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## Governor Clements' state budget plan controversial

If it was ever a secret, it is no longer. The governor's budget plan is definitely public, and controversial, because:

• "Some tout it as a "no-growth" spending plan.  
• "The so-called temporary tax hikes passed by defeated Gov. Mark White would become permanent, and  
• "Clements proposes to cut back on some educational programs.

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## LETTER TO EDITOR

### Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps needs YOU!

To the Editor:  
"Founders in their Fifties" - an open letter to the "Me" generation.  
The ambulance corps here suddenly found itself in dire straits for daytime-weekend crew members. The crews have to meet standards or the ambulance cannot make a run. Several founder members are not renewing their training in the training session that is occurring now (January-March). It is time for some younger blood to step forward for this experience. Most people

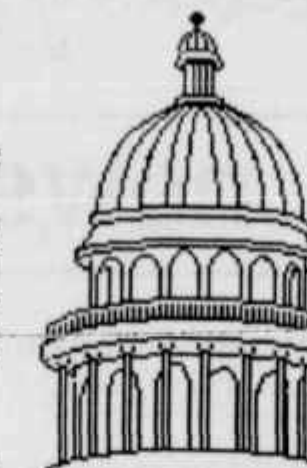
have a misconception as to the nature of this labor of love. When the corps was founded there was a much bigger percentage of accident-related calls than there is now. An Esprit de Corps analogy, at that time, was the MASH television program. With the advent of the DWI legislation, better education and training has reduced the number of this type of call dramatically. Our work load presently is predominantly taking care of our "older folks". Most sports-related accidents and

shooting scrapes are at night when it is easier to have men on the crew. Someone has to come forward if we are to continue to supply the kind of care we need to have available to our community.  
1. I call to the churches to encourage their young members to serve in the corps. Jesus did more than preach of the sick.  
2. I call to the service (social) clubs to encourage their young members to avail themselves of this training. You never know when you may need it.  
3. I call to employers to encourage their employees to serve in the corps. This kind of trained personal care is invaluable on the job site.  
4. I call to families whose young children are now in school - you carry a paper. Is not like you are away from home all day.  
Unlike the Marines, we want a bunch of good, young folks. You can bring your training level up slowly, while the rest of us are still around until you get up to speed. This is a very personally rewarding endeavor. Try it - the life you save might be your parent or grandparent.  
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## State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams



The closure is expected to cause a backup of prisoners into county jails.  
The Legislature responded to the emergency by giving senate panel approval to an emergency bill for early release of non-violent inmates.

### Whole hog' volunteers

The fact that the governor must swallow the temporary tax, and it has a bitter taste to him, only reflects the current economic plight.

### Mauro protects beaches

In Washington last week, Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro was enlisting help in his battle to stop ships and offshore rigs from dumping garbage overboard in the Gulf of Mexico.

### 'Housewife' ousted

Peggy Rosson, the "housewife" appointed by former Gov. Mark White to the Public Utility Commission, was ousted as chairwoman by commissioners by a 5-4 vote.

### Ministers upset over names on football pool

Several ministers in town were upset recently when it was learned their names were on at least one football pool board circulating prior to the Superbowl last month.

### Prisons close doors

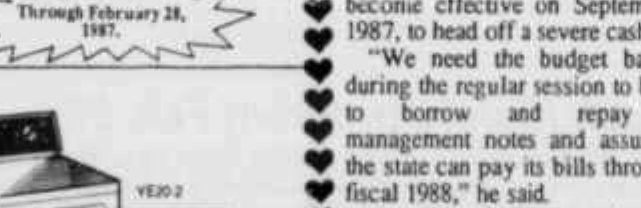
The Texas prison system closed its doors last week after inmate population reached the limits set by a federal court. The prison population stood at 38,472, or 86 inmates more than the capacity of 95 percent of total beds.

### State's budget problems need to be solved in regular session

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Area students receive degrees  
Two Sam Houston State University students from this area have received degrees for the 1986 fall semester.

Karen Schneider, of Garwood, was awarded a bachelor of fine arts degree in art-advancing graphic design and Phillip L. Krenke, of Egypt, received his bachelor of science degree in agribusiness.

Sam Houston State University, with 10,000 students and 400 faculty members, is located in Huntsville.

