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Sharp tells of federal cuts in Texas

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison last Thursday denied any wrongdoing in a 50 minute hearing before a Travis County grand jury which is investigating alleged misuse of treasury employees and equipment, tampering with government records and evidence, and violations of the Texas Open Records Act during her tenure as state treasurer.

No one present at the hearing would confirm if Hutchison took the Fifth Amendment to avoid answering questions from the prosecution.

The grand jury subpoenaed Hutchison on Sept. 2 when she did not comply with earlier requests that she appear voluntarily for questioning.

About 30 sign-carrying Hutchison supporters gathered outside the grand jury chambers, in addition to a like-sized group of reporters and photogra-

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

phers. After her appearance, the Republican senator repeated her earlier assertion that the investigation is nothing more than a political ploy to hurt her re-election campaign.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat, said he was only doing his job and the grand jury is doing its job to investigate alleged ethics violations.

Comptroller Warns of 'Hits'

Texas Comptroller John Sharp said that few federal programs in

Texas would be cut or reorganized under Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review, an audit which aims to reshape the government into one that "works better and costs less."

Sharp helped Gore with recommendations for cutting waste and improving efficiency. Those recommendations include cutting 252,000 jobs, mostly in Washington, D.C., and mostly through attrition.

In Texas, Sharp said, proposed changes would include:

- Combining some Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices;
- Killing subsidies for mohair and wool raisers; and
- Studying whether control of the federal helium plant near Amarillo should be continued.

the future as a high interest loan offer.

Krueger Fulfilled Promise

Despite his defeat, former U.S. Sen. Bob Krueger said he fulfilled a campaign promise — saving the nation more than \$700,000 in office and postal expenses during his nearly five months in the Senate.

"The figures show I made good on my pledge to reduce government expenditures and eliminate waste while maintaining constituent services," Krueger said.

He was appointed to the Senate by Gov. Ann Richards on Jan. 21 to succeed Lloyd Bentsen, now U.S. treasury secretary. Krueger lost a June 5 special election for the remainder of Bentsen's term to Hutchison.

Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS

February 6, 1969
Sp-4 Bill Torres, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Torres of Eagle Lake, was awarded the U.S. Army commendation medal for exceptional, meritorious service in Vietnam during Jan.-Nov. 1968.

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Dropout Rate Decreasing

A report released by the Texas Education Agency shows that the number of students dropping out of public schools has decreased more than 40% over the past five years.

Funding for pregnancy-related services and counseling of at-risk students were listed as factors leading to the lower dropout rate.

According to the report, the annual dropout rate for 1991-92 was 3.8% (53,421 students) compared to 3.9% (53,957 students) in 1990-91 and .7% or 91,307 students in 198-87.

Utility Counsel Named

Gov. Richards has named Austin lawyer Walter Washington to represent small commercial and residential ratepayers before the Public Utility Commission. He fills the unexpired term of Luis Wilmut of Austin who resigned.

Washington, 45, has served as (See Highlights, Page 3)

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AG Settles with H&R Block

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales announced a settlement with H&R Block in a deceptive trade practices lawsuit that was filed in May.

In the suit, the state alleged the tax preparation company misled consumers with its "Rapid Refund" program.

The firm advertised that taxpayers would receive income tax refunds when they filed their returns, but the state alleged the refunds were nothing more than short term loans of \$300 to \$3,000 that carried interest rates of as high as 150%.

Assistant Attorney General Joseph Valasquez estimated 200,000 to 250,000 Texans used the program during the height of the past tax season.

One point in the settlement forces H&R Block to discontinue advertising the "Rapid Refund" program by the end of the month or to advertise in

Celebrate U.S. Constitution Week

All Americans are urged to join in a national commemoration of U.S. Constitution Week Sept. 17-23 to celebrate America's rights and freedoms.

On Sept. 17, 1987, 39 delegates participated in the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. They signed a document which established the American system of government and identified its powers.

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Never forget that the effectiveness of American democracy has always depended on an informed and involved citizenry.

Let us all commemorate the Constitution's 206th anniversary.

Letters to Editor Policy

The Eagle Lake Headlight will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the Letters to the Editor column under the following guidelines:

- Letters should not be more than 1,500 characters.
- All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
- The writer may request their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in Paragraph No. 2 must be included for our files.
- Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
- Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless requested.

Submitted by
Neddy Phillips



Looking over one of the three computers donated to St. Anthony School by LCRA are Adam Briscoe, Christie Meyer, Jessica Briscoe, Karen Baria and Leslie Landers.

St. Anthony School gets new computers

St. Anthony Catholic School in Columbus was the recent recipient of three computers and accessories.

The school was given three computers, an IBM printer and complete Word Perfect word processing software program by the Lower Colorado River Authority in Austin.

The placement of the computers is part of a program of the LCRA Employee's United Charities operated by Beverly Seffel, executive director.

Teacher Tracey Wegenhoff noted that there was a real need for computers in the classroom to assist the gifted students as well as those needing additional help.

