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Gov. Mark White sees no need in raising taxes

In the same week that archeologists announced they think they found the Alamo's original wooden gates, political campaign battle lines were finally drawn when the filing deadline came and went.

And tight-jawed state leaders, hearing the bad economic news facing Texas government, may have felt something close to what the Alamo's Texans felt watching Santa Anna's troops come into view for the first time.

A political battle looms over whether lawmakers should raise state taxes or cut government services. Closer and closer comes the day of reckoning, which will have the Alamo's same finality on some political careers.

Governor Mark White said last week he sees no need to call a special session to raise taxes like he did in '84. He broke a "no

taxes" pledge then, and now he certainly doesn't want to give both Republican and Democratic foes a double load of ammunition.

Bullock's in control
But Mark White may not have a choice.

If Comptroller Bob Bullock, fulfilling his constitutional duties, says the state's into a deficit, the Legislature cannot sit idly by and break the numero uno sacred commandment of the Texas Constitution: Texas shall not operate in the red.

Three weeks ago, Bullock held off a mini-plan in Capitol halls by adopting a wait-and-see attitude towards rapidly falling world oil prices. But the plunge went lower than anyone expected, below \$16 a barrel, and Texas is predicted to face a recession in '87.

Timing is everything, and this

all happens at the same time the feds are cutting some \$600 million. Last week Bullock said the situation is serious, and when he speaks, everyone listens. While he's not ready to scrap his revenue estimate for the budget, he's certainly reassessing it.

House to house
The heavy filing of GOP primary candidates last week caught everyone by surprise, and seems to indicate a willingness to ride the remnants of Reagan's coattails.

And make no mistake about it, more and more Texas Democrats are confessing and their disenchantment with Mark White, who lends himself easily to the stereotype image that Republicans paint of Democrats. Now it appears disgruntled Democrats will rally behind either Andrew Briscoe or Don Crowder to force White into a runoff.

But with the multitudes of

political campaigns chugging along now in the first gear, signs indicate that realignment is not dead, as Democratic Party leaders crowd, but it's not nearly the tidal wave Republicans make it out to be.

In fact, as voters weigh the benefits of tax cuts and service cuts, they may surprise everyone. Republicans who think they will ride into state office by simply crying "no taxes," may be making as serious a political mistake as the Democrats, who think more services will improve the economy.

Lurking out there is a huge bloc of independents, and the battle to get their votes may come down to house-to-house campaigning. Get ready for what promises to be a year of upsets and surprise winners, even in both party primaries.

Other highlights
Austin kicked off the Sequentiennial with a Capital

Ball extravaganza that attracted celebrities from across the nation, though it was Texas GOP chairman George Strake who said he was ineligible.

House Speaker Gib Lewis drew a GOP opponent, his first since 1978. That's surprising since Republican House members solidly voted Gib to both of his terms as speaker.

Mark White received 88 filled specimen bottles from teachers resentful of his suggestion they be tested for drug use.

The high school coaches association agreed not to endorse any statewide candidate until after the primaries.

The state's drilling rig count is the lowest since 1976.

The "no-pass, no-play" rule bars 24.5 percent of Dallas high school athletes from competing the next six weeks.

The Texas Supreme Court refused to hear Republican state Sen. Buster Brown's appeal of his party's decision to refuse him as a candidate for attorney general.

Brannon accused the court of conspiring with liberal Democrats.

to keep him off the ballot, even though it was Texas GOP chairman George Strake who said he was ineligible.

A House committee will investigate alleged misconduct involving private attorneys, the Texas Supreme Court, and the proposed transfer of two high-dollar cases from one court to another.

Gov. White confirmed he has repaid \$30,563.04 to the state for remodeling the carriage house behind the mansion, but maintains it was proper expenditure.

The Railroad Commission set rates for United Parcel Service deliveries in Texas. UPS has been fighting for the right to offer intrastate service since 1966.

Board of Insurance Chairman Lyndon Orton defended the 30.7 percent workers compensation rate increase, saying the increase was needed to prevent insurers from going broke.

Special thanks to Officer Grimes and Chief Ben Johnson for presenting their concern for our youth and our community.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Deed, Colorado Service Corp. to Jacobo G. Sanchez, et ux, lot 15, city of Columbus; 1-22-86.

Deed, Gilbert C. Kollath, et ux, to Michael G. Strawn, et al, 24,584 acres, J. Lower Survey; 1-23-86.

