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## Legislature jumps on indigent care

On the last day of the session, the Legislature passed a \$684 billion budget, and while lawmakers avoided a \$1.2 billion deficit crisis, they didn't adopt a special session call to provide health care for the poor.

Less than an hour after the midnight gavel banged final adjourned, Governor Mark White announced he was calling legislators back into session immediately to consider unfinished business.

Three days later, the Legislature approved a \$70



**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
by Lynell Williams  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

million health care plan for the poor. The money comes out of general revenue and contingency funds controlled by the governor, and does not call for a tax hike.

Although the plan was supported by Lt. Governor Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis, the bill died in the final

three minutes of the regular session when an opposition legislator talked it to death. The bill provides that the state will pay for health care for the very poor, and for expanded medical services for mothers, infants and the elderly. County governments will be reimbursed for costs.

**Indigent plea heard**  
Of course, the poor were naturally for the bill, but so were many rural hospital boards strained financially by indigent patients.

Finding funds for the program was the major problem because few lawmakers were willing to vote for another tax increase. Most of them, in fact were careful to avoid even the appearance of voting for a tax increase, so scared are they of voter reaction.

When someone proposed latching onto an eight-cent cigarette tax that the feds are rumored to be repealing, most legislators, and especially Gov. White, were uncertain and slow to act. Hence the delays in bringing the program to a floor vote.

**An election issue?**  
But the budget was passed, the extra money was found to pay for the program, and a tax increase was voided.

In the early hours of the special session, the indigent care plan threatened to be the foremost election issue of 1986.

On one hand, Mark White and the Democrats, including most of the rural conservatives, had revived and advocated the program.

On the other, the Republicans had fought it all along in the belief they were avoiding a tax increase.



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## Shoplifting is a crime

Shoplifting is taking something from a store, which is for sale by that store, and not paying for it.

The person who takes the merchandise is really stealing because the merchandise belongs to the store and has been bought and paid for by the people who own the store.

Fun that ends in a court of law can cause young people a life time of trouble. Many young people today are unaware of the harm that a poor record, or a seemingly petty violation resulting in fine or probation, can do to their lives.

Since shoplifting is a crime, why do people do it? The most common answer is "I did it for kicks" or "I'm not 18, what can they do to me?"

When a person is convicted for shoplifting, it becomes a

part of their permanent record. If a shoplifter is apprehended and convicted of a felony by the court, he stands to lose in the following ways:

1. The right to vote.
2. The right to run for public office.
3. The right to become a doctor, dentist, CPA or any other profession requiring a license issued by the state.
4. The right to join most labor unions.
5. He will not be accepted by any of the military academies.
6. Most employers will not hire a person into a position of trust, where being bonded is a requirement for the job.

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## Letter to the editor

### Corps says thanks to Headlight

**To the Editor:**  
"Never underestimate the power of the press." No truer words were ever spoken, and thanks to our home town press and civic minded editor, our local ambulance corps has recruited ten directly new members. Due to favorable response to the Headlight's continuous and motivating articles, these ten newcomers have attended a Red Cross Fir-

at Aid course, a training meeting and are now ready for duty.

We, the members of Units 800 and 804 of the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps, join in extending our gratitude to the Headlight editor and staff for their support and encouragement to our community service.

JoAnn Gertson, corps president

## Rock Island: an old report

**To the Editor:**  
I thought the people in your area might be interested in the enclosed article printed in the newspaper called the Brunswick, written by my grandmother about Rock Island.

Each year there is a very nice Homecoming and Memorial Day Service in Rock Island with a barbecue dinner. This year it was on May 26.

Thank you,  
Rosalee Voorhees Stiglitz  
Houston

Dear Brunswick: Since the election is over perhaps your readers might be interested in some of the old matters. As I lived many years among your people, and still think of Brunswick as "the old home," I thought I would write a few words for the Brunswick, telling my old-time friends where I am and what we are doing.

My eldest daughter was prone to consumption; has been under the care of a physician for some time. Finding that she did not improve we resolved to come South.

We have located in the central part of Colorado County, about fifty miles from the Gulf at the little town of Rock Island. We arrived here April 9th. At that time there were but eight houses in the town, with perhaps twenty inhabitants. Now there are between forty and fifty buildings; good substantial buildings, too, not barns, or tents; and the people have improved according to the times. There is room for more stores of general merchandise; a blacksmith is much needed here. We are on the San Antonio and Arkansas Railroad, and ours is a stirring little town, with a prospect of steady growth into a city.

We sometimes see Brunswick people, come on some of the M.K.&T. excursions, and we are glad to see them. We hope some of your will come and buy in our midst. If you want further information in regard to anything I have spoken of, write to me and I will tell you the straight truth. Now my friends, know where I am, if you wish to hear from some of them.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. K.A. Voorhees

I wish my good old friends up there in the north could come and visit with us. There is room for more stores of general merchandise; a blacksmith is much needed here. We are on the San Antonio and Arkansas Railroad, and ours is a stirring little town, with a prospect of steady growth into a city.

