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Lawmakers fine-tune teacher testing

Gov. Bill Clements lobbied from the Highway Department to Washington and lawmakers fine-tuned teacher testing last week while they waited for a legal green light on their \$20 million emergency prison reform bill.

Their action diverts \$32 million from the Highway Department to pay for prison reform and replenish the workers' compensation fund for state employees.

But until Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox say the diversion is constitutional, and until the federal court accepts the

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

As adequate, lawmakers cannot move to complete the budget process early.

In past sessions, the budget was passed in the waning hours, but Gov. Clements said he wants lawmakers to act earlier this year. Last week, some predicted a special summer session would be needed to approve the budget, an idea which Speaker Gib Lewis nixed as too expensive.

Clements in Washington
Clements met with President Reagan last week to urge an oil import fee and build the multibillion dollar supercollider in Texas.

He also discussed those subjects and relations with Mexico with other White House and Department of Energy officials.

And in a meeting with the Texas congressional delegation, he advised the bill to let DOE pick a Texas site and then pull together to pass it through Congress.

Texas abolished
On the same day with no debate, the House and Senate voted to abolish subject competency tests for teachers, one of two tests for teachers required under the controversial HB 72 reform package.

The governor is expected to sign the bill and no change looms yet in the basic skills test requirement.

First Clements defeat
While he was in Washington, the state Senate handed Clements his first legislative defeat by voting 15-12 to trash a bill giving him more

Texas Supreme Court offers guidelines on executive session

(Editor's Note: After recent articles in the Headlight about executive sessions, the following article was brought to the newspaper's attention. It is re-printed from a publication called "Texas Lone Star." That is "The official publication of the Texas Association of School Boards.")

Agenda notices listing only general terms such as "personnel," "litigation," and "real estate matters" to describe executive sessions are inadequate under the Open Meetings Act, the Texas Supreme Court has ruled.

In *Cox Enterprises, Inc. v. Board of Trustees of Austin ISD*, No. C5386 (Tex. Apr. 9, 1986), the court ruled that a daily newspaper used Austin ISD for various alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act, including publishing agenda notices, convening of executive sessions, superintendent selection, superintendent search consultants and related matters.

One of the subjects discussed under "personnel" dealt with the selection of a new superintendent. This subject "is not in the same category as ordinary personnel matters," but rather should be more specific, the Supreme Court said.

Under the topic "litigation," the school board had discussed a major desegregation lawsuit in which the school district had been involved for many years. Although the school board was not required to reveal litigation strategy, the court stated that it could not "conceal that a pending desegregation lawsuit" should be more carefully approved of the nature of the discussion on "litigation."

The court referred to a 1977 attorney general's opinion that interpreted the Open Meetings Act to require a more specific listing of subjects in "the public can reasonably be expected to have a special interest."

Besides the agenda issue, the court ruled on whether superintendent search consultants could be discussed in executive session, under the "office and employee" exception to the Open Meetings Act. The court ruled that superintendent search consultants were independent contractors and not public employees. Thus the discussion of superintendent selection in executive session was prohibited.

On the other hand, the selection of superintendent candidates, as prospective employees, could be discussed in executive session. Although the new

Pay raise to charity
Congressman Beau Boulter announced that he has begun the search for charities in the 13th Congressional District to which he will donate his recently-enacted \$12,000 pay raise.

"Congress pulled a fast one on the people in allowing the pay increase to take effect," Boulter said. "I can go with a clear conscience, accept it," the GOP lawmaker said. "Rather than give the money back to the government to spend on programs I oppose, my wife and I want to give it to people in the district who truly need it and will use it for good purposes."

Other highlights
A Houston federal judge okayed a consent decree which opens hundreds of Department of Corrections jobs to women.

Gov. Clements, attending a National Governors' Conference meeting, voted for resolutions to raise the highway speed limit to 65 mph in rural areas and to require welfare recipients to work for their benefits.

The governor's appointee to the State Aircraft Pooling Board, Jim Kasper, said, selling former Gov. Mark White's jet would be a bad deal for the state. He said the aircraft would now sell for less than one-third its original cost.