Deed, Colorado Oaks Enterprises, Inc. to Richard H. Stark, lot No. 41, block No. 3, The Fifth Subdivision, Section 1, 1-22-86.

Deed, Otto E. Kahlen Jr., trustee, to Veterans Land Board, 10 acres, 186NCR Co. Survey; 1-28-86.

Deed, A.G. Kollmann, et ux, to Don M. Lewis, et ux, 78.78 acres, James Cummins League; 1-27-86.

Deed, Richard Billeck, et ux, to Milton Winkler, et ux, lot 1, block 24, town of Wrenar; 1-27-86.

Deed, Curtis H. Gore, et ux, to Edward L. Crella, et ux, 5 acres, S.M. Williams Survey; 1-31-86.

Deed, Raymond F. Rau to L.L. Leach III, et ux, 0.327 acre, city of Columbus; 1-28-86.

Gift Deed, Hilda Fowler to James Edward Fowler, et ux, subdivision lot 15, block 139, city of Columbus; 1-30-86.

Gift Deed, Paul H. Minar Sr., et ux, to Judith Alice Wendt, undivided 1/2 interest in 100 acres, Columbus Tract RR Co. Section 666, Anton Braden Jr. Survey; 1-22-86.

Gift Deed, Paul H. Minar Sr., et ux, to Billy Roy Minar, undivided 1/2 interest in 80.518 acres, Anton Braden Jr. Survey; 1-22-86.

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OIL, GAS LEASES
Carol Joy Drumgoole to Hanson Energy Company, undivided 1/12 interest in 484.62 acres, T.J. Rabb League; 4-9-85.

Dorothy M. Saly to TXO Production Corporation, 20 acres, John E. Hester Survey; 9-23-85.

Joseph Korenek, et al, to Chase Energy, Inc., 159.72 acres, Lee Dillion Survey; 1-1-85.

Nancy Matlock to The Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, tracts 10 and 12, A.R. Knight Survey; 11-13-85.

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Sheriff's Report

It is being reported to the Sheriff's office that many mail boxes in Colorado County are being damaged. It is a federal offense to tamper with or destroy a mail box. Officers will be checked for incidents as such and anyone caught will be prosecuted accordingly. This is a destructive activity and the Sheriff's Department will do all they can to stop it.

In addition to working school traffic in the mornings and afternoons, here is the report for the week of 2-2 through 2-8:

2-2-86: investigated a reported theft near Weimar; recovered a vehicle stolen in San Antonio; checked on a disturbance in New Blau; arrested two for disorderly conduct in New Blau.

2-3-86: had grand jury and district court; checked on a subject in Nada; removed livestock from the roadway on County Road 111; posted a citation in the courthouse; checked on mail box damage on 71 South; issued one traffic citation; served four civil citations.

2-4-86: checked on a theft of gas in Garwood; transported a patient to the San Antonio State Hospital; had JP court; assisted with a funeral procession in Columbus; transported a prisoner from Hempstead to Columbus for court; transported prisoners from Eagle Lake to Columbus; checked on a disturbance near Eagle Lake; checked on a reported break-in of a vehicle near Columbus; served three civil citations.

2-5-86: posted a citation in the courthouse; had county court; checked on a suspicious subject west of Columbus; served five civil citations.

2-6-86: had district court; assisted at the scene of an accident on IH-10; issued one traffic citation; served six civil citations.

2-7-86: attempted to locate a subject wanted for theft of services; removed livestock from the roadway on Shaws Bend Road; checked on a suspicious vehicle on IH-10 near Columbus; served three civil citations.

2-8-86: transported prisoners from Eagle Lake to Columbus; assisted at the scene of an accident on IH-10 east of Columbus.

About town...

If you have any business to conduct at City Hall this week, take your own blanket. The city is in the middle of installing new heating and air conditioning units. The old units have been removed, but the new units have not been put in yet.

Billy Hudson of Rock Island and Nancy Jackson of Eagle Lake took a business trip to Dallas for independent representatives of Carco. Speakers Randy Sneyd, five-star director, and Tony Heap, director of marketing from St. Louis, Missouri, addressed the representatives on new and exciting products and opportunities coming up this year.

Billy Hudson, a Carco representative, was the fifth top salesperson for December and one of the top 15 salespersons in the nation for 1985.

First National Bank of Eagle Lake, the Post Office, the Courthouse, Delta Savings and Gulf Coast Savings will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day.

