Opinion

This opinion page is meant to be a sharing of ideas, not just the writer's views. It's objective is to stimulate thoughts of readers about the positive aspects of the Eagle Lake/Colorado County Community.

Special session may alter public education

Whether it follows through or not, the Legislature has taken the first significant step of the special session to radically alter the Texas public education system.

House leaders indicated last week they are close to a workable compromise on the issue to abolish the 27-member elected State Board of Education.

The plan in the works would replace that large board with a smaller, temporary panel of between nine and 12 members appointed by the Governor.

After an initial term, that membership would become an elected body. The first term probably would be 4 years.

This version apparently has the support of House Speaker Gib Lewis and H. Ross Perot, the chairman of the select committee who fiercely advocates abolishing the elected state board.

Governor Mark White also supports the compromise, but his nemesis, Comptroller Bob Bullock was critical of the school finance part of the package as weighted against poorer school districts.

Bullock backs a school finance package which closes the funding gap between rich and poor school districts.

The compromise plan is expected to cost about $2.5 billion over the next three years.

Each teacher would get a pay raise of at least $170 a month.

Billboard campaign

One issue of discussion away from the bargaining table is a series of billboards across the state intended to politically embarass the governor, paid for by the Republican Party.

The billboards quote an '82 campaign pledge of Gov. White in which he promised not to raise taxes if elected.

State Republican Party chairman George Strake said the billboards are a political education project to remind voters of White's promise.

Legislators are in Austin now because White called them there to raise an unprecedented $4.8 billion in taxes, Strake said.

Party conventions

Delegates from both parties held state conventions last week with Republicans meeting in Fort Worth and Democrats in Houston.

A newspaper poll of those delegates showed Democrats favored a call for a nuclear weapons freeze in their platform while the GOP rejected it. Democrats also wanted Congressional approval before the President could commit U.S. Combat troops in Central America, and Republicans rejected such approval.

The Democrats, by a wide margain, favored dismantling their presidential caucus system in favor of a direct primary. Such reform would take an act of the Legislature.

Jim Mattox

Texas Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox drew attention last week after it was disclosed he hired the husband of a legislature who sits on the committee overseeing his budget.

Mattox hired Lane Denton, a former "Dirty 30" state representative from Waco, in December at $32,000 a year to help run the new child-support enforcement office. Denton's wife, Betty, who replaced him in the Legislature, was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee in November. Both she and Mattox denied any conflict of interest.

Speaker Lewis said he did not think Denton's votes on the committee would be slanted towards Mattox, but that he could consider transferring her to another committee assignment to avoid the appearance of conflict.

Park plan protested

Several legislators have objected to Gov. White's proposal to scrub a fund which helps cities develop parks and use the money for education.

The fund is replenished by the cigarette tax, which White wants diverted to public education.

However, at least 18 senators want the park fund intact to avoid hampering local park programs in the state.

Antitrust suit

Mattox filed a $4.7 million antitrust suit last week against four salt-water disposal companies, a first in Texas history according to him.

It is the first lawsuit under Texas law to allege monopolization. This case charges the companies with monopolizing the saltwater disposal business in Burleson County and surrounding oil fields, and of price-fixing conspiracy.

In another action, Mattox ruled that judges cannot allow the bar association or any other entity to assign lawyers to indigent cases.

District judges may not delegate to another person or entity the discretionary powers to appoint an attorney in a particular case.

Mattox made the ruling after 10 El Paso judges signed a joint order providing that lawyers in the county be assigned no more than two domestic indigent cases per year.

The county bar association would have handled such assignment.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Irrigation pipelines cut fuel and energy costs

With fuel and production costs skyrocketing, rice farmers in Colorado County might want to consider installing a plastic irrigation pipeline for rice production instead of using an open canal.

Underground irrigation pipelines, as compared to an open canal, provide an increase of 35 to 40 percent in acreage which can be farmed in rice. The area which was formerly an open canal can be leveled, an reclaimed for rice production, which results in better utilization of the land.

