

Jobless rates in state post little change

AUSTIN (AP) — Jobless rates in Texas showed little change the last month and remain higher than last year or the traditional averages, the Texas Employment Commission said Wednesday.

"There is very little change on the average," said John Kruse, TEC labor market analyst. "The main story is that Texas unemployment rates are still higher almost everywhere than a year ago and higher than they have traditionally been in this state."

"Some say we have seen the worst and others say even if we do see worse it won't be much worse. I think they are saying it has bottomed out or close to bottoming out, which is a form of optimism, suppose, in view of the gloomy unemployment rates."

The unemployment figures for urban areas of Texas as announced Wednesday by the TEC for December, compared with revised November figures (in parentheses) included:

- Abilene 8.7 (9.0)
 - Amarillo 6.1 (6.4)
 - Austin 5.9 (5.9)
 - Beaumont-Port Arthur 12.4 (12.8)
 - Brazoria 10.5 (10.6)
 - Brownsville-Harlingen 14.8 (14.5)
 - Bryan-College Station 6.2 (6.2)
 - Corpus Christi 11.9 (12.2)
 - Dallas 5.8 (5.9)
 - El Paso 11.1 (11.2)
 - Fort Worth-Arlington 6.5 (6.6)
 - Galveston-Texas City 10.6 (11.0)
 - Houston 9.7 (10.0)
 - Temple-Killeen 7.7 (7.7)
 - Laredo 16.9 (17.0)
 - Longview-Marshall 11.5 (11.2)
 - Lubbock 6.0 (6.4)
 - McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 20.3 (20.7)
 - Midland 10.5 (11.1)
 - Odessa 14.9 (15.8)
 - San Angelo 6.7 (7.2)
 - San Antonio 7.8 (7.9)
 - Tyler 9.3 (9.0)
 - Victoria 9.9 (10.2)
 - Waco 8.1 (8.1)
 - Wichita Falls 7.8 (7.9)
- The statewide average for December unemployment was 8.7 percent, compared with 8.8 percent in November.

S.A. youth arrested in Pennsylvania, linked to drug sale

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP) — A 16-year-old San Antonio boy arrested at Greater Pittsburgh International Airport with three handguns and more than \$14,000 in cash may be involved in the sale of marijuana in Pennsylvania, police say.

The boy was being held Wednesday at a Pittsburgh youth detention center pending a Jan. 30 juvenile delinquency hearing before Common Pleas Court Judge Joseph Jaffe.

He was charged with possessing prohibited weapons, possessing silencers for weapons, possessing a gun without a permit and carrying a gun in an airport, authorities said.

Allegheny County Police Sgt. Thomas Miller said the boy and an unidentified accomplice are suspected of completing a marijuana deal sometime before he was arrested Friday as he was attempting to board a Trans World Airlines flight to San Antonio.

No drugs were found on the youth, but police dogs trained to sniff for narcotics reacted when they smelled the money in the boy's possession, authorities said.

Miller said records found in the boy's baggage indicated a deal had been completed recently for 205 pounds of marijuana.

Police said they found two .22-cal-

iber pistols, a 9mm pistol, two silencers, a bullet-proof vest, a woman's gold watch worth \$10,000 and another watch worth \$7,000 in the boy's carry-on and checked luggage.

Police said the watches were purchased Jan. 15 at a Midland jewelry store by two youths, one matching the boy's description and the other matching the description of a boy spotted at the airport checkpoint.

Police said the second youth apparently boarded the Texas-bound flight in the confusion caused by the boy's detention at the checkpoint.

The boy's attorney, Michael Healey of Pittsburgh, said he came to western Pennsylvania to meet friends and had been in the area for about a week.

Healey said the cash came from the estate of the boy's father, who was slain in October in Mexico and was involved in businesses that included construction, grocery stores and vitamin retailing.

"I almost think he wanted to get caught," Healey said.

"He's really mixed up about the death of his father," he said.

Healey said the boy has no police record, but has been undergoing psychiatric treatment.

Former representative quits GOP in disgust

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Rep. Ronald E. Paul, a fiscal conservative during his four terms in Congress, resigned in disgust from the Republican Party, saying Wednesday his convictions were shattered by Ronald Reagan's economic policies.

"My struggle has been to minimize government," said Paul, a resident of Lake Jackson who represented the 22nd district near Houston in 1976, then again from 1978 through 1984. "Very early in the Reagan years, I knew it was all over."

In a three-page letter of resignation sent to the Republican National Committee, Paul detailed the actions and lack of actions that caused him to spurn membership in the GOP.

"I guess it's something I've been thinking about for months, if not for years," Paul said in a telephone interview.

Since Reagan took office as president six years ago, Paul said he has grown weary of ineffective attempts by the Republicans to reduce the size of the federal government.

"How is it that the party of balanced budgets, with control of the White House and the Senate, accumulated red ink greater than all previous administrations put together?" Paul asked.

"All Republicans rightly chastised (former President Jimmy) Carter for his \$38 billion deficit," he said. "But they ignore or even defend deficits of \$220 billion, as government spending has grown 10.4 percent per year since Reagan took office, while the federal payroll has zoomed by a quarter of a million bureaucrats."

Paul's colleagues described him as a fervent backer of a return to the gold standard and a fiscal conservative who sought to reduce government activities any way he could.

"I think it's frustration because he thought all this would be solved with Ronald Reagan in power," said Texas GOP chief George Strake. "Now he's a lonesome wolf out in the prairie. It's like trying to form a third party."

Paul called Reagan's defense buildup of recent years a drain on the economy that won't provide a shield from aggression, ridiculed the Gramm-Rudman deficit-spending bill as a "gimmick," and termed the president's request for a line-item veto a "smoke screen."

"President Reagan, as governor of California, had a line-item veto and virtually never used it," Paul said.

