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Legislature looking for way to cut your property taxes

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

Texas homeowners who have cried for tax relief may see their school property taxes cut next year if the state Legislature puts more of the burden on the business sector.

Speaking to reporters following a Rotary Club meeting, Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, suggested that a "hybrid" tax could spread the burden evenly among businesses.

Ratliff said a sales tax increase would not be a good option, but the combination of a gross receipts tax on business and a value-added tax on goods might fare better in the Legislature.

"We have to fashion a system that doesn't have a disproportionate impact on any one business sector," he said, and predicted, "You will see a plan from the governor's office, if no where else, that will have a significant reduction of property taxes."

Ratliff and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock both expressed doubt regarding legislator's willingness to fight the battles that must be fought to shift the tax burden. The school property tax raised $10 billion last year.

Meanwhile, last week, the Citizens Committee on Property Tax Relief had its final meeting. The panel, appointed by Gov. George W. Bush, traveled the state seeking public input on relief from school property taxes.

Gov. Bush's spokesman Ray Sullivan told the *Austin American-Statesman* the governor is looking forward to the committee's report.

Sports Park Tax Discussed

The House Business and Industry Committee discussed a proposal that would allow a city, county or group of counties to put a resolution before the local voters to acquire, build or renovate a sports venue with specific taxes.

The state comptroller would review such resolutions to ensure they would not cost the state money.

Committee chairman Kim Brimer, R-Arlington, worked to defeat a similar bill in the 1995 legislative session that would have allowed tax dollars to be used for professional sports facilities.

"Since I killed it, I thought I ought to come back and try to clean it up and see if I can do something with it," Brimer told the Associated Press.

Brimer called the 1995 bill "corporate welfare" and said sports facilities are regional projects and should be financed regionally, the AP reported.

The new proposal includes local taxing options that would raise sales and use taxes 0.5%, car rental taxes up to 5%, admission taxes up to $2 per person, and parking taxes up to $1 per vehicle and hotel occupancy up to 2% of the room price.

Brimer said the sports facility proposal is opposed by car rental companies and the Texas Hotel & Motel Association.

Welfare Plan Raises Questions

Mike McKinney, Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner, last week recommended that top state officials accept money from the federal government now to fund welfare programs.

Every day the state waits after Oct. 1, it stands to lose money - about $270,000 a day - because the welfare rolls are shrinking, McKinney said.

But Gov. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney aren't ready to accept the money until they are sure that doing so won't hurt Texas' budget. Losing money by waiting must be balanced against other costly measures that will be triggered once the law goes into effect, they said.

"Remember 60 years of welfare as we know it has been changed very quickly in a 700-page bill. That has far-reaching consequences for the states and for the federal government too," Bullock told the *American-Statesman*.

Regulators Taking Action

Nursing home regulators adopted a plan that would improve the handling of public complaints.

The action came after pressure from state leaders, following the publication of an *American Statesman* report that showed the Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators had not disciplined anyone in three years, despite hundreds of complaints.

Gov. Bush's spokesman, Ray Sullivan, said the governor considered the plan "a step in the right direction."

The board voted to:

•Prioritize complainants and ensure swift and appropriate action is taken.

•Call for an Oct. vote on a proposed code of ethics for administrators.

•Conduct more frequent meetings.

•Share information and cooperate on hearings and investigations with the Texas Department of Human Services, which regulates nursing homes.

•Add more members or consultants to the board's complaints committee.

Health Commissioner to Tech

Texas Health Commissioner David Smith resigned last week to accept an appointment as president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

The appointment was announced by Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford, who retired last month from a 14-year career in the state Senate.

Smith, who served as health commissioner since 1992, will head Tech's medical school, which has branches in Amarillo, Odessa and El Paso.

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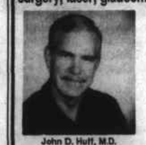
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TO THE EDITOR & YOU

Recognized for caring

The 1996 Fair parade was one of the best ever. Participants of all ages and many categories made it a success. Hats off to the parade chairman and her workers.

One frequent participant needs to be recognized for a very caring act.

As goodies were being thrown, as usual the youngsters kind of forgot to share and share alike. Across the street from our group of parade-watchers, there was repeatedly a push and shove for the candy.

One little one always seemed to be left out.

