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State legislature struggling to cut $900 million budget

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
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The Texas Legislature, over halfway through the current session, is still struggling to cut another $900 million from the state budget, and the going is getting rougher.

What one group of lawmakers take out, another group tries to put back in.

Last week, Houston State Rep. Paul Colbert got the House Appropriations Committee to abolish branch state universities at Galveston and Odessa, but legislators from those areas went into action and the cuts will not likely survive.

Two plans to raise tuition for state universities — one already passed by the House and the other advocated by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby in the Senate — drew a veto hint from the governor concerning funds for scholarships.

In short, the two budget committees are finding political pressure whenever they attempt to cut a specific budget area, and they are burning the midnight oil to finish their task by Easter deadline.

Other cuts

The Office of State-Federal Relations, the state's lobbyist in Washington, D.C., received a 20 percent budget cut, or about half a million dollars, a week after lawmakers forced the resignation of agency head Sarah Weddington for taking too much time off and too many trips.

Weddington's chief critic on the budget pan, State Rep. Bill Ceverha of Dallas, lost his bid to cut two-thirds of the funding.

The panel also voted to cut aid for students in private colleges by $6 million.

Senate action

The Senate last week approved bills requiring motorists to wear seatbelts and easing farmers of the sole burden of notifying neighbors of pesticide use.

Tentatively, the Senate advanced a proposal to order judges running for election to report specific contributions from persons with cases pending on their dockets.

The seatbelt bill would provide a $25 to $50 fine for persons riding in the front seat of cars and pickups without wearing a seatbelt.

Changes in the pesticide regulations under Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower would add his agency or other agencies to notify nearby residents of impending pesticide use.

A&M chair quits

The Republican chairman of the Texas A&M Board of Regents resigned last week after regents voted in a new chairman.

H.R. "Bum" Bright, the multimillionaire owner of the Dallas Cowboys football team, accused Gov. Mark White of controlling the votes like puppets "on a string" and said he decided to leave after White pressured him for political support in '86.

Bright, who was appointed by White's nemesis and Republican predecessor Bill Clements, tells a story of not going along with the deal and having to sacrifice the gavel.

The new chairman, Dave Eller of Houston, is a former neighbor of the governor and has served on the board for two years. Other regents said Bright was probably being politically overdramatic to embarrass White.

Senator quits, too

Houston State Sen. Lindon Williams resigned his seat last week to take a justice of the peace appointment which will make him an estimated $100,000 a year.

Williams called for an early special election, and one rumored candidate is a former aide who is being courted to run as a Republican.

On that subject, speculation is that a handful of Democrats will convert to the GOP in unison once the Legislature adjourns in May.

Port Arthur Fracas

In Port Arthur, where the Jefferson County DA has won the reindictment of hometown State Sen. Carl Parker on charges of cocaine dealing and promotion of obscene material and an unrelated bribery charge against hometown Rep. Frank Collazo, the verbal charges are flying.

Parker accused District Atty. James McGrath of waging corrupt law enforcement practices and McGrath has challenged Parker "to put up or shut up" in a court of inquiry into the allegations.

Earlier in the week, Parker had issued a statement alleging the existence of an underground clique of law enforcement unknown to decent citizens.

Vietnam vets meet with VA

Members of the newly formed Eagle Lake chapter of the Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans met last Wednesday with two representatives of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Houston to discuss various matters of interest, including Agent Orange exposure and Delayed Syndrome Stress. In the photo above, George McClellan, left, counselor of the Veterans Center outreach program in Houston, and Vastine Hightower, third from left, director of the program, talk with Eagle Lake area veterans. Also in the photo is the group's president, Ben Johnson of Eagle Lake, second from left, and Bufford Ashley of Sheridan. In the two meetings the group has held, 15 Vietnam era veterans have attended. The meetings are open to the public, and new members are welcome, Johnson said. Meetings are held on the first Monday and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the municipal building. Agent orange, the men said, is a generic name for the chemical Dioxin that was used to defoliate heavy vegetation areas. Some veterans are claiming the chemical is harmful, but Hightower said more studies are being conducted by the government and results are expected in 1986 or 1987. He suggested every veteran contact a veterans hospital for agent orange screening. He said delayed stress syndrome works two ways: vets don't want to talk about their war experiences and become withdrawn, or the person wants to talk about it, but no one will listen; both problems have ill effects that should be dealt with, he said. The men discussed the Vietnam Veterans Outreach Center and its operation. The group also discussed obtaining a flag or banner for the association, and is asking residents of the area to suggest the name of someone that is listed as Missing in Action. The chapter will be renamed in honor of an MIA.

