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School reform bill back on operating table

In their own peculiar ways, Legislators scrambled last week trying to find a solution to the school finance crisis that would head off further court control of the public schools.

The House put an unconscious school reform bill back on the operating table while the Senate took steps to repeal every state tax on the statute books.

After the state missed the April 1 deadline to pass an equitable education funding plan, State District Judge Scott McCown appointed an expert to draw up a proposal that can be put in place as early as April 15 if lawmakers fail to carry out their constitutional duty to create "an efficient system" of public schools.

"I consider this whole issue as serious as cancer," said House Speaker Gib Lewis. "Right now we are on borrowed time."

In a complicated procedural move made at Lewis' insistence, the House, on a voice vote, agreed to reconsider the vote taken on the school funding plan developed by a House-Senate conference committee.

Technically, that action changed the bill's status to one of pending legislation that could be brought up for vote at any time.

Abolish State Taxes
On a 22-9 vote, generally along

party lines, the Senate tentatively voted to abolish all state taxes effective September 1, 1994.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, is intended to push the Legislature toward a comprehensive restructuring of the state's tax system, including possible personal and corporate income taxes.

Second Grand Jury Ready

A Travis County grand jury investigating legislative influence peddling ended last week without issuing any more indictments.

District Attorney Ronnie Earle said the investigation will be turned over as early as this week to one or two new grand juries who were seated earlier.

In late December, the grand jury indicted Speaker Lewis on two misdemeanor ethics charges for allegedly accepting an illegal gift and failing to report it on his state disclosure forms.

"The investigation will continue until we have explored all of the allegations that we continue to receive," Earle said.

Meanwhile, prosecutors moved to force a Corpus Christi bank to surrender an assortment of records pertaining to the accounts of Rep. Hugo Berlanga and his company, Berlanga Business Consultants.

In challenging the subpoena, American National Bank said in its filings that to supply the records would cost thousands of dollars and "may well constitute a misapplication of the banks funds and could conceivably be viewed as a federal crime."

American National seeks reimbursement — up to \$10 an hour for research time and 15 cents a page for copies — to provide the records.

Grand jury terms last 90 days. The current grand jury had its October-December term expanded three months to concentrate on the legislative investigation, which began in early December.

New Restoration Director
In a surprise move, the State Preservation Board voted to strip Capitol Architect Allen McCree of his administrative duties and named a board

member to take over agency operations. Dealy Herndon, an Austin civic volunteer who has served on the board for four years, was named to the new \$65,000-a-year post of executive director.

The agency is in the midst of two projects costing more than \$161 million — the restoration and expansion of the Capitol and restoration of the historic General Land Office Building.

The Capitol project, begun in spite of the deficit, still remains a gaping hole in the ground on the building's north side.

One observer noted that although the Capitol lawn is dotted with monuments, the hole is probably the most fitting: a reminder of the fiscal hole that spendthrift legislators have dug for themselves.

Other Highlights

"The Texas House approved a bill last week to limit the liability of manufacturers and sellers when people are hurt by their products, but consumer activists said they'll work to defeat the bill in the Senate."

"The House approved and sent to Gov. Ann Richards a bill to rename part of Texas 288 the Nolan Ryan Expressway. The highway runs near Alvin, hometown of the Texas Rangers pitcher."

"A Senate panel unanimously passed a bill by Sen. Gene Green, D-Houston, which allows law-abiding citizens to carry concealed handguns."

"Get well wishes are extended to Janice Schwemmer, owner of Sportsman's Restaurant, who has been bed-ridden since Monday."

"A quick recovery is also wished for Florence Morales, mother of Janice."

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To those of you who bought tickets, made donations, assisted with or purchased items at the auction and came and enjoyed the evening, the Eagle Lake Crimestoppers say "thanks" for contributing to the success of our benefit dance and auction.

We must all work together to help our local police department rid our streets of crime and you all made a great contribution.

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See you next year in March!

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Letters to the Editor

Eagle Lake a speed trap?

