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To The Editor & You

Recognizing an 'unsung hero'

I'm writing this letter to let everyone know that we have many unsung heroes. There's one person that I would like everyone to recognize today. That person is my sister Rachel Ramirez.

She has been a nurse's aide for some time at the Heritage House. She

takes care of the elderly as if each one were of some relation to her. She does volunteer work on the side for an elderly man.

Just recently she's added another task to her list which is coming by my home twice a day to give me treatment on my back and change the dressing

on it after the surgery I had done recently.

This is a very serious responsibility for anyone. But she makes time for me, my mother's insulin for diabetes, and still has time in her day to tend to her own family of four, and work an eight hour day.

She has her ways on a while but, if you know her that's just her.

I just want everyone to know that never take people like that for granted. People like that are hard to come by.

I love her for what she's done for me and what she's doing for our mom.

God bless her and keep her here forever. I pray that God will give her the dream of being a nurse or whatever medical profession she wants to be in because she is great at it. One day, Rachel, you'll have the time and money to do it. Just keep the dream.

Love always,
Your sister, Hilda Belman

EAGLE LAKE MEDICAL CLINIC

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Ravindra Kumar, M.D. Pauline Hendler, MSN, RN, FNP
Internal Medicine Nurse Practitioner

Primary Care for Adolescent and Adult Patients

Member of: General America • PHCS • Aetna TRSA • Humana
Great West, Blue Cross & Blue Shield • Guardian • And Others

Monthly Specialty Clinics

By Appointment Only

Thursdays **Every Other Thursday**
Surgeons **Gynecologists**
Hernan Patino, M.D. Walter Thomas, M.D.
Julio Arebalo, M.D. Howard Schreiber, M.D.
Peter Boutsos, M.D.

A.G. says Whitehead's action illegal

State Treasurer Martha Whitehead acted illegally in Dec. 1994 when she shored up the state-run Texpool investment fund, according to a Texas attorney general's opinion last week.

Texpool lost an estimated \$2 billion when investors withdrew their deposits, concerned after news reports regarding similar investments in high-risk "derivatives" that caused the bankruptcy of Orange County, Calif.

Whitehead responded by using Treasury money to buy back some of the securities at book value, to prevent losses for Texpool members. The bailout cost Texas taxpayers about \$55 million, she said.

The non-enforceable opinion requested by the director of the State Pension Review Board was written by Assistant Attorney General Susan L. Garrison.

"The state treasurer's use of funds in the state Treasury in Dec. 1994 to purchase Texpool funds at a price above the market value was not authorized by law," Garrison wrote.

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State Capitol Highlights

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Texas Press Association

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have been made through its purchasing agency, the General Services Commission.

Last week, state Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, accused Collins of lying to a Senate committee in Oct. when he said under oath that his private business plans would not conflict with his state job. Texas law prohibits officials from conducting business with state agencies for two years after they have left office.

Allan Polansky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, ordered an investigation of the VitaPro contract after the arrest last month of Houston businessman Patrick Graham.

Graham, who allegedly masterminded a foiled prison escape plot, was carrying a business card showing he was an independent salesman for VitaPro when he was arrested.

Voters Guides OK at Polls
With early voting under way for the March 12 Primary, Texans will at last be free to bring voter's guides, newspapers endorsements and other printed materials into the polls.

Prior law prohibited voters from bringing materials into voting booths, but did allow them to bring sample ballots and handwritten notes.

Houston lawyer David Furlow challenged the 93-year-old law and won a federal court decision overturning the law in Nov. The Texas Secretary of State decided not to appeal the ruling.

"It's not likely to adversely affect in the slightest degree what goes on in elections," Furlow said.

Other Capital Highlights
A central Texas militia group is plotting to kidnap a federal judge, according to an advisory by the U.S. Marshal's Service, the *Houston Chronicle* reported last week. A memorandum dated Feb. 8 warned judges in the Houston-based Southern District federal judicial region, in which serve 18

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Letters to Editor Policy
The *Eagle Lake Headlight* will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the Letters to the Editor column under the following guidelines:

1. Letters should not be more than 1,500 characters.

2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The *Headlight* must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.

3. The writer may request their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in Paragraph No. 2 must be included for our files.

4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.

5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.

