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## To The Editor & You

### Searching for descendants

Dear Editor:

I am searching for descendants of my great grandparents. Dr. Isaiah and

Louisa Emma Roper Evans. I am preparing to publish a book on the descendants of this couple.

Dr. Evans was born in 1815 in Pennsylvania and Louisa was born in 1821 in Tennessee.

Their first two children (daughters) were born in Missouri (1845 and 1847).

I next found them in the census of Fayette County, Texas. My grandfather, Dr. Elijah A. Evans, was born in 1856 in Lavaca County, Texas; my

father, Maurice T. Evans, was born in 1909 in Lavaca County, and I was born there in 1930.

If you are a descendant of Dr. and Mrs. Isaiah Evans, I would appreciate copies of any pictures, stories, bible entries, certificates, etc., that you may have. Thank you very much.

Maurice T. Evans Jr.  
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### Reed asks for your support

Dear Editor:

The 1998 Democratic Primary is upon us and now I need the help of your readers and my neighbors more than ever.

I was born and raised in Eagle Lake here in Colorado County and have lived here nearly all my life. I attended public schools here, own a small business here and am raising a family here. I have an economic as well as a personal stake in the future of Colorado County and this entire rural region we call the 14th Congressional District.

I am running for U.S. Congress to bring our small town values to Washington. Values of hard work, keeping your word, and listening to your neighbor. I call it "homegrown leadership," and I want to bring it to our seat in Congress. I am running for rural health care, delivery, access, affordability, and the continued right to

choose your own doctor. I want to provide the elderly and all of us with decent health care and keep our hospitals open.

I will see to it that Social Security stays solvent. I want to help small businesses remain profitable, because they create 80% of all new jobs. I will go to bat for family farms. Farmers provide more than 50% of my income. They put food on my family's table in more ways than one, and no one will work harder for my friend in the farming community than I will.

I will work to improve education and train our young people to go to work. I will fight for affordable rural housing so our towns can grow. And I want to make you all trust your government again. I will fight for a balanced budget and greater ethics in public office.

I have served our county and region as a civic volunteer as many

## Gov. Bush wants to reduce lawyers' fee

Most Texans say private attorneys who sued tobacco companies for the state should get \$2.3 billion in fees after settling the case, says a random-sample telephone poll of 1,015 Texans.

The poll, commissioned by the Dallas-based Institute for Strategic Communications, found that only 54% of Texans approve of the settlement that will net a \$15.3 billion windfall for the state, the largest settlement in the history of litigation. But 70% said the contract between the state and the lawyers who negotiated the tobacco settlement should be honored.



### State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams  
and Ed Sterling  
Texas Press Association

The results of the poll go against efforts by several lawmakers and Gov. George W. Bush, who have sued to reduce the fees attorneys would collect under a contract with Attorney General Dan Morales for 15% of what the state collected, if anything.

Bush called the survey a "push" poll structured to yield certain results. His spokeswoman, Karen Hughes, told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "Nowhere in the poll are people told that the taxpayers could end up stuck with the bill for these multibillion-dollar attorneys fees."

"To the contrary, respondents are inaccurately assured at the very beginning that the state would have to pay nothing no matter what the outcome of the case."

But Dr. James Gibson, a political science professor at the University of Houston who conducted the poll, said, "These are not the results we expected. Apparently a significant percentage of Texans who disapprove of the settlement believe the lawyers should still receive their fees."

Gibson also said the results contradict any notion that the issue is partisan: 69% of Democrats, 70% of Republicans and 73% of Independents surveyed said the contract should be honored.

God Bless you all... and God Bless (rural) Texas!  
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Special Ed Scores to Count  
Special education students' test results must be part of a rating system

that will figure into school standing next year, according to an advisory sent to school districts by Education Commissioner Mike Moses.

"Special education student results will be aggregated with all other student (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) results at the campus and district level," Moses wrote in a letter to school superintendents. Campus and district scores are used each year to rate schools.

Currently, those test scores are not counted with scores of other students, though nearly 12% of public school children are in special education classes.

A state law passed in the 1997 Legislature requires that special education students' scores be included in the ratings.

### TABC Nixes MADD Request

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission last week declined to draft a rule that would prevent people younger than 21 from entering bars.

A motion to draft a rule by Commissioner John T. Steen Jr. of San Antonio failed due to lack of support by the other two members of the commission.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving had requested a rule which would have prohibited Texans under the legal drinking age from entering establishments that make more than half of their revenues from the sale of alcoholic beverages, unless they are accompanied by a parent, spouse or legal guardian.

### Anti-Tobacco Push Is On

The Texas Department of Health has launched its "Tobacco is a Dead End" television and radio campaign to warn teen-agers about new penalties against under-18 tobacco-users.

Under a 1997 law sponsored by state Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, violators risk losing their driver's licenses, spending time in tobacco education classes and paying fines of up to \$250.

