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Legislature passes new budget, lottery

Texas lawmakers fully expected a second special session would be needed for unfinished budget business, but who could predict the stranger twist which marked legislative history last week?

For the first time in recent memory, frustrated House Leaders sent mocking senators a deficit revenues plan, one that spends \$32.5 billion.

House tax leader James Hury went to the front microphone to defend his \$3.3 billion plan for new taxes; members rebelled and cut it to shreds, actually killing it before reviving it at a mere \$30 million level.

Embattled House Speaker Gib Lewis, in an understatement, said "it was not our finest hour."

But it did set up the Senate to take it all for a new tax bill: the control, the praise, the blame.

The senate leadership, which wanted to spend more money than the House anyway, had a scant week to draft, adopt and coax it past the House.

House Passes Lottery
Another historical first: the Texas House narrowly passed, 101-46, a proposed constitutional amendment creating a state government-operated lottery which author Rep. Ron Wilson said would raise \$1 billion by 1994.

As Wilson was defending his bill,

his 16-month-old son went into fever convulsions in the House Gallery and was rushed to the hospital.

Wilson bolted from the House floor to go with him and debate was suspended for more than an hour while doctors stabilized his son.

State Capitol Highlights
By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

Lottery Filibuster
The Lottery has been regarded as a cinch to pass the Senate, where it sailed through in previous years.

But Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, threatened to filibuster it, and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has been known to call the lottery "a sleazy way to raise money."

Also, the cast senators has changed.

Its passage, once thought certain if it could pass the House, is as uncertain as any other measure.

Drugs Found
At mid-week, lawmakers were rocked by the news that a colleague, Rep. Larry Evans, D-Houston, was discovered dead in his apartment and police cited "unusual" circumstances based on evidence found at the scene.

After an inconclusive autopsy, authorities ruled out a heart attack and said crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and sexually explicit material had been found at Evans' apartment.

Four play was ruled out and the probe continues. (NOTE: It has since been reported that Evans' death was caused by crack.)

Bullock Lobbys Lobbyists
As the tax bill moved to the senate, Bullock and other Democrats struggled to beat the August 13th special session closing by proposing a \$2.1 billion package of new taxes and fees.

He started by gathering 80 prominent business lobbyists in his reception room to hear his outline for new taxes on gasoline, cigarettes, business income and other diverse items.

Bullock, who favors a state income tax, warned them to remember: "Tax reform is an income tax and those who say 'give us tax reform'... get ready!"

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Governor Supports Taxes

Few, in any, business lobbyists want new taxes and fees but no one wants to oppose Bullock either, so initial reaction was deemed general noncommittal.

A worried Gov. Ann Richards, who has never promised to veto new taxes, promised a second special session if the House and the Senate could not agree on new taxes.

The Legislature has until August 31 to draft and fund a new budget, when the fiscal year ends. Failing that, shutdown of state government looms.

Wisely sidestepping which taxes she prefers, she said, "It's real hard to discuss a laundry list with you, when you know good and well that a quarter of the laundry list isn't going to be there."

Other Action
• The House, on a bill by Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, voted to lower the states share of the take of pari-mutuel wagering at greyhound tracks.

• House members also unanimously passed a bill by Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, to protect Texas property from seizure to pay income

taxes levied by other states.

• The House approved a plan to boost regulation of trade schools, an industry that drew complaints when some closed without refunding students' tuition. The bill by Rep. Wilhelm Delco, D-Austin, was amended to take out a currently existing fund providing for tuition refunds in such cases. The amendment by Rep. Kubiak also removed part of the bill providing that annual fees for schools be based on their gross tuition.

• Private businesses could lease highway rest areas under legislation approved by the Senate. The measure also would allow U.S. Highway 59 from Houston to Laredo to be designated as the Sen. Lloyd Bentsen Highway, honoring Texas' senior U.S. senator.

Another provision of the bill transfers duties of the board that oversees construction of that high speed train to the Texas Railroad Commission in 1995. Those changes were part of a compromise bill creating a new Department of Transportation and the Texas Department of Aviation, which was negotiated by a House-Senate conference committee.

From Washington & Austin...

Rep. Robert Saunders...

