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Governor to call special session to balance state budget

A jam-packed week of political activity and campaign jostling has set the pace for the remainder of the election season. In a nutshell, some of the more significant happenings were:

*Texas lawmakers learned from Comptroller Bob Bullock that the anticipated deficit is worse than expected by one billion dollars, or \$2.3 billion total. The news sparked a confusing chain of events in other circles.

*The next day Governor Mark

White reversed himself and said he would call a special session to balance the state budget, probably in August. Tax plans resurfaced.

*White acceded his opponent, Bill Clements, of deceiving voters with claims of a "secret plan" to balance the budget.

*Former Gov. Clements, softened his "no tax hike" stance in the face of the huge deficit, and he denied ever claiming to have a "secret plan."

*Later in the week, some House leaders said a special session would

probably be disastrous because no one had a plan that could survive a session three months before the election.

Party conventions

Texas Republicans and Texas Democrats held their state conventions in Dallas and Austin, respectively.

Republican House members reportedly angered ally Speaker Gib Lewis or at least made themselves suspect in his eyes, with an informal convention caucus to determine which of their number could best become the new speaker. Some of Gib's close friends confided he wasn't pleased at all.

At the Democratic Party convention, Gov. White, who earlier had called teachers "whiners and complainers" for objecting to competency testing, made a point of apologizing to them in his keynote speech.

Two days later, after the press reported he apologized for making teachers take the test, White clarified he had only apologized for the "stress" teachers had endured over the test, and not the test itself.

Start, stop, what?

In short, the week was filled with political starts and stops that dizzily revealed the great amount of indecisiveness and indecisiveness present in Texas government.

Much of it appeared to be caused by jockeying and posturing for the November election, and not for a lack of answers at all.

The Legislature is well-equipped with the talent to balance the budget, but it may take a tax bill that nobody wants to pass soon before an election. Thus, they're tried to delay it.

White's problem

The problem, and it's Mark White's problem, is that the special session may produce a tax hike that will kill him on the campaign trail. And the longer he delays, the more Clements accuses him of fiddling while Rome burns.

Sure, it's politics, and everyone knows that Clements has been goading White to call a special tax session.

But now the big problem is that sometime in August or September, the state will begin to write hot checks, if Texas Treasurer Ann Richards is correct.

Unemployment fund

And another issue that may boil to the surface despite the current hush is whether the state unemployment fund will go bankrupt in the next few months.

In '82, Clements had to call a special session just before the

election to raise employer taxes and keep it solvent. He lost his reelection bid.

Ironically, the recession and rising unemployment could force White to include the same issue in his special session just before the election.

Other highlights

*Inmates complained of mistreatment at a hearing on whether the prison system ignored court-ordered reform deadlines.

*A South Texas Nuclear Project audit sought by the Public Utilities Commission determined that of the \$5.5 billion cost, more than \$1

billion was wasted by bad management of Houston Lighting and Power Company.

Auditors think it may be cheaper to quit building the plant than to complete it. HLP officials said the audit was inconclusive.

*Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox advised 250 Texas mortgage lenders that intentional delay to manipulate higher interest rates is a violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

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Weather Report

Here are the weather observations from the Texas A&M Research Site, Eagle Lake, in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the Texas Water Development Board. Air temperatures listed are sheltered air temperatures.

Date	Air Temp.	4-inch Soil Temp.	Evap. (Inches)	Rain (Inches)
01	93-74	100-84	337	--
02	95-74	102-84	216	--
03	94-74	103-85	325	--
04	94-72	100-85	374	--
05	94-72	101-86	362	--
06	93-72	97-85	288	--
07	93-73	94-85	208	.07

Total DD50 Units accumulated from 3/15/86: 2459



This picture of Carlos Brown was taken from the 1967 Eagle Lake High School annual. He was a senior at Eagle Lake High School in 1967.

Former resident wins home

Carlos Brown, of Houston, formerly of Eagle Lake, was surprised when he was one of nine other Houston residents to be picked out of 50 applicants to receive a repossessed home.

The city of Houston had purchased the homes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Urban Homebuilding Program is a pilot project and families filling out applications had to meet certain qualifications.

In a story printed in the Houston Chronicle on July 1, there was a picture of Brown with his hands raised up in the air, ironically the same way they are raised in the above picture.

Brown must pay for improvements, which will cost an estimated \$9,228, on the home and these improvements must be carried out within 12 months.

