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Honeymoon over for Governor Clements and the Legislature

The honeymoon is over early for Gov. Bill Clements and the Legislature, and Speaker Gih Lewis observed the activity among lawmakers is as thick now as it usually is at the end of previous sessions.

No one has it thicker than the prison system, except embattled Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower.

Prison directors have to keep the inmate population down with one hand while they help lawmakers search for \$83 million for emergency prison construction.

All Hightower has to do is fight for his political life. The Republicans have Clements' blessing behind their legislation to change firebrand Democrat Hightower's office from an elected to an appointed one.

Hightower called it a "cheap, political shot," and if Clements wants a fight, "he's got one."

Clements insisted the act wasn't political or personal.

Remember Mattox? Privately, even some Democratic officials grin while Hightower squirms, since the bill is little more than a pass in a Democrat-controlled Legislature.

House Agriculture chairman Dudley Harrison said he doesn't think the Texas agriculture community supports the change.

Indeed, others say that when

Hightower was elected to this post after a failed attempt for the Railroad Commission, some regarded him as a political opportunist who knew little about farming. But since then, Hightower has proven to be a tireless promoter of Texas products and seeker of new markets.

Hightower, a populist, is often also viewed even by party cronies as a media showboat. What no one can figure out is if the Republicans are really serious or just keeping Hightower pinned down.

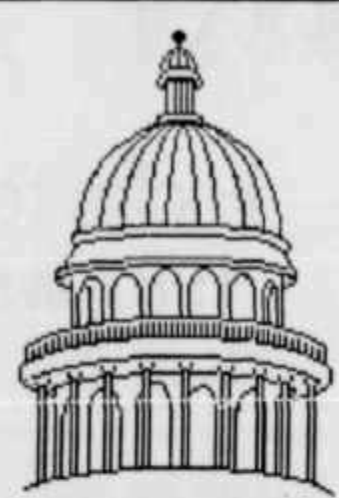
If they're serious, they might well remember how such acts can come back to haunt with a sympathy backlash at the ballot box. Five years ago, the GOP redistricted Jim Mattox right out of his congressional seat. He fought back and now he's beginning his second term as Attorney General.

Prison bail-out One proposal to come up with the new prison money is to shift \$83 million from the state contributions into the Teachers Retirement System, but one teachers' group doesn't like it.

Officials say the shift wouldn't hurt teacher retirement, but the Texas Federation of Teachers disages.

Mattox sues Attorney Gen. Jim Mattox and Texas have joined with New York and California in a lawsuit against a

State Capitol Highlights By Lyndell Williams



company alleged to have an illegal pyramid sales scheme.

The company, United States of America, Inc., sells nutritional products for treating a myriad of diseases from AIDS to dandruff. Mattox also filed suit to block a State Board of Insurance action from taking effect, calling a 17.7 percent rate hike for workers compensation insurance "unconscionable."

Bullock warning Comptroller Bob Bullock warned lawmakers that Texas could lose as much as \$100 million in the next four years under a new federal court order affecting franchise tax collections.

He said Mattox will appeal the district court ruling which limits reserve accounts in company surpluses for the purpose of franchise tax calculations.

For the present, Bullock is dropping the state's revenue estimates by more than \$100 million.

McAllen Rep. Juan Jimeno's new bill will change the Open Meetings Act to tape record closed-door meetings to a judge can determine later if the session violated any laws.

Rockwall Sen. Ted Lyon and Fort Worth Rep. Mike Millip coiled legislation to ban abortions beyond the point a fetus could live outside the mother's body, even with life support systems.

Banquet February 28 Afro-American celebration in February

By Lucile Chase

Background of the Celebration: In February, 1926, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, the director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History launched the celebration of Negro History Week... A short period devoted to public exercises emphasizing the silent facts of history influenced by the Negro. This step was regarded as timely, and the enlightened public responded warmly to the proclamation of this observance. The effort was widely supported by schools, churches and clubs among Negroes and the movement gradually found the support among institutions and other races in America and abroad. From 1926 through 1975, the observance occurred each year about the second Sunday in February, the objective being to select a week which would include both February 12 and 14, Negro History Week was meant to embrace the birth dates of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

In 1976, the Association expanded the week's celebration to include the entire month to provide more time

for programs, observances and celebrations for America's Bicentennial Celebration. The idea of the entire month caught on and there were requests from all over the country to continue observing for one month so as to provide more time to the nation and local communities for Afro-American history programs. Today the celebration enjoys widespread participation. "The Afro-American and the Constitution: Colonial Times to the Present" is the 1987 theme for Afro-American History Month. The Human Relations Community organization is sponsoring the seventh annual banquet on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Veterans Community Center, 1349 Walnut Street, Columbus. The keynote speaker will be Judge Alice L. Hastings of Miami, Florida. Dinner will be served promptly at 7 p.m. with music being furnished by The Wonderful Harmonizers of Huntsville. Deadline for reservation is February 21. Call 732-2778, 732-2950 or 732-2950 for your tickets, which are \$8 each. In 1976, 284 years after

