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- ▶ [Austin environmentalists fail to stop AMD expansion in the Hill Country](#)
- ▶ [Brown Count tax assessor Linda Parker \(D\) arrested for theft, petition to remove from office started](#)
- ▶ [In compliment to Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, Senator Duncan backhands other state leaders including the Governor on public education](#) - Senator, your record shows that "Out of all of our politicians, only one has a true passion for lawyers and judges getting paid more and having to answer to the public less, and that is Senator Duncan." - Pratt
- ▶ [Illegal immigrants costing Texas taxpayers more than \\$4.7 billion per year](#)
- ▶ [U.S. Census Bureau: Texas has 2nd lowest tax burden per capita in USA!](#) - attention Liberals, this does not mean we should raise taxes, it means Gov. Perry and the GOP Legislature has been doing a better job on taxes than in other states.
- ▶ [Fort Worth Star-Telegram Favors Tax-Payer Funded Lobbying - calls Appraisal Caps a "political gimmick"](#) - flaw in their logic is that local gov. is a creation of the State, not a competing interest, & since when are tax increase limits "gimmicks"
- ▶ [Speaker Craddick renovating Capitol apartment](#) - he might want to work on his image as Speaker first
- ▶ [Texas Tax Reform Commission Plan with opinion links](#)
- ▶ [Trans-Texas Corridor Plans Released - interactive map is here](#)
- ▶ [Shapleigh \(D-El Paso\) wants lawmakers to help Tech find money to open El Paso med school on time](#)
- ▶ [TTU Survey: Texans favor increased 'sin' taxes & casino gambling for gov. revenue](#) - note these are elective taxes only, not property or sales taxes
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- ▶ [Wall Street Journal: Texas the epicenter of tax backlash](#)
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- ▶ [Again... people don't need welfare \(CHIP\) so state tries to recruit them!](#)
- ▶ [Officials: DeLay Won't Seek Re-Election](#)
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