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Mark White at his best when defeat forecast

Last Wednesday, several Capitol reporters wrote that newly inaugurated Gov. Mark White was about to lose his first battle in the Senate vote on his predecessor's lame-duck appointments.

The next day, White's supporters in the Senate overran his opposition and returned almost all the appointments to him, allowing him to substitute his own nominations.

The stunning victory, although smaller in scale, was similar to his upset "election" victories in the past. Like him or not, political observers ought to know by now that White has been at his best when his defeat is forecast.

His supporters in the Senate, led by Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas; Lloyd

Doggett, D-Austin; and Craig Washington, D-Houston held firm to take out one-vote wins, one by one, on almost all of the 105 nominees which White wanted sent back to him for review. Most likely he will replace them with his own nominations.

The vote was significant in many respects. For one, veteran Texas powerhouses John B. Connally and Billy Clayton were among the political scalps taken. Also recalled were the names of GOP Atty. General nominee Bill Meier and former Clements top staffer Hilary Doran.

Urban vs. Rural

Outgoing Republican Gov. Bill Clements had publicly taunted White by carefully appointing many of White's strongest opponents—then predicting White's failure.

The vote also reflected the Legislature's new personality following redistricting: a shift from rural domination to urban domination. Rural senators staunchly hung together, but were outvoted by White's mostly-urban faction.

When the king of rural legislators, former Speaker Bill Clayton, followed Connally in defeat on the second vote, the writing was on the wall. Clayton, a true-blue Aggie nominated as a regent for Texas A&M, led a rural bloc which dominated the House during the last decade.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
 By Lyndell Williams
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Letters to Editor must be signed

Newspapers in general, and The Headlight in particular, welcome letters to the editor. In fact, they prefer that more be written by area readers. How else can opinions be shared?

This week The Headlight and the Colorado County Citizen in Columbus both received an excellent letter concerning the recent commissioner's court decision to split county road funds.

However, the letter was signed by a person with an assumed name.

The Headlight requires that all letters to the editor be signed by the writer, and the writer's address and telephone number be supplied, to protect the writer and the newspaper.

If the letter writer will furnish such information, the letter will be published next week, and additional discussion about the important issues at hand can continue.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Richard Craig LeGrand, 33, Houston, and Frances Ellen Ordner, 23, Houston, 1-18-83.

Kenneth Wayne Kram, 28, Weimar, and Debra Yvonne Van Eaton, 24, Weimar, 1-20-83.

Glenn Lamar Cannon, 25, Altair, and Linda Darlene Robinson, 21, Altair, 1-21-83.

and Charles Edward Nettles, divorce, 1-14-83.

Jack Powell, dba J&S Tire Service vs. E. J. Holcomb, indebtedness, 1-24-83.

Jack Powell, dba J&S Tire Service vs. T. F. Woods Trucking, indebtedness, 1-24-83.

Jack Powell, dba J&S Tire Service vs. Stephen Lamaron, indebtedness, 1-24-83.

Jack Powell, dba J&S Tire Service vs. Vidal A. Lazo, Jr., indebtedness, 1-24-83.

DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED

Kenneth Morris Williams and Alice Elaine Williams, divorce, 1-10-83.

Roy Bryan Smith, and Wanda Teresa Smith, divorce, 1-10-83.

Janice Marie Wright and Mark Eric Wright, divorce, 1-10-83.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital vs. Robert J. Schaff, suit on account, 1-12-83.

Hugh S. Morton and Louise Morton, divorce, 1-13-83.

Debbie King Cabanas and Humberto Cabanas, divorce, 1-14-83.

Mary Ruth Mai and Lent Mai, divorce, 1-14-83.

Marvin William Sherwood and Shirley Ann Sherwood, divorce, 1-17-83.

Patricia Ann Connor and Israel Gregory Connor, divorce, 1-19-83.

Mike Hoffman vs. Superior Oil Co., damages, 1-21-83.

Beverly LeDoss Nettles and Charles Edward Nettles, divorce, 1-14-83.

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REAL ESTATE DEEDS RECORDED

Deed, George A. Stephen Ind. Executor of Estate of Hugo F. Klein to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, undivided interest, 33 plus acres, Colorado County, 12-27-82.

Deed, Virginia Ann Toliver Lopez to Ray C. Toliver, undivided interest, parcel of land in Bk. 45, P. 106-107, 12-27-82.

Deed, Bright Mar Inc. to Ben Douglas Kubricht, parcel of land in Bk. 3, P. 106-107, 12-27-82.

Deed, Bright Mar Inc. to Allen G. Marquart, undivided interest in & to Lot 3 A, Bk. 21, Eagle Lake, Texas, 12-27-82.

Deed, Bright Mar Inc. to Ben Douglas Kubricht, parcel of land in Bk. 3, P. 106-107, 12-27-82.

Deed, Bright Mar Inc. to Allen G. Marquart, parcel of land in B. H. & C RR Co. Survey, 12-27-82.

Deed, Sammie Lee Wilson Glass et vir to Tommy R. Hicks et ux, 0.5 acres, James D. Bowie League, 1-11-83.

Gift Deed, Arthur R. Milentz Jr. et ux to Allen Ray Milentz, undivided interest in parcel of land in Aaron Burleson Survey, 1-17-83.

Gift Deed, Arthur R. Milentz Jr. et ux to Carl Albert Milentz, undivided interest in parcel of land in Aaron Burleson Survey, 1-17-83.

