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Now the question's who'll be #2 in Texas

Now that the presidential election has finally been settled, a lot more than Christmas shopping is going on in Austin.

As Lt. Governor Rick Perry and his staff begin working on his transition to governor, the politicking over who will be Perry's replacement will gear up in earnest.

Interestingly, when the Texas Senate picks Perry's successor, that per-



State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox Texas Press Association

son will get all the responsibilities and benefits that go with the job, but not the title of lieutenant governor.

According to the state's Constitution, whoever the Senate elects to replace Perry will "perform the duties of Lt. governor," but will not be called Lt. governor. The formal job title is President of the Senate.

Want to see the Texas Legislature take favorable action on a bill you support? Contacting your House member or Senator is probably more

effective than you might think.

Here's why: Except on the biggest of issues, lawmakers do not hear all that much from their constituents. (Given that only half of the electorate cast ballots in the presidential election, that should be no great surprise.)

So, assuming a lawmaker is going to vote the way his or her constituents want them to vote, reaching out to your elected representative is hugely important.

But, say the pros in the lobbying business, citizens need to follow some sensible rules.

For one thing, they say, be brief. No long-winded arguments needed. Leave that to the pros. Members simply don't have the time for voluminous briefs from everyone with an opinion on an issue.

Secondly, be truthful in what you do say.

Thirdly, be pro-active rather than re-active. But temper that with patience. Sometimes it takes several sessions to get a particular piece of legislation enacted.

Finally, a super important point: Be responsive and respectful of legislative staffers. As in most organizations, the worker bees are the ones who really make things happen.

Have an idea for a project that would further water conservation along with food and aquaculture production in semi-arid areas?

If you do, you have until Jan. 2 to apply for research grants offered through the Texas Department of Agriculture by the Texas-Israel Exchange Grant Program. The program has \$1 million in grant funding available.

To gain funding, a proposal must involve both a researcher from Texas and Israel. The proposal needs to say how the research could benefit both the people of Texas and Israel. Also, there's a requirement that 50% matching funding be obtained from other sources.

For more information on grant (See Highlights, Page 4)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1976

The Garwood Junior High School Raiders had an exciting pep rally for the last football game of the season. Mothers participated in a pie eating contest. They were Mrs. Arlin Miller (winner), Mrs. Billy Hefner, Mrs. Edward Korenek, Mrs. Victor Hyek, Mrs. Dale Hunt, Mrs. Isisah Edwards and Mrs. Lawrence Pavlu...

Final rites for Mrs. W.K. Lehrner were held Dec. 22...

The Eagle Lake Middle School is proud to have these young ladies leading the band this year: Jerri Clipson, Michele Sibley, Vickie Eberhart and Roberta Diaz...

Leading the Garwood School band for 1976-77 are Michaelanne Hefner, Judy Bunge and Renee Hunt...

Wade Miller, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Miller, was chosen as mascot of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department...

Cheerleaders for the 1976-77 Garwood Junior High Raiders are Paula Rowher, Cindy Rodriguez, Kelly Mackey, Pam Kallina and Nova Mann...

Miss Susan Kucherka, bride-to-be of Gary Poenitzsch of Columbus, was the honoree at a Kitchen Shower in the E.H. Breithaupt home on Dec. 18. She was also honored with a Miscellaneous Bridal Shower at Hillcrest Hall and Rice Bag Party at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joe Mike Spanihel, in Eagle Lake...

Marine Private Rudy Barrios, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alcario Barrios of Eagle Lake, completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego...

Carl E. Venghaus, oldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow Venghaus of Rock Island, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Lamar University in Beaumont on Dec. 18...

Mark Schneider, who has served

as the city patrolman for the City of Eagle Lake for the past four months, tendered his letter of resignation to Chief of Police Buford Ashley effective Dec. 27th...

Louie Welch, president of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and former Mayor of Houston, will be the guest speaker for the 1977 Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held Jan. 17...

