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Reps. told can collect more per diem...

House approves bonds for prisons, merges health boards

Lawmakers in special session took giant steps to reorganize certain state agencies, okayed bonds for new prisons, and found a way to pay themselves an extra \$85 a day.

Meanwhile, more than 400 anti-tax citizens threw tea bags on the Capitol steps as a "Texas Tea Party" to protest growing plans for a small tax increase this summer.

Sensors in committee passed about 30 percent of Comptroller John Sharp's plan to cut spending and raise fees.

The House approved the sale of \$394 million in state bonds to build 12,000 prison beds and merged 12 health and human services boards under the oversight of a single, governor-appointed commissioner.

House members also created a super state environmental protection agency, a merger of several smaller ones, to be run by a commission-appointed chairman. The Senate version lets the governor name the chairman.

End-Run for Dollars

House Administration chairman Edmond Kumpel, R-Seguin, sent House members a memo advising they could file for an additional \$85 per day in expenses.

The Constitution provides for lawmakers salaries and per diem, but a recent opinion by Attorney General Dan Morales, a former state representative himself, holds it does not bar legislators from paying themselves an allowance for living in Austin.

Some lawmakers said it's an end-run around the Constitution and they won't take it; others said they desperately need the additional expense money.

Lawmaker Confusion
Without doubt, there is a certain sense of confusion among rank-and-file lawmakers as the leadership pushes its program at emergency speed.

Several lawmakers and other players have voiced concerns about creating problems in the future.

"Rep. Gary Watkins, D-Odessa: 'What did we do?' after winning a vote on a higher education issue."

"Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston: 'If the leadership is going to write the proposals and the committees are there to pass them, then what are the rest of us doing here?'"

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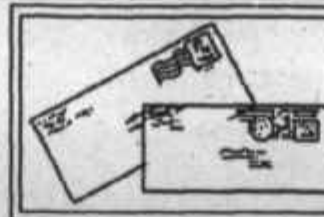
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Letters to the Editor

Thanks for the tournament

I would like to take this space to thank John Young, Gus Seaholm and Wayne Bowen for their hard work and many hours spent putting together and running the mixed softball tournament last week. And also for the work they did preparing the field for us.

Thanks also to the individuals and businesses who made donations for trophies and expenses and those who helped in the concession stand.

I feel this not only benefited the Little League, but everyone who took part. Our team had a lot of fun and I wish everyone could have enjoyed it as much as we did.

Carolyn Baird, Eagle Lake

We have a great hospital

I am writing this letter to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to that "whole bunch" at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Dr. Russell Thomas (for whom I act as an answering service occasionally) did all I could ask for as my resident physician and his father, Dr. Raymond, provided some information and a boost to morale on a day when I was depressed.

The nursing staff remained dedicated to their jobs in spite of all the talk, humor, and maybe even a pass or two from Eagle Lake's outstanding bachelor (an unclaimed blessing). I hear stories about hospital food, but considering I was on a diet, the food was excellent! The bed slept well, too (except at 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.)! As far as I am concerned, Eagle Lake Community Hospital might be (figure of speech) the "West Eagle Lake Hilton".

I would also like to thank the Pink Ladies (who suffered like the nurses), the physical therapy workers and that group of ladies who exposed my veins and arteries in my leg and found the blood clot (they even said I had muscular legs — but said no more). In addition, members of my own church, and other churches, paid friendly visits which were needed at times because I have no relatives within hours of travel and I am usually alone in such cases.

Every one of you made the hospital stay, not a wanted one, but at least a blessed one in which God got some necessary work done in my life.

I will pray God's Blessings on you.

In Jesus name, Jesse D. Russell

What is the August 10 election about?

By Secretary of State

During the last session of the Legislature, a school finance bill passed which radically alters the way school property taxes are collected and distributed. The bill created 188 county education districts (CEDs) composed of the school districts in each county.

These CEDs will levy a property tax which will be distributed equally among school districts within the county education district. The election to be held August 10 will enable taxpayers in the county education districts to avail themselves of certain exemptions on their homesteads as well as open up the possibility of taxing certain tangible personal property.

What is on the August 10 ballot?
There will be two elections held that day: a state constitutional amendment election and a school district election (in a few cities, there will be an additional local election regarding local issues).

The state election involves two constitutional amendments: 1) Proposition 1 to allow certain property tax homestead exemptions and taxation

of certain tangible personal property by the county education district; and 2) Proposition 2 which allows the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$300 million in general obligation bond to fund student loans.

The school districts will conduct a local option election on behalf of the county education district concerning issues addressed by Proposition 1. The school ballot will be in three parts: 1) whether to adopt a homestead exemption of 20 percent of market value; 2) whether to adopt an additional exemption of \$10,000 for the elderly and disabled; and 3) whether to tax non-income-producing tangible personal property.

Is a vote against Proposition 1 a vote against taxing tangible personal property by the CED?
Yes, but it is also a vote against voter authorization for the CED to use homestead, elderly and disabled exemptions. As stated previously, the CED governing body might adopt these provisions following procedures set up under current law.

