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Governor applauds spending decreases

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AUSTIN — Although state agency plans to cut spending so far have failed to reach half of Gov. Mark White's \$1.3 billion goal, the governor pronounced himself pleased Thursday with those achievements.

According to White, "That's \$604 million we wouldn't have had otherwise."

White said about 70 of the approximately 200 state agencies still haven't submitted the plans he requested on Feb. 18. Another 29 were submitted but need more work, he said.

"I think it's very important that we demonstrate cutbacks can be made," White said. "We're not cutting into performance. This does not require any layoffs. It does not require dramatic reductions in any service I'm aware of."

The governor issued an executive order asking all agencies and state colleges and universities to submit plans by March 1 telling how they would reduce spending by 13 percent over the next 18 months.

The cuts are needed to make sure the budget balances, since the comptroller has predicted that declining oil revenues will leave state government \$1.3 billion short by the end of the 1987 fiscal year.

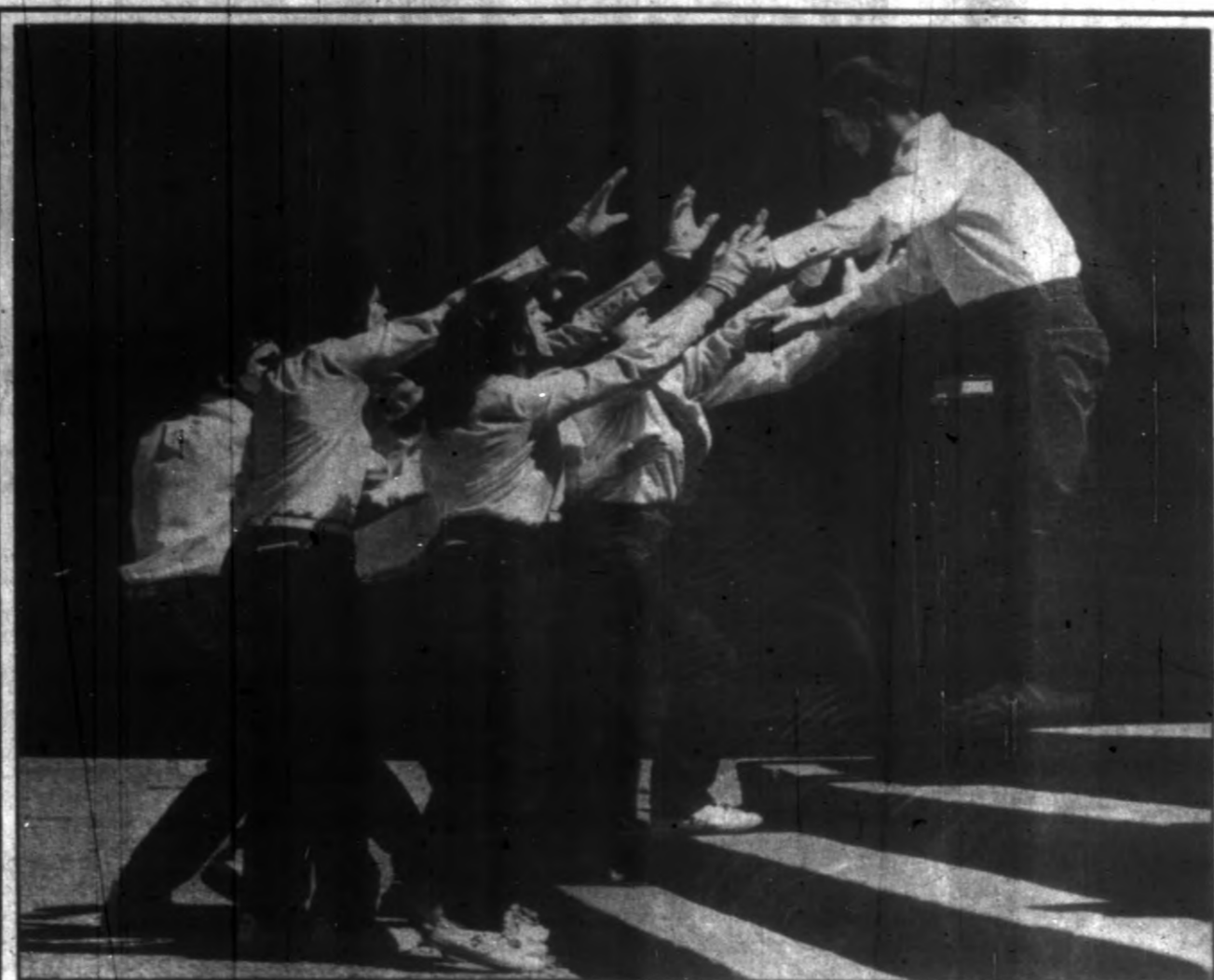
Some of the largest agencies, including the Department of Human Services, said they couldn't cut 13 percent without laying off employees.

