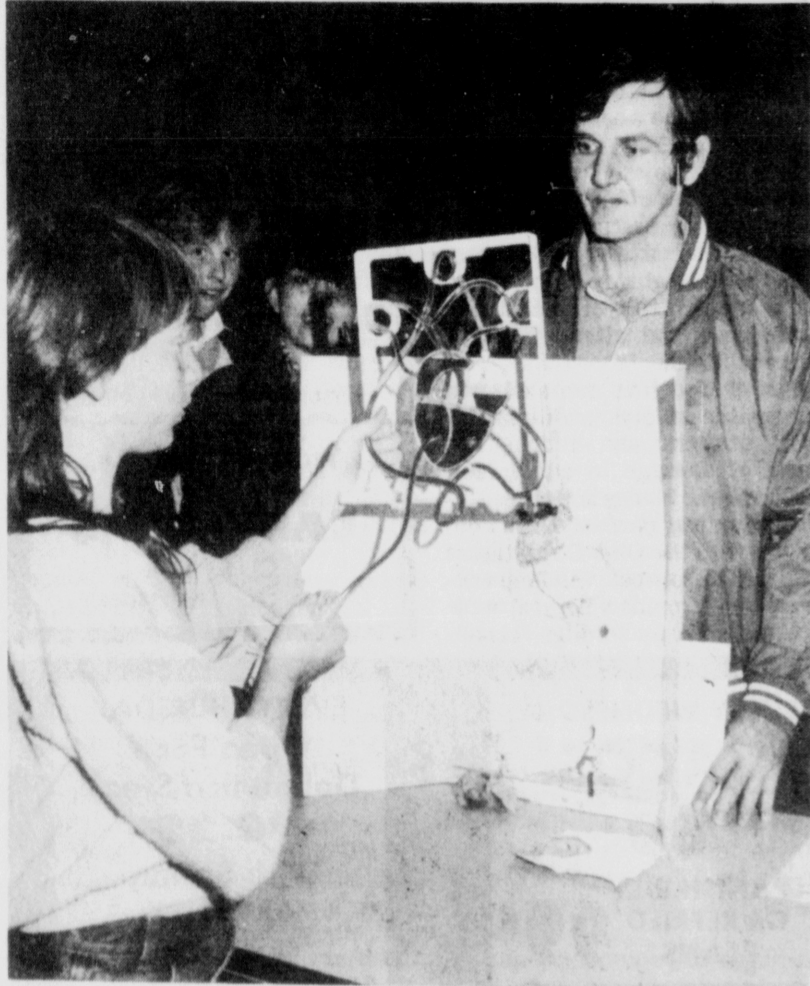




A long line
from
Columbus
with
Larry Manahan

Splitting up a \$22.1 billion budget while ensuring that 11 million Ohioans receive the state services they need and/or deserve makes for a tricky business. Ohio House members have rolled up their sleeves and gotten down to work on the state budget. Since the



PROJECT NIGHT — C.D. Brillhart Elementary School, Napoleon, held a Project Night Monday. Participating students displayed various projects, which were viewed by the public and rated by judges. Here, fifth grader Billie Kohn demonstrates a model of a heart for her father, Kris Kohn. Crescent-News Photo by Kathy Riley.

Governor first submitted a two-year state budget plan back in late January, the House Finance and Appropriations Committee has been hearing testimony from school administrators, university presidents, local government officials, social-service advocates, businessmen, tax collectors, welfare recipients — the list could go on and on.

Viewpoints gleaned from testimony, along with new revenue estimates and welfare-caseload projections, have precipitated changes in the state budget plan.

A substitute bill was unveiled March 24 by House Democrats that includes a number of Republican recommendations. Both Republicans and Democrats are advocating a shift in state spending priorities that would see some programs — particularly education — receive more funding, while other programs would be in line for budget cuts. Proposed reforms also have been suggested to eliminate government waste.