"Canned hunt" bill

In an effort to end "canned hunts," Rep. Robert Saunders and Sen. Mike Monroney are co-sponsoring a bill restricting the possession and taking of certain wild animals.

The bill would restrict ownership of certain wild animals and strengthen enforcement of laws regulating licensing and inspection of wild animal facilities. It is aimed at protecting tigers, lions, cougars (kept in cages), leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, bears and similar state-listed endangered species.

"The canned hunts we've heard and read about in the media lately turn the stomach of most Texans," said Saunders. "These individuals are not hunters or sportsmen, and they have no regard for fair and ethical activities. That's why this bill is necessary."

Under current law, canned hunts are not illegal unless the animal involved is federally endangered or threatened. "We want to address the

loopholes in current laws," Saunders said. "Especially where people are abusing the privilege of owning these animals."

The bill would make it illegal to kill any of these animals except where human life is threatened or under certain other narrowly defined exceptions. It would also regulate possession and require all wild animal owners to register their animals with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

Killing or illegal possession of one of these animals would be a Class A misdemeanor with a \$500 to \$2,000 fine and/or up to one year in jail. Failure to register and animal would be a Class C misdemeanor with a \$25 to \$500 fine. Civil penalties of \$500 to \$10,000 also could be levied.

"We want to take the financial incentive out of this activity," said Sen. Monroney. "This legislation will serve as a substantial deterrent and punishment for the unscrupulous people who would participate in this type of animal slaughter."

"It's the responsibility of the people who practice ethical hunting to weed out this kind of activity," said Andrew Sanson, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Taking an animal that's

lived its entire life in a cage, released in a confined area, then killed at close range with a powerful weapon creates a visceral gnawing in any reasonable individual, especially those who legitimately manage and use wildlife."

The bill will be considered in the House Environmental Affairs Committee and the Senate State Affairs Committee before going to the floor for a vote. Gov. Ann Richards must open the call for a special session to the issue before it could become law.

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm...

Pentagon seeks Pearl Harbor Vets a new medal

The Department of Defense wants to honor veterans of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor nearly 50 years ago, and has launched a nationwide search to locate them, says U.S. Senator Phil Gramm.

"Sailors and soldiers who served at the naval station, airfields and other military facilities on the island of Oahu on December 7, 1941, are eligible for a bronze medal commemorating their services," the senator said. Under a bill approved by Congress (See Legislative Reports, Page 11)

Letters to the Editor

A word for all of us from Rev. James

God's Love toward Mankind

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten son. Not to condemn the world, that is to say, (not that a person is unfit to be used) but that the world through him might be saved.

God loves you. He has the direction in life you have chosen.

You are a love hungry generation, and the spirit of God has revealed this fact to me.

I am only trying to reach out to you, before that great and awful day of the Lord. If you good young people, standing on these street corners of

Eagle Lake are to be saved, then it's left up to God's prophets and his people to do all in our power to get the Gospel to you. Gospel means, "The good news," of Salvation. Before the coming of the Lord, young people, let me counsel you. Please don't continue to waste your lives on the streets. Your life is too precious.

Don't keep God waiting, his word can heal you. Allow God an opportunity to prove himself to you. You will not regret it.

Rev. J.H. James
North Lake Missionary Baptist Church

District Judge Schraub resigns

To the citizens of Colorado, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Lavaca Counties:

I wish to announce I have written Governor Ann Richards advising her I am retiring as Judge of the 25th Judicial District Court effective August 31, 1991.

It has been my distinct pleasure and honor to have served the people of Texas and the 25th District for over twenty years. It has been rewarding and challenging, and I look back over the years and recall many fond memories.

It has been my privilege over the years to work alongside many outstanding judges, attorneys, clerks, peace officers and other court personnel. I will miss seeing them on a regular basis, but I treasure their friendships.

I will continue to serve as Presiding Judge of the Third Administrative Judicial Region and will continue to work as a visiting judge as the opportunity presents itself. I trust part of the time I spend visiting will be in the counties of the 25th District.

My wife, Estella, and I look forward, hopefully, to reduced stress in the future; and the time to do those things we have talked about for so long, but have not been able to enjoy.

