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Flu Will Not Stop Meal Program Says Ag Chief

During the H1N1 "swine" flu outbreaks last spring, many Texas schools closed, leaving about half a million students without access to meals normally provided under the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs.

"There are thousands of children who depend on the meals served at school every day, and we want to make sure schools

have the option of continuing this crucial service, while still protecting those students from any public health threat," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said.

In response to a letter from Staples to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, a change in federal policy now lets schools serve meals and receive federal reim-

bursement during a public health emergency.

Meals can be served as a "grab and go" option, or through delivery.

Schools are asked create a plan to distribute meals in a "non-congregate" setting to help minimize the spread of disease.

Schools also should alert all families of meal service, in particular those families of students who are eligible for free and reduced meals.

State Rep seeks governor's help

State Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, on Aug. 13 wrote a letter to Gov. Rick Perry informing the chief executive that the state has been tardy in processing nearly one-third of the new applications for the federally funded nutritional assistance program within the required 30 days.

Turner pointed out that participation in the nutrition program qualifies needy Texans for utility and telephone bill discount programs.

Turner asked for the governor's help in getting the state Health and Human Services Commission and the Public Utility Commission to speed the certification.

DPS tries out rolling billboards

Come October, the Texas Department of Public Safety will be under-staffed. The DPS on Aug. 7 said about 250 more troopers are needed.

Looking to boost its recruiting efforts, the DPS is turning some of its vehicles into rolling billboards -- a new twist in the genre of help-wanted advertisements.

The agency seeks applicants who are U.S. citizens at least 20 years of age and who have completed 90 hours of college credit or an associate's degree.

Law enforcement or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

Hutchison kicks off campaign

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, on Aug. 17 in her hometown of LaMarque, officially launched her campaign to challenge Gov. Perry to be the Republican nominee for governor.

Watson decides Senate is for him

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, announced he would not run for governor in 2010, despite an effort to draft him as a candidate.

DPS provides list of new laws

On Sept. 1, hundreds of new laws passed by the 81st Texas Legislature will take effect.

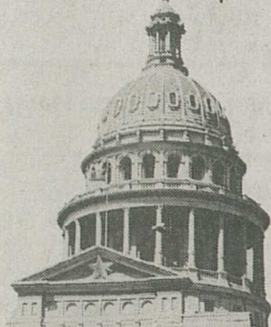
The Texas Department of Public Safety on Aug. 11 released a select list of new criminal laws or changes to current criminal laws.

Here are samples of a just a few of them:

- It will be illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.
- Applicants under the age of 18 must take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license.
- Occupants of a vehicle must be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated.
- Children younger than 8 years of age must be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. [The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense.]
- The DPS may not issue a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas.
- The DPS may not suspend a concealed handgun permit if the holder fails to display the permit to a peace officer when told to do so.
- Internet usage by certain registered sex offenders is restricted, and registered sex offenders must provide information about their e-mail addresses when they register.
- A court may immediately seal juvenile criminal records if the juvenile successfully completes a drug court program, or another special program ordered by the court.

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Mike Cox

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- Orthopedic Bracing
- Sports Braces
- Diabetic Shoes & Inserts
- Custom Foot Orthotics

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 Chiropractor / Orthotist
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Taco Tony's Mexican Restaurant
 20 Calhoun Road • Eagle Lake
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Breakfast Specials: Mon.-Fri., 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Lunch and Dinner Specials
 Mon.-Fri. Beginning at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Buffet Tuesdays and Thursdays
 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Hours:
 Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
 Fri. and Sat.: 8 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

September 12, 1985
Charles Edwards Powell, 28, of Eagle Lake passed away on Friday, September 6 at Memorial city Hospital due to a lengthy illness from an accident several years ago. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 10 at 2 p.m. from White Cloud Baptist Church with Rev. Obie Rhodes officiating. Burial was in Union Hill Cemetery in Matthews...
 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Berger of Garwood are pleased to announce the engagement and

approaching marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Ann to Richard Don Matzke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Matzke of Wharton. The wedding is calendared for

October 12 at the Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Garwood...

Heather Marie Henske, daughter of Mike and Penny

Henske, was honored with a party and BBQ on Saturday, August 31 celebrating her third birthday. Her actual birthday was August 30.

Local 'Hit Men' To Perform At Fair

There's already a lot of "buzz" going around about the formation of a Colorado County based band called "the Hit Men"! Many people remember a popular cover band from the 90's named "Colorado".

