

# Third special session promised to lawmakers by Governor

Democratic legislators are air-borne to slandunk a sales tax increase past Gov. Bill Clements' veto stamp, but the feisty Republican is poised to reject the shot.

## State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

A stern gatekeeper, Clements warned lawmakers he will keep them in Austin for a third special session if they fail to fund public education with revenue cuts and transfers.

Higher unless the structure is streamlined. Prepayment Hopes The focal question now is: Since the Legislature won't make the court-ordered May 1 deadline, will the Texas Supreme Court close public schools before the semester ends.

The answer depends in part on how fast a school district prepayment bill follows the tax bill through the House.

This bill authorizes Comptroller Bob Bullock to prepay school districts for summer months, thereby keeping them from closing for lack of money.

But if the partisans want to trap Clements, why would they allow him this out? The bill's fate, whether it

passes or dies, probably signals the Democrats real intentions.

That failing, a state district judge said he will on May 1 consider extending the court-ordered deadline.

Thus, lawmakers have at least two ways to squirm out of passing a school finance bill this month.

Perhaps the wisest heads knew all along that a third special session was inevitable.

As Speaker Gib Lewis said last week, "The governor will do what the governor has to do," and so must pro-tax Democrats. When Clements threw down the veto gauntlet, inevitably they had to answer.

Now, if lawmakers squirm past the deadline, who's to say that it won't take a fourth or fifth special session for lawmakers to equalize school finance?

"Let 'em march, if they've got nothing else to do. It's good exercise," responded Clements.

Of course, they had something better to do: Teach in the classroom. But a teacher group spokesman said

they'll march this summer in the third special session.

Other Highlights •The Texas Supreme Court voted to restrict sealing civil court records only where there is a specific, serious and substantial interest which outweighs potential public danger.

•The governor of Texas is a weak position, ranking 49th among the 50 states' executive officers, according to the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research.

•The study ranked the governors on veto power, appointment power and budget authority.

•If Texas isn't last, who is? Rhode Island, said the study.

## Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 Years Ago

(April 14, 1966) Members of the Arthur Spies family of Hallettsville and Houston were seriously injured in a two-car crash on UH Highway 90A four miles west of East Bernard in Wharton County Friday night. Killed instantly was Q.T. Watson of Houston, who was alone in his car... E.B. Uzzell was elected new president of the Eagle Lake School Board succeeding William L. Farris.

J.M. Harry, 81, retired Garwood Santa Fe agent in Garwood, died April 7. Funeral services were held April 9 at the Garwood Methodist Church... The Causey family held its 33rd Easter reunion at the Joe Anderson picnic area on the San Bernard River April 10... Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Matthews announce the marriage of their daughter, Ruby Ann to Charles Lee Darnell of Odessa.

The marriage was solemnized on March 19 in Grace Baptist Church of Andrews... Cynthia Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Anderson, was honored with a skating party on April Fools night at the Wallis Skating Arena... Cdr. C.W. Causey has been assigned to duty in the Office of Naval Research in Washington, D.C. He is the son of Mrs. C.W. Causey of this city.

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Pfc. Tom Haley came in from Fort Sam Houston for a visit with his parents and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Haley and Mrs. B.L. Vineyard... Sgt. James Cash came in from Fort Sam Houston Sunday to meet little Betty Lou Goodson, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Goodson... A dainty little blue eyed girl arrived at the Rugley and Blasingame Hospital in Wharton to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Powers on Friday, April 10. The wee tot to sign her name Lynda Barbara.

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# Ferguson recognized for basketball coverage

Chad Ferguson, editor/publisher of The Banner-Press Newspaper, became the first writer of a non-daily newspaper to be recognized by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches during its 1990 Awards Banquet at the Wyndham Hotel in San Antonio last Saturday.

Ferguson was one of five writers receiving the newly-established "Golden Hoops Award." He was joined by Curt Mosser of the Dallas Morning News, Mickey Humphrey of the Waco Tribune-Herald, John Hines of the San Antonio Express-News and Pickey Rodriguez of the McAllen Monitor.

According to Alton Ballard, executive director of the TABC, the "Golden Hoops Award" replaces the TABC's "Sportswriter of the Year Award." TABC had previously recognized only a sportswriter of the year from 1978 through 1989.

