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Are we getting our money's worth?

By Jeannine Fearing

Many of you saw reports in area newspapers comparing local school district budgets with statistics provided by the Texas Research League.

That same report was received by this office and some of the numbers are reported in today's issue, But, there are some comparisons I thought were more interesting than comparing only tax dollars and rates.

Of the three public school districts in Colorado County, Rice CISD is second in enrollment numbers and has the highest ratio of staff to students yet is second in teacher/student ratio. The average Region 3 Education Service Center (which includes our schools) student/teacher ratio is 14.9 students for each teacher. Statewide this increases to 16.1:1.

Yes, Rice is lower than either one of these averages, but let's compare apples to apples. In our county, Weimar has the best ratio with 12.4 to 1, followed by Rice with 13.8 to 1 and then Columbus with 15.1 to 1.

The teacher to student ratio could be the cause of our students having the lowest average on the SAT test in Colorado County; almost 8% lower than the Region 3 average and close to 10% lower than the state average.

In comparing the ACT test averages, Rice scores are 16.6% lower than Columbus ISD (no value is given for Weimar ISD) and 4.6% and 6.5% lower than the Region 3 and statewide averages respectively.

But, if the ratio of students to teachers is the cause, why does Columbus have a higher ACT and SAT average than Rice?

Want another one? Rice has the highest "true" tax rate in the county. So, why such low results for our dollars?

One reason may be the student to staff ratio. Rice may be second in teacher/student ratio, but they lead the districts in the county in students to administrative, support, aides and auxiliary staff. Does this make you also wonder if there are too many chiefs and not enough Indians in the classrooms?

Oh, but we pay our chiefs well; the highest in the county. Yes, our teachers' average salaries are also the highest, by all of 1.9%. The administrative salaries average 4.5% higher than the next closest which is Weimar ISD. The support staff doesn't do badly either. Their average salaries are only 1.3% lower than Columbus ISD.

Yes, compared to the state average, Rice's administrative staff's salaries are 5.9% below average. But, compared in Region 3, they are almost 1.7% above average.

I could go on and on giving you percentages and numbers, but what it all seems to boil down to is that we are not getting our money's worth.

If you would like a copy of the publication these statistics came from *(Bench Marks)* or more information, you may contact the Texas Research League in Austin, 512-472-3127.

They are a nonprofit educational corporation engaged in objective analyses of the operations, programs and problems of Texas government and are supported by public contributions.

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

DON'T CUT CORNERS

Leave the long, sculptured look for fingernails. Toenails should be trimmed straight across, even with the ends of the toes. Doing so is one of the single most important things you can do for the health of your feet. In fact, it would be better not to cut your toenails at all, but rather use an emery board to file them straight across. Since toenails grow on average only about three inches per year (much slower than fingernails), filing them needn't be as bothersome as it might seem. If you must cut them, however, use clippers or cutters designed specifically for that purpose. Never use scissors, a knife, or razor blade. Any discoloration or abnormal nail growth should be reported to your doctor.

It may be a tough job, but keep your children's nails properly trimmed and cared for as well. They usually grow a bit faster. Please call my office for further information or for an appointment, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 409-234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. As a family practice, I offer comprehensive diagnosis and treatment of foot problems, as well as preventative foot care direction.

P.S. The most common type of ingrown toenail derives from an improperly cut nail digging into the skin as it grows.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 Years Ago

December 19, 1968

City garbage charge will go up from 50¢ to $1 in the rate charged to citizens for collection. The increase authorized by the city council will be reflected in Jan. statements says City Manager T.J. Smith…

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital received gifts totalling $90,000 this week from Dr. J.R. Laughlin, Dr. J.C. Laughlin and Dr. R.R. Thomas, former owners of the facility. The donations were announced by board members Chas. Stephens, Bob Ashby, Wm. H. Harrison and Mrs. Earl Rodgers. The gift opens the drive to clear the hospital of debt…

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Bradford, formerly of Eagle Lake, invite everyone to their 50th wedding anniversary reception Dec. 22… Santa arrived in Eagle Lake Saturday afternoon in D.R. Wintermann's helicopter piloted by Dan Thornton. A large crowd were on hand to greet him and the junior high band, directed by Floyd Spenrath, led the parade with Santa in the Fire Dept. emergency vehicle to downtown…

The Eagle Lake High School girl cagers won the Flatonia tournament and brought home a big trophy. Janet Bauer and Pam Derrick were named to the all-tournament team… Mr. and Mrs. Sol Williams of Eagle Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Dain Carrol to Jimmie Glover of Dallas. They plan a Dec. 28 wedding…

Seven Broncs were named to the District 24 B team. Allan Polach Jr., Allen Kloss, Cano Hernandez, Sidney Sims, Mack Botard, Blaine Hollub and Henry Hagendorf were chosen with Sims and Botard on both offense and defense…

