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Bullock says prison system a 'mess'

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock called the state prison system a "great big mess" and said the nine-member Texas Board of Criminal Justice that runs it should be abolished.

Speaking at a Rotary club meeting last week, Bullock suggested that the governor replace the Texas Board of Criminal Justice with one person who would direct the 37,000-employee prison system and "go clean it up."

The Board of Criminal Justice oversees the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, which manages the prison system.

Over the past year the department has been under investigation for questionable construction practices and bidding and purchasing procedures — most notably the \$33 million VitaPro meat substitute contract approved without board action by former TDCJ executive director Andy Collins.

The present board is composed of nine Senate-confirmed citizen members, five appointed by Gov. George W. Bush and four by former Gov. Ann Richards.

Bullock said he has discussed with Bush his idea to eliminate the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for the governor, said Bush thinks it's an "interesting idea worthy of exploration."

Bullock, who presides over the Se-

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

...said he has the support of the chairman of Senate Criminal Justice Committee, Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston. Whitmire said the necessary legislation is being drafted at Bullock's request, and will be considered when the Legislature convenes in Jan.

Regarding Bullock's proposal, Board of Criminal Justice chairman Allan Polunsky of San Antonio told the *Houston Chronicle*, "I have no position on it. That's the prerogative of the state Legislature."

Undisciplined Nursing Homes

Also, last week, Bush and Bullock fumed over reports that another state board — the Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators, which licenses and regulates nursing home administrators — has not disciplined anyone in three years, despite hundreds of complaints.

Reacting to a multipage report on nursing home care published by the

Austin *American-Statesman*, Bullock told the newspaper he is offended by the board's inaction, and added, "We have to get to the bottom of this and find out what we have to do to correct it."

During a two-month investigation, the *American-Statesman* found that since 1993, the board failed to discipline any of the state's 2,700 nursing home administrators though it received more than 500 complaints about serious problems at facilities. Nearly 100,000 people live in Texas' 1,200 nursing homes.

Bush's spokeswoman, Karen Hughes, said, "Gov. Bush is going to continue to look at this issue, and he believes things have to change."

Lack of enforcement by the board can't be attributed to a lack of funding. In a subsequent story, the *American-Statesman* reported that the board has a budget surplus it is trying to eliminate.

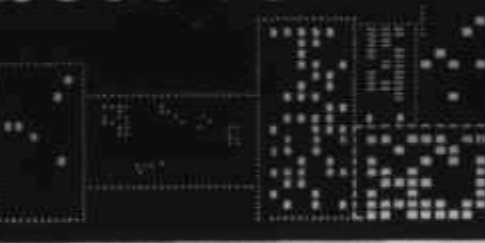
Pleasant Surprise: More Money

The State of Texas ended its fiscal year Aug. 31 with a nearly \$2.3 billion surplus — about \$1.4 billion more than expected, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported.

In a copyright story, the *Express-News* said the surplus came from a buoyant economy that helped increase revenues, coupled with the fact that some state agencies spent less money (\$484 million) than they were budgeted.

Andy Welch, a spokesman for State Comptroller John Sharp, said most of the surplus (\$573 million) came from increased sales taxes, franchise taxes, lottery proceeds, motor vehicle taxes, interest on state deposits and other revenue increases.

About Town...



birthdays were Sept. 13 and Sept. 14 respectively.

"Get well soon wishes and our prayers are with Jewel Bellah, grandmother of Dixie Rodgers of Eagle Lake. She is currently a patient at Hermann Hospital in Houston. Get well soon, Grandma."

"Congratulations to Jennifer Alvarado and Brenda Moreida on their recent promotions. Jennifer was promoted to manager and Brenda to assistant manager of the Dollar General Store here in Eagle Lake."

"Leon Hatterman of Weimar and Dean Venghaus of Columbus represented Colorado County Farm Bureau at a Texas Farm Bureau Policy Development Meeting in Waller Sept. 3."

The purpose of the meeting was to give each member a voice in determining the policies and programs of the organization. Through this process, farm and ranch families are united for the purpose of analyzing their problems so that they may work together

effectively toward solution of these mutual problems.

"We got our first 'Rockets' check through this office the first part of this week. It's good to know Jeannine's not the only Rockets-fanatic from Eagle Lake. The owner of the check is a former resident, but Eagle Lake's still her home! Jeannine wishes she had checks like yours, J.P."

"Congratulations to the Lady Raiders freshmen and junior victory over Brookshire-Royal at Raider Gym Tuesday evening. The varsity score was not available from our source."

Farm safety week

Colorado County Judge Vince Slominski, pictured at right, recently proclaimed Farm & Ranch Safety & Health Week, Sept. 15-21, 1996 in Colorado County.

Since the average age for a child driving a tractor on the road is 12 years, appropriate protective measures should be taken when any farm task involves children. Texas Farmers and Ranchers are encouraged to recognize hazards and observe safe work practices and protect young people by teaching them to work safely.

