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Chief Justice John Hill quits Texas Supreme Court

Chief Justice John Hill stunned the court for the appointment system, Capitol press conference last week by announcing he will quit the Texas Supreme Court to return to private practice and crusade for an appointed court.

"While the twice kindred speculation that Hill is preparing to run for governor in 1990, it also paves the way for Gov. Bill Clements to appoint the first republican to that post in modern times.

But Hill denied he would ever seek office again. With half of his six-year term over, he is the lone voice on

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State Capitol Highlights By Lyndell Williams

agreement with the panel of bishops which investigated the SMU football scandal.

They announced the court-approved agreement will allow

Mattox's team to examine the bishops' records of their probe with the

information to be kept secret unless it is disclosed in the court of resutant

judicial proceedings.

Mattox is looking at whether any

charitable trust funds were mis-

handled.

Texans listed

The federal task force examining

the Texas savings and loan industry

for insolvency added more than 100

names to its subpoena list, including

State Savings and Loan Commission

L. Linton Bowman, former

governor John Connally and former Lt.

governor Ben Barnes.

The Barnes and Connally partnership

had multimillion dollar loans

from two failed thrifts in Dallas. Barnes

praised the probe.

Commissioner Bowman said he

has no lending or financial ties to any

state chartered S&L, but has a real

estate partnership with a former officer

of a failed thrift.

State borrowing

Texas treasurer Ann Richards last

week arranged for state government to

borrow \$1.25 billion from private

investors through cash management

notes.

The borrowing, which will cost

tax payers about \$65 million in fi-

nance charges, will get the state

through a short-fall without interrup-

tion of services.

Richards, who with Land

Commissioner Garry Mauro was

catapulted to the top of "possibles"

when popular San Antonio mayor

Henry Cisneros dropped out of the

1990 gubernatorial race, said she

hasn't decided whether she will make

that race.

Mauro, meanwhile, told critics the

award of an \$18 million contract for

veteran loans in 1984 to a top Demo-

cratic fundraiser was also supported

by the Republican member of the

Veterans Land Board, Jack Rains,

now secretary of state.

Shortly after Mauro surfaced as a

patronage possibility, he drew

heat for giving the contract to admin-

ister the veterans housing loan pro-

gram to a company which later lent

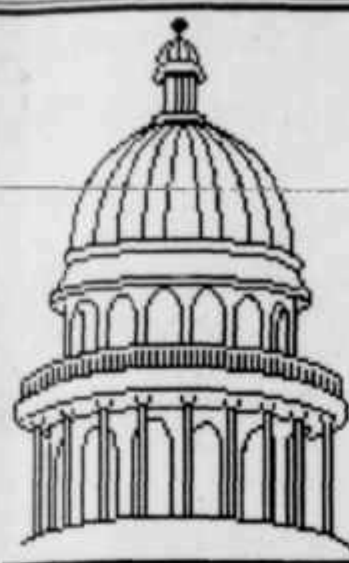
him money for real estate transac-

tion.

Mauro denied any impropriety,

said the company was the only

borrower, although the contract was



Kent Hance was named by Clements

to replace outgoing Railroad

Commission Chairman Mack Wal-

lace.

Hance is expected to seek election

to the post in 1988 and he answered

critics that his \$370,000 campaign

debt from 1986 will be paid off next

month.

He said he intends to lobby in

Washington, D.C. for a national en-

ergy policy, which Clements also

supports.

If Clements names a Republican

to replace John Hill, his party will

have four state officials, two

appointed by him.

Texas oyster bays

Texas oyster bays were closed last

week and could stay idle for up to a

year to replenish oyster populations.

Texas Parks & Wildlife commis-

sioners approved the ban following evi-

dence that some oyster beds may have

been dropped off by as much as 80 per-

cent in productivity because of unusually

heavy rains and last summer's red

tide, a rust-colored microorganism.

Some oyster prices will

be substantially because of poor

harvests in other states.

Let's Look Back... 24 Years Ago

(August 15, 1963)

Jane Booker named queen for the

Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment during the Tri-Rivers Associa-

tion pumpkins races last Sunday eve-

ning... Eagle Lake's assistant chief of

police Bert Gubbelts was granted a

leave of absence from the city's police

force to attend a polygraph school at

Texas A&M College September 23...

An average of more than 26 major

crimes were committed every hour in

Texas during the first 6 months of

1963 was reported by the Texas De-

partment of Public Safety... L.J.

Rosprinn, Eagle Lake High School

vocational agriculture teacher, re-

ceived his 15-year pin for service at

the State Agriculture Teachers' con-

ference in Dallas last week... Lone

Star Brewing Co. of San Antonio and

Okla. City announced the debut of

"Marques" a Continental beer...

Mrs. W.A. Baunert of Eagle Lake

was the winner of a \$25 worth of

merchandise from Wilcox Minimax

in the Shoppers' Sweepstakes spon-

sored locally by the Pepsi Cola Bot-

tling Co. of Weimar... Mr. and

Mrs. Joe Kallina of Garwood announce

the engagement of their daughter, Susan

Ilene, to Elliot J. Jacks, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Edward J. Jacks of El Campo on

Oct. 12... Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Spaniel,

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Stephens

were in Garwood to attend the celebra-

tion marking the 110th anniversary of

the Gando Catholic Church... Skull

Creek Bowling Lanes expanded into a

full restaurant operation, announced

manager Cal Holt.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Excellent coverage

To the Editor: Many thanks for your excellent coverage of the Eagle Lake Conference on Economic and Business Development held on Friday, August 28 at the Community Center.

More than 150 people attended the conference; many came in large part due to your coverage. There were attendees from 11 counties who were able to discuss development issues with perhaps the finest group of experts ever assembled in this county.

This success of this conference was due to others as well. I would also like to thank Father Jesse Eusebi for the donation of tables for the event. Thanks also to Rev. Charles Miller and C.J. for their assistance in setting up. Bill Harrison Sr. of the Prairie Edge Museum set up a display booth on Eagle Lake... "red" considerable attention... work was most valuable and we are grateful for it. Thanks also go out to the crew of

Sincerely,
Tom Reed,
Eagle Lake Industrial Development Foundation, Inc.
and Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce

Looking for brother

(Editor's Note: This letter was published. Anyone with information on the following letter, may contact any chapter member.)

Dear Colleague: May we request your assistance in our endeavor to locate Marian Gerent on behalf of Kristina Wenda, Rua Jose Manoel Ribeiro Santos, 19 Curitiba PR, Brazil. According to the tracing request received from the Brazilian Red Cross, the last known address for Gerent was: 60032-1 Lopez Loop, Fort Hood, Texas, CE 76544.

The Brazilian Red Cross reports that the person sought is 51 years of age, married, and was born in Poland. He served in the American Army for 25 years. Kristina Wenda, his sister, last heard from him in 1984.

If your chapter is able to locate Marian Gerent, and if he wishes to release his address to his sister, please release his written permission (if possible) to do so, and forward it to this office along with your report.