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New state income tax could open up a can of worms for Legislators

In the same week that laborers began digging on the Capitol grounds to build a multi-million dollar office complex for legislators:

• The Capitol architects said too bad, but we don't have enough money to save the ancient oak trees on the Capitol grounds;

• Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, speaking to the Economic Outlook conference, cited a new state income tax as a way to pay for new public education needs; and,

• State health officials continued scrambling to find funds for the mismanaged program to help severely ill and handicapped youngsters.

Hobby's repeat of the income tax option opened a can of worms for legislators who are not lame ducks, like him.

In November, Hobby recommended an income tax as the logical response to state finance needs, but no one joined him publicly.

Just a few short weeks ago, Republican candidates seemed ridiculous for their name-calling over who was the softest on a new state income tax, considered a dead issue.

But with lawmakers set to convene for a special session in about three weeks, has Hobby resuscitated the issue, at least in Capitol clock rooms?

Two of the three top candidates for governor, treasurer Ann Richards and Attorney General Jim Mattox, have already come out against a state income tax.

The third, former Gov. Mark White, is already haunted by his history of new taxes for education but who knows? White is probably the only candidate who is unafraid to raise the income tax proposal, if he concludes it should be done.

George H. "Bud" Northington IV of Egypt is a Republican candidate for Precinct 2 county commissioner, party chairwoman Margaret Luckie announced Monday.

Northington, 45, who filed December 27, will be the lone Republican in the race during the March 13 party primary. He is guaranteed Nov. 6 to face a Democratic opponent chosen from a field of five Democratic primary contenders.

Northington graduated from the Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo. He is also a graduate of Wharton High School and Wharton County Junior College and attended Stephen F. Austin College.

He owns and operates Bud's Quality Shop in Egypt and is a former owner of Caney Auto Service. He cites 20 years experience as an owner

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

Inmate Formula Unchanged
The Texas Criminal Justice Board has refused to change the system that determines how many inmates each county can send to state prisons.

The action angered some county officials who said they are being unfairly penalized by the allocation formula, which is based on outdated statistics.

Officials said under the current system, for example, Bexar County is allowed to send to state prisons fewer inmates than Travis County, though Bexar has about twice as many people as Travis.

When state Rep. Orlando Garcia, D-San Antonio, told the board, "that is not equitable," the chairman, Charles Terrell of Dallas, answered, "neither is life."

Ethics Measure Filed
State Rep. Lena Guerrero, D-Austin, last week prefaced a comprehensive legislative ethics bill, saying she would ask Gov. Bill Clements to put it on the agenda for the special session that starts Feb. 24.

The bill would require lawmakers to make public their federal income tax returns and would create a commission to regulate ethics and elections.

Guerrero said she doubts the reforms can be adopted during the 30-day session, but that it is important for legislators to continue discussing the issue.

No Teacher Endorsement
Because its teachers were split

among several candidates, the Texas State Teachers Association has declined to endorse anyone in the governor's race.

Olivia "Ollie" Besteiro, TSTA president, said a gubernatorial endorsement could come at a later date.

Candidates backed by the teachers' group include Comptroller Bob Bullock for lieutenant governor; Dan Morales for attorney general; Jim Hightower for agriculture commissioner; and Texas Supreme Court Justice Oscar Mazy for chief justice. All are Democrats.

New Law Not Working
A state education research group said a new law isn't working — the one to encourage kids to stay in school to qualify for a drivers license.

The Southwest Education Research Association said about 2,000 pupils drop out statewide annually, but it could identify only 40 potential dropouts who stayed for driving privileges.

The bill's author, state Rep. Bill Hammond, D-Dallas, said it was still too early to draw conclusions.

Workers Comp Panel
Legislative leaders have appointed a committee to monitor the new workers' compensation law.

Hobby named Sens. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena and Cyndi Krier, R-San Antonio, Glasgow will serve as chairman.

House Speaker Gib Lewis named three members, including the sponsor of the measure, Rep. Richard Smith, R-College Station. Others appointed to the oversight committee were Reps. David Counts, D-Knox City, and Earley, D-Portland.

Other Highlights
Gov. Bill Clements, noting that horse racing in Texas is off to "a very slow start," said he would support a cut in the state tax on pari-mutuel wagering.

"Texas voters would be given the power to approve or reject school tax hikes under a plan being studied by the Governor's Task Force on Public Education."

Applications are being accepted through February 15 for participation in the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The program provides leadership training over a two-year period to a selected group of 25 to 30 people through seminars and travel around the state and in foreign countries.

"Agriculture leaders must make some critical decisions in the years ahead," said Dr. L.S. Pope, who coordinates the TALL program at Texas A&M University. "This program seeks to help develop potential leaders."