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Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1971
Burglars broke into the Miller Grocery Store on Main Street in Eagle Lake sometime during Saturday night and hauled off a supply of cigarettes and some small change. Chief Roy Chisum was called to the scene shortly after 9 a.m. when Evelyn Miller went to the store and found that a burglary had taken place.

July 2, 1948
The body of Congressional Medal of Honor winner Seaman First Class Johnnie David Hutchins arrived in Eagle Lake via Santa Fe Railroad Thursday morning, July 1, and was met by members of the W. Cherry-M. Perry Post #108, American Legion, family and friends.

Rev. & Mrs. Robert O. Tupper arrived in Lissie this week where Rev. Tupper took over the duties as pastor of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Fred R. Frnka has purchased the Gulf Service Station, adjoining Universal Motor Co., from his brother, Ernest Frnka, and will operate the business. Carl Seaholm Jr. will serve as manager of the station while Mr. Frnka continues his day time duties with the *Headlight*.

A deal has been completed here this week whereby E.H. Rodgers Sr. has purchased the equipment and stock of the A.B. Store from J.C. Lockwood.

Myriads of burning cathedral tapers softly lighted the Colly Memorial Methodist Church last Saturday evening for the wedding of Miss Ruth Thomas and Leonard Seaholm.

Mrs. N.L. Birdwell was honored with a barbecue dinner Sunday, the occasion of her birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Stephens entertained with a farewell party honoring Mr. & Mrs. M.C. Fontenot at their home last Saturday evening.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe S. Reed Jr. have moved from the Stiles Apartment to the Westmoreland Apartment.

Miss Marian Wosencraft, primary teacher of the Eagle Lake School, has completed a workshop course in reading, spelling and speech by a visit to the University of Alaska Museum, which houses an outstanding collection of Indian and Eskimo artifacts.

Next came a trip to the El Dorado Gold Camp and a tour of a large gold dredge.

Then came a ride on the Chana River aboard the *Discovery III*, the last of the sternwheeler riverboats. A brief stop allowed them a visit to the Old Chena Indian Village, where they were met by Susan Butcher with her champion Iditarod dog sled team.

Then, the group reboarded their motorcoach for their trip to Denali National Park.

There, they were lucky to enjoy the first clear weather in over a month, so everyone got excellent views of Mt. Denali (Mt. McKinley), the highest mountain in North America.

After two nights in Denali Park with an eight hour "wildlife tour", viewing bears, caribou, eagles, many birds (including Ptarmigan, osprey, etc.), the group went by motorcoach to Anchorage. This busy city is swarming with bush and float planes, fishing boats, canneries and cruise liners.

The highlight of their stopover in Anchorage was a 3-1/2 hour "float plane" flight over the glaciers and mountains flanking Mt. Denali. They were able to see Dall Sheep and moose from the six passenger "float" plane in which Marian rode "co-pilot". The planes all stopped at a lovely lakeside resort briefly en route back to Anchorage.

From Anchorage, the couple took a cruise aboard the *MV Fairweather*, by the Mendenhall Glacier via the

George and Marion Burke posed for the camera during their fascinating tour of Alaska.

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Duo to visit United Methodist Church

Members of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake will be hosting an inspiring duo, A.G. and Kate, from Ryen, Holland, on Sept. 28 and 29. The public is invited to make plans to attend.

At noon on Saturday, Sept. 28, they will conduct a two-hour workshop aimed at Wesleyan Spirituality, preceded by a brunch which will begin at 11 a.m.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 29, at the communion worship service, they will present a ministry of sharing the "Good News" in word and song, using the Wesleyan Hymns, which are full of scripture.

A love offering will be taken at each service.

A fee of \$2 will be charged for the brunch. Those planning to attend the brunch are asked to make reservations with the Methodist Church secretary by calling 409-234-3288 by Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Everyone is invited and urged to attend either, or both, of these events, the workshop and brunch Saturday, and the worship service on Sunday, added Rev. Bauerschlag.

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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS
Deed: Robbie Lee Steger to Eleanor Anne Maddox et al, und. int. in minerals and royalties; filed 5-30-96.

Deed: Richard W. Jones et ux to Richard W. Jones and Pauline V. Jones Revocable Living Trust, all of certain plot or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements erected, a part of the Elizabeth Tomlinson Lease, A-44; 5-30-96.

Deed: Sharon A. Sepulveda to Johnny Ray Eavnick, 5.00 acres out of the I&G RR Co. Survey 59, A-302; 5-30-96.

Deed: Antonio Martinez et ux to Marc C. Villalobos et ux, 1.39 acres out of the Patrick Reels Survey, A-475 in the City of Eagle Lake; 5-31-96.

Deed: Veterans Land Board to Matthew P. Basefling and Teresa E. Basefling, 13.00 acres in the Jos. Thompson Survey; 5-31-96.

Deed: Veterans Land Board to Matthew Paul Basefling et ux to Walter T. Murtagh et ux, 35 acres out of the Joseph Thompson Survey, A-42; 5-31-96.

