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# State Budget Will Be Hashed Out By Conference Committee

AUSTIN - No surprise: On April 24 the Senate refused to concur with House amendments to SB 1, the 2010-2011 proposed state budget.

The next step is for a conference committee on SB 1 to reconcile differences in the \$178 billion House version and the Senate's \$182.2 billion version.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, appointed five senators to the conference committee:

- Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, chair of the Senate Finance Committee.
- Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, vice chair, Senate Finance Committee.

- Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, chair of the Senate Education Committee.
- Royce West, D-Dallas, chair of the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee.
- Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, chair of the Senate Administration Committee.

House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, will name five House members to the conference committee.

Nine bills hit governor's desk As of April 24, a total of nine bills had been passed by both the House and Senate and had been signed or were ready to be signed by the governor.

- One of the three House bills makes it easier for film studios to get state grant money to do their work in Texas.
- Another bill helps to implement a better security system in and around the Houston Ship Channel.
- And, another amends current law by increasing the number of hours that alcoholic beverages can be delivered wholesale or sold in Harris County or its contiguous counties.

- One of six Senate bills to make it to the governor's desk enhances educational opportunities for the children of military families.
- Another bill preserves citizens' immunization records kept in the state immunization registry past the age of 18.
- And, another bill amends the utilities code so that a power company can recover in a timely manner its post-disaster system restoration costs by charging higher rates to customers.

The governor also has signed a total of 45 House and Senate proclamations and resolutions, most of which are congratulatory or memorial in nature.

**Driver's license format debuts**

The Texas Department of Public Safety on April 22 announced it had switched to a new driver's license format, effective April 15.

The size and shape of the plastic cards are the same, but the cards contain "numerous security features" that the agency announced it would reveal only to law enforcement agencies, financial institutions and other state agencies.

Current licenses are valid but will be phased out as they expire, the DPS said.

**Natural gas fuel money sought**

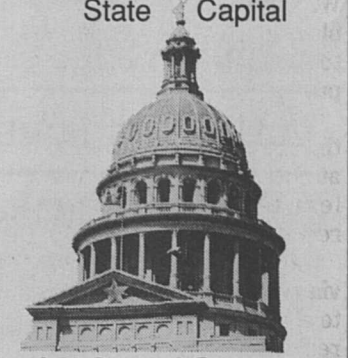
Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson on April 21 said the Texas General Land Office will seek \$15 million in federal money to be matched by T. Boone Pickens' Clean Energy Inc. to build natural gas fuel stations across Texas.

Patterson said natural gas vehicles emit about 25 percent less greenhouse gases than vehicles powered by gasoline.

The public-private effort also has a goal to increase the size of

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**Compensation bill approved**

The House on April 24 voted in favor of the Tim Cole Act, HB 1736, legislation to increase lump-sum compensation for persons convicted for crimes they did not commit.

The amount would increase from \$50,000 to \$80,000 per year of incarceration.

Cole died in a Texas prison for a crime he did not commit.

**Let's Look Back...**

## 24 YEARS AGO

**May 23, 1985**  
 Miss Elizabeth Berger was graduated from Sam Houston State University in an impressive ceremony held at the University Coliseum in Huntsville on Sunday, May 11 at 10 a.m. Elizabeth, one of 753 graduating seniors, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and Corrections. Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Berger of Garwood. Attending the ceremony were her parents, and Richard Matzke of Wharton...

**Mr. and Mrs. LeeRoy Lundquist** honored Miss Rachelle Hunt, 1985 spring graduate of Rice High School, with a Garden Buffet at their home in Garwood, Saturday evening, May 4...

**Mr. and Mrs. Donald Waddell** of Alleyton was honored by their children on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a reception and dance on Sunday, May 26 at Mentz Recreation fall in Mentz...

**Mrs. LeeRoy Lundquist** of Garwood complemented her

daughter, Ms. Erie Muegge of Wharton, with a luncheon on Saturday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m. in her home honoring her on her birthday...

