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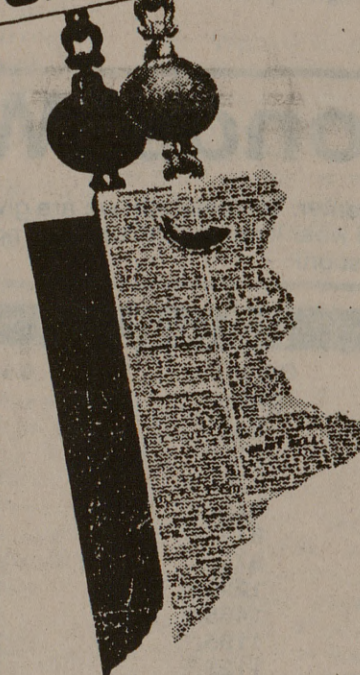
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White plans broadcast of special session ideas

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White will appear on live television Thursday evening to tell Texans his plans for a special legislative session to balance the state budget.

Speaker Gib Lewis, after speaking with White Wednesday, said, "He's got some innovative ideas he wants to kick out and see what the response will be."

State Comptroller Bob Bullock has predicted a budget shortfall of \$2.3 billion by Aug. 31, 1987, the end of the current budget cycle. He is expected to raise the projected shortfall to more than \$3 billion late this month.

Ann Arnold, White's press secretary, said Wednesday that barring

any last-minute problems, the governor would announce the special session date during a brief Thursday address from his office in the Capitol.

"He is working with the Legislature to solve the budget problem," she said. "He is going to discuss how that is to be done and the plans for the special session."

Lewis would not reveal the date under consideration, but told reporters in Fort Worth, "I can tell you don't make any plans for the last part of August and the first part of September."

White and legislative leaders have said the goal of the special session will be to cut spending — not raise

taxes — in order to balance the get.

White has not said when the special session would begin, but he hinted it could start in mid-August. In a Wednesday speech to school superintendents, White asked the educators to help during the special session.

White's speech is being offered no charge, to television and newscasts. The governor's holder account will pay for the cast, according to Arnold.

The speech is scheduled for Thursday at 6:01 p.m. The governor's regular weekly news conference, scheduled for Thursday, was canceled.

Paramilitary 'patrols' to watch Texas border

HOUSTON (AP) — A paramilitary organization that recently held 16 illegal aliens at gunpoint in Arizona now plans to start patrolling the Texas border, a member of the group said.

J.R. Hagan, an officer of the Civilian Materiel Assistance organization, told the *Houston Chronicle* Tuesday from Tucson, Ariz., that patrols would be sent into deserted areas of the Texas-Mexico border between El Paso and Marfa and Del Rio, Laredo and McAllen.

A border patrol spokesman, however, said the efforts are not welcomed.

"They don't have the experience or the language or the training," said Duke Austin, a spokesman for the agency in Washington.

CMA claims it is interested only in looking for drug smugglers and

"communist invaders," but earlier this month the group sent an armed patrol along the Arizona-Mexico border 30 miles east of Nogales, and held 16 illegal aliens until federal authorities arrived.

The group is headed by Thomas V. Posey, a wholesale grocer from Decatur, Ala., who claims the organization has 5,000 members in the United States, Canada, England, British West Indies, France and Central America.

The group is armed with American M-16 and AK-47 assault weapons, the *Chronicle* reported.

Posey and Hagan said the patrols would also be expanded to California and eventually to New Mexico, covering the entire U.S.-Mexico border.

Hagan could not say when the patrols would begin.

A&M Club auction set for Saturday

The Houston A&M Club is sponsoring its third annual "bull barbecue and awesome auction" this Saturday at the Houston Farm & Ranch Club, located on Highway 6 near Bear Camp Park. Admission is \$18.

The kegs will be tapped at 7 p.m. when the silent auction begins. All auction proceeds go to the club's scholarship fund.

The auction will run from 7:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. while the silent auction winds down, and KILT Longneck Band will perform at 8 p.m.

For more information about the barbecue or about working the event contact Randi M. Knapp at 713-237-2548.

'Advertising' gives couple hope for adopting a child

FORT WORTH (AP) — Larry and Clarene Gullahorn couldn't find a baby through regular adoption agencies so for the past several months they have engaged in a personal search, putting out fliers on cars and notices in store windows.

"Help! We cannot have children and desire to adopt a baby very much. If you can help us to find a baby to adopt, please call us," the Gullahorns wrote on fliers distributed on cars in downtown Fort Worth this week.

The couple tried to adopt through agencies for a year and in February began distributing the fliers and posting printed cards in shopping malls and grocery stores, looking for a woman willing to give her baby up for adoption.