## Hastings is speaker for Black Heritage Banquet

The honorable Alcee Hastings, federal district judge for the southern district of Florida, will be the keynote speaker for the seventh annual Black Heritage Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Community Center.  
Judge Hastings was born in Atainow Springs, Florida on Sept. 5, 1936; graduated from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee with a bachelor of arts degree in 1958; attended Howard University's School of Law in Washington, D.C. from 1958 to 1960; received his juris doctor degree in 1963 from Florida A&M University's College of Law in Tallahassee, Florida. He practiced law in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from 1964 to 1977; appointed as a Broward County circuit judge in 1977 by Governor Reubin Askew, and appointed in 1979 by President Carter as a United States district judge for the southern district of Florida.



Judge Hastings' professional organizations included the United States District Judges Council, America Bar Association, Florida Bar Association, Broward County Bar Association, National Trial Lawyers Association, National Association of Black Narcotics Agents, Conference of Black Lawyers, Smithsonian Association and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

## National FHA/HERO week Feb. 8-14

February 8-14 is National FHA/HERO week. The Rice High School chapter of the Future Homemakers of America is one of 11,500 chapters nationwide that is involved in special activities this week. Leadership opportunities afforded FHA members include attendance at region and state meetings. Last Friday and Saturday, Wendy Herman, Marina Cavazon, Diana Cavazon and Robert Brown participated in the Region IV meeting in Houston. Workshops and training sessions dealt with current topics to promote development of skills of life. Home economics teachers and chapter advisors, Jewel Corathers and Diana Wardlaw, accompanied these students.

## Saunders named House Environmental Affairs chairman

Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis has announced committee assignments for the 70th Legislative session. After two terms as chairman of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee, District 30's Representative Robert Saunders has been elevated to chairman of the House Environmental Affairs Committee. This change is beneficial to District 30 because of the subjects this committee controls. It oversees issues related to air and water pollution, parks and wildlife, hunting and fishing and state lands. This puts Representative Saunders in a key position to help clean up the Colorado River, control the pollution caused by lignite mining and regulate the dumping of sludge in the district.



The Speaker also appointed Rep. Saunders to the State Affairs Committee, one of the more powerful committees in the House. He has a broad range of topics with statewide importance. This includes oversight of the Governor's office, federal and international relations, public utilities, state employees and the regulation of firearms. Because of these

## Garden Club fixes plates for shut-ins

The Eagle Lake Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Violet Mooney at 2:30 p.m. January 13 with seven members present.  
Mrs. Mooney opened the meeting with all joining hands and repeating the Lord's Prayer. The minutes were read and approved.  
With there being no old business, the plans for fixing plates for shut-ins and who each member should bring were decided. A discussion was held on plants and trees and each member was to plant an oak tree.

## Surplus food to be distributed Feb. 19

Combined Community Action (CCA) will distribute USDA surplus food at Eagle Lake on Thursday, Feb. 19 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church, 1207 East State Street in Eagle Lake. They also will be at the CCA Community Center, 903 Preston in Columbus on Feb. 19 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. On Wednesday, Feb. 25, food will be distributed in Weimar at Weimar City Hall from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

## East Bernard school menu

Monday, Feb. 16: breakfast, cereal or oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk, lunch, hot dog with chili and cheese, tater tots, ranch style beans, fruit, cookie, milk.  
Tuesday, Feb. 17: breakfast, cereal or oatmeal, roll, fruit, milk, lunch, pizza, fried okra or peas, salad, fruit, spice bar, milk.  
Wednesday, Feb. 18: breakfast, cereal or scrambled eggs, breakfast sausage, biscuit, jelly, juice, milk, lunch, fingersticks, buttered rice and gravy, green beans or broccoli, fruit, hot roll, milk.  
Thursday, Feb. 19: breakfast, cereal or oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk, lunch, pizza, french fries, hamburger, French fries, potato beans, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, milk.  
Friday, Feb. 20: breakfast, cereal or oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk, lunch, taco boat with lettuce, tomato and cheese, corn, fruit, bread, cookie, milk.

