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State To Destroy Blood Samples

AUSTIN -- To settle a lawsuit, the Texas Department of State Health Services will destroy more than five million blood samples taken from newborns without the parents' consent and stored for research.

Four parents sued the department, saying that taking and storing the samples was unlawful and violated the privacy rights of the parents and children.

The Texas Civil Rights Project sued in U.S. District Court in San Antonio earlier this year.

The state began collecting blood samples from newborns in 2002 and halted the process in May when a new state law banned it.

Under the settlement, the state has until April 13 to destroy 5.3 million samples stored at Texas A&M University.

Health department officials began collecting the blood samples for medical research. Although the blood spots did not identify the children, parents were never notified that their newborns' blood would be stored indefinitely.

The Legislature this year passed a law requiring parents to consent to their babies' blood being collected and stored.

Texas gains most people

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that Texas added more people than any other state in the 12-month period that ended last July 1.

The bureau said Texas gained 478,000 new residents, an increase

of 1.97 percent, bringing the state's population to 24.8 million.

California had the second highest growth, adding 381,000 residents, and remained the most populous state at 37 million.

Michigan, Maine and Rhode Island were the only states to lose population.

The United States grew by 0.86 percent to 307 million people.

The report is the final estimate before the bureau releases its official 2010 census in December.

The numbers are used to determine the distribution of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Food stamp audit sought
Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Tom Suehs has asked

State Auditor John Keel to audit the state's lagging food stamp application process.

Earlier this month, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid sued to force the state to meet the 30-day requirement for food stamp processing.

Keel said some eligible families have waited for months to receive food stamps.

In requesting the audit, Suehs blamed the delays on high staff turnover, staff shortages, natural disasters and increasing applications.

He told Keel that the department's process is "too time consuming and not very productive."

Suehs asked for Keel's help identifying waste and finding

ways to improve processing applications.

Keel said his office is postponing other audits to make the food stamp issue a priority.

New UT license plates possible

University of Texas fans may have a new Bevo-centric license plate available to them soon.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles asked the public for comments on a new plate that features a large Texas Longhorn logo in burnt orange on a white background.

If approved, the new tag will sell for \$55 and be available to the public on Jan. 7.

That's also the day Texas plays Alabama in the national championship game at the Rose Bowl.

The UT athletic department will receive between \$5 and \$20 for each plate sold.

Death sentences decline

Capital punishment sentences have declined significantly in Texas over the past few years, according to a study by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The newspaper said death sentences are at a 35-year low.

Prosecutors are seeking fewer death sentences and juries are more reluctant to sentence a defendant to death by lethal injection.

Also, since 2005 a sentence of life in prison without parole has been available to juries.

Previously, juries had to choose between death and life

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By Ed Sterling

with a possibility of parole.

Since the change, capital punishment sentences have dropped by 40 percent.

Texas had 13 death sentences in 2008 and nine so far this year, compared to 47 death sentences in 1999.

State Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, the author of the life-without-parole law, said, "It isn't life without parole that has weakened the death penalty."

"It is a growing lack of belief that our system is fair."

Shapleigh won't run

State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, has pulled out of the 2010 governor's race.

Shapleigh said in October he would not seek reelection to the state Senate and was considering a run for statewide office.

Shapleigh, 57, said he changed his mind about seeking the Governor's Mansion after Houston Mayor Bill White announced he would seek the Democratic Party nomination for governor.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Jan. 23, 1986

Local election activity picked up with a candidate for Mayor of Eagle Lake and it was noted that long time Pct. 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles would have competition. Roy Dean Van Nort filed for Mayor and Paul Causey filed for Pct. 4 Commissioner...

Lucille Perry Lange was named by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce as "Employee of the Year"...

The Texas Trail Riders Association named Leslie Heard as their 1986 Queen of the Texas Trail Ride...

The Rev. Charles Miller, Jr. will be installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church...

Anna M. Pausewang, 76, passed away Jan. 13 in El Campo...

Gold medal winners in the Rice High School Art contest were David Morgan and Lisa Drlik. Best of Show went to Carol Korenek...

Named as FTA'er of the Month for Rice High School was Colette Williams.

June 30, 1960

Supt. Willard Etheridge reported the resignation of Mrs. Annie Whitley from the Upper Elementary faculty. She will now be teaching in San Antonio...

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Pesnell were host and hostess for a reception dinner honoring Miss Judi Gibson and their son, Carl Pesnell at Campbell's Café on

June 16...

The Ralph Johnson family has moved to Eagle Lake from the Lissie Community. Mrs. Johnson is the former Jeanette Causey...

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Muzny were host and hostess at a delightful farewell barbecue honoring Mr. and Mrs. E.J. (Butch) Parma who are moving to Houston...

Mrs. C.E. Evoritt, Jr. and Mrs. R.R. Wells, Jr. were hostesses at a farewell coffee on June 24 for Mrs. Bill Searcy who will be moving and teaching in Wharton...

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson are happy over the arrival of a son born in Laughlin Hospital June 25 at 11:53 a.m. He has been named Howard Bruce, Jr. The Johnson's have two daughters, Anette, who will be seven in August and Jeanine, five...

Paula Givens, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Givens of Eagle Lake, is recuperating from a serious shark bite on

her right leg while swimming in the Gulf between McFadden and Orange during the weekend...

A twister that skipped through Eagle Lake residential areas brought considerable damage to this community and was followed by a downpour of 11 to 15 inches of rain. Eagle Lake Pipe Company sustained the most damage.

Hayek To Run For County Clerk

County Clerk Darlene Hayek, has announced that she will seek Re-Election as Colorado County Clerk. She issued the following statement about her bid for reelection.

I, Darlene Hayek, County Clerk, am announcing my campaign for re-election. I want to reaffirm my commitment to the citizens of Colorado County.

I will continue to be committed to running my office with integrity and to have a progressive vision for serving the citizens of Colorado County in the future. I have a common sense approach to the challenges of my office, and I will continue to be fiscally responsible with your money as a taxpayer of Colorado County.

I am truly thankful to you for supporting and voting for me in the past. I am asking now for your continued support and vote in the upcoming Republican Primary, March 2, 2010, and in the General Election, November 2, 2010.

Eagle Lake Area New Year Services

Eagle Lake residents will celebrate New Year's Eve with a variety of family and religious services. A number of churches will be holding special services.

Here are some of the observances planned:

Living Hope Church: New Year's Eve service, 9 p.m. to midnight (prayer service).

Greater Eagle Lake Ministries:

Will hold a New Year's Eve service at White Cloud Baptist Church from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Parish of the Nativity of Eagle Lake:

New Year, January 1, Holy day of obligation masses: Thursday, December 31, Vigil 6 p.m. Friday, January 1, 9 a.m. mass.

The Shepherd's Way Church:

New Year's Eve Praise and Worship service will be held Thursday, December 31 starting at 9:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Eleventh Annual EAGLE LAKE

New Year's Eve

Fireworks SHOW

The Show is put on by an All-Volunteer Crew and relies solely on Donations. Every dollar donated goes directly to the purchase of Fireworks.

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will be held

Thursday

Dec. 31, 2009

6:30 p.m.

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