To the people of Eagle Lake,

At 6:30 a.m. this past Saturday, I was given a ticket by a young police officer while going through your town. I was guilty and justly given the ticket, but I wanted to complain, about what I consider a speed trap.

I own a farm in Lavaca County and spend a lot of time on highway 90A and have noticed over the past 15 years the speed trap the police have set up behind the Delta Savings building. As a rule I don't speed and normally travel with the flow of traffic. By following this rule, I have always avoided receiving citations in the past. This past Saturday was an exception in that I was on the road earlier than normal and when I made the curve past the GMC dealership, I accelerated too quickly and was cited for doing 48 mph in a 35 mph zone. When I was pulled over I was right in front of a 45 mph sign, but I had broken the law. On my return trip through Eagle Lake that afternoon, I stayed on the speed limit and was passed by a number of cars and in a far more congested area between the Dairy Queen and the Mobil Station. I didn't notice any police cars enforcing these speed zones.

I have talked with several friends from Lissie and East Bernard and they

said this area is the biggest speed trap in this part of the state and avoid the town if possible. Since Eagle Lake is the shortest route to Hallettsville, I will continue to drive through your town, but within the posted limit.

As I mentioned in the beginning of this letter I am guilty and as suggested by the officer, I will take a defensive driving course. There may be a history of accidents on the western edge of town and that may be the reason for the trap. As you can tell I am upset over the ticket and in the future I will avoid your town when possible and personally boycott the Exxon, Mobil, Dairy Queen and other businesses I have patronized over the past 15 years. My reasoning for the boycott is that the Eagle Lake citizens support the use of a speed trap, or it would not be set up at that location. In towns such as Hallettsville, Shiner and East Bernard there are higher exiting speeds and they don't have a history of speed traps.

Sincerely, Anonymous Motorist

Tricil's Manager issues response

To the citizens of Colorado County:

Although hazardous waste is an emotional term for some, it simply refers to the by-products of manufacturing everyday products, from cars to medicine to computers. As long as we want the good things of modern life we will have waste that is classified as hazardous.

A modern, regulated facility, such as we will continue to have at Altair, is a major part of the solution, not the problem. Such facilities are correcting the sins of earlier years when wastes were dumped along roadways and buried in farmers' fields.

We have a similar facility in South Carolina a quarter mile from a lake. In thirteen years of operation, we have had no contamination from that landfill.

For the past several weeks, we have been meeting with individuals and groups throughout the county. We have started this education program because it is important that everyone form opinion based on facts rather than hearsay. We will be happy to meet with any individuals or groups. If you would like to meet with us or come out to the landfill, please call 234-5749.

Don Poarch, General Manager, Field Services, Tricil Environmental Response, Inc., Owner & Operator of Colorado County Landfill

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

September 8, 1966

A total of 1,217 students began their 1966-67 school term at the three Eagle Lake schools on Tuesday of this week. The classes were the first in a drastic change-over for many of the students and teachers... Colorado County Commissioners' court will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. next Monday, September 12 on a budget for the 1967 year of operations, indicating total expenditures of \$1,061,675.92 some \$80,000 less than the \$1,142,700.42 1966 budget. Total revenue for the year is expected to be \$1,446,263... Four Southern Pacific Railroad cars loaded with sand and gravel were derailed and nearly demolished at around 11:45 a.m. Wednesday when two freight trains collided at the Southern Pacific switching yards just west of the city limits...

A thunderstorm dumped heavy rain and brought some damaging strong winds in the Garwood area on Tuesday afternoon. In Eagle Lake,

Miss Marcy De la Rosa, daughter of Mrs. Natalie Martinez, and Joe Salinas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Salinas, were united in marriage in a quiet ceremony Saturday, September 3 at 4 p.m. in Columbus. Miss Elizabeth Torres and Leonardo Luna were witnesses...

The Sunshine Class of the Methodist Church held a calling meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Larson Wednesday morning, August 31 to elect officers for the coming year. Nine members were present. The officers elected were Mrs. Ophelia Raabe, president; Mrs. Johnny Mae Murry, vice-president; Mrs. Nellie Shell, secretary; Mrs. Elsie Beane, treasurer...