**Miss Trish Marie Chisum**, 4, daughter of Ricky and Patsy Chisum of Sheridan, has been selected as a contestant in the 1985 South East Texas State Today's Little Dream Pageant to be held on June 21 and 22 at the Marriott Galleria, Houston...

**Ethel Odell Austin**, 92, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 4:20 a.m. on May 9 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Many friends and relatives attended the funeral, which was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 11 from Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with the Rev. Charles Runk pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake...

**Miss Bertha Morales** and **Reggie Montemayor** were united in marriage in a lovely ceremony at 7 p.m. on the evening of Friday, May 17 at the Notre Dame Catholic Church in Alief with Reverend Tom Wenderland officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morales of Eagle Lake. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montemayor of Eagle Lake...

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Snyder** of Wharton announce the engagement of their daughter, **JoNell** to **Eugene Kazmir**, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kazmir of Sheridan. The wedding is set for four o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, June 8 at the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship...

**Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Lloyd**

natural gas vehicle fleets.

**AG files suit against business**

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on April 23 charged Eyal Siman-Tov with violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act for operating a fraudulent water-as-fuel scheme.

Siman-Tov, a southern California businessman, operates 1 Freedom Inc. and a Web site, water4gas.com.

The defendant's do-it-yourself manuals on installing water-to-fuel devices in vehicles do not reduce fuel costs, increase gas mileage or enhance engine performance, according to the state's enforcement action.

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## COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Ten individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Friday, April 24. They included:

- Alfonso Benavides, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, fined \$750.
- Douglas Wayne Bratcher, prohibited substance correction facility-alcohol/drug/phon. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000, \$140 restitution, SAFFP.
- Carey Craddock, tamper fabricate physical evidence w/intent to impair. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$750.
- Chad Everett Folmar, theft of firearm. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, ISF.
- Chad Everett Folmar, burglary of building. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, ISF.
- Norman Henderson, III, aggravated assault w/deadly weapon. Sentenced to three years TDCJ-ID.
- Eliseo Medina, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three years TDCJ-ID.
- Eliseo Medina, bail jumping and fail to appear. Sentenced to three years TDCJ-ID.
- Daniel Ordino, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three years TDCJ-ID.
- Efren Renteria, evading arrest/detention using vehicle. Sentenced to 180 days in jail.
- Martin Saenz, driving while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup> or more. Sentenced to five years TDCJ-ID.
- Martin Saenz, bail jumping and fail to appear. Sentenced to five years TDCJ-ID.
- Larry Showalter, prohibited substance correction facility-alcohol/drug/phon. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$500.

**Divorces Filed**  
 April 28, Jean Helmcamp Barkley and Douglas Keith Barkley, April 28.

**Divorces Granted**  
 Maricelva G. Aguirre and Martin R. Aguirre, April 27.  
 Jerome Nathaniel and Myesha Katrina Nathaniel, April 27.

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## Leaf, Grass Pickup

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pickup, to call the city office and let them know, so that they can expedite pickups.

The letter reads as follows:  
 Leaf and grass cuttings will no longer be picked up the garbage truck on its regular weekly route. Residents are asked to bag all leaves and grass cuttings separate from their household garbage, and to place these bags out at the street near their usual garbage pickup location on the

first Monday of each month. Paper, cans, or any other type of garbage cannot be mixed in with the leaves and/or grass.

Bags must be transparent in order to verify contents, and may not be larger than 40 gallons. Bags need to be of acceptable weight grade to prevent tearing or breaking of the bags. Bags may be purchased at City Hall for a nominal fee if residents are unable to find bags that are acceptable.

City personnel will access the amount of leaf/grass bags that need to be picked up. They will make every effort to have all bags picked up by the end of the same week. Adjustments of this policy may be necessary on an "as needed" basis. You may call 234-2640 for more details or if you have questions.

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