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Bush, Bullock, Hutchison, Sharp give Texas mixed political leadership

During her campaign, Gov. Ann Richards ridiculed a man who she said woke up one day and decided he wanted to be governor of Texas. That man is now Governor-elect George W. Bush.



State Capitol Highlights
By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

On Nov. 8, Texas voters turned their backs on the incumbent Democrat's long record as a public officeholder and weren't convinced by her "meat" ads. Bush, a Republican, won with 53.5% of the vote to Richards' 45.9%.

The day after the election, Bush said he believed he had a mandate to overhaul the state's juvenile justice, public education and welfare systems. He congratulated his party mates and held out his hand to Democrats, saying, "This is not a Republican agenda, because there will be a lot of Democrats who will support my plans to make our schools better, our streets safer and welfare system more responsible."

Bullock Scores Easy Win
Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, Texas' most powerful officeholder, is now the state's highest elected Democrat. Bullock, 65, overwhelmingly defeated Republican Tex Lezar of Dallas to win his second four-year term. Bullock garnered 62% of the vote to Lezar's 38%.

"This election is not so much a victory for me as it is a victory for Texans who want their problems solved without partisanship or gridlock," said Bullock.

Hutchison Defeats Fisher
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is returning to Washington with a full six-year term and a Republican majority in Congress for the first time on 40 years.

Hutchison, the state's first female senator, easily defeated Dallas financier Richard Fisher with 62% of the votes to Fisher's 37.3%.

"I think we are going to see some significant legislation passed immediately," Hutchison said. She predicted that the GOP Congress would approve term limits, staff cuts and a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget.

Veteran Democrats Defeated
Four longtime Democratic officeholders shared Richards' fate. For

months, political talking heads accurately predicted that the midterm election would be a plebiscite against incumbents, liberals and President Bill Clinton.

Voters rejected four veteran Democrats: State Sens. Carl Parker of Port Arthur and Steve Carraker of Roby, and in the House Betty Denton of Waco; and U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks of Beaumont.

Parker, 60, who was elected to the state Senate in 1976, also served 14 years as a state representative. He was elected to the Texas House in 1962, three years before his Republican opponent was born.

Michael Galloway of The Woodlands, a 29-year-old independent oil and gas producer - and political novice - claimed 53% of the vote to Parker's 47%.

State Sen David Sibley, R-Waco, told the *Houston Chronicle* Parker was "the ideological and intellectual leader of the liberal group" in the Senate.

Carraker, 43, was defeated by Tom Haywood of Wichita Falls. Carraker served in the House from 1983-88, and the Senate from 1988.

Meanwhile, Denton, 48, lost to Republican Barbara Rusing of China Spring, after serving in the House for 17 years.

Brooks, whose hold on the Ninth Congressional District in East Texas spanned 42 years, would have been the senior representative in Congress had he been reelected. He lost to Steve Stockman, a 37-year-old accountant from Friendswood.

GOP Takes RR Commission
As further proof that Texas is a bona fide two-party state, Republican (See Highlights, Page 4)

Aug. 2, 1996
Mrs. Lee Goode and Miss Eunice Goode left this week for Fort Worth

Tax relief for flood victims

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) says if you reside or own property in one of the 26 Texas counties which have been declared a Federal Disaster Area due to the Oct. 1994 flooding, you may be able to deduct those losses on your income tax return.

The counties in the declared Federal Disaster Area are Angelina, Austin, Bastrop, Brazos, Burleson, Chambers, Fayette, Galveston,

Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Lee, Liberty, Madison, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller and Williamson.

To figure the amount of loss, determine the fair market value of the property and contents before and after the flood; the difference in these amounts is the decrease in fair market value.

Compare the decrease with the adjusted basis of the property and the smaller is the amount of the loss. Then the loss must be decreased (1) by the amount of insurance received or to be received, if any, (2) by an additional \$100 since tax law does not allow the first \$100 of a loss to be deducted, and (3) by 10% of the adjusted gross income. This computation is done on form 4684, Casualties and Thefts, and attached to the return, 1040.

IRS spokesperson, Ann Ruiz, says receipts and photographs can be very helpful in establishing and substantiating the loss. These and any other documentation regarding the loss should be kept as part of the income tax records for the year the loss is claimed.

