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Opinion

Farmers fear brucellosis quarantine



STATE CAPITAL
HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams
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The State of Texas, facing eye to eye with the federal government over a possible quarantine of Texas cattle, refused to blink last week.

But the United States Agriculture Department's quarantine efforts, currently stalled in the courtroom, are expected to come unloosed soon and someone is going to say "ouch."

It won't be the feds, if U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block has his way. Block said last week his department will call off the quarantine only after the Legislature enacts a new brucellosis testing plan.

A controversial bill creating a new brucellosis program actually passed the house in the recent session, but failed in the Senate, largely due to the efforts of former Gov. Dolph Briscoe who said the feds were bluffing and would not quarantine Texas this close to a presidential election year.

Texas is the only state

which does not have a brucellosis program (the current program has been struck down by court rulings and does not meet with federal guidelines), and several Western states are blocking the entry of Texas cattle.

Brucellosis causes cows to abort and to produce less milk.

Angry cattlemen Texas cattlemen traditionally have resisted the expensive brucellosis vaccination program, but many of them are fearful of the economic havoc to be wreaked by a quarantine. About 1,000 cattle raisers

met last week with Gov. Mark White, asking him to call a special session of the Legislature to pass the brucellosis program. The cattle raisers' meeting was among the largest in state history, according to many.

White really incurred their wrath by asking for more time instead of calling in the Legislature. The Governor, who has the room amidst boing, probably is awaiting the outcome of the courtroom battle. White, who was Texas secretary of state under Briscoe, naturally is reluctant to undermine his former boss' power play.

Briscoe and other South Texas ranchers objected to rounding up their scattered herds for costly vaccinations, but other political factors may be involved. Over the past several months Briscoe has indicated he will run in '84 against U.S. Senator John Tower, and he has been much more visible on the political scene.

But Briscoe, who caught much criticism for being an "absentee governor," needs an issue to catch the public's eye and he certainly has found the answer to that with the brucellosis issue.

Should Briscoe prevail, he will be an instant hero in the cattlemen's and other eyes and be a reborn candidate. Should he fail, his own eyes will likely be politically blackened.

Teacher salaries Meanwhile, the Speaker's softening on the issue. Plus the growing cooperation of Ways and Means chairman Stan Schuster, D-Killeen, indicate that public opinion may actually favor a tax hike for education. More likely, the business

community is working behind the scene to settle on this type of tax hike which will be acceptable, and is signalling the House leadership to begin opening the gate and allow the tax hike to pass.

Windfall profits The controversial windfall profits tax rose its ugly head last week when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously it was not unconstitutional.

The tax was abhorrent to a good many Texans, especially oil and gas producers and royalty owners who charged it would cripple their industry. Congress passed the tax in 1980 on oil windfall profits reaped in the '70s.

The High Court's decision resurrects the issue anew, a year before the coming presidential election, and will surely spark new efforts to kill the tax. The outcome of that effort will likely shape the '84 presidential sweepstakes.

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Oil, GAS LEASES Herbert J. Sternad et ux to Wynne P. Perryman, 188.4 acres, Alfred Kelo Survey. 4-11-83.

Ervin Kuehn to Wynne P. Perryman, 57.65 acres, Alfred Kelo Survey. 4-25-83.

The Colorado County Association of Retired Teachers held their June 6th meeting at the Frisch Club for the purpose of honoring the new members and installing the new officers and the committee chairman.

The vice president, Mrs. Bernice Clayton of Columbus, asked the meeting to come to order at which time she offered a prayer in remembrance of the recently deceased president, Mrs. Maurine Nix of Columbus.

Members found the tables quite attractive with a colorful pin on silk flower by each place setting. The delectable lunch of avocado and fruit salad, poppy seed dressing, chicken squares, fresh green beans, strawberry cheese cake, butter rolls, tea and coffee.

Immediately following the lunch, the new members were introduced: Mrs. Betty Wegenhof of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Julia Collins and Mrs. Mildred Campbell, retirees now making their homes in Columbus. Each spoke briefly of their teaching careers.

New officers were installed: Mrs. Minnie Lee Connors of Garwood, president; Mrs. Winnie Engstrom of Garwood, vice president; Mrs. Esther Meyer of Columbus, secretary; Mrs. Joyce Loessin of Columbus, treasurer; and

committee chairman: Mrs. Lydia Merrem of Weimar, legislative; Gisela Trojan of Columbus, retirement; Mrs. Rose Lange of Eagle Lake, informative and protective services; Miss Dicey Reporter

day "Pac Man" was the decorous theme and refreshments were served to a large number of small friends and relatives.

Swimming lessons and baseball season are ending this week. A complete list of those taking swimming lessons and the instructors will be published after lessons are completed.

If you haven't seen a good baseball game this year, come out Thursday evening at 6 p.m. and watch the final T-Ball game between the Cub's, coached by Bennie Machae and the A's, coached by Dunt Scott.

Following their game the Red Raiders and Blue Raiders will play. Tuesday night a swimming pool was held at the local pool honoring Justin Kutner on his seventh birthday. His parents and sisters served refreshments to approximately 20 friends. Because his birthday is on Flag Day and having been born in the bicentennial year, a patriotic theme was carried out.

James Heinold was honored with a swimming party Saturday night celebrating his third birthday.

The market this week was stronger on all classes. We had a good active sale with lot of buyers.

If we can be of any assistance in marketing or hauling your livestock, call collect 409-732-2622 or 409-732-2641 says George and Don. We have top market at Columbus Livestock Market every Thursday.

Cattle on hand, 740; hogs, 10; sheep, 2; horses, 4. Butcher Calves and Yearlings: good to choice, 45 to 54 cents per pound; utility, 38 to 45 cents (high dressing); cutters, 33 to 38 cents (low dressing); canners, 30 cents (low).

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Stocker Cows: good to choice, 45 to 54 cents per pound; utility, 38 to 45 cents (high dressing); cutters, 33 to 38 cents (low dressing); canners, 30 cents (low).

Calves and Yearlings: Heavy: Hereford and Angus steer calves, 60 to 78 cents per pound; Hereford

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