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Opinion

Hightower seeks farm market program

Amid amazingly little fanfare, the Texas Senate approved 29-2 the confirmation of Jack Pope as Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

The top-sided vote was a stunning victory for Pope, whose lame-duck appointment had been threatened by a bloc of senators who wanted Gov. Mark White to name his own chief justice.

White, himself, chose not to take sides, even after 14 senators wrote a letter two months ago to then-Gov. Bill Clements asking him not to appoint Pope.

Of the 14 who vowed to "oust" whatever Clements named, only Sen. Craig Washington and Chet Brooks keep their pledge, voting against Pope last Thursday.

The fact that Pope came from behind, so to speak, to an almost unanimous win in a sticky political situation, reflects the respect that the 69-year-old jurist carries in Austin.

A life-long Democrat and member of the High Court since 1965, Pope was never opposed because of credentials, only because some Democrats did not want Clements to make the appointment.

Pope told senators after the vote that he had no ill will against the 14 signers. In fact, that letter prompted Clements to seek to appoint a conservative Democrat, who would be tough to beat, and the trail led to Pope. He thanked the 14 for being a factor.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
 By Lyndell Williams
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Jim Hightower, who faces a budget battle with conservative legislators, said his first month on the new job was "kind of like trying to squeeze through" such a bottleneck.

Hightower wants to create a network of farmers markets in Texas, similar to programs in other states. His idea is to cut out the middle man to benefit both growers and consumers.

In fact, he has hired the fellow who apparently set up a successful program in Tennessee, one John Vick.

He is also seeking experts to open up foreign markets for U.S. farm products, especially in Third World markets.

The increase in marketing personnel is the biggest expense in his proposed budget, but he points out that Florida spends more on its oranges than the Texas Agriculture Department's entire budget.



Heritage House residents help with science project

Eight residents of the Heritage House are assisting Julia Rosprim, a student at Rice High School, with her science project. The project deals with the theory that plants are good therapy for older and/or ailing people. Each person participating received an ivy plant and was asked to take care of it. Twice a week, Julia drops in to visit with the people and to check on the plants.

The research will be finished at the end of February.

The object of the project is to find out if the plants have made a difference in the owner's behavior. Pictures will be taken of the residents with their plants and perhaps displayed with the project at the science fair.

The eight people participating in the project are: Lola Albright, Edith Morris, Lillie Herrin, Lydia Staddard, Lettie Richmond, Clarence Hurd, Raymond Harper and Elizabeth Walker.

Julia is really enjoying working with these people. "Talking with these people is so much fun. They have so many interesting stories," Julia says. "It's a great pleasure getting to know these people."

All residents are thoroughly enjoying visiting with Julia and participating in this project.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

GAS, OIL LEASES
 Lease, Eleanor Schobel to Murphy H. Baster, 43.18 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, 12-14-82
 Lease, Clarence G. Eggenmeyer et al to Murphy H. Baster, 43.18 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, 12-14-82
 Lease, Joseph G. Hoest et al to Murphy H. Baster, 5.18 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, 12-14-82
 Lease, Letha Grace Lundquist to Lynbrook Oil Co., 82.6 acres, 1 & G N RR Co. Survey, 11-7-82
 Lease, Glenn Pfinghaug et al to Atlantic Richfield Co., 176.00 acres, Howard McElroy Survey, 11-5-82
 Lease, Betty L. Overgoor et al to Atlantic Richfield Co., 89.02 acres, 12-2-82
 Lease, Dick Schutte to Atlantic Richfield Co., 109.25 acres, Peter Piper Survey, 12-8-82
 Lease, Evers Guthmann Orsak et al to Atlantic Richfield Co., 21.76 acres, William Hodgsons Survey, 11-17-82
 Lease, Melbourne G. Westmoreland to Howell Drilling Inc., 23.38 acres, Alfred Kelso Survey, 9-28-82
 Lease, Thomas A. Adams, III, Trustee to Conquest Exploration, 158 acres, C. C. Dyer Lease, 10-27-82
 Lease, Mary A. Guyon to Conquest Exploration, 158 acres, C. C. Dyer Lease, 10-27-82

