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Opinion



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
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The Legislature is one step away from giving final approval to a balanced state budget that contains no tax increases, but lawmakers aren't breathing easy yet.

The slimmed down budget provides only minimal salary raises for public teachers, a setback for Gov. Mark White who is actively seeking a 24 percent teacher raise.

The differences on teacher salaries have led to private speculation that White may veto the appropriations bill, but White has not answered one way or the other.

The House and the Senate last week passed different versions of the budget bill, and a conference committee will be appointed to work a compromise before the bill goes to the Governor's desk.

The House approved a \$30.8 billion budget that

gives small raises to state employees and underprivileged children. The Senate approved a similar \$30.9 billion budget that contains a new Article VII, a "wish list" of where revenues would be spent if the Legislature had the extra money.

Very likely teachers will not get the pay raise they seeked unless the Legislature votes tax hike of some sort, and the Governor has been lobbying

lawmakers personally on tax options that will be laid out this week. During budget debate last week, White backed an amendment by Rep. Betty Denton of Waco to force a House vote on a 24 percent raise.

The motion failed after Gib Lewis' allies teamed up for prolonged debate on billboards which used up all the time before the general appropriation bill was set for debate. The Lewis team also passed a rule requiring that budget amendments would have to take money away from one budget item in order to raise spending for another item.

This led to one successful amendment by Rep. Bill

Cody of Weatherford, who cut the state energy council's entire \$1.1 million budget to build a fence around the Gainesville State School in his district. Funding for the energy council was expected to be restored in conference committee.

Kids in poverty

Another item which may increase in conference is the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) supplementary payments, even though the Legislature has been as generous to that program as to others.

Pressure from minority members to raise the payments is coming from two possible directions, and one is tied to the vote to legalize wagering on horseracing. An eight-member bloc is holding the horseracing bill in committee, but one or more lawmakers might switch and release it for a House vote if AFDC payments were increased. Black and Mexican-American legislators are

also thought to be pressuring Speaker Lewis with threats of withdrawing their pledge cards to him because minority bills are moving too slow in the legislative process.

Queried individually, minority members showed no great enthusiasm for withdrawing pledges, but did indicate they might vote as a bloc to oppose measures favored by the Lewis team unless some of their bills are passed, too.

The House

In other action last week the House approved bills to:

—Make it a third degree felony to carry an explosive weapon or knife into a school or polling place.

—Allow counties to refuse to register vehicles whose owners had outstanding warrants or traffic fines.

—Move up the deadline for property tax renditions from the present May 1 to April 1.

—Ban contributions to political candidates during

the last four days before an election. —Give judges authority to establish community restitution centers anywhere in spite of community opposition.

—Allow small counties to save money by abolishing two or three offices of justice of the peace or constables.

—Send for voter approval to authorize \$800 million in bonds to raise loan money for land and home purchases for veterans.

The Senate

Last week state senators passed measures to:

—Allow farmers and ranchers to transport their products on deregulated trucks.

—Dedicate part of the cigarette tax to fund local parks.

—Draw minor boundary changes in congressional redistricting lines.

—Help Texas conserve dwindling water supplies through programs contained in an eight-bill water package.



To attend 4-H Roundup

Six 4-H members from Colorado County will attend the Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in College Station, June 7-8. Pictured above are members of the Sheridan 4-H Club who participated in the Share-the-Fun contest with their "Commercial for 4-H." They are, from left, Vicki Darden, DeWayne Dopslauf, Arthur Querner, Shelley Owens and Tina Grahmann. Pictured at left is Coby Shorter, III from the Eagle Lake 4-H Club, who will participate in the Public Speaking contest.

4-H members to attend state

April 23, was a great day for our 4-H members who attended the District 4-H Roundup and Food Show Contest in Cypress.

We have six seniors who will go to state on June 7 and 8. They are: Shelley Owens, Vicki Darden, Tina Grahmann, Arthur Querner, DeWayne Dopslauf, from the Sheridan 4-H Club. They will be a part of the State "Share-the-Fun Contest." They won 2nd at district — fantastic!

Coby Shorter III, Eagle Lake 4-H Club, will participate in the "Public Speaking Contest." He won 2nd at district — great! Remember only seniors can go to state contest.

The other district participants were: Tammy Berger and Lisa Poppe from St. Michael's, blue ribbon, subjunior; "Share-the-Fun": Lana Dupre, Sharra Querner, Jenny Hooper, Beverly Hobbs, Michael Till, DeWight Dopslauf, Michael Grahmann, Rodney Laake all from Sheridan 4-H Club, blue ribbon, 1st place; junior, "Share-the-Fun": Tommie Holub, St. Michael's, blue ribbon, junior.

"Safety, Accident Prevention," Deidre Douglas, Garwood, blue ribbon, junior, "Open Class."

