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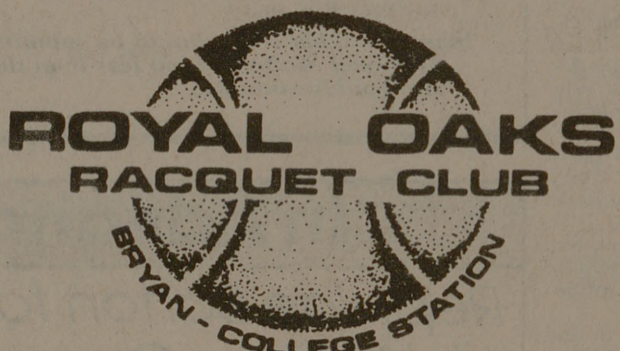
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Hobby, Lewis foresee second special session

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislature's two top officials, acknowledging that lawmakers have been unable to balance the budget in this special session, said Monday they expect Gov. Mark White to call them back for another try.

"I don't know whether it will be on Friday or the following Monday or some other date," Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said. "But he will call one very soon."

House Speaker Gib Lewis said he "thought 30 days would be sufficient time, but apparently it has not been."

White, who opened this special session on Aug. 6 with a call for a one-year sales tax increase, did not announce a date for the next session.

Lewis, who heads a House that has opposed new taxes since the beginning of the special session, said he still isn't convinced that taxes should be raised at this time.

"I want to make sure (the taxpayers) are getting the best value for their tax dollar," he said. "I'm not about to be run over and buffaloed by a bunch of selfish individuals who want it for their own self interest."

Hobby, who also urged a sales tax hike to help balance the books, said chances are gone that a tax bill can be passed before this session ends at midnight Thursday.

"That's my best judgment . . ." he said. "(A tax bill) has been precluded for some time."

Amid talk of another special session, Hobby said the House and Senate might not reach a compromise on spending cuts.

Senators approved a \$418 million spending cut plan, while House members voted to chop \$740 million.

A conference committee seeking a middle ground has been working slowly. Asked if the session was, in

essence, over, Hobby replied: "Yes it is."

Lewis sounded less pessimistic about the spending cut plan.

"I'd like to conclude work on the appropriations bill so we could find a bottom line," he said.

Hobby said he hopes a permanent solution could be made on the budget in the next session.

If not, the state will be damaging its future credit, he said.

"Unless something is done fairly

promptly in the third called so the state's checks are going to bounce," Hobby said.

Some lawmakers have complained that the special session is cluttered with many topics unrelated to the financial crisis, including housing, a lottery, and bills to permit interstate and branch banking.

Asked if he shared that frustration, Hobby replied, "Yes I do, tiredly."

First AIDS hospital will open in Houston today

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials at the nation's first AIDS hospital don't know when the first patient will be admitted, but about 50 outpatients will be taking part in a continuing study when the institute opens today.

Joseph Stanley will be one of those outpatients with appointments at the Institute for Immunological Disorders. He will go through a routine monitoring just as he has every few weeks since joining the study in May.

Stanley, 29, doesn't have acquired immune deficiency syndrome and has not shown any symptoms of the disease, but has tested positive for carrying the AIDS virus. He's part of an experimental study of the anti-viral drug zalcitabine.

"I do not have the disease," Stanley said. "I am symptom-free. The virus is in my body, but it's not active . . . This was my contribution to the AIDS crisis."

"About 100 people, all outpa-

tients, are in the ribavirin study which began in April at the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute. It's the first study being transferred to the new institute from M.D. Anderson.

Dr. Peter Mansell, the hospital's medical director, said, "We hope people realize, the objective of this hospital is to try to find answers. It's a research institute."

The 137-member staff has undergone special training to help patients with AIDS, as well as their families and friends. The hospital will be able to accommodate 150 patients.

Mansell, who has headed the AIDS research program at M.D. Anderson, said the institute is the first hospital in the country devoted to research and treatment of the disease.

The institute is housed in the north Houston in the building of the now-closed Citizens General Hospital.

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Casino Night

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 3

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Ramada Inn

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