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
 Quit Claim Deed, Deed, Mercantile Trust Co. N.A., Trustee U/W of Harriet A. Broeker to Kenneth Berger, undivided interest in parcel of land in H. E. & W. T. RR Co. Survey, 12-6-82
 Deed, Richard L. Higgins et al to T Lang et ux, 0.363 acres, P Reels Survey, 11-8-83
 Gift Deed, Helmut Roeder et ux to Christina Elaine Herring - Eunice Carol Herring, Trustee, undivided interest, parcel of land, John H. Dabney Lease, 11-4-83
 Gift Deed, Helmut Roeder et ux to Eunice Carol Herring, Trustee, undivided interest, parcel of land, John H. Dabney Lease, 11-4-83
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 Gift Deed, James R. Thomas et ux to Marsha Thomas Kallina, undivided interest in parcel of land in Joseph Glueck Survey, 11-4-83
 Gift Deed, James R. Thomas et ux to Cynthia Thomas Cheatham, undivided interest in parcel of land in Joseph Glueck Survey, 11-4-83
 Gift Deed, Cecelia Ray Brown to Leocadio Cordova et ux, Lots 1 and 2, Bk. 2, Simmons, Addition, 1-15-83
 Quit Claim Deed, Laura Lynne Shirley Powers et ux to Leocadio Cordova et ux, Lots 1 and 2, Bk. 2, Simmons Addition, 1-15-83
 Deed, Edward P. De Zevallos, Trustee to Myra Jane Draper, 0.2479 acres, E. Tumlinson Lease, 1982
 Deed, Columbus Trusteeship to E.Z. Mart Stores, Inc., 0.0113 acre, E. Tumlinson Lease, 12-82
 Deed, Arnold Samers et Vivian Sanders to Wesley Sutherland, parcel of land in Colorado County, 1-18-83
 Deed, William R. Waddell, Executor of Estate of Thomas T. Waddell, Deceased to William R. Waddell, undivided interest, Lots 1 through 12 inclusive Bk. G, Penfield and Peterson Addition, 11-0-82
 Deed, William R. Waddell, Executor of Estate of Thomas T. Waddell, Deceased to Mary Waddell-Baker, undivided interest in parcel of land in Colorado County, 1-14-83
 Deed, Iris P. Danklefs to Kenneth M. Danklefs et ux, undivided interest in parcel of land in Colorado County, 1-14-83

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24 Years Ago *Let's Look Back*
 January 29, 1959
 Miss Sandy Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas and Bobby Meitzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meitzen, were crowned queen and king of the ninth annual Rice Basketball tournament in Eagle Lake high school gym.

48 Years Ago *Let's Look Back*
 E. E. Turner, local manager of the American Rice Growers Association, completed a sale of between 68,000 and 70,000 barrels of rice, which is said to be the second largest sale of rice ever made in the Eagle Lake territory.

48 Years Ago *Let's Look Back*
 Little Albert Dutcher, dr. of Lissie fell against an oil heater and burned his face. The burn was painful, but not serious.

24 Years Ago *Let's Look Back*
 Miss Joyce Popp was crowned queen of the Garwood High School Student Council Talent Show held in the gym Monday and Tuesday.

Bus, cable protested

Dozen residents at council meet

A crowd of a dozen Eagle Lake residents attended a city council meeting Tuesday night to help council make decisions about the proposed end to public bus service in Eagle Lake, and proposed changes in the cable television programming here.

It took only a few minutes for council to approve a resolution that asks the Texas Railroad Commission to rule that bus service be continued here, but almost an hour was spent discussing the cable service.

The bus resolution, which essentially says the same thing as a resolution from the Chamber of Commerce, will be presented personally at the hearing in Austin at 9 a.m. Thursday morning by city manager Robert Klockman and councilman Alvin Kohleffel.

Robert Klockman and councilman Alvin Kohleffel, Fred Finka, representing the chamber, and Paulette Klockman also will attend.

One member of the audience, at the council meeting, Laura Crim, spoke up to say that she suggested that bus service be continued.

When business turned to the proposals by Eagle Lake Cable Television, the dozen people in the audience each expressed their sentiment that the two commercial stations in Austin should be retained for local viewing here, rather than substituting the Christian Broadcasting Network and Cable News Network for them.

Helen Pilkington and Robert Johnson said they each represented at least ten other residents who want the Austin channels retained. For the most part, the Austin channels provide access to Dallas Cowboy football, alternative daytime programming and Austin news broadcasts.

J. D. Staats, Texas regional district manager for the local cable parent company, said one of the reasons the company is proposing the change is the poor reception of Channel 7, caused by interference from Victoria Channel 20. Also the cost of maintaining the antennae here to receive the Austin channels, as well as requests from area residents to include CBN.

Council has no authority to rule on programming changes to make, but Staats said that if names of area residents against the

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changes would be given to him at council's next meeting on Feb. 22. The company would reconsider.

Pilkington and Johnson said they would collect names.

