

## Panel Of Judges Redraws Five Districts; Doggett Now Area's Congressman

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moves Colorado, Fayette and Lavaca counties from District 15, represented by Ruben Hinojosa of the Rio Grande Valley to District

25, represented by Lloyd Doggett of Austin. The change was part of revisions that impacted five districts

in South Texas.

Redrawing of boundaries on districts was required after the U.S. Supreme Court said District 23, which covered a wide area of Southwest Texas had Hispanic voting strength diluted in violation of the Voting Right Act when the

legislature redrew lines in 2003.

A special election in both districts will be held Nov. 7 at the same time as the general election.

Candidates have until Aug. 25 to file for the position.

Both Fayette County Judge

Ed Janecka and Colorado County Judge Al Jamison said they wanted to work with the new congressman.

"I was disappointed in losing Rep. Hinojosa, which is not a comment to the detriment of Lloyd Doggett," Jamison said.

He said Hinojosa had shown an interest in helping out in areas of local concern, from the juvenile detention center in Eagle Lake, to federal response in Hurricane Rita.

Jamison said he was also interested in visiting with Doggett. "I was somewhat taken aback," Janecka said of his reaction.

He said he had met Doggett previously and was interested in working with him.

One particular area Janecka said he wants to discuss is a proposal to designate St. David's Hospital in La Grange as an outpatient medical facility for military veterans.

Janecka said Hinojosa had been committed to trying to get \$3 million in federal funding for the project.

He said he plans to talk to Doggett immediately about the project.

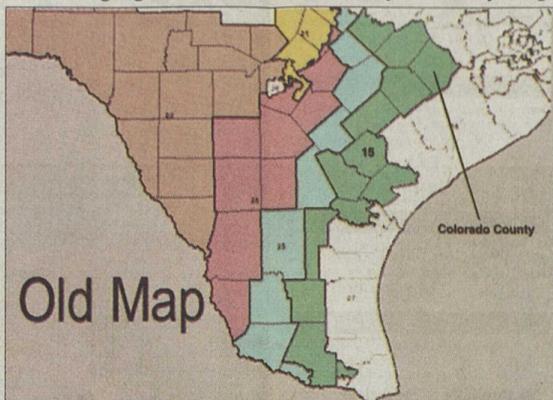
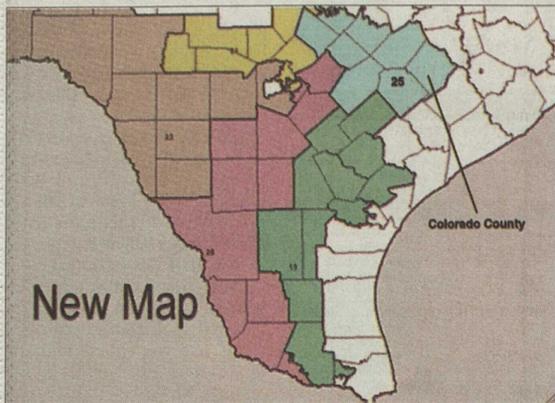
## Sosa

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present in the home at the time of the incident when one child accidentally shot the other. When the accident occurred, Sosa and his wife rushed the child to the hospital and then Sosa fled.

Authorities also want Sosa on an unconnected charge of violating the terms of his probation. Sosa had been on probation relating to a charge for burglary of a habitation.

He failed to appear for a supervisory meeting, make restitution to the victim, or pay a number of court costs and fines.



## Raiders Football

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"With the drop down to 2-A we expect to be very competitive. We set out to accomplish a 10-0 season every year, and it will be no different this season," said Raiders Coach Brad Dumont.

The Raiders amassed an impressive 8-1 regular season record as members of district 20-3A last season, only to fall at the first playoff hurdle to eventual state runners up Hutto.

Led by returning district offensive MVP QB Taylor Cook and 11 other returning starters, the Raiders will look to improve on last season's first round playoff elimination.

"We have a number of exciting players here that we will be looking to gear the offense around," Dumont said of Cook. These exciting players also include college prospect and all-district honorable mention Nelson Dabney at offensive tackle as well as running backs Darkeith Pratt and Brian Williams.

The Raiders will face tough competition in district from all-state tight end Casey Moore and the Schulenburg Shorthorns who tallied a 12-1 record last season.

Dumont said that he also expects Hallettsville and Industrial to provide stiff competition for the district title.

Assuming the team advances in the playoffs, they can look for-

ward to an eventual meeting with either region IV-2A headliners Lexington or the equally powerful Hempstead.

The season begins with an Aug. 19 scrimmage against Needville, with the regular season beginning with the Sept. 1 Parent's Night game against Luling. The Raiders wrap up their regular season schedule Nov. 10 with an away match-up against Industrial.

## Shooting

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Life Flight then transported him to Hermann Hospital in Houston where Lujan received treatment for the gunshot wound and was released.

Eagle Lake Police suspect both men involved in the accident had been drinking.

Police had previously arrested Aguilar the evening of August 5 for public intoxication and taken to the Colorado County Detention Center.

Eagle Lake Police Chief Bill Lattimore then placed an investigative hold on Aguilar, which allowed him 48 hours to investigate the incident while Aguilar remained at the detention center.