Columbus sailed to our shores, the United States became a nation with the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Eleven years after the Declaration of Independence had been written by Thomas Jefferson, the United States had another document to celebrate — The United States Constitution. This Constitution is perhaps the most significant document in American history. It sets the framework for our laws, and it gave us the right to govern our full civil rights. In 1886, in the case of Plessy v. Ferguson, the court upheld a law providing for "separate but equal" facilities for blacks and whites. But in 1954, in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, the court ruled that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional. In the 1969 case of Alexander v. Holmes County (Miss.), Board of Education, the court ordered that public school systems end segregation "at once." In 1964, in Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc. v. United States, the court upheld the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This act prohibits racial discrimination in the accommodations of public places (hotels, motels, restaurants, etc.). Black Americans Today. In the 1960's and 1970's more blacks than ever held important government positions. I shall only mention a few.

In 1966, Robert C. Weaver became the first black Cabinet member. Andrew F. Brimmer became the first black to serve on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. In 1967, Thurgood Marshall became the first black Supreme Court Justice. Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts became the first black to serve in the U.S. Senate since Reconstruction. Representative Shirley Chisholm of New York City was the first black woman in Congress. Blacks have made gains at the state and local levels. In 1967, blacks for the first time became mayors of major cities — Carl N. Stokes in Cleveland, Walter E. Washington in Washington, D.C. and Richard G. Hatcher in Gary, Indiana.

In 1973, Thomas Bradley was elected mayor of Los Angeles, California; Coleman A. Young, mayor of Detroit and Maynard Jackson, mayor of Atlanta.

In 1977, Ernest N. Dutch Morial became mayor of New Orleans and in 1983, Harold Washington became mayor of Chicago. During the early 1980's, blacks held about 5,000 of the approximately 500,000 elective offices in the nation.

In addition to elected offices, appointments were made namely: William T. Coleman, secretary of Transportation; Andrew J. Young Jr., ambassador to the United Nations; Patricia Roberts Harris, secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

It is interesting and gratifying to look back over the progress that Afro-Americans have made (through struggles) from Colonial Times to the Present, but it is more interesting and challenging to look forward to the progress that can be made in the future.

In the effort of the United States government to square the administration of its affairs with the principles in the Constitution and

All three blacks, located in The Woodlands, Houston and La Pryor, reopened the next day with new owners.

•Governor Clements plans to attend the inauguration of a newly elected Mexican governor next month, part of his program to improve relations with the Mexican states along the border.

•Former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt, now on the presidential campaign trail, swung through Austin last week to address legislators and meet with Texas Democrats.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Names of 1915-1916 first graders

To the Editor:
I am trying to recall the names of the pupils in Miss Lucy Hart's first grade class of the 1915-1916 school year. A picture can be found on page 52 in Volume II of the Colorado County Chronicles. So far the known pupils are: Ruth Burger, Lucille Ney, Margaret Little, Lammie Mae Cassey, Jessie Boutwell, Frank and Fox Green, Roger and Ryan Damon, Violet and

Vivian Creech and Melba McCaleb. If anyone was in this class or knows someone who was, please contact Ruth Burger Boutwell, P.O. Box 88 Beeville, Texas 78104 or call W.H. Harrison Sr. at 234-2602. A book will soon be published on the history of Eagle Lake and these names are desperately needed to go along with the pictures.

Ruth Burger Boutwell



Pictured from left to right, Sheridan Lions Club president Traylor Walker and District 2-S3 governor Joe Robinson.

Sheridan News by Velma Kutzer

Lions International District 2-S3 governor Joe Robinson and his wife, Robie, made an official visit to the Sheridan Lions Club during the club's ladies night meeting which was held at the Sheridan Community Center on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

Governor Robinson came to visit the Sheridan Lions Club from the hub of the Universe, Kyle, Texas. He has played an important role in the development of affairs in and around Kyle. The position in which he holds now did not come easy. In Lionsism, Robinson has worked very hard holding offices in local and district levels before achieving his present status as our district governor.

During the 1986 District 2-S3 convention in Austin, Lion Robinson was elected to his present position. District 2-S3, the largest district in the North and South American continents, covers a 21 county area in Texas including 191 clubs made up of over 5,000 Lions.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE LICENSES
James Michael Herley, 22, and Kimberly Diane Lake, 17.
Pattix Joseph Neundorff, 23, and Keri Lynn Monroe, 22.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS
Deed, A. Grohman and Son Company to Roy Chrison, et al, lot 4, block 132, Lester Subdivision, Unit Two, city of Weimar, 1-7-87.