Chip Rayburn noticed this too as he approached with his group. He took a handful of candy, backtracked the parade route and gave it to the little one, then had to jog to catch up with his group. He was applauded from our group, but possibly could not hear it because of the other noises.

Since meeting Chip, I find him to be a Christian, a family man, a friendly person, well educated in local and state needs and now I'll add - a very kind-hearted, concerned human being.

Hats off to Chip for making that small child's day.

Barbara Prause
Columbus

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 16, 1971

A tragic one-vehicle accident, three miles south of Rock Island, at around 11:45 p.m. Sunday night claimed the life of **Clark Foster Finney**, 17 year-old son of **Mr. & Mrs. Robert Finney** of Eagle Lake…

New parking meters were installed on W. Main Street in front of the *Headlight* building, on both sides of the street, this week and now are in use…

Kirby Waldrop, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Waldrop** of Eagle Lake, will be among the candidates for a bachelor degrees at the exercises at Lamar University in Beaumont this Saturday, Dec. 18. He will receive a degree in accounting…

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, for **Mrs. Jesus (Maria) Ramirez**, a resident of Eagle Lake for the past 45 years. She passed away at her home on Friday, Dec. 10, after an illness of almost two years…

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Briggs of Brazoria welcomed the arrival of a baby daughter on Nov. 21, 1971, in Freeport. The little lady weighed five pounds, seven and a half ounces and was named **Susan Anne**. Grandparents are **Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Briggs** of Eagle Lake and **Mr. & Mrs. Verlin McMichael** of Clute…

Mrs. Nola Walker Wink, a native of Columbus, passed away in the Oak Crest Inn at New Braunfels at 10:45 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14. She was the sister of **Carter Walker** of Eagle Lake…

The Eagle Lake community mourned the death of one of the prominent natives of this community, **Mrs. J.N. Frazar**, who closed her eyes to final rest in the Caney Valley Memorial Hospital in Wharton at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1971.

July 9, 1948

E.W. Booker suffered an eye injury Wednesday while working at the Loessin Machine Shop…

For combat veteran **Pfc. F. Garcia** of Rock Island, now with Squadron B. of Hqs. Command U. S. Air Forces in Wiesbaden, Germany, the Soldiers Merit Badge has been added to other hard earned ribbons of wartime service…

Johnnie Meitzen was six years old last Saturday and celebrated the occasion with a party at the home of his parents, **Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Meitzen Jr.**…

Fred Glueck, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Glueck** of Cat Springs, has completed his examinations and is now a member of the US Marine Corps…

Lee Reid Johnson sustained an eye injury this week when a small bit of steel flew off an ice cream freezer he was assembling at the Eagle Lake Furniture Co.…

Mr. & Mrs. James Ray Thomas and family and **Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thomas** and children are spending the week at New Braunfels…

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Muzny and son, **Johnnie**, are on a two-week vacation trip to California. He is on vacation from the Wilcox Grocery…

Mr. & Mrs. John T. Goode of Austin, who where married recently, were honored with a chicken barbecue a the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Glueck** on Monday…

Visiting in Galveston on Sunday were **Eckhardt Abercrombie, Vernon Gertson, Walter Frnka** and **James Gertson**…

Frank Stegall was in Houston this week to take his preliminary examination for entrance into the US Navy…

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Graves and family had as weekend guests their daughters, **Miss Vera Graves** of Houston, and **Mrs. Frank Hough** and **Mr. Hough** of Dayton…

Mr. & Mrs. C.R. Curry enjoyed a two-week vacation when they visited Carlsbad Caverns, Grand Canyon and Boulder Dam…

Lt. & Mrs. Hub Taylor returned recently to the states from 13-months stay in Alaska where Lt. Taylor was on duty with the U.S. Army…

Mrs. Tommy Ricks of George West visited **Mr. & Mrs. R.R. Poskey** several days last week…

Don Spalinger was one year old Thursday and his mother, **Mrs. Lloyd Spalinger**, entertained with a party at their home…

Mrs. Raymond Waddell was a member of the house party at the wedding of **Miss Sybil Abovitz** and **Clifford Charles Seidel** in Wharton last week…

Little Richard Clipson invited a group of his playmates for an afternoon of fun Thursday, the date being his third birthday.

Priscilla Lozons
Celebrated her 9th Birthday
(Sept. 21) with many friends, especially Chuckie Cheese who came to visit in her home.

