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## State Treasurer Ann Richards plans to run for governor in 1990

State Treasurer Ann Richards, after spending several weeks testing the political waters, said last week she will run for governor in 1990.

Richards, the first major-party candidate to declare a definite intention to run, said her recent Texas travels convinced her she could win. "I just know everything looks good to me. All I can say to you is at this point, I feel really positive about making the race," she said.

Richards added that she would be pleased to run on a Democratic ticket with Comptroller Bob Bullock, who recently announced for lieutenant governor.

The treasurer said her immediate political priority is the 1988 reelection of Texas U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen.

### State Capitol Highlights By Lyndell Williams

that support people within the party, and if you have two candidates trying to get support, by definition it's a divisive.

Mattox, who has all but announced for governor, said he thinks Richards will change her mind about running. "I doubt seriously if she's going to be a candidate, when all is said and done," he said.

**Anti-racing group formed**  
Opponents of legalizing horse and dog race gambling last week launched their campaign against the racing proposal on the Nov. 3 Texas ballot by saying the sports bring sharp increases in animal cruelty.

"For every multimillion-dollar race horse like Secretariat, who makes an enormous amount of money for its owner and is royally treated for the rest of his life, there are thousands of cheaper horses that endure a miserable existence and even die on the race track," said Ann Koros.

Koros, of the Texas Humane Information Network, charged that racing dogs also suffer abuse. "Very few greyhounds live to the age of four, since even dogs that race successfully are destroyed to save feed costs when they stop earning money," she said.

Koros spoke at a news conference sponsored by Texans Who Care, a coalition leading opposition to the referendum that would legalize pari-mutuel wagering in Texas.

See Cox, campaign director for the group, said opponents will attack the proposal on many fronts, including the issue of animal cruelty.

**Let's Look Back... 24 Years Ago**  
(September 5, 1963)

1251 students enrolled in the Eagle Lake public schools on opening day, 87 more than last year... Eagle Lake Eagles tangle with the Class AA Needville Bluejays Friday night to open the 1963-64 season... Work has started on the addition of a 15,000 barrel storage bin at the facilities of the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer on Lake-side Drive... Last rites were held for Mrs. Charlotte V. Kilough at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4... Study Club to open new year with 18 members on Sept. 18. Mrs. Joe S. Reed Jr. will present the program at the opening event in the form of inspirational readings. Club officers include: Mrs. R.R. Wells Jr., president; Mrs. Joe Lee McCreary, first vice president; Mrs. R.H. Waddell, second vice president; Mrs. J. Lindsey Nimmans, secretary; Mrs. Summie Wilson, treasurer; and Mrs. Justin A. Smith, reporter...



ing the increase in crime she said accompanies legalized gambling. She said the group hopes to raise \$500,000 for its campaign.

Nick Kralj, president of the Greyhound Racing Association of Texas, said charges of animal cruelty are unfounded. "It's a rather desperate act by some people," Kralj said. "Animal abuse is not going to happen in Texas and it's not happening in Texas where large numbers of greyhounds currently are bred."

**Mauro defends contract**  
Land Commissioner Gary Mauro defended awarding a 20-year contract for administering the Veterans Land Board's home loan program to Lomas and Nettleton Co., Dallas.

Questions were raised about how the firm headed by Democratic fundraiser Jess Hay was selected and over sizeable loans by L&M to Mauro and his family.

The loans include a \$200,000 working capital loan and \$1.4 million property note in 1984 to Mauro and others, and \$71,000 loan to Mauro, wife Judith Bagley and brother-in-law Jeffrey Bagley for a Washington, D.C., condominium.

L&M has received \$2.9 million in fees with the contract expected to provide approximately \$18 million. Mauro insists the contract was put out for competitive bids, but that L&M was the only bidder, and denies any improprieties. Now-Secretary of State Jack Rains, a Republican, was a member of the Veterans Land Board when the contract was awarded and voted with Mauro to approve the contract. Rains says he relied on staff recommendations.

**Other highlights**  
•Former House Speaker Billy Clayton urged the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority to consider an Andrews County disposal site and to abandon plans for one in Hudspeth County.

•The Texas Association of Compensation Consumers is gearing up to push for changes in the worker's compensation system.

•Houston lawyer John Odom, who served as legislative counsel says he is considering running for attorney general in 1990, but probably won't decide until after the 1988 election.

**Donations to laboratory equipment at hospital**  
Donations made to the Cobas Mira Chemistry System, as of Tuesday, September 22, which is being purchased for the Eagle Lake Community Hospital is as follows:

Pink Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann, Mrs. Grifff (Lora) Thomas, Mrs. Christina Koros

**Colorado County Courthouse Report**

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
Gregory O'Neal Frazer, 19, and Alberta Fitzgerald, 18.

Gary Anthony Longoria, 19, and Rita Darlene Rodriguez, 19.

