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Democrats attacking Clements' no-tax budget plan

Festy Gov. Bill Clements is swinging at Democrats like Davy Crockett swinging "Betsy" at the Alamo.

He must be having a ball. Every Democrat in the Legislature is attacking his plan to write a no-tax budget, and he waves a veto threat around in response like a broken rifle stock.

In the Senate last week, Democratic senators ranging from liberal Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin to conservative Bill Sims of San Angelo took turns giving the official Democratic response to Clements' budget proposals.

Not every Democrat is ready to vote for a tax hike. But lots of oars are being gored, and the House and Senate leadership are wondering if they can muster the two-thirds in each chamber needed to override a veto.

Speaker Gib Lewis conceded that the Legislature might be hard-pressed to override the veto. The Republicans control over one-third of the House votes.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

This is in addition to the reduction Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower is likely to take on his budget.

State income tax
He's not for it, but Comptroller Bob Bullock surprised everyone last week by telling the Legislature it may as well start talking at the merits of a state income tax.

Earlier, Treasurer Ann Richards told the Senate that unless lawmakers raise taxes, the Treasury will be broke by next year.

Clements criticized her for not telling him first and didn't give much credence to her prediction.

Rural impact
Most legislators are bawling the proposed cuts to education, an alteration of the HB 72 reforms passed under White.

But surprisingly, Clements proposed cuts for the farm and ranch sector. Rural counties across Texas boosted Clements to his wide victory margin, but they didn't expect this.

"San Antonio GOP Sen. Cyndi Krier's bill would ban cigarette sales to anyone under age 18.

"Austin Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos' bill would require that victims and local law enforcement officers be notified when violent criminals are released on parole.

Letter to the Editor

'Swoop and scoop' days are over

To the Editor:
Sometimes the community looks at the Ambulance Corps and misreads the actions of the crew on a scene. In an effort of clarification, I would like to point out some things.

In the old days of "swoop and scoop" ambulance services, ambulance personnel had one main responsibility: to get the ill or injured patient to a hospital as rapidly as possible. The "grab the patient and run" strategy was not entirely satisfactory. A patient who received no stabilization in the field too often was DOA, or a minor fracture was turned into a severe one.

Medical professionals started looking for ways to minimize the delay in treating the severely ill or injured patient. The answer was simple but revolutionary: bring the treatment to the patient before bringing the patient to the hospital. That is how the modern ambulance and the EMT came into being in the mid-1960's.

Today the EMT is a health care professional. (Texas is the only state who has Emergency Care Attendants or ECAs) — but they learn the same field skills as EMT's.)

Some of our citizens seem to feel the Ambulance Corps should only pick a patient up, put them on a stretcher and take them to the hospital. For those, this is usually a good idea.

June B. Mahalite, EMT
EMS instructor, coordinator

Bullock's tax reform
At week's end, Comptroller Bob Bullock introduced a tax reform plan to raise \$3.3 billion by dropping the sales tax to 4.5 cents while

Other highlights
"Clements said he will seek President Reagan's support for a tariff on imported oil, and believes a reversal is possible.

"Texas Democrats got a little hot over the choice of Atlanta over Houston for the national party convention.

Dallas Congressman John Bryant went so far as to call it "another outrageously stupid decision by the national Democratic Party leadership," meaning chairman Paul Kirk, a former Ted Kennedy aide.

"The Supreme Court expanded custody rights for fathers to children born out of wedlock, striking down the code that automatically grants all parental rights to the unwedded mother.

Legislation filed
Lawmakers continued to file new bills.

"Speaker Lewis unveiled a new "War on Crime" package that may require a tax hike to address prisoner parole provisions and early release for good time.

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REAL ESTATE DEEDS
Deed, James R. Roux, et ux, to Stanley Schock, et ux, 2,754 acres, James Cummins Survey, 1-14-87.

Deed, Gertrude Tagge to Arnold R. Tagge, 119,99 acres, Samuel Fowler Survey, 12-1-86.

Gift Deed, G. Cameron Duncan to F. Bowin Duncan, et al, undivided 1/3 interest in and to 640 acres, G.H.H. Survey No. 1, and 160 acres, ELARRRR Co., Section 2, 1-21-87.

Deed, Fanny B. Cooper to Fred Harrow, et ux, lot 11 and the south half of lot 12, block 46, town of Sheridan and lots 9 and 10, block 46, town of Sheridan, effective 2-4-87.

Deed, The Falls Inc. to W.H. Aydam, lot 6, block 2, The Falls Subdivision, Section 2, 1-30-87.

Deed, Reginald B. Beatty, et ux, to Marian W. Bouque, et al, undivided 1/2 interest in and to 18.17 acres, Lockwood Potter Survey, 1-30-87.

Gift Deed, Mariet Flanagan Cullen, et ux, to Kevin D. Cullen, et al, undivided 1/2 interest in and to 27 tracts, J.W. Survey, 1-14-87.

DIVORCES FILED
Linda Soa and David M. Soa.
Jacqueline Carey Pfeiffer and Ronnie Dean Pfeiffer, et al, undivided 1/3 interest in and to 100 acres, J. Stanley Beverly Ann Thomas and Richard Lloyd Thomas.