So far, the only responses to the campaign have been prank phone calls, which have upset Mrs. Gulla-

horn, said her husband, a 36-year-old security guard.

"My wife feels real bad about the situation," he said. "I can't understand how someone can call and bother a woman who can't have a baby. It hurts very much."

"I've never seen a couple more determined to have a child as they are," said the Rev. Jesse McElreath, the Gullahorn's pastor. "I know it's a crazy way of going about adopting a child, but I pray that it'll work out for them."

Jan Taylor, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Human Services, said the Gullahorns' search is legal. If a child is found, the person who conducts placement of the child must be licensed by the state, she said.

The Gullahorns said if they are successful, they will hire a lawyer to handle the paperwork.

White couples, such as the Gulla-

horns, have a more difficult time to adopt a child because of policy that children placed through agencies go to parents of the same ethnic group whenever possible.

Taylor and Susan Bradford of the Fort Worth adoption agency.

Bradford said, "It takes a long time for blacks to adopt a black or bi-ethnic child than it is for whites in the same situation." There is a great demand for white babies we can never serve the number of people that call trying to adopt.

Most of the adoption agencies couple checked had a waiting period of three to five years, Gullahorn said.

"We thought about adopting a black baby, but in this part of the country it would not be very good for the child as it grows up," he said. "We would still consider adopting a Hispanic, Oriental or American Indian child."

Deputy blames FBI probe for firing

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A former Walker County sheriff's deputy says he was fired because he helped the FBI investigate allegations of civil rights violations against Sheriff Darrell White.

McCandless, a deputy for three years, said he was fired by White July 5 and now is being investigated by the Texas Rangers.

White, who has been sheriff since 1969, denied firing McCandless for meeting with FBI agents. The sheriff would not elaborate, saying he had been told by District Attorney Frank Blazek not to discuss the dismissal.

The FBI probe began about a year ago when agent John Trethewey met with McCandless, former jailer Harold Russell, former department secretary Mercedes Shoemaker and private investigator Lee Mackey, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Wednesday.

The allegations included reports that White mistreated jail prisoners, used inmates to work for his private hay baling business, gave friends property seized in drug investigations and that White's deputies were using county vehicles to operate a private security business, according to the newspaper.

The FBI recently finished a 300-page report on the allegations against White. Parts of that report were leaked to White, McCandless said, and used the excerpts as a reason to fire him.

Mother testifies for son in no-pass, no-play case

HOUSTON (AP) — A mother testified Wednesday her learning-disabled son maintained perfect attendance in school so he got to Astroworld only to be denied the trip because he ran afoul of the no-pass, no-play rule.

Lela Arnes said her 11-year-old son Nolan was not allowed to take the 1985 trip, awarded to those who maintain perfect attendance, because he had failed his regular courses at Parker Elementary School in Houston.

Arnes was one of several witnesses testifying before State District Judge Marsha Anthony in a lawsuit challenging the controversial no-pass, no-play rule.

The rule prohibits students who fail a course in a grading period from participating in extracurricular activities for six weeks. Plaintiffs claim the law, part of a statewide school reform package, discriminates against minorities and handicapped students.

Although Nolan failed his regular courses this year, he had perfect attendance and the school principal said he could take the trip to the amusement park, Arnes said.

"Going to Astroworld this year was a neat experience," she said. "Being with your friends and peers is a great experience."

Nolan, who will be in the fifth grade this fall, said he was discouraged when he could not go to Astroworld in 1985, but he decided to try for the chance again in 1986.

"I was hoping I could go this year," the boy said outside the courtroom.

Eugene Bruce, who helped compile data from hundreds of

school districts regarding the no-pass, no-play law, said there were "obvious disparities" between the numbers of whites and minorities affected by the rule.

In the third six-week grading period of the 1985-86 school year, 23 percent of black students, 22 percent of Hispanic students and 29 percent of learning-disabled students were excluded from extracurricular activities because of the rule, according to data submitted to the court.

Fifteen percent of white students were excluded from activities, according to the data reported from 511 school districts with 1.2 million students.

A high school teacher in Sugar Land also testified, saying the rule had an impact on students wanting to take a trip to Washington D.C., which is offered through a special program that gives students a chance to learn about the government.

Marjorie A. Rector said she had more than 60 students on the trip, but only four were able to go this January.

"Due to the no-pass, no-play rule, a number of those best able to participate has been excluded and that concerns me," said Rector, who teaches home economics.

Although she stopped short of laying all blame on the no-pass, no-play rule, Arnes said it was a factor for many students, including whites.

A minority student who passed all year except in the third grading period could not go on the trip, she said.

"She never recovered from the Arnes said. "She had worked for two years to go on the program. She truly would've benefited."