Taxpayers may claim the loss on their 1994 tax return or may elect to claim it on the amended return of 1993. This election must be made by April 15, 1995. Only declared Federal Disasters are eligible for this election.

More information about disaster losses can be found in IRS Publication 547, "Nonbusiness Disasters, Casualties and Thefts" and in Publication 584, "Nonbusiness Disasters, Casualties and Thefts Loss Workbook."

These free publications can be obtained by calling toll free 1-800-829-3676, and in most IRS offices.

To get assistance regarding the deduction of the loss, call toll free 1-800-829-1040 or visit the nearest IRS office.

Bible Verse of the Week

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." — John 3: 16

Submitted by
Carol Cardenas

The 1993 graduate of Rice High School joined the Marine Corps in Dec. 1993.

Dear Friends:
All you boys and girls will be happy to know that old Santa got an early start on toymaking this year.

I have a new foreman in the shop who is taking a big load off my shoulders and I will be able to get away for a trip to my favorite place.

I always use Eagle Lake as the start of my season, since you always put me in the spirit with your big smiles and friendly welcome.

Look for my visit this year on Dec. 3rd. See you then!

With a big Ho, Ho, Ho,
Santa Claus

Thank You for Your Support

Carol and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Citizens of Colorado County who supported us over the last ten months in our quest for County Judge.

Be assured that all Citizens will be represented and that your County Government will listen to you. Together, we will move Colorado County into the 21st century.

Carol and I would also like to extend our hope that you all will have a happy holiday season. God bless.

Respectfully Yours,
Vince Slominski

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Lake Lumber winners of quilt
The folks at Lake Lumber were the winners of the quilt drawing held Thursday, Nov. 10, by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. Holding the quilt are Tony Janish and Mrs. Walter Gold. The Chamber directors thank all the who helped make the drawing a success. A nice sum of money was raised for the Chamber.

Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

Will 'reinventing welfare' help reduce dependency

"Public assistance in Texas, as in most other states, is like a treadmill with no 'off' switch," State Comptroller John Sharp said.

"Welfare was intended to be a temporary measure to help people who are in a financial crisis get back on their feet. But too many people are forced to remain on welfare because they are unable to get solid footing in a job or decent housing. Welfare regulations discourage self-reliance and encourage long-term dependence, and this has got to stop," Sharp said.

"At the request of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, the Comptroller's Office is developing a comprehensive welfare reform plan to present to the 1995 Legislature," Sharp said.

"Texas' efforts to reform its welfare programs are examined in the October issue of *Fiscal Notes*, a monthly publication of the Comptroller's Research Division.

As reported in *Fiscal Notes*, more than 2.6 million Texans received \$2.2 billion worth of food stamps in 1993. That same year, more than 250,000 families qualified for \$533 million in Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). In 1993, the cost of medicated in Texas is expected to reach \$7.8 billion in state and federal funds.

"We must find ways to ensure that welfare assistance is transitional and does not become a way of life. This means helping families find jobs and earn a living wage, encouraging parental responsibility and reducing adult illiteracy. It means taking a tough look at the current system and admitting that some parts of it don't work," Sharp said.

According to recent surveys, eight out of every 10 Americans believe the welfare system is badly flawed. The most frequent criticism is that the system fails to move people off the welfare rolls and into jobs. Other concerns include welfare fraud, inequities in benefits and rewarding out-of-wedlock births.

Even recipients complain about public assistance, saying the system leaves them isolated, frustrated and humiliated.

With this month's implementation of the *Lone Star Card*, Texas has taken a major step toward solving two problems: food stamp fraud and client inconvenience.

Instead of traditional food stamps and welfare checks, nearly 16,000 families in the Houston area have begun using the *Lone Star Card*, a plastic debit card which permits them to deduct food purchases and AFDC allotments directly from their benefits account.

As of mid-Oct., Houston-area merchants had rung up nearly 42,000 transactions on the *Lone Star Card* totaling \$1.6 million.

"When the *Lone Star Card* expands statewide by Jan. 1996, we will no longer see food stamps being traded for cash or used to buy illegal drugs and almost anything else you can buy with cash. Food stamp benefits will be used to feed hungry families."

Looking at what is going on in other states, it is still too early to tell what works best-welfare reforms which reward recipients for improving their education, work and life styles, or reforms which penalize people for refusing to change," Sharp said.