Although pressed by reporters, White refused to say what action he will take if the agencies don't submit plans that save the full \$1.3 billion. He said he would ask agency heads to study one another's plans for additional ideas.

He also flatly rejected lawmakers' suggestions that a special legislative session be called to trim the budget.

Sen. John Traeger, D-Seguin, earlier this week said the Legislature should be called back into session and that officials should "gut up" to enact a sales tax hike.

Raising the current sales tax rate from 4 1/2 percent to 5 percent, Traeger said, would raise \$1 billion and cover most of the projected shortfall.



Silent Praise

The Reflective Light Productions Group pantomimes the biblical story of Jairus in Mark 5:22-43. The story, entitled "Go to Tell Somebody," was presented Thursday at Rudder Fountain.

Photo by MIKE SANCHEZ

Death urged for murderers of hostages

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — A presidential task force recommended the death penalty for the murder of American hostages anywhere in the world on Thursday, but described U.S. policies against terrorism as generally sound and recommended no major overhaul.

The Cabinet-level task force headed by Vice President George Bush called for increased use of spies to penetrate terrorist organizations as well as strengthened extradition treaties to bring terrorists to justice.

Immediately after taking office in the wake of the Iranian hostage crisis, President Reagan pledged that terrorists would face "swift and effective retribution." In reacting to more recent terrorist incidents, however, he has refused to use force that he said might harm innocent victims or bystanders.

Adm. James Holloway, former chief of naval operations, who headed the task force working group, said, "The principal conclusion of the task force is that U.S. policies and priorities are sound, well conceived and properly organized."

Holloway said the task force endorsed the president's policy and favored "swift and effective retribution against the perpetrators, not just random retaliation against people that may involve innocent lives."

The task force released a declassified version of its report.

Holloway said a classified version containing 44 recommendations went to the president on Dec. 20 and that he approved it in full on Jan. 20.

The report suggested consideration of raising rewards for information on terrorists from \$500,000 to \$1 million. It also urged that immunity from prosecution and grants of U.S. citizenship be included among incentives for those who help identify terrorists and bring them to justice.

Commission warns against pirating logo

Associated Press
AUSTIN — The Texas Sesquicentennial Commission is on the lookout these days for pirates — not sea-faring buccaneers but those who plunder the official Sesquicentennial logo.

The commission has sanctioned 903 items for sale as official mementoes of this year's 150th anniversary of Texas' independence.

The Sesquicentennial logotype itself is a registered trademark with the U.S. Patent office and protected by federal law.

Rebecca Richards, marketing director for the commission, said some people have sold merchandise with the logo on their own in violation of the trademark and the law.

"It's not widely known that this is a registered trademark. There's also been some misunderstanding as to who can use it — where and when they can," Richards said Thursday.

According to the commission, individuals using the Sesquicentennial logotype without permission, or individuals trafficking in counterfeit goods, are subject to fines of up to \$250,000 and prison sentences of up to five years. Richards said that since unauthorized use violates federal law, the FBI investigates such cases.

In addition, the commission staff, local Sesquicentennial groups and licensed vendors also are watching for illegal logotype use, she said.

So far, Richards said, much of the unauthorized use has been by communities around the state where local officials didn't realize the logotype is a registered trademark.

Reagan's plan labeled 'offensive'

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Reagan's plan for sending \$100 million in military aid to Nicaraguan rebels bogged down Thursday as several key members of Congress objected to harsh White House rhetoric aimed at opponents, and two more House panels opposed the request.

The House Foreign Affairs Com-

mittee, by a vote of 23-18, recommended that the proposals be defeated. Earlier in the day, the House Appropriations Committee voted against the measure and the House Armed Services Committee approved it. Two House panels had voted against it Wednesday.

