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\$1.1 billion cut from PSF, PUF to aid budget

AUSTIN (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee found \$1.1 billion to spackle into the state's ailing budget Monday by voting to cut money out of education funds long viewed as inviolate.

The money would come out of the Permanent School Fund and Permanent University Fund, which can be invested but not spent, and would go into funds that can be spent on state programs.

Gov. Mark White quickly issued a

release saying he does not like the plan.

"Taking monies from the permanent trust funds set aside for our children and their education would set a terrible precedent," White said. "The plan represents a major departure from the far-sighted policies established more than 100 years ago for the financing of public schools and universities in this state."

The governor urged lawmakers to

look instead at his call for a temporary hike in the sales tax.

The \$1.1 billion represents the profit made on the funds' securities transactions for the past five years. That money could replace an equal amount of general state revenue that is spent on education.

Speaker Gib Lewis, who proposed the plan, said it all adds up to solving the state's cash flow problem without raising taxes.

Opponents, including university

officials, say the permanent funds should not be touched, even in a budget crisis such as the current one. But Lewis said it's ridiculous to talk about tax hikes when the two funds have more than enough money.

"You let that money sit there because maybe 15 or 20 people are zealously guarding it," he said, adding that it reminded him of the fable about "the old king counting his coins and everyone was starving."

The \$1.1 billion move, added to

\$600 million in cuts proposed by the appropriations committee, would eliminate the need for a tax bill during the current special session, said Lewis, who opposed the tax hikes called for by White and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

The funds transfer drew some opposition in the 29-member appropriations committee, but got 16 "aye" votes. Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, was among the dissenters.

"It concerns me that future legis-

latures faced with budget crises as we have here will perhaps want to dip further into these funds," Uher said. "I believe these funds were established by our forefathers for some very beneficial reasons and they've served our state well."

The funds are the backbone of the state's higher education and public education systems. The principal can't be spent, but interest in-

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Deaver questions probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorneys for lobbyist Michael K. Deaver said Monday that a House panel should refer any evidence of possible perjury by him to a court-appointed independent counsel "for full and impartial investigation."

The lawyers made the request a day before the House Energy and Commerce investigations subcommittee was expected to approve such a referral on its own.

In a letter to subcommittee chairman John D. Dingell, D-Mich., Deaver's attorneys said they sought the expanded investigation because information from a subcommittee staff report on possible perjury has been leaked to the news media.

Deaver, a close friend of President Reagan, left the White House in May 1985 to form a lobbying firm that represents foreign and domestic clients before the U.S. government.

Dingell's subcommittee and Whitney North Seymour Jr., the court-appointed independent counsel, are separately investigating whether Deaver violated conflict-of-interest laws. The statutes restrict, and in some cases ban, government officials from dealing with their former agencies on matters they handled while in office.

"Because of the publicity which you have generated, we request that you refer your possible perjury charges to the Office of the Independent Counsel for full and impartial investigation," attorneys Herbert J. Miller Jr. and Randall J. Turk said in a letter to Dingell.



That's Dancin'

Photo by Tom Ownbey

Tania Aizpuru of Mexico's Ballet Folklorico dances outside the Blocker Building to raise funds for the Texas A&M Mexican Students' Association. The fundraiser will bring 20 dancers from Ballet Folklorico to A&M on September 16, Mexican Independence Day.

Bush, White House staffers take drug-screening tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drug-screening began in earnest at the White House on Monday, with Vice President George Bush and an undisclosed number of presidential aides taking part in the testing.

"It is, and should be, confidential," Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes told reporters.

He refused to say how many aides volunteered or to speculate on the test results.

"... The objective is, if anybody has a problem, they should

straighten out the problem, give them help and put them back in the workplace drug-free.

"Confidentiality, I think, is an important part of that."

President Reagan took the test on Saturday, before traveling to Bethesda Naval Hospital for a urological examination, and Bush took the test on Monday morning, said the vice president's spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater.

Last week, the White House, to

dramatize Reagan's new anti-drug abuse program, said all 78 of the president's senior staff members would be asked to give urine samples on a voluntary basis.

Speakes said Monday that he had taken the test, but refused to be drawn into questions about whether any of Reagan's aides demurred.

"Nobody's come to me about civil liberties," he said when asked whether anyone raised invasion-of-privacy questions.

