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To The Editor & You

Your support is needed to keep our hospital

Dear Editor:
Thank you for printing hospital administrator Jim Buckner's letter in its entirety last week. The letter explains the need for the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and expresses the compassion, concern and care that the hospital employees and medical staff have for the people of the Eagle Lake area.

Thanks to you, Jim, for a wonderful explanation of what quality health care really is.

If the people of Eagle Lake thought we got a new industry here that would hire 60 employees with a

\$3,500,000 plant and a payroll of over \$1,700,000 per year, we would all volunteer to help physically and financially.

Why not do the same to keep one like that which is already here?

An appeal is being made now to raise a much needed infusion of funds to keep the hospital serving our health care needs. I hope everyone will respond generously as you did in 1974-75 and help us reach a goal of \$300,000.

Eagle Lake needs this facility to continue serving its citizens for many years to come. The employees, medical staff and board of trustees are unanimous in their desire to keep helping little children like Jose with deep compassion and love.

Sincerely,
William H. Harrison Sr.
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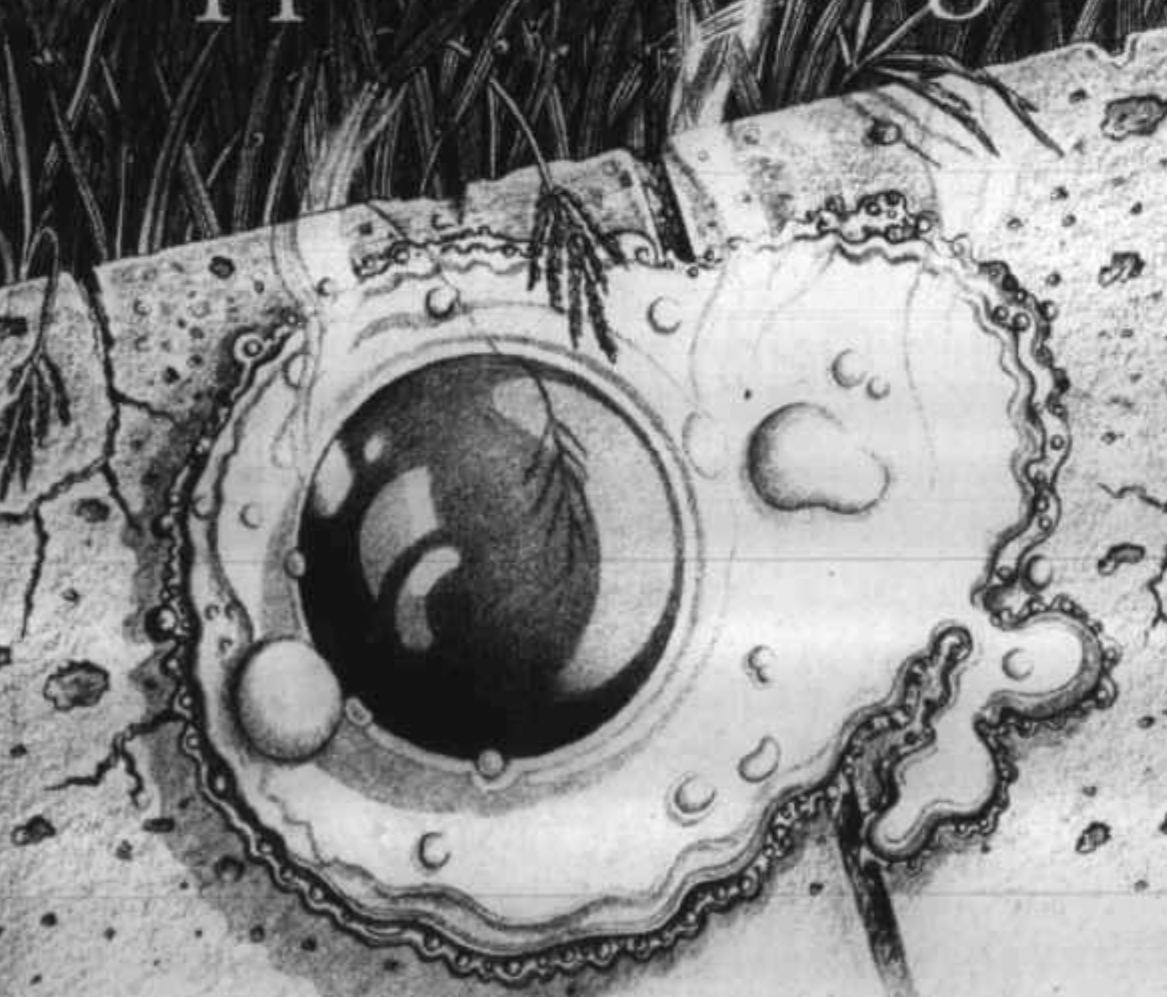
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Summer sizzles after rainy spring...