This increase in production acreage represents more efficient use of irrigation water as well as substantial saving in fuel and energy costs. An irrigation pipeline provides outlets where needed so that water is readily available for use. Better management of irrigation water is another advantage of using an irrigation pipeline.

Most of the pipeline commonly installed is 15 inch or 16 inch PVC pipe. This pipe is capable of handling 3,000 to 3,500 gallons per minute. Some 18 inch pipe has been manufactured which will handle flows up to about 4,500 gallons per minute.

Also, from economic standpoint, irrigation pipeline will usually pay for themselves within a 5 to 7 year period.

Canals, on the other hand, require extensive care and maintenance. Recent engineering studies have shown that from 30 to 50 gallons of water per minute per 1,000 feet of canal are lost in transport due to evaporation, and soaking or seepage into soil banks of the canal.

This loss of water results in added fuel energy costs. For further information on plastic irrigation piplines, contact the Columbus Soil Conservation Service Office located at 316 Spring St., or call 732-2773.

The Soil Conservation Service working with the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, assists local farmers with their water management problems.

Ice cream social in Lissie

The Lissie United Methodist Church Youth Group are holding their annual Ice Cream Social on the church grounds this Sunday, June 24 at 5 p.m.

There will be plenty of ice cream, cakes and pies. A mini-Olympics will be held as well as games for all ages.

Your presence and support would be appreciated.

Waste-water treatment projects for LCRA

A high-level planning and policy committee has recommended that the Lower Colorado River Authority take the initiative in regional planning and participating in water and wastewater-treatment projects in the lower Colorado River basin.

The unanimous recommendation comes from the LCRA Planning and Public Policy Committee comprised of 7 LCRA directors. The committee made its recommendation at the May 25 meeting in Austin and will place it for consideration by the full 15-member LCRA board of directors at its June 19 meeting.

The recommendation states that LCRA shall demonstrate "initiative in regional planning within the Lower Colorado Rier Authority's watershed, and shall encourage and may participate in financing, building and operation of inter-jurisdictional water and wastewater supply and treatment facilities within the LCRA's 10-county district. In addition, shall take a leadership role in anticipating and responding to public service needs as they relate to water sources."

LCRA's 10-county statutory district includes San Saba, Llano, Burnet, Blanco, Travis, Bastrop, Fayette, Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties.

While the recommendation covers a broad range of responsibilities, no specifics are mentioned as yet, said committee chairman John Jones of Brady. "That will come later if the full LCRA board adopts the recommendation." Jones also serves as vice chairman of LCRA's board of directors.

Jones noted that LCRA's Enabling Act empowers the Authority to carry out the recommendation. "The Act charges us with controlling, storing and distributing the waters within the boundaries of our 10-county statutory district," he said, " and provides the means to carry out these responsibilities."

In carrying out its mandate, LCRA has built the chain of Highland Lakes dams, provided flood control and established a water-quality monitoring program in the lower Colorado River watershed, Jones said. The Authority has also worked with city, county, state and federal agencies in planning and protecting the area's water quantity and quality.

"It is no a question as to how much further LCRA wishes to go in carrying out its mandate," Jones said. "The options are many, but one thing is clear: with the rapid population growth and the increased demands and pressures on the watershed's limited water resources, regional cooperation is needed to emphasize the proper control and protection of the water. We feel LCRA is the appropriate agency for that purpose."

Jones stressed that any expansion of LCRA's activities would be designed to work in harmony with existing programs and agencies. "Our goal is a unified approach to meeting our citizens' water needs," he said.

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"But, then he explained that a central air conditioner that's too big for your home is just as bad, as one that's too small - maybe even worse. It won't control the humidity well enough to keep you comfortable. And it wastes energy - uses more electricity than you really need.

"I wound up with a unit a ton smaller than the old one. I wanted a high efficiency model to save energy, so I made sure I bought one with an EER/SEER of at least 8. The unit I finally settled on, in fact, is rated 8.7.