6. The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.

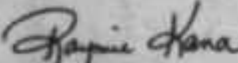
COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995									
Fund	Transactions 01-01-95 through 12-31-95		Balance 12-31-95		Balance 12-31-95		Balance 12-31-95		Total
	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	
GOV. FUND:									
GOV. Special	\$ 16,300.76	237,956.95		210,000.00	21,855.20	22,600.51			
GOV. Precinct #1	17,329.78	178,302.41		31,965.00	196,926.98	46,932.21			
GOV. Precinct #2	46,286.26	166,578.05		31,135.00	191,281.35	72,646.02			
GOV. Precinct #3	129,465.36	191,465.67		62,475.00	387,703.96	116,595.07			
GOV. Precinct #4	45,670.13	133,640.17		44,625.00	189,640.76	34,294.54			
GOV. FUND TOTAL:	345,052.29	710,923.65		210,000.00	610,603.29	210,000.00			
GOV. FUND BALANCE:									
L.R. Precinct #1	7,115.58	7,115.00		7,115.58	7,115.58	7,115.58			
L.R. Precinct #2	7,023.88	7,023.77		7,023.88	7,023.88	7,023.88			
L.R. Precinct #3	8,598.09	8,598.07		8,598.09	8,598.09	8,598.09			
L.R. Precinct #4	6,166.45	6,167.68		6,166.45	6,166.45	6,166.45			
GOV. FUND BALANCE TOTAL:	28,903.90	28,904.52		28,903.90	28,903.90	28,903.90			
GOV. FUND TOTAL:	373,956.19	739,828.17		238,903.90	639,507.19	238,903.90			
AD. FUND:									
AD. Precinct #1	261,227.87	229,176.96		265,703.25	196,704.58	196,704.58			
AD. Precinct #2	227,850.53	223,131.37		225,073.39	169,546.68	169,546.68			
AD. Precinct #3	241,282.21	273,298.86		325,213.39	213,525.62	213,525.62			
AD. Precinct #4	195,333.31	186,620.76		213,525.62	178,408.44	178,408.44			
AD. FUND TOTAL:	925,693.92	912,227.95		829,515.65	658,185.32	658,185.32			
AD. FUND BALANCE:									
GOV. FUND	476,341.89	3,556,909.09		3,176,261.40	926,403.11	926,403.11			
GOV. PRESCRIPTION	34,966.89	32,439.34		19,783.12	67,623.11	67,623.11			
GOV. LIBRARY FUND	4,760.27	5,880.00		5,183.12	5,887.15	5,887.15			
GOV. FUNDING FUND	55,462.78	275,498.26		286,441.56	12,735.03	12,735.03			
GOV. FUNDING FUND	0.00	9,033.46		2,500.00	11,533.46	9.29			
AD. FUND TOTAL:	571,571.93	3,973,859.75		3,420,185.20	1,013,678.60	1,013,678.60			
AD. FUND BALANCE:									
GOV. FUND	7,357.68	1,428.00		2,683.98	6,391.20	6,391.20			
GOV. PRESCRIPTION	797.53	6,325.11		7,297.93	226.71	226.71			
GOV. LIBRARY FUND	1,151.97	65,713.04		2,501,697,252,500,197.25	67,346.05	1,037.76			
GOV. FUNDING FUND	16,101.27	425.96		9.44	16,127.79	2,346.88			
GOV. FUNDING FUND	0.00	4,282.39		4,282.39	0.00	0.00			
AD. FUND TOTAL:	24,408.45	72,872.46		46,120.39	2,346,821.15	2,346,821.15			
AD. FUND BALANCE:	1,275,780.35	1,189,638.01		1,189,638.01	1,275,780.35	1,189,638.01			
AD. FUND TOTAL:	1,275,780.35	1,189,638.01		1,189,638.01	1,275,780.35	1,189,638.01			
Total All Funds	\$5,500,282.28	5,871,664.09		3,970,115.27	4,000,830.37	7,998,220.92	3,373,000.35		
Total Transfers									

COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

ASSETS									
Cash in The First State Bank	\$	3,101,875.93							
Plan: Outstanding Deposits		478,329.17							
Less: Outstanding Checks		28,786.43							
Less: Adjustments		<u>626.32</u>							
Total Assets						\$	<u>3,571,000.35</u>		
LIABILITIES									
Trans Collected in Advance	\$	1,189,626.01							
Total Liabilities						\$	1,189,626.01		
FUND EQUITY									
Fund Balance—removed for debt m.c.	\$	173,886.69							
Fund Balance—removed for 1996 Budget		<u>1,700,000.00</u>							
Fund Balance—unremoved		<u>629,487.65</u>							
Total Fund Equity							<u>2,183,374.34</u>		
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity							<u>\$ 3,571,000.35</u>		

All balance trans collected between October 1st and December 31st are accounted as liabilities at December 31st. These trans are recognized as revenues in the following year. Of the total cash on hand at December 31st, \$173,886.69 is restricted to the payment of general long-term debt principal and interest maturing in future years and \$1,700,000.00 was appropriated for the 1996 Budget.

I, Benita Kern, County Auditor of Colorado County, Texas certify that the within and foregoing statement of beginning and ending balances, receipts, disbursements, and transactions for the Calendar Year 1995 is true and correct.


 Benita Kern
 County Auditor
 Colorado County, Texas