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Deficit carryover, Clements' threat heard by lawmakers

Lawmakers stymied by whether to balance the budget with cuts or taxes heard some good news and some bad news last week.

The good news came in a landmark decision from Attorney General Jim Mattox, who ruled the Legislature can carry a deficit into the next fiscal period, where it must be resolved.

The bad news came in the form of a threat from Gov. Bill Clements to bring the legislators back into special session if they do not expand his budget cutting authority.

The Mattox ruling allows the Legislature to delay taking care of an estimated \$1 billion deficit in the next fiscal period beginning September 1. Lawmakers were greatly relieved.

Comptroller Bob Bullock, who must certify that new budget, had sought the official ruling and argued the rollover violated the constitutional pay-as-you-go principle.

"Improper," not illegal
Mattox said the issue was whether the Comptroller would have additional powers to force the Legislature to bring spending into balance with revenues. He doesn't, and neither does the attorney general, Mattox said.

The ruling interprets that the state can end a fiscal period with a deficit, but the next budget must include funds to erase it or stand in conflict with the Texas Constitution.

Mattox also commented that he

State Capitol Highlights By Lyndell Williams

thinks what is taking place in the Legislature with regard to the deficit is "improper."

"Now, it's the clock, not the Constitution, that those in the senate need to watch," Bullock said.

Breathing room
The legislative leaders breathed a sign of relief. Many had commented that an adverse ruling would have prevented state government from functioning.

On top of that, the Legislature is grappling now with governor who won't let them raise taxes even a little. The AG ruling allows the governor and lawmakers to concentrate on their struggle with each other.

Special session threat
Clements promised special sessions if lawmakers do not reform the tort law and expand his budget cutting powers.

In response, 16 Democratic senators scoffed and signed a letter of opposition to giving the governor budget authority. Clements scoffed back.

The Senate
In other action, the Senate passed the private prisons bill, which Clements may veto. The bill allows private contractors to build and operate prisons.

Senators also approved a measure allowing tobacco smoking in public places in designated smoking areas. Bars, tobacco shops and restaurants with small capacities are exempt and can designate their places as smoking areas.

And a bill was passed requiring Texas motorists to prove they carry liability insurance before purchasing license tags or vehicle inspections.

The House
The dramatic action occurred in the Appropriations Committee, which adjourned for the week with its chairman, Brownfield Rep. Jim Rudd, declaring it was impossible to



Let's Look Back...

48 Years Ago

(April 7, 1939)
Miss Louise Seaborn, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seaborn, chosen Duchess of Eagle Lake in a popular vote contest sponsored by the Eagle Lake Junior Chamber of Commerce, becomes a member of the Royal family, to the Bluebonnet Queen of Texas, Miss Molly O'Daniel, daughter of Governor and Mrs. W. Lee O'Daniel at the Bluebonnet Festival in Navasota on April 14, 15, and 16.

With scarcely more than two-thirds of the qualified voters partici-

pating in the election held here Tuesday, the city's proposed revenue bond issue for municipal utilities was defeated by citizens of Eagle Lake in a 5 to 1 vote. Eagle Lake is furnishing mesquites for the treatment of patients in the hospital due to syphilis. Eagle Lake is one of but four places in the entire United States where a similar service of this type is being rendered. Honoring Miss Addie Joe Johnson, bride elect of D.S. Taylor, Mrs. E.A. Witter and Mrs. S.H. Broyles chose last Friday afternoon as the date of a shower complement at the home of Mrs. Witter.

Let's Look Back...

24 Years Ago

(April 4, 1963)
An application for a charter for a new state bank to serve Eagle Lake and surrounding communities is due to be submitted to the State Banking Commission in the near future. A group of Eagle Lake and Garwood businessmen are preparing the charter application and seeking pledges for purchase of stock in the new bank, which tentatively has been named the Citizens State Bank.

Other highlights
"Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby endorsed Democratic presidential hopeful Gary Hart, who swung through the town garnering support.

"Former Delaware Gov. Peter du Pont visited Dallas Republicans to woo support for his presidential bid. "Clements blamed former SMU football coach Ron Meyer for orchestrating the illegal payment scheme to football players. He said Meyer, now in the NFL, recruited boosters to make lucrative offers to high school players.

"Texas officials who knew nothing of the negotiations were surprised about a new U.S.-Mexico agreement to allow hazardous waste shipment for disposal between the two countries. Brownsville state Sen. Hector Uribe said it will turn Mexico into a dumping ground for the U.S. and that he was really concerned for Mexico. Other Texas border state senators, fearing a stackup at crossing points, have joined him to require that the state receive advance notification of waste shipments. Apparently the federal rules were promulgated a year ago without notifying state officials.

John Ramirez graduates from Air Force course
Airman John T. Ramirez, son of Dolores R. Ramirez of Eagle Lake, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force course for personal affairs specialist at Kessler Air Force Base, Miss.

Graduates of the course learned procedures to assist active duty and retired airmen with their service benefits, social security, insurance, estate planning and retirement. They also earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1986 graduate of Willowridge High School, Houston.

HB 1193 for rural areas

State Representative Robert Saunders appeared before the House Committee on County Affairs last week to present his limited-purpose annexation bill, H.B. 1193, which would prohibit cities such as Austin from controlling rural areas outside of their boundaries and implementing strict development regulations without providing any benefits.

It is apparent the city of Austin abused its authority in the spring of 1985, testified Saunders, "where I come from it is called land sealing and should be made a crime."

