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# POLITICAL CANDIDATE

# Hayek announces candidacy for a 4th term

Darlene Hayek, Colorado County to the fact that for more than 100 years, Clerk, has announced her candidacy and has filed for re-election as a Re- in Colorado County.

said Hayek in making the announce- but I feel it is more representative of ment. "But many of you will be aware that which is shared by all of us: strong of the recent trend in National, State families, excellent schools, balanced and local politics of party re-align-

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Texas operated as a one party system. for a fourth term as County Clerk. This meant that every elected official, Hayek, who was first elected in 1986 whether liberal, moderate or conseras a Democrat, also announced that vative, ran on the Democratic Ticket. ers perform state jobs and how much she has changed her party affiliation This is no longer the case in Texas, or

"My filing for re-election as a "As a lifelong Democrat, this was Republican is not due to any major budgets and control at the local level. "This shift is, of course, due partly be run in a fiscally conservative way, with strong elected leadership.

"I have received a warm welcome from the Republican Party and hope that all the fine Democrats who have tions will continue to do so now. I the person who they know will never disasters. loose sight of their best interest and will never betray the trust and responsibility given them by the voters.

"I look forward to continuing to serve as your County Clerk."

Hayek added that a more complete announcement of her candidacy will follow in a couple of weeks.

Annual Scholarship Dinner to be held

American Youth Council (MAYC) iors at Rice High School...

Let's Look Back...

# State auditor to look at 'temporary' workers

employees cost at least \$41 million in the past state budget year, the Austin American-Statesman reported last week.

Those workers, however, do not appear on the state's annual \$6 billion payroll. Nor do they receive health

don't know how many outside workpaying them costs, they acknowledge who have gone without health insur-

"I don't think any of us have a handle on it," said House Appropria- missioner Elton Bomer. not a decision which I made lightly" change in my personal philosophy, tions Chairman Rob Junell, D-San where they are."

workers on the state payroll in 1997, ture. I believe that our county offices must the Legislature imposed a cap on full time positions. State officials want to cal plans that differ only in their deensure that the cap doesn't lead to an

Among the tasks assigned to temporary workers are programming supported me in the past three elec- computers, opening mail containing child support checks, nursing menbelieve that the voters of Colorado tally ill patients in state hospitals and out-of-pocket cost. County are individuals who vote for taking calls from victims of natural

Texas' Lt. Governor Bill Hobby next Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. Columbus Attorney Gus. F. Steger as

will be the speaker at the Mexican honoring 22 Mexican American sen- he addressed the Court in the District

**≜** State Capitol Highlights By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling

Although state officials say they of coverage with the opening of the Texas Insurance Risk Pool.

Texas Press Association

This is a milestone for Texans ance because poor health made them uninsurable," said Insurance Com-

The pool was created by legisla-Angelo. "I think we'd like to see tion sponsored by Rep. Kip Averitt and Sen. David Sibley, both of Waco, With more than 250,000 full-time and passed by the 1997 state Legisla-

> The pool will sell two major mediductible amounts and out-of-pocket maximums. Both plans offer lower costs for patients who use health-care signed to ensure that no person with a providers on the pool's provider network, but patients are free to use outof-network providers for an additional

#### **Annuities Rules Approved**

Banks in Texas cities of any size may obtain agents' licenses to sell annuities under interim guidelines approved by Insurance Commissioner Bomer last month.

The guidelines will govern banks' Texans who couldn't get health annuity sales until the 1999 Legislainsurance because of their medical ture can amend the state's agent-li-

response to an Oct. ruling by U.S. Discost of \$20. trict Judge James R. Nowlin of Austin. Nowlin ruled that federal banking laws authorizing banks to sell annuities override Texas laws that prevent to six months in jail.

Annuities are investment contracts usually sold by life insurance companies. To sell annuities, a bank must be licensed as an incorporated insurance agent by the Texas Department of Insurance. A bank also must be appointed by at least one life insursale of annuities.

#### Day-care Law Takes Effect

Jan. 1 was the deadline for daycare providers to comply with a new state law requiring people who care for three or fewer children to undergo criminal background checks by the

"The background checks are decriminal or substantiated child-abuse history is entrusted with the care of children," said Karen Eells, a spokes- State Corporation Commission in woman for the Texas Department of asking the Supreme Court to overturn

completed, the caregiver is issued a cap that Texas had.