What items would be taxed as tangible personal property?
Perhaps tangible personal property can best be described by what it is NOT: it is not real property; it is not household goods; it is exempt from taxation by the Texas Constitution; it is not intangible property, such as stocks or bonds; and it is not income-producing property. The most obvious targets are cars, boats, airplanes and RVs.

Where do I vote?
Ballots will most likely be cast on election day at your regular precinct polling station, but check your newspaper to be sure. If joint elections have not been worked out in your area by the schools and the county election officer, it is possible you may have to vote at two different polling stations.

Absentee voting will continue until August 6. Further questions about this election should be directed to the Secretary of State's Elections Division, 1-800-252-VOTE.

About Town...

Jean Abel, president of the Eagle Lake Pilot Club, attended a meeting of the Pilot Club of Galveston while vacationing last week. Jean also met Texas District Governor-elect Claudia Straub, a Galveston member.

Leslie Center, daughter of Sam & Wanda Center of Eagle Lake, was chosen Miss W.O.F.F. in Wallis this past weekend. Other winners from our area were first runner-up Brandi Heinsohn, daughter of Dale & Leslie Heinsohn, Freiburg; Princess, Leighann Michalka, daughter of Mike & Georgia Michalka, Garwood; and Julia Birmingham, daughter of Carl & Jana, Altair, was first runner-up Princess.

Congratulations to all these girls. Apparently we have produced the best looking ones in Colorado County!

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DEEDS
Deed: Irma B. Dahse to Ewald Friedrich, Jr., 54.43 acres, Michad Anderson Survey, filed 7-15-91.
Deed: Abina Leahy Estate to Patrick A. Leopold, 1.049 acres, J.S. Evans League, filed 7-15-91.
Deed: Robert E. Gay III and Susan Corrigan to Robert R. & Sharon A. Graham, lot 21 of Memorial Oaks Subd., section II, W.B. DeWees Survey, filed 7-15-91.
Deed: Midland Exchange, Inc. to Wm. Scott Ramsey and Hall J. Rasmussen, real and personal property, filed 7-15-91.
Deed: Werner Otto and Justina Lyder to Charles R. & Constance Dyer Lattimore, 2.893 acres, James Stewart Survey, filed 7-16-91.
Deed: Robert Samuel Martin to Herbert G. Lockier, Jr., and Eva Lockier, lots 143-145, blk. 5, Eagle Lake, filed 7-17-91.
Deed: William R. Cook to Bryan Thomas Weiss, 0.1809 acre tract being lot 14, blk. 41, Razar Subd., Eagle Lake, filed 7-19-91.

Gift deed: Annette Hudec Arterburn, Carolyn Hudec Ferguson and Henry Hudec, Jr., to Thomas Hudec, 18.55 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, filed 7-19-91.
Deed: Joseph Thomas & Cathya Gene Alsworth to Roy H. & Barbara Jean Helley, und. int. in 125.705 acres, Joseph Thompson Survey, filed 7-19-91.
Deed: K. Szymanski to John B. & Bernice A. Carey, 10 acres, South J.B. Farm Survey, filed 7-19-91.
Deed: Donald Schoenfeld to Leroy A. & Carole A. Valicich, 20.54 acres and easement, Lockwood Potter Survey, et al; filed 7-19-91.
Deed: Bettie Willie Pendergrass Estate to Judith S. Briden, et al, int. in properties, various counties in the state of Texas, filed 7-19-91.
Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Leonard L. Chilton, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Section One; filed 7-18-91.
Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Kenneth R. & Shirley J. Hicks, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Section One; filed 7-18-91.

Gift deed: Roberta Struss and Walter D. Presley to Kathleen Potter, und. int. in 174.89 acres, J. Tumlinson League; filed 7-19-91.
Gift deed: Victor & Vlasta Maschok to Patrick Mark Maschok, lot no. 1 & 2, blk. "G", Galahar Addition, Eagle Lake, filed 7-19-91.
Deed: Paul R. Shaw Estate and Helen J. Shaw to James W. & Ethel W. Harper and Sarah Haffnauer, 0.344 acre tract being lots no. 14 & 15, blk. 829, Sheridan, filed 7-19-91.
Deed: Brenda Sue Earl to David Bruce Earl, 25 acres, Fitzroy Survey, Colorado County, et al; filed 7-19-91.

Gift deed: Mae Belle Berger to Odilia Schuetz, 86.5 acres, Peter Piper League, et al; filed 7-19-91.

OIL AND GAS LEASES
Verna Jenkins to Arkia Exploration Company, 75 acres, Samuel Kennelly Survey, filed 7-15-91.
Loila R. Thompson to Arkia Exploration Company, 59.66 acres, Samuel Kennelly Survey, filed 7-15-91.

