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Audit shows possible savings in prison system

Texas Comptroller John Sharp's fresh audit of the state's prison system shows room for 5,500 more convicts in the Texas Department of Corrections, he said last week. But other state officials winced at Sharp's recommendations.

According to the audit, the beds could be added by moving minimum security prisoners to other prison units, moving maximum security prisoners to newer, more secure units and double bunking some cells and all trusty camps.

Sharp recommended some 200 operational policy changes that he said would save about \$175 million in the next five years. Those changes would cut waste and correct management flaws found in the present system, he said.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

...funds, her campaign said last week. Because she overpaid, Richards gets a refund of \$1,232, which she applied to her estimated 1994 tax.

Richards has made her return public every year since entering public office as a county commissioner in 1976. Her spokesman, Chuck McDonald, called on Bush to release his tax returns.

Bush campaign spokesman Deborah Burston-Wade said Bush would release his returns by the federal filing deadline of April 15.

And Reggie Bashur, a spokesman for the campaign, said returns would be released from 1991-92.

Tax Overhaul Needed: Laney

The state's tax system is overdue for an overhaul, House Speaker Pete Laney told members of the Texas Association of Business last week. But change won't happen until lawmakers are certain Texans want it, he said.

"We need a tax system that produces enough revenue to pay for services that promote economic expansion and a tax system that does not discourage business investment," Laney, D-Hale Center, urged TAB members to convince other Texans "that our future depends on the investments we make today in education, public safety and criminal justice."

Court to Hear School Case

The Texas Supreme Court will hear arguments May 25 on the state public school funding law, which is being challenged by property rich and property poor school districts.

The law, which requires the school districts with the most property wealth to share some of it with property poor districts, was upheld last year by Judge McCall of Austin.

But McCall gave the Legislature until Sept. 1, 1995 to come up with an equitable way to pay for school construction.

Governor's Tax Return

Gov. Richards' 1993 federal income tax return shows she owes \$27,639 in taxes on income of \$110,645. Her income was composed of \$94,086 in salary, \$4,520 in interest on savings and \$12,039 from mutual

The Supreme Court has found three previous school funding laws unconstitutional since 1989.

Bullock Names School Panel

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Bullock has appointed an interim committee to explore state government's role in paying for public school facilities.

Bullock said the committee is needed because of Judge McCown's order requiring the Legislature to address inequities in funding, Bullock picked Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, to chair the committee. Other members are Sens. John Montford, D-Lubbock, and Bill Ratliff, D-Mount Pleasant.

The committee will issue a final report by Dec. the Legislature convenes in Jan.

Other Highlights

•The Texas Racing Commission cleared the way last week for Lubbock Downs to proceed with financing plans for a new midsize pari-mutuel horse racetrack. The \$9.9 million project would be financed largely through bonds guaranteed by the cities of Lubbock and Slaton.

•The first black man to serve as Texas secretary of state, Ronald Kirk, was sworn in by Gov. Richards on April 4, the 26th anniversary of the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Kirk, 39, a Dallas lawyer, grew up in east Austin.

Let's Look Back...

July 24, 1969

Miss Kay Beth Brunner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Brunner of Eagle Lake, is to attend the Farm Bureau citizenship conference at Baylor University in Waco.

"Tell It Is" a Christian folk musical, will be presented in an encore performance Sunday at Rice Theater. It is performed by the First Baptist Youth Choir.

A group of Eagle Laker are to leave Monday for the Bahamas. Going are Mrs. R.L. Lange and grandson, Pat Sheridan of Hempstead; Mrs. O.L. Mills and granddaughter, Janet; Mrs. C.E. Eboritt Sr. and granddaughter, Sharon Girard; and Mrs. Eddie Caylor.

Lions Club District Gov. Dexter Anderson and wife Gay are back from the nine state constitutional amendments in Tokyo, Japan. They got to see the Japanese emperor and empress in a rare appearance.

Miss Jane Wells writes from Italy where she is touring Europe with Mrs. R.R. Wells Jr., Julia and Carol Wells, Myra Ann Russek of Lafayette, La., and Mrs. R.H. Waddell and niece, Mary Ann Reed of El Campo.

Miss Linda Ann Breithaupt and Jerry Lee Henske were married June 21 at our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Breithaupt. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henske.

Mrs. Valda Westmoreland Walker of Eagle Lake passed away July 15 of illness.

Fred G. Frnka was honored on his 75th birthday with a party at the Walter Frnka home in Fondren Park, Houston.

Fred Kubesch of Nade is to be the new head coach at Sacred Heart in Hallettsville. Funeral services were held for George Krenke of Hungerford who passed away July 17.

T.S. Harris celebrated his 96th birthday in Egypt over the past week-end. Vocational Agriculture teacher

Wille Fitzgerald attended a CPL electricity workshop recently.

Joe S. Reed Jr. of Lake Motors in Eagle Lake has been appointed the area director for the Texas Automobile Dealers Association.

Eagle Lake citizens, along with almost every other American, were occupied with the Apollo XI and astronaut Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Mike Collins over the weekend as man made the first landing on the moon.

The Santa Fe Railroad Company has erected two safety devices at the crossings on East Main St. near the Mobil Station and Hwy 90A. There are long arms across E. Main and Beaks Ave. at the same intersection.

Light voting is expected for the nine state constitutional amendments in the Aug. 5 election.

Deputy Sheriff Esterling was not injured when his car engine caught fire Monday as he was driving on FM 1093.

Cynthia Spanihel has arrived home from her visit to Japan as a Lions International exchange student.

Mrs. Bobby Mahon Genzer of Weimar and Ralph Lee Johnson of Eagle Lake were married July 26.

