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## Special session on horizon for brucellosis

Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock certified last week that the Texas Legislature once again, as required by law, has balanced the state budget, but not by much.

Bullock predicted that after the state finishes paying the bills two years from now, "there will be only small change left in the bank."

Although Gov. Mark White earlier indicated he might veto the budget, unless lawmakers raised taxes for teacher salaries, he was expected to sign the bill, thus ending a budget battle which nickel-and-dimed everyone — leaving all feeling underfunded.

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### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams  
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within a few weeks to extend the life of the Texas Employment Commission and to enact a brucellosis program. Later this year, Hobby said, White will call a second special session to pass a teacher pay raise.

Some insiders say the first special session could come the last week of June.

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agreed that Texas will seek to enact a new brucellosis control program and the feds will call off the quarantine which has been in place as long as Texas shows good faith effort.

White and others will take a week or so to line up the legislative program before a special session is called.

When the brucellosis session is ordered, White also is expected to include a bill which will extend the existence of the Texas Employment Commission.

The state agency was subject to the Sunset Act this session, but the Legislature adjourned

without passing a bill to continue operation of the commission for the next 12 years.

The Senate passed its version, but when Sen. Lloyd Doggett tried to force the House to accept his "human rights commission" amendment or forfeit the bill, conservative House members called his hand and let the bill die.

Whether Doggett is successful in attaching the amendment this summer may be an indicator of whether he will force ahead with his now-in-force campaign to challenge U.S. Sen. John Tower.

Two other unfinished issues which might find their way into the special session agenda are the Texas water plan and workers compensation for farmworkers.

The farmworker bill was killed in regular session by a last hour filibuster and the water bill was held up in

a House committee after it passed the Senate.

A West Texas Senator, Bill Sims of San Angelo, speculated last week Texas may have to pass the legislation piecemeal over the next few years, since it will be difficult to provide an all-encompassing statewide water plan.

Sims passed legislation which would govern the use of fresh water in secondary oil recovery, increase requirements for lining salt water pits, and provide for plugging of old abandoned wells which often leak oil or salt water onto agricultural land.

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seawall, a move is afoot to legalize casinos.

State Senator Chet Brooks and the city council have agreed to a non-binding straw vote to see what citizens want.

The Texas Republican Party reports it is in a unified state following this spring's bloody infighting and the election of a new state chairman. The GOP vows to carry the state in '84, and national Republicans visited Dallas last week to prepare for the coming convention next year.

New state Republican chairman George Strake last month the party, which was \$200,000 in debt, was shipped from the November Democratic sweep which reclaimed the Governor's Mansion. "We had nowhere to go but up," he said.

He reports gains since the '78 Clements win: 230 GOP chairmen out of 254 counties, and increases of two congressmen, 14 legislators and 152 county and district elected officials.

## Congressman urges improved brucellosis program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture dropped its emergency brucellosis quarantine order against Texas last week — and that was good news for cattlemen, Congressman Bill Patman said last week in a news release.

But, he continued, the delay of quarantine could be only temporary. USDA officials insist that Texas eventually will have to comply with brucellosis control regulations. Failure to comply will mean quarantine, according to USDA assistant deputy secretary John Ford.

"I also am in the cattle business. I think I see the brucellosis program a lot

like other Texas cattlemen," Patman said.

The testing program for brucellosis is that a test may show a false positive reaction one day, and show a true negative reaction the next.

The major weakness of the USDA's test is that a 100 percent effective vaccine has not been developed during the 48 years the program has been in effect.

The vaccine is effective only against a single strain of bacteria, which we call Strain 19. Veterinarians agree that Strain 19 vaccine produces immunity to one strain of bacteria, but it may not give immunity to

the field strain often found in field cows. This is very frustrating for cattlemen who have tried to comply with the USDA program.

I noticed a story in the Edna Herald of June 9 which quoted S. A. Strane, whose family has been in the cattle business in Jackson County for 40 years. He agreed with many other cattlemen who feel that something is wrong with the program.

Strane told the newspaper, "I've done everything the federal government has told me to do since the brucellosis control program started, and this year I came up with more Bangs

(brucellosis) disease than I've ever had before."

According to Strane, the veterinarian, who has vaccinated his calves for several years, said something is radically wrong — either the vaccine or the test is not working correctly.

Vaccines for other cattle diseases are 100 percent effective. I agree with many cattlemen that the key is to develop different types of vaccines to control the different bacteria strains that cause brucellosis.