Winners at Wilcox Minimax

Winners of a washer and dryer Eagle Lake won the dryer. They were picked July 1 at Wilcox Minimax in Eagle Lake. Donalissa Trina of Eagle Lake was the winner of the washer and Oscar Ballew of



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Colorado County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE LICENSES FILED
Willard Cecil Brown Jr., 45, and Queen Taylor, 36.
Thomas Bryant Dolejs, 20, and Mary June Lange, 17.
Gary Kanda, Weaver, 29, and Cherry Lynn Johnson, 31.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS
Deed, Homelance Inn of America, Inc. to Homelance Inn No. One Joint Venture, 0.304 acres, E. Tullinn Survey, 6-17-86.
Deed, Donald W. Sroose, et al. to Homelance Inn No. One Joint Venture, 0.455 acres, E. Tullinn Survey, 6-17-86.

Deed, Edna D. Goldberry, et al. to Melvin P. Lake, et al., 88.18 acres, H. McKinley League, 5-28-86.
Deed, Michael M. Dornal to Wanda Grelle Sims, lot 72, Lake Sheridan Estates, 5-1-86.
Deed, W.B. Dickey to Marvin Bauer, et al., lot 1, block 58, town of Sheridan, 6-23-86.

Deed, Herbert Gunther, et al. to Mark Janda, 60 feet of lot 8, block 76, town of Weimar, North 4 and 1/2 feet of lot 9, block 76, town of Weimar, 6-13-86.
Deed, Erwin Leo Wind Jr., et al. to Charles V. Graham, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas, 0.494 acres, H. Austin Five Leagues Grant, 5-28-86.
Deed, Erwin Leo Wind Jr., et al. to Harris Ulrich, et al., 0.087 acres, H. Austin Five Leagues Grant, 5-28-86.
Deed, J.C. Busch, et al. to Harold R. Herzik, et al., 6.89 acres, H. Austin Five Leagues, 6-18-86.
Deed, Regina P. Marshall, et al. to Leslie Heinsohn, trustee, 5.088 acres, Piner Pipe League, 6-17-86.
Deed, Dorothy Grace Johnson Staffel, et al. to Veterans Land Board of the State of Texas, 10 acres, Joseph Thompson

Survey, 6-24-86.
Gift Deed, Grace M. Zasepek to Jerry Kay Zasepek Duhane, 71.375 acres, James Commis Upper Hacienda League and 45.70 acres, James Commis League, 6-18-86.
Deed, Frederic Sevier to Chester Spangenberg, et al., lot 12 and adjoining lot on the north, No. 13, block 34, town of Sheridan, 6-24-86.
Deed, May Edal Adamek to Larry Gene Adamek, 1923 acres, H.M. McKinley League, 4-30-86.
Deed, Edwin Seiler, et al. to Donald Heinamp, et al., lot 2, block 24, town of Weimar, 6-22-86.

OIL, GAS LEASES
Ellis August Ibe, et al. to Cenergy Exploration, 25 acres, R. Owens Survey, 4-1-86.
Katy Koy Kemp to Cenergy Exploration Company, 25 acres, R. Owens Survey, 4-1-86.
Eddie Eugene Alley to Amoco Production Company, 166.95 acres, James Commis Survey, 4-3-86.
Eddie Eugene Alley to Amoco Production Company, 22 acres, Leander Reason Survey, 8-45 acres, Leander Reason Survey, 5-21 acres, John Hadden Survey, 4-4-86.
Reginald Taylor to Amoco Production Company, 4.6425 acres, L. Reason Survey, 5-31-86.

Ben F. May, et al. to Amoco Production Company, 7 1/2 acres, J. Gillispie 10 Leagues, 5-14-86.
Thelma Hardin to The Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, tracts 10 and 12, A.R. Knight Survey, 4-25-86.
Clarence G. Eggeneyer to EP Operating Company, 42.19 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, 6-3-86.
George Walchar to Glen Hoogeneyer, trustee, 43.067 acres, Leonard Pickens Survey, 6-27-86.

'The best denomination'

By Rev. E.B. Beasley Jr., pastor of Lissie, Wallis United Methodist Churches.

