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## Governor upset with educators

United Press International

AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White said Thursday he is "outraged" at the lack of leadership from some state school officials in implementing the Texas Legislature's education reform plan.

"I'm outraged with people who are sitting there reading clear English declarative sentences and cannot understand what they mean," he said. "Maybe it is a reflection of their quality."

Although he did not identify any school officials, White clearly referred to state education Commissioner Raymond Bynum.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby cautioned the members of the new state school board Wednesday that some school administrators, including Bynum, were out to sabotage education reforms approved by the Legislature last summer.

Bynum, who plans to retire at year's end, has denied he tried to kill the reforms. But he has warned the new measures will create a teacher shortage.

"That is pure surmise," White said of Bynum's prediction. "That is a guess, a shot in the dark, and is not based on fact."

White said he expected a combination of higher teacher salaries and improved discipline in the schools to attract an adequate number of new teachers.

"If it (reforms) produces a teacher shortage because of the elimination of incompetent teachers, then so be it," he said. "What they don't say is the positive side of it. I hope this (new school) board will hire people who understand that."

White said Texans are tired of

"this dragging of feet, this backpedaling."

"What we're looking for is leadership, a positive note, to set aside the uncertainty in the education profession," he said.

"Can you imagine a coach standing up in front of his team and saying, 'You know boys we may not win this game today. We may have to flunk. He goes in there and says, 'We're going to win.'"

"I want that same academic excellence, going in there and telling them in that classroom, 'Son, you're going to pass. We're going to see that you pass. We're going to win'. That's the kind of attitude you have to have in the academic side of this thing."

On another subject, White accused the Reagan administration of playing politics with the selection of a site for a high level nuclear waste disposal facility in the Texas Panhandle.

White said Energy Secretary Donald Hodel has implied that if Republican Congressman Phil Gramm is elected to the Senate that the facility will not be located in Texas.

Meanwhile, White said his administration is considering the possibility of transferring some troublemakers within the state penal system to prisons outside Texas.

White said Texas may enter a compact with other states to exchange troublesome convicts in an attempt to break up violent prison gangs.

## Malakoff

PUC may give power plant  
plans axe; legislators upset

United Press International

AUSTIN — Two Texas legislators Thursday challenged a Public Utility Commission examiner's recommendation that could prompt the scrapping of a proposed Houston Lighting & Power Co. generating plant in Henderson County.

"We are stunned and angry that this examiner has ruled the word of Texas means nothing," said Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville.

PUC hearing examiner Ramon Dasch recommended Sept. 24 that the three-member utility regulatory commission revoke a permit for the \$1.9 billion Malakoff plant because of the availability to HL&P of cheaper cogenerated power.

The PUC permit for the plant, about 50 miles west of Tyler, was originally issued in 1982, but the commission staff decided five months ago to investigate the cost-effectiveness of the proposed plant.

Edwards and Rep. Tom Waldrop, D-Corsicana, who represent residents in the Malakoff community, said HL&P had already spent "well over \$100 million" in developing plans for the two 600-megawatt lignite-fired plants.

The two law-makers, who said

they would formally intervene in the case before the PUC, claimed a cancellation of the plant would have a devastating economic impact on the area.

"To make sure the plant could be finished on time and hundreds of new employees would have needed services, a new medical clinic and shopping center have been planned and condominiums and apartments have been started," said Edwards. "All this based on citizens' good faith in the permit granted by the PUC."

Edwards said the Malakoff certificate could be revoked by the commission without legislative authority "is unprecedented in Texas history."

Although HL&P has recently signed a contract to buy excess electricity from Diamond Shamrock Co., Dow Chemical Co. has accused the utility of balking at wrapping up negotiations on a long-term contract to buy power generated by a Dow plant.

Dow has asked the PUC to force HL&P to sign a 15-year contract to buy 600 megawatts of power that Dow generates as a by-product of its operations in Freeport.

## Texan has dream of artists' mecca

United Press International

CROSBYTON — A Crosbyton native has a dream to turn his hometown into a mecca for artists that might one day rival the famed Taos, N.M., community.

Joe Taylor, 40, said he has received good community response to his proposal to start an art school for 10 to 15 students with plans to expand slowly.

"Too many colleges and universities today tell their students, 'You're an artist, do something,' and then leave them alone. That's crazy; it frustrates the student," said Taylor, former owner of Albam Art, a Hollywood graphic art company.

He spent 15 years in Hollywood before returning to North Texas in February.

"Art is like anything else; it takes hard work and training," Taylor said, adding that many art schools characteristically provide environments distracting to learning.

He said his proposed "New Art School" would capitalize on the calming effects the town of Crosbyton could provide for the serious art student. Nestled in the caprocks of Crosby County, the agricultural community has about 2,200 people.

"I think it will work here in Crosbyton because it's far enough away from a regular city that the students won't be distracted from their work," Taylor said. "At the same time, it's close enough to Lubbock that the students can go in for the nightlife and to get supplies."

"This is the center for the Southwest area, the ranch scene, the classic conflict scenario of the cowboys and

Indians. It's an ideal location to pursue the western genre, and it's the crossroads between Dallas and Lubbock."

But he said the school would cater to more students than those looking for a career in contemporary western art.

"We're going to gear our school toward the multi-talented student," he said. "We're hoping to have a school that will cater to each of the artists' individual interests, even to a point where we hope we'll be able to help them discover their specialties."

Taylor said he picked Crosbyton because it was his hometown.

"The first time I announced my intentions, the local art association response was immediate and wholehearted," he said. "They could see that the town needs more than just the agricultural community — they need a tourist attraction, too."

"The only question that's been raised is what set of people will come to the art school — will they be weirdos or nuts?" Taylor said. "That's really a misconception though. We're going to have an atmosphere of hard work."

Taylor now is searching for financial backing.

"The local banks have shown interest, but they're waiting to see if we'll get outside support," Taylor said, adding he would like to create a school costing \$6,000 to \$9,000 annually to attend.

"This could be comparable to the Taos art community," he said. "Once a good school is established here, we could eventually draw the best people of the Southwest to this area."

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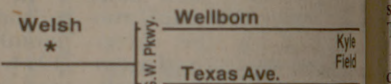
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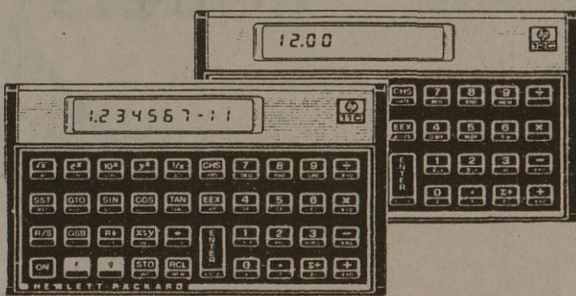


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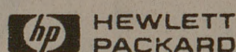
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