Gift Deed, Doris M. Carpenter, personal representative of estate of Edna Robert to Jean W. Crane et al, undivided interest in 10 acres, Central Harvey Morey Survey, 12-13-82.

Special Deed, Jean W. Crane to Doris M. Carpenter, undivided interest in 10 acres, North Harvey Morey Survey, 12-13-82.

Special Deed, Arrie Ann Esley et vir to Paris M. Carpenter, undivided interest in 10 acres, North Harvey Morey Survey, 12-10-82.

Deed, Virginia Morales to Gloria Hernandez et vir, parcel of land in P. Reels Survey, 12-30-82.

Partition Deed, Joe C. Salinas to Marcelina Martinez Salinas, parcel of land in End of Main Addition, et al, 1-2-83.

Partition Deed, Marcelina Martinez Salinas to Joe C. Salinas, Lot 1, Bk. 2, End of Main Addition, 1-2-83.

Gift Deed, Anne Strickland Wittor to Lutz W. Gillman, undivided interest, 25 acres, C. T. RR Survey, 1-3-83.

Gift Deed, Anne Strickland Wittor to Albert Scott Wittor, undivided interest, 25 acres, G. H. & H. RR Co. Survey, 1-3-83.

Gift Deed, Johnnie MacChandler to Roy Lee Chandler, undivided interest, 17.99 acres, Alfred Kelso League, 1-3-83.

Gift Deed, Mark E. Allen et ux to John Edward Woods et ux, 10.00 acres, Robert Cunningham Survey, 12-11-82.

Deed, Gordon E. Hefington et ux to James C. Baker et ux, 14.87 acres, Martin Lacy One Third League, 1-3-83.

Died, Thomas Wayne Rupp to J. D. Vasek, 10.00 acres, Jas. Cummins League, 12-31-82.

Gift Deed, Lawrence Papp et ux to Richard Pope et al, 15 acres, P. Reels Survey, 1-2-83.

Deed, Frank S. Swablow et ux to William H. Swablow et ux, 10.00 acres, P. Reels Survey, 1-2-83.

Partition Deed, Arrie Ann Esley et al to Marie E. Young, 0.715 acres, H. Austin Lave League, 1-2-83.

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House chairman

New Speaker of the House Gib Lewis named his expanded list of committee chairmen last week, prompting good and bad reactions. Several disgruntled legislators, who had voted for Lewis a week earlier, aired the possibility of enlarging the faction which seeks a new speaker in 1985.

The fact that Lewis and his lieutenants had asked House members to sign his '85 pledge card a few days before the committee assignments were made angered more than a few members.

Those members who were pleased with their committee assignments are discounting any real loss of strength for Lewis, who swept into power two weeks ago with 144 of 150 votes. "He had such a large victory going in, that it was impossible to prevent polarization for very long in a Chamber that is used to close votes."

Clements, salaries

Clements, who has vowed to make White a one-term governor, said last week he expects White's partisanship to divide the Democratic Party.

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CYO holds meetings

The CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) meeting began with an opening prayer by President Joe Mike Young on January 16 at the KC Hall. There were 14 members present.

The Brehm Deaneary meeting in Bellville on January 23 was discussed with six members able to attend. The spaghetti supper on January 27 at Dinder Hall from 6 to 7:30 p.m. was discussed. Members are to report after school on Thursday for work assignments.

Basketball practice at 3 p.m. on January 16 will be at Circle K.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Father M. Following the meeting the members enjoyed refreshments.

Brehm Deaneary meeting in Bellville on January 23 was attended by five members and two sponsors. The meeting began with an opening prayer and officers report. CYO members reported on business from their area.



These three students at Rice High School won honors Saturday in the district's western art contest. Their entries will be judged with those from 56 districts as part of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. From left are Larry Pavlu, gold medalist; Jerry Fajkus, a best of show winner; and Thomas Kuykendall, a gold medalist.

Art winners chosen for Houston

There were more than 375 art exhibits Saturday for the Rice school district's portion of the western art show staged as part of the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. A special awards presentation will be held March 4 to honor the winners and their parents.

Work of the following artists in the Rice District will be on display in Houston:

From Garwood School, P. J. Casarez, Melissa Engstrom and Jerome Henderson; from Sheridan School, Kari Klein and Sharron Querner; from Eagle Lake Primary School, Yaneth Benavides and Jaime Marquart; from Eagle Lake Middle School, Jerry Fajkus, 11, ninth grader at Rice High School who won best of show in the high school division.

Gold Medal winners were Thomas Kuykendall, 17, of Eagle Lake, and Larry Pavlu, 18, of Garwood.

Fifty-six schools in the Houston area participate in the show and each send five winners. The works of twenty of the top winners from the Rice district will be on display in Houston businesses prior to the Houston show.

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KC Free Throw contest Saturday

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The Free Throw contest is open to boys and girls age 11, 12, 13 and 14 as of January 1st of this year. In all, there will be eight age groups competing, four boys age groups and four girls age groups.

Entry forms must be in no later than Friday, January 28. Parents are encouraged to come with their children to watch the competition which begins promptly at 9 a.m.

Each first place winner will receive a plaque and a first place certificate while each student who participates will receive a certificate of participation.

Winners of the local competition will then advance to district competition, and if winners again, could then advance to regional and then state.

Award given

Lawrence Berger of Garwood has been awarded the rookie distribution of the year award for his south Texas district by his employer, Bowers-Distributing Co. of Indianapolis. The company sells service station and auto shop supplies.