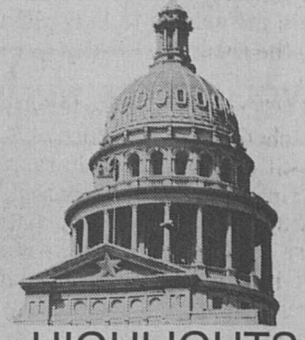
Perry-Hutchison debates planned

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in late July said she plans to resign in October or November to run for governor.

Last week her exploratory

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

committee said she will participate in live debates with Gov. Rick Perry.

Perry's people said the governor has committed to two debates to be televised before the March 2 Republican primary.

The Dallas Morning News and four television stations, all owned by A.H. Belo Corp., will host and air the debates.

O'Neill decides not to run again

Texas Supreme Court Associate Justice Harriet O'Neill on Aug. 6 announced she does not intend to seek reelection when her term expires in 2010.

O'Neill was elected to her first six-year term in 1998.

She is second in seniority on the present court.

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Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

September 5, 1985
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Waligura, of Garwood announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born on August 26 at 3:46 p.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named Kimberly Michelle; and weighed six pounds, 12 ounces...

The community learned with sadness of the death of Roland J. Campbell, 62, of Hallettsville, owner of the former Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., which was located in Eagle Lake. He passed away

on September 1 at the Eagle Lake Community. Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 4 from the First United Methodist Church of Hallettsville with Rev. Bernard Ritchea officiating. Graveside

services and burial were at Lake-side Cemetery...

On Saturday, June 29, the historic Zion Lutheran Church in Sublime was the setting of a candlelight ceremony uniting Kathryn Lloyd and Warren Botard in marriage. Pastor Al-

bert Flathmann performed the double ring ceremony...

Ms. Vera Tillman and Arthur Dell Cole were united in marriage on August 28 at 2 p.m. in Seattle, Washington. Protestant William Collins conducted the double ring ceremony.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Eight Sentenced In District Court

Eight individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Monday, August 10. They included:

Paul Alvarez, driving while intoxicated-3rd or more. Sentenced to five years TDCJ-ID probated five years, fined \$1,000, 30 days in jail COP, interlock.

Jacob Miles Cassell, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to eight months in state jail.

David Castillo, possession of a controlled substance in drug free zone. Sentenced to 16 months in state jail.

David Castillo, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 20 months in state jail, 122 days jail credit.

Adrian C. Garcia, aggravated assault with deadly weapon. Probation conditions modified, 15 days in jail (weekends).

Eddie D. Henry, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to four years TDCJ-ID.

Brandon Holmes, theft. Sentenced to six months in state jail.

Neale D. Sullivan, II, possession of a controlled substance.

Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000, three days in jail COP.

Felipe Gaspar Martinez, evading arrest/detention vehicle. Probation conditions modified, \$910.00 probation fine.

Twenty Sentenced In County Court

Twenty individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, Aug. 5. They included:

Henry S. Barkemeyer, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs, four days in jail, interlock device.

Bruce Wayne Bolfik, driving while intoxicated-2nd offense. Sentenced to two years probation, fined \$2,000 plus court costs, five days in jail, interlock device.

Dennis Notchick, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$150 plus court costs.

Paul D. Poole, theft by check. Fined \$100, reduced to Class C.

Aaron R. Ramirez, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined

\$250 plus court costs and ordered to attend drug classes.

Gregorio Olmedo Rosas, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500, plus court costs.

Gustavo F. Silveira, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250 plus court costs, ordered to attend drug classes.

Travis D. Brown, assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Sentenced to 15 days in jail as COP.

Travis D. Brown, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 15 days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Brandon J. Burley, burglary of vehicle. Sentenced to 60 days in jail.

John Gabriel Casas, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250 plus court costs, ordered to attend drug classes.

Guillermo Cuellar, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Karan Dhuldhoya, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 45 days in jail, fined \$100 plus court costs.

Brian Gibbs, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$2,000 plus court costs and six months driver's license suspension.

Marvin Lockhart, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 14 days in jail.

David J. Lopez, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500, plus court costs and interlock device.

Humerto Luviano, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Jorge R. Morales-Izquierdo, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 30 days in jail and six month's driver's license suspension.

Justin Andrew Southern, driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 18 months probation, fined \$750 plus court costs, one year driver's license suspension and ordered to attend drug classes.

Charles Williams Wanjura, Jr., driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs, 90 day driver's license suspension.

Jose Zendejas, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 20 days in jail, fined \$2,000 plus court costs.

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Mediation Fails In SAWS/LCRA Dispute

Statement From LCRA: LCRA and San Antonio Water System officials did not resolve their ongoing dispute during a day-long mediation session held Aug. 5.

LCRA and SAWS signed an agreement in 2002 to study the feasibility of a water-sharing project to determine if such a project could provide for water needs in both basins while meeting requirements set by the Texas Legislature.

Earlier this year, preliminary study findings indicated that the project - given updated growth projections - would not meet all of the legislative requirements, meaning no water would be available for San Antonio.

On May 5, 2009, the SAWS Board of Trustees claimed that LCRA's use of updated water need projections in the ongoing project studies breached the agreement. LCRA responded that it had not breached the contract and called for mediation.

During the mediation, LCRA acted in good faith with a genuine commitment to solutions that

could be beneficial to both regions and focused on the facts of the scientific studies.

At the same time, LCRA maintained an unwavering commitment to uphold its responsibilities to protect and benefit the interests of the lower Colorado River basin - consistent with its mission since 1934.

LCRA worked hard even before the mediation to explore potential solutions that could adequately protect and benefit the lower Colorado River basin and provide water to San Antonio. SAWS rejected these efforts.

The parties were unable to reach a settlement or resolve the dispute. LCRA is disappointed that the mediation was not productive.

LCRA is continuing to explore potential solutions that could adequately protect and benefit the lower Colorado River basin. LCRA remains confident that we have not breached our contract with SAWS. If SAWS chooses to pursue legal action, then LCRA will vigorously defend itself.