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**More Bad News For The State Budget**

AUSTIN - State Comptroller Susan Combs has said tax collections in June were more than 11 percent below collections in June of last year. That could translate into a budget shortfall of \$550 million if the economy continues to falter, with only two months left in the fiscal year.

About half the state's general fund budget is derived from sales taxes on consumer spending, and Texans aren't spending like they have in recent years. Cities across the state also are wrestling with falling revenues.

Combs said the biggest decline in revenue was from the oil and gas industry, which benefited last year from higher prices and more drilling activity but which has since fallen off.

**Lampasas Publisher to Head State Board of Education**

Gail Lowe has been named chairwoman of the controversial State Board of Education. Gov. Rick Perry selected Lowe, co-publisher of the Lampasas Dispatch Record, after the Legislature refused to confirm Bryan dentist Don McLeroy, the previous chairman and Perry's first choice.

Lowe is solidly in the conservative camp on the divided board, but she has remained largely in the background during bruising fights over evolution and teaching the Bible in public schools in Texas.

Board members are already braced for another fight over the social studies curriculum. A curriculum reviewer named by Lowe has said the Bible and religious beliefs should be emphasized in history and government classes.

Board members, elected from 15 districts around the state, select textbooks and set curriculum standards for Texas schools.

**UT Poll Shows Perry Ahead in Governor's Race**

A new poll by researchers at the University of Texas at Austin has Perry ahead of Republican challenger U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison among voters who plan to vote in the March 2010 GOP primary. Perry was the choice of 38 percent of those who responded to the pollsters, while Hutchison was the preference of 26 percent.

The wild card, of course, is the huge undecided vote. Fully 34 percent of respondents said they were undecided or planning to vote for someone else. Still, it was good news for Perry after a Rasmussen poll released in May showed him and Hutchison in a dead heat.

**Science Curriculum Progressing at UT System Campuses**

A program to ramp up science classes at University of Texas campuses around the state has been praised as a great success. The UT System plugged about \$3 billion into the effort, which

began in 2006. So far, the plan has resulted in 89 new science faculty members and more than 800,000 square feet of new laboratory, clinical and research space, according to system officials.

While only \$74 million was spent on hiring and retaining faculty members at the system's 15 academic and health sciences campuses, those hires have produced millions more in research grants, officials said.

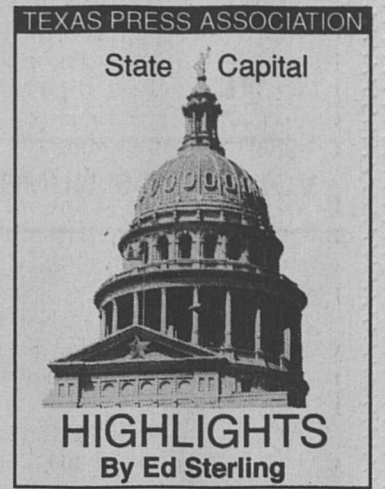
**Gonzales lands at Texas Tech**

Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has been appointed a visiting professor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Gonzales, who resigned as attorney general in 2007 after a stormy tenure as head of the Justice Department, will teach a course in contemporary issues in the executive branch.

Gonzales previously served as President George W. Bush's general counsel in the White House and as a Texas Supreme Court Justice before being confirmed as the country's first Hispanic U.S. attorney general. He will earn \$100,000 at Tech.

**Steroid Testing Continues to Find Few High School Abusers**

Only eight cases of steroid use among Texas high school athletes were confirmed among the more than 16,200 tested from January



through May. Since testing began in early 2008 after the Legislature approved the \$6 million measure, more than 45,000 students have been tested for steroid use, and only 19 cases have been confirmed.

Last session, the Legislature cut funding for the program to \$2 million over the next two years.

**Child Drownings**

With 63 cases of children drowning in Texas so far this year, health officials are warning Texans to take precautions and never leave children in a pool alone.

Dr. Pat Crocker, chief of emergency medicine at Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin, said children younger than 4 should never be without arm's length from a watching adult. Swimming pools should be covered and fences locked. Children over the age of 13 should learn CPR.

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

**August 8, 1985**  
 Leora Melrose Hurd, 78, of Eagle Lake, passed away on July 31 at the Heritage House Nursing Home in Eagle Lake. Graveside services and burial was conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 2 from Woodlawn Cemetery in Houston with Rev. Bill Odeum officiating...

A miscellaneous come and go shower was given Saturday, July 20 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in honor of Michelle Laseter, bride-elect of Carl Gene Brown. The shower was held in the home of Mrs. Frank Higgins...

