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Governor calls special session... It's back to the drawing board for Texas legislators

Gov. Ann Richards' call for a Jan. 2 special session to redraw Senate and House districts prompted some state officials to predict a delay in the Texas presidential primary.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said it will be virtually impossible to hold the primary March 10, meaning that all contests including the race for president might be delayed until May.

Postponement of the March balloting would move Texas out of the 12-state Super Tuesday presidential primary.

Meanwhile, Democrat lawmakers hope that when they convene no hard-nosed compromise will be necessary. And they will draw more attention to the fact that their unbridled political greed is unnecessarily costing taxpayers \$1 million.

State Capitol Highlights By Lyndell Williams Texas Press Association

The partisan house of cards that the Democrats built to protect their incumbents was sent crashing down last week by the Texas Supreme Court. The Court ruled 5-4 that Gov. Richards and her Democrats stepped outside the Constitution when they positioned Attorney General Dan Morales to remedy the federally scuttled map weeks earlier.

Morales Wanted Session
Morales had publicly requested then that Gov. Richards call a special session, but she adamantly refused, saying it would cost taxpayers \$1 million, while the court could settle it cheaply.

The court still can settle it cheaper, but it's a GOP-appointed federal court.

Of course, the governor had the Democrat-dominated state courts in mind when she made the statement, so now it's back into an expensive special session.

Scurry To Court
It's not Morales' fault; he publicly wanted Democrats the plan probably wouldn't work, just as he now wants that despite what the Legislature does in January, the federal court may still draw its own boundaries.

Democrats must now scurry to get the Legislature to pass the anti-Republican plan so that Morales can hand-carry them to the three judge federal bench, whereupon sit three Republicans. Redistricting is a political battle.

Supreme Court Opinion
In its majority opinion, the Court scuttled the hand of Judge Mario Ramirez for abusing his authority when he adopted it.

"Prior to any court ruling, other than his, the original plan was invalid; and

"The plan was approved without hearing any evidence for or against the settlement plan."

One In Five Texans Uninsured
The Washington based Public Citizen watchdog group said census data reports one in five Texans lacks health insurance, compared to four percent nationally.

Only New Mexico had a higher rate of non-insurance even though the

number of uninsured Texans dropped 200,000 between 1989 and 1990.

Gov. Richards, who rode the health insurance issue to the Governor's Mansion in 1990, said some weeks ago she will call a special session on health insurance sometime in 1992.

Assistant AG Resigns
Stephen Gardner, the assistant attorney who headed an aggressive consumer protection division, said last week he has been asked to resign.

Gardner said Attorney General Dan Morales asked for his resignation, effective Feb. 1. "The priorities I have had and the priorities of the new administration are not the same," Gardner said.

During the seven years he has headed the consumer protection division in Dallas, Gardner has challenged the advertising claims of major manufacturers.

Other Highlights
"Speaker Lewis said he does not want the special session to delay his Jan. 27 trial on misdemeanor ethics charges."

"State Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, announced his reelection bid last week."

"The Texas workers' compensation pool reported a big reduction in losses for 1991, \$174 million compared to \$550 million in 1990."

"Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry reported on farm water technology in Texas conserves enough to serve the water needs of 100,000 families."

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County Judge Charles D. Rutta and commissioners Walter J. Henke, Alfred J. Kainer, Reinhard Brod and L.W. Stiles Jr. attended an annual judges and commissioners conference at Texas A&M in College Station last week.

Mrs. R.L. Drake of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Stayton Steen of Yoakum recently returned from a visit to Honolulu, Hawaii with Mrs. Steen's sister, Mrs. J.E. Helm.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Parma of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Parma and daughter, Cindy Ann, of Houston, and Stanley Parma Jr. of Stephen F. Austin in Nacadoches attended funeral services for a relative, Mrs. William A. Kuchar, in Columbus Saturday afternoon.

Eagle Lake Garden Club met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Lester Herman with 14 present. Hostesses were Mesdames Herman, B.A. Barnett, Bertha Smith and C.B. George. The president, Mrs. E.R. Mooney, presided.

The Eagle Lake Eagles won their first district championship since 1963 against Schulenburg. Coach Ken Norris' Eagles finished their 12 game schedule with only one blemish, a loss to Shiner. Robert Loving, Harold Williams, John Matthews, Don Franks, Clark Powers, Ben Roberts, Josh Ashton, Tony Contreras, Rudy Luna and Harrison Johnson were all scorers for the team.