Senate asked to avoid higher education cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — College regent nominees and a faculty member presented a special budget plea Monday to a Senate committee, which also followed Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby's recommendation in approving two new appointments to the Texas Water Development Board.

A. Lavoy Moore, of Conroe, a regent nominee at Stephen F. Austin State University at Nacogdoches, said SFA "is kind of under siege ... we're down to the muscle."

The nominations committee was told a proposed budget cut of 16 percent would slash 38-40 faculty positions at SFA, and regent nominee Richard Hile, Jasper, said, "I don't think people want to make those kinds of cuts."

Shelby Carter, a retired businessman who is now a senior lecturer at the University of Texas at Austin, told the committee, "I don't think you should back off an inch on education. Anybody who does that is

making the most critical mistake that can be made."

Although the committee considers gubernatorial appointments and not appropriations, it often is a forum for suggestions on various proposals before the Legislature.

Carter, for example, is an appointee to the Texas World Trade Council, but he promoted quality education — with the help of the

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S. African court voids emergency detention policy

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A provincial court on Monday struck down two provisions that permit detentions under the state of emergency imposed June 12, raising the possibility that thousands of people could be freed.

President P.W. Botha's government reserved the right to appeal the ruling, issued in Durban by a three-judge panel of the Natal province supreme court. Anti-apartheid leaders said they feared the government would try to negate the decision through executive action.

The court challenge was filed on behalf of Solomon Tsenoli, publicity secretary in the Durban area for the United Democratic Front, the largest coalition against the apartheid policy of race discrimination.

Tsenoli, who was released after the court decision, was among thousands of activists detained without charge under the emergency.

Although the court order technically applies only to Tsenoli, his lawyers said they would demand the release of all the estimated 500 detainees in Natal. Separate challenges must be filed in the other three pergency.

The opposition Progressive Federal Party said Monday the total is at least 5,900 and could be as high as 12,000. Max Coleman, a leader of a monitoring group called Detainees' Parents Support Committee, said its latest estimate was 8,000.

Judges in the Natal court accepted arguments by Tsenoli's lawyers that Botha exceeded his powers in two

subsections of the emergency regulations.

One empowers any member of the security forces to detain anyone under the regulations if the detention is deemed "necessary to the maintenance of public order." The other permits the law and order minister to extend the detention for the duration of the emergency.

According to the court, the provisions could be construed as meaning "every common criminal might be considered a threat to the safety of the public and liable as such to be detained summarily for the duration of the state of emergency."

Coleman said he saw no reason why another panel of the Natal court would reverse the decision on appeal, but added that the government might try to "neutralize" it through administrative action. Botha did so recently in amending emergency regulations that courts declared invalid.

Dr. Nthatho Motlana, a community leader in the Soweto black township outside Johannesburg, said the Natal case "illustrates how power-drunk the government is in thinking it can detain as it pleases without even observing the laws that it makes."

Brig. Chris Swart, Cape Town's regional police commissioner, banned a United Democratic Front meeting scheduled for Wednesday, which anti-apartheid leaders Winnie Mandela and the Rev. Allan Boesak were to have spoken on the theme "The Right to Speak."

U.S. soldier may have defected

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. Army private who went absent without leave from his post in West Germany last month may have defected to Cuba, the Defense Department said Monday.

Responding to a report on Radio Havana, the Pentagon said it was investigating the possibility that the missing soldier, Pfc. Hugo Romeu, 31, of Glenview, Ill., "may indeed be the individual alluded to in the Cuban radio report."

Radio Havana, monitored in Miami, claimed Monday that a man it identified as Army Capt. Hugo Romeu Almeida had defected to Cuba because of his objections to U.S. foreign policy toward Central America.

The Army subsequently said it had no record of an officer or enlisted man of that name.

"Further checking, however, has indicated the possibility that an individual with a similar name may indeed be the individual alluded to in the Cuban radio report," a Pentagon statement said.

The statement stressed that the Pentagon was not prepared to say definitely that Romeu was the man cited by the Cuban reports.

"Capt. Hugo Romeu Almeida, of Cuban origin, expressed his desire to abandon the United States Army because he disagrees with Washington's policy toward Central America," Prensa Latina quoted the official government newspaper *Granma* as saying.

