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Comptroller Ok's Tax Reform Legislation, Perry Signs

AUSTIN — Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, the state's chief accountant, certified the state has enough funds to pay for House Bill 1, a temporary buy-down of property taxes. Afterward, Gov. Rick Perry signed the legislation into law.

HB 1 passed in the just-ended special session of the Texas legislature. It reduces property taxes, appropriates more money for classroom instruction, requires public schools to open after the fourth Monday in August and gives teachers a \$2,000 raise.

HB 1 also satisfies a Texas Supreme Court order to fix the state's tax system so school districts are not forced to set the highest allowable tax rate. Under HB 1, the cap rate is

lowered to \$1.33, down from the previous cap of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation on school districts' maintenance and operations portion of the tax.

Perry and Strayhorn are political rivals, so it's not hard to see why they don't agree on how much HB 1 will cut Texans' property taxes. Perry said it would yield a \$2,000 cut to the average homeowner over three years.

Strayhorn, who hopes to unseat Perry as governor in the fall, said it'll only be a sliver of the \$2,000 Perry is touting. How much is a sliver? Fifty-two dollars in the first year, she said. Perry's office countered, saying Strayhorn's numbers are hog-wash.

Jason Stanford, a spokesman for Democratic candidate for governor

Chris Bell, called the school finance plan a sham, saying too little money would be spent on classroom initiatives and teacher pay. Bell called for a \$3,000, across-the-board pay increase for teachers.

Kinky Friedman also hopes to wrench the governor's office away from Perry in November. Friedman's camp expressed weariness with the ongoing squabbles between Perry and Strayhorn and called the Perry tax plan "not a real solution; it's another Band-Aid fix we've come to expect from career politicians."

Meanwhile, members of the Friedman campaign placed the winning bid on two pairs of boots the governor auctioned off to raise money for a hurricane relief fund. One pair bears Perry's autograph; the other, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's.

Jury finds Enron bosses guilty
 Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling on May 25 were found guilty on many counts by a Houston federal jury. Lay and Skilling are free on \$5 million bond, each.

Between the two men, charges stuck on counts ranging from cheating investors and employees out of billions of dollars to lying to auditors and banks and for insider trading.

The energy trading firm crumbled in 2001, resulting in the loss of an estimated \$60 billion, the disappearance of its \$2 billion pension fund and the termination of 5,600 employees.

Esteemed Texas lawmaker dies
 Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. died May 23 at his home in Houston. He was 85. Flags flew at half-staff for five days

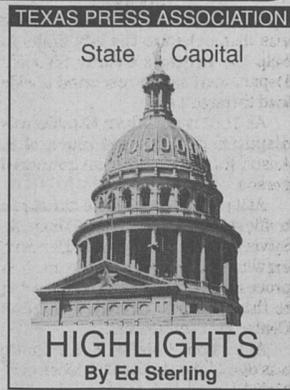
following Bentsen's death, by order of Gov. Perry.

A state and national leader for decades, Bentsen served as U.S. Treasury secretary in 1993-94 under President Clinton. He was a member of the U.S. Senate from 1971 to 1993 and served in the U.S. Congress from 1949 to 1955, representing the Rio Grande Valley. He was in private business from 1955 to 1970.

Bentsen tested the waters to run for president in 1976 but withdrew. He was the vice presidential running mate of Michael Dukakis in 1988.

Austin music empresario dies
 Clifford Antone, owner of nationally recognized blues mecca, Antone's, was found dead in his Austin apartment on May 24.

Antone, 56, was hailed by mourners for devoting the last 30 years to



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

May 27, 1982
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hanusin of Highland, Indiana, announced the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Margaret Julie, to Gregory Paul Ellis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ellis of Eagle Lake. Marriage vows will be taken June 5 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Highland...

Mary Katherine Young of Eagle Lake and Carolyn Ann Pavlu of Garwood earned honor graduate status at Wharton County Junior College...

Patricia Drlak of Garwood, bride-elect of John Batla of Bernardo, was honored by her bridesmaids with a lingerie shower on May 19...

The 26th annual Popp-Schneider Reunion will be held June 6 in Nada...

Miss Charlotte Anderson of Anson, bride-elect of Madison Smith of Garwood, and Miss Diane McLean of Midland, bride-elect of Clayton Smith of Garwood, were honored with a "come meet the brides-to-be" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hunt May 22...

Rice High School senior cosmetology students receiving their State Licenses were Ninfa Perez, Sherryl Ishee, Sharon Layton and Becky Munoz...

Students from Eagle Lake Middle School who placed in the art show were Glen Leopold, Curtis Rose, Peter Canaris, Kevin Dornak, Dusty Jackson, Nelva De La Garza, Rhonda Hodde, Gary Ebarra, Jerry Fajkus, Cynthia Perez, Johnny Lamascus, Michael Meinecke, Cheryl Semora, Lisa Brown, Joel Garza, Cindy Gonzales and Kasandra Gordon...