Deed, Edward R. Chovance, et al, to Brian E. Chovance, tract of land, Wm. Sagner Lease, 1-13-87.

Deed, Mark A. Hill, et al, to Clyde D. Smith, et al, 40 acres, S.M. Williams Survey, 1-8-87.

Deed, Davis Gindler, et al, to Gary L. Rosenauer, lot 4, block 133 and the west 40 feet of lot 5, block 133, Lester Subdivision, Unit Two, city of Weimar, 12-22-86.

Deed, J.B. Black to James Lee Black, tract of land, Thomas Cartwright Lease, 3-26-85.

Deed, Otto E. Kahlden Jr., trustee, to Veterans Land Board of Texas, 8,274 acres, IAGNRR Co. Survey No. 59, 1-9-87.

Deed, Veterans Land Board of Texas to Deed, W. Cameron, 8,274 acres, IAGNRR Co. Survey No. 59, 1-9-87.

Deed, Walter S. Broyles to John A. McLean, 4 tracts of land, A.W. McLean and James McLean Lease and undivided 1/2 interest in and to 157,774 acres, A.W. McLean and James McLean Lease, 1-16-87.

Deed, Walter Mann, et al, to Ruby Scott, 0.33 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, 1-7-87.

Deed, Alan R. Klose, et al, to Everett Hearn, et al, lot 14, block 77, township of Sheridan, 1-6-87.

Deed, David R. Wittenmann, et al, to D.R. Wittenmann Warehouse Inc., 3 tracts of land, P. Reels Survey, 1-1-87.

Deed, Anna Mae Rhodes to Clayton Rhodes, undivided interest in 120 acres, Peter K. Bartleson Lease, 1-20-86.

Deed, Anna Mae Rhodes to Julie Lynn Rhodes, undivided interest in 100 acres, Peter K. Bartleson Lease, 1-20-86.

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Eagle Lake Middle School students on honor roll list

Students at the Eagle Lake Middle School making the third 6-weeks honor roll are as follows:

Third Grade: Brian Avery, Rebecca Burrow, Blake Canaris, Jodi Heard, Dean Hengst, Brandon Mathis, Sarah Matthews, Rachel Mathys, Corney Parker, Peyton Powers, Billie Salazar, Jill Satsky, Michael Wiese, Jared Vawter.

Fourth Grade: Meredith Anderson, Elias Balderas, Neil Broesche, Eddie Esparza, Jonathan Flathmann, Lakessia Fry, Kimberly Henke, Robert Hernandez, John Kallara, Christal Lockett, Kimberly Marsalia, Shea McClanahan, Christina Rodriguez, Ricardo Roque, Billy Schmidt, Kelly Thomson, Billy Waddell, Brenna Wood.

Fifth Grade: Darian Barrow, Christopher Barrow, Leslie Center, Kelly Chamberlain, Tanisha Dawday, Josh Ferrill, Emily Galvan, Iliana Gonzalez, Rebecca Marsalia, Claudia Martinez, Lanette Powers, Shelly Ramirez, Maria Rodriguez, Rhonda Satsky, Rosemary Valles, Aleisa Woodridge, Brandon Wiese.

Sixth Grade: Khrishunda Barrow, Martha Castillo, Terria Edward, Elaine Gasca, Joy Johnson, Tara Johnson, Leticia Perry, Dawn Piccolini, Kimberly Powers, Lina Rodriguez, Juan Roque, Stacey Spaniel, Erika Trevino, Wendy Valdez, Michelle Valles, Kelli Walker.

Seventh Grade: Kimberly Ashton, Becky Avery, Lisa Barrow, Yaneth Benavides, Bonnie Berge, Shanna Brunner, Demetria Dancy, Gonzalo DelaGarcia, Larry Flathmann, Maribel Garcia, Kevin Jackson, Patricia Larrea, Jaime Marquart, Mary Martinez, Eloisa Rangel, Trudy Richter, Lupe Rodriguez.

Eighth Grade: Heather Abel, Darryl Anderson, Noble Anderson, Natalie Cordova, Cassandra Edwards, Patricia Garcia, Veronice Garcia, Dustin Hengst, Krista Miller, Patrick Powers, Wade Satsky, Hector Tapia, Tricia Thomas.

OBITUARY

Amalia Cisneros Garza

Amalia Cisneros Garza, 55, of McAllen, died January 17 at a McAllen hospital following a short illness. She was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cisneros on August 31, 1931. She married Sam Garza on February 16, 1958 and have lived in Eagle Lake for 16 years before moving to McAllen in 1973.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 20 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in McAllen under the direction of Kreidler Funeral Home of McAllen.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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