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Citizens Urged To Be Patient Waiting For H1N1 Vaccine

AUSTIN — Be patient, the Department of State Health Services urged Texans on Sept. 30, because the supply of H1N1 "swine" flu vaccine over the next few weeks will be low.

"We've been told that we'll have about 15 million doses for Texas after all is said and done, but it won't be available all at

once," said Dr. David Lakey, state health commissioner. "The vaccine will trickle in week to week, especially at first. It's a fluid situation driven primarily by how much vaccine the manufacturers produce each week."

Some 3.4 million doses of the vaccine had been projected for Texas by mid-October, but the

latest estimates are that no more than 1.7 million doses will be available by then.

Comptroller comments on study

A study by the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia shows Hispanic households contributed more than \$171 billion to the Texas economy in 2008.

The study also shows Texas Hispanics' annual buying power is expected to grow to nearly \$252 billion by 2013 — a 47 percent increase in five years.

"We expect to see significant growth in Hispanic-owned businesses," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

Figures compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau show that Texas was home to 8.9 million Hispanics in 2008, 37 percent of the state's population. And, in the 2008 Hispanic Business 500, the Top 20 Hispanic businesses in Texas produced revenues of nearly \$4 billion and employed 14,617 people.

Combs said Hispanic companies can benefit from state certification as Historically Underutilized Businesses.

HUB certification, plus registration on the state's Centralized Master Bidders List, can help

businesses win contracts with state agencies which are required to make a good faith effort to purchase goods and services from minority- and woman-owned businesses.

"The nation is currently observing Hispanic Heritage Month, which celebrates the rich history and culture of Hispanic people," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Here in Texas, Hispanic Heritage Month is also a time to reflect on the enormous contribution Hispanic families and Hispanic-owned businesses make to our economy."

Program's food list improves

A policy switch took effect Oct. 1 that makes it possible for WIC program participants to receive a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, whole grain products and baby foods in an effort to reduce obesity and encourage breastfeeding.

WIC is the federal Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.

"The purpose is to provide healthier, more diverse food choices," state health commissioner Lakey said Sept. 28. "The new foods give participants more nutritional variety and value, less

fat and more fiber."

Food choices before the policy change included milk, infant formula, cheese, cereals, dried beans, canned tuna, peanut butter, canned or frozen concentrate fruit juice and fresh or canned carrots.

All Texas participants will be transitioned to the new food choices by January.

AG to appeal same-sex case

A Dallas state district judge on Oct. 1 ruled that two men who were married in another state could get a divorce in Texas, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The legal argument behind the ruling is that the Texas law and state constitution banning same-sex marriage violate the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause.

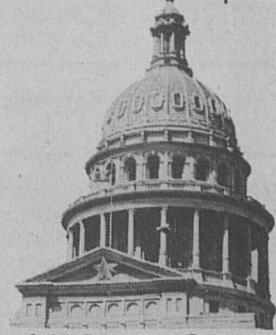
Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said he would file an appeal to the ruling, saying, "The laws and constitution of the State of Texas define marriage as an institution involving one man and one woman."

Long-imprisoned man is pardoned

Gov. Perry on Sept. 30 granted a pardon for innocence to James Lee Woodard after DNA testing

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

proved he did not sexually assault or murder Beverly Ann Jones in 1980.

Woodward was sentenced to prison in 1981. He was released in April 2008 after serving more than 27 years.

Budget board OKs hiring of 250

The Legislative Budget Board on Oct. 3 decided to allow the state Health and Human Services Commission to hire 250 more workers at an annual cost of \$11 million to process food stamp applications.

Current enrollment stands at 2.8 million in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, but applications have increased dramatically in the current economic downturn.

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Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

October 31, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Van Nort observed the momentous occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, October

25...

Sharon Marie Jurecka, 19, of Fayetteville, passed away October 20 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Funeral services were

conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23 from Fayetteville with Msgr. Ben Mazurkie officiating. Burial followed at Fayetteville Catholic Cemetery...

David Frank McClain, II celebrated, his second birthday October 12 with a party given by his parents.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

Eight Sentenced In District Court

Eight individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on October 5. They

included:

Timothy Chester, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to five years ID-TDCJ probated five years, fined \$1,000, 30 days in jail, 18 months driver's license suspension.

Raymond H. Ikeda, Sr., possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,250.

Christopher R. Jones, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000.

Horacio Lopez, Jr., possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000.

Alexce Marshall, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 12 months state jail.

Alexce Marshall, man delivery of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 10 years ID-TDCJ.

Daniel Molina, prohibited substance in correctional facility

alcohol/drug/phon. Probation revoked, sentenced to 45 days in jail.

James Q. Nguyen, unlawful possession of a firearm by felon. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Kevin Rourke, driving while intoxicated-3rd or more. Sentenced to 10 years ID-TDCJ probated five years, fined \$1,500, 30 days in jail.

Three Sentenced In County Court

Three individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, September 20. They included:

Kristen N. Storch, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one day and jail, and a \$300 probation fine.

Courtland Richardson, failure to identify. Sentenced to 15 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Christina Chapman, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 180 days in jail, probated one year, fined \$500, 50 hours community service and court costs.

Divorce Filed

Valerie Jean Palmer and Rodney Charles Palmer, filed Oct. 2.

Divorce Granted

Pennie Lyn Brown and William B. Brown, Oct. 5.

Veteran's Ball Set For Nov. 14

Bellville American Legion Post 115 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6522, along with their Auxiliary Units, are pleased to announce the 7th Annual Veterans' Ball.

They will host the ball on Saturday, November 14, at the Austin County Fair Pavilion in Bellville.

The social starts at 5:45 pm with the opening colors ceremony at 6:45 pm.

This military-style ball open to the public and honors our veterans while celebrating patriotic camaraderie. The events for the evening include the opening ceremonies, ribeye steak dinner, cake cutting ceremony, and dance. Military memorabilia will be on display.

Proceeds from the Ball benefit various patriotic programs in the community sponsored by the posts and auxiliary units.

Final arrangements are being made for this year's guest of honor and speaker. Each year, the guests of honor have provided a unique insight into aspects of today's military that are not normally in the major news media.

The table for those that cannot be with us and the cake cutting ceremony provide somber and fervent recognition of our veterans.

Upon the completion of the dinner and ceremonies, The Moonglow Orchestra will be performing for your dancing pleasure.

The evening will be semi-formal. Active military are encouraged to wear their Class "A" Service Alpha uniforms. Suggested attire for civilians is coat and tie/cocktail dress. Veterans may wear either civilian attire with the headgear of their veterans' organization or military attire.

The posts and units invite everyone to attend and appreciate your support. Tickets are available in advance only and will not be available at the door.

For more information, contact Eldon Heavischer at (979) 865-5188 or E-mail VetsBall@hotmail.com.



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