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Senate seats up for grabs again in '94

All 31 state Senate seats are up for election next year, Secretary of State John Hannah said in a memorandum last week.

Hannah said he wanted to clear up any confusion caused by the long-running lawsuit on Senate district boundaries.

The districts used when all Senate seats were up for grabs in 1992 were ordered by a federal three judge panel. Democrats challenged the plan, say-

ing it favored the GOP. Last March, the panel, which had changed membership, declared an earlier district plan passed by the Democrat-dominated Legislature should take effect, requiring new elections in 1994.

Treasury Probe Continues
Travis County prosecutors in a grand jury probe continue to check out allegations that State Treasury em-

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

employees did fund-raising work for former state Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison during her 20 months in office.

David Criss, former director of policy and planning, last week completed a state judge's order to turn over unspecified Treasury Department documents sought in a subpoena issued in June.

Travis County First Assistant District Attorney Steve McCleery in a court filing said Criss earlier did not produce all the subpoenaed materials, which included Treasury Department documents, tapes, electronically stored information, videos, and records relating to fund-raising and political work Criss did for Hutchison.

Hutchison, a Republican who was elected to the U.S. Senate in June, has said she was unaware of the alleged abuse and her aides have called the grand jury an attempt by Democrats to discredit her before next year's election.

Worker's Comp Panel
Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has appointed state Sen. Don Henderson, D-Houston; John Montford, D-Lubbock; and Jim Turner, D-Crockett; to the Worker's Compensation Legislative Oversight Committee.

The panel will coordinate various agencies' work toward protecting the income, health and medical care of Texans who are injured on the job. Bullock said workers' compensation will be a major issue when lawmakers convene in 1995 because the Workers' Compensation Commission is set for sunset review.

13.7% Rate Reduction
Meanwhile, the state board of insurance reduced the rates for workers' compensation for employers who can't get coverage from private insurers.

The 13.7% reduction in overall rates will save Texas businesses an estimated \$7 million to \$13 million. The decrease was based on reductions in claim costs for the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Facility, which provides coverage to about 12,500 Texas businesses that are unable to secure insurance in the

open market. The 1989 workers' compensation reforms are cutting claim costs dramatically and employers covered by the Facility should share in the savings, said Claire Koriath, the board's chairwoman.

More Schools Defy Law
More property-rich school districts have decided to challenge the new school finance law.

Lawyers said last week that school boards in Richardson, Andrews, Klondike, Allison and Borden County districts had passed resolutions to join the lawsuit against the school funding law.

The judge who oversees the long running school finance case set July 15 as the deadline for filing challenges. The law gives the state's wealthiest districts several options for sharing wealth with property poor districts.

Richards Picks Judges
Gov. Ann Richards has appointed two judges, Robert Seerden of Corpus Christi as chief justice of the 13th Court of Appeals and Joseph Kelly of Victoria as judge of the 24th District Court.

Seerden, who has served on the 13th Court of Appeals since 1984, will replace Paul Nye of Corpus Christi who resigned. His appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

Kelly replaces the late Judge Clarence Stevenson of Victoria.

Other Highlights
• Amy Johnson, the state's advocate for insurance consumers, was sworn in for a second two-year term last week by Gov. Richards. Richards said Johnson and her office have saved consumers billions of dollars in premiums. Johnson, who won Senate confirmation last session, earns an annual salary of \$65,000.

• Texas' school property tax base declined almost one percent from 1991 to 1992, from \$627.2 billion to \$621 billion, according to state Comptroller John Sharp. Sharp certified the estimates to Education Commissioner Lionel Stegman this month. The Texas Education Agency uses the estimates to determine state aid to schools.

• TU Electric Co. customers could see a smaller rate increase than expected if the Public Utility Commission approves a settlement reached last week between the utility and the consumers and cities it serves. TU Electric requested a 15.3% rate hike, which would mean an \$11 increase on the average residential consumer's monthly bill. If the settlement is approved, the increase will be substantially less said PUC Counsel Luis Wilmot.

Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 Years Ago

December 12, 1968
Two Fayette County officers were chosen to fill deputy positions in Colorado County beginning Jan. 1. New Colorado County Sheriff George "Doc" Mueller has appointed C.A. Priolo and Robert E. Friedlich.

Leon Hale, columnist for the *Houston Post*, will be the guest speaker for the Chamber of Commerce banquet Jan. 20.