DIVORCES GRANTED
Geneva DeSantiago and Atanacio DeSantiago.
Carol Jean Webb and Bobby W. Webb.

OIL, GAS LEASES
Mrs. Elsie Zahn to Petrover Inc., tract of land, G.B.N. Co. Survey, 1-4-87.
George J. Miller to Big 6 Drilling Company, 310 acres, Richard Dowdy Lease, 1-14-87.
A.L. Miller to Big 6 Drilling Company, 310 acres, Richard Dowdy Lease, 1-14-87.
Estelle Alexander to Big 6 Drilling Company, 190 acres, Richard Dowdy Lease, 1-14-87.
G.E. Rodgers to Big 6 Drilling Company, 190 acres, Richard Dowdy Lease, 1-14-87.
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Mrs. Raymond Jochetz celebrates 96th birthday
Mrs. Raymond Jochetz, of Eagle Lake, celebrate her 96th birthday Sunday with her children and grandchildren present for the occasion.

Her children present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jochetz and Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols, all of Huntsville; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jochetz of Dallas; Mrs. Betty Rogers of Katy; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jochetz of Wharton, and Mrs. Miles Theuman of Eagle Lake. Grandchildren present were: Johnny Kalatz, Susan and John of Eagle Lake; Mrs. Richard Baxter of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Zamant and Abigail, Debbie Jochetz, Lisa Jochetz, Cynthia Jochetz, and Greg Richter, all of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. David Levy of Huntsville, and Mrs. Frances Young Rowchow and Mrs. Lela Mae Twinn, both of Katy.

Miss Annette Roesser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roesser of Houston, sang in the Texas Music Educators Association 1987 All-State Choir in the Convention Center Theatre in San Antonio Saturday night. Mrs. Betty Roesser and Mrs. Lela Mae Twinn were in attendance.

Everyone enjoyed a white birthday cake, made by Mrs. George Nichols, trimmed in pink and yellow. A second birthday cake, made by Mrs. Jimmie Jochetz, honored Jimmie Jochetz (February 15), Lisa Jochetz (February 16), Greg Richter (February 13) and Debbie Jochetz (February 8) on their birthdays. The cake was a Mississippi Mud cake and held four candies for each celebrant.

Mrs. Henrietta Sommerlatte
Mrs. Henrietta M. Sommerlatte, 88, of Eagle Lake, died at 12:46 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15 at St. Jude's Hospital in Brenham following a sudden illness. She was born in Frelsburg on August 10, 1898 to Frederick and Natalie Sommerlatte Richter. She was raised in Frelsburg and christened in the Lutheran Church. She had been a resident of Eagle Lake since the early 1940's having resided in the Sweetbrier Nursing Home in Brenham for the past year and prior to that she had lived at the River Oaks Nursing Home in Columbus for two years.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with Rev. Charles E. Runk, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating. Burial followed in the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents and most recently by her sister, Mrs. Olga Wangler.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Hilma Trojan of Columbus; a son, Lonnie Sommerlatte of Eagle Lake; a sister, Mrs. Elsie Manis of Eagle Lake; two brothers, Leo Richter of Fayetteville and Ewald Richter of New Ulm; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one great grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Palbearers were Gayle Thomas, L.J. "Sonny" Spanibel, Dale Cassidy, Barry White, Len Manula and Wayne L. Dupre.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of their loved one.

William Kenneth Schultz
William Kenneth Schultz, 74, of Garwood, died at his residence on February 11. He was born in Garwood on May 16, 1912 and had lived in Garwood for all but about 20 years of his life. He was noted for his work as an interior painter and home finisher throughout this area; was a member of the Lutheran Church, and had served with the U.S. Navy overseas during World War II.

Gravestone services and burial was held at 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 13 at the Leher Memorial Cemetery in Garwood with Rev. Albert Flathmann officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake.

Survivors include a daughter, Teresa Lynn Brau of Rosenberg; a son, William Russell Schultz of Wallis; a sister, Minnie Petznick of Hesperia, California; grandchildren, Roger Lee and Andrew Russell Schultz, both of Wallis, and Stacy Lynn and Russell Lee Brau, both of Rosenberg; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of loved ones.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Eva Mae Selders Roberts
Eva Mae Selders Roberts, 48, died on Saturday, Feb. 7 at Providence Baptist Church.

Coby Shorter of Providence Baptist Church, Obie Rhoades of White Cloud Baptist Church, Joe James of Eagle Lake, and Reverend Nixon of Houston officiated. Local arrangements were made by Mann Funeral Home. Burial followed in Community Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Survivors include her widower, George Roberts and two daughters, Monique and Sherri Roberts, all of Philadelphia; her mother, Mary Selders of Eagle Lake; five sisters, Susan Chappel, Barbara Cunningham and Lois Davis of Eagle Lake; Sandra Chou and Ann Williams of Houston; four brothers, Roberts Selders and George Chappel of Houston, and Charles Chappel and J.C. Johnson of San Francisco; a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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