County Court Cases Filed
Ganesh Vijai Ramchran, driving while intoxicated; filed 7-17-91.
Bryan Johnson, resisting arrest; filed 7-17-91.
Albert Keith Janack, resisting arrest; filed 7-17-91.
Benjamin F. Hall III, possession of marijuana (under 2 oz.); filed 7-17-91.
Wylie Elina King, Weimar; theft by check; continued to 8-14-91.
Melinda Molano, theft by check; continued to 8-14-91.
Roy Gaitan Villarreal, driving while license suspended; filed 7-17-91.
Rodney Allen Warshel, resisting arrest; filed 7-17-91.
Lester Wayne Haywood, failure to identify; filed 7-17-91.
Gerald Duane Rollins, Jr., theft by check; filed 7-17-91.
Michelle Bell, theft by check; filed 7-17-91.

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS
Bernardo Cabrera, Columbus; driving while intoxicated; plead guilty, court found guilty; fined \$390 plus court costs and Public Defender fees assessed; jail time 30 days probated 2 years.
Ruben Belmonte, Columbus; driving while intoxicated; plead guilty, court found guilty; fined \$350 plus court costs; 30 days jail probated 2 years.
Johnny Comacho, Jr., Sealy; possession of marijuana (under 2 oz.); plead guilty, court found guilty; fined \$300 plus cost of court, 15 days jail probated 2 years.
Johnnie Comacho, Columbus; driving while intoxicated; fined \$300 plus cost of court; dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Gray Welch Gilbert, 24, Houston, and Jill Marlene Ruffeno, 24, Columbus.
Tommy Ray Kuba, 26, and Frances Louise Karstet, 21, both of Weimar.

DIVORCES FILED
Loraine White Newhouse vs. Alvin James Newhouse; filed 7-23-91.
Sheila Joann Jaerning vs. Russell Julius Jaerning, Jr.; filed 7-24-91.
Jack Cunningham vs. Hilda G. Cunningham; filed 7-25-91.

State Senator Turner fights...
Keeps 4-H intact with change in bill

A bill that would have eliminated funding for the 4-H Program, as well as cut home economics and agricultural extension services, was changed after Senator Jim Turner, D-Crockett, opposed the cuts in the Senate Finance Committee.

"I adamantly opposed that cutback, and the author agreed to delete that portion of the bill," Senator Turner said. "The people of District 5 have shown overwhelming support for programs like 4-H, as parents, participants and volunteers."

"4-H is a crucial program for young people across the state, and agricultural extension services serve millions in rural communities," Turner added. "Restoring funding for these programs is a tremendous victory for rural Texans."

Senate Bill 71, comprehensive approach...
Turner offers new jail dispute compromise

Senator Jim Turner's Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan, Senate Bill 71, cleared the Senate Finance Committee unanimously Friday, bringing state and county leaders closer to resolving both the jail overcrowding dispute and the statewide criminal justice crisis.

"This plan is more than just a bargaining tool or a settlement offer. It is the beginning of a real partnership between state and county governments in making our criminal justice system work," Senator Turner said. "We do not seek to penalize or pressure anyone. We invite everyone to join this agreement in a spirit of cooperation and mutual benefit."

Several county leaders and organizations, including two county judges, the Texas Association of Counties and the Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, testified in favor of Senate Bill 71 during committee hearings.

Senate Bill 71 revises many of the provisions of Senate Bill 1596, which passed the regular session but did not take effect because of a lack of consensus among counties using the state over jail crowding. Senate Bill 71 offers the benefits promised in S.B. 1596 and adds provisions suggested by county officials.

Like S.B. 1596, the new bill offers compensation for housing state inmates as well as a \$40 million grant program for counties with successful community justice efforts.

"The new legislation surpasses the original offer in several areas," Turner said. "We offer changes in the allocation formula at the suggestion of Har-

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Let's Look Back...

December 8, 1946
Army Private Johnny L. Drymalla, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rublee P. Drymalla, completed a leadership preparation course at the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Ft. Polk, Louisiana on Nov. 25. Tillman S. Givens, father of Ralph Givens of this city, passed away December 1 in the Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Antonio following a lengthy illness of ten years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beken Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Lester J. Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Crane Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. James Crane honored their parents Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Crane, on their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

January 22, 1943
"TAR" has joined the Army. The first dog to join the colors from here is the large black Newfoundland dog of Corporal Leonard Seaholm and Sailor Gardner Seaholm, both of his masters joined the service and "Tar" went to the characteristics of man's best friend, was left desolate.

Mrs. Clarence B. Stephens, chairman of the kit drive, sent over 500 fitted kits the past week to our soldiers.

Mike J. Waligura returned to Great Lakes, Ill. Wed. after a nine day furlough spent in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Waligura of Garwood. Gerald Shirley and Frasier Wallace have completed all requirements for entering the U.S. Navy, except a few minor arrangements to be made Monday in Houston.

Relatives received news Tuesday forenoon that Sergeant Duane Braus of Goodfield Field, San Angelo, had been promoted to Pilot and was being transferred to Randolph Field