"Since I was aware that LCRA often supported educational programs

LCRA manager awarded for distinguished service

Mark Rose, general manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority, has won the Texas Public Power Association 1993 distinguished service award.

The award was made at the TPPA annual meeting in San Antonio, Aug. 31. The association represents the state's publicly owned electric utilities, joint action agencies, river authorities and rural electric co-ops.

Rose was recognized for outstanding leadership and dedication to public power. Under his leadership, the LCRA has solidified its reputation as a well managed utility business with one of the lowest electric rates in the state. To emphasize its commitment to efficiency, the LCRA recently announced a goal of freezing its electric rates for the year 2000.

AS LCRA manager, Rose is in charge of a service utility with nearly 1,700 employees and an annual budget of more than \$400 million. The company supplies electricity to about 800,000 users through its 44 wholesale customers, including 11 electric cooperatives and 33 cities.

Rose, 40, is a graduate of the University of Texas and was on the Austin City Council from 1983 to 1987. He started with LCRA in 1987 as director of administration and became general manager in Aug. 1990. He and his wife, Celeste have three children and live in Bastrop.

Highlights

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deputy public utility counsel since 1991. His appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

Other Highlights

- Diane Rath, secretary of the Texas Republican Party, announced she will not run for state treasurer next year. Rath said "family commitments prevent me from running at this time." Rath, a San Antonio businesswoman, had considered a challenge to Treasurer Martha Whitehead.
- Unmarried partners of Austin city employees will receive benefits just as if they were spouses, under a measure passed by the City Council. The policy, the first of its kind for city employees in Texas, was approved on a 5-2 vote.
- Houston Mayor Bob Lanier has announced his run for a second two-year term, a bid for which he is not expected to be seriously challenged. Lanier defeated state Rep. Sylvester Turner and 10-year incumbent Kathy Whitmire in 1991.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Gift Deed: Reginald H. Ammons Jr. to Gale Ammons Schoelles, et al. in tract out of the S.B. Raymond Survey, Abstract No. 489; filed 7-30-93.

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Deed: Holman Inc., et al. to Charlene Williams, et al. in two tracts out of the S.A. & M.G. R.R. Co. Survey No. 7, Abstract No. 529, et al.; 8-2-93.

Deed: Ronald G. Anderson to Terry E. O'Bannon, et al. in 11.788 acres out of the S.M. Williams Survey, Abstract No. 608; 8-2-93.

Deed: Emil Joe Matura, et al. to Manuel Lozano, et al. in lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 and lot no. 20 in Block No. 14, City of Weimar; 8-2-93.

Deed: David B. Meyers, et al. to Steven W. Craig, et al. in 10.00 acres out of the Benj. Thomas Survey, Abstract No. 549; 8-2-93.

Deed: Steven W. Craig, et al. to Elsie F. Uhlig, 10.00 acres out of the Benj. Thomas Survey, Abstract No. 549; 8-2-93.

Deed: Elsie F. Uhlig to Steven W. Craig, et al. in 10.00 acres out of the S.B. Bostick Survey, Abstract No. 78; 8-2-93.

Deed: Jo Lesz C. Whitehurst, et al. to R.P. Products Inc., 346.6168 acres out of the Barnard Snider Survey, Abstract No. 505 and the L. Glider Survey, Abstract No. 226; 8-2-93.

Deed: Dorothy Jane Lewis, et al. to William N. Lehrer and Caroline Newhouse Lehrer, 12.69 acres in the Kennelly League, Abstract No. 30; 8-3-93.

Deed: Roy Peter Mann, et al. to Carl H. Christensen, et al. in lots 15 and 51-66 sq. of Lot No. 14, St. Paul's Addition to the City of Columbus; 8-3-93.

Deed: The Cornelia O'Leary Zilkha 1953-A Trust to the John Cavanaugh O'Leary Jr. 1953-A Trust.

Deed: Peter E. Pratt Jr. to John M. Winterbottom Testamentary Trust, et al. in two tracts in the B. Wickson Survey, Abstract No. 582, et al.; 8-4-93.

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Deed: Rosanne Tancill to Esteban Chavez, south 1/2 of Original Lot 4 in Block 61, Town of Columbus; 8-4-93.

Deed: Alta Marie Barlett to Marcia Mikeka Ritchie, 2.00 acres out of the W.B. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18; 8-4-93.

Deed: Tiodoro P. Yanez, et al. to Manuel Arturo Pedraza, tract in the Town of Eagle Lake, part of the P. Reed Survey; 8-4-93.

Deed: Oscar M. Powell to Corner Stone Land & Mineral Trust, 641.0 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey, Section No. 48, Abstract No. 305; 8-5-93.

Deed: Kirby Gorton, et al. to Steven M. Rogers, et al. in Lot 5, Block 2 of The Falls Subdivision, Section 2; 8-5-93.

