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Surprise media restrictions upset House, press

A House vote on proposed ethics legislation last week, ramrodded by House Speaker Gib Lewis, has rebel House members and members of the press upset.

Lewis' forces stripped the bill of restriction on lobbyist, approved a surprise restriction on newspaper and television editors, and then side-stepped an amendment aimed at the heart of the Speaker's power structure.

Flour allies of Lewis, who stands charged with two ethics offenses and is the central figure of an on going grand jury ethics probe, termed the

new bill strong. However, government watchdog groups said pro-Lewis House members "pulled the bill's teeth" by removing restrictions which would have shut off the cash flow from lobbyist to lawmakers.

But they installed strong restrictions on press editorials about legislative issues; so strong, in fact that many media officials and lawyers interpret it as a violation of the U.S. Constitution.

List Ad Expenditures
The amendment, by Rep. Eddie Cavazos, D-Corpus Christi, would

require newspaper publishers who comment on legislative matters to reveal "conflicts of interest" with advertising clients alongside their editorials.

State Capitol Highlights
By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

Lewis' advocates say this amendment will result in disclosure of any conflict of interest behind an editorial stand.

Opponents argue it merely provides the speaker and his allies with a hit list of local businesses whose own interests would come under fire in the House for opposing the speaker.

Throughout this session, Lewis has complained that the press has painted a distorted view of lawmaker-lobbyist ties as well as his own two pending indictments. Critics say he is trying to muzzle the press.

No-Pass, No-Play Rule
Observers predict education reformers in the House appear likely to block the Senate's attempt to weaken Texas' no-pass, no-play rule.

After a phone call from Dallas businessman H. Ross Perot last week, Speaker Lewis announced he opposes diluting the rule, which bars students who fail a course from participating in extracurricular activities for six weeks.

Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner, who chairs the House Public Education Committee, said she will try to remove a Senate amendment that reduces the suspension period to three weeks.

Other Legislative Action
A Senate panel amended the House tax cut for pari-mutual horse racing, sending pro- and anti-gam-

bling forces scrambling to rally votes for the floor debate.

"The Senate approved without debate a bill that expands the list of crimes for which authorities can get court orders to wiretap a criminal suspect's telephone."

"The Senate approved an omnibus sunset bill submitting all state agencies to a review process."

"The House also approved a measure giving citizens age 21 or older the right to carry concealed handguns if they can prove a need for a permit from the DPS."

Columbus Day
The House advanced legislation to let non-violent felons do manual labor, such as cleaning streets, instead of prison time.

Other Highlights
A new law signed by Governor Ann Richards requires three state agencies to investigate whether the governor should grant clemency to battered women and juveniles which kill their abusers.

"Ron Lindsey, chief of the Texas Department of Human Services, will step down at the end of the month."

"Houston is fourth and San Antonio is fifth on the Census Bureau's list of cities with Hispanic-owned companies. In Texas, Hispanics own nine percent of all businesses, placing Texas second behind California."

Letter to the Editor

Consolidated or not?

Rice Consolidated Independent School District has been approached with the question of whether or not to consolidate the Junior High Athletic program. I was approached with a petition against the prospect, and I feel I have to make a statement as to why I would not sign this petition.

Consolidated? — looks like selective consolidation to me. This should be a unified school district (a consolidated one) — one that sticks together. With benefits to ALL the children of the district; not just when it's convenient.

Kubiak has evolved into a tool which forces lawmakers into two camps, friends and enemies of the speaker, exposing pressures from the speaker's floor lieutenants and lobbyist allies.

I'm ashamed to think that some parents will think of their own comfort over the opportunities and benefits to the children. Granted they may not be their own children, but give me a break. Does this world have to be "What's in it for me?" Why can't we look out for the other person a little.

Will Eagle Lake "suffer" so terribly if Sheridan and Garwood share in the benefits of an expanded athletic program?

I have been asked how the people of Sheridan feel. I cannot answer for anyone else and I can honestly say, "I don't know."

If you want people in this consolidated district to know how you feel, tell them and voice your opinions. Otherwise no one will know they can't read your minds.

Sincerely,
Janet Dupré
Sheridan, Texas

EDITOR'S NOTE: My sentiments exactly, Janet. In talking with a member of the school board it was pointed out to me that even if they wanted to play at home, the Sheridan teams have no field left. It was taken up by an addition to the school.

Also, think about this... especially those of you who moan and groan about the results of Rice High's athletic teams. We are two years behind the schools we compete against because our students do not have the opportunity to play together in the lower grades (seventh and eighth to be specific). In addition to the new athletic director, the consolidation of the teams would also help in this respect.

If you have an opinion to voice, be sure to be at the meeting Wednesday night at Rice High School in the Commons. It starts at 7 p.m. and will be attended by Athletic Director Mark Johnson as well as board members.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Laughlin reports from Washington...

Reserves, National Guard honored

In time for Armed Services Week, the House and the Senate approved a resolution introduced by Congressman Greg Laughlin that designated May 22 "National Desert Storm Reservists Day."

"I am pleased and proud that we now have a day especially designated to celebrate and honor those distinguished individuals in the United States military Reserves and National Guard," said Laughlin. "They certainly deserve our sincerest appreciation and respect for their commitment to this great nation."