Funeral services were held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, August 31, for Mrs. Louise Becker who died at her home in Columbus on Monday... The Eagle Lake Study Club will open its 1966-67 year with the Annual Founder's Tea in the Community Center at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 21 and all members are urged to attend. Mrs. Raymond H. Waddell is president of the club for the 1966-67 year. Other officers include Mrs. M.M. Jones, first vice-president; Mrs. R.R. Wells, Jr., second vice-president; Mrs. W.L. Bauer, secretary; Mrs. A.D. Cassidy, treasurer and Mrs. George Causey, reporter.

A mid-afternoon coffee was given Monday in honor of Mrs. Leroy Forbes of Dallas at the Methodist parsonage by Mrs. G.A. Schuler.

September 25, 1942 L.S. Tate and Herbert Lössen

Announcing New Arrivals

Dillan Taylor Gertson

A ten-pound bouncing baby boy made his arrival Tuesday, April 2, 1991 at 7:34 in the morning as the new addition to the family of Ralph and Connie Gertson of Eagle Lake. The young lad measured in at twenty-two inches at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The stock's delivery was attended by Dr. R. Russell Thomas Jr.

Dillan Taylor is being proudly welcomed home by big sister, Sunny Marie, age 11, and big brother, Ralph III, age 10.

The newborn's maternal grandparents are Sonny and Dorothy Breithaupt of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Ralph and JoAnn Gertson and great-grandmother Pearl Meitzen, all of Eagle Lake.

Brianna Leigh Hubenak

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hubenak announce the birth of their baby girl, born on April 3, 1991 at 9:19 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The baby was named Brianna Leigh and she weighed seven pounds. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

She is welcomed home by three brothers, Robert, age 5; David, 4; and Nicholas, 1-1/2.

Maternal grandparent is Nancy Klawinsky of Rock Island.

Massey collections exhibited at Live Oak Art Center

A sampling of the art collections of John H. and Elizabeth S. Massey will be on display at the Live Oak Art Center from April 15 to May 20. The featured works were assembled by Mr. and Mrs. Massey over a thirty-two year period between 1958 and 1990.

The exhibited collection consists of eighty-one different works of art including forty-four originals. The original paintings are representative of all different types of mediums — oils, pastels, watercolors, pen and ink, pencil, crayon and chalk. Also included in the exhibit are twenty-five botanical and natural history prints; five fabric block prints; three watercolor prints; two silver photographic prints; one piece of primitive African folk art; and a wood block pictorial.

Reflecting the Massey's personal interests, most of the subjects in the collection are of landscapes, botani-

cals, and assorted portraits of nature. They are depicted in the full spectrum of style ranging from traditional realism to the impressionist, to modern abstraction as well as to the primitive.

The Massey's made their first individual purchases in 1958. Their first joint purchase was made in 1961 when they were living in Ithaca, New York. Their earliest interests were in the traditional Texas landscapes by such well-known Texas artists as G. Harvey, Porfirio Salinas and C.P. Montague. Later they sought out English landscapes of the 19th century. In recent years they have been more interested in botanicals, impressionist's views, bright colors and flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Massey are both natives of Columbus and graduates of Columbus High School. They now make their home in Dallas, Texas.

Hollub named 'Citizen of Year' by Committee for Right to Keep, Bear Arms

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is pleased to announce that Gilbert H. Hollub of Sheridan has been selected to receive a Citizen of the Year award.

Gilbert H. Hollub has been selected to receive this Citizen of the Year award because of a dedication to the efforts to preserve the right of the people to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution according to Committee officials.

"If it weren't for people like Hollub, our Constitutional rights would have been eroded years ago," stated Alan Gottlieb, Chairman of the Citizens Committee.

Criteria for selection of the Citizen of the Year award is based upon the activities of individual members. Such as being active in local, state and national gun rights issues, by writing editors of newspapers, contacting elected officials or appearing for public testimony. It is not necessary that individuals meet all the criteria.

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is a national organization with nearly 500,000 members as well as more than 130 members of Congress serving on their National Advisory Council.

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