## Colorado County Courthouse Report

**REAL ESTATE DEEDS**  
Deed, Gilbert Steen to Ken Kram, tract of land, town of Weimar, 1-23-87.  
Deed, Rudy Madrazo, et al, to Norma Wags, 9.97 acres, Phillip Bagler Survey, 1-23-87.  
Deed, State Street Investments to George Chadwick Ferguson, et al, 2013 acre, block 43, city of Eagle Lake, 12-31-86.  
Deed, William Anderson, et al, to Dwight Hobbs, et al, 4 acres, John Cassidy Survey, 12-20-86.  
Deed, Giff Deed, Evelyn Margaret Donak to Margaret Donna Bruce, et al, 3 acres, J.S. Evans Lease, 1-20-87.  
Deed, Giff Deed, Joe Aguilera Jr., et al, to Jo Ann Amick, undivided 25 acres in 288-67 acres, Henry Sess Survey, 12-24-86.  
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Deed, Estate of Ruth M. Anderson, deceased, to Leroy Abardo, et al, 5205 square feet, Patrick Reetz Survey, 12-1-86.  
Deed, Joe L. McCrary, et al, to Kenneth Mahalic, et al, 9,235 square foot out of block 5, city of Eagle Lake, 1-26-87.  
Deed, Giff Deed, John Haselett Jr. to Julie Kay Bice, et al, undivided 32 acre interest in and to 433.30 acres, Benjamin Parker Survey, 40 acres, Daniel Miller Survey, and 202 acres, J.H. Ryan Survey, 1-4-87.  
Deed, Colorado County Oil Company Inc. to Elwood Kullback, et al, 6.529 acre, James Cummins Lease, 1-15-87.  
Deed, Lawrence E. Grube, et al, to Wayne D. Wells, et al, 0.707 acre, James Tunstemon Lease, 1-28-87.  
Deed, Mark A. Hill, et al, to Veterans Land Board of Texas, 7 acres, S. Williams Survey, 1-22-87.  
Deed, Veterans Land Board of Texas to Alton V. Babler, 7 acres, S. Williams Survey, 1-22-87.  
Deed, Estate of John W. Hastedy to Veterans Land Board of Texas, 9,359 square feet, Patrick Reetz Survey, 1-28-87.  
Deed, Veterans Land Board of Texas to Jerry W. Fox, 9,359 acres, Peyton R. Spline Lease, 1-28-87.  
Deed, Henry J. Iac, et al, to John R. Jones, et al, 20 acres, Peyton R. Spline Survey, 1-30-87.  
Deed, Giff Deed, Marvin R. Leppin, et al, to Earl O. Leppin, 18.31 acres, William W.W. Thompson Survey, 1-20-87.

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## WCJC calendar

Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m., Pioneer men's conference, basketball vs. Temple Jr. College, Pioneer Gym, Wharton.  
Friday, Feb. 13: 7 p.m. Pioneer women's basketball vs. Blinn College, Pioneer Gym, Wharton.  
Wednesday, Feb. 18: 7:30 p.m., WCJC board of trustees meeting, administrative offices.  
Thursday, Feb. 19: 12:00 p.m. to drop courses with grade of "W"; 7 p.m., Pioneer women's basketball vs. Temple Jr. College, Pioneer Gym, Wharton.  
Friday, Feb. 20: Student holiday (Texas Junior College Teachers Association convention in Houston).

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**State's budget problems need to be solved in regular session**  
State Comptroller Bob Bullock recently confirmed that the time-frame for solving the state's financial problems ends with the regular session of the Texas Legislature. "Lawmakers have got 115 days from right now to deal with the state's money problems. Without final budget action by midnight, June 1, the Legislature may be fighting the fuse to a financial bomb in early fall," Bullock said.  
Bullock said that unless budget and revenue measures are in place by the session's end, they cannot become effective on September 1, 1987, to head off a severe cash crisis. "We need the budget balanced during the regular session to be able to borrow and repay cash management notes to take up the slack in the state's cash flow depending on how the Legislature writes the budget."  
"Budget savings the Legislature may enact simply won't have had time to produce results by early fall," he said, "and we'll have to do something to lessen the strain on cash flow."  
Bullock said failure to solve the budget problems in the regular session would only compound the state's money problems in degree. "The later the problem is solved, the worse it's going to be," he said.

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