Her favorite present was her Uncle Danny and girlfriend who came all the way from California to celebrate with her.

Another favorite was from her Aunt Becky, her first gold ring; and Mom and brother a birthstone ring.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful birthday and you, too, Chuckie Cheese!

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The application must be submitted from outside the county if submitted after early voting in person has begun. (In order to qualify under reason #4, your ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county.).

Early voting by personal appear-

(See Voting, Page 4)

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to The Texas Falls Corporation, tracts in Chirles Fritsche Survey, A-199, et al; filed 6-10-96.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to The Texas Falls Corporation, 8.717 acres, Charles Fritsche Survey, A-199, et al; 6-10-96.

Deed: Leona Katherine Hlinsky to David Gene Polasek et ux, 3.644 acres, William R. Hunt Survey, A-29; 6-10-96.

Deed: Susan R. Groschke to John H. Thompson et ux, 15.00 acres, John Hadden Survey, A-28; 6-11-96.

Deed: Earline R. Glithero to Arun G. Nayar et ux, 0.2583 acre, part of original Lots 2 & 3, Block 139, City of Columbus; 6-12-96.

Deed: Thelma J. Weaver to John C. Glithero et ux, 2 tracts, part of Lot 3, Block 12; and und. int. in part of Lot 2, Block 12, Columbus; 6-12-96.

Deed: Thelma J. Weaver to Gary L. Braun, part of Lot 3, Block 12; and und. int. in part of Lot 3, Block 12, Columbus; 6-12-96.

Deed: Lean Sutherland et al to Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corp., 283.862 acres, W.B. Dewees Survey, A-18; 6-13-96.

Deed: James C. Kearney to Carl A. Blomquist et ux, 4.3436 acres, Robert Cunningham League, A-16; 6-13-96.

Deed: Jody R. Berman et ux to Gary L. Hicks et ux, 0.990 acres, W.B. Dewees Survey, A-18; 6-13-96.

Deed: Gary L. Hicks et ux to David Schultz, 0.9974 acres, W.B. Dewees Survey, A-18; 6-13-96.

Deed: Sam-Mei Investments Inc. to Captec Net Lease Realty Inc., 0.193 acres, Elizabeth Tumlinson League, A-44; 6-13-96.

Gift Deed: Ruth Walla to Wayne Lee Walla, 2 tracts of land, J.W. Oden Survey, A-441, et al; 6-14-96.

Gift Deed: Ruth Walla to Larry Frank Walla, 2 tracts of land, J.W. Oden Survey, A-441, et al; 6-14-96.

Deed: James W. Harper et al to Robert F. Stearns Jr., 0.344 acre tract, John Moyer Survey, A-402, City of Sheridan, Block 29, Lots 14-15; 6-14-96.

Deed: Librado Lozano to Isreal Lozano, Tract 13, Lakeside Lots Subdivision, Patrick Reels Survey, A-475; 6-14-96.

Gift Deed: Elenore Voelkel to Sharon R. Bethke and Lynda D. Henley, 80 acres, F. Mayhar Survey, A-399; 6-14-96.

Deed: Ruth Waddell to The Waddell Real Estate Trust, 40 acres, HT&B Railroad Survey, A-345, et al; 6-14-96.

Deed: Ruth Waddell to The R.B. Waddell Family Limited Partnership, Lots 1-12, Block G, Pinfield and Peterson Addition, Town of Rock Island; 6-14-96.

Gift Deed: Frederick Bryan Clooney to Darla Clooney Tomlinson et vir, 9.873 acres, James Cummins Survey, A-14; 6-14-96.

Deed: Opal McDuffie to Judy Bowman-Sadler, subdivisional Lots 8-11, Block 67, City of Columbus; 6-14-96.

Deed: James G. Hopkins to Judy Bowman-Sadler, subdivisional Lots 8-11, Block 67, City of Columbus; 6-14-96.

Deed: James Lee Guidry et ux to Crossland Mortgage Corp., 26/4053 acres, A. Kelso League, A-368; 6-17-96.

Deed: Raymond A. Matzke Estate to Linnie Maerz Matzke, 1.31 acres of mineral ownership, I&GN RR Company Survey, Section 7, A-301; 6-17-96.

Deed: Marion Bennett to Jack P. Hopkins, Lots 7-11, Block 10, Town of Garwood; 6-17-96.