Laughlin initiated the resolution in

recognition of the contributions made by the Reserve and National Guard units in the Persian Gulf War. "When I went to the Middle East, I had the pleasure of watching our reserve units in action," said Laughlin. "They were prepared, proud and doing a tremendous job."

Reservists face particular problems when called to active duty, at times on very short notice. "I urge everyone to participate in paying tribute to those men and women who gave of themselves during the crisis," stated Laughlin.

Saunders reports from Austin...

Saunders appointed to GSMFC

State Representative Robert Saunders has recently been appointed to serve on the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) as the joint legislative appointee from Texas. The appointment was made by Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock and Speaker of the House Gibson D. (Gib) Lewis.

GSMFC is a regional interstate fisheries compact of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida enacted by a Joint Resolution of the United States congress. It is an agreement relating to the better utilization of the fisheries (Marine, shell and anadromous) in the Gulf Coast. In

the capacity as the joint legislative appointee, Rep. Saunders will serve on the commission along with Mr. Andy Samson, Executive Director of the Texas Wildlife Commission and Mr. Charles Belair of Houston.

In addition, Rep. Saunders will serve as a member of the GSMFC Legislative Advisory Panel which includes Rep. Clyde Alexander and Sen. Ken Armbrister. The Speaker of the House and Lieutenant Governor selected Saunders for these positions because of his proven knowledge of marine resource issues in Texas and leadership as Chairman of the Environmental Affairs Committee.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 Years Ago

October 13, 1966

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Marshall will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 23. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pessell are the happy parents of a son born in Laughlin Hospital Saturday, October 8 at 8:55 p.m. At birth he weighed seven pounds and fourteen and one-half ounces. His name is Keith Wade. The Sheridan Broncos made it four in a row with a 34 to 6 rout of the Burton Panthers in a non-district grid contest in Sheridan last Friday night.

Sunday afternoon the firemen were called to the Ralph Gertson home on Lakeside Drive when a tank

on which Mr. Gertson was welding exploded. There were no injuries and no property damage resulted from the accident. George R. Burke recently made a successful fishing and hunting trip to the Buena Vista Club, operated by Carl Cunningham at La Pesca, Mexico. He accompanied three Bay Citizens for the trip. They bagged daily limits of white wings and caught some beautiful fish.

Capt. William F. Schier, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Schier of Wallis is competing in the Strategic Air Command's (SAC) 15th Combat Competition to electronically test the same deadly skills that his

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American Rice Growers Association Report

The Thai market has eased up slightly and firm at \$296 per ton. There is some anticipation that Iraqi may purchase approximately 210,000 tons of rice from Thailand, but no shipments have been made at this point.

With new crop very near, some states still have not completed planting at this time. Louisiana is approximately 80% planted, California is 35 to 40% planted, Mississippi approximately 20%, Arkansas has 35% of its crop planted, except for the central portion which is 60% planted.

Our local market is very slow at the present with very little trading.

World Market Price (\$5-70) as of Tuesday, May 21, 1991 gained 11¢ to \$6.02.

Weather Condition

Southeast Asia... Following last week's beneficial rainfall, hot, mostly dry weather returned to rice and corn areas of central Thailand, promoting high evaporative losses. Scattered showers (10-61mm) fell over rice areas of northern and eastern Thailand, but temperatures averaging 1-3 degrees C above normal maintained high moisture losses. A return to seasonably wetter and milder weather is critical the next few weeks for grain planting and establishment.

In the Philippines, drier weather returned to most southern grain areas, promoting planting following last week's tropical storm passage. Beneficial showers (15-75mm) fell over Luzon's southwestern coast, but in most northern rice and corn areas, more rain is needed for main season planting. To the south, mostly moderate showers (10-50mm or more) continued over crop regions of Malaysia, Indonesia, and the southern Thai peninsula.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Willie Belle Moore to William L. Moore, 30 acres, William Kenney Survey; filed 5-6-91.

Deed: Blanche M. Green, Estate to Pauline Sterne Wolf Memorial Foundation and Scottish Rite Crippled Children's Hospital, int. in 30 acres, Walker Wilson Survey; 5-6-91.

Deed: Carl L. and Brenda J. Cox to Mildred Louise Gottschald, lots no. 8 and 11 and part of lot no. 9, blk. no. 45, Sheridan; 5-6-91.

Deed: William L. and Alice Dodds to Douglas Charles and Pearl Elizabeth Blaha, subdivision lot no. 11, blk. no. 52, Columbus; 5-6-91.

Deed: Ethel Buck Cantu to Johnny Hobbs, Jr., part of lot no. 12, blk. no. 3, Sheridan; 5-7-91.

Deed: Hattie T. Krenk to William R. Krenk, und. int. in lots no. 13 through 18, blk. #30, Garwood; 5-7-91.

Deed: Hipolito Diaz and Jesus Rodriguez to Clemente Vasquez, lot no. 8, blk. #63, Eagle Lake; 5-7-91.

Deed: Edmund Schindler to David R. and Joan D. Dundie, 4.339 acres and easement, S.M. Williams Survey; 5-7-91.

Deed: Southern Pacific Transportation Co. to Roy R. Stallman and Ann C. Stallman, 8.638 acres, Waco Manufacturing Co. Survey #15; 5-8-91.

Deed: NCNB Texas National Bank to Fred J. Schlicher, int. in 427.72 acres, Wolf & Becker Survey; et al; 5-9-91.

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