Doctors have their day

Thanks to the new Home Health Care services program in Eagle Lake, the city's MD's were honored last Friday with red carnation boutonnieres as a token of thanks for their work. In this photo, Dr. Raymond Thomas receives his flower from Gloria Goodne, stationed in Eagle Lake at Community Hospital. Other doctors who received flowers were Dr. Russell Thomas, Dr. Curtis Laughlin and Dr. Jose Ugarte.

Get involved with the Colorado County Parent Aide Program

Are you a parent that is willing to help another parent who is struggling with raising their own child? If you are, the Fort Bend Parent Aide Program asks that you call Julie Bullock, coordinator at the University of Houston Phone: 713-749-7192.

"Parenting is hard. All parents struggle at some point while raising their children. Some parents now, never saw proper examples of parents as children. Therefore they pass along to their children the same patterns they experienced as children from their parents," says Sharon Carey, Director of the Parent Aide Program.

The Colorado County Parent Aide Program is looking for parents who are willing to help these people who have not been successful in their parenting. Homemakers to others who have at least six hours a week available to spend with another mother and her family are asked to call Julie.

The Parent Aide Program offers a 12-hour training program over a four week period.

Training times are set-up according to the interested persons' time and area. Once monthly meetings and ongoing professional support are offered volunteers as part of the program. To be a parent aide, it DOES NOT take a lot of schooling; a background in working with families or social problems or child development; or a lot of money.

What it DOES take to be a parent aide is: a desire to help other people learn to function as a responsible, loving and tolerant family; a desire to share your own positive parenting experiences as a child or as a parent; willingness to listen and a commitment of at least six months with your assigned family.

Beside receiving 23 cents a mile reimbursement for travel you will probably "receive lessons and experience that will improve your own family relationships. When you work with a family and see other's mistakes, it is easier to deal with and learn about your own," says one Parent Aide in the program.

The Colorado County Parent Aide Program, funded by Texas Department of Human Resources has been operating since mid-1982 and has helped families in this area.

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD!
Area-wide Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday, April 7
(Continental Breakfast to follow)
Host Pastor: Rev. E.B. Beasley, Jr.
Morning Message: Rev. Bob Beasley from Parkwood Baptist Church in Houston
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County Courthouse Report

DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED

John J. and Joan A Winver vs. J.M. Tipps, Reuben W. Askanese and Fred Hofheinz; suit concerns lease; 3-25-85.

Charlotte Marie Sizemore vs. Marion Lane Sizemore; divorce; 3-28-85.

Jansey Lynn Barbee vs. Andy Bob Barbee; divorce; 3-29-85

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Duane Alfonse Bartek, 33, Weimar, and Kimberlee Clark, 27, San Antonio; 3-26-85.

Leslie August Rabel, 74, Weimar, and, Mayme Roberts Hubbard, 74, Richmond; 3-27-85.

David Wayne Aston, 34, Weimar, and Tamara Jean Fross Green, 25, Houston; 3-27-85.

COUNTY COURT
Cases filed

Lucias D. Franklin, charged 3-18-85 with theft by check; case set 4-3-85; No. 9400.

James David Grimm, charged 3-1-85 for driving while license suspended; case set 4-3-85; No. 9401.

Mickey Tyrone Anderson, charged 3-19-85 for driving while license suspended; case set 4-3-85; No. 9402.

Fred Lyle Frayer, filed appeal 3-22-85, from JP Precinct 8 on speeding charge; case set for trial 5-7-85; No. 9403.

Fernell Luke, charged 3-22-85, with theft by check.

Keith Wayne Riehs, charged 3-22-85 with criminal non-support; case set 4-3-85; No. 9405.

Michael Ray Clay, charged 3-26-85 for driving while license suspended; No. 9406.

Ednar Dobbins, charged 3-28-85 with theft by check; No. 9407.

