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Special committee to deal with tax relief

Moving to prevent a "time crunch," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock announced the creation of a special Senate committee to consider legislation dealing with property tax relief and public school finance.

"While tax legislation must originate in the House, the Senate should not postpone discussion of a subject that is multi-faceted and complex," Bullock said. "Action now will decrease the chances for a logjam near the end of the session."

demands thorough study and delibera- San Antonio Express-News in which a Senate OKs Zero-Tolerance Bill tion. This will provide that opportunity for Senate members and those leged that his superior coerced him to who are interested in the legislation. give to Bullock. Hopefully, it will help lawmakers avoid a time crunch in the final stretch.'

The committee will be chaired by Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria. named vice chairman of the 11-member committee. Also appointed were Sens. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin; John Carona, R-Dallas; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Rodney Ellis, D-Luna, D-San Antonio; Drew Nixon, tions. R-Carthage; and Florence Shapiro, R-

Campaign Donations Questioned

Meanwhile, Bullock said last week he knows of no one who has coerced contributions to his re-election campaign.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUNDS:

R&B Precinct #1

R&B Precinct #2

R&B Precinct #3

R&B Precinct #4

LATERAL ROAD ACCOUNTS:

L.R. Precinct #1

L.R. Precinct #2 L.R. Precinct #3

L.R. Precinct #4

Total R&B Pct. Funds

ADD'L AD VALCREM FUND:

AAV Precinct #1

AAV Precinct #2

AAV Precinct #3

AAV Precinct #4

Total AAV Pct. Funds

RECORDS PRESERVATION

I ALI I TERARY FIND

INITEREST & SINKING

Total Budgeted Funds

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ALLEYION PROJECT FUND

SHERIDAN BARK HOLECT TJFC "BOOT CAMP" PROJECT

ALLEYION WASTEWATER PLANT

ALLEYION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TAXES COLLECTED IN ADVANCE

ASSETS

LIABILITIES

FUND EQUITY

Cash in The First State Bank

Total Assets

Plus: Outstanding Deposits

Less: Outstanding Checks

Taxes Collected in Advance

Find Balance-reserved for Capital Projects

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity

Fund Balance-reserved for 1997 Budget

Total Liabilities

Find Balance-unreserved

Total Fund Equity

Year 1996 is true and correct.

CENERAL FUND

AIRFORT FUND

PAYROLL FUND

FORFETTURE FUND

Total All Funds

R&B Special

University of Texas officials de-

★ State Capitol **Highlights** By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling Texas Press Association

nied coercing colleagues into contributing money to Bullock or any other politician.

UT System officials were inter-"A proposal of this magnitude viewed in response to a report in the UT-San Antonio vice president al-

education officials had contributed \$170,850 to Bullock since 1992, including 22 contributions from UT-Austin totaling \$10,150 and contribu-Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, was tions of \$59,500 from regents and former regents over the past four years.

Chancellor William Cunningham, and UT-Austin President Robert Berdahl did, however, tell the Austin American-Statesman they made calls Houston; Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe several years ago to fellow UT execu-Bay; Chris Harris, R-Arlington; Greg tives, suggesting they make dona-

No Tax Plan From Sharp

Bullock and Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, last week asked state Comptroller John Sharp to write an ing but have been consuming alcohol alternative to Gov. George W. Bush's property tax relief plan, but Sharp said he wasn't going to do it.

"Our role right now is to be sup- under the influence.

COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

241,044.81

161,446.75

166,641.57

135,415.82

7,214.92 7,073.85 8,628.29

6,184.00

927,771.67

230,295.37

221,881.02

268.375.69

918,285.89

3,672,396.88

33,273.04 5,880.00 282,235.15

3,063.13

53,731.16

374,017.53

641,027,25

54,393.00

160.00

60,209,27

4,489.74

COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

\$ 4,271,855.42

\$ 1,158,582.27

2,026,000.00

Ad Valorem taxes collected between October 1st and December 31st are accounted as liabilities at

Raymie Kana

County Arditor

December 31st. These taxes are recognized as revenues in the following year. Of the total cash on hand at December 31st, \$534,539.09 is reserved for capital projects; \$146,924.43 is restricted to the

payment of general long-term debt principal and interest maturing in future years; and \$2,026,000.00 was appropriated for the 1997 Budget.

