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Senior Citizen Property Tax Break Busts Spending Cap

AUSTIN — The Texas House of Representatives concurred with the state Senate in passing Senate Concurrent Resolution 20, a measure guaranteeing a property tax break for senior citizens by "busting" the state spending cap.

Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said it wouldn't be a problem to devote \$14 billion to tax relief for seniors now, before the House gets any deeper

into the budgeting process.

SCR 20 passed on a vote of 95-50, drawing opposition from House members who felt it would be better to wait until:

(1) State Comptroller Susan Combs delivers a revenue estimate, and

(2) the House Appropriations Committee prioritizes and funds all of the demands in the state budget.

Reps. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, and Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, said

passing SCR 20 was putting the cart before the horse. Both lawmakers said the House, like a family, has to know how much money is in the bank before deciding how to spend it.

Coal plant plan slows down

Austin State District Judge Stephen Yelenosky in effect said "not so-fast!" to Gov. Rick Perry's executive order to speed up by six months the permit process for the building of 11 coal-fired power plants on sites across Texas.

Yelenosky instructed judges with the State Office of Administrative Hearings to ignore Perry's executive order. That office conducts the public hearings, and the input from those hearings is supposed to go into the decision-making process. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has the final say.

Groups of citizens have been protesting the construction of new coal-fired power plants, arguing that the plants pose health hazards by dumping toxins and particulate matter into the air.

Activists staged anti-coal demonstrations downtown and a small plane putted along in the sky

above the Capitol dome, dragging a banner picturing a child's coal-smeared face with the words "Coal Is Dirty."

Lawmakers fight HPV order

Gov. Perry's early February executive order requiring girls entering the sixth grade to get vaccinated against Human papillomavirus raised a ruckus in the Texas Legislature.

Lawmakers are moving toward passing legislation to override Perry's executive order.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, and others, criticized the chief executive for trying to legislate and for trying to seize parents' authority to make decisions concerning the health of their children.

The governor's connection to pharmaceutical giant Merck, the manufacturer of Gardasil, the vaccine for HPV, has prompted questions on his motive for issuing the executive order.

Defibrillator legislation is filed

Texas schools that don't al-

ready have Automated External Defibrillators would be required to get them under legislation sponsored by Rep. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen.

Hinojosa's Senate Bill 7 is part of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's sweeping "Texas Children First" package of legislation.

The devices, which cost about \$2,000, are capable of restarting a stopped heart. The need for them at school athletic functions has been widely publicized.

Co-authors of SB 7 include Sens. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville; Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio; Bob Deuell, R-Greenville; and Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

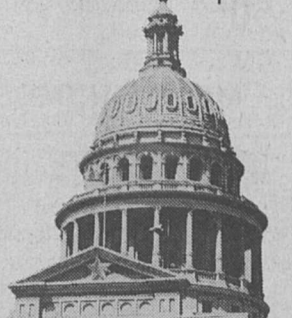
About half of the state's 8,000 public school campuses do not have the lifesaving devices, the Texas Education Agency reported.

Bill addresses future water needs

Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, on Feb. 22, filed legislation to develop, manage and preserve the state's water supply decades into the future.

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By Ed Sterling

Senate Bill 3 addresses flow requirements and water rights permitting and includes measures to manage existing and future water supplies.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, lauded Averitt for filing SB 3, saying, "By the year 2060 our population will have more than doubled, yet the amount of available water will remain the same."

"That means unless we take the necessary steps today, we will lack the water we need to support our fast growing population tomorrow."

Mount Sinai Evangelical Ministries Will Host a Fish Fry Sat., March 3

Plates consisting of Catfish, German Potatoes, Green Beans,

Bread and Cake are \$6 Each



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March 3, 1983

A community outreach arose after the unconscious body of Mrs. Gay Enghard, 90, was found in her burglarized home. Mrs. O.L. Mill and Sgt. Dan Easter discovered the body...

Funeral services wre held for Mrs. Ada Ruth Briggs who passed away February 15 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Jane Dostal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dostal, is currently in training in the javelin and shot put events for the women's track and field team at

Texas A&I...

A Sheridan businesswoman, Mrs. Helen Brisco, has won the first place award for organizational sales among all managers of Luzier Personalized Cosmetics...

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary last week...

The Houston Post's Leon Hale has certainly centered on the Eagle Lake area in the past week. Last Thursday the Priesmeyer's Western Store was featured and Sunday Dr. Rose Roquemore and the depot were the center of attention...

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Henske and children Kevin and Tanya, of Aqua Dulce were weekend visitors in Eagle Lake with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Breithaupt and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henske and other relatives...

Friends join in wishing good health to Mrs. Irene Janow, mother of Ron Janow, who has been ill and is in Methodist Hospital in Houston...

Friend's prayers for a speedy recovery are extended to Ervin "Shorty" Rucka who is in Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

A Happy Birthday is wished for Dr. J.C. Laughlin, which is on March 4...

Ted Weldon Smith, 50, died of natural causes on February 10 in Houston. Graveside services were conducted March 16 at 2 p.m. at Lakeside Cemetery with the Rev. Bob James officiating...

Clyde Patterson "Pat" Brown died Sunday at his home in Richmond. Funeral services were con-

ducted from Mill Bauer Chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday with Rev. J. Melburn Sibley officiating...

Mrs. Bernice Karber died on February 22 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Funeral services were held in Eagle Lake last Thursday at 10 a.m. from the Mill Bauer Chapel. Rev. Charles Runk and Rev. J. Melburn Sibley officiated...