Jesse Byrd Jr., charged 3-28-85 with theft by check; No. 9408.

Ernesto Quintero, charged 3-28-85 with driving while intoxicated; No. 9409.

COUNTY COURT RESULTS
[March 20, 1985]

William Lewis Wallace of Willis, Texas, charged 12-13-84 with driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo-contendere and was found guilty; fined $580, plus costs, and granted two years probation on a 30-day county jail sentence.

Jeffrey Lee Zatopek of Baytown, charged 2-14-84 with driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo-contendere and was found guilty; fined $560, plus costs, and ordered to serve a 15-day mandatory sentence in the county jail but granted two years probation on the remainder of a 6-month county jail sentence.

Henry William Garcia of Sheridan, charged 12-20-84 with driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty and was fined $650 plus costs and granted two years probation on a 30-day county jail sentence. Another charge filed the same date for resisting arrest was set for trial on 8-13-85.

Salvador Nava of Cat Spring, charged 2-13-85 with driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty and was fined $580 plus costs and sentenced to 7 days in county jail with time served credited.

John Henry Denley Jr. of Columbus, charged 1-29-85 with driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo-contendere and was found guilty; fined $690, plus costs, and granted two years probation on a 30-day county jail sentence.

Gilbert Mendoza of Westhoff, Texas, charged 1-29-85 with driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty; fined $560, plus costs, and granted two years probation on a 30-day county jail sentence.

Wayne Douglas Hemphill of Eagle Lake, charged 2-7-85 with driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo-contendere and was found guilty; fined $570, plus costs, and granted two years probation on a 30-day county jail sentence.

Richard Lee Dancy, charged 10-10-84 with driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in county jail.

REAL ESTATE
DEED TRANSFERS

Deed, A.J. Krause to Vunnel M. Sanford; lots 4 & 5 blk. 47, Alleyton; 3-11-85.

Deed, Colorado Oaks Enterprises Inc. to Paul L. Carrier et ux; lot 8 blk. 11, The Falls Subdivision section 1; 3-5-85.

Deed, Larry Jack Vawter et ux to Margarene J. Miller; 0.210 acres, P. Reels Survey; 3-11-85.

Deed, Donald L. Blaine et al to Ron F. Hollas et ux; 99.980 acres, Henry Austin Survey; 3-11-85.

Deed, Dittman Webster Harrison et ux et al to Jerry Peikert; 8 acres, R. Alley Survey et al; 2-20-85.

Deed, Andrew Tyra King to Raymond John Gasper et al; 20 acres, Thomas J. Smith Survey; 3-1-85.

Deed, Cities Service Oil & Gas Corporation to Wesley Earl Jasek; 0.166 acres, Columbus; 3-13-85.

Deed, Charles W. DeShazo et ux to David C. Gohlke et ux; 0.734 acres, John Moyer Survey; 3-15-85.

Deed, Cecil W. Leonard et ux to Ralph Eugene Sprang et ux; land in Robert Maxwell Survey; 3-13-85.

Deed, Mallard Investments Inc. to Lester J. LeBouef et ux; 8.77 acres, Allen Winn Survey; 3-8-85.

Deed, Christina Machart to Alvin J. Cernoch; 20 acres, H. Austin Five League; 3-7-85.

Deed, Ennis M. Cooley, trustee to Frank Resendez Jr.; 4.9069 acres, Nicholas Kelly Survey; 3-4-85.

Deed, Frank Resendez Jr. et ux to Norberto Mata Jr.; 4.9069 acres, Nicholas Kelly Survey; 3-15-85.

Deed, W.A. Schindler et al to Calvin Kolmann et ux; 6.52 acres, James Cummins League; 1-13-85.

Quit claim deed, Anita Elvira Uhlig to Leander Alan Uhlig; 90.786 acres, Andreas Braden Survey et al; 3-18-85.

Deed, Frank Suler to Donald P. Cox; 11.825 acres, A. Kelson League; 9-28-84.

Deed, Ruby Lee Reese et al to James Wayne Bowen et ux; land in blk. 37, Eagle Lake; 3-15-85.

Deed, Rudy Taylor to Thomas Etheridge et ux; 0.005 acres, E. Tumlinson Survey; 3-18-85.