I've always had trouble with people who have trouble with denominations. Maybe I like the three ways to get from here to the cotton gin. You can go right over the big hill. That's shorter, but it's a powerful climb. You can go around the east side of the hill. That's not too far but the road is rougher than tarnation. Or you can go around the west side of the hill which is the long way but the easiest. But you know - when you get there, the gin man doesn't ask you how you came. He just asks, 'How good is your cotton?'

Old Gramps knew exactly what he was talking about!

Pastor's Study

"Well," said old Gramps thoughtfully, "you know there are three ways to get from here to the cotton gin. You can go right over the big hill. That's shorter, but it's a powerful climb. You can go around the east side of the hill. That's not too far but the road is rougher than tarnation. Or you can go around the west side of the hill which is the long way but the easiest. But you know - when you get there, the gin man doesn't ask you how you came. He just asks, 'How good is your cotton?'

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Alcoholism may be traced in genes

Researchers at the annual meeting of the National Council on Alcoholism said genes that indicate a hereditary disposition to alcoholism may soon be traced.

Dr. Richard Heilman of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Minneapolis claims doctors will soon be able to test this country's 30 to 40 million children of alcoholics, then intervene early in life before drinking patterns become established.

"Some people are really sitting ducks for this disease and don't know it. Now, offspring of alcoholics do not have to be ignorant of this factor. Something can be done about it," said Heilman. Researchers have pinpointed some of the inherited markers that determine whether a person is more likely to become an alcoholic. They know that people who do not inherit genes from a certain protein - half of all Asians, for instance, lack the alcohol-metabolizing protein called aldehyde dehydrogenase - will never become alcoholics.

On the other hand, people with a combination of certain proteins might go on to develop the chronic, progressive and potentially fatal disease. Although a single genetic test may not be available for at least five to 10 years, tests that screen for these markers are now effective in animals and available to humans at a very high cost.

Genetic differences vary among ethnic groups. Alcoholism rates are higher among native Americans and people from Ireland and Southern Mediterranean countries.

Marijuana nomsters

A survey of juniors listed in Who's Who Among School Students shows 80 percent of the nation's student leaders have never tried marijuana. This figure is an increase over 73 percent in 1975.

Sixty-six percent of the teen leaders say they would not want to be friends with drug users, compared to 50 percent in 1975.



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Farmers Mutual concludes convention

The Farmers Mutual Protective Association (R.V.O.S.) held its XXII general convention June 23 and 24 in Temple. There were 192 delegates registered, representing 156 lodges. Approximately 500 delegates and guests attended the banquet Monday night. Among other business conducted, by-laws were amended and created, along with the election of officers and directors.

Election officers are: Glenn Hutka, president; Emil Brozek, first vice president; Stan Parak, second vice president; Richard Hykel, secretary and Sidney Kacir, attorney. Elected as district directors were: Johnnie

Jo, Donna, & Pam

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Diabetes group meeting July 15

The diabetes support group monthly meeting place has been changed to the Mansfield Library in Columbus.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15 with Dr. Jose Ugarte as the guest speaker. He will present a program on medication and insulin.

Hospital News

Patients (July 7)

Eagle Lake: Credell Brown, Rosemary Walsh, Clarence Grace, Juana Gonzales, Calvin Gerson, Roland Christal, Hortencia Cordova, Olivia Cardenas.

Columbus: Mary Henneke, Mary Alice Lippert, from Wallis: John McGraw, Alma Newsome from East Bernard: Wanda Grimes; from Houston: Shawana Shorter; from Altair: Irene Axel; from Alletton: Walter Walla.

Dismissals

Eagle Lake: Luis Garcia Medina, Demencio Arriaga, Bertha Hartman, Pauline Sens, Georgia Robertson, David Zahradnick, Robin Clippson and baby boy, Beatrice Kuykendall, Roy Hernandez, Valerie Yanez and baby boy, Olga Fajus, Harold T. Boone, Brenda Johnson and baby girl, Kenneth Meinecke, Peggy Ramirez and baby boy, Christina Moody, John Fearing, Aileen Glick, Edward Satsky, Rochelle Alley and baby boy.

Sheridan: Frances Lowe; from Wallis: Angela Janick, Debra Howard, Leon Sowa; from East Bernard: Bernard Mark; from Alletton: Elsie Filner; from Garwood: Ruth Thelma Montgomery; from Hallettsville: Soila Sanchez; from Dallas: Vernon (Sonny) Sampson; from Sealy: Angela Postian; from New Ulm: Curt Rake.

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