Here is a quick look at the budget as it now stands:

Schools. The budget proposal currently on the table calls for a 2 percent increase in funding for primary and secondary education in fiscal 1988 and 4 percent more in fiscal 1989. This \$75.5 million increase over the Governor's budget plan falls short of a \$200 million increase proposed by minority members of the Finance Committee.

While committee discussion of school spending continues, one thing appears certain: House members will be guaranteeing schools a slightly larger share of the budget pie than Gov. Celeste intended. He had advocated no spend-

ing increase for schools in fiscal 1988, to be followed by a 4 percent increase the following year.

Higher education. The current budget proposal increases higher education spending by \$36.4 million over the Governor's recommendation. Efforts are underway to increase this amount slightly.

Welfare. The current budget proposal takes a rather responsible approach to welfare spending. It calls for a 4 percent benefit increase in the last year of the biennium while taking a serious look at welfare reforms.

One area of concern, however, deals with "workfare." Despite the documented success of Ohio's program of putting able-bodied welfare recipients to work for their benefits, the revised budget still does not expand the program statewide. In fact, the current proposal calls for cutbacks in proposed workfare funding.

Look for a continued call to implement workfare statewide during the remainder of this budget process.

Taxes. Most of the tax loopholes sought by Gov. Celeste, along with many of his recommended fee increases for specific state services, appear likely to be adopted. However, arguments stating that a proposed tax on commercial aviation fuel would dampen economic development were successful. It has been stripped from the latest budget proposal.

A proposed 5 cents-a-pack state cigarette tax increase also has been scaled back to 4 cents, but broadened to include other tobacco products like chewing tobacco, cigars and snuff. The Governor's proposed

To conduct model legislature

COLUMBUS — More than 550 high school students from across the state will convene at the Ohio House of Representatives April 2-4 to conduct a model legislature and supreme court — complete with lobbyists, legislators, justices and a gubernatorial election — at the Statehouse.

Napoleon High School students participating are Shannon Brown, Jeanie Detmer, Michelle Groll, Karen Gruenhagen, Susan Heuer, Connie Hogrefe, Liz Klear, Kathy Meyer, Tiffany Petrarca, Debbie Skiver, Laurie Smith and Denise Thacker.

During the 36th annual Ohio YMCA Youth in Government Program, conducted by the Ohio-West Virginia YMCA, students will learn first-hand the process of state government including legislative and

judicial procedures. Youth legislators have submitted 175 legislative proposals for consideration including punishment of juveniles who commit aggravated murder, health warning labels on alcoholic beverages, shelter and employment for the homeless, and restrictions for surrogate parenting.

Youth justices will also participate in the model supreme court and hear 19 cases appealed from local trials conducted by students.

Gov. Richard Celeste will open the session with a special address. Also participating in opening ceremonies will be Chief Justice Thomas Moyer, Secretary of State Sherrod Brown, Attorney General Anthony Celebrezze and Youth in Government chairman Oliver Osasek, who also is a former state senator.

District Lions convention set

LIMA — The annual convention of Ohio Lions District 13-A will be April 4 and 5 at the Best Western Motel here, announces district governor John Phillips, of the Kalida Lions Club.

The district is comprised of 61 clubs with more than 2,100 members.

Guest speaker for the convention will be Dr. Jack DoBush, Alberta, Canada, past international director. He will update Lions on Lions International activities. DoBush is very active in promoting the Lions-Quest Drug Program in Canada.

There will be forums on diabetes education, Ohio Lions eye research programs, Ohio Lions Foundation and drug awareness.

Special programs for woman also will be presented both days. Former Putnam County resident Dan Kidd, administrator of a drug and alcohol treatment center in Grand Rapids, Mich., will be featured speaker on Saturday. His topic will be "Can We Raise a Drug-Free Generation?" Kalida High School Chorale will perform Sunday afternoon.

The convention will close with a grand banquet Sunday evening.

increase in solid waste-disposal fees has been dropped completely. Other proposed fee increases have, in some instances, been reduced.

occur during the next two years in Ohio.