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, complained that attacks on the patriotism of oppo-

nents was "highly offensive" and announced she would oppose Reagan's package "as it is now formulated."

In the House, Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., a principal swing vote in sending non-lethal aid to the rebels last year, said "the tactics by the administration are backfiring. The level of rhetoric, the shrillness of attack, has lost them votes."

Rep. Michael Barnes, D-Md., chairman of the House Foreign Af-

fairs subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, said the administration is "using red-baiting tactics like we haven't seen in this city since Spiro Agnew was vice president."

But Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said both sides had used "harsh rhetoric" and said that he and other Reagan backers were not questioning "the

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Congress debating rebel aid

Showtime in Houston: City site of TV pilot

Associated Press
HOUSTON — Houston officials are hoping Hollywood can boost the image of the nation's fourth-largest city.

Columbia Pictures came to town this week to film the pilot for a possible television series, "Houston Knights."

And Houston officials say they think a prime-time series would bring the kind of exposure that

"Dallas" brought to Dallas and "Miami Vice" brought to Miami.

The show stars Michael Beck, Michael Pare and Leigh Taylor-Young as three cops tackling crime in the Bayou City. Linda G. Miller portrays a country singer.

The cast has been filming at various locations throughout the city, including Intercontinental Airport, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, a suburban country club and a local mansion.

Students work to establish fund in memory of Scobee

By BOBBY FOSTER
Reporter

A Texas A&M student group is working to establish an endowed scholarship fund in memory of Francis R. "Dick" Scobee, commander of the fatal space shuttle Challenger mission.

The Mathematics/Science Teaching Scholars Loan Program, sponsored by the College of Education, recruits and sponsors exceptional students in the math and science

fields and fosters their commitment to be teachers.

Sharon Brooks, an undergraduate counselor for the College of Education and the group's adviser, said Scobee realized the importance of a quality education, especially in the areas of math and science.

He was especially concerned with an accelerating shortage of teachers in those fields, she said.

"Given our high-tech society, and

especially the use of computers, those are fields in which we need teachers who are dedicated and competent," Brooks said. "Dick Scobee thought there was a critical need to meet that shortage of teachers."

Scobee helped form the scholars loan program at A&M in 1983 after becoming a member of the Development Council for the College of Education in 1982.

The program has helped the Col-

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Fall of the Alamo commemorated

Associated Press
SAN ANTONIO — History enthusiasts and curious spectators from throughout the nation — many dressed in the animal skins and coonskin caps made famous by Davy Crockett — gathered at the Alamo Thursday to remember the fall of the Spanish mission 150 years ago.

More than 150 people, clad in period costumes of the Alamo days, lit candles and about 1,000 others looked on as deafening volleys from muskets were fired in early morning ceremonies.

Thursday's activities recalled the dawn attack by 4,000 Mexican soldiers led by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. All 188 Alamo defenders were killed in the bloody battle which ended a 13-day siege.

Charles Morfin, 44, who portrayed Alamo defender Gregorio Esparza, said he came with his

two sons from Santa Fe Springs, Calif., to participate.

"I love Mexico and I love Texas," Morfin said. "And to me, freedom is precious. We wanted to be a part of it."

"It's been a wonderful experience."

The prolonged fight at the Alamo served to stall Santa Anna's advance and give the Texas army time to gather forces for a final victory 47 days later at San Jacinto.

Texas became a republic after that victory and became part of the United States nine years later, in 1845.

Thursday's Alamo ceremonies were a milestone in the Texas Sesquicentennial, which celebrates the 150th anniversary of Texas' independence from Mexico.

San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros said, "This is a very rare event. One hundred fifty

years of Texas history begins at the moment of this re-enactment this morning.

"Try to put yourself in this exact spot, this same piece of real estate 150 years ago. Imagine the screams of human pain that must have pierced the air — 188 human beings not possibly knowing their sacrifice would lead to a victory by Sam Houston or what Texas would become today."

Gov. Mark White, in ceremonies later in the day, said the "sacrifice of the men here made independence possible."

White said, "The Alamo is a guiding star in the epic of liberty. It made Texas possible."

At the dawn ceremonies, San Antonio radio newscaster Henry Guerra read a narrative of the 13-day siege. He called the defenders, many of

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