Precinct Four Justice of the Peace George Cason issued the arrest warrant.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

and stew dinner starts at 11 a.m. Adults, \$6.50; children, 12 and under, \$4. Auction at 1:30 p.m. Enjoy bingo from 2:30 to 6:30 in the air-conditioned hall. Stay for the hamburgers, cold drinks, ring toss, train ride, cake walk, putt-putt gold, treasure chest booth, moon walk, fish pond and lots more. A drawing will be held at 9:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the Shiner Hobo Band from noon to 2 p.m.; Czechaholics, 2 to 6 p.m.; and the Red Ravens from 6 to 10 p.m. A men's softball tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday.

### Time to Order Lamb and Goat Tags

Time is fast approaching for 4-Hers and FFA students to make decisions on how many ear tags they will need for the 2007 Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb Validation and Texas 4-H/FFA Goat Validation Programs for the major livestock shows. The tags will cost \$9 each. In order to get our orders in on time we ask that you please turn in your orders to the Extension Office by August 16. Tags must be paid for at the time of order.

### "Meet the Raiders" is Aug. 16

The first meeting of the Rice Raider Booster Club will be held Wednesday, Aug. 16 in the high school gym at 6:30 p.m. Please come out and show your support and meet the Raiders and Lady Raiders.

### State fair entries due

Any 4-H member wishing to enter the State Fair of Texas Livestock Show must complete and submit the required entry forms to the Colorado County Extension Office no later than Friday, August 18. Entry forms may be obtained by contacting Dale Rankin, Colorado County Extension Agent, at 316 Spring Street, Columbus.

### MMBC to present BTS Fest in Park, Aug. 19

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) of Alleyton and Greater Union BC of Matthews will present a "Back To School Gospel Fest

in the Park" Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Park. Many gospel artists from the surrounding area and the state will be featured. The public is invited. Admission is FREE. For more information call 281-935-3573 or 281-342-7557.

### Project Graduation officer elections are Aug. 21

The Rice Project Graduation will hold its first meeting of the new year on Monday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. Project Graduation is a non-profit organization that works for a safe, drug/alcohol free graduation night. All senior's parents are invited to attend as the election of officers for the upcoming year will be held. If you have any questions call Missy Jurica at 758-2213.

### Eagle Lake area pageant is Aug. 26

The Eagle Lake Area Pageant, representing the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 at Rice High School. You must attend a Rice CISD school and/or live in Eagle Lake, Garwood, Sheridan, Altair, Nada or Rock Island. Boys' ages 3-8 and girls' ages 3-18 will compete for the Eagle Lake Area titles. Contact Laura Myres at 979-733-9949, Tracy Brewer at 234-5080 or Amy Adkins at 234-7265 for more information. Applications may be picked up at Rice High School or Eagle Lake Dental Associates. All applications must be postmarked by Aug. 18 to participate.

### Classes for certified food manager offered

Texas Cooperative Extension Office of Colorado County is offering a 2-day Food Protection Management Course Aug. 29-30 at the Ag Building, 316 Spring St. in Columbus. If you are interested in enrolling for the class or need to test/retest for the Food Manager Certification, contact the Extension office at 979-732-2530. Registration deadline is Aug. 21.

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## NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Our name is new, but our roots run deep. For people in Wharton, our location has been at the heart of health care since its beginning.

The first hospital in Wharton, Caney Valley Hospital, at 418 N. Rusk, was opened by Dr. Green L. Davidson in June 1913 and the doors have never been closed. It started in an old wooden frame building known to old timers as the "H.E. Moore home." It was incorporated as Caney Valley Hospital in 1937, opening a new unit. It worked closely with the Outlar-Blair Clinic, led by Dr. L.B. Outlar Sr. and Dr. William Blair.

Then in 1946, Caney Valley Hospital was completely remodeled. The \$50,000 improvements - lots of money in those days - included surgical and obstetrical facilities, enlarged working units, Emergency Room, emergency battery-operated floodlight system, new resuscitation, X-ray, and sterilization equipment. A "Hospital Hostess" system also was introduced.

And it just kept growing to serve better. In 1950, a new nursery and maternity wing were added. In 1958, the original frame building was replaced by new brick wing. New offices, lobby, waiting room, new private patient rooms, dietary and service facilities were added. Remodeled sections included operating rooms, X-ray and laboratory areas and emergency treatment rooms. Patient rooms were refurbished and the hospital was completely air conditioned.

When the new addition and complete remodeling had been finished, an open house was held on January 16, 1958. Their aim was to give the finest medical service possible to the Wharton and Gulf Coast area. And it kept getting better.

In 1960, it was reorganized as a non-profit organization and the name was changed to Caney Valley Memorial Hospital. The first Women's Auxiliary was organized.

Caney Valley Memorial Hospital was designated in 1961 by the National Department of Health, Education, and Welfare as the only Poison Control Center serving Wharton, Matagorda, Fort Bend and Brazoria Counties, providing information to physicians and the community 24 hours a day. The physical therapy department was added and a new all-electric kitchen was installed.



One year later, in 1962, the new radioisotope department was added and a full-time x-ray technician was hired. That same year, Mrs. Loudie Mick becomes the first Auxiliary member to complete 1,000 hours of voluntary service to the hospital.

In 1963, Caney Valley Memorial Hospital marked a half-century of continuous service to the citizens of Wharton and the surrounding communities. Plans for another major expansion project were in the works in honor of the hospital's Golden Anniversary.

It was time for a new hospital building and location, so in April 1969, Mr. Louis F. Worthing, president of Caney Valley Memorial Hospital Board, decided to purchase the hospital building. In March 1970, the contract was drawn to add 15,000 square feet to the area, add 24 patient rooms, a front lobby,

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dining area, two nurses' stations and remodel the present building. Soon thereafter, they named it Wharton Manor and Convalescent Center.

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