In conclusion, Paul said that Reagan's actions have made quitting the Republican Party the only reasonable thing for him to do, and on that note, he turned in his party membership.

Value of more state money argued at education trial

AUSTIN (AP) — Whether more state money will increase the quality of education in Texas public schools became a key issue Wednesday in a school financing trial involving 115 districts.

"We say that money makes the difference," said Rick Gray, attorney for 67 property-poor districts that are challenging the state's distribution of school money under the 1984 school reform act.

"If a school has more money, it can do a better job of teaching," Gray said.

Jim Turner, attorney for some of the 48 wealthier districts, said, "The state has evidence that no additional dollars will buy you a better education."

Attorneys have estimated the trial will last at least a month.

State District Judge Harley Clark commented, "I do think that funds provided a school district have an effect on the quality of education," he said. "Not the only one, but part of it."

Dr. Richard Hooker of the University of Houston, a school finance expert, was the first witness presented at the opening of the trial Tuesday. He remained on the stand Wednesday.

Hooker was asked, from his own

experience, whether he could teach as well in a school with a limited budget as in one which provided all necessary teaching assistance.

"I could not, no matter how many hours I worked," Hooker said.

On cross examination, Hooker said Edgewood in the San Antonio school district, one of the original property-poor districts bringing the suit, had an annual expense of about \$3,600 per student each year, more than the statewide average of \$3,345. He said the San Antonio district had a local tax rate of 56.5 cents per \$100 property valuation.

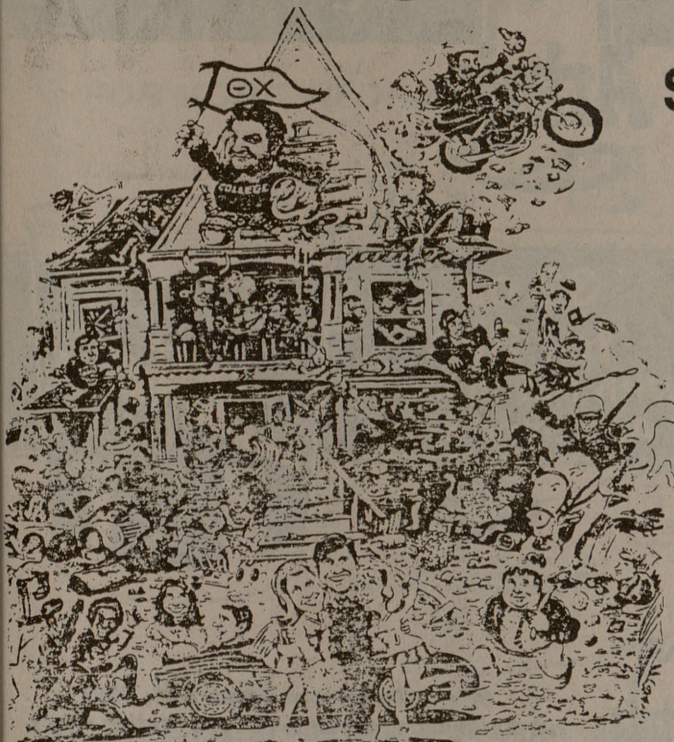
Hooker said it would take at least \$1,000 more per student to provide a quality education in Edgewood.

During questioning, Hooker agreed that Dallas and Houston school districts are considered "relatively wealthy" and have a better education standing than Edgewood.

The state introduced evidence that the Dallas district spends \$3,545 per student, with a tax rate of 53.9 cents per \$100 property valuation, and Houston spends \$3,589 per student, with a tax rate of 68 cents.

O'Hanlon repeated the state's contention that the amount of state money school districts get is a matter for the Legislature, not the courts, to decide.

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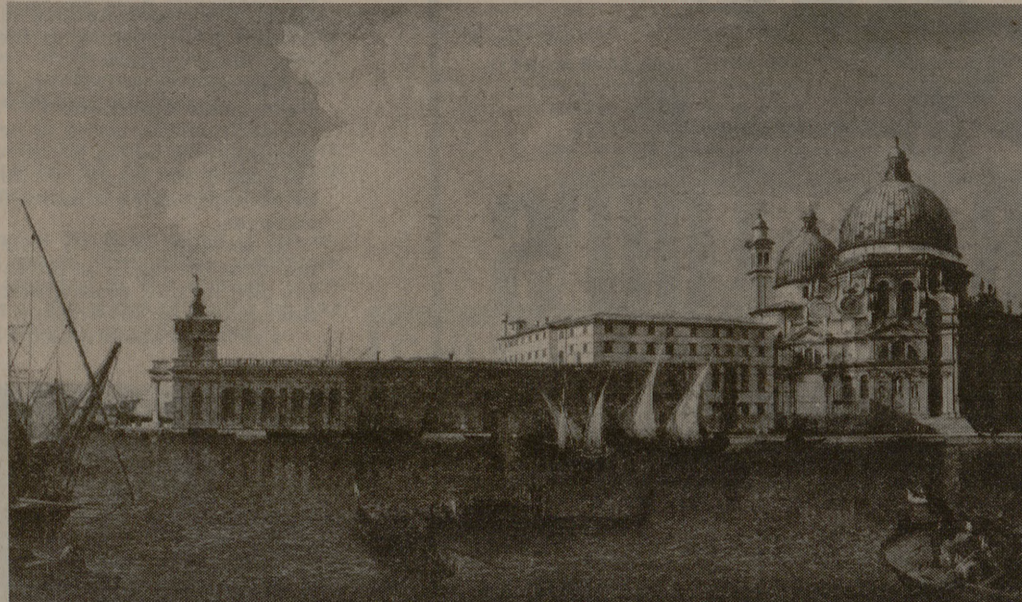


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