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## To The Editor & You

### Tell everyone 'hello'

Howdy!  
We are enjoying our "new life" here in Fredericksburg (can't believe it'll be a year on Oct. 10th).  
The kids adjusted well. Heather is back into gymnastics and jazz dancing. She and her partner (J.J. Herman) won first place at Starlight Productions' National Contest in Arlington this summer. They did a 50's duet, "All Shook Up".  
She and Dustin are both in 4-H and are each showing a lamb at our local show in January.

Buddy is staying busy and I work at a veterinarian clinic here...  
We're all as busy as ever!  
Tell everyone "hello" for us.  
Take care,  
Buddy, Heidi,  
Dustin & Heather Mills

## Past employees take governor to court

Six former employees of the Texas Department of Commerce took Democratic Gov. Ann Richards to federal court last week in Austin, accusing the governor of violating their rights by firing them because they are Republicans.

Richards, former Commerce Department board chairman Alan Khan; Cathy Bonner, executive director; and Margaret Donaldson, human resources director, are defendants in the civil action.

Plaintiffs are Jim Mikus, Eddie Aurisupa and Raymond Barnes, all of whom worked in a division of the department that administered the Job Training Partnership Act. All three reportedly supported Republican Clayton Williams, a Midland businessman who ran for governor in 1990.

Mikus, Aurisupa and Barnes were dismissed after Richards took office. They seek more than \$2 million in back pay, future lost earnings, attorneys' fees and damages for mental anguish.

Derek Howard, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said Richards devised a scheme to fire only Republicans and to fill the vacated positions with the friends and political supporters.

Richards said her accusers were terminated as part of a program to streamline the troubled department. She called the allegation that the firings were political "absurd" and the lawsuit a waste of taxpayer's money.

**Assistant AG Scrutinized**  
Assistant Texas Attorney General Gary Bledsoe's triple role as president of the Texas Chapter of the NAACP and chairman of the Democratic Party in Travis County last week was criticized by Texas Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer and the lobbying group, Common Cause of Texas.

Meyer said Bledsoe's activities outside his duties as assistant attorney general should be subject to scrutiny, comparing it with the ongoing grand jury investigation of Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison for alleged misuse of employees and equipment for political and personal purposes while serving as state treasurer.

Suzi Woodford, executive director of Common Cause, said Bledsoe has spent too much time on activities outside his job, suggesting he may be compromising his role as assistant attorney general.

In his own defense, Bledsoe said he does nothing to compromise what he does in the attorney general's office, and that he works weekends and nights, giving taxpayers more than 40 hours a week.

Attorney General Dan Morales' press secretary Ron Dusek said there is no conflict of interest between Bledsoe's official duties and his advocacy work, despite his conducting NAACP business during regular office hours. His flat annual salary as

## Let's Look Back...

# 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

February 20, 1969  
Two Eagle Lake businessmen, Glen Lockier and Wilfred Lueddecke, have filed for the city council so far... Ronnie Gold's grand champion crossbred steer was sold for a record \$1.50 a pound at the Garwood FFA Show to Tom Henderson of El Campo.

Eagle Lake High's Eagle girls won the district title in 20AA basketball this week... Miss Joyce Krennek was named 1969 Garwood FFA trail ride sweetheart... Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Herman have purchased the former V.J. Kana home on West Main St... Marine G.H. Hollub continues his column in the Headlight telling of his experiences in Vietnam... Willis Chavis had grand champion hog at the Garwood FFA Show and Felix Garcia had the grand champion pen of rabbits...

Southwestern Bell announced that Bellville will be converted to all number dialing by July, 1969... Joe Marik of East Bernard passed away this week... Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Hefner honored her father, W.A. Stillman, with a party for his 86th birthday on Sunday...

Cpl. Herbert Y. Kincheloe writes his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Miller Kincheloe of Sheridan, that he would be moving from one area to another in Vietnam and would be unable to write for awhile. He has been at the Laotian border...

Miss Jeanette Frnka and Floyd Sprenth were united in marriage Jan. 25 at Perpetual Help Catholic Church...