Miss Irma Lehrer, niece of Mr. and Mrs. John McGlothlin of Garwood, and John W. Johnson Jr. of Dallas plan to wed Aug. 9 in Garwood.

Miss Janice Scott, senior at Eagle Lake High School, gave a report to the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on her trip to Girls State.

Wilfred Kainer is the new president of Wharton County Electric Coop. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dutton of Dallas announce the engagement of their daughter, Candace Kay, to Charles Kallina III, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Kallina Jr. of Garwood.

Troy Krenke, vocational ag teacher at Garwood High School, is to be honored at the state Vocational Ag Teachers Association in Austin, Aug. 6, for 20 years service to the program (See 24 & 48, Page 6)

Loyalty Day proclaimed

Eagle Lake Mayor Don Bendy signed a proclamation declaring May 1 Loyalty Day in Eagle Lake. Commander Len Metula with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8783, left, looks on.

The proclamation reads, "...I hereby call upon all my fellow citizens to take full advantage of the special occasion known as Loyalty Day, celebrated annually throughout the nation on the first day of May as an incentive for every true American to reaffirm his and her love of Flag and Country. And I urge that all individuals, schools, churches, organizations, business establishments and homes within my official jurisdiction to display proudly the Flag of the United States of America and participate in public patriotic Loyalty Day activities which are cosponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and others on Loyalty Day, May 1, 1994."

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Bible Verse of the Week

"Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away." — Mark 13:31

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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PLACE: Wintermann Library
SPEAKERS: Robert Mackey, Financial Consultant, Merrill Lynch Private Client Group
RSVP: 713-490-1630 or 1-800-937-0625

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About Town...

•Vera Reeves of Rock Island, former employee at the Eagle Lake Police Department, has been asked to teach at Wharton County Junior College on a part-time basis.

Vera, a deputy with the Ft. Bend County Sheriff's Department, and her husband Jay Sr. (not to be confused with their son Jay Jr. who was an officer with ELPD) have been married for 35 years. We think she deserves a medal, but Jay Sr. says she's the luckiest woman alive!

•We have been told by a local

resident that Scarlet Crane, daughter of Sam Crane and Charlotte Crane of Garwood, recently married. She became the bride of Mike Black.

•Saturday, April 2, a surprise birthday party honored Pete Linne-mier at his home for his 78th birthday. Ruby Linne-mier and over 60 relatives and guests gathered to help him celebrate with a hamburger cookout.

The day was filled with games for adults and children, a surprise birthday cake and gifts.

•If you notice Jeannine is looking a bit weary it's because she is the Lone Ranger at the Headlight this week. Her assistant is on a series of weekend business trips.

•The Houston based Original River Road Boys band was formed with the legendary twin fiddlers Clyde Brewer and the late Bob White. Their unique style of country music with the flavor of traditional western swing has made them one of the respected and versatile groups in the state. They entertain with music from Big Band era to western swing to traditional country and current songs.

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Buddy Raul of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce says tickets are still available for the 7:30 p.m. performance on Saturday. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. Tickets may be purchased at The Style Shop in Columbus or from the Stafford Opera House. Tickets will be available at the door Saturday evening until they sell out.

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Prazaks chosen for colorful display

"If you haven't driven by Johnny and Scharlene Prazak's home on Austin Road recently, you've really missed a treat," said Maxine Griffith, Yard of the Month chairman for the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club. The Prazaks home is the club's yard of the month selection for April.

The front yard on Austin Road boasts three elevated flowerbeds filled with roses surrounded by yellow, bronze, white and purple pansies.

And to the right of the house, Mexican Heather overflows the flowerbeds. More beds full of impatiens, mums, petunias and pink daisies are at the far right. All the trees are surrounded by more colorful flowers and Liriodendron borders.

To carry out the wildflower theme for April, the Prazak yard boasts a full portion on the right corner of the yard devoted to wildflowers just on the verge of blooming. They should be bursting forth in a few days.

Johnny told the club members they were a little premature on choosing his yard as it will be much prettier a little later. It is already a colorful sight for spring with the promise of even more to come.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Scharlene and Johnny Prazak's home on Austin Road was chosen as the April Yard of the Month by the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club. Their granddaughter, two year old Holly Burger, really enjoyed posing with her grandparents and her mother, Connie Prazak Burger.

when Garden Club representative Becky Anderson presented the sign designating their yard as the best in Eagle Lake. (From left are, Anderson, Scharlene, Connie and Johnny.)

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Tribute to Shelly Lee Alley to be filmed Saturday night in Columbus

Friends and family who gather to pay tribute to the music of Colorado County's own Shelly Lee Alley on April 16 are in for an extra treat. Not only will the audience hear music of Jimmie Rodgers, Bob Willis and Alley, but they will witness music history in the making.

At the Stafford Opera House in Columbus Saturday at 7:30 p.m., the performance "From Jimmie Rodgers to Bob Willis: A Tribute to Shelly Lee Alley" will be filmed. Tol S. "T" Higginbotham of Starz Productions announced that Sundown Records will have crews in Columbus to film the show.

Sundown Records will produce a video cassette of the entire live production as well as making available a music CD and cassette tape of the show's music. Pre-orders for these CDs, videos and cassettes will be taken at the Opera House the night of the show.

Appearing in this star-studded performance are both Alley's sons: Shelly Lee Alley Jr. and stepson, Clyde Brewer, who began playing with his stepfather when he was 14. Alley retired when Shelly Jr. was only 10 so most of the younger son's picking with his father was in the family home and with friends. Shelly Jr. is a musician in his own right and plays as a studio musician with Brewer, Cliff Bruner and others.

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DEEDS

Deed: Aileen Dixon Trust to Aileen Dixon Trust, und. int. in property in Colorado County, et al; filed 2-4-94.

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