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Justice Department approved new districts, with warning

A Texas House opposition leader who polled legislators said members overwhelmingly want to limit terms for future speakers and enact several rule changes.

However, most House members would allow current Speaker Gib Lewis to complete his record fifth term before adopting limits of two or three terms, said state Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, who conducted the confidential poll last month.

"Generally, most members like Speaker Lewis," said Kubiak. "Members clearly did not see this poll as a referendum on his effectiveness as speaker."

In fact, most members rejected the notion of a secret ballot election of future speakers.

But 80 percent want to abolish one or more procedural committees, including the much-maligned Calendars Committee which schedules bills for floor debate.

Minority Rights Pre-cleared

The U.S. Justice Department approved, with a warning, new Texas districts for Congress, the state senate and the state school board. The House plan was rejected.

While pre-clearing new districts

as fair to minorities, the department warned that it was not saying they were constitutional, particularly because of "extraordinary" gerrymandering.

Still to be resolved is a separate federal lawsuit on the redistricting issue filed by the Texas Republican Party.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

Meanwhile, Speaker Lewis told the House Redistricting Committee to hold a public hearing to alter the House plan. He told the panel to change only the areas cited as objectionable in the ruling.

Budget Process Overhaul

A legislative panel last week approved a plan to overhaul the state budget process.

Under reforms adopted by the Legislative Budget Board, the state government will use long-range planning in deciding how to spend its

money.

"It is the single most significant policy change in modern Texas history," said a member of the board, state Rep. Ric Williamson, D-Weatherford.

"Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has taken the state to a different plane in terms of decision making and accountability," Williamson said. It was Bullock who proposed the plan, which will be developed in the coming year.

State officials said the focus of budget preparations will shift. The focus now is on how much money a state agency requests; under the plan, it will be on what the Legislature sets as the agency's goals and how much the Legislature is willing to spend toward those goals.

Richards for Veep?

Former Gov. Bill Clements predicts Gov. Ann Richards will join New York Gov. Mario Cuomo on the 1992 Democratic presidential ticket. Clements, a Republican who served two terms as governor, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that Cuomo would win the Democratic nomination and make Richards his running mate.

"Ann Richards is going to make a strong, strong run at vice president," Clements said. "She's doing everything she can to get on the ticket."

Richards' spokesman Chuck McDonald rejected the speculation. He said the governor repeatedly has denied any interest in national office, despite her high profile outside Texas.

"Robin Hood" Reform

The Texas Supreme Court heard legal challenges to the "Robin Hood" school finance reform, which takes taxes from property-rich school districts and gives it to poor ones. A

decision is not expected until next year.

Meanwhile, the law's sponsor advised Gov. Richards not to recall the Legislature if the court scuttles the plan, but to let state courts draw up the remedy.

"The courts have meddled and acted as critics with nothing constructive and no clear signal," said state Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur. "I think we ought to let them have a shot at it."

Other Highlights

•Mike Millsap, the House speaker's chief of staff and a former House member from Fort Worth, resigned to become a lobbyist for the University of Texas System.

•Comptroller John Sharp named one of his top aides, Nora Linares, as a former director of Mexican-American Democrats of Texas.

•State Rep. Billy Clements, D-Pollack, the only announced candidate for House speaker, filed his campaign statement late, showing expenditures of \$198.23, and no contributions.

•The Texas Employment Commission reported the jobless rate in Oct. was 7.2%, up from 6.4% in Sept.

•Mary Alice Cisneros, wife of former San Antonio mayor Henry Cisneros, unexpectedly dropped her divorce action last week.

•Public Utility Commission chairman Paul Meek stepped down as chairman in favor of Democrat Robert Gee, prompting the other GOP member, Marta Greytak, to rebuke him for surrendering control of the panel to Gov. Richards. "I would have hated to have served at the Alamo with him," she said.

•A Brownsville state district court jury decided Texas has not discriminated against Hispanics by underfunding colleges and universities in the Rio Grande Valley. The jury did find, however, that Hispanics do not have equal access to masters and doctoral programs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Have you expressed your thanks?

Dear Editor:

One day I was sitting at the "World Conference Center" and sat with Mr. Larry Dulany. I said, "I guess it would be improper to ask you how business is?" He smiled...

Well, after talking with him I realized he really doesn't get that much recognition. It seems like he's always so busy making sure everything goes smooth that no one ever really realizes how much he's been seen and how much he's been through. Being a mortician is altogether a different kind

of job. It gets emotional for him, too. He has to keep his feelings tucked away.