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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS
Deed: Freddie Louise Bunge to Robin Kveton and Lee Kveton, 2 tracts of land, John Hadden Survey, A-28; filed Sept. 14, 1994.

Deed: J.B. Cox, et ux to Alvin Andrew Plitchford, et ux, land situated in the James Cummins League, A-13, 3.925 acres; 9-14-94.

Deed: Timothy L. Larson to Richard E. Gortwick, et ux, 49.184 acres, John Deboey Survey, A-17 and the Jos. Thompson Survey, A-42; 9-14-94.

Deed: Lillie J. Perrard to Ronald S. Rodriguez, et ux, 0.50 acre, John Hadden League, A-28; 9-14-94.

Deed: Ann C. Terrell to Alex R. Ramirez Sr., et ux, Lots No. 28 and 29, Westerly 25 feet of Lot No. 30, Block No. 1, Griffin Heights Addition, Eagle Lake; 9-15-94.

Deed: John Q. Kendrick Jr., et ux to Robert J. Chovance, et ux, 80.433 acres, B. Schneider Survey, A-505; 9-15-94.

Deed: William Glen H. Hines, et ux to Mark N. Olivosky, 5 acres, Oliver Blood Survey, A-86; 9-15-94.

Deed: Ernest Scott, et ux to Gloria Scott and Gayle Scott Barnett, und. int. in acreage, Charles Larbaster Survey, A-392, et al.; 9-16-94.

Gift Deed: Delores Ruth Hoegenmeyer to Carol Jean, et al., property, part of the W.W. Thompson League; 9-16-94.

Deed: Jesse W. Brubaker, et ux to Denise Christen, et ux, Lot No. 21, Memorial Oaks Subdivision, Section 1, Columbus; 9-16-94.

Deed: Evelyn Shulte Henkhaus to William Lloyd Henkhaus, et ux, 43.115 acres, James Tylee Survey, A-550; 9-16-94.

Deed: Dorrae Henkhaus Schramm, et al. to Richard Lee Taylor, et ux, 43.115 acres, James Tylee Survey, A-550; 9-16-94.

Deed: Timothy L. Lewis and Kim E. Lewis to James Glen Adams, et ux, 3.923 acres, R.J. Pocken Survey, A-202; 9-16-94.

Deed: Jeffrey Christian Schroeder to Casper M. Einkauf, Lot No. 10, Block No. 8, Sheridan; 9-16-94.

Deed: Jeffrey Christian Schroeder to Richard L. Menden, Lots No. 5-12, Block No. 26, Lots No. 13-24, Block No. 33, Lots No. 1-12, Block No. 46; and mineral and royalty interests in acres, Thomas Boatwright Survey, et al.; 9-16-94.

LEASES
Lease: Betty K. Harist, et al. to Bridge

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED
Rigoberto Rodriguez, Eagle Lake, driving while intoxicated (DWI); filed 31-94.

Roque Aguilar Rodriguez, Eagle Lake, DWI; 10-31-94.

Justin Lee Griffin, Columbus, driving while license suspended (DWLS); 31-94.

Jose Martin Amaya, Katy, DWLS; 10-31-94.

Alberto R. Toval, Eagle Lake, DWI; 10-31-94.

Edward Damont Holloway, Eagle Lake, resisting arrest/transport; 10-31-94.

Michael Morris Bishop, Bryan, DWI, public intoxication; 10-31-94.

George Kelly Jr., Houston, DWI; 10-31-94.

DISPOSITIONS
Michael Troy Hemphill, Columbus, assault, Class A, Defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined \$250 plus court costs, two days in jail with credit for three days served.

Michael Troy Hemphill, Columbus, unlawfully carrying a weapon. Defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined \$500 plus court costs, 3 days in jail with credit for 2 days served.

David Diaz, Eagle Lake, criminal

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Jerry Keith White and Laura Lynn Jensen

Bernard Allen Vlach and Deena Lakaye Woodard

Wayne Wayne Luedke and Chana Kaye Edgar

Clyde Marion Jackson Jr. and Shonda Gale Garner

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED
Lionel Pober vs. Castle Rock Resources Inc., specific performance; filed 10-27-94.

DIVORCES FILED
Alan Wayne Neundorff and Sharon Darlene Neundorff, filed 10-25-94.

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