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About Town...

"Michael Etheridge was the driver of the car carrying the Grand Marshall in the 'Spirit of Christmas' night parade and Stephanie Causey was a passenger. In the December 12th issue it was incorrectly stated that Mayor Roy Dean Van Nort was the driver."

"Tom and Deborah Reed are hosting five visitors from Australia through the Christmas holidays. They are Allan White, Alex and Faye Walker and their daughters Brigitte and Shannon."

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**Deadline extended...
\$10,000 Reward**

The deadline has been extended to March 15, 1992, for the \$10,000 reward offered by A&K Railroad Materials.

The reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the arson-caused fire at A&K's Yard near Eagle Lake, Texas, on or about September 3, 1991. This offer of reward will be paid by A&K on conviction of the criminal or criminals.

If you have any information regarding the above, contact the Eagle Lake Police Department at 409-234-2727 or Crimestoppers at 409-234-5555.

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Caring for High Fever in Young Children

Normal body temperature varies and is not a set number, such as 98.6 degrees F, as many persons believe. In children, the normal temperature taken rectally may range from 97 to 100 degrees. The highest temperature readings in children tend to occur in the late afternoon and early evening hours. A low-grade fever (100 to 102 degrees) may occur with minor problems such as an uncomplicated upper respiratory tract infection.

What one should do about high fever in a child has a lot to do with the age and condition of the child. For example, a toddler with a temperature of 104 who is playing and eating well generally is of less concern than a child with a temperature of 102 who is irritable or not eating. On the other hand, a restless newborn or infant with a temperature of 100 to 101 may require immediate medical care.

There are several things one should do or not do when a child has a high fever. For one thing, never give the child a sponge bath in rubbing alcohol or ice water. Rapid lowering of fever often can be achieved with a tepid or warm water bath. Tepid water baths should, however, be reserved for temperatures that exceed 104. Most authorities recommend acetaminophen as the best and safest fever medicine for children. Make certain to use the correct dose based on the child's age and/or weight.

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Deed: Abina Fajales to Louis E. and Willie Mae Grijar, lot #5, blk. #1, Meadowbrook Addition, Eagle Lake; filed 12-9-91.
Deed: Fred and Nydia Cantu to Donnie Gene and Kathryn M. Stern, 5.7096 acres, James East Survey; 12-9-91.
Deed: Donnie Gene and Kathryn M. Stern to Fred Cantu, 0.1768 acre, part of blk. #8, Gallahar Addition, Eagle Lake; 12-9-91.
Deed: Dean J. Adamcik to Ernest W. and Leona Evelyn Thumann, lot #6, blk. #113, Kussey addition, Weimar; 12-9-91.
Deed: Kenneth and Gladys Austin to Patrick Mark Mascheck, 4 tracts, G.W. White Survey, Hanly Subd., Eagle Lake; 12-9-91.
Deed: Carmen Gallegos, et al to Gertrude Linda Ann and Jesus Acosta, Jr., lot #182, Lake Sheridan Estates Subd.; 12-10-91.
Deed: Ethel L. Konvicka to Ronny W. Cook, tract in blk. F, Gallahar Addition, Eagle Lake; 12-10-91.
Deed: Annie L. and Paul Binder to Paul Henry and Maxine Ann Billeck, 2 tracts, A. Kelson League, et al; 12-10-91.
Deed: Jefferson E. and Paula Carroll to John and Laverne McClanahan, lots 5 through 8, blk. 51, Weimar; 12-10-91.
Deed: Vance Cameron and Victoria V. Duncan to Eliot P. and Dianne Duncan Tucker, two tracts, James Ross League; 12-11-91.
Deed: Charles L. Bittner III and Nancy S. Bittner to Henry Gindler, part of lot 12, all of lot 13 and 14, blk. 12, Weimar; 12-11-91.
Deed: John J. Schnellbacher to Mary

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Three represent Colorado County at TFB meeting

Three voting delegates and a district director represented Colorado County at the Texas Farm Bureau meeting in Lubbock Dec. 1-4. Max and Marge Dittmar of Cat Spring and Connie Stallman of Columbus were voting delegates at the 58th annual convention. Bob Stallman, District XI Director, also attended the convention.

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