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Unemployment Rate Creeping Up

AUSTIN — Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched one tenth of a point higher to 8.0 percent in August, which translates to 62,200 more people out of work.

Chairman Tom Pauken of the Texas Workforce Commission on Sept. 18 said, "Despite our strong Texas economic foundation, the national recession continues to have an adverse impact on our state."

The national rate of unemployment stood at 9.7 percent for the month of August, according to U.S. Department of Labor statistics released Sept. 4.

Meanwhile, in the context of high unemployment nationwide as compared with conditions in Texas, Gov. Rick Perry made this comment while addressing a business group in Houston on Sept. 17:

"Why is Texas kind of recession-proof, if you will? As a matter of fact ... someone had put a report out that the first state that's coming out of the recession is going to be the state of Texas ... I said, 'We're in one?'"

Court hears open records case

The Texas Supreme Court on Sept. 17 heard arguments in a case pitting The Dallas Morning News and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The case stems from the newspaper's public information request for an updated state payroll database in November 2005.

In December 2005, then-Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn released the requested information, except for state employees' birth dates, arguing that releasing birth dates would expose them to identity theft.

The newspaper said birth dates make it possible to distinguish workers who have the same name, and there is no specific statutory exception that closes off the information. The Texas Attorney General's Office sided with the newspaper.

A ruling is pending.

More stimulus funding comes in

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced Sept. 18 that local and state governmental bodies are welcome to apply for about \$17 million in federal stimulus funds for transportation efficiency projects.

Grants are administered through the comptroller's State Energy Conservation Office.

Of the \$17 million, \$11 million can be used to help purchase alternative fuel vehicles, pay for alternative fuel conversions and buy equipment for alternative fuel stations. Alternative fuels include natural gas, propane, hydrogen, ethanol, electricity and bio-diesel.

And \$6 million is available for synchronizing traffic lights on major routes to smooth traffic flow and for replacing LED (light-emitting diode) bulbs in traffic signals.

Redistricting panel to meet

On Sept. 30 the Texas House Committee on Redistricting will meet at the John H. Reagan Building at the state Capitol.

The Census Bureau will make a presentation at the meeting on the upcoming 2010 federal census.

Data gleaned in the 2010 U.S. Census will be used by the Texas Legislature in adjusting the sizes and shapes of Senate, House, State Board of Education, state judicial and congressional districts.

SBOE reviews social studies

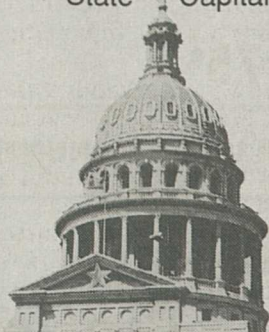
The State Board of Education, at its Sept. 18 meeting, reacted to proposals made by expert reviewers and review teams of educators, parents and citizens who have suggested updates to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, the curriculum standards.

The board expressed favor for including content such as Christmas, Rosh Hashanah, civil rights leader César Chávez, astronaut Neil Armstrong and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in the curriculum.

The board also approved an across-the-board cut of 4.74 percent to the maximum cost the state will pay per textbook. The state will need to purchase about 6.2 million English language arts books for kindergarten through twelfth grade next year, so the reduction will cut costs by about \$23.1 million.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Publishers will be asked to rebid their materials based on the restrictions imposed by the cost-cutting measures.

Hutchison edges ahead in survey

In a statewide telephone survey of 790 likely Republican primary voters in Texas, Rasmussen Reports said Sept. 17 that

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison had edged ahead of incumbent Rick Perry in the race for governor.

The survey conducted by Rasmussen Sept. 16 showed Hutchison with 40 percent to Perry's 38 percent, and Wharton rancher Debra Medina with 3 percent. That left 19 percent in the "not sure" category.

Voter registration ends soon

The deadline to register to vote in Texas' Nov. 3 election is Monday, Oct. 5.

Eleven proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution will be on the ballot.

Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

October 17, 1985

John Beseda, 77, of Eagle Lake, passed away Tuesday at his home. Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake with the Rev. Ray Widacki officiating. Burial followed in Lakeside

Cemetery...

Doug and Brenda Berger are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Ashley Kalina Berger**, born September 3 at Rosewood Hospital in Houston. She weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long...

Karl and Mary Hunter of Columbus announce the birth of their daughter, **McKenzie Jan Hunter**, on September 24 at 3:07 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. McKenzie weighed in at eight pounds, eight ounces and was 20 inches long...

Odessa Thomas and Albert Johnson of Eagle Lake announced

the birth of their first child, a son, born on October 1 at 8:56 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The baby was named **Desmond Lydell Thomas** and weighed seven pounds, four ounces...

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ray Guerra of Austin (formerly of Eagle Lake) are proud to announce the birth of their son born on September 30 at 11:07 p.m. at the Brackenridge Hospital in Austin. Weighing seven pounds, six ounces at birth the little tot was named **Jerry Rene Guerra**...

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Aguilar of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their first child, a son, born on Sunday, September 29 at 4:26 p.m.

at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The baby was named **Stephen Ray** and weighed four pounds, seven ounces at birth...

In a 4 p.m. ceremony on Saturday, August 17, **Sharri Webb** and **Glenn Payne** were united in marriage at the Grace Lutheran Church in Eagle Lake. **Rev. Al Flathmann** performed the ceremony...

Malynda Adair and William Bradley (Bill) Carroll, both of Tyler were united in marriage on September 11 at Montego Bay, Jamaica. Justice of the Peace **Percival L. Thompson**, was the officiant.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

Sixteen Sentenced In County Court

Sixteen individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, Sept. 16. They included:

Juan Almendarez, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 12 days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Stephen Colfer, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Javier Garcia Jasso, assault causing bodily injury family member. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$150 plus court costs, BIPP shelter fee.

Elvia Medina, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Efrain Mendoza, theft. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Blake Aaron Skutca, assault causing bodily injury family member. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$150 plus court costs, BIPP shelter fee.

Joel Foster, assault causing bodily injury family member. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Ruben Garcia, bail jumping and fail to appear. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Ruben Garcia, theft stolen

property. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, \$75 restitution lien.

Ben D. Gonzales, assault causing bodily injury (count I) and assault (count II). Both reduced to Class C. Charged a \$500 fine for each count.

Guadalupe Martinez, Jr., evading arrest/detention. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Johnny K. Matejek, burglary of vehicle. Sentenced to 60 days in jail, fined \$200 plus court costs.

Jose Gonzalez Mendoza, reckless driving. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined \$200 plus court costs.

Shauna M. Richardson, driving while intoxicated. Motion to dismiss.

Andres Reyes Rojas, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined \$500, driver's license suspended.

Joseph Tran, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year

deferred adjudication, fined \$250 plus court costs, drug program.

David Linares, assault family violence, interfere with emergency telephone call. Sentenced to 60 days in jail, both counts.

One Civil Suit In District Court

One civil suit was filed in the last week in Colorado County District Court.

On Sept. 18, **Lonnie Flowers** filed suit against **Jonathan Ruvacaba** for damages suffered in a motor vehicle accident on May 16, 2009.

Divorces Granted

Sherman Carter and Wershe-lia Carter, Sept. 21.

Janette Allene Chester and Keith Randall Startz, Sept. 21.

LeTeshia Banks and Robert Paul-Shafter Holgate, Sept. 21.

Catherine Rhoads Weber and Matthew Lee Weber, Sept. 21.

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