Boosted oil fees possible

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AUSTIN - Gov. Mark White, who has said he is opposed to new taxes, will unveil a proposed budget Tuesday that could include a substantial increase in oil producer's

White, faced with a \$1.02 billion udget shortfall, is considering increasing the \$100 drilling permit fee to as much as \$1,000, it has been

The governor is also planning to isk for an increase in out-of-state, foreign and professional school tu-ition in his 1986-87 budget and may ncrease other undisclosed fees.

Bill Hamilton, head of the gover-nor's Budget and Management office, said both White and House Speaker Gib Lewis have expressed in interest in increasing the drilling permit fee but will stay away from he oil and gas severance tax

Hamilton and Bob McPherson, head of the Planning and Intergo-vernmental Relations office, are helping to draft White's budget.

McPherson said the drilling pernit fee is just one of many that are being examined for a possible in-

"We are looking at drilling permit fees, water permit fees and others," he said. He declined to say if the governor has reached a decision on y of those fees.

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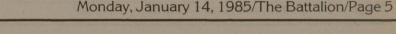
The Legislative Budget Board, composed of House and Senate leaders, in its 1986-87 budget avoided increasing fees as a way of responding to the state's declining

Even before the formal anouncement of the governor's budget, opposition to an increase in drilng permit fees was mounting. Oil producers already bear one of

the heaviest tax burdens and are facnghigher federal taxes, he said.

Rairoad Commission Chairman Buddy Temple said he would not oppose or support the new fee. "I don't intend to take a position on the tax increase," he said. "How we are finded it benickting parameters." funded is legislative perogative." McPherson said White's budget

will be a combination of increases in. fees and cuts in agency budgets with the cuts making up more than half of the \$1.02 billion shortfall from the previous two years.



Jaycees honor paralyzed man

TULSA, Okla. — The president

walk again. Kent Waldrep, 30, of Dallas, was

"I want to make that day when I

'Within this particular responsibility we have an enormous task of educating the public," he said of the non-profit charity. "The American public is not as aware of paralysis as cancer

Waldrep said 3.5 million Ameri-cans are paralyzed due to injuries and strokes, and many health professionals carry the attitude that paralysis is incurable.

Waldrep was injured as a junior at Texas Christian University. He was playing tailback in a football game

against the University of Alabama and was carrying the ball on a sweep play when he was tackled.

He was flipped upside down and landed on his head, cracking the fifth vertibrae, instantly paralyzing him

Waldrep said he had not seen a report issued Thursday from the University of California, San Francisco, that a new drug that could be used at accident scenes to block paralysis in spinal cord injury victims is ready for tests on humans. The drug is a synthetic, thrytropin-releasing hormone (TRH).

Researchers are working to determine whether chemical changes due to hemoraging at the site of the in-

jury cause the paralysis. Winners of the Jaycees award are selected on the basis of their achievement in several areas including personal improvement, financial success and economic innovation and overall leadership ability.

This year's other nine honorees are magician David Copperfield, Florida state judge J. Allison DeFoor Fiorda state judge J. Amson Deroor II, prosecuting attorney Jose C. Fe-liciano, pilot Capt. Mike Gould, broadcaster Bruce Jenner, computer systems analyst Capt. Larry Sabato, company president James H. Shep-herd Jr. and American Paralysis As-control president Kent Waldren sociation president Kent Waldrep.

Ballet star waiting for U.S. citizenship

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HOUSTON - Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Rep. Mike Andrews will ask Congress to to speed up citizenship for a Chinese ballet star so the man can participate in a Moscow competition

Li Cunxin, 24, caused a stir in 1981 by announcing he would stay in the United States as a ballet dancer instead of returning to China at the end of a guest appearance with the Houston Ballet.

He received U.S. permanent resident alien status in August 1981, but immigration law requires a five-year wait for citizenship.

Li wants to compete in the Mos cow International Ballet Competition in June, but officials fear that if he is not a U.S. citizen he may be disqualified if he wins.

Bentsen and Andrews, both Democrats, will introduce legislation in the Senate and House to expedite naturalization for Li. The two congressmen are circulating packets of information on Li to their colleagues.

A controversy over Li's decision to remain in the United States erupted when representatives of the Chinese consulate in Houston questioned whether the dancer was being forced to remain against his will.

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of the American Paralysis Association said traveling to raise money to find a cure for paralysis is worth-while if it leads to helping people to

honored as one of the U.S. Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Men of America for 1985 at the national convention this weekend in Tulsa, the national Jaycees headquarters.

and tens of thousands can get out of their wheelchairs as soon as possi-ble," Waldrep said Friday. And to do that, he talks to organi-

zations across the nation in an effort to raise money and convince people that a cure for paralysis can be found.



Despite freezing temperatures College Station and the rest of Texas has been experiencing recently, the fountain in front of the

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old Chemistry Building continues to flow. Ice that covered the bricks slowly began to melt away late Sunday afternoon.

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