Deed: Vernon B. Hill Jr. to Aurora Cantu Hill, und. mineral int. in 366.5 acre tract, J.L. Osborne Survey, A-445, et al; 6-17-96.

Deed: Autry Lee Steward et al to Evelyn J. Johnson, 0.889 acres, Henry Austin Five Leagues Grant, A-4, City of Weimar; 6-18-96.

Deed: Darrell Kansteiner to Charles M. Schaffer, 5.000 acres, J. Gillespie Survey, A-223; 6-18-96.

Deed: B. Jay Riviere et ux to William R. Carson et ux, 1.061 acres, Peter Piper League, A-447; 6-18-96.

Deed: Richard Hosak to Thomas F. Teague, und. int. in 6.00 acres, John Dunlavy League Survey, A-165; 6-18-96.

Deed: Claudia Bronikowski to Michael Joseph Bronikowski et al, 21.907 acres, James Cummins Upper Hacienda League, A-14; 6-19-96.

Deed: Wilbur Grohmann Jr. to Donald Grohmann, und. int. in acres, Henry Austin Five Leagues Survey, A-4; 6-19-96.

Deed: Emanuel Glockzin Jr. to Columbus Community Hospital, 2.0120 acres, Elizabeth Tumlinson League, A-44, City of Columbus; 6-20-96.

Deed: Emanuel Glockzin Jr. to Drymalla Construction Co. Inc., 4.000 acres, Elizabeth Tumlinson League, A-44, City of Columbus; 6-20-96.

Deed: Emanuel Glockzin Jr. to Boyce E. Fore, 1.8835 acres, Elizabeth Tumlinson League, A-44, City of Columbus; 6-20-96.

Deed: Herder Truck Lines Inc. to Dennis B. Young et ux, part of Block 76, City of Columbus; and part of original Lot 2 and Lot 3, Block 76; 6-20-96.

Deed: Frederick C. Scholibo et ux to Debra L. Gollihugh et al, 30.0 acres, Tract 26, Sandy Creek Development Co. subdivision, John Cassady Survey, A-138; 6-20-96.

Deed: The First State Bank to Leonard W. Frank et ux, Lot 31, Second Addition to the Krupka Subdivision, W.B. Dewees League, A-18; 6-20-96.

Deed: Jerry D. Lee et ux to George J. Buehler Jr. et ux, 0.4942 acre, Lot 15, Oak Hills Estates Subdivision, James Burleson Survey A-76; 6-21-96.

Deed: Michael Gene Roecker and Donna Denise Roecker to Mary F. Wells, Lot 5, Block 2, Ward Addition, City of Columbus; 6-21-96.

OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES

John G. Holland et al to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 320 acres, JNO. Sheely Survey, A-513; filed 6-10-96.

Reggie Lois Stiles to United Oil & Minerals Inc., 198.33 acres, Thomas Cartwright League, A-11; 6-12-96.

Hugo Helcamp et ux to Dynamic Production Inc., 3 tracts, Lewis R. Chaney Survey, A-137; 6-17-96.

Charlotte G. Moore to Marshall Petroleum Inc., 73.83 acres, Haywood Moore Co. Survey, A-410; 6-19-96.

Ralph S. Fuller Jr. et al to Frazier Oil Properties Inc., 333.5 acres, CT RR Company Survey, A-154, et al; 6-21-96.

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DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED

Ilicke Wenske vs Roy Cloat and Kathey Eagarton, slander; filed 9-12-96.

Navy Federal Credit Union vs Columbus Ford-Mercury Inc., promissory note; 9-12-96.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Bryan Anthony Guzman, 21, Weimar, and Gidget Michelle Tilley, 20, Columbus.

Manuel Martin Gasca, 21, Santa Cruz De Juventino Rosas Mexico, and Maribel Valles, 19, Eagle Lake.

Thomas Jack Smith, 69, Eagle Lake, and Doris Mitchell Vandel, 72, Houston.

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Patsy Rutta and David Wayne Rutta; filed 9-16-96.

