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Governor Finishes Bill Signing, Vetoing

By June 15, two days before the veto deadline, Gov. Rick Perry had signed HB 1, the state's two-year budget for 2008-2009, vetoed 53 bills and signed thousands of others.

Perry used the line-item veto to remove what he considers "pork" from the budget, but HB 1 still totals out at more than \$150 billion.

Among aspects of HB 1 Perry praised are an increase in border security funding by more than \$100 million, an additional \$146 million in college financial aid, funding for a new motion picture incentive program, and more money for the Children's Health Insurance Program.

One of the bills Perry signed, HB 14, creates the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and dedicates \$300 million in general obligation bonds to annually fund scientific research to find a cure for cancer.

But funding for HB 14 will depend on registered voters who participate in the constitutional amendment election Nov. 6.

The ballot will include a proposition for authorization of \$3 billion in general obligation bonds for use during a span of 10 years.

Medicaid Coverage to Reach More

SB 10, authored by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, and Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple, also got Perry's signature.

This law, which takes effect Sept. 1, expands the reach of Medicaid, giving health benefits to 200,000 more Texans than are presently uncovered.

Perry said SB 10 will: --Help qualified people enroll in private insurance and employer-sponsored plans;

--Create tailored benefit packages for children with special health care needs;

--Promote consumer choice through health savings accounts and consumer directed services;

--Reward healthy lifestyle behaviors with health care incentives; and

--Set a cost-sharing base for non-emergency use of emergency rooms.

Perry Signs Religious View Act

The governor signed HB 3678 by Rep. Charlie Howard, R-Sugar Land, the Religious Viewpoint Anti-Discrimination Act.

This act, which takes effect Sept. 1, requires school districts to adopt and implement a policy establishing a limited public forum for student speakers at school events.

Included in the bill is a model policy that districts may directly adopt or use for reference.

HB 3678 protects a student from being punished for expressing a religious viewpoint verbally or in a class assignment.

It also allows students to form prayer groups, religious clubs and "see-you-at-the-pole" gatherings before, during and after school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other noncurricular student activities and groups.

Secretary of State Resigns

Roger Williams on June 11

announced his resignation as secretary of state, effective July 1. Gov. Perry named his own deputy chief of staff Phil Wilson to succeed Williams.

Wilson earlier worked as the governor's communications director and previously was state director for then-U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas.

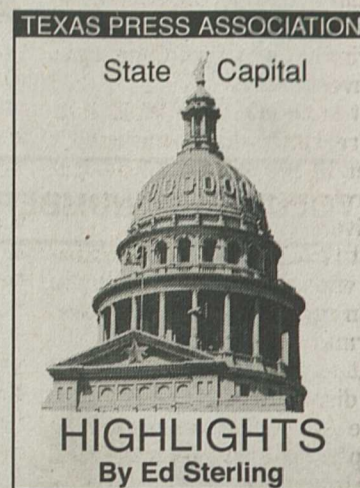
Williams served more than two years as Texas' 105th secretary of state. In that capacity he served as the state's chief election officer.

He also worked to create jobs and develop the state's economy, leading business recruitment missions around the U.S. and trade promotion missions in Mexico, Canada and Japan.

TCEQ Approves Coal Plants

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on June 13 overruled two State Office of Administrative Hearings judges in approving a permit allowing TXU to build two lignite coal-fired power plants in Robertson County.

Environmental groups and a number of state lawmakers and other public officials, mainly from the Austin area and Dallas-Fort Worth, have come out in opposi-



Objections to the plant have been lodged, citing the release of unhealthy levels of particulate matter, ozone, greenhouse gases and mercury.

TXU Power, a subsidiary of TXU Corp., released a statement lauding the decision to allow construction of the plants, saying, "The TCEQ has determined that the Oak Grove air permit will be protective of human health and the environment."

"This permit contains some of the cleanest emission standards ever set for a lignite power plant, and the plant will help meet Texas' near-term need for power."

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Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

June 23, 1983

Brian Hadley, son of Dwight and Susan Hadley celebrated his second birthday on June 18...

An open house honoring Mrs. Edith Horton on her 93 birthday will be held Sunday...

Stacy and Marilyn Mueller proudly announced the birth of their second child, a boy, Russell Clint Mueller. He was born Friday, June 17 at 12:27 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital he weighed eight pounds even and measured 19 inches long...

Tim Luedecke, Jr. celebrated his 5th birthday on June 12 with a party given by his parents Tim and Judy Luedecke and his sister Kristie...