New officers of Xi Pi Psi Sorority of Beta Sigma Phi were installed May 11. They are Jean Williams, treasurer; Diana Brunner, vice-president; Cherry Corman, president; Ernie Sommerlatte, extension officer; Kay Clipson, recording secretary; and Mary Lou Szymanski, corresponding secretary...

Michael Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Thomas of Eagle Lake, received his AAS degree in Radiologic Technology at the 20th Commencement Program of the Houston Community College System on May 14...

Betty Janow of Eagle Lake received her Masters of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction at commencement exercises held in Victoria on May 16...

The 6th Annual Struss Invitational Bass Tournament was held April 23-25 at Cassels-Boykin Park on Lake Sam

Rayburn with over 250 men, women and children participating...

Army National Guard Pvt., Marco A. Salazar, Jr. son of Maria T. Salazar of Eagle Lake, completed one station unit training at the U.S. Army Infantry School in Fort Benning, Georgia...

Last rites were held May 20 for Douglas Tate, 58, of Eagle Lake...

Among the 23 names of those graduated in the class of 1982, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary lists was that of John Howard Reed, a native of Eagle Lake...

Citizens of the area welcomed a new Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrolman, Andy Pena, to the Eagle Lake Station...

Fred R. and Eunice G. Frnka, who have owned and published The Eagle Lake Headlight for the past 31 years, announced that the newspaper facilities would be sold upon the signing of final documents May 28 to John F. and Jeannine Fearing...

June 5, 1958
 R.L. Clipson, president of Eagle Lake Lions Club, presented Janet Gibson and Roy Dean Van Nort each a plaque proclaiming them as outstanding seniors of 1958...

Rev. Robert O. Tupper has suc-

ceeded the Rev. Fred Gaston as pastor of Lissie Evangelical United Brethren Church where he had previously served several years ago...

Miss Gladys Schade became the bride of Donald Hicks Sunday in Columbus. The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. T.H. Epps of Eagle Lake...

Mrs. Helmer Seaholm is recovering nicely from a light stroke Tuesday a week ago...

Mrs. W.A. Stallman complimented her daughter, Marilyn, on her fourth birthday Tuesday with a party...

Don Stallman was honored on his fourth birthday by his mother, Mrs. Roy Stallman, with a party Friday...

Mr. and Mrs. V.R. Corman honored their son, Victor, upon his graduation from high school with a breakfast at Epps' Cafe...

Carey Hanly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hanly of Eagle Lake, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Rice Institute...

Winning first place in the sweepstakes golf tournament at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center Friday, Memorial Day, was the team composed of Ralph Gertson, I.I. Leet of Dallas, Dr. W.J. Quirke of Wharton, and E.J. Parma by accumulating 79 points.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the period ending May 11.

Friday, April 28
 At 10:15 am, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to a residence near Weimar in reference to a Death Investigation. Justice of the Peace Pct. 2, Ed Hanzelka, arrived on scene to perform the Inquest. After an investigation, the cause of death was determined to be natural causes. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 11:25 am, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to CR 273 near Weimar in reference to a stolen vehicle. During the investigation, it was discovered that a burglary occurred, at which time an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) was stolen. The ATV was entered into the state and national database as stolen. Case pending recovery of stolen ATV and further investigation to identify the suspect(s).

Saturday, April 29
 At about 9:28 am, Deputy Ferro responded to Sandy Creek Road in reference to Criminal Mischief. The complainant reported that someone cut the fence between his property and the LCRA. A report was filed and the LCRA Rangers will be notified about possible trespassing on LCRA property. Case pending further information on suspect(s).

At 5:40 pm, Deputy Wilson and Sgt. Edman responded to Strickland Lane near Eagle Lake in reference to a disturbance. On arrival, it was determined that the incident was a verbal argument and no criminal offense had occurred. The parties involved in the argument elected to separate for the evening. Case closed.

At 9:20 pm, Deputy Wilson and Sgt. Edman responded to a residence on FM 532 near Oakland in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, Nancy Marie Wright, 38 of Schulenburg, was arrested for Family Violence Assault, Class C Misdemeanor. Case closed by arrest.

Sunday, April 30
 At 4 pm, Deputy Ferro responded to a residence near Eagle Lake in reference to a possible Theft. After an investigation, the incident appears to be a civil matter. The complainant was referred to small claims court.

Case closed.

At 10:20 pm, Deputy Wilson responded to the Columbus Community Hospital in reference to an assault that occurred on CR 106 near Columbus. After an investigation, Billy Roy Wisdom, 56 of Columbus, was arrested on a warrant for Family Violence Assault, Class A Misdemeanor. Case closed by arrest.