I, Raymie Kana, County Auditor of Colorado County, Texas certify that the within and foregoing statement of beginning and ending balances, receipts, disbursaments, and transfers for the Calendar

647,786.82

422,202.50 179,787.50

437.81

422.30

Cash Balance

22,600.51

48,562.21 72,646.05

114,595.07

34,294.54

7,139.75

7,034.34 8.603.04

6,139.48

184,701.46

166,048.51

149.146.68

178,458.44

\$ 678,355.09

926,403.97

5,387.15

12,235.03

6,501.70

1.017.76

2,349.88

0.00

0.00

0.00

161,651.66

1,189,626.01

\$2,011,628.63 5,843,840.41

\$ 321,614.99

1, 1996 through December 31, 1996

Transfers between funds

54,604.00 53,416.00

65,318.00

46,662.00

159,889.25

2,663,973.65 2,662,173.65

1,158,582.27 1,189,626.01

\$3,373,000.35 7,114,840.71 4,215,075.17 4,246,118.91 5,942,964.71 4,513,832.61

159,889.25

\$ 1,158,582.27

3,355,250.34

\$ 4,513,832.61

10,000.00

220,000.00

220,000.00 220,000.00 844,695.12

portive in a technical sense. My fear is Other Capital Highlights if you put something else on the table, you might confuse the issue," Sharp said. Bush's plan would levy a 1.25% tax on businesses with more than investments are subtracted from the the same courses.

Bush's plan work if it is approved by the Legislature.

A bill that would suspend the driver's licenses of those younger than The report showed that higher sion or in their systems passed the going to the school board for a vote. Senate without objection.

D-Dallas, the legislation hits underage drinkers where it hurts most: it Morning News reported.

drinker caught with even a trace of alcohol could face fines, community service and jail time.

of either taking a minor who is not mentalists and voted 7-0 to confirm driving, but in possession of alcohol, to the police station for a breath or chairman of the Texas Natural Reblood test or issuing a citation on the source Conservation Commission.

And, for those who were not drivor have misrepresented their age, penalties would be similar to those assessed to minors caught driving

Cash

22,707.58 205,466.53

194,649.62

195,040.35

7,169.54 7,094.40 8,630.11 6,185.93

205,140.26

171,782.94

948,029.63

16,496.29

6,199.44

6,632.86

53,653.80

2,605,27

0.00

6,252.15

374,017.53

307,435.00

14,430.00 3,078,307,78

382,519.25 234,430.00 5,207,796.12 2,795,762.17

12-31-96

20,937.74 59,146.43

179,385.11

21,332.01

404,691.54

209,856.57

114,849.83

204,409.31

648,611.35

5,067.71

8,358,28

3,368.77

2,895.12

11,928.07

462,401.75

10,160.00

60,209.27

1,158,582.27

166.91

146,924.43

1.506,063.07

7,185.13 7,013.79

•College students would find it easier to get credit for courses when they transfer under a bill passed by the Senate last week. Sen. Bivins, the earnings above that amount, after the only make life easier for college stu-

•The Senate also passed a school Sharp said he would help to make uniform bill authored by Sen. Harris. The measure would require a petition requiring uniforms. After developthe uniform plan would have to be approved by the school superinten-21 caught with alcohol in their posses- dent and voted on by parents before

·A state law requiring motorcy-Sponsored by Sen. Royce West, clists to wear helmets would be repealed for adults under a bill the Senate State Affairs Committee approvtakes away their "wheels," the Dallas ed. The committee voted 9-2 to repeal the 1989 state law requiring motorcy-Under West's bill, and underage clists - age 18 and older - to wear head protection. The bill now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

Police would be allowed a choice mittee ignored protests from environ-Barry McBee's 1995 appointment as

ABOUT

·Congratulations to Geraldine Smaistrla of East Bernard who was one of many Fall graduates from University of Houston-Victoria. She graduated Cum Laude with a 3.63 grade point average. Geraldine earned her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies.