"We wanted to honor more individuals and also the voting had gotten to where it was done only on a regional basis anyhow," said Ballard in why the TABC, which has over 2,400 members, initiated the "Golden Hoops Award."

In naming Ferguson as one of the award winners, Ballard said, "We have selected you because of your dedication and tireless efforts in reporting high school basketball results in your area."

The Banner Press Newspaper covers the tri-county area of Austin, Colorado and Fayette Counties. "Coaches in your reading area say

you're the best and I would certainly concur, because I also read your newspaper regularly and am very impressed with the consistency with which you keep up with high school basketball," said Ballard.

"It is my hope that someday other journalists will follow the fine example you are setting so that we have outstanding reporting throughout the state," said Ballard.

"We want to thank you for being such a loyal supporter of high school basketball and for the fine service you perform each season to the coaches in your reading area."

Ferguson and his wife, Ramona, were special guests of the TABC during its awards banquet which is the highlight of its annual clinic and attended by more than 1,000 of its members.



Alton Ballard, right, executive director of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, presents Chad Ferguson of The Banner Press Newspaper with his "Golden Hoops Award" during the TABC's 1990 Awards Banquet last Saturday at the Wyndham Hotel in San Antonio.

# Dial visit

right next to Senator Gramm. "The Team for Texas of Phil Gramm, Joe Dial and Clayton Yetter will provide dynamic leadership in Texas for the decade of the 90's."

"Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yetter kicked off White House support by campaigning with me recently. Now Senator Gramm is stumping for me. Nearly 1,000 working men and women have contributed their hard earned money to my campaign. Grassroots volunteers are working

throughout the district and their numbers increase daily."

Dial was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yetter and U.S. Special Trade Representative Carla Hills to the Agriculture Technical Advisory Committee, where he has worked to open markets in Japan and around the world to American farm products. Dial was named Man of the Year in Agriculture by the Victoria Chamber of Commerce this spring.

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Governor Clements appointed Dial to the Gulf of Mexico Program's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). He has since been elected the Gulf-wide Chairman of the CAC and is responsible for designing, coordinating and implementing the findings of 162 scientists, academicians and technicians. He has worked with 11 federal and 54 state agencies to protect and enhance the living marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico and improve the economic viability of this critical natural resource.

# Reunion for ELHS classes of 1969-70

We are trying to plan our reunion on June 23. It is most important that you call and notify us if you are planning to attend.

If you are friends with someone in this group, or a relative, please get in touch with them and encourage them to call. There are many of these former students who no longer live in Eagle Lake. There is most likely some friend

or relative still living here. We don't want to leave anyone out.

If you are planning on attending, or even thinking about attending, please call your former classmate listed below. You must call before April 30.

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# Gulf Coast Cow-Calf Clinic set

By LEROY J. HAJDIK, County Extension Agent. This year's annual Gulf Coast Cow-Calf Clinic will be held in Columbus on Tuesday, May 1, 1990. Registration will be from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Columbus Livestock Commission Auction Barn located at the Alleyton exit of Interstate 10 approximately 2 miles east of Columbus. A registration fee of \$10 will be collected at the door to defray the cost of a catered roast beef meal, refreshments and clinic program materials.

The clinic will begin at 2 p.m. with a live cattle demonstration on "Bull Influence on Calf Quality in the Commercial Cow Herd" presented by Dr. L.R. Sprout, Extension Livestock specialist. Following this demonstration, Dr. James Lindstrom of the Texas Animal Health Commission will give an update on the brucellosis compliance requirements proposed effective October 1, 1990.

During a short refreshment break, clinic participants are encouraged to enter the livestock weight judging contest before traveling to the Bernardo area for a hay harvest demonstration using an inoculant applied when the hay is baled. This treatment enables baling sooner—reducing weather risks and leaf shatter which can mean better hay with higher protein levels. Additional comments on this hay quality protection method will be made by Dr. David Bade, Extension Forage Specialist.

At the Bernardo area stop, Dr. Tommy Welch, Extension Brush Control Specialist will discuss fence line brush control via herbicidal foliar application. Also at this stop the control of gophers using burrow builder bait machine will be discussed and demonstrated.

Clinic participants will then travel to the St. Roch's church grounds at Merz to observe the latest in portable livestock handling equipment. Cattle will be used in demonstrating the equipment and a pharmaceutical representative will discuss herd health practices and techniques.