Bomer issued the guidelines in certificate of listing with the state at a

Caregivers who don't become listed with the state risk penalties, including fines of up to \$2,000 and up

### Other Capital Highlights

•A telephone survey of 2,710 people between Jan. and April last year revealed that about one in four Texans witnessed an incident of child abuse or neglect. The poll also showed that almost 30% of those surveyed did ance company to act as its agent for the not know state law requires them to report such incidents to authorities.

> •The Public Utility Commission has approved a 4% interim rate cut for residential customers of Texas Utilities Electric Co. The rate reduction applies only to the non-fuel potion of a monthly electric bill. PUC officials said some commercial customers, mostly small and medium-sized businesses would get a rate cut of 2%.

•The Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel has joined the Virginia Protective and Regulatory Services. new federal rules that removed state After the background check is caps on pay calls, including the 25¢

# Deaths lower than prediction

predicted by the Department of Public p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, and ended Safety (DPS) was 46 for the New

Nov. 18, 1949

her home here Thursday of last week,

shape for next year's crop...

Houston and Beaumont...

dell brought home a deer ...

named Marsha Lynn...

Emanuel Roos..

tal in Wharton. The baby has been

Mr. & Mrs. S.S. Sinclair, Mr. &

Mrs. G.C. Duncan, I.V. Duncan,

Mr. & Mrs. J. N. Frazar, Mr. &

Among those attending the Texas-

Mrs. Ed Hanly...

trip to San Antonio last Friday...

Mrs. David Wintermann re-

visit with friends in St. Paul, Minne-

Mrs. J. Nathan slipped and fell in

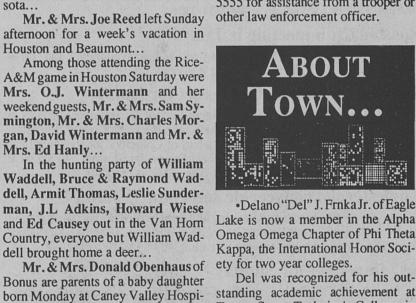
The number of estimated deaths Year's weekend, which began at 6 midnight Sunday, Jan. 4.

> As of Monday, Jan. 5, 30 persons had been reported killed in traffic accidents in Texas during that time pe-

During last year's New Year's holiday, 20 deaths were recorded on Texas highways. Reports indicate 27 fatal accidents, with alcohol and/or speed possible factors in at least seven of these accidents. Reports show 10 persons were killed with safety belts, eight persons were killed who were breaking her right hip. Her daughter, Mrs. Max Landa, said she is doing as not restrained by safety belts and three people were killed where the usage of well as could be expected at her age... Jim & John Clipson are already safety belts was unknown. Seven were at work getting their new rice land in pedestrians and two were motorcy-

The DPS reminds motorists to Mrs. Clyde Gold, Mrs. C.T. Epps and Mrs. Oscar Shade made a always drive defensively, wear safety belts, and not to drink and drive.

Motorists who find themselves turned last Saturday from a week's stranded or disabled on a Texas Highway can call the DPS at 1-800-525-5555 for assistance from a trooper or



Del was recognized for his outstanding academic achievement at Texas State Technical College in Palacios. He will be finishing the Diesel Mechanics Program in May TCU game in Austin Saturday were and is working part time for his dad at

Frnka's Tractor Repair Service. ·It was heard in town that another octagenarian has been added to the Mrs. W.E. McRee and Mrs. & Mrs. population of Eagle Lake. Word has it that Bob Chapman turned 80 years Leonard Walker is deer hunting young this Tuesday. Happy Birthday!

## **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, 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 used unless the writer pays the advertising rate.

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

Contract workers and temporary

care and retirement benefits.

that both numbers are increasing.

increase in hiring "temps".

State Auditor Lawrence Alwin said he will study the growing number of temporary and contract workers who perform tasks for the state.