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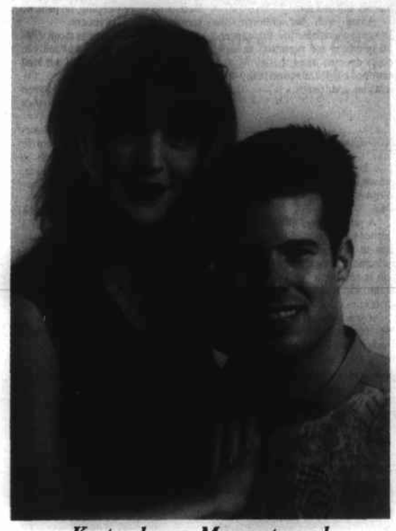

Kretzschmar, Messer to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Kretzschmar Jr. of Sugar Land are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kay Lynn, to Robert G. Messer Jr. of Houston.

Kay is a 1987 graduate of Clements High School and received her associate degree of science in nursing from Houston Community College in 1993. She is currently employed as a registered nurse at a private health care facility.

Robert, the son of Robert and Delores Messer of Missouri City, is a 1986 graduate of J.F. Dulles High School and graduated from Lincoln Institute in audio and video for television production in 1990. He is currently a computer graphic artist and musician.

Kay is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Kretzschmar Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller, all of Eagle Lake.

Robert is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wascom Sr. of Loranger, Louisiana, and the late Mr. and Mrs. William C. Messer who were from Alexandria, Louisiana.

An October 26, 1996, wedding is being planned at the Southern Plantation "Heaven on Earth" in Missouri City.

Indicted

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ongoing for about two months.

He said an agent from the Texas Department of Public Safety handled the investigation and presented evidence to the grand jury.

Hayek was first elected county clerk in 1986. She may continue to serve while a trial on the charge is pending.

In a separate indictment, former Colorado County Sheriff's Deputy Gary Stavinoha was charged with assault.

The charge against Stavinoha stems from separate incidents involving two female employees in the Sheriff's Dept.

One offense reportedly occurred on Dec. 16, 1995, involving one woman and another incident on July 14 involving a second woman. In both cases, Stavinoha was allegedly accused of fondling the women's breasts.

In both incidents, Stavinoha was off-duty. One incident allegedly occurred when one of the women was on county premises and the other was reportedly away from county premises.

Stavinoha was terminated on Aug. 15. He had been employed by the Sheriff's Dept. since 1994.

Penny Tate Henske, theft from the Eagle Lake Recreation Center on Jan. 25, 1996; Feb. 15, 1996; March 15, 1996; April 12, 1996; May 16, 1996 and July 5, 1996, in the amount of more than $500 but less than $1,500 for the six counts.

The other indictments were:

Hubert Steve Antrich, intoxication manslaughter, for a reported incident on March 3 in which Olga Mendoza, 36, and Timoteo Mendoza, 73, were killed. The accident occurred when a 1993 Ford driven by Antrich and a 1980 Oldsmobile driven by Timoteo Mendoza, 36, collided head-on on U.S. 90A, about two and a half miles west of Sheridan.

Chance Anthony Thornhill and Geoffrey Christopher Mier, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle for an incident on April 10 in which two individuals reportedly are accused of taking a vehicle belonging to David Husmann of Schulenburg from in front of Main Package Store.

Edward James Swan, driving while intoxicated (DWI), for a May 25 incident in which he was arrested for DWI.

Cynthia Ann Ruiz, possession of a controlled substance and burglary of a building. The charge stems from an incident on July 1 in which it is alleged she was in possession of less than a gram of cocaine; and on July 9, entered the Iglesia Bautista Getsemani Church without the consent of the owner.

Ruben Alex Molano, possession of a controlled substance; for an incident on July 19 in which he was reportedly arrested for possession of cocaine of less than one gram.

Phillip David Saucedo, aggravated robbery; for an incident on July 21 in which it is alleged he injured Jaime Garcia during a theft. He is accused of hitting Garcia with his fist and also kicking him.

Deandre Caprie Carter, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; for an incident on June 14 in which he allegedly took a vehicle belonging to Gary Cruise without his consent.

Donald Page Denley, possession of a controlled substance; for reportedly possessing one to four grams of cocaine on July 12.

Karen Jones McGarity, possession of a controlled substance; for reportedly possessing one to four grams of cocaine on July 12.

Janice Marie Toliver, assault on a public servant; for an incident on July 23 in which she allegedly bit M.R. Edmon, a patrolman for the City of Columbus.

Simon Castillo, DWI; for a reported incident on July 19.

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