I wish we'd stop and really say thank you for all the work you do. It's not a happy situation but he makes it as bearable as possible.

Thank you, Mr. Dulany.

Sincerely,
Debbie Knight
Eagle Lake

In loving memory of Florence Morales.

Local minister's opinion on 'Magic' Johnson situation

Dear Editor:

It is in the news, people are talking about it, and it deserves a response. "Magic" Johnson, a star member of the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team, announced that he had contracted the HIV virus and would immediately retire from the team.

Since then, he has been prayed over, given a hero's accolade in several cities, and appointed by President Bush to the Commission on AIDS Awareness.

There seems to be a genuine expression of sympathy and emotional support for a man whose career abruptly ended and knows that his years of health, perhaps his life, are numbered. One response we could make is to join in the sympathy and show appreciation of his leadership and skills on the playing court. We can pray that some medicine will be available to increase his prospects for a healthy and long life.

If we respond this way, then I ask

us to consider a like response to people

we know who suffer some fatal wound. Will we show the same sensitivity to someone in our community? The time will probably come when a friend or a family member will contract the HIV virus. Will we offer to them a full and caring sympathy? Will we assure them of our friendship and assist them when they are lonely, depressed or ill?

A second response could incorporate a more thorough assessment of what has occurred. Magic's popularity is due to his superior athletic ability and friendly personality. However, our worship of modern day gladiators is called into question by the revelation that he contracted the virus. He stated on the day of public acknowledgment that he planned to work others by stressing "safe sex." One reason is that he contracted the virus in heterosexual relations, not once or twice, but many times.

If that is the case, then we have to consider the values by which we live. Are they more than hero worship? How do we conduct ourselves in fidelity to our marriage vows? What will we say to our children when they reach the "teen years and the biological awakenings to sexual urges become strong? What will we advise a friend who asks our opinion about sexual relations?

Magic Johnson will surely command attention of the population. He will speak with the conviction of one who is in a life and death struggle. People will possibly heed his warnings. However, he will do a grave disservice to our youth if "safe sex" is the main content of his message. He contracted the virus as a consequence of breaking his marriage vows and the spiritual intimacy that those vows make possible. I cannot expect Johnson to speak my particular moral behavior on this matter. But, the public deserves something better than the amoral message of safe sex. Recreation, sex, friendly sex, and date sex sound like a convenient way to do what one wants without the emotional involvement or consequences. But, the facts of sexually transmitted diseases and the emotional harm are clear evidence of the inadequacy of such an attitude and behavior.

Our youth need to hear that there really is no safe sex. Young people in most cases simply do not think through all of the consequences of sexual intercourse. We are told by medical professionals that even the precautions we have are not completely effective to prevent infections.

I believe we are made complete in spiritual intimacy with our Creator and one another. Sexual union is one expression of this intimacy, but it is no substitute for it. Sexual intercourse outside the marriage bond does not express spiritual intimacy, but breaks apart one's relation with God and one's avowed spouse.

Young people and apparently some adults need to have a model of moral behavior, so that they can learn trust, fidelity, and consideration of others and can discriminate between lust and joy.

Sincerely,
Larry E. Bailey,
Minister, United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake

More 'hats in the ring'... Peschel seeks election as Judge, 25th District

Dwight E. Peschel of Seguin has announced his candidacy for the office of District Judge of the 25th Judicial District for the state of Texas. The judgeship was vacated by the retirement of B.B. Schraub in August.

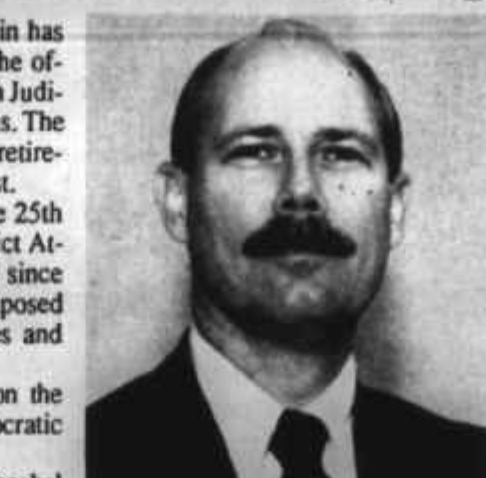
Peschel currently serves the 25th District as First Assistant District Attorney, a position he has held since March, 1985. The district is composed of Colorado, Lavaca, Gonzales and Guadalupe counties.

His name will be placed on the ballot of the March 1992 Democratic Primary.

In a prepared statement, Peschel said he chose to run for the judgeship because his 17 years of practicing law (civil and criminal, defense and prosecution) have given him the experience to be an effective judge.