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1983 Eagle Lake summer recreation program schedule

The 1983 Eagle Lake summer recreation program schedule follows:

Basketball (Grade 3-12): The Middle School Gym will open Monday, May 23 and will be open Mondays and Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 7 p.m., and on Wednesdays from 2 to 9 p.m.

Out of school youngsters may participate after 5 p.m. daily, participants must wear tennis shoes or play barefooted, no eating, drinking or smoking near the wood floor area and no out of town groups allowed.

Elementary Basketball (Grades 4-6): Mrs. Glenda Blair will supervise both boys and girls on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Middle School gym for passing, dribbling and participating must wear shooting exercises. The program begins Wednesday, May 25 at 8:30 a.m. Tennis shoes must be worn by all of the children.

Tennis (Grades 3-12): H. M. Bengt will head the tennis program. All interested participants should meet at the Eagle Lake Tennis Courts at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 26.

Twirling (Grades 1-12): Mrs. Marilyn Thomas will meet with all of the girls interested in twirling on Tuesday, May 24 at the Middle School at 8:45 a.m.

Tumbling (Girls in Grades 1-8): Mrs. Glenda Blair will meet with all interested pupils at the Middle School gym at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24. Classes for the small children will be on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The older girls will meet from 10:15 to 11 a.m. on the same days. The girls passing, dribbling and participating must wear shorts and no jewelry. No street shoes will be allowed in the gym. It's either tennis shoes or barefooted.

Agricultural Observations

From Texas A&M Research Site
Eagle Lake

Date	Air Temp	4-Inch Soil Temp	Evap	Rain
May	Max	Min	Max	Min
3	81	58	80	69
4	82	56	87	68
5	82	53	85	66
6	84	55	83	67
7	90	61	87	67
8	94	58	87	71
9	70	55	70	71

1/ In cooperation with National Weather Service & Texas Water Development Board

2/ Sheltered Air Temperatures

At this time, it appears the upper coast and inland Rice Belt has the best chance for rain. Cloudy skies and shower chances will persist for the rest of the week. For the Rice Belt Fieldwork may suffer significant setbacks in some areas because drying potential will be low or moderate for the next few days.

Young crops and grains will receive a needed boost in the current rain, but there may be only a temporary boost in the soil moisture reserves. Nighttime temperatures will remain in the sixties for the next two or so nights, preventing cold shock on rice. Heavy storms may develop so keep close tabs on weather information.

Packer Cows: heifer-fetters, 47 to 53 cents per pound; utility, 47 to 51 cents (high dressing); cutters, 34 to 38 cents (low dressing); canners, 34 cents (down).

Stockers and Feeder Calves and Yearlings: Heavy: Hereford and Angus heifer calves, 58 to 75 cents per pound; Hereford and Angus heifer calves, 54 to 62 cents; Crossbred steer calves, 52 to 75 cents; Crossbred heifer calves, 54 to 62 cents; replacement heifers, 60 to 75 cents. Light: Hereford and Angus heifer calves, 62 to 80 cents; Crossbred steer calves, 75 cents to \$1.10 cents per pound; Hereford and Angus heifer calves, 54 to 62 cents; Crossbred steer calves, 52 to 75 cents; Crossbred heifer calves, 54 to 62 cents.

Stocker Cows: good stocker cows and heifers \$350 to \$450; commercial and medium stocker cows and heifers, \$250 to \$350; good cow and calf pairs, \$550 to \$675; medium cow and calf pairs, \$450 to \$550; common cow and calf pairs, \$375 to \$450; old worn out, split weight.

Hogs: No. 1 hogs, 45 to 46.50 cents per pound; No. 2 and 3, 43 to 45 cents; feeder pigs and shoats, \$4.00 to \$4.50; sows, 42 to 47 cents.

Sheep: ewes, 15 to 25 cents per pound; lambs, 45 to 50 cents; bucks 15 to 25 cents; pairs \$40 to \$50 per pair.

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Letters to the editor

Texas Wildlife Conservation Act of 1983 successfully passed

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48 Years Ago

May 11, 1935
Creeks on rampage after seven inches of rain. All night rain overflows lake, sends all creeks out of banks and damages lowland crops. Five hundred Texas farmers are going to Washington. C. H. Matthews of Eagle Lake, secretary of the Texas Cotton Advisory Committee, will be in charge of the Texas party on the trip. Curb and gutter work underway on Cemetery Avenue. High school's program for closing week. Rev. B. S. Lee will

preach commencement sermon and Rev. G. C. Marimon will deliver the senior class address. Torrential rain digs out three cars of potatoes.

Miss Ruth Powers of Rock Island spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Powers. Tommy Given and Gardner Duncan were San Antonio visitors. The ladies of the Catholic Altar Society entertained with a surprise party in honor of one of the members, Mrs. M. Theuman. Those enjoying the party were: Edna W. Miller of Eldridge, F. Zemlicka, R.

Let's Look Back

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