I have asked secretary of agriculture John R. Block to commission an independent research project to evaluate the merit of USDA's

longtime brucellosis control program. I told Block the cost effectiveness of the program, which has cost taxpayers more than \$1 billion according to former governor Dolph Briscoe, should be studied.

The research project also should study the extent to which better, more effective vaccines have been sought and whether such vaccines may have been sidetracked.

What's the outcome, it is clear that for the short haul, we cannot afford to jeopardize our cattle industry by risking a quarantine, which could slash income of Texas' 160,000 herd owners by \$80 to \$130

million per year, according to the Texas Farm Bureau.

Governor Mark White, attorney general Jim Mattox and agriculture commissioner Jim Hightower are working on a compromise to avoid a quarantined area. USDA officials have told me flatly a quarantine will be imposed if Texas does not comply.

Cattlemen have until June 25 to submit comments to the USDA on the threatened quarantine.

I urge you to let USDA know your views by writing the deputy administrator, USDA, APHIS, veterinary services, Room 813, federal building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20702.

### 24 Years Ago

June 11, 1959  
Willard Ethridge, high school principal, presented merit award pins to outstanding students in high school subjects as follows: Miss Gini Pendergrass in science, Judith Franks in foreign language, Susan Davidson in English, Gerald Birdwell in history and Miss Willy Sides in math.

Miss Jo Ann Sens of Houston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Sens of Eagle Lake, was among the five finalists for the honor of being named "Miss Houston" to represent that city in the "Miss Texas" and "Miss America" contests.

Miss Carole Goodson has returned from Beaumont where she attended Lamar State College of Technology and earned a certificate of accomplishment in a course of studies for school lunchroom supervisors.

Miss Carol DeShazo was complimented with a miscellaneous shower by

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members of the Altar Society of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church on May 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gluck and daughter, Mary Frances, visited with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gluck, while enroute to California where Mr. Gluck will undergo a two-week summer training program with the U.S. Marine Corps.

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## Colorado County Courthouse Report

### REAL ESTATE DEED TRANSFERS

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Deed, Thomas W. Hueters et ux to Perry R. Kloesel, 10 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant, 5-27-83.

Deed, Perry R. Kloesel to Robert W. Heger et ux, 2

acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant, 5-27-83.

Gift Deed, Ray J. Braden et ux to Lynn Ray Braden, 1.50 acres, E. Chaney Survey, 5-31-83.

Gift Deed, Hylda Marie Nabel Young to Carolyn Young Deegear et al, undivided interest, 127.4 acres, Wm. Bell & Asa Townsend Survey, 5-26-83.

Deed, Elizabeth L. Miller to R. H. Wied, III, et al, 0.855 acres, John S. Evans League, 5-27-83.

Deed, Kirby J. Berger et ux to Delton G. Hollmann, Jr. et ux, lot 2 block 2, Youens Addition, 6-1-83.

Deed, Arnold Sanders et al to James R. Mikulenka, 4.123 acres, R. Dowdy League, 6-2-83.

Deed, James R. Mikulenka to J. Gary Helmskamp, parcel of land in Five League Grant, 4-29-83.

Deed, Leeroy Lundquist et ux to Gerald W. Noteboom, 46.471 acres, S. A. & M. G. RR Co. Survey, 5-29-83.

Partition Deed, Glen Hoegemeyer et al to Oscar

Hoegemeyer, 204.375 acres, J. H. L. Brasher Survey et al, 3-10-83.

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Deed, C.P.B., Inc. to Robert L. Schobel, Jr., 28.56 acres, James Cummins League, 6-2-83.

Deed, Carl Andress et ux to John H. Gibson et ux, parcel of land in town of Columbus, 6-3-83.

OIL, GAS LEASES

Virginia Fuller to Ferguson & Bosworth, 21.6 acres, Reddin Andrews Survey, 4-1-83.

Arnold Knabik et ux to Marc Hill Oil & Gas Co., 2

acres, John Andrews Survey, 4-15-83.

James Knabik et ux to Marc Hill Oil & Gas Co., 4 acres, John Andrews Survey, 4-15-83.

Singer Bros. to H. G. Holcomb, Jr., 655.13 acres, E.C. Ward Survey et al, 5-5-83.

Alan J. Antwell to H. G. Holcomb, Jr., 655.13, E. C. Ward Survey et al, 5-5-83.

Leslie F. Heinsohn to Atlantic Richfield Co., 103.341 acres, Willard Wadham Survey et al, 3-8-83.

Dale A. Borak to Chapman Oil Co., 163.03 acres, I & G N RR Co. Survey, 5-3-83.

