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Crusader fights Texas acid rain

State says level safe

DALLAS — A Dallas physicist who measures rainfall in beakers placed on top of his van insists threatening levels of acid rain are

And although George W. Crawford's claims the polluted rain is acidic enough to affect wildlife are in conflict with findings of the Texas Air Control Board, he has been enlisted to help with the state studies.

The board says its tests have con-

sistently found the region's precipitation to be normal.

By joining forces, Crawford and

AUSTIN — State Comptroller

Bob Bullock announced Monday he

will close eight offices and trim his workforce by 104 people to help re-duce state government spending.

Bullock said the closings and layoffs are concentrated on agency functions that aren't directly tied to

tax collecting.

"We're eliminating services such as bookkeeping assistance to local governments; research for other

state agencies, cities and chambers of

"People have to understand that acid rain is our problem here in Texas as well as a problem in the eastern part of the U.S.," Crawford told the Dallas Times Herald in a story published Monday. "The average acidity of the rain is very close to that of the (Northeast), and we are at the beginning of the decade of dam-

Rain becomes acidic when it falls through layers of pollution, picking up traces of sulfur dioxide and ni-

short of current spending. Gov. Mark White has asked all state

agency directors to cut costs where-ver possible to help head off a tax in-

Bullock said offices in Brown-wood, Greenville, Texarkana, Al-pine, Midland, Kerrville and Del Rio would be closed. The audit office in

Atlanta, Ga., will be closed and its

staff merged with other out-of-state

ment revenues over the next two budget years will fall about \$1 billion as possible so that the employees

Bullock helps cut state spending

the board hope to reach a shared conclusion about whether Texas is threatened by acid rain. trogen oxides. Some scientists blame acid rain for decreases in fish populations.

Crawford has been analyzing Dallas-area rainfall since summer, and said his 33 samples show average acidity levels of pH 4.5 in Septem-ber, 4.2 in October and November, and 3.85 in December.

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The state agency recorded average acidity levels of 5.7 in 1981, 5.5 in 1982, and 5.3 and 5.6 in 1983.

Average rainfall measures an acidic level of 5.7 on the pH scale. The scale ranges from 0, the most acidic, to 14, the most alkaline.

who remain will be able to work

Bullock, who announced an un-specified number of layoffs in his

2,700-member department last week, Monday said he would assist those who are leaving to find other

"We're giving these people the most we can in the way of termination benefits," he said.

"We will notify employers of the talent we're letting go. We'll help these people with courses in job hunting."

more efficiently," he said.

WASHINGTON - The preme Court Monday reject Baylor University Medical appeal that said accepting Medicare and Medicaid rem

by Baylor

rejected

ment does not subject it to a law tecting the handicapped. The court left intact a ruling hospitals risk losing federal a medical care when they do not erate with investigations of a bias against the handicapped.

The court made no commen In 1980 the university hospit cated in Dallas, allegedly pre a deaf woman undergoing from having a sign language preter of her choice present is the patient communicate wit

The woman, who was not ide fied in court documents, complete hospital violated the 1973 eral Rehabilitation Act, which bids discrimination against handicapped in programs rece federal aid.

The Department of Health Human Services asked the hos for information to help it inve the complaint, but the hospit fused on grounds that it received federal financial assistance.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Cound peals, upholding a federal juruling, said last July Medican Medicaid reimbursement is a of federal aid that triggers thel

bilitation Act.

"Baylor's in-patient and gency room services are the grams receiving this federal tance and may thus be presubjects for HHS investigation, appeals court said.

It ordered a cutoff in reimburnent if the hospital did not pro the information.

Medicare is a federal program the elderly and Medicaid is as and federal program for the ne

SIGMA PHI EPSILON

9:00 p.m.

Tues. Jan. 22

Wed. Jan. 23

9:00 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 27

audit offices, he said.

Bullock also said clerical positions throughout his agency would be automated whenever possible. commerce; and taxpayer publica-tions," Bullock said. Estimates indicate state govern-

January 22-23

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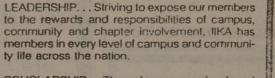
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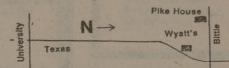


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