**Health-care Pool Opens** history gained access Jan. 1 to a source censing laws.

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Courtroom at 11 o'clock Tuesday Citizens of Colorado County were morning... Friends and relatives are extended

at the Eagle Lake Community Center shocked to learn of the sudden death of Depot in San Diego.

an invitation to attend a reception honoring Mr. & Mrs. Albert Puste-

en Wedding Anniversary at Didner Hall this Sunday, Feb. 25th.. Mrs. Carrie Cearnal of Houston passed away Monday, Feb. 12th. She was the wife of the late Arch E. Cearnal of Eagle Lake and was the sisterin-law of Madeline Cearnal. They

jovsky on the occasion of their Gold-

John Waddell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Waddell of Eagle Lake, has enrolled at Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management, Glendale, Arizona. He is a graduate of Texas A&I University where he majored in economics...

often visited and had many friends

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Birdwell Sr. of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carol Ann, to Terry Robert Jones, son of Mrs. Elaine Winslett of Houston. The couple plan an April 14 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake... Marine Pvt. Joseph A. Cardenas,

son of Mr. & Mrs. Atilano F. Cardenas Jr. of Eagle Lake, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps

## Bible Verse of the Week "I came not to call the righteous,

but sinners to repentance.

—Luke 5:32

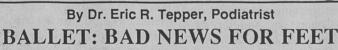
Submitted by Neddy Phillips in the Fredericksburg area this week.









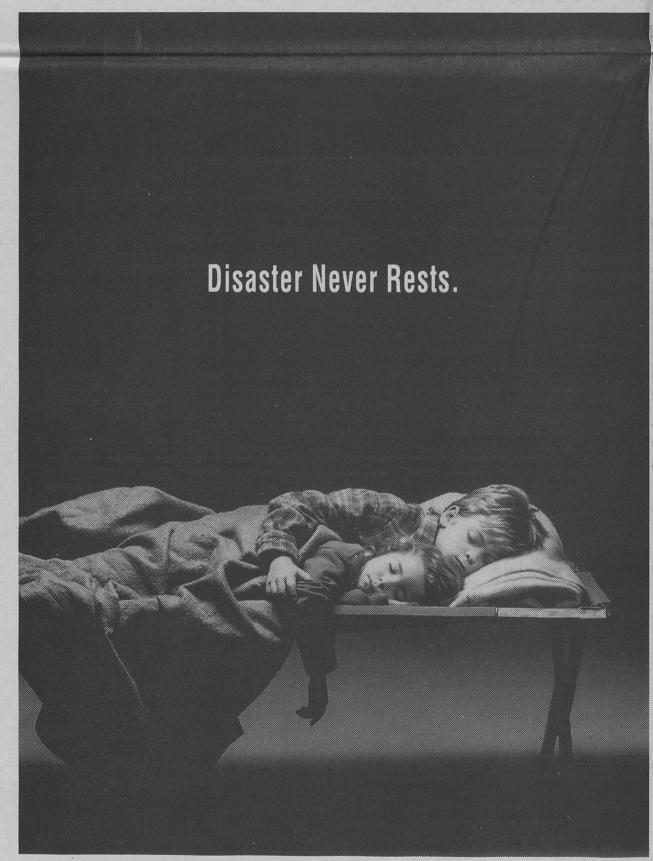


When you watch the wispy young women and athletic young men leap about the stage, it's easy to overlook the pounding that the ballet dancers' toes are taking. Ballet may be an exquisite art form, but it can be a horror show for the feet. This is due to the abnormal weight and stress that is placed on parts of the foot which were never designed for such demands. It is estimated that as high as 90 percent of ballet dancers have some significant foot problem. These professionals are well aware of the special needs of their feet and the health care vital to maintaining them. Problems often arise, however, for children or adults who take ballet without

Podiatrists are medical professionals trained to use the latest in techniques and equipment to keep feet healthy and working well. We use a wide range of therapies and surgeries to treat conditions related to foot structure and function, and we can also teach you how to avoid foot problems in the future. For dancers, sports enthusiasts, and everyone else who depends on their feet, we welcome your call at 234-5571, at Rice Medical Center. I have hours there every Tuesday.

P.S. Preteen children who are allowed to do point work are especially at risk

of injury. Check with your doctor!



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