B.B. Schraub
District Judge
25th Judicial District

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

December 22, 1966
Friends and relatives gathered at the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m. Saturday to pay final tribute to Mrs. Nettie Eivorit. She passed away Friday, December 16 after a lengthy illness...

Nine students from the Eagle Lake area have made the mid-semester honor roll and "B or Better" list at Wharton County Junior College. Included are James Albert Gold, Ronald New, Robert Steven Burger, Jerrold R. Eivorit, Michael John Hanish, Marcia Lee Kveton, Brenda Jane Lobpries, Samuel Trammel and Judy Kay Wied...

Mrs. Johnny Greg, recent bride, was the honoree at a pretty miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. J. R. Thomas and Mrs. George Causey in the Thomas home, Saturday, December 17 at 3 p.m.

February 5, 1943
The many friends of Wesley Causey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Causey of Lissie, will be interested in learning that he has received the appointment to the Annapolis Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland...

Salute Lt. Johanna Balas if you please. Johanna becomes the first registered nurse in this community to volunteer for the Army Nurse's Corps and the first Eagle Lake girl to enter this division of the army...

Douglass D. Hays, after a far-fought spent in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Hays, returned to his station, the Armed Guard Center, South Brooklyn, New York...

Sgt. Archie R. Hays has been transferred to Childress Air Training School, Childress, Texas...

A letter from Lt. Nolan J. Nathan informs his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Nathan, that he has been transferred to Maxwell Field, Ala., where he is Tactical Officer at his pre-flight school...

Henry Joe Nelson writes home that he has been shipped from Great Lakes, Ill., Navy Yard to Philadelphia, Penn.

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Prairie Edge Museum Report

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

Lots of good bargains await you at our Thrift Shop which will re-open after having been closed for several weeks this summer. The hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. added to the list of special bargains is a ceiling fan. Remember that there are jeans, appliances, dishes, curtains, glassware, cook books, diet books, table clothes, men's suits, window shade, neckties, Singer sewing machine, fishing apparatus and recliners.

Very interesting and informative flyers were handed out at our board meeting Monday evening August 5th. These flyers give us data from wildseed farmers concerning "Wildflower Fields on Tour," which is scheduled for April 1-26, 1992, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. One paragraph included the information that reads as follows: "Upon entering Eagle Lake, stop by Prairie Edge Museum downtown (408 East Main) to pick up your map for directions to the fields located about five miles from town. While you're there, browse through local arts and crafts exhibits as you enjoy a small town museum."

Have you bought your Wildseeds which need to be planted before long? I was quite pleased to see Texas (Indian) paintbrushes, blooming in the same location in Eagle Lake where I recently saw pink primroses recently.

The case whose contents honor the memory of Johnnie David Hutchins, who was killed in action aboard the USS LST 473 at Lae, New Guinea, September 4, 1943 at the age of 21 is now ready to see Johnnie was killed in a Japanese aerial attack upon his ship during an amphibious landing at though he was mortally wounded by the shattering explosions, Johnnie quickly grasped the wheel and exhausted the last of his strength in maneuvering the vessel clear of the advancing torpedo. The commanding officer who recommended that Johnnie should receive the Medal of Honor said, "Many a sailor returned to his loved ones at the end of the war because of J. Hutchins."

Johnnie's memory has been honored on many occasions, probably the most recent being naming of the street leading to the new local Primary school in his memory. His sister Mrs. August Schmidt has been so cooperative in furnishing photos and writings from which we made copies for the display. Be sure to see this display honoring one of our local heroes. The picture along with this write up includes Harrison Walker standing beside the display case. Harrison, also a Navy man was participating in the same invasion of New Guinea.

Lucille and Jane Booker have donated an interesting display of square nails and spikes arranged by Leroy Janda of Glidden. These artifacts were discovered when he was rebuilding the part of the Booker home damaged by a fire in 1989. The original home once occupied by the late Mary Potter was built in the 1850's of the typewritten note attached to the display board gives interesting facts about the manufacturing of nails many centuries ago.

The Alletton display case has been enhanced by the addition of a copy of an old map of that town, that also gives much interesting information about such data as the size of the town, the number of blocks, streets, etc.