Deed: Van Lee Rooney, et al. to Floyd Collins, et al. in 45.839 acres out of the Henry Austin 5 League Grant, Abstract No. 4; 8-5-93.

Deed: Pioneer Trucking, Inc. to Robert Rush Wells Jr. Trust, et al. in various tracts in the William Jones Survey, et al.; 8-5-93.

Deed: Leyco Enterprises, Inc. to Laurin Durand, et al. in 2,952 acres of Winslow Hills, a subdivision out of the B. Wickson Survey, Abstract No. 582, et al.; 8-5-93.

Deed: Norbert E. Zatopek to John Michalek, et al. in the westerly 75% of Lot No. 2 and the easterly 1/2 of Lot No. 3 in Block 30, City of Weimar; 8-5-93.

Deed: Romaldo Rodriguez, et al. to Charles L. Sheridan, et al. in 4,000 acres, part of the Samuel M. Williams Survey, Abstract No. 609; 8-5-93.

Deed: Violet M. Herrington to Donald

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Lee Roy Lundquist, et al. to Kenneth C. English, 8.267 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 15, Abstract No. 542; 8-3-93.

Bradley Elven Engstrom to Kenneth C. English, 8.267 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 15, Abstract No. 542; 8-3-93.

Teresa M. Engstrom to Kenneth C. English, 103.633 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 292; 8-3-93.

Estate of A.J. Hruzek Jr. to Kenneth C. English, 162.68 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 292; 8-3-93.

Lee Roy Lundquist, et al. to Kenneth C. English, 12.183 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 15, Abstract No. 542; 8-3-93.

Leonard G. Engstrom to Kenneth C. English, 103.633 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 292; 8-3-93.

Bradley Elven Engstrom to Kenneth C. English, 103.633 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 292; 8-3-93.

Dorothy V. Rees to Kenneth C. English, 103.633 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 292; 8-3-93.

Leonard E. Engstrom to Kenneth C. English, 99.06 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 303; 8-3-93.

Harry G. Engstrom to Kenneth C. English, 103.633 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 292; 8-3-93.

Peggy Sue Glaze to Kenneth C. English, 103.633 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 292; 8-3-93.

Leonard E. Engstrom to Kenneth C. English, 94.947 acres in the S.A. & M.G. R.R. Co. Survey No. 15, Abstract No. 542; 8-3-93.

Gerald W. Noteboom, et al. to Kenneth C. English, 125.6490 acres in the S.A. & M.G. R.R. Co. Survey No. 15, Abstract No. 542; 8-3-93.

Ladde Lee Krenke, et al. to Kenneth C. English, 162.67 acres in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 2, Abstract No. 303; 8-3-93.

Ann W. Duncan to Windjam Resources, Inc. 200 acres in the James Ross League; 8-3-93.

Bertha C. Johnson to M&M Resources, Inc. 674. acres in the Williams Survey, Abstract No. 357, et al.; 8-4-93.

Jackie L. Walker to Texas Prime Oil and Gas Company, 92.10 acres out of the Samuel Kestley Survey, Abstract No. 30, et al.; 8-11-93.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Martin Alonso Salinas, 22, Weimar, and Marie Marie Fields, 19, Weimar, received a marriage license on Sept. 13, 1993, from Judge Joseph H. Brown, 20, Columbus and Sarah Elizabeth Garwood, 21, Columbus.

Carl Andrew Kloesel, 25, Weimar and Leslie Ann Knebel, 21, Weimar.

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

Richard Wesley Ayre, forgery by passing, 5 years deferred adjudication and \$1,000 fine plus court cost.

Robert Paul Schultz, Nov. 8, 1984, received probation for burglary; Aug. 26, 1993, probation revoked sentences to 5 years in Texas Department of Correction (TDC).

Apollonio Reyes Jr. on July 24, 1990, received deferred sentence for delivery of a controlled substance; Aug. 26, 1993, sentence revoked and sentenced to 7 years in TDC.

Victory Kutach on Feb. 25, 1991, received probation for driving while intoxicated (DWI); Aug. 26, 1993, probation revoked sentence to 5 years in TDC.

Gilberto Bejar on Nov. 25, 1990, received deferred sentence for burglary of a building; Aug. 26, 1993, sentence modified and he was ordered to the Bastrop Restitution Center for 3 months to 1 year.

Roosevelt Williams on Nov. 27, 1990, received deferred adjudication for burglary; Aug. 26, 1993, sentence modified and he was ordered to the Bastrop Restitution Center for not less than 3 months and not more than 1 year.

Johnny Resnick on Dec. 5, 1990, received deferred adjudication for burglary of a building; Aug. 26, 1993, sentence modified and he was ordered to the Bastrop Restitution Center for not less than 3 months and not more than 1 year.

Vickie Drake on Dec. 5, 1990, received deferred adjudication for possession of a controlled substance; Aug. 26, 1993, sentence modified and she was ordered to the Central Texas Treatment Center of Alcohol and Drug Abuse for not less than 3 months or more than 1 year.

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By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

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