The rate changes outlined in last week's Headlight were approved with Roy Dean Van Nort casting the lone vote against the increases.

In other business, council:

- Approved a request by the Noon Lions Club to use the sidewalks by the Municipal Building for its annual Mop and Broom Sale on February 17.
- Discussed bids on the purchase of a new police car. The purchase decision will be made at council's first meeting in March.
- Accepted a bid of \$1,150 from Lee Birdwell who will purchase a parcel of property not sold at last month's sheriff's sale of delinquent tax property. The bid is \$20 above the court department will be consulted.

Discussed changes in the proposed city ordinance to regulate the parking of heavy vehicles on city streets. It appears the ordinance will be approved at council's next meeting in two weeks.

Set next Tuesday as a working session on the city budget for the next fiscal year, which begins April 1. A five to 10 percent reduction in expenses is planned.

Approved a request from Long Trucking to install no parking signs on FM 3013 from U. S. 90-A south to the city limits, on the east side of the highway. The state highway department will be consulted.

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Penalties increase for not filing information returns

Farmers, ranchers, and others who made payments last year in excess of \$600 for services to individuals (other than employees) and partnerships (but not corporations) must file certain information forms.

Failure to do so will result in increased penalties of \$50 per incident, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The information returns are the Form 1099 series and relate to the payment of interest, rents, royalties, prizes, awards, fees, commissions and other compensations.

Art and hobby show brewing

The eighth annual Art & Hobby Show is brewing in Shiner, being staged for Sunday, February 27, at the American Legion Hall, The Shiner Rotary Club, which sponsors the show, is inviting participants in this year's exhibit to enter three categories, the Judged Art Competition, the Commercial Exhibits, and the Sewing and Handicraft Competition. Deadline for entries is Thursday, February 17.

Snacks and refreshments will be available throughout the day with breakfast beginning at 7 a.m.

Exhibits will be open to the public at 11 a.m. and will remain open for viewing until 6 p.m. There is no admission charge, but free donations will be accepted. Art & Hobby Show proceeds go to local Rotary projects.

The Judged Art Competition will include divisions in still life, landscape, portrait, abstraction, animal life, and miscellaneous. Best-of-Show prizes of \$50, \$25, and \$15 will be awarded in this area of competition.

A weatherization program, to help lower income families weatherize their homes, is being made available through the Combined Community Action Agency in Smithville.

The purpose of the program is to provide home improvements to low income households in order to reduce heat loss and conserve energy.

Assistance is available to households which meet certain eligibility requirements. The income of all persons living in the household must not exceed 125 percent of the following:

- For one-person households, \$487.50; two persons, \$647.91; three persons, \$808.33; four persons, \$968.75; five persons, \$1,129.16; and six persons, \$1,289.58.

On-site assessment of the home will determine the need for weatherization. When applying for assistance, persons must bring proof of gross monthly income for all household members who have income.

The applicant also should bring identification for the head of the household or the person making the application. There is a maximum availability of \$1,000 per dwelling, including labor and materials.

Call the Combined Community Action Agency in Smithville for information. The telephone number is 1-512-237-2434.

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 WISCONSIN vs. MINNESOTA 8 PM
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Public Notice

In order to implement prior orders of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket No. 3957, notice is hereby given of Southwestern Bell's proposal to implement a new schedule of intrastate long distance rates, effective April 1, 1983, unless otherwise determined by the Commission.

It is expected that the proposed rate schedule will not increase the company's net intrastate revenues, but rather, the increased rates will offset increased settlements paid to certain other telephone companies.

A complete copy of the new rate schedule is on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and is available for inspection in each of the company's public business offices in Texas.

Aviso Público

Southwestern Bell, con el objeto de cumplir con el decreto previo del Public Utility Commission (Comisión de Servicios Públicos) del Estado de Texas, Acta No. 3957, por la presente hace saber su intención de establecer un nuevo arancel de tarifas para servicio intrastatal de larga distancia, con vigencia a partir del 1o de abril de 1983, a menos que la Comisión haga otra determinación.

Se espera que el nuevo arancel de tarifas que Southwestern Bell se propone establecer no aumentará sus ingresos netos intrastatales, sino que servirá para compensar el aumento de los ajustes que se les paga a algunas otras compañías de teléfono.

Una copia completa del nuevo arancel de tarifas se ha archivado en las oficinas del Public Utility Commission (Comisión de Servicios Públicos) en Austin, Texas, y esta disponible para inspección pública en todas nuestras oficinas en el Estado de Texas.

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