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Smooth to the touch

Brian Heiman, a senior mechanical engineering major from Houston, sands the centerboard for the Sailing Club's sailboat Thursday afternoon in front of Davis-Gary Hall. The centerboard helps keep the boat moving through the water in a line.

Hearings set on water plan

United Press International AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Water Resources Thursday announced eight regional hearings have been scheduled this summer to receive public comment on its draft statewide water plan. Executive director Charles E. Demir said the plan addresses water quality protection, conservation, municipal and industrial supplies and environment. After the hearing process, the 700-page plan will be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for consideration of adoption of the amended statewide water plan. Here is the hearing schedule: Longview, June 21; Dallas, June 28; McAllen, July 7; Lubbock, July 12; Abilene, July 14; El Paso, July 19; Austin, July 21, and Baytown, July 26.

Court rules retrial in speeding case

AUSTIN — An Austin woman who fought a \$200 speeding ticket on the grounds that her speed was "reasonable and prudent" although it was 10 mph above the posted limit has won a retrial. The 3rd Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday that the trial court judge may have prejudiced the jury when he noted Deborah Day was driving 55 mph in a 45 mph zone on a south Austin street. State law defines speeding as driving a vehicle "at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances then existing," but does not mention specific speed limits. While admitting she was driving 55 mph, Day contended she was driving at speed limits. The appeals court ordered a retrial "because we find the evidence entered at trial to have been sufficient to sustain the conviction."



Suit filed against paper

United Press International RIO GRANDE CITY — The Starr County Commissioners Court, accused by a newspaper of holding an illegal closed meeting, filed a \$1 million lawsuit against The Monitor Monday accusing it of maliciousness and sensationalism.

"It is in the interest of The Monitor to stimulate news which arise notoriety and sensationalism in order to stimulate the sale of their newspaper," the commissioners charged in the suit.

It was filed Monday in the 229th State District Court but not disclosed until Wednesday after a rival newspaper had published the story in banner headlines. A spokesman for the district clerk's office said the suit had become "misfiled."

The Monitor, located at McAllen, had sued the commissioners April 4, charging the group held an illegal closed

meeting March 24 at the Star County Courthouse in violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Jack King, the newspaper's executive editor, said, "I think it's just a reaction suit. I don't see that they have any grounds to sue us. We're challenging their ability to meet behind closed doors — that's all our suit is intended to do. I don't see how they can claim we damaged them in any way."

The commissioners sought \$750,000 in exemplary damages and an additional \$250,000 in actual damages for what they said was the Monitor's "willful and malicious filing of a non-meritorious lawsuit."

The suit, they charged, was intended to injure commissioners Amando Pena, Reynaldo Alaniz, Jose Alvarez and Norberto Montalvo, County Judge Blas Chapa, and Star County.

The newspaper filed its lawsuit after the commissioners passed a budget without comment after meeting behind closed doors to discuss what was described as "personnel matters." Reporters were not allowed to attend.

The Monitor charged that the meeting was a "ruse" to thwart public participation in the budgetary process.

The commissioners' suit said the Monitor had no legal standing to sue them or any basis to claim damages because the newspaper is published in neighboring Hidalgo County

and pays no taxes in Starr County.

The suit was filed on behalf of the commissioners by their special attorney, former county judge Frank Randall Nigh Jr. and his partner, Isabel Trevino, and Roma, attorney Arnulfo Guerra.

The South Texas Reporter, a Roma weekly in which Guerra has an interest, carried exclusive news of the county suit in banner headlines in Wednesday's edition.

Contending the government body did nothing wrong, the commissioners asked that the newspaper's suit be dismissed.

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