Man ordered to stand trial for murder

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — A gunman who took hostages in a Rodeo Drive jewelry store stabbed to death a security guard who had taunted him, one of the ex-captives testified Monday in tearfully recounting the bloody 13½-hour siege.

Steven Livaditis was ordered to stand trial on three counts of murder and 12 other felony charges after a preliminary hearing that included the testimony of Carol Lambert, one of two surviving hostages.

Municipal Court Judge Charles D. Boags set arraignment for Friday in Superior Court in Santa Monica.

Livaditis, who has pleaded innocent, is being held without bail. If convicted, he could be sentenced to death.

Lambert, 41, said Livaditis seemed calm after he killed two people inside the Van Cleef & Arpels store June 23.

Soviets seek new summit

Moscow arms talks start

MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. and Soviet delegations opened a special round of arms talks Monday with eight hours of discussions in a secluded mansion near Moscow.

The Kremlin's chief negotiator, Viktor Karpov, said just before the talks began that the Soviets "would do anything" for a new summit, and he complained that the United States does not seem interested in arms control.

Moscow has said it wants some assurance of progress toward an arms control accord before it schedules another summit.

The U.S. Embassy spokesman in Moscow, Jaroslav Verner, later reported: "Mr. (Paul) Nitze (the chief U.S. delegate and President Reagan's arms control adviser) said that he and his team had eight hours of serious exploratory talks with Soviet experts today and will continue the talks tomorrow."

The special talks were scheduled to run two days and were

getting low-key treatment from the Soviets.

The English-language channel of Radio Moscow's world service reported the Sunday arrival of the U.S. delegation for the talks, which were being held in a government guest house south of Moscow.

But no mention of the meetings was made in the Communist Party daily *Pravda* or the evening government paper *Izvestia*, the only national newspapers issued on Mondays.

The Kremlin sent no one to the airport to meet the U.S. officials.

Karpov, chief of the Soviet delegation to the Geneva arms talks 02and head of the new Foreign Ministry arms control desk, told an American TV reporter he would not provide any details on the confidential meeting.

But he stressed the issue of nuclear testing, which has become a centerpiece of Soviet arms control policy and a focus of Kremlin

pronouncements on the possibility of holding a second summit this year between Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev and Reagan.

"We would do anything for that (an agreement on a summit)," Karpov insisted. "So it depends on our partners."

Reagan and Gorbachev agreed to hold the meeting in the United States after their first summit in Geneva last November. But no date has been set.

Karpov stressed the importance of negotiating a treaty ban on nuclear testing. The Soviet Union's yearlong unilateral moratorium on tests was due to expire last Wednesday, but the Kremlin hasn't said whether it will continue.

"A nuclear test ban is a problem that I think is very important to be solved," Karpov said. "We are for that, so we are asking the Americans to join in non-testing."

Burger gives farewell, advice in 'final report'

NEW YORK (AP) — Chief Justice Warren E. Burger said Monday that hostility toward the legal profession has grown in the last decade and if attorneys don't regulate themselves, the government will.

Delivering his farewell address before the American Bar Association, Burger said he wanted to focus on the future of the profession.

"We acknowledge that the practice of law is a monopoly in the sense that only those licensed may lawfully practice," he said.

"But regulation of the practice of law, like that of medicine, and of some other professions, has been left largely to the professions — up to now," Burger said. "Regulation from the outside has come about only when there was overstepping of the bounds, and the public interest required action which the professions themselves failed to take."

Burger, who is retiring from the Supreme Court after 17 years, called this his final report to the ABA, but said it was "by no means my final meeting of the association."

Warren did not address any of the

controversial issues that have recently come before the court in the text of his address, but instead focused on subjects he has discussed publicly before, such as his opposition to certain kinds of advertising by lawyers and contingency fees.

Burger said that he was shocked by people who argue that because the U.S. Constitution permits advertising by lawyers, it is ethically acceptable.

"Few things have done more serious damage to the standing of the legal profession than the unseemly — indeed shocking — spectacle of open solicitation by a handful of lawyers who dashed off to India to solicit clients after the tragic multiple disaster in Bhopal," he said, referring to the chemical leak in the Indian city that killed 2,000 people.

Burger also said that some attorneys had gone too far in their advertising tactics. "Every member of this house and every person in this room knows the kind of advertising I am addressing," he said.