"I have a vested interest in the 25th District. I grew up in it, and I am raising my sons here. I've enjoyed the past nearly seven years of service to the people of the district in my capacity as assistant D.A. and I'd like to further that service as district judge."

"I know the people that I will be working for as judge and the people I will be working with in the different counties. I believe there is a need for and the citizens want a judge with a strong felony law enforcement background who is willing to work hard



and eliminate any backlog of felony cases. I also believe citizens want a judge who is willing to assess a punishment appropriate for the crime.

"The communities and court system need to keep doing everything possible to break the cycle of juvenile offenders who later return as adult offenders. I have a strong interest in working with juvenile offenders."

Born in Colorado County, Peschel, 43, is the son of the late Adolph and Buena Peschel. He is a 1966 graduate of Columbus High School. After high school, he attended Texas Lutheran College in Seguin where he received a bachelor of science degree

in history in 1970. Later, he attended Texas Tech University School of Law, earning his law degree and being admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1975.

Before moving back to Seguin, Peschel lived in Rosenberg where he engaged in a general law practice for ten years. Here he gained experience in both civil and criminal law.

Peschel makes his home in Seguin with his wife, the former Judy Womble, and their three sons, Eric, 12, Evan, 8 and Ryan, 6. His wife is a 1969 graduate of Seguin High School and a 1973 graduate of Texas Lutheran. She is currently employed with the Seguin School District.

Peschel is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Texas District and County Attorney's Association and Guadalupe County Bar Association.

Much of his volunteer work for the community involves youth oriented activities. He has served as a volunteer for the Seguin Youth Soccer Association and Seguin Little League. He is a member of the PTAs of his sons' schools and has helped with fundraising activities for the Seguin High School Washington Close-up Program and Guadalupe County Home-spun ECI. Peschel is a member of the Seguin/Guadalupe County Chamber of Commerce.

Sheriff Esterling announces re-election bid



Bill Esterling, incumbent sheriff of Colorado County, announced his plans to run for re-election. He gave the following statement:

"The primary reason for my seeking re-election is that I enjoy the responsibility of serving the people of Colorado County as sheriff."

"As you remember, I received my appointment to the sheriff's office in 1987. I was elected to the position of sheriff in 1988 and began serving my first term in January of 1989."

"With the assistance of the county judge, county commissioners and the

other elected officials, I feel we have done a lot to upgrade the sheriff's office and improve the services we provide to the people of Colorado County."

"I enjoy meeting and being with the people of the county and would like to continue to represent them in the upcoming election and for the next term as sheriff of Colorado County."

Seifert to run for Commissioner, Precinct 1, in Democratic primary

Richard Seifert announced his intention to run for the position of Colorado County Commissioner Precinct 1 in the spring Democratic Primary. He issued the following statement:

"I have been a resident of Colorado County for the majority of my life. My career has included four years in the Navy, with an honorable discharge. Other previous experience which helps qualify me for the position consists of road construction and heavy equipment for approximately 10 years."

"I have been a Deputy Sheriff with the Colorado County Sheriff's Department for the last four years and would like to continue to serve the citizens of Colorado County as your county commissioner from Precinct 1."

"For the past 18 years, I have been a member of the Ambulance Corps of the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department and have logged over 500 ambulance runs. I am currently certified as an EMT and as an EMS instructor. For the past nine years, I have been the director of the Ambulance Corps and the continuing education coordinator."

"Each year, state and federal governments have been placing increasing financial and regulatory demands on county governments. Due to these increased demands, I believe a business background and dedication to service are key requirements for a county commissioner. I can meet those requirements and would like to serve the citizens of Colorado County Precinct 1 with my leadership and management skills. I ask you for your vote and your support in the Democratic Primary for County Commissioner Precinct 1 in 1992."

"I graduated from Rice Consolidated High School in 1972 and earned a degree in agri-business from Sam Houston State University in 1976. After graduation, I returned to Garwood to assist my father in the family cotton ginning and fertilizer business."

"In 1981, the American Rice Growers of Garwood hired me to my current position as manager of their rice marketing cooperative. One of the many duties of this position includes dealing with producers and rice buyers on marketing the local rice crop. I am on the board of directors of the



Humberto J. "Bert" Garza

Texas Agricultural Co-operative Council in Austin and serve on their legislative committee.

"I have been a member of the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department for 19 years. I have served as an officer in that department for 13 years including the past two years as fire chief. I represented the fire department on the county 911 Committee."