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p.m. from the Mill Bauer Chapel for Mrs. Edna Irl Campbell. Mrs. Campbell passed away suddenly last Friday at the Heritage House Nursing Home. Rev. J. Melburn Sibley officiated at the services...

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Spalinger are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Gail, to Michael Eugene Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Benton Phillips of London, England...

Four Future Teacher members and sponsor, attending the 34th annual TFTA Convention in Dallas at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on February 18-19, received two state awards in their entries of yearbook and scrapbook. Accepting the honors were Kevin Brisco, Vicky Hernandez, Deborah Kretschmer, Mary Lynn Kallina, and sponsor Lillian Gohlke.

February 26, 1959

Prospects are good of another gas distillate completion on the No. 1 Hayes Stephens Estate as Ohio Oil Company continues tests...

Leo Schoellmann of the Garwood Future Farmers of

America received a certificate as the student with the most improved agriculture program by an executive board composed of FFA officers. He also received a pair of handmade boots donated to the Garwood FFA by Pete McKenzie...

Funeral services were held for Mrs. A. F. (Millie) Harbert from the Christ Episcopal Church Saturday, February 21 with interment in the Masonic Cemetery...

Magnolia Petroleum Company employees and their wives gathered at the Community Center last Tuesday evening for a dinner party honoring L.E. Henry of Eagle Lake, upon his retirement with the company on March 1...

Twelve hogs and 32 calves brought in \$9,904.60 at the Garwood FFA Calf and Swine Sale in Garwood last Saturday. Winning first place in the calf division was Lonnie Labay and his calf was sold for 45 cents per pound to L7 Ranch of Garwood. The first place hog was raised by Louis Kuba and he received 41 cents per pound for his 215 pound grand champion...

After 55 years of service with the Santa Fe Railroad Company, J.M. Harry, 71, retired last month as Station Agent in the Garwood community...

The Rev. Father Wilthold Paulus, formerly of Chappel Hill, has been named assistant pastor at St. Roch's Catholic Church in Dentz. He will assist Rev. A.W. Dider, pastor of Eagle Lake and Mentz parishes...

Miss Susan Braden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Braden, was honored on her sixth birthday



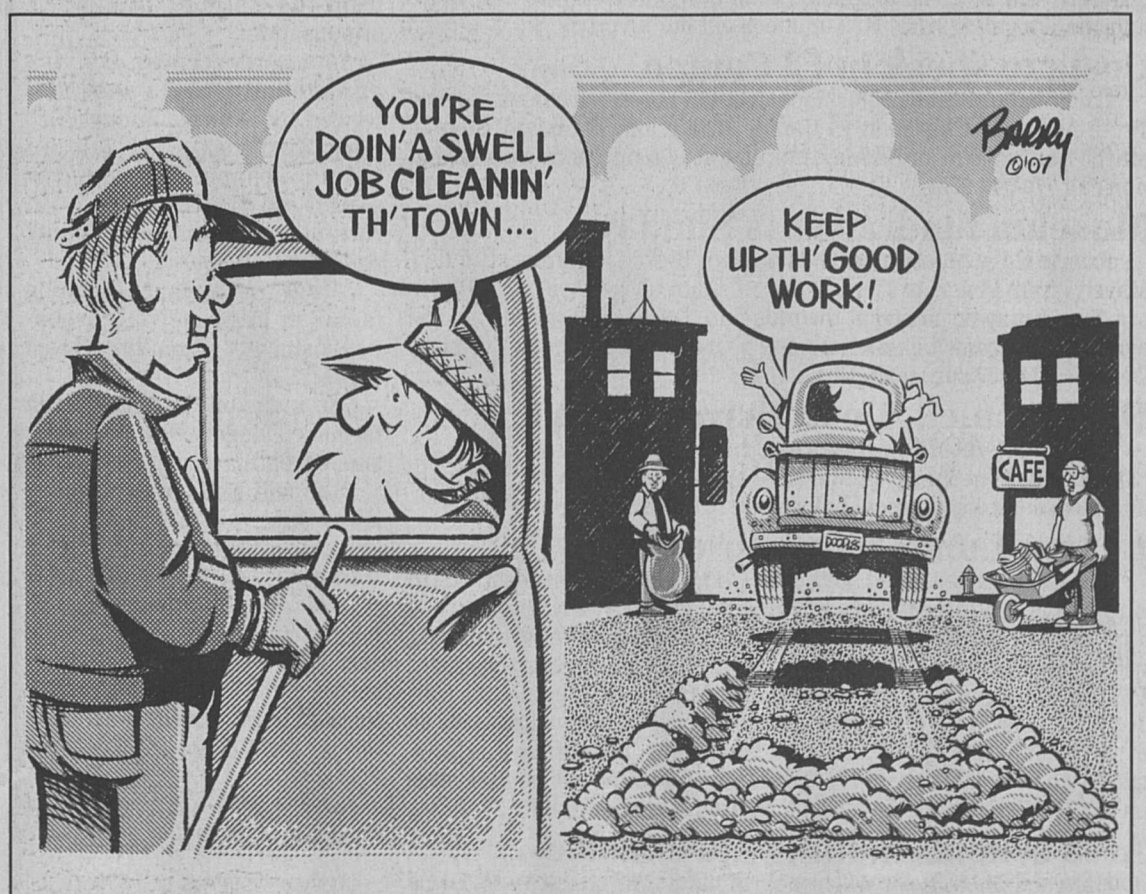
To all of our wonderful friends and customers:

Doug's Father has gone to be with the Lord.

We will be Closed February 28 to March 9.

Open March 10 at 6 a.m.

God Bless, Doug and Janie Schwemm



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