During the '86 campaign, Clements turned the expensive jet into a symbol of White's big spending.

White's former press secretary, Ann Arnold, will become executive director of the Texas Association of Broadcasters on March 1.

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Ninth graders receive book on youth awareness

The ninth graders at Rice High School will receive a gift-book titled "Be The Best You Can Be."

Presented to them by civic-minded leaders in this community, "Be The Best You Can Be" is the centerpiece of the Youth Awareness Program. Many communities throughout the nation are participating in this program.

"Be The Best You Can Be", handsomely bound and illustrated in full-color, is a collection of eight short stories. Written to appeal to young people in today's world, the stories reinforce traditional moral values. For instance, one of the stories emphasizes the importance of being a responsible person; another shows how highly honesty should be valued; another focuses on the danger of drugs and alcohol.

The program is described as being a response to a growing concern felt by parents and others throughout the nation. Too often, it is maintained, young people are the innocent victims of harmful influences that undermine the sound values parents are trying to teach their children in the home. National statistics on drug and alcohol related accidents involving teachers, or missing children, teenage pregnancies, teenage suicide are cause for alarm. The great majority of parents do not have these problems. Nonetheless, they worry about their peer pressure

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The sponsors of this program are Schindler L.P.G. Inc., J.A. "Jim" and Cindy Klopas; JAK's Corner Inc., Ken and Jeanette Kainer; Eagle Lake Farm and Home Supply, John C. Bock and Staff; W.M. Thomas Jr. Insurance Agency; Doris R. Kinty and Temple Thomas. The response of these local sponsors when asked why they are participating in this program can be summed up as follows: "This community means a lot to me. Our young people are our most precious resource. They are our future. This program is good for our young people, their parents and our community."

The following story, written by Alana S. Mallard, EMS information program managing editor, was taken from "The EMS Messenger" and its purpose is to make people aware that CPR knowledge can save a life, maybe even someone you know.

"The quick thinking and capable action of a private citizen recently saved a heart attack victim's life. If someone in your community is a CPR instructor, sponsoring a four-hour course could be one of the best public education you could invest in."

There are several CPR instructors in town whose endeavor is to get the community interested in this training, but there has been little success. If you would like more information, please call June Mahalic, Linda Lippert or Bobby Johnson.

Located in the fast-growing Austin-Anatolio corridor, Texas Lutheran College promotes a well-rounded, individualized education through its liberal arts curriculum.

David Flatmann and Elizabeth Flatmann, both of Eagle Lake, have been named to the Texas Lutheran College dean's list for the recently completed fall 1986 semester. More than 150 students were named to the honor roll.

In order to make the TLC dean's list, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while completed at least 12 hours of study during the semester.

David and Elizabeth's parents are Rev. and Mrs. Albert E. Flatmann of Eagle Lake. David is a freshman and Elizabeth is a junior elementary education major. She is involved with Campus Ministry at TLC and is also the recipient of an honor scholarship.

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Microwaved foods can burn
By Peggy Braden, County Extension Agent
Along with a growth in sales of microwave ovens has come an increase in the number of people burned by foods cooked in them. Many of these burns could be prevented if people understood how microwaves heat food.

Microwaves create heat by agitating the molecules in food. Many people believe that microwaves heat food from the center out. This is not true. The part of the food that heats first is about one inch from the exterior. If the food is two inches around or less, this is the

Sunshine Class begins new study
The Sunshine Class of the United Methodist Church met in the home of Jonie Mae Muzny on Thursday, Feb. 26 for their monthly meeting.

Ophelia Raabe gave the devotional and presented a business meeting. Ruth Wines and Hazel Haven were unable to attend and they were truly missed. Get well cards were signed and sent to several shut-ins.

A new study entitled "When the Pieces Don't Fit, God Makes the Difference" was started at this meeting with Jonie Mae giving the first chapter.

Tuna salad, crackers, coconut cake and coffee was served by the hostess, Sophie Zoeller will be the hostess in March.