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Rosie Westlake Wilde et vir to Chapman Oil Co., 47.392 acres, Howard McElroy Survey, 5-17-83.



These photos of the Loucks Covered Bridge were sent to Eagle Lake by a friend of Orville Powers, who passed them along to The Headlight. The left



photo shows the bridge in its current dilapidated condition, while the right photo shows some of the interior wooden structure.

## Covered bridge to take ride to Richmond

A landmark wooden covered bridge from Canal Winchester, Ohio, will be taking a long trip to nearby Richmond to become a part of the Arroyo Seco Historical Park there, scheduled to open in about a year.

According to a news article in The Times, the newspaper for Canal Winchester, the George Foundation obtained permission from the county commissioners in Canal Winchester to move the structure, called the Charles Loucks Covered Bridge.

The Arroyo Seco Historical Park is centered

around a collection of historic Texas buildings. The bridge will be placed over Dry Creek and will be rebuilt to accommodate horse-drawn vehicles.

The Loucks bridge was built in 1871 and is the oldest bridge still standing in its native Fairfield County, according to the county covered bridge society there.

The decaying wooden span was closed to traffic in 1981 because it was considered unsafe for traffic. County officials have said several times they do not have the funds to make extensive repairs to the sagging structure.

The moving of the bridge is to be done with as little

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### Sick-leave bill signed

## Education committee reactivated by White

The appointments to the reactivated Select Committee on Public Education were announced last Thursday by Texas Gov. Mark White.

H. Ross Perot, head of Dallas-based Electronic Data Systems, was named chairman. Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, house speaker Gib Lewis and state board of education chairman Joe

Kelly Butler also were appointed. Among others named to the committee were other state officials, business leaders and professionals from higher and private education.

Leaders of the Texas Professional Educators Association were named attending the press conference at which White made the

appointments, expressed their disappointment at the heavy domination by higher education officials and the distinct lack of representation by public education people," a news release from the association said.

"I am stunned that the public education profession was not held in high enough esteem to warrant the appointment of even one

representative," said Sally Weidemann, president of the 35,000-member association.

She also said that Gov. White did not keep his commitment to any of the four teacher associations in Texas. "Back on May 3, during a meeting that all teacher groups attended, Gov. White pledged to appoint at least one repre-

sentative from each group to the committee," Weidemann said.

"We find no fault with the quality of the people appointed to the committee," said Judy Coyle, co-chair of the association's legislative committee. "We just feel that a committee charged with the responsibility of determining reforms to public education should have the input of public

educators."

In other action, Gov. White signed into law an association drafted sick leave bill. It allows educators to use the current five-day, state-funded sick leave program for illness in the immediate family. The law also provides sick leave to teachers who have been assaulted while on duty.

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## House Speaker Gib Lewis on public education

On May 26, I called for a thorough study of the public education system in Texas.

At the time, I stated that we want quality education and quality educators in our public schools.

I also emphasized that merely throwing more money at the problems of public education without the assurance of quality and equality was not the answer.

On June 16, I feel the initial step toward achieving the goal we all want — the best educated young man or woman after 12 years in our public school system of any state in the nation.

Lt. Governor Mark White, Governor Bill Hobby, and I have named the Select Committee on Public Education.

At that same time, in our capacities as ex-officio chairman and vice chairman

respectively, we delivered our charge to that committee for its work in the months ahead.

In essence, that charge calls for the most comprehensive study of the Texas public education system in over 34 years.

It calls for more than that. It calls for positive recommendations to be made in all facets of public education to be considered by the legislature, most likely in a special session.

Teacher excellence, competency and fringe benefits will be dealt with.

Uniform statewide competency testing for teachers and administrators, merit pay, by whatever name, to reward the good teachers and the excellence fund concept all will be considered as viable paths to these ends.

A thorough study of the financial structure of Texas' public school system is called for.

The committee also is charged with devising a workable solution to the long-standing issue of equalization aid because all Texas school children must be assured an equal education opportunity.

The members of this committee have been chosen carefully and with emphasis on their unique talents and abilities as a contributing factor in the work ahead.

In addition, special blue-ribbon advisory panels will be appointed to address

specific areas as the study progresses.

Standing committees of the senate and house also will be utilized.

There are those who say public education has been studied enough.

To them I would say that the last significant legislation affecting public education as a whole was adopted in 1949 with the passage of a package of bills now known as the Gilmer-Aiken laws.

Since that time, a number of studies have been conducted on various phases of public education, with many recommendations and little or no action.

But, not since 1949 has there been a complete and thorough examination of public education in its entirety with the positive goal of a complete overhaul of the system and not just another "repair job."

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