The 24 participants in the first TALL program, completed in December, toured 10 key agricultural areas in Texas, traveled to Washington, D.C., and northern Europe, and met 175 leaders in agriculture. The program includes 12 meetings of two to three days, scheduled every other month.

Pope said applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 40, show leadership ability, and have an association with agriculture. Cost of the

program is \$1,000. Applications are available from county Extension agents.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

February 10, 1966

Rice producers and other interested persons are invited to attend a rice and soybean meeting at the Municipal Building in Eagle Lake February 16... Mrs. E.H. Shirley is recuperating in the Laughlin Hospital after she slipped on her back porch steps and suffered a broken right wrist and broken hip... The Schneider-Ware Co. of Eagle Lake, International-Harvester dealer for this area, hosted a large group of farmers, landowners and others at a barbecue and program in the Community Center at noon Saturday.

More than 163 new telephones were installed in Eagle Lake and the surrounding area during 1965, Richard Oldmixon, manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., said... Tom Laughlin, son of Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Laughlin of this city, has been promoted to the rating of Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. Laughlin is now stationed in Japan... Myra Dromgoole, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Fulton Dromgoole of Eagle Lake, achieved high academic honors at St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio. Myra ranked first among a class of 36 sophomores at St. Mary's for the first semester... Texas Trail Riders, about 750 in number, departed from Altair at 6 a.m. Sunday opening the 5-day 140 mile ride to San Antonio...

Randy Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Briggs and a graduate of the Eagle Lake High School Class of '62, is attending Texas A&M University from January 24-February 18 for a course in Texas Criminal Law. Randy is employed by Brazoria County Sheriff's Department as a patrol deputy.

February 13, 1942
Mr. and Mrs. Eivorit Fuller and two children, Roger Fuller and family and Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Dawson of Houston spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Hoyt... Billy Thomas came in over the weekend from Baylor University for a brief visit with his parents... A most enjoyable event

in musical circles the past week was the Studio Tea Musical given at the home of Mrs. T.P. Doole. At this time Mrs. Doole presented six of her advanced music pupils in a program of delightful piano numbers. The students participating were Misses Myra Waddell, Lillian Isenhower, Jane Sunderman, Lillian Klockman of Eagle Lake, Jeanine Williams and Mary Ann Braden of Garwood...

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I graduated from Columbus High School and worked at Thorstenberg Materials for four years during summers, holidays and on weekends earning expenses while attending college. I graduated from Texas A&M University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. In 1983 I became self-employed in the land surveying business. In the last election I was elected Justice of the Peace and later appointed Municipal Judge for the City of Columbus.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

DIVORCES FILED

Franklin Curtis Besch and Patsy Jean Besch.

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

Javier Cano, Criminal Mischief; filed 1-24-90.

Thomas Ray Pipes, possession of marijuana; filed 1-24-90.

Thomas Bidas Jr., driving while intoxicated; filed 1-24-90.

Ricky Roberts, theft-by-check; filed 1-24-90.

Carlos I. Perez Jr., driving while intoxicated; filed 1-24-90.

Charles Wayne Walker, driving while license suspended; filed 1-24-90.

Samuel Doss Pearson, possession of marijuana; filed 1-24-90.

James Lockett Jr., possession of marijuana, under 2 oz.; filed 1-24-90.

Debra E. Harrison, possession of marijuana, under 2 oz.; filed 1-24-90.

Paul Richard Gonzales, display expired license plates, appeal from J.P. 5; filed 1-26-90.

Paul Richard Gonzales, failure to maintain financial responsibility; filed 1-26-90.

Derry Taylor, false imprisonment; filed 1-26-90.

Larry Taylor, assault; filed 1-26-90.

Gary Matus, false imprisonment; filed 1-26-90.

Terril Stodman, theft; filed 1-26-90.

Arvin Maurice Miller, driving while intoxicated; filed 1-26-90.

Robert Lee Anders Jr., speeding appeal, Weimar Municipal Court; filed 1-26-90.

Robert Chisom Stewart, driving while license suspended; filed 1-26-90.

Robert Eugene Brom, driving while intoxicated; filed 1-26-90.

John Anthony O'Connell, driving while license suspended; filed 1-26-90.

Kevin Sellers, driving while intoxicated; filed 1-26-90.

Raymond Moore, theft-by-check; filed 1-30-90.

Charles Ray Speaker, theft-by-check; filed 1-30-90.

Wilbert Middleton, driving while intoxicated; filed 1-30-90.

Jonathan Lawrence McCaleb, driving while license suspended; filed 1-30-90.