The state budget is scheduled to face a full vote by all 99 Ohio House members two weeks before Easter. I welcome your input, as state spending priorities and policies continue to be set.

(Larry Manahan, R-Defiance, represents Ohio House District 79, comprising Defiance, Fulton and Williams counties.)

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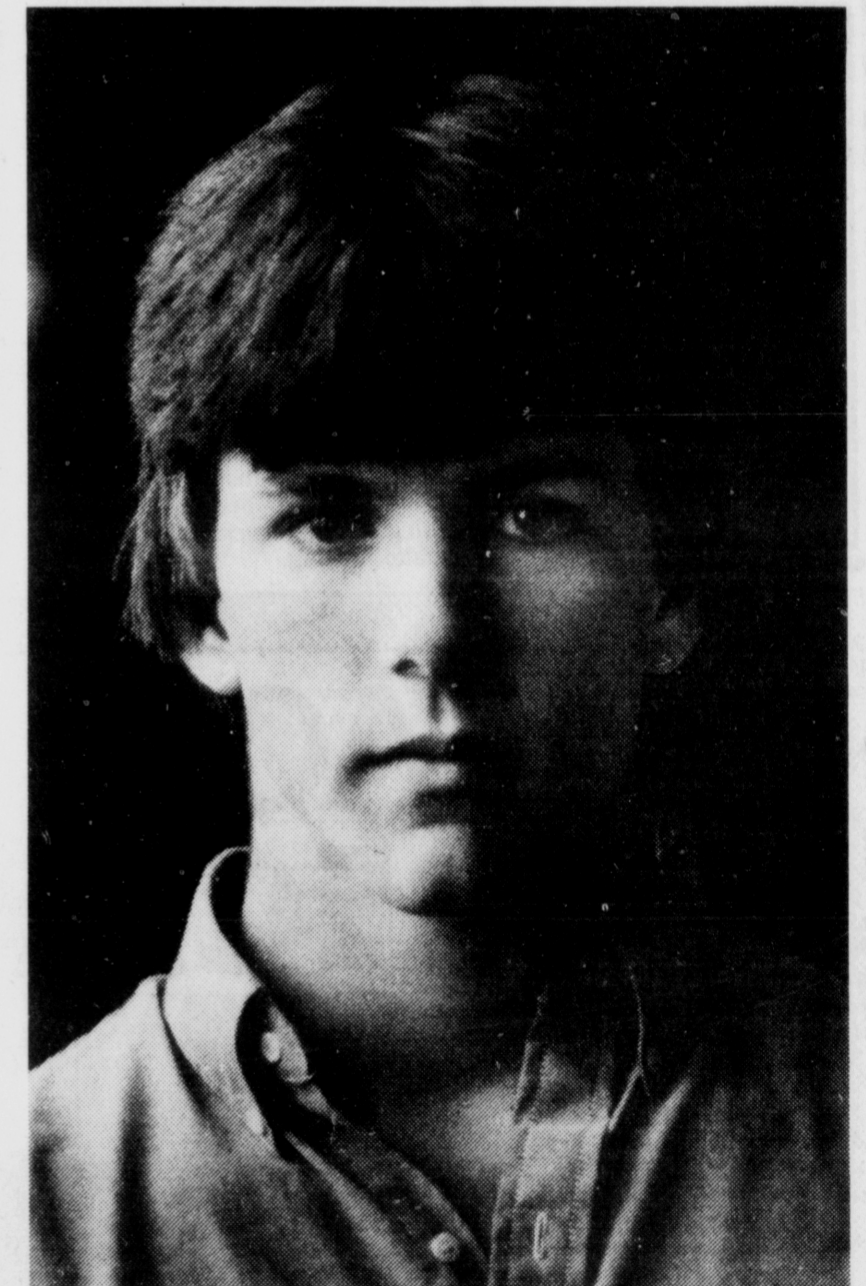
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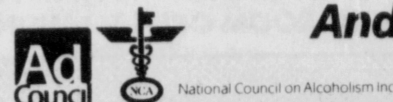
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