WCJC calendar
Thursday, March 5: 5:30 p.m., WCJC Booster Club meets, Hutchins Cafeteria Building
Publication Lab: new members welcome \$10 annual fee per person: 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts and Communications Showcases, Pioneer Student Center. \$2 admission
Friday, March 6: 7:30 p.m., Zeta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa initiation, Pioneer Student Center.
Monday and Wednesday, March 9 and 11: 6:19 p.m., defensive driving course, \$25 fee, Johnson Health Occupation Center.
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Friday, March 13: mid-semester: regular registration deadline for April 11 ACT assessment.
Saturday, March 14: 10:30 a.m., WCJC Jazz Band performs at GCJC Jazz Festival at Brazosport College.
Tuesday, March 17: 2 p.m., reception hosted by WCJC Booster Club to honor WCJC scholarship donors, Pioneer Student Center.
Wednesday, March 18: 7:30 p.m., WCJC board of trustees meets in the Outlar Auditorium of the Johnson Health Occupation Center.
Friday, March 19: 7:30 p.m., Jazz Band Spring Concert, Fine Arts Building, Horton Foote Theater, \$2 admission.

East Bernard school menu
Monday, March 9: breakfast: cereal or cinnamon roll, fruit, milk; lunch: burrito with chili and cheese, corn, salad, fruit juice, cinnamon roll, milk.
Tuesday, March 10: breakfast: cereal or pancakes, syrup, juice, milk; lunch: pizza, green beans or fried okra, salad, fruit, spice bar, milk.
Wednesday, March 11: breakfast: cereal or scrambled eggs, breakfast sausage, biscuit, jelly, juice, milk; lunch: turkey and dressing with grapes, broccoli or peas, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, fruit, hot roll, milk.
Thursday, March 12: breakfast: cereal or French toast, breakfast sausage, syrup, juice, milk; lunch: hamburger French fries, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, milk.
Friday, March 13: School break.

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Two E.H. Henry High students honored

Some of E.H. Henry High students honored and roasted two of their schoolmates. Mrs. Fanny Hemphill Parker and Mrs. Erma Selders Bell, of San Jose, California, in person in the home of Mrs. Isaac Dixon, 305 South Lake Avenue, Eagle Lake, on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

A buffet lunch was enjoyed by the following on this occasion: Narva L. Henry, Elaine Harrison, Lois M. Davis, George and Eunice Hemphill, Roland and Gloria Hemphill, Jennie B. Hemphill, Debbie Marshall, Minnie C. Kaykendall, Marie Glover, Alex Woolridge, A.C. Rodas, all of Eagle Lake, and Cora B. Smith of Garwood.

Colorado County Courthouse Report
MARRIAGE LICENSES
Rogue Torres, 30, and Martha Leticia Vazquez, 20.
Francisco Jimenez, 49, and Natividad Monjes Cisneros, 35.

DIVORCES FILED
Larry Charles Adornik and Terry Lynn Adamski.
REAL ESTATE DEEDS
Deed, Mark N. Anderson, et ux, to Boyd W. Rees, et al, 450.99 acres, LAGNRR Company Survey No. 10, 2-13-87.
Deed, Atlantic Financial Federal to John Casaris, et ux, 0.536 acres, Patrick Rees Survey, 2-2-87.
Deed, Henry J. Hajovsky, et ux, to Leland Stolar, et ux, lot 37, Hajovsky Subdivision in W.B. Dewees League, 2-13-87.
Deed, Frank Weselaki Jr., et ux, to Richard Setzer, 1132 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, 2-18-87.
Deed, Lee Roy Guthman, et ux, to Philip James Mailoux Jr., et ux, lot 29, Lake Sheridan Estates, 2-18-87.
Deed, Dorothy V. Geraghty to Jennie C. Wickle Jr., et ux, 4.48 acres, Reddin Adams 13 League, 2-18-87.
Deed, Thomas H. Lee, trustee, to William C. Hammond, et ux, tract of land, Peyton R. Spivey Survey, 2-9-87.
Deed, Ennis M. Cooley, trustee, to Gregory O. Pale, et ux, 4.9070 acres, known as lot 6, Nicholas Kelley Survey, and 4.9070 acres, known as lot 10, Nicholas Kelley Survey, 2-12-87.

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