Chad Arnold Kloesel, 26, and Shirley Joan Keith, 23.

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**Military troop holds reunion**  
The 508th Parachute Regiment had their 13th annual reunion in El Paso September 3-5 and proved to be very successful.

The regiment was activated on October 20, 1942 in Camp Blanding, Florida; went to Europe December 28, 1943; went into preparation for the Normandy Invasion and the Holland

operation September 17 and the Battle of the Bulge and into Germany.

Trino Maldonado, a member of the regiment, was among other troops that haven't seen each other since the war ended. Maldonado reported having a great time - a lasting memory of the survivors of the 508th P.I.R.

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**Letters to Editor**

**Former residents**  
Greetings from Arkansas. It has been several years since our last visit to Eagle Lake. Due to failing health we must stay closer to home.

After having lived in Eagle Lake for 15 years we always look forward to getting our weekly paper. There are many new names there, but we always enjoy keeping up with the old times.

We moved to Arkansas in 1974 to be closer to our son and his family. The climate is excellent here and the people are so pleasant to newcomers as there are so many people living here from many states - retirees like us.

Best regards to all in Eagle Lake, Louise and Alfred Marx Sr.

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# TO THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO AND FAYETTE COUNTIES:

For the past four years, the hospitals in Colorado and Fayette Counties have been under great financial stress due to the method of reimbursement instituted by Medicare.

This method is one by which the government pays the hospital according to the diagnosis (Diagnostic Related Groups, or D.R.G.), not according to the cost of taking care of the patient. The following cases illustrate the dramatic negative impact this method of reimbursement can have. All cases are taken from our hospitals in Colorado and Fayette Counties.

**Case No. 1** — Seventy plus year old suffered heart failure and serious heart rhythm disturbances. Stayed in the hospital 15 days and discharged from hospital back to previous level of health.

Charges... \$6,244.05 Medicare Paid... \$1,037.47  
**Loss... \$5,206.58**

**Case No. 2** — Sixty plus year old had pulmonary emboli (blood clots through heart and into lungs) and pneumonia. Stayed in hospital 18 days and left the hospital doing well.

Charges... \$11,154.24 Medicare Paid... \$2,832.76  
**Loss... \$8,321.48**

**Case No. 3** — Eighty plus year old fractured a hip, which was repaired. While in the hospital, the patient developed jaundice due to bile duct blockage with gallstones. This required surgery to remove the stones and gallbladder. The patient discharged to home after a 36 day stay.

Charges... \$14,798.45 Medicare Paid... \$4,301.66  
**Loss... \$10,496.79**

**Case No. 4** — Eighty plus year old had severe infection in her biliary system associated with shock. Heart catheter had to be placed and the blood pressure restored. Patient had gangrenous gallbladder removed in surgery and was on a ventilator after surgery. Discharged from hospital after 17 day stay.

Charges... \$12,833.40 Medicare Paid... \$5,202.61  
**Loss... \$7,630.79**

**Case No. 5** — Eighty plus year old admitted with bowel obstruction and had gangrenous bowel removed at surgery. Admission complicated by a mild stroke, heart failure, and urinary tract infection. Discharged from the hospital after 26 days.

Charges... \$21,339.20 Medicare Paid... \$7,163.58  
**Loss... \$14,175.62**

**Case No. 6** — Sixty plus year old suffered severe pneumonia and lung failure. Discharged after 22 day stay.

Charges... \$19,629.49 Medicare Paid... \$2,977.86  
**Loss... \$16,651.63**

**Case No. 7** — Seventy plus year old had a heart attack that was complicated by heart rhythm disturbances, pneumonia, pulmonary embolus (clot through heart and into lungs), heart failure, shock, and was resuscitated from 2 episodes of cessation of breathing that

required a ventilator. Discharged from the hospital after 70 day stay.

Charges... \$42,327.51 Medicare Paid... \$6,600.14  
**Loss... \$35,727.37**

The above cases are true. They represent mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, brother and sisters — family of Colorado and Fayette Counties whose lives were saved by their local hospitals. However, because these hospitals could deliver complex, life-saving care, they suffered tremendous financial losses, penalized as a result of handling complicated cases.

How can these hospitals stay open in the face of such losses? The answer is that they may not, unless something is done to modify the method of Medicare reimbursement. The modifications needed in that system are complex, ranging from the elimination of the rural-urban

reimbursement discrepancy (urban hospitals are paid up to 35 percent more than rural hospitals for the same diagnosis) to adjustment of D.R.G.'s to allow for complications arising during an admission.

**What can you as a citizen of Colorado or Fayette County do to help?**

Grab that pen and paper and write to your Congressmen and your President (addresses are given below), letting them know of your concern for your rural hospital, and urge them to do whatever it takes to help it survive.

**Please help our hospitals continue to heal the wounds and save the lives of you and yours. Thank you.**

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