Deed, Maudie Botard Townsend to Everett Hearne et ux; lot 2 blk. 80, Sheridan; 3-4-85.

Deed, Kurt A. Rastenburg et al to Dorman Shockley, trustee; 103.20 acres, W.K. Paulding Survey; 3-12-85.

Deed, First State Bank of Weimar to Abraham Rios et ux; 4 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant; 3-14-85.

Deed, James E. Yearwood et ux to Sandra Kay Reichardt; land in E. Tumlinson Survey; 3-21-85.

Gift deed, Paul Powers to Lanny Dean Powers et al; undivided interest in tract of land, A.R. Bodmond Survey et al; 3-19-85.

Deed of Exchange, Ethel Birdwell Engbrock et vir to George Birdwell; 10.194 acres, Peter K. Bartleson Survey; 3-14-85.

OIL, GAS LEASES

Rudy R. Santos et ux to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; .455 acres, H. Austin Five League; 1-23-85.

Florine Ratliff to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; .345 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 1-23-85.

Leo A. Pavlik et ux to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; .179 acres, H. Austin Five League; 1-23-85.

Oscar Guenther et ux to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; .89 acres, H. Austin Five League; 1-23-85.

Allis S. Delgado et ux to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; .35 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 1-21-85.

Ernest W. Thumann et ux to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; .21 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 1-17-85.

William R. Bryant Jr. et ux to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; .35 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 1-21-85.

Gertrude Goode to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; .28 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 1-17-85.

R.T. Gertschmann et ux to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; .35 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 1-21-85.

Van Lee Rooney et vir to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; .35 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 1-21-85.

Victor Lux et ux to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; 6 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 1-11-85.

Lena E. Balusek to Texoma Production Co.; 529.203 acres, E.S. Wooly Survey et al; 1-2-85.

Jewell Craven Kirk to Isaac Arnold Jr.; 147 acres, Peyton E. Splane Survey; 1-23-85.

Joe F. Jasek to Marcus O. Butler; 100 acres, A.C. Hunt Survey; 1-26-85.

Dorman Shockley, trustee to Riesden LTD.; 103.2 acres, W.K. Paulding Survey; 3-21-85.

Tax suits

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puter-generated tax records to make sure every effort is made to collect taxes. After the story was published, several delinquent tax-payers from the Rice school district paid their tax bills.

The suits filed last Wednesday were against taxpayers in the Columbus school district, but suits in the Rice and Weimar districts will be filed in the next few months. Youens restated his position that if a delinquent taxpayer will contact his office before a suit is filed, he will accept a payment plan, rather than press for a court-ordered sale of property to satisfy old tax bills.

The suits filed last week were against: Billy Joe Schindler, individually and doing business as Cowboy Haven; Allen Walger, et ux, and Jeannete Walger, et al; J.L. Rose Jr., et ux, and Bessie Rose, et al; Jorge A. Rodriguez et al; Darryl Truman Lilie et al; John Louis Johnson et ux and Rosie Bell Johnson, et al; Ida B. Johnson, et al; Frank Jenkins et ux and Nellie Jenkins, et al; Benito Hernandez et ux and Lucille Hernandez et al; Marilyn M. Hackfield et al; HGM Inc. et al; Dorothy Jean Clemons et al; Raymond A. Canik et ux and Mary E. Canik et al; Willie Scott Jr, et ux and Nellie Scott et al; David Russell et ux and Irene Russell et al; Clarence Williams et ux and Eva Williams et al; G.D. Shives et al; Stabalized Materials Co., Inc., et al; Charles Nettles, individually, and doing business as Allway's Trucking Co. et al; Clifton P. Seaman et al; Leander Schuette et ux and Monie Schuette et al; John T. Read et al; Vernon Wagley individually and doing business as The Pizza Patch; Isidro Marquez et al; Gary D. Hoelscher et al; Jose M. Carrea et al; Aly Bornot et al; Antonio Borges et al; and Leonard H. Anthony et al.

The appraisal distict didn't just file the suits without attempting to contact the people listed in the records as owners of the properties. They first wrote letters to the names on record with 80 pieces of property. That effort received response, and reduced the number to 29.

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