At 11:27 pm, Deputy Thumann initiated a traffic stop on CR 220 near Weimar. After further investigation, Helen Marie Rother, 44 of Weimar, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. Case closed by arrest.

Monday, May 1
 At 7:25 am, Sgt. Girdnt responded to IH-10 near the 689-mile marker in reference to a report of an intoxicated driver. The suspect vehicle was located and a traffic stop was conducted. After the investigation, Jorge Luna Garcia, 37 of Houston, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and Prohibited Substance in Correctional Facility. Case closed by arrest.

At 9:45 am, Deputy Ferro met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to an Indecency case. After an investigation, the incident was determined to have occurred in Matagorda County. The case was turned over to the Matagorda County Sheriff's Department.

At 1 pm, Deputy LaCourse responded to a residence on CR 250 in reference to a Theft. There is one suspect and the case remains under investigation.

Tuesday, May 2
 At 7 am, Deputy LaCourse responded to Old McDonald Lane and Hwy 90 in reference to a disturbance. After an investigation, no criminal activity was reported. Case closed.

At 10:53 am, Lt. Neisner responded to Roadrunner Lane and FM 109 north of Columbus in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported that oil field equipment was stolen from several well sites on the property. There is one suspect at this time. Case pending further investigation.

At 12 pm, Deputy LaCourse responded to Yearwood Lane in reference to Criminal Mischief. The complainant reported that someone had run over his mailbox. During the investigation, one suspect was located

and the incident was determined to be an accident. After the investigation, the mailbox was replaced and no charges were pursued. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 4 pm, Deputy Crane and Sgt. Girdnt responded to Canal Street in Garwood in reference to a disturbance. After an investigation, Justin Oneal Fitzgerald, 19 of Garwood, was arrested for Terroristic Threat, Family Violence (Class A Misdemeanor). Case closed.

At 6 pm, Deputy Wilson responded to Rice High School in reference to an Assault. After an investigation, disciplinary action was taken by the School District. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 11:04 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to CR 213 near Weimar in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, Andrew Stewart McGaughey, 28 of Weimar, was arrested for Assault, Class A Misdemeanor. Case closed by arrest.

Wednesday, May 3
 At 12:30 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to Burford Street in Garwood in reference to a disturbance. After an investigation, no criminal offense occurred and the family was referred to Youth and Family Services. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 3:30 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to Connor's Crossing near Columbus in reference to a civil family dispute over property. The complainant wanted the incident documented. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 3:45 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to Hwy 71 and 90 A in reference to a disturbance with verbal threats. On arrival, an investigation was conducted. After an investigation, Gary Sanchez Cancino, 41 of George West, was issued a citation to appear in court for Assault by Threat. Case closed by summons.

At 11:04 pm, Deputy Mieth, Sgt. Girdnt and Deputy Crane responded to Mentz road in reference to a disturbance. On arrival, it was determined that no criminal offense occurred. The parties involved in the argument agreed to separate for the night. A report was filed and the case is closed.

Thursday, May 4
 At 11:15 am, Deputy Pflughaupt

and Lt. Neisner met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about a Sexual Assault that occurred near Weimar. An investigation was initiated and the case is pending further action.

Friday, May 5
 At 12:28 am, Deputy Mieth and Sgt. Busby initiated a traffic stop on IH-10 near the 694-mile marker. After an investigation, Fred Russell Golightly, 56 of San Ygnacio, was arrested for Reckless Driving, Class B Misdemeanor.

At 1:35 pm, Deputy Hudson spoke with a complainant who reported that a laptop computer was stolen back in December 2005, while enrolled at the Texas Bible Institute on CR 101 south of Columbus. A report was filed and the case is closed due to lack of information and failure to report in a timely manner.

At 5:20 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to a residence on Front Street in Glidden in reference to a child custody matter. The incident was resolved and a report was filed to document the incident. Case closed.

Saturday, May 6
 At 2:25 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to an Identity Theft. One suspect was identified and the case is pending charges.

At 2:27 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to Yett Street in Eagle Lake in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported that someone stole her inspection sticker. There is one suspect. Case pending further investigation.

At 9:07 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to a residence on FM 949 in reference to a disturbance that occurred on IH-10 near the 698-mile marker. The information was obtained and a report was filed. Case closed with no charges.

At 9:29 pm, Sgt. Edman initiated a traffic stop on FM 3013 near Eagle Lake. After an investigation, Jarvis Bernard Knight, 31 of Wharton, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While License Suspended w/ a Previous Conviction. Case closed by arrest.

At 11:54 pm, Deputy Staff responded to a residence on Oak Street near Eagle Lake in reference to Family

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