South Texas saw a cooler, wetter spring than usual this year. Now summer has taken over without warning, bringing a dramatic rise in temperatures with highs soaring into the 90s by day and hovering in the upper 70s at night. The prediction for the rest of the summer is, in a word: Hot!

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Republicans choose conservative Pauken to lead party

The new chairman of the Texas Republican Party says reaching out to Hispanics is going to become a top priority of the party under his leadership.

"We're going to try to expand our efforts to reach out to the Hispanic community, whose values are Republican values," Tom Pauken, a Dallas lawyer, said. "For too long our party has ignored the Hispanic community and that has ended."

Pauken was elected during the Texas Republican convention in Fort Worth in a victory for conservatives who represented the overwhelming majority of delegates.

As many as 70% of the 12,000 delegates and alternates who attended were believed to be affiliated with the Christian right.

Congressman Joe Barton of Ennis and Houston businessman Dolly Madison McKenna bowed out of the race for the chairmanship.

Pauken said the party already has made strides toward including more Hispanics, noting that Rita Davis, a San Antonio Hispanic, is on the state Republican Executive Committee. Last week, GOP gubernatorial nominee George W. Bush announced he was appointing a director of His-



panic relations for his campaign. Abel Guerra, an executive for the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, "will focus his expertise on reaching out to the Hispanic community of Texas, one of the keys to victory in November," Bush stated.

Bush also named Karen Hughes, outgoing GOP executive director, to be director of communications for his 1994 campaign.

Clinton's Welfare Plan Hit
Meanwhile, Pauken assailed President Clinton's \$9.3 billion welfare reform package, which the White House unveiled last week.

It is just going to "add more people to the rolls and government jobs," Pauken said. "We've got to unravel this welfare system that has had a terrible effect on society."

Pauken said states should run their own welfare programs. "I want to get back to decentralization, limited government, local control. We were moving toward that in the early '80s. Now we're moving in the opposite direction."

Oklahoma Pay For Texas Roads?
The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority wants to connect a toll road that ends in Lawton, Ok., with an improved road covering the 144 miles between Wichita Falls and Abilene that would someday go all the way to Laredo.

Wichita Falls and Abilene officials like the plan although \$10 million amounts to little more than an inducement for Texas to do the job itself, because Oklahoma's offer would buy less than three miles of four-lane divided highway.

Elizabeth Burke, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George R. Burke of Eagle Lake, was commended for her high score on the National Merit Scholarship qualifying exam.

Lavaca County Sheriff Ronnie Dodd was shot and killed Sunday.

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Judge Halts Tax Abatement
State District Judge Scott McCown, on June 14, issued a temporary restraining order preventing a wealthy school district from extending current property tax abatement to a corporation in a move that would have circumvented the 1993 Texas school finance law.

Calhoun County had been working on a tax break that would have saved Formosa Plastics Corp. an estimated \$54 million over the next three years in exchange for donations of "millions of dollars" to the school district, according to a *Dallas Morning News* report.

Rich Gray, a lawyer representing property poor school districts in the ongoing school finance case, said other property rich school districts are looking into tax abatement plans which, he said, could "take millions if not hundreds of millions of dollars off the tax rolls."