Smoking among students in grades seven through 12 increased 25% between 1992 and 1996, according to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. About 400,000 of 1.7 million secondary school students in Texas use tobacco.

### Insurance Review Ordered

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said last week that auto insurance rates have gotten too high in Texas and may need to come down.

He said rates of all insurers will be looked at closely, in light of record profits by companies in 1996.

"We are looking at them with great diligence," Bomer said. "There's some urgency to make sure these rates are justified. Just because a company reduced its rates does not mean they are justified. Their rates may need to come down even lower."

### Strep Cases Total 57

At least 57 people in Texas have been infected by invasive group A streptococcus since Dec. 1, the Texas Department of Health reported Feb. 26.

Statewide, 11 people have died of the infection, which can destroy muscle and fat tissue or damage internal organs through toxic shock syndrome.

## Republican Primary

March 10, 1998

### Polling Places

Precinct 3: Altair

Precinct 17: Eagle Lake

These two precincts will be voting in the Eagle Lake Community Center, 100 N. Walnut, Eagle Lake.

### Candidates on the Ballot for the County:

County Judge: Al Jamison

County Clerk: Darlene Hayek

County Commissioner, Precinct 2: Herbie Helmcamp

County Commissioner, Precinct 4: Darrell D. Gertson

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3: Chuck Glynn & Carolyn Bertsch Easton

County Chairman: Jean Halfmann Ellis

**There really is no registered Democrat or Republican in the State of Texas. Every two years you receive a new voter registration card and are free to choose whichever primary that you wish to vote in.**

Political advertisement paid for by the Colorado County Republican Party, Verna Nell Dittmar, Treasurer, P.O. Box 790, Columbus Texas 78934.

## CELEBRATE RIVERFEST 1998



Festivals, feasts and fairs along the lower Colorado River! Gear up now for LCRA's Riverfest 1998. Come for family fun and discover True-Blue Texas along the clean Colorado.



March 7-8 - El Campo - 10th Annual Spring Craft Fair

March 27-28 - Eagle Lake - 4th Annual Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival

March 29 - Wharton - Riverfest Catfish Fry

These events are sponsored by local communities and



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# JIM KEARNEY

## FOR County Judge

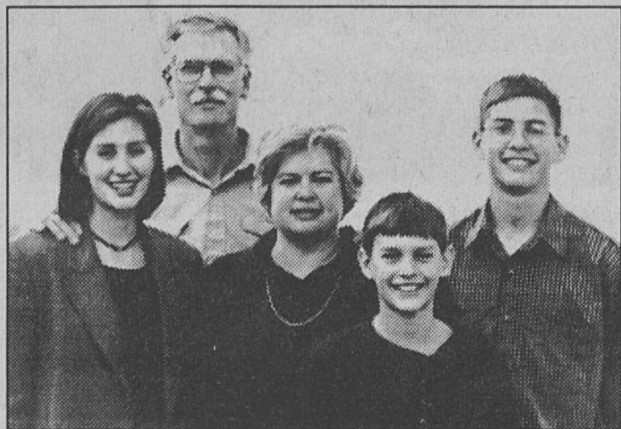
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### JIM KEARNEY HAS

- Served with distinction in Vietnam (Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart)
- Graduated from the University of Texas and Graduate School of Business, Careers in Business Program
- Owned and operated 88 Ranch and served as managing partner of Kearney Real Estate for over twenty years
- Volunteered his time and energy in numerous civic and community activities
- Kept abreast of complex water issues facing county (served as officer and member of water council for a decade)
- Been married twenty-five years to wife Paulina; three children: Sarah, Charles, and Will
- Has participated actively in several youth programs: license instructor in 4-H Shooting program, Troop Secretary Boy Scout Troop 312
- 52 years of life experience with deep roots in the county

### JIM KEARNEY WILL

- Be a fair, balanced, and common-sense judge
- Put the business of the county first
- Restore harmony to county government
- Help established local businesses grow, prosper, and remain competitive
- Work for quality outside investment to relieve the burden of taxes and provide better jobs for our young families
- Strive to keep taxes low
- Make local government open to all citizens
- Support EMS, community hospitals and police service
- Support grass roots efforts on the part of citizens to improve the quality of life in their communities
- Support programs for our youth
- Be a strong advocate for the county in its dealings with other government entities, state and federal
- Lead into the future through the understanding and appreciation of our past



"I am proud of our county and her people, but there is work to be done. Let me help Colorado County to remain one of the finest places in Texas to live and work as we come into the new century. I ask for your vote and support in the Democratic Primary on March 10th."

Jim Kearney

## JIM KEARNEY

FOR COLORADO COUNTY JUDGE

From the County...For the County

Please vote -

Democratic Primary, Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Political advertisement paid for by the Jim Kearney for County Judge campaign, Pauline Kearney, Treasurer, Rt. 3, Box 56-A, Weiner, Texas 78962

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