Colly Memorial Methodist Church plans a Christmas service Sunday led by Pastor Windel Bell. The adult, children's, speaking and vocal choirs will all present a Christmas program with soloist Mrs. Windel Bell.

The Rice Consolidated ISD board accepted the resignation of ELHS athletic director Mike Newby. Newby has expressed a wish to remain with the district as a classroom teacher.

Robert Griffith was elected president of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. He will succeed E.A. Krivacka in Jan. Lake Crest Flower Shop will hold an open house for Christmas. Owner Pansy Burger and Gene Linke invited visitors to come in and register for free prizes.

Henry Lorane Austin, 38, died of a heart attack Dec. 5th in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital bringing much sadness to the community.

The Garwood Lions and CP&L Co. are sponsoring a lighting contest in the Garwood-Nada communities for the holiday.

Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive Saturday by helicopter at 2:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center golf course.

Candy Farris modeled her imaginative creation of a mini skirt made of oak leaves at the San Lorenzo Holiday School in Dallas. She and her mother Helen Farris had an exhibit at the show.

New firearms regulations go into effect Dec. 16. Sellers of firearms including rifles, shotguns, hand guns, factory ammunition and ammunition components must register the buyer's name, age, address and description of the firearm. No minors under 18 may purchase a firearm.

Letters to Editor Policy

The *Eagle Lake Headlight* accepts reasonable length letters for publication in the Letters to the Editor column under the following guidelines:

1. Letters should not be more than 1,500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
3. The writer may request their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in Paragraph No. 2 must be included for our files.
4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS
Deed: W. C. McDonald to Clyde A. Platter, et ux, Lot No. 46 of Lake Sheridan Estates; filed 6-1-93.
Deed: Sibyl W. Coates to E. Osborne Coates Jr. and Malcom Coates, 10,366.055 acres out of the Frances Mayhar Survey, Abstract No. A-400 and various other surveys in Colorado County; 6-1-93.
Deed: Henry E. Rabel and Emma Lou Rabel to Mike Keenon, et ux, 13,447 acres out of the Henry Austin Survey, Abstract No. 4 in Colorado County; 6-3-93.
Deed: Lorine D. Bennett to Marvin F. Bennett Jr. and Sandra Bennett Siva, 90,611 acres out of the H. Krey Survey, Abstract No. 370; 6-3-93.
Deed: L.A. Smahlik, et al to Henry J. Smahlik and Kathryn Frances Halaska, subdivision lots No. 3 and 4 in Block No. 52 of the Town of Columbus; 6-3-93.
Deed: Barbara J. Ellis to Carlton A. Bugg, 9.00 acres out of the Ann Cartwright League, Abstract No. 11; 6-3-93.
Deed: Lillian P. Stallman to Rom W. Stallman, and one-half of that certain one-tenth int. in the royalty of Sand and Gravel Lease being all of the F.G. Mahon Survey, Section 18, Abstract No. 723; 6-3-93.
Deed: Lillian P. Stallman to Tom W. Stallman, and int. in 3.812 acre tract out of the E. Tumlinson League, Abstract No. 44; 6-3-93.
Deed: Billy Ernest Hefner, et ux to Edmund W. Kainer, et ux, 1.00 acre tract out of the Alfred Kelo League, Abstract No. 368; 6-4-93.
Deed: Elena Sophia Holub to John Edward Holub Jr. and one-half int. in 10.00 acres out of the J. Tumlinson League, Abstract No. 46; 6-4-93.
Deed: Little Marie Finckback to Dennis Ramsey, et ux, 0.3970 acres part of the Preston Gilbert Survey, Abstract No. 25; 6-7-93.
Deed: Henrietta Wesselski to Gilbert Wesselski, and Roy Ann Wesselski, 3,6334 acres in the Preston