Jeffrey Donald Johnson, driving while intoxicated; filed 1-30-90.

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REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Deed: Gladys Alley, et al to Raymond Lee Dilant, tract being subdivision lot No. 14, in blk. No. 22, Columbus; filed 1-22-90.

Deed: Jim L. & Justine E. Swoboda to Travis Edward Mittlestedt, lot No. 186 of Lake Sheridan Estates; filed 1-22-90.

Deed: Guy L. Sroose to Lillian Sroose Mehrens, 0.205 acres, E. Tumlinson League; filed 1-23-90.

Gift Deed: Rudolph J. & Regina Bittner to James Till, 5 acres, J. Richards Survey; filed 1-23-90.

Deed: Dennis & Hillean Frank to Hugh Toepferwein, 2 tracts being 2.881 acres, John McCroskey League; filed 1-23-90.

Deed: Joan B. Mark to Terese Mark Wagner, 26.303 acres and easement, John Dunlavy Survey; filed 1-24-90.

Deed: A. Neale Rabensburg, Trust to A. Neale Rabensburg, undiv. int. in 188.27 acres, A. Mehrens Survey; filed 1-24-90.

Deed: Gayle Hall Herring, Trust and A. Neale Rabensburg to Compost Investments, LTD.; filed 1-24-90.

Deed: Colorado County Central Appraisal District, et al to Cora Smith, lots 11 and 12, blk. 44, Garwood; filed 1-24-90.

Deed: Edwin Ray Baco to Cynthia Elaine Baco, tract No. 8 and 4-A of Winslow Hills (formerly known as Colorado Highlands Estates); filed 1-25-90.

Deed: Pilar Foster to Thomas A. Foster, part of original lot 4 and part of subdivision lots 13 and 14, in blk. G, Smith and Jones Addition, Columbus; filed 1-25-90.

Deed: Thomas A. Foster to Huey T. Littleton Claims Service, Inc., part of original lot 4 and part of subdivision lots 13 and 14, in blk. G, Smith and Jones Addition, Columbus; filed 1-25-90.

Deed: Edward H. (Ed) and Opal Causey, Trust to Reuben Ludwig, 0.5057 acre tract being lots No. 16 thru 18, in blk. No. 1, Hanly Subdivision, Eagle Lake; filed 1-25-90.

Deed: Sandy A. Flint, Jr. to Elizabeth B. Flint, undiv. int. in 1.1971 acres, E. Tumlinson League; filed 1-25-90.

OIL, GAS LEASES

James E. Larson to J. Charles Hollimon, 164 acres, A.P. Henderson Survey; filed 1-24-90.

Newell E. Larson to J. Charles Hollimon, 164 acres, A.P. Henderson Survey; filed 1-24-90.

Melvin L. Larson to J. Charles Hollimon, 164 acres, A.P. Henderson Survey; filed 1-24-90.

Stacy Suedo, (Girls) First place, Alexis Marshall; second place, DeeAnn Meehan; and third place, Amy Obenhaus.

11 year old division: (Boys) First place, Byron Black; second place, Andre Hatten; and third place, Garrett Hagendorf. (Girls) First place, Erica Fields; second place, Kelly Almanza; and third place, Tressy McGowan.

12 year old division: (Boys) First place, Robert LaBlanc; second place, Jessie Bishop; and third place, Caesar Butragio. (Girls) First place, Annette McTeer.

13 year old division: (Boys) First place, Jason Brunner; second place, Cash Farilli; and third place, Rick Thomas. (Girls) First place, Jennifer

Estlinbaum; and second place, Stacie Lowe.

14 year old division: (Boys) First place, Charyn Thomas; second place, Darian Barrow; and third place, Ernest Sims. (Girls) First place, Yvette Marshall.

Each contestant which participated at the council level of competition received a certificate of participation and a Knights of Columbus "Free Throw Contest" iron-on patch. The

first place winners also received a plaque in recognition of their achievement.

Contest director Ray Sytkowski expressed his sincere thanks in behalf of the council to all those who helped make this year's competition a success. Special thanks are extended to Coach Dennis Jackson and the Eagle Lake Middle School for their cooperation and assistance in the annual Basketball Free Throw Championship.

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Pictured here are the first place winners in the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship. They are: front row, left to right, 10 year old division, Lance Grigar and Alexis Marshall; 11 year old division, Byron Black and Erica Fields; 12 year old boys division, Robert LaBlanc; back row, 12 year old girls division, Annette McTeer; 13 year old division, Jason Brunner and Jennifer Estlinbaum; and 14 year old division, Charyn Thomas and Yvette Marshall.

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