"And you know, it's doing a great job! We're more comfortable now than we ever were with the larger unit. And I really think our electric bills are lower now, too."

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Forest J. Vlasek vs. Peter John Schutte, damages; 5-22-84.

Action Reddi Mix Co., vs. Dominy Sand & Gravel, Inc., breach of contract; 5-22 -84.

ITT Industrial Credit Co., vs. Leroy S. Brewer, suit-on-note; 5-25-84.

G.F.G., Inc., vs. Janice Heinrich, suit-on-account; 6-4-84.

R. Gay Anderson vs. Benjamin Dexter Anderson, divorce; 6-6-84.

Donald D. Downey vs. Linda S. Downey, divorce; 6-6-84.

James L. Hanek vs. Mary Frances Hanek, divorce; 6-11-84.

Janeen M. Taylor vs. James H. Taylor, divorce; 6-11-84.

Texas General Indemnity vs. George B. Andel, workers compensation; 6-14-84.

Houston Lighting and Power Co., vs. John Everett Anderson, suit on promisory note; 6-15-84.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Luis Enrique Masson, 21, of Houston and Leticia Martinez, 17, of Columbus; 5-25-84.

James Dale Copeland, 34, of Pasadena and Lisa Lynn Harris, 25, of Pasadena, 5-26-84.

Donald Wayne Kutac, 25, of Schulenburg and Karen Frances Hreek, 20, of Weimar; 6-4-84.

Ben Christen, 27, of Weimar and Patricia Marie Stallman, 21, of Columbus, 6-5-84.

Silvester Rosas, 25, of Schulenburg and Ramona Alvarez, 21, of Schulenburg; 6-7-84.

Karl Louis Williams, 29, of Weimar and Marilyn Mills Russell, 29, of Schulenburg; 6-8-84.

Richard Clay Whitaker, 37, of Columbus and Marjorie Ann Valenta, 18, of Alleyton; 6-8-84.

Allen Dale Schindler, 28, of Cat Spring and Laune Ellen Nunes, 20, of Schulenburg; 6-8-84.

Dwain Keith Dungen, 23, of Columbus and Joan Thersa Neuendorff, 23, of Columbus; 6-11-84.

William Richard Farris, 22, of Eagle Lake and Lisa Lynn Frazar, 22 of San Antonio; 6-11-84.

Jesus Jacinto Rodriquez, 20 of Katy and Aracely Camacho, 19, of Hialeah, Florida; 6-11-84.

Melvin Clarence Gordon, 38, of Eagle Lake and Eurma Lemons, 47, of Eagle Lake; 6-11-84.

Antonio Rivera, 66, of Columbus and LaRue McCann, 59, of Columbus; 6-13-84.

Donald Ray Zaskoda, 21, of New Ulm and Malinda Ann Zapalac, 23, of New Ulm; 6-15-84.

Morris Russell, Jr., 33, of Hallettsville and Janice Laruth Nunn, 26, of Weimar; 6-15-84.

Darrell Dean Johnson, 26, of Columbus and Cynthia Deniece Booker, 20, of Columbus; 6-15-84.

Calvin Max Harris, 24, of Columbus and Deborah Sue Meyer, 20, of Columbus; 6-15-84.

REAL ESTATE DEED TRANSFERS

Gift deed, L.V. Cranek et ux to Earline Beken et al, 106.21 acres, Samuel Kennelly League. 5-16-84

Deed, John W. Schindler to Tom R.E. King et ux, 2 acres, James Cummins League. 5-22-84

Deed, William A. Hutchins to Raymond Keyser et ux, 0.183 acres, Columbus, Texas. 5-25-84

Deed, Darwin D. Suchadoll et ux to Leroy E. Gregory, 1.731 acres, S.M. Williams Survey. 5-25-84

Deed, Dwight E. Peschel to Marilyn Peschel Knowlton et al, undivided interest, tract of land in E. Tumlinson League. 4-19-84