•The Headlight was graciously informed about a misprint in the issue of Feb. 6 and one time previously.

Seems in our 24 and 48 years ago. we listed L.V. Duncan and it should paper is hard to read. And at four in the morning all the print seems to run together. Again, we apologize.

read the report on now-ex-Eagle Lake children of Houston... Auxilary Officer David Fletcher the same way Mayor David Mann did, let at 7:30 this morning claiming distinc- ras, Mexico on New Year's Day. me try to clarify.

By no means were Fletcher's actions legal. I have no "bones to pick" with his being arrested for impersonating a Houston police officer. My bone was mainly with the manner that Channel 13 presented their report.

If I hadn't known Fletcher, by the end of 13's video (which I found out they had lucked into) and reciting of "facts", I would have thought he was not a certified peace officer; that he was just a reserve holding a reserve status (the "associate's degree" of law enforcement).

My bone of contention was with that impression 13's report gave. By no means was I saying or incenuating that Fletcher's acts were not illegal.

Besides, reserve officers (or auxiliary as they are called here) aren't suppose to work any job connected with security or policing while wear-

(See Town, Page 4)

Views On

ection unless you replace it regularly. A

University of Oklahoma study showed

that people who changed their tooth-

brushes frequently - every two weeks

and some oral problems quicker than

people who kept using the same tooth-

brush month after month. The study

found that toothbrushes can become

contaminated with various germs after

brushes were those, "found in pneumo-

nia, stomach ulcers, strep throat, sinus

The organisms found on the

disease, and upset stomach". People 3525.

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approximately one month.

recovered from colds, sore throats

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You may not know it, but your tooth- with chronic sinus disease were greatly

during illness.

gum treatment.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1972

John Stephen Moore has been \$500,000 in sales. The tax would be on measure's sponsor, said it would not named valedictorian and Laurlea Turner salutatorian of the 123-memcosts of raw materials and capital dents but also would not have to retake ber 1972 graduating class of Rice Bobby spent the New Year's holidays High School. Other honor graduates are Deborah Hartsfield, Cheryl Ka-Ilina and Joe Fling...

by parents for a school to consider deeply saddened last Wednesday, April 26, to learn of the sudden death ment by a campus-level committee, of James Harland Bell, a longtime home during the weekend after visitresident of the Lissie and Rock Island

> on Austin in more ways than one this stown, and with her husband in Geoweekend as Kurt Thomas, Rice High School junior, will compete in the State Class AAA boy's singles tennis competition. He is the son of Dr. & Mrs. R.R. Thomas of this city...

New officers of the Eagle Lake Causey, in Lissie... Middle School Student Council are •The Senate Nominations Com- tively. Mike Cooper is the faculty McAllen this week... sponsor for the student council...

> Mr. & Mrs. James L. Adkins announced that effective Monday, May Hempstead Sunday from where he 8, Mr. & Mrs.T.J. Smith will become the new owners and operators of studies after spending the holidays the Dairy Delite in Eagle Lake...

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd G. Criswell of cherka... Sheridan announced the engagement daughter, Nancy Lea, to David Waybert Allgayer of El Campo. The wedding is planned for June 1 in Sheri-

Steve Garcia, a junior at Rice High School, received the highest award at the District Three Statewide Automotive Contest April 20-22 in Dallas.

Jan. 7, 1949

the firm of A.L. Bearing Inc., Chevrolet dealers, as accountant...

F.T. Kollman was taken to Laughlin Hospital with slight injuries this morning resulting from his trying to have been I.V. Duncan. Sorry folks, avoid a collision with a car. He hit a Service Station on Hwt. 90A...