Pilot Club bake sale this Friday
Surprise your Valentine with a delicious homemade cake or pie from the Pilot Club Bake Sale this Friday, February 14 (which is Valentine's Day) beginning at 8:30 a.m. in front of Rice Drug Store. Support your local Pilot Club.

Edgar H. Hudgins
board.

He was extensively involved with the Wharton Little League in the 1950's and as served as president in 1957. He went on to the Babe Ruth league and also served there.

Not the least of his accomplishments was his authorship of the book "Hudgins: Virginia to Texas" that was judged the Best Historical Publication in 1983 by the Texas Historical Association.

Survivors include his sons Joe, Leslie, William and Robert, all of Hungerford and Thomas of Van Vleck; two sisters, Mrs. Eleanor Locke and Mrs. Janie Mangum, both of Hungerford; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were James Forgason, Richard Forgason, Coleman Locke, Marshall Locke, Walter Joe Mangum and Gordon Koonce.

Honorary palbearers were Howard Allen, Ed Cullen, Walter Dancy, Bish Dunseth, Henry Fitzhugh, Jack Garrett, Henry Gaydon, John Jones, Temple Koonce, Leon Locke, Ernest Joe Macha, Leroy Macha, R.P. Marshall, Dr. Harold Northington, J.D. Sartwell, Brad Tally, J.T. White, Sloan Williams, David Wintermann and Dr. Carlos Zorilla.

In lieu of usual remembrances, the family requests memorials to the Edgar H. Hudgins Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the American Brahman Breeders Association, 1313 LaConcha, Houston 77054.

Funeral services for Edgar Hinkley Hudgins, 74, of Hungerford were held Wednesday, February 4 in the chapel of the Wharton Funeral Home. Officiating was Gene Polvado of the Wharton Church of Christ with interment in the Hudgins Family Cemetery in Hungerford.

Hudgins, well-known in ranching circles, died February 3 after a sudden illness. He was born on September 27, 1911 in Hungerford to Walter J. and Ella Hinkley Hudgins. Graduating from Texas A&M University in 1933, he returned to the Hudgins Ranch at Hungerford where he spent the balance of his life raising Brahman cattle. He served on the Board of Directors of the American Brahman Breeders Association from the early 1940's until his death and was president from 1953 to 1955. He also served as director of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association from the late 1940's until the present and had been an honorary vice president since 1958. He was to become president of this association in March, 1958, but had to decline because of his poor health. He judged Brahman cattle in the U.S. as well as Mexico and Australia.

Hudgins was also a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas from January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1967. He was chairman of the board from 1964 through 1967.

Additionally he was a charter member of the Wharton County Historical Museum Association and served as a member of the

Boy Scouts hear program on drugs

The Eagle Lake Police Department presented a program on drug abuse to the Eagle Lake Boy Scout Troop 334 on Monday night at the Scout Hut.

The boys' response was very good. It seems that they are better informed with what drugs can do to a person. They know what

should be done if someone tries to get them to take drugs — "just say NO."

Special thanks to Officer Grimes and Chief Ben Johnson for presenting their concern for our youth and our community.

Letter to the Editor

A tribute to Black History

By LUCILLE CHASE

Columbus, Texas

"The Afro-American Experience: Internal Connection" is the national theme chosen for the celebration of Black History month for 1986.

The Afro-American experience is a unique experience, indeed. Differing from every other racial, ethnic, or national group that composes the American society, Afro-Americans have been a necessary part of the society, yet held captive within it. At its very inception in America, slavery became an institution to which all black people were relegated. Essentially, all arrived with the same status, example that of slaves. Those who were more fortunate, came as indentured servants. In the course of time

they were able to buy their way out of the system, until the system no longer honored its commitment regarding indenture, and forced the status of "slave" upon many who had believed that they would be honorably set free.

After the emancipation and the freeing of slaves, forms of institutional racism supplanted the outlawed institution of slavery itself; more subtle, but in some ways, equally as vicious. Simultaneously, by a systematic policy of segregation, blacks continued to be separated from the main stream of society at least as rigidly as before.

Relating the Afro-American experience to the international connection is a focus intended to open new vistas for consideration and for examination and

scholarship. Blacks and the world must be prepared to see the experience as a composite entity. The Afro-American experience is replete with contradictions. History must interrelate them. The black historians are an absolute essential to this civilization, for it is they who must bare the truth, however uncomely, to set the records straight. It is they who have had to undo what has consciously been done to diminish black people in the sight of the dominant American society and the world. It is they who must inform and convince Afro-Americans themselves of their worth and their responsibility.

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