About \$8.7 billion worth of tax abatements were in effect during the 1993-94 school year, which amounts to 1.4% of the total school property tax base of \$637.4 billion, the *News* reported.

DWI Checks Struck Down
Texas drivers no longer will be subjected to the scrutiny of sobriety

checkpoints, following a 6-3 ruling by the state Court of Criminal Appeals on June 15.

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Dragons invade library

The Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake hosts the summer reading program Wednesday, June 15. Joy Peroni read two books, *The Funny Little Woman* and *The Boy of the Three Year Nap* to children who came for the weekly story hour. They viewed the film *Five Chinese Brothers*. The group then made dragon puppets which they displayed. Pictured with Peroni, center, are Javier Lopez, Juanita Lewis, Sterling Field and Jon Lujan.

Photo by Charlene Rodgers

Sheridan News

By Janet Dupré

Congratulations to Lara Dupré who graduated with her associate degree in nursing from Victoria College. Her impressive pinning ceremony was followed by a reception in the student center for the graduates, families and friends.

Helping Lara celebrate were Wayne and Natalie Dupré, Elsie Matula, Pat Matula, Warren and Janet Dupré, Denise Dupré and Donna Broussard. After a rigorous orientation and completion of her State Board exams, Lara will begin work for Citizens Hospital in Victoria.

The 20th Criswell family reunion was held at the Sheridan Community center June 12. Several generations were present and all seemed to have a wonderful time catching up on news and remembering the old stories.

Each family brought their favorite covered dishes and desserts for a bountiful meal. Family historian Paul Eskine had traced the family tree back to the middle 1700s. The next reunion is planned for June 11, 1995, with the hope that everyone will be back, plus a few more.

Among those attending this year were Paul Eskine; Irma Jones; Ed and Gladys Noy; Evelyn Marthijohn; Starletta, Sonny and Shane Schirmer; John, Sandy and Matthew Rodriguez; Ora Tesch; Marjorie McIntosh; McDowell and LaVerne Criswell; E.J. and Mildred Eskine; and Maxine Tesch.

Also, Lloyd, Elaine and Brian Lewis; Charles, Deirdre, Heather, Natalie and Lance Schirmer; Priscilla Schirmer; Jeanne and Chuck Schirmer; Dottie and Charlie Noy; Brent, Dalaine, Teresa and Travis Pittman; Keith, Julie and Kara Simacher; C.E. and Leona Flippin; Ernie Jr., Darla, Erik and Matthew Eskine; Adam and Ben Weizel; and Mary Lou Criswell.

Also Sandy and Brad Jones; Georgia and Harvey Criswell; Violet Herrington; Laura Parrish; Lance Marks; Freyche and Teel Blanchard; and Alice, Mike and Michale Parrish.

There was a good response to the Red Cross Community First Aid and CPR course last Tuesday and Wednesday. Programs like this help us prepare for all kinds of emergency

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COLORADO COUNTY
COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Louis V. Marion, administrator of the estate of Edna May Rankin to Joe Bruce Hancock Jr., tract No. 51, containing five acres in the H.E. & W.T. R.R. Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 860; filed 4-22-94.

Gift Deed: Eliza Vance Bullock Jr. to Patricia Bullock and int. in land of Austin and Colorado Counties; 4-20-94.

Gift Deed: Stephen Douglas Bullock to Patricia Bullock and int. in land of Austin and Colorado Counties; 4-20-94.

Deed: Jose Castillo Sr. et ux to Jose Adan, Lot No. 9, Beaks tract, City of Eagle Lake; 4-21-94.

Deed: Thomas Wayne Comeaux to Amy Bennett Lewis, Lots No. 1, 21, 22, 23, 24, Block No. 24, Town of Rock Island; 4-21-94.

Deed: Estate of T.W. Gliether to Laura S. Gliether, and int. in approximately 322 acre of the E. Tumlinson League; 4-21-94.

Deed: Ben Rios to Linda A. Pasohondo,