Saunders conducted a district survey in the spring of 1986 and one of the questions stated "Should cities be prohibited from using limited-purpose annexation to impose zoning regulations in areas where they provide no city services?" Of the 1,318 voters who answered the questionnaire, 65% responded yes, 15% said no, and 20% were undecided. The overwhelming response from concerned citizens on the annexation issue has prompted Representative Saunders to make the limited-purpose annexation bill a top priority this session. H.B. 1193 is supported by numerous area legislators as a necessary bill, and one that will help protect small communities from falling prey to large, metropolitan areas.

Correspondent needed for Garwood/Nada area

The Headlight is seeking a new correspondent from the Garwood/Nada area. We will truly miss Mrs. J.F. Struska's weekly column.

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Alma Hernandez received her \$150 gift certificate last week at Wilcox Minimex after her name was drawn in a Wilcox-Frito Lay no obligation promotion. Bob Wilcox, left, and Michael Henry made the presentation.

Hospital Auxiliary lists donors

The following is a list of memorial donors to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies):

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Awards given by drug and alcohol council

The annual awards banquet of the Colorado Valley Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse was held March 17 at the Fritch Ad Valley Country Club. The awards were to recognize a few among many who have contributed to the growth, support and success of the Colorado Valley Council.

Awards were given to the following: service club award, La Grange Noon Lions Club; corporation award, LCKA employees; benefactor's award, Oberhaus/Grothaus/Fox; municipal award, city of La

Grange; public official award, Janice McBride; law enforcement awards, chief Ben Johnson of Eagle Lake, chief Jerry Targus of Newton County, Ken Blanchette; education award, Cathy Schneider and Perry Bell; the Arlene McKinstry award (volunteer of the council) is Harold Adkins, president; Rev. Ernie Dean, vice president; Sid MacAllister, secretary, and Terry Frazee, treasurer; staff members are Betty Bauer, Cathy Schneider, counselor; Mary Lindner, teacher, Cathy Dillard, secretary, teacher.

Master of ceremonies at the banquet was Dr. Robert Kohler, the welcome was given by board president Harold Adkins and the invocation by Rev. Newton Cox. Ronald L. Carroll was the guest speaker. The executive committee members of the council are Harold Adkins, president; Rev. Ernie Dean, vice president; Sid MacAllister, secretary, and Terry Frazee, treasurer; staff members are Betty Bauer, Cathy Schneider, counselor; Mary Lindner, teacher, Cathy Dillard, secretary, teacher.

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With the introduction this month of the 1988 Chevrolet Beretta and its sister, the four-door Corsica, Chevrolet has mounted a frontal assault against the import car market. Further, these new cars have no counterparts in other G.M. divisions. They are exclusively — and unmistakably — Chevrolets.

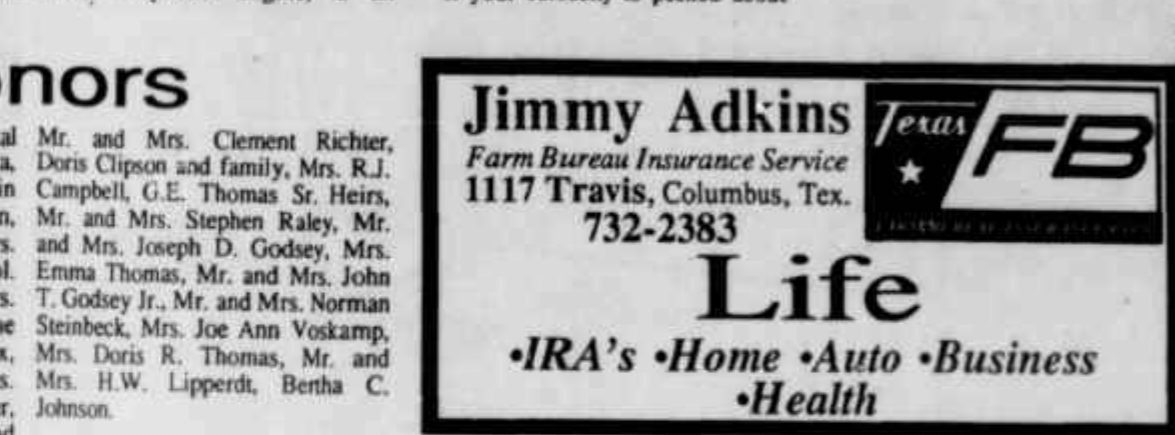
"We wanted to produce a car that's not revolutionary, but evolutionary," explains Terry Connolly, Chevrolet product engineering manager. "Beretta and Corsica use existing, proven technology because we want the bywords for these models to be quality, reliability and durability."

In addition to beating the challenges of the Hondas, Toyotas and Nissans, Beretta and Corsica seek to go head to head with its domestic competition, Ford Tempo and the

higher priced Taurus and Sale. Indeed low price is the first reason to look at these new Chevrolets. Second is their high quality and reliable design. Lastly, fuel economy in excess of 30 m.p.g. (with the 2.0 Liter, 4 cylinder engine) is an

excellent reason to buy. If you're interested in all of these characteristics but want sporty power, then the GT equipment with the 2.5 Liter V-6 would be the car for you, like the one Cindy selected.

If your curiosity is peeked about these new Chevrolets, be sure to ask Cindy how she likes hers. Then come by Lake Motors, Inc. for your test drive. You may just drive out with a new 1988 Beretta or Corsica yourself.



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