Deed: Sam E. Rowland to Forrest English, 22.11 acres out of the Griffin Willard Survey, A-677; 5-31-96.

Deed: James C. Kearney to Hugo A. Salguero and Kathryn B. Salguero, 10.9388 acres out of the Robert Cunningham Survey, A-16; 5-31-96.

Deed: Richard James Johnson to Robert Edward Conner Jr. et ux, 2 tracts being a part of the Original Lot No. 4 and part of Subdivisional Lot 11, et al; 5-31-96.

Deed: Benjamin C. Reece et ux to Robert R. Haney Jr. and Patricia L. Haney, 3.23 acres out of the Alfred Kelo Survey, A-368; 5-31-96.

Deed: Mary Schneider to Janet L. Goswick, part of Lot 4, Block 31, City of Weimar; 5-31-96.

Deed: Constance S. Ilse et ux to Leslie J. Allison, 8,253.88 acres, City of Columbus, Block 37; 5-31-96.

Deed: Federal National Mortgage Association to Clotis J. Christal and Bobbie J. Spears, Lot 11, Block 56, Eagle Lake; 5-31-96.

Deed: Estate of Elsie B. Adams to Randal L. Epps et ux, 0.4829 acre tract out of the City of Eagle Lake, Highland Park Addition, Block 2, Lot 11 & 12, part of Chapman Street; 5-31-96.

Deed: Helen R. Priest to William E. Burke III and Carol Ortiz Burke, 0.6195 acres in the E. Tomlinson Lease, A-44.

Deed: Stephen J. Gindrit et ux to James C. Kearney, 0.5220 acres out of the Robert Cunningham Survey, A-16; 6-7-96.

Deed: Twelve Trees Inc. to Ransom Wood Ranch LP, 1002.997 acres out of the Ransom Wood Survey, A-598, et al.

Deed: Louise Raabe to Lyn Eric Meredith et ux, a part of Lot 2, Block 432, City of Weimar; 6-7-96.

Deed: Donna Ray Bass to Veterans Land Board of the State of Texas, 11.795 acres situated in the John Cassidy Survey, A-138; 6-10-96.

Deed: Edward David Michalek Jr. to Irene Helen Michalek, 60.5 acres out of the F. Mayhar Survey; 6-10-96.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc., to The Texas Falls Corporation, properties in the Charles Pritch Survey, A-199, et al; 6-10-96.

OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES
Louis William Stiles Jr. to United Oil

Deed: Marilynn C. Marek to Idea M. Haysten-Ball, part of Lot 2 & 3, Block 26, Weimar; 6-3-96.

Deed: Cecilia Mary Coulter to Cecilia Mary Coulter Kallias, Trustee of the Joseph Justin Kallias Memorial Trust, Lots 1-12, and 19-24, Block 6, Townsite of Garwood, et al, (less and except); 6-3-96.

Deed: Big Star Development Company to Don W. Meist et ux, 34.183 acres out of the L. Mackert Survey, A-414; 6-4-96.

Deed: John W. Burns and Marcia B. Burns to Gregory W. Burns Jr. and Shirley C. Burns, 20.00 acres out of the T.B. Gentry Survey, A-235; 6-4-96.

Deed: Wilma Socha et al to Meth Hoffman et ux, 155.760 acres being in the SA&MG RR Company Survey 4, A-895; 6-6-96.

Deed: W.P. Hamilton III to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 320 acres in the JNO. Sheely Survey, A-513; 6-10-96.

Deed: Geophysical Option Agreement/Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease: Ernestine Caldwell Dewitt to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 320 acres in the JNO. Sheely Survey, A-513; 6-10-96.

Deed: Geophysical Option Agreement/Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease: Margaret Rose Warner to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 320 acres in the JNO. Sheely Survey, A-513; 6-10-96.

Deed: Geophysical Option Agreement/Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease: Robert R. Butler to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 320 acres in the JNO. Sheely Survey, A-513; 6-10-96.

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Deed: Geophysical Option Agreement/Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease: Michael William Warner to Alcorn-Texas Properties Inc., 320 acres in the JNO. Sheely Survey, A-513; 6-10-96.

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUITS FILED
Andy G. Seidel and Doris Seidel v. K.L. Anderson M.D. and Columbus Community Hospital, negligence; filed 9-5-96.

DIVORCES FILED
Candy Lynn High and Billy Jo High; filed 9-5-96.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Norman Henderson, 42, Altair, and Juanita Ann Stevenson, 43, Eagle Lake; filed application, 8-29-96.

Monte Joseph Moeckel, 25, and Angela Dawn Melnar, 22, both of Weimar; 8-29-96.

Darrell Lynn Hinz, 32, Sheridan, and Pamela Crane Sklar, 32, Garwood; 9-4-96.

Michael Clinton Reese, 36, Columbus, and Tina Schaefer Orsak, 36, Rosenberg; 9-5-96.

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