Deed, United Savings of Texas to O Dean Couch Jr., dba Couch Mortgage Co., lots 23 & 24 block 59, Highland Park Addition. 5-23-84

Deed, O Dean Couch Jr., dba Couch Mortgage Co. to Associated Properties Inc., lots 23 & 24 block 59, Highland Park Addition. 4-30-84

Deed, Mattie Pearl Koklleffel to Louis Sides et ux, 0.594 acres, P. Ewwl's Survey. 5-7-84

Gift deed, Robert Lockett et ux to Louis James Evans et al parcel of land in Town of Columbus, Texas. 5-25-84

Deed, Method Hoffman Jr. et ux to Michael P. Korenek, 2.098 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey. 2-24-84

Partition deed, Frank F. Kahlich et al to Colleen Willrodt, lots 5, 6, 7, & 8 City of Weimar, Texas. 5-31-84

Partition deed, Frank F. Kahlich et al to David E. Kahlich, lot 4 block 4 City of Weimar, Texas. 5-31-84

Partition deed, Frank F. Kahlich et al to Thomas F. Kahlich, lot 5 block 4 City of Weimar, Texas. 5-31-84

Deed, Karen Sue Merritt to Vicent Vallone Jr., Trustee, 10 acres, Peter Piper League. 5-31-84

Deed, Thomas A. Spaeth to Walter Lee Guthmann Jr. et ux, 0.313 acres, W.B. Dewees Survey. 5-25-84

Deed, Gary Clark Powers et ux to Billy L. Wolfe et ux, 0.136 acres in block 24 City of Eagle Lake, Texas. 5-29-84

Deed, Ervin F. Heffley et al to George King Bergfeld et ux, 11.793 acres, James Cummins Survey. 5-30-84

Deed, Charles L. Polocheck et al to Allen D. Schindler, 3 acres, Martin D. Ramsey Survey. 5-22-84

Deed, Otto E. Kahlden Jr., Trustee to Veterans Land Board, 10 acres, I & G N RR Co. Survey. 5-29-84

Deed, Veterans Land Board to William A. Hutchins, 10 acres, I & G N RR Co. Survey. 6-18-84

Quit claim deed, Julian Salguero to Mechanical Works Corporation, 12.652 acres, W.G. Hunt Survey et al. 4-18-84

Quit claim deed, Angela Norma Salguero to Mechanical Works Corporation, 12.652 acres, W.G. Hunt Survey et al. 5-11-84

OIL, GAS LEASES

Gail Evins et vir to CPC Exploration Inc., 112 acres, Hannah Leiper Survey et al. 5-15-84

Wilma Beken to Milestone Petroleum, Inc., 436.04 acres, John Fitzgerald Survey. 4-11-84

Texas Osage Royalty Pool Inc. to Milestone Petroleum, Inc., 164 acres, A.P. Henderson Survey. 4-26-84

Elner Dahse Schutze to Milestone Petroleum, Inc., 436.04 acres, John Fitzgerald Survey. 3-28-84

Eva Mae Hoegemeyer Hertek to Milestone Petroleum, Inc., 436.04 acres, John Fitzgerald Survey et al. 3-28-84

La Joyce Hoegemeyer Cervenka to Milestone Petroleum, Inc., 436.04 acres, John Fitzgerald Survey et al. 3-28-84

Cecil Hoegemeyer et ux to Milestone Petroleum, Inc., 436.04 acres, John Fitzgerald Survey et al. 3-28-84

Belle Griggs Johnson to Roy R. Gardner, 40 acres, John Moyer Survey. 4-6-84

Charles B. Griggs to Roy R. Gardner, 40 acres, John Moyer Survey. 4-6-84

C.E. Flippen et ux to Roy R. Gardner, 11.60 acres, John Moyer Survey. 4-10-84

Lorimer Nichols to TXO Production Corp., 21.20 acres, David Dancy Survey. 3-29-84