Gilbert League, Abstract No. 25; 6-7-93.
Deed: Henrietta Wesselski to Rita Ann Whitley and Richard Whitley, 3,6334 acres in the Preston Gilbert League, Abstract No. 25; 6-7-93.
Deed: Henrietta Wesselski to Rose Ann Wesselski, et al, and int. in five tracts out of the Preston Gilbert League, et al; 6-7-93.
Deed: Martha Ann Held to Mario R. Lugo, et ux, 46.80 acres out of the Richard Dowdy Survey, Abstract No. 163; 6-7-93.
Deed: Rowena Johnson to Deborah L. Huepers, Lots No. 7 and 8 in Block 80 of the Huvar Addition in Weimar; 6-7-93.
Deed: Beth Mack Castle Revocable Trust to Richard Hefley, 30 acres out of the Waco Manufacturing Co. Survey No. 17, Abstract No. 616; 6-7-93.
Deed: Estate of Frederick Leo Ruesewald Jr. to Lawrence Pavlu and Sons, 0.3695 acre tract out of the Preston Gilbert Survey, Abstract No. 25, City of Garwood; 6-7-93.
Deed: Estate of Frederick Leo Ruesewald Jr. to Lawrence C. Pavlu Jr. and Vicky Jo Pavlu, 0.3381 acre tract out of the Preston Gilbert Survey, Abstract No. 25, City of Garwood; 6-7-93.
Deed: Colorado County Central Appraisal District to Ed Richard Smith, 213 acre, Block No. 35, City of Eagle Lake; 6-8-93.
Deed: Georgia Ruth Ruoff to Paul D. Cones and Marian W. Cones, Lot No. 126 of the Lake Sheridan Estates Subdivision; 6-8-93.
Deed: Sheryl Abell Fucik to Robert Abell, Garwood Storage Bin No. 1B; 6-9-93.
Deed: Doris Berger Rainosek, et ux to Craig Rainosek and Mary Rainosek, 0.534 acre tract, part of the W.W. Thompson League, Abstract No. 43; 6-10-93.
Deed: W. Roy Wright Jr. et ux to W.

Roy Wright III as Trustee of the Roy and Robbie Wright Family Trust, und. ten percent int. in two tracts in the M. Balon Survey; 6-10-93.
Deed: W. Roy Wright Jr. et ux to W. Roy Wright III, und. ten percent int. in that certain tract in the M. Balon Survey; 6-10-93.
Deed: Brown Botts Rice Jr. and Ann Townes Rice to Rice Interests, Ltd.; 6-11-93.
Deed: Joseph R. Lewis and Sara C. Lewis to Kenneth J. Smothers and Trudy L. Smothers, Lot No. 30 of the Memorial Oaks Subdivision, section II City of Columbus, part of the W.B. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18; 6-11-93.
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County historians learn about Imperial Sugar Co.

Local members of the Colorado County Historical Commission hosted the quarterly meeting, July 15, at the Prairie Edge Museum. More than 50 members and guests were present to enjoy a covered dish meal and hear the guest speaker.

A business meeting to discuss the organization's concerns was led by President Doris Albright. Rollin Baker then introduced Robert M. Armstrong of Sugar Land as the guest speaker of the evening. Armstrong served as president of Imperial Sugar from 1962 until his retirement in 1972.

He recently wrote a book entitled *Sugar Land, Texas and the Imperial Sugar Company*. Featured in the book is William Thomas Eldridge (1862-1932) who played a prominent role in the growth and development of Imperial Sugar and was an important support of major investor I.H. Kemper of Galveston and helped to bring Imperial Sugar to its prominent place in the industry.

Copies of Armstrong's book are available for purchase at Gifts of Distinction in Eagle Lake. Armstrong noted that, in spite of this checkered background, Eldridge gained the respect and financial support of major investor I.H. Kemper of Galveston and helped to bring Imperial Sugar to its prominent place in the industry.

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Dixon nominated for Superintendent of Year

Huntsville ISD Superintendent Dale Dixon, formerly of Eagle Lake, was recently named Region VI education service area Superintendent of the Year.

Dixon, nominated in May by his school board, has served as Huntsville ISD superintendent since Aug. 1989, giving him the three years required for the nomination. In addition to managing day-to-day operations of the district, he has taken numerous steps to foster a positive school-organizational climate, according to the board's resolution nominating Dixon. He has "increased procedures and programs to improve student achievement, worked effectively and positively with the Board in keeping members informed about school operations and programs, promoted a positive tone for school-community relations and demonstrated this through his involvement in community activities," the resolution states.

"It's really an acknowledgment of the progress and the direction and vision he's instilled in the district," said James Peterson, assistant superintendent for general administration, of the nomination.

According to Board of Trustees President Charles Wagamon, Dixon's effective financial management of the district despite economic difficulties was another factor in the nomination. "In spite of our tax base going down almost \$60 million since 1988, we've got two new schools coming on the

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