During the holidays, Mrs. Mary

tion of being the first baby born in 1949. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.L Rolf...

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Waddell and with her parents...

Mrs. Marx Landa has returned from a holiday visit with the family of Citizens throughout the area were her daughter, Mr. & Mrs. John Nixon of Bandera...

Mrs. Lee Goode is expected ing the families of her children, Mr. & Mrs. John Goode of Benevidas and The eyes of local citizens will be Mr. & Mrs. Allen Glueck in Rob-

rge West... Ensign Wesley Causey left last Saturday for his post in Pensacola, Fla., after a Christmas leave spent with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. C.W.

Mr. & Mrs. James Ray Thomas Debbie Brune and Julia Thomas, and children are visiting her parents, vice-president and president respec- Rev. & Mrs. C.E. Marshall, in

Wilbert Kucherka accompanied his brother, Stanley Kucherka Jr., to went on to A&M College to finish his with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. S.L Ku-

About 70 young people gathered and approaching marriage of their at the Lissie community hall for a "Watch Party" on New Year's Eve. In ne Allgayer, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ro- the group were the young people of the Lissie and El Campo Evangelical United Brethren Churches, the East Bernard Methodist and the Eagle Lake Baptist Churches..

Mrs. Louis Tyler is improving as well as can be expected at her home in Altair. Family friends join in the hope she will soon respond to treatment...

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Braden, Mr. & Mrs. Will Walker and daughters, J.B. Wesson has this week joined Melba Jean and Eleanor Earl, and Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Walker were New Year's Day guests of Mr. & Mrs. Rubin Miller at Old Ocean...

Mr. & Mrs. George Cason entertained with a buffet supper at their lovely country home last Sunday evesometimes that print on the microfilm culvert with his truck near the Marx ning. The holiday spirit lingered in the mantle arrangement...

Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Thornton and Glaiser had as guests the family of her Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Caylor left Fri-•Just in case anyone else out there daughter, Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Sims and day, Dec. 31, for the lower Rio Grande Valley and Mexico. They were sight A little girl arrived in Eagle Lake seeing in Brownsville and Matamo-

TO THE EDITOR & YOU

Guilty or not quilty?

I had no intention of issuing a press County Grand Jury, and admitted to release regarding the State of Texas by Ms. Hayek, a fact misstated in her vs. Darlene Hayek until I saw the press release. misleading release issued by the defendant with its many misstatements admission of the crime, as the defenof fact. The public deserves to know dant well knows.

1. Darlene Hayek is not an inno-

cent person. This case was investigated by an experienced investigator from the Special Crimes Division of the Department of Public Safety, reviewed

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their brushes regularly. The study con-

cluded that brushes should be replaced

at least monthly, but more frequently

gest that dentures should be thor-

oughly cleaned frequently, particularly

during an illness and when undergoing

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The same reasoning would sug-

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Saturday: 8-2

2. A plea of no contest is a legal

It is not "a plea of guilt without ad-

mitting guilt." In the affidavit she filed with the court, she specifically stipulated she committed the thefts.

She further affirmed that stipulation in front of the district judge under oath. The judge would not have accepted her plea if he knew she had by my office, indicted by the Colorado denied the offense.

3. There was no "courthouse conspiracy" to frame her.

For three consecutive years, she made claims from both the county and state for the same expenses and repaid neither, keeping all the money for herself. She has admitted having no receipts for any repayments.

The claims were filed each year at almost exactly the same time and the checks were received at almost the same time.

Other elected officials in the courthouse made similar claims properly and, through routine review of their filings, Ms. Hayek's theft was discovered. Every other county official involved, and particularly the county auditor, did their duties in a legal and professional manner.

4. In a vain attempt to excuse her actions, Ms. Hayek alleged, only after the investigation was underway, that (See Letters, Page 3)

Bible Verse of the Week

"All things work together for good to them that love God."

—Romans 8:28 Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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