## State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams  
Texas Press Association

Three top aides to former Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower went on trial last week in federal court in Austin for an alleged conspiracy to collect illegal campaign funds for Hightower.

On trial for committing theft and bribery from programs receiving federal funding and conspiracy to commit theft were former Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Mike Moeller, special assistant Peter McRae and division chief Billie Quicksall.

The theft charge carries a maximum 10-year prison sentence and the conspiracy charge a maximum five-year term.

According to testimony, Quicksall and consultants Bob Boyd and Russell Koonz (who were waived from the trial because of bad health) worked together to raise \$60,000 in 1989 by hitting up businesses regulated by the agriculture department for campaign contributions.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Mills told jurors that the consultants received contracts through a joint federal-state crop inspection program about \$195,000 in public money so they could travel the state seeking campaign contributions.

Hightower, who could be called to testify, has not been accused of any wrongdoing in the case. The trial is expected to last about four weeks.

**Other Highlights**  
Gov. Richards has named three people to the Texas Worker's Compensation Insurance Board. The governor appointed Joe R. Fulton of Corpus Christi and reappointed Patricia Ann Crawford of El Paso and Larry K. Durrett of Jacksonville. All are subject to Senate confirmation.

Calling Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison a "political hack," Dallas financier Richard Fisher, a Democrat who placed fifth in this spring's U.S. Senate race, announced he will run for that office again next year.

The University of Oklahoma plans to survey some of its football fans for their opinions on whether half of the Oklahoma-Texas football games should be played in Norman, Oklahoma Gov. David Walters said it is a matter of pride and economics to play half the games in Oklahoma.

More Texas parents are paying child support, Attorney General Dan Morales said, with collections during the past year rising to \$370 million, an increase of \$70 million over last year.

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## Alleyton History books now available locally

The young ladies selected to serve as this year's varsity cheerleaders are, from front row, from left, Leigh Jackson, Alison Atkins and Kristen Stienke; center, Nikkie Fry.

**Rice High School Varsity Cheerleaders**

Leslie Center and Kaci Klein; back, Breana Wood and Shea McClanahan.

The culmination of three years of research and writing about the town of Alleyton is available in print announced William H. Harrison Sr.

Harrison, a native of Alleyton, completed the 250 page hardback history "Alleyton, Texas—Backdoor to the Confederacy" which is now ready for delivery.

"We only ordered 100 copies," he said, "but a printing overrun made a few extra copies available. Most of the first 100 were presold."

The books may be purchased at the Colorado County Judge's office in the courthouse or by contacting Harrison at 234-2662 in Eagle Lake.

The book takes the history of Alleyton from the time the Alley family came to Texas in 1823 through the Civil War years; and on to the filming of the town by the "Eyes of Texas" camera crew for airing in Jan. 1993.

It includes a print of the original land grant to Rawson Alley from the Mexican government both in Spanish and English, as well as many maps and photos.

Alleyton during the 1860s was the terminus of the Buffalo Bayou, Bra-

## PJs prepare for 'Piper' production

Watch out for rats! The Pied Piper is preparing to weave his magic in Eagle Lake as the Prairie Edge Juniors (PJs) get ready for their Dec. production of the *Pied Piper of Hamelin*.

Deborah Reed, PJs director, announced the cast at rehearsal, Sunday, Sept. 18. The play will include over 30 local children.

Sara Mann was cast in the leading role, her third performance with the PJs. She will be piping Dirty Rat and his evil rat pack out of Hamelin. Dirty Rat will be played by Barnett Thomas.

The greedy village elders are led by Bruno, played by Amy Obenhaus. Village mothers will include Dawn Schwemm as Katrina, Geri Flowers as Sophia, Jenna Hoffman as Gretchen, Leigh Ann Michalka as Brunhilde and Cindy Webb as Hildegard.

Klaus the cat will be played by Jacquelyn Thomas.

The food servers who provide humorous introductions to the scenes are to be Tiffany Castro as Frankfurter, Risa Waddell, sauerkraut; Rebal Canaris, weinerschnitzel and Shelly Cunningham, bratwurst.