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rucka are pleased to announce the arrival of their second child, a boy, who has been named John Michael. He was born at Gulf Coast Medical Foundation in Wharton on Thursday, May 26 at 11:44 p.m. He weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 1/2

inches long...

Recent visitors in the homes of Mrs. Johnny Havens and Mrs. H.T. Neiswender were Mrs. Frank Brtelle of San Antonio, Mrs. Ester Voelkel of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Havens of Beaumont...

Welcome to Eagle Lake, Dr. and Mrs. R. Russell Thomas, Jr. We are told that they are just about settled in their Eagle Lake home with a big thank you to Russell's mother Mrs. Ray Thomas.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

District Court Dispositions June 14, 2007

Jermaine J. Alexander, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to five years TDC.

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Donald Ray Brown, Jr., unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, fined \$750.

Tonny A. Clayton, aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury. Unsatisfactory discharge from probation.

Webster E. Crader, aggravated robbery. Sentenced to 45 years TDC.

Grant N. Guthmann, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$750.

Reed Lewis Howren, burglary of a building. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000, restitution (23 days in jail, credit for 23 days).

Russell C. Nelson, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000 to SAFFP.

Michael Paul Rico, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years TDC.

Kenneth Earl Simmons, Jr., burglary of habitation. Probation conditions modified, in custody till transfer to ISF.

Christal Shenise Rene Smith, credit card or debit card abuse. Sentenced to two years state jail, probated for five years, fined \$500, \$209.31 restitution.

One Suit Filed In District Court

One lawsuit was filed in the last week in Colorado County District Court.

On June 18, St. Paul Lutheran Church of Columbus filed suit against Daryl Laake, doing business as Laake and Son Signs, in a dispute over a sign.

According to the suit, the church contracted with Laake on Dec. 27, 2006, to purchase and install a 6-foot by 12-foot sign.

The suit states that the church paid \$7,019, but the sign has not been installed.

The suit is seeking damages the suit claims the church incurred.

Marriage Licenses

Johnathan Hugo Guthrie to Leslie Evelyn Girndt, issued June 15.

Christopher A. Leopold to Justina Lee Armstrong, issued June 15.

Eric Martin Mitchell to Kristina Nichole Orey, issued June 11.

Daniel Abinadi Mose to Melissa Ann Andreoletti, issued June 14.

Taylor Bittner Radley to Jessica Anne Whisnant, issued June 11.

Michael Anthony Wick to Deborah Faye Stevens, issued June 11.

Divorces Granted

Sherilyn Elaine Nichols and Wayne Bernard Nichols Jr., June 18.

Dorothy Hurd and Ralph Hurd, June 18.

Gadabouts Honor Veterans

The Nada/Garwood Gadabout members honored Nada/Garwood area veterans with a social and luncheon on Flag Day June 14 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada. Approximately 100 veterans and guests attended the event.

Gadabouts President, Anita Meisner welcomed the veterans and speakers for the afternoon. Father Joe Vrana pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church delivered the Blessing before the meal, which consisted of fried chicken, and various covered dishes, desserts, tea and coffee provided by Gadabout members.

Many of the Gadabout members have a special interest in this activity, being the spouse of a veteran or the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran.

After the meal Anita intro-

duced Colorado County Judge, the Honorable Al Jamison who expressed his gratitude for all the sacrifices that our many veterans have made in the defense of our Country, he also commended the Gadabout members for their many hours of community service to the Nada/Garwood area.

Also Leon Brandt District 16 Commander of the American Legion and wife Lee of Richmond, Ben Garrison Past District 16 Commander and wife Marlene of Rosharon, Colorado County Commissioners Doug Wessels and Herb Helmcamp, Columbus City Councilwoman, Sandra Frnka and husband Leroy and Guest Speaker Lynn Staes Texas Land Board Representative who brought greetings from Texas Land Commissioner Jerry

Patterson. Staes conveyed her thanks to all veterans for their many contributions to their Country and commended the Gadabout members for their efforts to honor the veterans of Nada/Garwood area.

Special recognition was given to Alois Bitner the eldest WWII veteran attending and Booker T. Dabney a veteran of two wars, WWII and Korea and to the only lady WWII veteran attending, Lydia Fojtik Cooper of Garwood.

Thanks to Mike Kunz for frying the chicken with helpers, Bernard Kristynik, Gerald Noteboom and Leon Meisner and to the decorations committee members Catherine Berger, Clara Gold and Helen Noteboom who carried out a patriotic theme of red, white and blue and also distributed attendance prizes.

The ceremony was closed with a prayer and blessing given by Father Vrana and in observance of Flag Day a tribute to the American Flag and the playing of Taps in memory of all veterans.

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