Continue to bring us artifacts to add to the material we have toward the railroad exhibit. Next week, I hope to write an article concerning trains.

The Prairie Edge Museum is open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Call Bill Harrison at 234-2662 or Elizabeth Boothe at 234-3361 if you wish to arrange for a special tour. I hope many of us from this community are making plans to be at the opening of the Lavaca Historical Museum at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 31 in Hallettsville.

"Life is not made for happiness but for achievement."

Joseph Armstrong

JOHNNIE DAVID H HUTCHINS MEDAL OF HONOR WWII

The late Johnnie David Hutchins of Lissie has an exhibit dedicated to him at the Prairie Edge Museum. Pictured above is Mr. Earnest Harrison Walker, a veteran of World War II.

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Hutchins honored

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37th Reinhart Wied Family reunion held in Nada

The 37th Reinhart Wied Family reunion was held June 30th at the Nada Parish Hall. This year the reunion was hosted by the family of Nora Wied Frederickson. About 150 family members attended.

The tables were beautifully decorated with bandanas, bluebonnets and American flags. Everyone brought their favorite covered dish which were enjoyed by all in attendance.

Vicki Frederickson of Katy conducted the business meeting.

Veterans of past wars were recognized including those from WW II: Vic Frederickson, Eagle Lake; Clyde Muesse, Garwood; Pete Wishart and Louis Giese, Wharton.

The following awards were presented: oldest married couple, Regina and Alex Wied, 67 years; youngest married couple, Carolyn and Rick Zioba, one year; oldest person, Alex Wied, 89; youngest person, Kathleen Pavlock, 18 months; person traveling the greatest distance, Janine Skinner from Austin. The door prize, won by Francis Muesse of Garwood, was a beautiful bandana-lined wicker basket filled with chocolate chip cookies.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon visiting, looking at pictures and taking group pictures. The 38th reunion will be hosted by the Hattie Wied Wishart family at the American Legion Hall in Wharton.

Sutton reunion held in Eagle Lake

The Sutton Family reunion was held at the Eagle Lake Community Center on Sunday, July 28th.

The Sutton family were guests at the Greater Rising Star Baptist Church and Pastor O. Scott Sr. that morning. The guest speaker at the service was Rev. A.R. Jackson from Greater Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Houston. Soloists was Sis. Catherine Wilson and Sis. Audrey Williams read the tribute.

After the morning service, dinner was served at the Community Center with at least 200 guests attending. There were trophies given to Sis. Eureka Spann, Sis. Maudea Gisp and the coordinator Sis. Carol Nash.

The family of the late Tom and Hattie Sutton wish to thank everyone for attending and participating. May God keep you and bless you.

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
BROMHIDROSIS

You might prefer to call it by its medical name, Bromhidrosis. It certainly sounds better than the common name for this condition, which is "smelly feet". Foot odor is common, so common that there are dozens of over-the-counter remedies, ranging from pine scented insoles to little plastic balls containing activated charcoal or baking soda which will supposedly absorb the odors from your socks.

If your feet are more than usually sweaty or smelly, these gimmicks will do no good whatsoever. The problem is most often caused by bacteria, which decompose the sloughed-off layers of skin, and by localized fungus infections. These need medical treatment from the podiatrist. Obviously, keeping your feet clean and dry will help prevent the problem. Wash and dry the feet carefully, using a wash cloth to remove dead skin cells. Don't forget to wash and dry between the toes.

You might also examine your diet to see if certain eating habits might play a role in this problem. Please call my office for further information or for an appointment, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 409-234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. I offer your entire family high quality, professional and sensitive service, in terms of preventive foot care, as well as diagnosis and treatment.

P.S. Never wear the same pair of shoes two days in a row if you have this problem. Let them dry thoroughly. Avoid synthetic materials in socks and shoes.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Deed: Richard R. Gault and Jean Wolf to John B. & Bernice A. Carey, 10 acres, North J.B. Fenn Survey; filed 7-29-91.

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Deed: Leonard W. & Barbara Frank and Daniel & Mary Frank to Gary A. & Sharon K. Hollman, 10 acres, Samuel M. Williams Survey; 7-31-91.

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