Frank Davidson was chosen to serve as president of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club at the election held Dec. 8...

The move of the offices of Dr. Raymond R. Thomas and Dr. Po Wen Lee, from the location on S. McCarty to the beautiful new Thomas Medical and Surgical Clinic building on Austin Road, started this week and will be completed by next Monday.

Dec. 18, 1952

Mrs. Hargrove Smith was named District GOP Committee-woman...

New directors for the Chamber of Commerce are W.L. Spalinger, Earl Rodgers Jr., W.C. Alley and Phil Howard...

Mr. & Mrs. Webster G. Darby are to be honored on their Golden Wedding Anniversary...

Joseph Michael is the name of the new arrival for the Leon Spanihels...

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Obenhaus are also the parents of a new son, Ross Moran...

Twin girls were born to the Walter Schoellmanns of Nada, Evelyn and Esther...

Christmas parties being enjoyed by many local clubs included the Eastern Star, Rotary, Firemen and many others...

The engagement of Patricia Peterson and Lt. K. Charles Frederickson was announced...

The Davidsons, father and son, are doing survey work in Cuba.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED Dec. 11, 2000

Lonnie Drew Lamford Jr., possession of marijuana (PoM).

Jesus Cruz Jr., driving while license suspended.

Manuel Cabrera Olivares, evading arrest/detention.

Dec. 12, 2000

Louis Ray Barrow, PoM.

David N. York, PoM.

Kennedy Kirk Krist, driving while intoxicated (DWI), open container.

Gabriel A. Sanchez, resisting arrest, search or transport.

Patrick Shane Lane, unlawfully carrying a weapon.

James Edward Stewart, assault causing bodily injury.

Curtis Dremaine Jackson, assault causing bodily injury.

Christian Y. Aleman, DWI.

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Jennifer Lynn Johnson and Vernon Charles Johnson.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

David Joseph Wicke and Stacie Rae Matheson; 12-12-00.

Andrew David Sharp and Amy Marie Leopold; 12-15-00.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Behold a virgin shall bring forth a son and they shall call his name Emmanuel." — Matthew 1:23

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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Indoor Plants: A Source of Accidental Poisonings

Indoor plants are an unsuspected source of accidental poisonings. Seasonal favorites such as poinsettia and American mistletoe can be harmful if not deadly when ingested. Children of all ages are vulnerable to accidental poisoning, but those under 3 are especially at risk. Calling your local Poison Control Center is the first and most crucial step to take if a child is found eating houseplants.

Experimental exposure to the toxins found in American mistletoe can cause effects very similar to those caused by cobra venom. Nausea, slow heartbeat, high blood pressure, delirium, cardiac arrest, and death can follow ingestion of all parts of the parasitic plant. Mild cases of GI irritation have been reported with the ingestion of a few berries. A review by the American Association of Poison Control Centers concluded that eating 1 to 3 berries of 1 to 2 leaves is unlikely to result in significant toxicity, but fatalities have been report from people drinking mistletoe tea. Poisonings with poinsettia are less toxic. If toxicity is seen it is usually limited to GI irritation, contact dermatitis, mucosal burns, or inflammation of the conjunctiva and cornea of the eye.

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Table listing car models and prices: 2000 Cadillac DeVille \$29,995, 1997 Cadillac Catera Sunroof, Bose Stereo \$15,995, 2000 Pontiac Grand Am \$13,499, 1996 Olds Ciera SL Just 29,000 Miles!!! \$8,995, 2000 Olds Alero GL \$13,996, 1993 Chevy Suburban SOLD \$9,995, 2000 Olds Silhouette Minivan \$18,995, 1991 Chevy Suburban Leather Captain's Chairs, Low Miles! \$7,995, 1999 S-10 Extended Cab Only 12,000 Miles!!! SOLD \$13,995, 1997 Chevy Monte Carlo \$11,495

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