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## Colorado County Courthouse Report

### MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Larry Wayne Sims, 26, Columbus, and Doris Jean Belmont, 23, Weimar, \$21.85.

Edwin Fritz Sturm, 23, Weimar, and Cathy Dianne Fore, 24, Columbus, \$21.85.

Cecil Ray White, 45, and Maria Antonia Anaya Lescureux, 25, both of Columbus, \$21.85.

Russell Paine Sillayan Jr., 19, Columbus, and Michelle Annet Dybala, 17, Houston, \$23.95.

Victor Lewis Morrison, 25, and Jodi Lynn Goddard, 28, both of Fort Worth, \$24.95.

Kevin Paul Kuhn, 21, and D'Nita Rose Jordan, 19, both of Columbus, \$24.95.

Johnny Ponce Chavez Jr., 19, Simonton, and Julia Gonzales, 22, Eagle Lake, \$24.95.

Ronnie Lee Hoebe, 29, and Sherry Lynne Votaw, 20, both of Columbus, \$23.95.

Steven Warren Strickland, 31, St. Louis, Missouri, and Esther Culpman, 33, Eagle Lake, \$29.85.

Robert Wayne Canik, 21, Fayetteville, and Cara Michelle Stanick, 19, Eagle Lake, \$29.85.

**Colorado County Sheriff's Report**  
By Jim Broussard

Summer vacations are here again and many people will be out swimming. The Sheriff's Department urges everyone to use caution. Do not swim in any area that is not authorized for swimming and never go swimming alone. Always have a companion with you in the event you have problems. Also you should not go swimming right after you eat. Enjoy your vacation, however, use caution and prevent a possible tragedy.

5-29-85: checked on a disturbance in Matthews; checked on a domestic disturbance near Eagle Lake; assisted at the scene of an accident on 71 North at the scene of an accident near Garwood; checked on a suspicious vehicle east of Columbus; removed livestock from the roadway in Oakland.

5-27-85: assisted a stranded motorist on Highway 101 east of Columbus; checked on possible trespassers south of Columbus; checked on a reported theft in Alletton; assisted at the scene of an accident on 71 North; served five civil citations.

5-28-85: removed livestock from the roadway on IH-10 east of Columbus; checked on a theft on County Road 101; issued three traffic citations; served three civil citations.

5-29-85: checked on a disturbance west of Columbus; checked on a possible break in of Columbus; checked on a possible burglary in New Town; investigated a burned vehicle on 949; posted a citation on the scene of an accident on 71 North; issued one traffic citation; served six civil citations.

5-30-85: checked on a disturbance east of Columbus; checked on a disturbance in Sheridan; checked on trespassers on Bruns Mill Road; checked on a disturbance in Glidden; served four civil citations.

5-31-85: assisted with a funeral procession in Glidden; posted a citation in the Courthouse; removed livestock from the roadway on 102; assisted at the scene of an accident on 90 east of Columbus; assisted in searching for a possible downed aircraft; checked on a disturbance in Sheridan; transported a patient to the San Antonio State Hospital; assisted at the scene of an accident on IH-10 east of Columbus; served five civil citations.

**House burglarized**  
The Sheriff's Department was advised of a break-in of a house in Lake Sheridan Estates which occurred sometime before May 25, 1985. The owners were away from home for a two week period. The house was entered by removing a window screen and going through an unlocked window. Missing from house was a 410 shotgun, a box of 410 shells partially full, a telephone and a 12 inch black and white television. The case is still under investigation, according to the Sheriff's office.

Deed, Lester Turner to Morris Turner undivided interest; 5.672 acres, Samuel Kennedy League; 5-9-85.

Partition deed, Morris Turner to Lester Turner undivided interest; 8.672 acres, Samuel Kennedy League; 5-9-85.

Deed, James E. Menik to Harlow L. Dolch et ux; 2.829 acres, Colorado County; 5-8-85.

Deed, Maggie Kendis, trustee to Robert C. Patterson; 21.6 acres, Whiting & Osborne Survey; 5-7-85.

Gift deed, Anastasia Schram to Theodore Schram et al undivided interest; lot 2, blk. 78, Garrett Addition; 12-10-84.

Gift deed, Anthony Baumbach et al to Sidney R. Baumbach undivided interest in & to; 7.34 acres, J. Duty League; 5-1-84.

Gift deed, William F. Hudec to Franklin Hudec et al; 18.55 acres, H. Austin Five League; 5-7-85.

Deed, Thomas H. Lee, trustee to James R. Gardner; 0.772 acre, Peyton R. Spahn Survey; 5-4-85.

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