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Education Board Passes New Curriculum Standards

AUSTIN -- The State Board of Education on May 21 approved new curriculum standards on a series of 9-5 votes after two days of public debate.

Standing-room-only crowds paid close attention as the ideologically divided board jousted over proposed changes to social studies and history standards.

The board considered 213

amendments to standards for kindergarten through 12th grade.

New standards for the high school economics course passed on a unanimous vote.

The newly adopted standards, or Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, will be used in classrooms beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, the Texas Education Agency said. Examples of changes:

--Analyze Abraham Lincoln's ideas about liberty, equality, union and government as contained in his first and second inaugural addresses and the Gettysburg Address and contrast them with the ideas contained in Jefferson Davis's inaugural address.

--Examine the reasons the Founders protected religious freedom in America and guaranteed its free exercise by saying that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, and compare and contrast this to the phrase "separation of church and state."

--Explain instances of institutional racism in American society.

--Discuss the solvency of long term entitlements such as Social Security and Medicare.

Order for budget cuts is made

State agencies are tightening their belts enough to save taxpayer

ers an estimated \$1.2 billion in the current two-year budget cycle, the governor's office said.

In Jan., Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, asked that each state agency make plans to cut general revenue budgets by five percent to head off a projected state budget shortfall then estimated at \$10 billion.

Straus said, "We cannot afford business as usual, but must make tough choices and put every cost savings idea on the table."

On May 18, Perry, Dewhurst and Straus directed the Legislative Budget Board to tell the agencies to implement their budget-savings proposals immediately.

Budget cuts would have totaled close to \$1.7 billion, but some \$483 million in exemptions was granted to the Texas Department of Public Safety Homeland and Border Security; the Department of State Health Services; the Texas Department of Criminal

Justice, the Texas Workforce Commission and the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Capitol metal detectors in use

Screening stations with airport-style metal detectors began functioning at first-floor state Capitol entrances on May 21.

All visitors, including scheduled tours and schoolchildren, must go through the detectors, but legislators and staff will have official access points and don't have to go through if they show their building access badge.

Capitol visitors are asked to remove metal objects before walking through the detectors.

Troopers employ handheld wands to check wheelchair-using visitors.

Concealed handgun license holders and law enforcement officers not in uniform must show their license or agency credentials to avoid going through the metal detectors.

Unemployment rate creeps higher

The Texas civilian labor force grew by 51,000 workers in April, but the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8.3 percent in April, up from 8.2 percent in March.

In its May 21 report, the Texas Workforce Commission said, however, that the state's unemployment rate continues to trend below the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April of 9.9 percent.

Chief exec turns down trailer offer

The Texas chapter of the AFL-CIO on May 19 offered Gov. Perry the use of a new, fully equipped mobile home for \$1 a year.

The labor union said if Perry were to take up residence in the home placed in its parking lot, the savings to taxpayers would total nearly \$120,000 a year on rent the state is paying for Perry's temporary quarters while the arson-damaged Governor's Mansion is

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

being renovated.

Perry's staff quickly rejected the offer on his behalf.

Texas Tribune posts state salaries

The Texas Tribune, a government watchdog Web-based publication, has posted a state payroll database-listing employees by name, agency, job title and annual base salary.

The searchable database is at: <http://www.texastribune.org/library/data/government-employee-salaries/>.

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Let's Look Back...

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June 19, 1986

Mrs. E.H. Henry was honored by more than 200 former students and teachers who attended the reunion here...

Renae Dierschke, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Dierschke of Eagle Lake was among the 176 students to graduate from Wharton County Junior College...

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Mayes of Rock Island proudly announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christine Lynn, to Jeffrey Andrejczak, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Andrejczak of Sugar Land. The wedding will be held June 28 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus...

Darlene Stancik was honored with graduation parties by family members and friends...

Glen Leopold, Frank Adkins and Jeff Marquart were named to the All-District baseball team...

Michael R. Cotton, son of Rosie & Pervis Cotton, Sr. of Eagle Lake, successfully completed basic training for the United States Army...

Mr. & Mrs. Al Mahalite announced the arrival of a son born June 4 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Chad Alan weighed eight pounds, nine ounces. He was welcomed home by his big sister, Amber age two...

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Johnson announced the engagement of his daughter, Ellana Irene, to Jeffrey W. Jepsen. The wedding is planned for Aug. 23...

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse P. Yanez of Eagle Lake proudly announced the arrival of a second child, Aaron James, born June 7 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. He was welcomed home by his big sister, Jessica, age 1-1/2...

Two Eagle Lake youths, Darrell Estlinbaum and Shannon Sanders enjoyed a special

two-week's at the Texas Lions Camp...

Russell Ryan Hadley was born to Dwight & Susan Hadley on June 12 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The Hadley's have another child, Brian, age 5...

Dr. Henry F. "Buddy" Novasad, Jr. passed away June 14 in Wharton...

Eagle Lake's newest business Dough-To-Go, got the news that their frozen cookie dough would be stocked in HEB stores across the state. Owners are Bob Griffith and Doug Schwemm...

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hutchison of Eagle Lake welcomed a daughter, Danelle Marie on June 8. She was born at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Welcoming her home were Mike, Lana, Lonny, Deah and Jamie.

May 24, 1962

Thirty-eight seniors due to graduate Friday night from Eagle Lake High School. Ben W. Cobb, former coach and high school principal will deliver the com-

mencement address...

