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Governor's Office Publishes New Homeland Plan

AUSTIN -- Now available for all with Internet access to read is the new "Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan 2010-2015."

Gov. Rick Perry called his plan "a high-level road map to allow for adaptation to evolving situations in an ever-changing threat

environment."

Perry said the plan builds on what the state has done over the last five years, a period during which more than \$230 million was committed to fund border security operations.

Samples of the plan's stated goals:

- Prevent terrorists and criminal enterprises from exploiting Texas' international borders.
- Increase public awareness and reporting of suspicious activities.
- Reduce vulnerability to natural and man-made disasters.
- Enhance safety of schools.
- Enhance security features in state driver's licenses and identification cards to include the use of biometrics.

The Web address for the plan is:

www.governor.state.tx.us/files/press-office/TX-Homeland-Security-Strategic-Plan-2010-2015.pdf.

Senators visit

Louisiana prison

Two Texas state senators on May 16 checked into a maximum security Louisiana prison for a three-day stay.

Senate Criminal Justice Committee Chairman John Whitmire, D-Houston, and committee member Dan Patrick, R-Houston, went to the storied Louisiana State Prison at Angola to observe a ministry program run by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary that has been credited with reforming inmates.

Warden Burl Cain invited Whitmire and Patrick as guests after he watched Patrick's documentary film, "The Heart of Texas," which carries a potentially live-changing message for inmates.

Sales tax break for appliances

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on May 14 announced the third annual Texas "Energy Star" Sales Tax Holiday to run May 29 through 31.

During the three-day sales tax holiday, Texas shoppers will not have to pay state and local sales tax on certain energy efficiency-rated products.

"It's a great opportunity for consumers to save at the register and at home, where they'll see the benefits returned in energy savings on their utility bills," Combs said.

The tax break applies to air conditioners priced less than \$6,000, refrigerators priced less than \$2,000, ceiling fans, incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs, clothes washers, dishwashers, dehumidifiers and programmable thermostats.

The tax break also applies to installation and delivery charges for the products on the list, Combs said.

Patterson: Coast clear for now

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson on May 13 said the Deepwater Horizon oil spill slick was about 160 miles east of the

Texas coast.

"Despite some media reports, Texas is not yet affected by this spill," Patterson said.

"We're watching and waiting, but it's just not time to go to general quarters. No news is good news."

If any oil from the Deepwater Horizon makes it to the Texas coast, it will not be in the form of a thick sludge, it will be tarballs, Patterson said.

If any tarballs from the Deepwater Horizon make it to Texas shores, the Texas General Land Office will work with the U.S. Coast Guard and the oil rig operator BP to clean them up.

"It's not that big of a deal," Patterson said.

Arizona a no-go for city of Austin

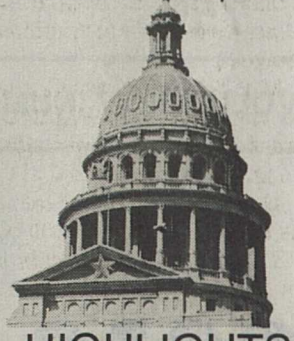
Austin City Council on May 13 unanimously adopted a resolution to curtail official business travel to Arizona to protest the state's new law tightening immigration enforcement.

Before the vote, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez said, "The reasons for introducing this measure are two-fold.

First and foremost, we want to ensure that we are not exposing city employees to risk by sending them into an uncertain and

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

potentially hostile environment in Arizona."

"Second, we want to send a loud and clear message to the State of Arizona that our community stands in vehement opposition to racial discrimination in any form."

Metal detectors to be installed

The Texas Department of Public Safety on May 13 announced metal detectors soon will be installed at all Capitol entrances.

Capitol visitors will be screened for metallic items that could be used as weapons, the DPS said.

Capitol staffers and state employees will be able to bypass the screening by presenting their official identification.

RHS Athletic Banquet set for Tuesday, May 25 at the RHS Commons. Silent auction begins at 6 p.m. (To donate an item contact Shannon Gold or Clarice Dumont). Meal and program at 7 p.m. Tickets available at school offices, Buc-ee's, Johnny's Sport Shop, Larry's (Garwood) and Nada Grocery. Tickets are \$8 each. Meal includes chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, bread, cobbler & tea.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

June 12, 1986

Mrs. Loie Waddell Smith, 91, of Eagle Lake, passed away June 9 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sommerlatte of Eagle Lake announced the birth of their second child, a daughter, born June 8. Brittany LeAnn weighed eight pounds, three ounces...

Bill and Betty Fink will be re-opening their Fink's Variety Store filling a retail shopping void created several months ago when Variety Values closed...

Coby Shorter, III, an agricultural education major, is among 412 Texas A&M students inducted into the freshman honor society, Phi Eta Sigma, for the fall/spring 1985-86 semesters...

William A "Bill" Beisel, Sr., 73, of Lissie, passed away June 10...

Tim Luedecke, Jr. son of Tim and Judy Luedecke of Eagle Lake celebrated his 8th birthday with a party at ShowBiz Pizza Place in Houston...

