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All three agree that State Rep-sentative Bill Presnal (D-Bryan) esn't belong on Texas Monthly gazine's list of the "Ten Worst gislators" from the 1977 session the Texas House and Senate.

buse Appropriations Board, thaps the most powerful office in elegislature next to the speaker the lieutenant governor.

Texas Monthly in its July issue i Presnal failed to lead his comee and used his influence to get as A&M more than its fair share

When you go rating legislators, have to realize the authors are ting their own opinions," eaker Bill Clayton said Monday. thought some of the opinions in article were valid. But others re pathetic, particularly the ones aling with Bill Presnal."

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Clayton said Presnal and two fer legislators on the "10 Worst Tom Massey of San Angelo dBob Davis of Irving, are among most dedicated and hard workepresentatives in the state.

Belton plans estive Fourth

its day-long July Fourth celebra-nat Yettie Polk Park. An annual since 1852 when the town was years old, Belton has many festies planned for an old-fashioned dependence Day celebration.

rodeo starts the fun July 1 and continue on the 2 and 4. The llers Contest begins at 1:30 July 4. Square dancing and ntry-western music will begin at 00 a.m. Monday. An arts and foreign to fair and an antique car show which said to under the shade trees in the and young alike will be offered.

these men around all day just to see how hard they work," Clayton said.

The article said Clayton was "dismayed" by Presnal's "abdication of responsibility." Clayton said he was dismayed not by Presnal, but by the appropriations committee

Bill Presnal was for the same thing I was, to keep the state budget down," Clayton said. "He did all he could, but the votes stacked against him. Just because he's the chairman that doesn't mean he can tell other members how to vote

Rumors that Presnal will not be asked to return as chairman in the next regular session are false, Clayton said.

'I haven't given it any thought. I've made it a point not to," Clayton said. "Any source close to me would have to give such information to the press of his own volition. They would have to guess what I was

Governor Dolph Briscoe passed the appropriations bill without a single item veto, the first time that has happened in the history of the Texas legislature. Clayton said it was "history making."

It just shows what a really good bill Presnal was able to produce once it got out of committee,

Charles D. Travis, director of the governor's budget and planning office, agreed the bill is a good one.
"We thought it was a good bill,

"I wish these writers had to follow Travis said. "It met the essential needs of the state for the next two

"I don't see any pork-barreling in "Travis said. "I know of no other state where the budget is reviewed

Jack K. Williams, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, called the Texas Monthly article

'stupid journalism.' "I resent the implication that Bill Presnal did anything special, illegal or wrong in what he did for Texas A&M University," Williams said. "Our operation has not profited any more from his position as appropriations chairman than before he was

To say he worked is accurate. To say he succeeded is accurate. But there is no truth to the implication that Bill Presnal did anything wrong in helping Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University Sys-

The director of the Texas Agricul-

C. Pfannstiel, said his organization received none of the pork-barrel money Texas Monthly claims Presnal carted away for the Texas A&M

"By no means did we receive all the money we asked for," Pfannstiel said. "We didn't get everything we needed or wanted. But things could always be worse.

Dr. Paul Kramer, director of the Texas Forest Service, said the same was true for his agency

"We haven't received enough to do the job," Kramer said.

Pfannstiel said he believes the Texas Monthly article was simply a play ploy to attract readership.
"We've worked with most of the men on the lists, on both extremes, Pfannstiel said. "Some weren't as

"But I guess it's a catchy title, saying you've chosen the "Ten Worst

good as they said and others weren't

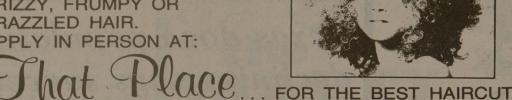
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