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# Senate passes their version of tax cuts

Last week the special Senate tax committee approved its version of a property tax relief plan and sent it in to the full Senate for a vote.

The tax-cutting measure may cost poor people a smaller share of their incomes than a plan passed last month by the House, but it also is less generous, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

of the economy," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, vice chairman of the competency procedures. committee.

new taxes to pay for school property rangements for their confinement. tax cuts of 60¢ per \$100 valuation.

If the Senate passes the bill, a final ference committee of senators and punishment. representatives.

# **Bill Target Retarded Criminals**

filed a bill that would prohibit the dant's retardation as a mitigating factally incompetent.

His bill is pending in a House com- Morning News reported. mittee and has little time to pass before June 2, the end of the regular legisla- Senate OKs Records Bill tive session.

execution last week of Terry Washington, a retarded man who was conworker at a College Station diner.



Texas Press Association Peggy Griffey, who heads the cap-

"We have taken a moderate, bal- ital punishment section of the Texas anced approach that helps every sector attorney general's office, said the legislation is needed to create uniform

Another bill that passed the House feated in April. About \$800 million in new taxes and is pending in the Senate would would be raised and school property allow sheriffs and other law enforce- Bill Expands Open Records Law taxes would be cut by an average of ment officials to order evaluations of 17¢ per \$100 valuation under the those arrested for crimes to determine Senate committee's plan, while the if those arrested are mentally ill or re-House plan would raise \$3.8 billion in tarded, and then, to make special ar-

The bill, by Rep. Allen Place, D-Gatesville, and Sen. Mike Moncrief, version must be hashed out in a con- D-Fort Worth, would help in gauging

Washington, Place said that if an evaluation had been ordered, the prosecu-Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, has tor might have considered the defenstead of the death penalty, the Dallas entity.

The Senate passed a bill last week But it is a timely tie-in with the that would make criminal case records the first state to perform surgical cas-

SB 1101, by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, victed of the 1987 murder of a co- R-San Antonio, is aimed at undoing a Texas Supreme Court decision last the bill to make surgical castration

year that closed those records maintained by Texas district attorneys.

Wentworth said his bill would: ·Make criminal case files open to the public unless the release of the information would not interfere law enforcement litigations.

·Exempt from disclosure attorney's working papers, including notes about witnesses.

 Exempt from disclosure information that did not lead to prosecution. Wentworth's bill has moved to the House, where a similar bill was de-

Earlier, the Senate approved a bill that would subject private companies that take over government duties to the state's open records and meeting

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, is aimed at ensuring that the public can monitor how tax money is being spent as more Concerning the execution of state functions are assigned to private

The bill would apply to companies that are awarded contracts worth at least \$1 million to perform services execution of someone deemed men- tor and opted for a life sentence in- that had been done by a governmental

#### **Governor Sent Castration Bill**

The House has sent Gov. George W. Bush a bill that would make Texas tration on prisoners who are repeat child molesters.

The House voted 138-7 in favor of available on a voluntary basis to inmates who had been convicted at least twice of aggravated sexual assault of a child, indecency with a child or sexual assault of a child.

The bill had previously been approved by the Senate.

#### Other Capital Highlights

•State Comptroller John Sharp announced last week that his world wide web site is now offering an interactive database to help Texans claim abandoned property. By viewing the web moved to tears. site (http://www/window.state.tx.us) anyone can look up the names of indi- and beautiful, thoughtful gifts from making the Attwater's Prairie Chickviduals or businesses reported to have each of the members. abandoned property valued at \$50 or

•The chances of state employees

end the sorority year. (See Highlights, Page 4)

#### Let's Look Back...

Outside of Texas ...

## 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

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#### July 27, 1972

A case of costly vandalism and malicious mischief is being investigated by officers this week after vandals used expensive farm machinery owned by Harold Thomas as play things some time last Saturday

The Eagle Lake Community lost one of its valued citizens last Friday, July 21, when R.L. "Bob" Cook Sr. closed his eyes to a peaceful rest in the early morning hours after a lengthy illness in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Four volunteer firemen from Eagle Lake attended the annual Firemen's Training School last week at Texas A&M University. Attending were Edward Sunderman, "Bubba" Dostal, "Chuck" Stephens and Mi-

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Grahmann and just returned from a 30-day trip to from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m... Europe which took them to seven countries...