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Waligura, Jr. of Garwood announced the arrival of a baby daughter, Ashley Nicole born May 27...

Rachelle Dawn Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hunt of Garwood, is one of 648 Abilene Christian University students listed on the dean's honor roll for the spring 1986 semester...

Mr. and Mrs. Adolfo Saucedo proudly announced the graduation of their daughter, Mrs. Elisa Saucedo Castillo who gradu-

ated from Lamar Consolidated in Rosenberg...

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ray Raley of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Theresa, to Andrew Dow, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dow of Houston. The wedding will be held Aug. 9 in Nada...

A coffee shower honoring Miss Bonnie Luann Brown was held May 31 in the home of Mrs. Maxine Griffith. Luann is the bride-elect of Ricky Meyer of Columbus...

Descendants of the late Adolph and Theodore Brast held their 8th annual reunion at the Sealy Firemen's Hall on May 25th...

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Posada, Sr. of Eagle Lake announced the birth of their third child, a son, born June 3. He was named Jose Posada, Jr....

Navy Seaman Recruit Kenneth W. Brast, son of Clifton D. and Florine Stuessell of Cat Spring, has completed recruit training in Great Lake, Illinois...

May 17, 1962

M.E. Isenhower was honored for being Soil Conservation Farmer of the Year for the Colorado Soil Conservation District...

John Timothy Engstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Engstrom has been named valedictorian of the 1962 graduating class at Garwood High School. Miss Helen Schoellmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Schoellmann is the salutatorian...

Graduation exercises for the East Bernard High School will be Sunday, May 22. Shirley Morris and Doris Krennek were named top students...

Seven seniors are candidates for graduation at Rock Island High School. Members of the class include Cheryl Layton, Barbara Owers, H.A. Hruzek, John Moore, Robert Moss, Lenard Mai and Boyce Ulbig. Hruzek is valedictorian, Mai, salutatorian...

Mrs. H.T. Wilson was complimented on the occasion of her 80th birthday May 6th at Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Walker's country home...

Simmons Suede and Leather Cleaners bowling team won first place in the Sundown Trio League. Team members were Bertice Ditttrich, Pryor Simmons, Jimmy Marquart and Bill Boskas...

Mr. and Mrs. Draper Stephens entertained with a Mother's Day buffet dinner at their home on Austin Road...

Booker T. Dabney, Jr. a junior student at E.H. Henry Colored High School in Eagle Lake has been selected to attend the summer science seminar for high school students in biology at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas...

Johnny Green Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Davidson of Eagle Lake, is a candidate for a degree in English at the Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville.

May 16-22 Is 'EMS Week'

May 16-22, 2010 is National EMS Week and this year's theme is "EMS: anytime, anywhere, we will be there".

Colorado County EMS will be participating by hosting multiple "MEET and GREET" events in various locations throughout the county.

On Saturday, May 22, 2010, the ambulances will be available to provide free blood pressure checks, offering literature about Medic Alert Buttons, Poison Control, Vial of Life, Guides for Medical Emergencies and much more.

Please stop by to pick up some

information, let the kids look inside the trucks or "Just Say Hi" to your Colorado County Medics.

Starting at 10:30 a.m. the ambulances will be located at: The Wal-Mart Store in Columbus; Brookshire Brothers Grocery Store in Eagle Lake and Super S Grocery Store in Weimar.

Murder Trial Ends With Guilty Plea

While a jury was deliberating the question of his guilt, a Weimar man pled guilty to murdering his uncle and will be sentenced later next month.

Francis M. Johnson, 27, was on trial for the murder of Don Ulbricht, 49, an oilfield services supervisor who lived in Hockley. The killing occurred at a family camp house located on FM 532 between Weimar and Oakland on December 30, 2009, at 7:16 p.m.

At the time of the slaying, Johnson was working at a bank in Weimar and had recently moved to the camp house from Katy.

He testified that he shot Ulbricht two times in the chest with an SKS semi-automatic assault rifle for reasons of self-defense.

According to testimony, the

shooting stemmed from an argument about an inheritance of approximately 70 acres of family land on which the camp house is located and the care of Ulbricht's elderly father, who was in an assisted living facility.

According to the testimony, Ulbricht had argued earlier with his sister, Elizabeth Johnson, who was living at the camp house with her son, Francis.

She left the location and Ulbricht remained at the scene.

At that point, the defendant, who had been driving a tractor on the property, returned to the camp house.

He testified Ulbricht threatened to beat him with his fists.

Johnson said he went inside the house and got the assault rifle

for protection.

He said that he also threw Ulbricht's hat outside.

At that point, Johnson testified, Ulbricht charged inside the house and kicked him.

Johnson claimed he fired twice to protect himself.

One shot hit Ulbricht in the front of the chest.

The second shot hit Ulbricht under his right armpit, indicating his side was facing Johnson.

Evidence indicated that Ulbricht might have survived the first shot, but the second shot was fatal.

After the shooting, Johnson said he called 9-1-1 and said he shot his uncle in self-defense.

The law allows a person to use

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