Making up the rat pack who terrorize the children are hairy Rat, Andrea Contreras; Oily Rat, Robin Shaver; Rude Rat, Dusty Young; Mean Rat, Amanda Burrow; Rat Rat, Selena

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Goode writes his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Goode, that he has been released from the hospital in India and his leg was infected but he is now mending...

Cpl. Alfred Reuther, son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Reuther, arrived in Eagle Lake from San Antonio, his last stop on a round-the-world journey in 27 months of foreign duty in the Army Air Corps... Miss Betty Jean Gordy, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Gordy, was a member of the graduating class of Milby High School in Houston...

Mrs. Earl Carter entertained members of the senior class of Eagle Lake High School with a hay ride last Friday evening, naming Miss Virginia Mill honoree on the occasion... A.G. Miller, son of Mr. & Mrs. O.J. Miller, was the first Colorado County man discharged from the Army on the point system...

Miss Mary Ruth Sens, granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Leismann of Bernardo, and Cpl. Lester Schindler of Frederick Army Air Base, son of Mr. & Mrs. Emil Schindler of Eagle Lake, were united in marriage Sunday with Rev. A.W. Didner performing the double ring ceremony...

Sgt. Frank Duty of the U.S. Marines who spent 27 months in the Pacific on a 30 day leave visiting his wife, son, Bobby, his mother, Mrs. John Duty and other relatives in

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## COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

**DEEDS**

Deed: Coastal Banc Savings Association to Jose Ugarte III, Lots 9, 10 and 11 in Block No. 6 of the Irwin Addition to the City of Columbus; filed 8-20-93.

Deed: Edward Cantu to Robert Cantu, 7.24 acres of Sandy Creek dev. out of the John Cassidy Survey, Abstract No. 138; 8-23-93.

Deed: Jimmy Werner, et ux to Lucy Renee Spell, Lots No. 1 and 2, Block No. 23, Town of Sheridan; 9-25-93.

Deed: William H. Hoogeneyzer to Ray Campbell and, in, in 160.0 acres being part of G.H. & H.R.R. co. Survey, Abstract No. 704; 8-26-93.

Deed: Shirley Kroboth Labay, et al to Martha Veronica Kroboth, tracts out of the F. Pettus League, Abstract No. 37 and other counties; 8-26-93.

Deed: John O. Boettcher to Patrick Peters, et ux, 10 ft. of Lot No. 4, Block No. 103, H. Austin Survey, Weimar; 8-27-93.

Deed: Shirley Kroboth Labay, et al to Karl Peyton Weems Trust, 100.473 acres out of the Joseph Thompson Survey, Abstract No. 43; 8-25-93.

Deed: Tommy C. Joplin, et ux to Leonard Terrell Parker, et ux, 2.992 acres out of the James Nelson Survey, Abstract No. 434; 8-25-93.

Deed: Joseph E. Streckfus, et al to Larry Douglas, trustee, 5.12 acres out of the Reddin Andrews 1/3 League Survey, Abstract No. 52; 8-25-93.

Deed: E. Michael Lallinger to Allen M. Born, 44.709 acres in the James Communs Upper Hacienda League, Abstract No. 14; 8-25-93.

Deed: R. Lacy, Inc., et al to Warren W. Frazier, und. int. in oil, gas and other minerals in 1,594.91 acres being all of the John Cassidy Survey, Abstract No. 138; 8-30-93.

Deed: Herbert C. Ulbrich to Herbert C. Ulbrich Jr., 52 acres out of the W.W. Thompson League, Abstract No. 43; 8-30-93.

Deed: Tom Moore to Pearl Carter, part of Lot No. 3, Block No. 73, Town of Columbus; 8-30-93.

Deed: Edgar Heinsohn to Calvin Heinsohn and Leslie Heinsohn, und. int. in 119.1 acres out of the James Miles Survey, Abstract No. 69 in Fayette and Colorado Counties; 8-30-93.

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