Master Darrell Stancik, son of Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Stanick and a patient in the Texas Rehabilitation and Research Institute in Houston, was nie Contreras, all of this city. The one of several patients at the Institute wedding is planned for Sept. 1 at the shown in a film on television station First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake... Channel 13 last Friday evening...

ry Hagendorf, Friday, July 21, at 7:30 riage of their daughter, Mary Ann, to

p.m. at the V.E. Gosch cafetorium in

Mr. & Mrs. Earl L. Braden, Susan and Earl Jr. of Eagle Lake and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Walker, David and Mary Beth of Sweeny have returned from a most enjoyable trip to N. Mexico and Colorado...

Friends regretted to learn that Dennis Ashby, father of Bob Ashby of this city, passed away Thursday morning, July 20, in the Henderson Hospital following a heart attack...

Three Eagle Lake students have been named to the Sam Houston State University Dean's List of Academic Honors for the last regular semester: Alan Ray Zhradnick, Calvin J. Sommer and Patricia Hengst...

Miss Mary Jane Adkins, brideelect of Bob Thornton, was complimented with a recipe shower in the beautiful lakeside home of Dr. & Mrs Mr. & Mrs. William C. Gohlke have J.C. Laughlin Saturday, July 22,

Mr. & Mrs. Domingo H. Castillo announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Ann, to John Anthony Contreras, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ben-

Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Johnson A bridal shower honored Miss of Burlington, Wisconsin, announced Patricia Hengst, bride-elect of Hen- the engagement and approaching mar-

James Richard Woods, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dick Woods of Eagle Lake. The wedding will Sept. 18..

Mr. & Mrs. Phillips Soto Jr. spent Thursday through Sunday in Miami Beach, Florida, attending a convention of the Southern Life & Health Insurance Company. While there, Mr. Soto received the National Sales Achievement Award, the highest award a salesman can achieve.

#### April 8, 1949

In an unusually heavy vote Saturday, April 2, in the Rock Island ISD election, George Burke Jr. was reelected to the Board. Harry Townsend and Adolph Hruzek also received a good vote in their election to the Board. Election judges were Mesdames Alfred Besch, Oscar Baker and M.I. Nicewander...

Mrs. Adolph Hollas is a patient in Laughlin Hospital this week. She has been given five blood transfusions and an operation will be performed when she has gained sufficient strength...

Members of the W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 108, American Legion met in the Legion Hall on Lakeside Drive Tuesday night, April 8, for a regular business session. M.F. Campbell was elected for the remainder of the 1948-49 term. Delegates and alternates were elected for the Spring Convention of the Ninth District to be held this year in Schulenburg. R.J. Campbell, J.B. Wesson and Louis Muzny will serve as delegates and M.F. Campbell, H. Larson and K. Bauer as alternates...

In one of the heaviest votes in recent years, E.H. Shirley, president of the Eagle Lake Independent School District Board, was re-elected for a term of three years. Out of 216 votes cast, he received 159 votes. Jim Clipson received 175 votes and Simon S. Sinclair 141 to also be elected for three-year terms..

Mr. and Mrs. Pie Henry went to Houston Wednesday to see the Cleveland Indians play the New York Giants at Buff Stadium...

A large number of square dancers Clipping the unwanted vegetation attended the Columbus square dance George Crim, Sam Davidson, Rich-Civic-minded Shorty, in his "free ard Clipson, David Wintermann,

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# KYLE RYAN FINK ROLL ARCELIA OSORNIO 'In loving memory' The Rice High School Class of 1997 recently put in place a memorial to more during the past five years. two of their classmates who were lost during 1996.

CLASS OF 1997

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR CLASSMATES

The bench-like memorial was placed near the entrance to the school receiving a pay raise improved last from the student parking lot. In part, it reads, "In loving memory of our week when the comptroller said \$300 classmates, Kyle Ryan Fink, June 6, 1979 - Aug. 13, 1996; Arcelia Osornio, million more than anticipated will be Nov. 6, 1978 - Mar. 14, 1996".

# ·Ivory "Shorty" Stewart and his

•Deborah Reed was surprised at a recent Alpha Delta Phi Sorority meeting with a baby shower. Deborah was

A wonderful cake with baby other goodies to eat.

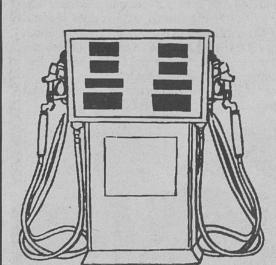
It was a very warm, special way to

well-known lawn-mowing crew are responsible for improving the looks of the landscape surrounding the Prairie She was presented with a corsage Edge Museum in time for its part in en Festival a success.

bootie decorations was presented and while preserving blooming wild flow- at Memorial Hall Saturday night. enjoyed by all members who had also ers in the farm implement exhibit area, Among those attending were Messers. brought a delicious assortment of according to Shorty, required patience and Mesdames John Clipson, and expertise.

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