Mary E. McClanahan to Steamboat Petroleum Corp., 54 acres, Thomas Cartwright Survey. 5-7-84

Josephine Clark to Andress Exploration Co., 4.91 acres, J.M. Thomas Survey. 4-5-84

Julian Flores et ux to Andress Exploration Co., 0.524 acres, P. Reel's Survey. 5-2-84

Alice M. Adkins to Andress Exploration Co., 0.857 acres, P. Reel's Survey. 5-8-84

Howell H. Rowe et ux to Andress Exploration Co., 0.502 acres, P. Reel's Survey. 5-8-84

Lucio Mota et ux to Andress Exploration Co., 0.733 acres, P. Reel's Survey. 5-2-84

B.J. Williams et al to Andress Exploration Co., 2.487 acres, G.W. White Survey. 5-3-84

Gilbert P. Vargas et ux to Andress Exploration Co., 0.423 acres, P. Reel's Survey. 5-2-84

Colorado County — By Jim Broussard

Sheriff's Report

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We are having an increase of hot checks being passed in Colorado County. This is mostly due to people traveling on vacation and just passing through the area. Be cautious when accepting a check from someone you do not know. Please require their drivers license number and be sure to write the number down yourself. Without a physical description we will be unable to enter the subject in the computer should you receive a worthless check.

6-11-84: Checked on a prowler in the Borten Addition. Checked on a disturbance in Provident City. Transported a patient to the San Antonio State Hospital. Issued 10 traffic citations and served 4 civil citations.

6-12-84: Removed livestock from the roadway on 90 east of Columbus. Assisted at the scene of a trailer fire in Sheridan. Removed livestock from the roadway near Garwood. Checked on a suspious subject in Frelsburg. Investigated a theft near Eagle Lake. Issued 8 traffic citations and served 5 civil citations.

6-13-84: Removed livestock from the roadway on Hatterimann Lane. Assisted at the scene of a fire near Eagle Lake. Checked on a stolen vehicle in the Eagle Lake area. Transported a prisoner to Texas Department of Correction in Huntsville. Removed livestock from the roadway on 90 west of Columbus. Removed livestock from the roadway in the Garwood area. Issued 3 traffic citations and served 4 civil citations.

6-14-84: Assisted at the scene of a vehicle blocking traffic on 71 south. Removed livestock from the roadway in Alleyton. Checked on a disturbance east of Columbus. Checked on a prowler in the Bernardo area. Checked on criminal mischief in the Bernardo area. Issued 8 traffic citations and served 5 civil citations.

6-15-84: Assisted at the scene of an accident in Garwood. Checked on a suspious subject near Garwood. Checked on a dog stolen from the Sheridan area. Checked on a suspious subject in Frelsburg. Issued 7 traffic citations and served 4 civil citations.

6-16-84: Investigated a disturbance in Alleyton. Checked on a vandalism west of Glidden. Checked on a train derailment in Glidden. Checked on a disturbance in Alleyton. Arrested 1 for public intoxication. Issued 1 traffic citation.

6-17-84: Checked on a suspious vehicle on Smith Rau Road. Checked on 2 suspious vehicles in Frelsburg. Investigated a reported theft from a vehicle east of Columbus.

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"Siren Shrills"

Eighteen Eagle Lake firemen responded to a garage fire June 8 at 8:45 p.m. The garage is owned by Otto Botard of Sheridan. According to reports a lawnmower backfired in the garage setting a gas can on fire. Officers in charge were T.J. Smith and Ronnie Miller.

Firemen were summoned as backup in regard to a building fire in Sheridan Tuesday, June 12 at 1:10 p.m. Officer in charge was Sonny Spanihel.

Annual picnic held

Over 150 friends and relatives were served barbecue with all the trimmings in the country home of Rosalyn and Dalton Eversole Sunday, June 10 during their eighth annual picnic.

"This was a real celebration of life" since Dalton was acutely ill twice last year. Rosalyn commented, "Thank God he has regained his health."

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