Fifty-one eight grade students are candidates for promotion to high school. Highest ranking girl in class is Gladys Schenk, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Emil Schenk and the highest ranking boy is Allen Marquart, son of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Marquart...

E.H. Henry is holding its commencement exercises as well. Mary Glover is valedictorian and Ethel Dabney is salutatorian...

Listed among the candidates for graduation from Southwestern University in Georgetown are Mary Kathryn Hanly and Janet Gibson Frnka...

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cheatham and Mr. & Mrs. A.D. Cassidy honored the Cheatham's son, Mike, and other members of the senior class of 1962 with an old-fashioned ice cream social and outdoor party at the Cassidy home on May 15th...

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Walkoviak of Roans Prairie announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter,

Magdalene, to Thomas Eugene Stark, son of Mr. & Mrs. R.B. Stark. The wedding will be July 21st in Anderson, Texas...

Eight-year-old Ofilia Gutierrez, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gutierrez was named winner of a contest for Queen to crown Virgin Mary at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church...

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Laird Cook of Eagle Lake announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Sue to Arthur Ray Beken, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Beken of Weimar. The wedding will take place Aug. 31st in the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake...

Isaac P. Simmons, Jr. graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. I.P. Simmons of this city...

Patricia Loessin, Accounting Major at Baylor University, will receive a Bachelor of Business degree from Baylor University in Waco...

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the period ending Apr. 22.

Saturday, April 17
At 12:20 am, Sgt. Edman and Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to a residence on FM 109 north of Columbus in reference to a family disturbance. After further investigation, Dinah Lee Khan, 56 of Columbus, was arrested for Family Violence Assault. Case closed.

At 2:09 am, Sgt. Pflughaupt located a vehicle parked in the roadway on Grove St. in Alleyton. The vehicle was determined to be a road hazard and was removed from the location by Delgado's Wrecker Service. Case closed.

At 8 am, Deputy Lindemann responded to the Hwy 90 Glidden Railroad Switch Yard in reference to a Theft. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

At 9:10 am, Deputy Lindemann responded to CR 250 near Weimar in reference to a vehicle that ran through a fence. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

At 11 am, Deputy Lindemann responded to CR 222 and CR 221 in reference to several counts of mailbox damage. On arrival, evidence was collected and the case is pending development of suspect(s).

At 5:23 pm, Deputy Zak and Deputy Lindemann responded to Hwy 71 and business Hwy 71 in reference to a stranded motorist. On arrival, the motorist was determined to be a missing person. The missing person was transported to the Sheriff's Office and turned over to family. Case closed.

At 6:50 pm, Deputy Berger responded to Hadden Street in Alleyton in reference to a Criminal Trespass Warning. After further investigation, one subject was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning. Case closed.

At 9:14 pm, Sgt. Edman initi-

ated a traffic stop on FM 102 and Fussell Road north of Eagle Lake. After further investigation, Vance Taylor Sosa, 23 of College Station, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. The passenger, Larry Sosa, 23 of Eagle Lake, was arrested for Public Intoxication and Prohibited Substance in a Correctional Facility. Case closed.

Sunday, April 18
At 2 am, Deputy Berger responded to a residence on Tumlinson Road north of Columbus in reference to an overdose. The subject was transported by EMS to the Columbus Community Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

At 11:38 am, Deputy Zak responded to Grace Place Lane and CR 206 near Weimar in reference to mailbox damage. A report was filed and the case is pending suspect development.

At 8:19 pm, Deputy Berger responded to Old McDonald Lane west of Columbus in reference to an overdose. The subject was transported by EMS to the Columbus Community Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

At 10:30 pm, Sgt. Edman responded to the AT&T cell tower on FM 155 near Weimar in reference to an alarm. On arrival, the door to the tower building was found unlocked and the lock was missing. There were no other items disturbed or stolen. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

Monday, April 19

At 9:46 am, Deputy Zak conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 90A near Altair. After further investigation, David Allen Meyer, 37 of Eagle Lake, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance (crystal meth) and Driving While License Invalid with Previous Conviction. The passenger, John Dustin Henry, 29 of Eagle Lake, was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Case closed.

At 11 am, Sgt. Girndt met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about an Identity Theft. Information was obtained and the case is pending development of suspect(s).

Tuesday, April 20

At 1:09 am, Sgt. Edman initiated a traffic stop on FM 949 and Reitz Quinn Rd. After further investigation, Johnny Blake Jones, 42 of Hempstead, was arrested for No Driver's License. Case closed.

At 6:35 pm, Deputy Hillier and Sgt. Staff responded to CR 230 near Weimar in reference to mailbox damage. Case is pending further information.

At 8:15 pm, Deputy Blair responded to CR 242 near Weimar in reference to a tractor fire. On arrival, the fire had already been extinguished by the land owner. The cause of the fire is believed to be from an electrical problem. Case closed.

Wednesday, April 21

At 9 am, Sgt. Girndt met with a complainant about a sexual assault that occurred near Weimar. After further investigation, Noe Penaloza, 18 of Columbus, was arrested for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. Case closed.

At 1 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to Texana in Columbus in reference to a Peace Officer's Warrant for a mental patient. The patient was transported to the Austin State Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

At 4:56 pm, Deputy Hillier observed a vehicle parked on Old Hwy 90 east of Columbus that was parked in the roadway. The vehicle was determined to be stolen out of Houston. The vehicle was inventoried and removed from the location by Delgado's Wrecker Service. The case was forwarded to the proper jurisdiction for further investigation.

At 8 pm, Sgt. Staff and Deputy

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