Prior to the catered meal, a short presentation will be made awarding a

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# Gramm stops in Eagle Lake Sunday to endorse Joe Dial

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm visited Eagle Lake on Sunday, April 22 to endorse Joe Dial for U.S. Congress. Senator Gramm and Joe Dial appeared together at a news conference at the Eagle Lake Airport.

Senator Gramm said, "Joe has proven he is a leader who gets things done. He will be an impact player in the U.S. Congress. His lifetime of experience in business and agriculture clearly qualify him to represent the hard working men and women of Eagle Lake and Colorado County."

Senator Gramm continued, "We have an opportunity in this election to elect a truly remarkable person to the U.S. Congress. We need more people like Joe Dial in Congress, he will tackle hard problems with common sense solutions."

Dial said, "I am pleased Senator Gramm is on my team. As the cham-



From left are Dale Hunt, Joe Dial and Henry Beken. Dial is the 14th District identify closely with Phil Gramm. I can't think of a better place to be on the ballot than Eagle Lake and Colorado County."

# Letter to Editor

## 'Welcome, come in'...

Dear Editor: Today after church in lovely Lake Jackson, we (the Leah's and the May's) decided to drive to your fine city to see the Wildflowers. It was a wonderful day. I felt "God" had beautifully used you people to show the world that "God" made a splinted world for us to see and realize his magnitude.

After the tour, the four of us were eager for a cup of many cups of coffee. We looked for Anna Lee's Kitchen. We found a lovely old home. The front

door said "Welcome, Come in"....so we did. The people were charming but I soon realized it just couldn't be a public eating place. I asked and was told Anna Lee's Kitchen was one block down. I was just mortified.

We went one block further. Eagle Lake is bound to be proud of Anna Lee's Kitchen. The Higgins were most delightful. We ran into many people there from Lake Jackson. The house is lovely, the grounds so very pretty, the food like Momma's from Heaven and oh the coffee.

Then we went to the home of Clyde and Gladys God, long time owners of Epps Department Store. Gladys had written to me about the flower tour. She set me straight on the house party I almost crashed.

We had an unforgettable afternoon in Eagle Lake. Gladys God gave me your April 19, 1990 Edition. Thank you Eagle Lake for a lovely day.

Mrs. W. L. May Lake Jackson, Texas

# Bragging rights

By Jeannine Fearing. I would like to take this space to do a little bragging on a business associate of mine and a man I am honored to call my friend. Chad Ferguson of Eagle Lake, publisher of The Banner Press Newspaper, was honored last Saturday by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Chad was named one of the top five sports writers in Texas for his outstanding coverage of high school basketball.

Out of the five recipients of the "Golden Hoop" Award presented in San Antonio, Chad was the only weekly newspaper writer honored. He has the distinction of being in the company of such heavy weights as writers from the daily Dallas Times-Herald and San Antonio Express-News.

I've worked with Chad for over two years now and am still amazed at the time, energy and enthusiasm he constantly puts into sports coverage. I applaud the basketball coaches of Texas for recognizing the effort I have witnessed and Banner Press readers have enjoyed these past years.

A well deserved congratulations to Chad.

Because of all of this competition, Veterans are being faced with eroding entitlements. Today veterans population is slightly in excess of 24 million, but by the year 2010, that number will have decreased to about 13 million — roughly half.

Our membership in Veterans service organizations such as DAV, American Legion, and VFW has assured that our voice would be heard in Washington, but our numbers are decreasing. We must remember that even though the needs of veterans are legitimate that they will not automatically be taken care of. In the real world of Washington politics, things just don't happen that way.

The one thing that veterans can expect is that the weaker your voice in Washington gets, the fewer entitlements you will have. If you want to keep those rights that currently exist then stand up and be counted. Join a veteran service organization of your choice. In this country, we have the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Join, even if you don't intend to participate.

Jerry Rix Veterans Service Officer Cherokee County

Join a group today. Veterans need to be heard.

(Reprinted from the Jacksonville (Texas) Daily Progress at the request of Eagle Lake Post 108, American Legion.)

The scourge of AIDS, a major crisis in our lending institutions, along with numerous social programs all compete with the Department of Veterans Affairs for their portion of a limited number of budget dollars. The problem is compounded by the incision or unwillingness to address the enormous problem of the budget deficit.

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