Becky Ann Almanza was honored Saturday for her Mis Quince Anos, her 15th birthday, held for her by her parents Mr. and

Mrs. Steve (Yolanda) Almanza Jr., and sponsors. More than 300 guests enjoyed the day that included church services at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 2:30 p.m.; a reception from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Community Center, and a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Community Center featuring The Good Time Band. Her parents said they wished to express their thanks to everyone who helped, especially the sponsors Michelle Sosa, Alicia Alaniz, Belinda Alaniz, Laura Luna, Dana Cordova, Wendy Levis, Suzanne Corman, Christina Smith, Iris Cumpian, Kandie Almanza, Lori Flores, Jo Ann Torres, Jennifer Alvarado and Melinda Torres. Her sister, Kelly Marie Almanza, age 6, was the ring bearer, and Billie Jean Salazar was the crown bearer. Victoria Almanza, Becky's grandmother, was one of the many relatives who attended...

**Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Scott Lipperdt**, of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their first child a son, born on July 26 at 4:44 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The baby was named Michael Wayne Lipperdt and weighed seven pounds, one ounce. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Ward, of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Lipperdt, of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Buffington Sr. of Eagle Lake, Mrs. M.L. Ward of Keene, Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Lipperdt of Columbus and Mrs. M. Sillavan of Columbus...

**Mr. and Mrs. George (Bud) Kopezynski Jr.** of Spring are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Kurt Lee born August 1 at 11:58 a.m. and weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long...

**Mr. and Mrs. Mateo Navarro Jr.**, of Eagle Lake, announce the birth of their second child, a son, born on Saturday, July 27 at 10:36 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The baby was named Mateo Navarro, III and weighed nine pounds, four ounces. Mateo is welcomed home by a sister, Stephanie N. Navarro, one year and nine months old. Maternal

grandparents are Teodoro and Emma Manciaz, of Garwood. Paternal grandparents are Mateo and Effie Navarro, of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Atilano Cardenas, Sr. and Evelyn Rodriguez.

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**August 10, 1961**  
 Eagle Lake schools to open Tuesday, September 5, said Supt. Willard Ethridge...

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**Mike Bryant** of Weimar won the championship of the open golf tournament Sunday at Eagle Lake Recreation Center with a par 70. Clyde Brown of Eagle Lake put together a 35 and 37 for 72 for second place.

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**COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT**

**Twenty-eight Sentenced In County Court**

Trevor Lee Blankenship, reckless driving. Sentenced to six months deferred adjudication, fined \$100, plus court costs.

John A. Cordova, driving while intoxicated-2<sup>nd</sup> offense. Sentenced to two years probation, fined \$1,500, plus court costs, 18 months driver's license suspension, 28 days jail as C.O.P.

Bruce Coston, assault causing bodily injury. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$500, plus court costs.

Cheyenne Freeman, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250, plus court costs, ordered to enter drug program.

Rudolph Hernandez, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to eight days in jail, 90 days driver's license suspension.

Joshua M. Hoelscher, criminal trespass. Sentenced to six months deferred adjudication, fined \$250, plus court costs.

Jeffrey Jason Hogue, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$2,000.

Pedro Pena, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 20 days in jail, fined \$500, plus court costs, restitution.

Jose Luis Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, six months driver's license suspension.

John Scherbeh, assault causing bodily injury family member. Pled to Class C, fined \$250, plus court costs.

Matthew Serrano, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 12 months deferred adjudication, fined \$250, plus court costs, ordered to enter drug program.

John Wesley Thomas, possession of marijuana. Sentenced 45 days in jail.

Jose Luis Castilleja, fail to identify fugitive intent give false info. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Jessie Allen Cummins, assault causing bodily injury. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$150, plus court costs.

Elias Espinosa, driving while intoxicated-2<sup>nd</sup> offense. Sentenced to 45 days in jail, interlock device, fined \$500, plus court costs.

Shen Glover, criminal mischief. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350,

plus court costs, \$1,323.19 restitution.

Frankie Guajardo, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350, plus court costs.

Annie Zikuhr Henry, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 18 months probation, fined \$750, plus court costs, \$500 restitution.

Leroy Edward Janecka, Jr., possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Voncille Lopez, theft. Sentenced to 10 days in jail.

Peggy Manciaz, fleeing police officer. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$500, plus court costs.

Robert Lee Parker, Jr., driving while intoxicated-2<sup>nd</sup> offense. Sentenced to 45 days in jail, 12 months driver's license suspension, fined \$500, plus court costs.

Cesar A. Rendon, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined \$1,000.

Caroline M. Sutherland, driving while intoxicated. Probation extended six months, continue individual therapy.

Andre F. Toce, Jr., possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350, plus court costs.

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