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Bert Garza to run for Congress in Rep. Primary

Humberto J. "Bert" Garza announced his candidacy for Republican Party Primary nomination for congress in Texas' 14th District.

The first hurdle for victory in the November 1992 general election has been crossed when the U.S. Department of Justice approved the Texas Congressional Redistricting laws.

Garza is a native of San Antonio and for the last 15 years has lived in Brazoria County. He made the following statement announcing his campaign plans for congress:

"It is time congress was made up of people who know the problems of the working people in our country. The time has come for the Citizen Legislator to replace the Professional Liberal Politicians who presently control our country's government."

"I still believe in an America where dreams can become a reality, where the poor can become rich, the weak can become the powerful and the people can make a difference."

"I am running for congress because I know that I can make a difference. Not only for the people of this country, but for people in the 14th Congressional District as well."

"I hope to have the opportunity to meet with you and to discuss your concerns and ideas for improving our precinct. I would appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming election."

"I enjoy meeting and being with the people of the county and would like to continue to represent them in the upcoming election and for the next term as sheriff of Colorado County."

Richard Frederick running for Precinct 1 Commissioner

Richard "Sonny" Frederick has announced he will run for the position of Colorado County Commissioner Precinct 1 in the spring Democratic Primary. He issued the following statement:

"I have been a resident of Colorado County for the majority of my life. My career has included four years in the Navy, with an honorable discharge. Other previous experience which helps qualify me for the position consists of road construction and heavy equipment for approximately 10 years."

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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Southern Pacific Transportation Co. to Charlie Lewis Kincheloe Jr., 1.085 acres, Mrs. M.E. Conlee Survey, filed 11-12-91.

Deed: Kathleen Kay Hearn Edelman, et al to Billie Hearn, und. int. in 3.6540 acres, Howard McElroy Survey, et al; 11-12-91.

Deed: Crockett Leyendecker to Richard L. and Lois Marie Schilling, 6.44 acres, John Dunlavy Survey; 11-13-91.

Deed: Crockett Leyendecker to Devern and Evelyn Churchwell, 3 acres, John Dunlavy Survey; 11-13-91.

Deed: Arline Bruze and Mary Ebel Gerton to John A. Meitzen, 2.3608 acres, Patriot Reels Survey; 11-13-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to James F. and Shirley R. Barnett, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 11-13-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Clarence E. and Ruth C. James, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 11-13-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Chantel D. Dixon and Delma F. Snell, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 11-13-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to David A. and Debra Loe, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 11-13-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Ronald L. and Martha J. Lundie, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 11-13-91.

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Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Henry Lee and Rubie Lee Nelson, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 11-13-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Jesus and Mamella Pachua, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 11-13-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Jose A. and Marie P. Trejo, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 11-13-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Tommy J. and Mary J. Poindecker, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 11-13-91.

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Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Frank J. Reising, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 11-13-91.

Deed: Mary H. Volcik Hoelscher, et al to Albert E. and Gladys Marie Hoelscher, und. int. in 62.303 acres, Joseph Duty League; 11-13-91.

Deed: Edwin W. Hoelscher, et al to Albert E. and Gladys Marie Hoelscher, und. int. in 62.303 acres, Joseph Duty League; 11-13-91.

Gift Deed: Sophie Haase to Ernest Haase Jr. and Lorene Haase, 2.61 acres, James Bowie League; 11-13-91.

Gift Deed: Adolph G. and Edna M. Hudock to Janis A. Hudock, et al, 7 tracts, F. Pettus League; 11-14-91.

Deed: Margaret Sapp to Bessie Baines, et al, und. int. in 1 acre, James Bowie League; 11-14-91.

Deed: Sam J. Bonno Jr. to John T. Bonno, Trustee, 51.256 acres W.R. Hunt League and und. int. in 3 tracts, W.R. Hunt League, et al; 11-14-91.

Deed: Carol M. Fox to Suzanne M.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Leroy James Franks, 37, of Bay City, and Sandra Annette Koenig, 45, of Nada. Dale Lloyd Vrana, 38, and Claudia Ann Kosler, 32, both of Weimar.

Keith Alan Klump, 25, of Columbus, and Emily Christen Gully, 21, of New Ulm.

Ronald Michael Greff, 41, and Karen DeWolfe Morse, 43, both of Weimar.

Ronnie Wesley Fry, 28, and Corine Sims, 22, both of Eagle Lake.

DIVORCE FILED

Janelle Willis vs. Phillip J. Willis; filed 11-15-91.

DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS/CONVICTIONS

George Black, delivery of a controlled substance. Pre-sentencing investigation will be conducted before sentencing.