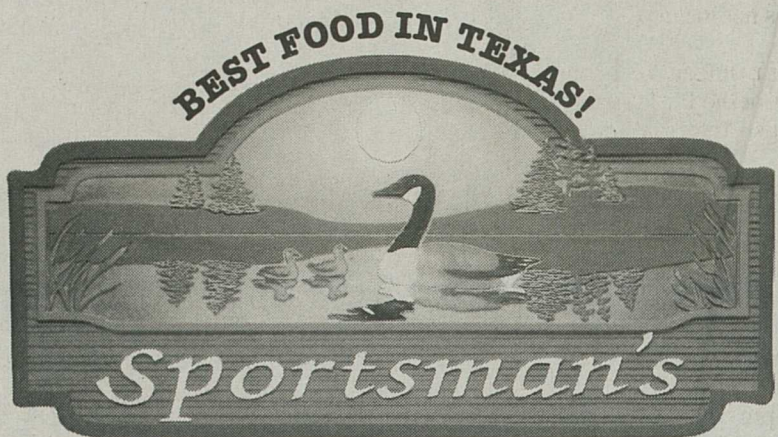
Russell, our local chiropractor during the day, will certainly be a vital part of the group with some of the best piano leads you'll ever hear!

Bass guitarist and singer Jason Jones of Eagle Lake is looking forward to being a part of the Hit Men. Jones said, "This is exactly the project I've been looking for. These guys are real pros, plus I think we're gonna be a real fun band to party with!"

By the way, Jason Jones served our country as a United States Marine. Thank you Jason for your service to America!

Remember to come check out the Hit Men at the opening night of the Colorado County Fair Thursday September 10th 7:30 to 11:30.

For booking information and availability for any size event, you can contact Darrel Appelt (979) 732-4777 or darrelappelt@hotmail.com



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Well, two members of that band, Darrel Appelt and Randy Rodriguez will combine with Russell Prause, Jason Jones, and Kyle Appelt to form a new group that will perform only the most successful and recognizable hits in Country, Rock n Roll, and Oldies!

Darrel Appelt of Columbus (98.3 KULM radio dj) will be the group's lead singer and will play acoustic guitar and harmonica. Appelt is coming out of retirement from the band business.

He said, "I had a great 20 year run, then I left live music in 1998 to be with and raise my two sons. But now that the boys are grown, I think it's a good time to start singing again. My youngest son Kyle has developed into an exceptional drummer and he'll be working most shows with us. I'm really looking forward to that!"

Guitarist and vocalist Randy Rodriguez of Waller has more than 25 years experience and has always been recognized as one of the hottest guitar players in the region.

Whether it's electric or acoustic, Randy's guitar leads always impress and entertain!

Talented keyboard player Russell Prause of Columbus brings valuable experience and versatili-

Colorado County Courthouse Report

Two Lawsuits In District Court

Two lawsuits were filed in the last week in Colorado County District Court.

On Aug. 12, Wachovia Dealer Services Inc. filed suit against Kenneth A. Ellis in a dispute over payments on a loan for the purchase of a vehicle.

The amount in dispute is \$12,147.

In a suit on Aug. 13, Don Demny filed suit against the Colorado County Appraisal District in a dispute over the value of a homestead at 997 FM 949 in Alleyton.

The suit claims the value listed by the appraisal district for tax

purposes is in excess of market value.

No amount is specified in the suit.

Divorce Filed

Evelyn M. Johnson and Clem- on Johnson, Aug. 12.

Divorces Granted

Audie Herbert and Shane Her- bert, Aug. 13.

Monica Williams and Stephen Williams, Aug. 13.

Tracy Kuehn and John Kuehn Sr., Aug. 13.

Kerranda Johnson and Ulab Johnson, Aug. 13.

Maria Aguilera and Jesus Aguilera, Aug. 13.

Marriage

Certificates Issued

Javier Acosta-Olivares and Luzly Erika Fuentes-Venegas, July 21.

James Eddie Hamilton and Charnesia Dawn Huffman, July 28.

Carl Henry Wied and Angela Marie Richter, August 3.

Willie Edward Ford and Pan- dera Cecile Waddle, August 7.

David Torres and Maria Elisa- beth Guerrero, August 10.

Matthew Albert Janak and Brandy Nichole Karlan, August 11.

Desmond L. Thomas and Any Nicole Guerra, August 13.

Thank You...

Two words that can't begin to express how I feel. First thanks to God for His loving had over me. Thank you to Dr. Elhammady, nurses and staff at Columbus Community Hospital. Thanks to Shannon, Michael, Sharon, James Sweet and my mom for the flowers. Thanks Wendy for the PJ's.

To my church family at Christian Gospel Church in Columbus, thanks for your prayers, phone calls and visits. Thanks to my Mom and Dad, Mary, Shirley, Stacy and Jamie for staying with me from the time the procedure started to when it was over.

To Brenda Besch and Theresa Zapalac at First National Bank for helping make this necessary procedure possible.

God Blessed me with great family and friends. God is good, All the Time!!

May each of you reap the good things you've sown.
 Carol Cardenas

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