The New Town Community Improvement Program met Wed., Dec. 11 with Pres. Lawrence Deckard presiding, at the White Cloud Baptist Church… Floyd Hodde made his rounds last week distributing Mobil calendars for the Ashby Oil Company…

April 20, 1945

Miss Daisy Morgan received a telegram Monday from her brother, Cpl. Clyde Morgan, Camp Zanza, Calif., stating "Back in the good ol' U.S. of A. on furlough soon."… Sgt. Reuben Braden, reported missing in action Dec. 16th, sent a letter to his wife, the former Agnes Kaiser, saying he is fine and lucky to be alive…

A telegram to Mr. and Mrs. John Shimek of the Garwood community from the War Dept. advised that their only child, Robert Shimek, is missing in action in France since April 3rd…

Funeral services were Wednesday afternoon in his Egypt home for Will Andrew Northington…

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Drescher of Bernardo received a cable from their son, Cpl. Alvin Drescher, that he and Miss Joyce Plummer of London, England were married Friday, April 6th…

Mrs. Ruben Kretzschmar of El Paso reported to Eagle Lake that her husband Pfc. Kretzschmar has been slightly wounded in France March 15th…

Max Faykus, S 2-c of Garwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Faykus, will spend a furlough at home… Walter M. Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Willis Sr., left April 9th for San Antonio to be inducted into the Army Air Corps at Fort Sam Houston…

Pvt. Robert Goode writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Goode, that he has returned to India after duty in Burma… Mr. and Mrs. Fred. G. Frnka received a card from her brother Pvt. Ben K. Krenek who is in Memphis, Tenn., taking a three month course in medical work with the Army…

Sgt. Louis Semora arrived Friday to spend a 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.O. Semora, and relatives…

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Holman write the Headlight from Phoenix, Ariz., extending good wishes to the news staff.

New ethics law causes upsets for school trustees

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

The Texas school officials were advised last week to wait until Attorney General Dan Morales issues an interpretation of a new ethics law that some fear may force the resignation of about 2,000 school board trustees.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, requested a legal opinion on whether school trustees fall under the provision of the law.

The law is now being interpreted by school district attorneys to apply to nearly all trustees who work for, hold at least 10% stock in or own a business that contracts with the district.

Some attorneys say it also applies to trustees whose spouses have similar ties to a district contractor.

Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, who added the controversial language to the bill, said it was intended only to prevent abuse by trustees who were enriching themselves directly through school district contracts.

Rodriguez says he intends to explain his intent to Morales. "I don't think anyone will be knocked off a board just because they work with a company that does business with a district."

A spokesperson for the Texas Association of School Boards said only one trustee has resigned so far because of the new law. That trustee served in Eagle Pass and worked at his family owned hardware store, which sold supplies to the school district.

KBH Phone Logs

Kay Bailey Hutchison's state treasury staff in May 1992 gave the Travis County district attorney phone records that had been altered, hiding the existence of a state telephone used for political purposes, *The Houston Chronicle* reported last week.

The newspaper reported that the altered page blanked out records of five calls made on a state owned telephone line that is now part of a grand jury investigation.

The five calls include a call to Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's office and a call to Hutchison's Dallas political fundraiser, the *Chronicle* reported. Hutchison, now a U.S. Senator, was state treasurer at the time.

Dave Beckwith, a spokesman for Hutchison, said Hutchison paid for the phone line "out of an abundance of caution" to keep any private business from being conducted on state telephone lines.

Beckwith said he did not have to provide District Attorney Ronnie Earle with records of the telephone line last year because he was interested only in activities of David Criss, who was suspected of using a state computer on Hutchison's behalf.

Criss, who was Hutchison's director of policy and planning, resigned and reimbursed the state $550 after it was disclosed he had stored on a state computer some of Hutchison's political records.

Bustamante Found Guilty

Former U.S. Rep. Albert Bustamante of San Antonio was convicted last week of racketeering and influence peddling. He remains free on a

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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.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

DEEDS

Deed: Edward M. Mattern, et al to Mark Barten, et ux, 30.4018 acres out of the James Cummins Survey, Abstract No. 12; filed 6-11-93.

Deed: Harvey D. Carter Jr., et al to Herford Interests, mineral and royalty interests in 1,735.95 acres out of the E.S. Woolsey Survey, Slavo Salibe Survey, et al; 6-14-93.

Deed: Alexander Ramirez Sr. to Mary Sosa Ramirez, Lot No. 7 in Block 1 of the Mexican School Addition, town of Eagle Lake; 6-16-93.

Deed: Frank E. Pilsner, et ux, to Marie Hawkins, 39.56 acres out of the John McCrosky League, Abstract No. 31, et al; 6-16-93.

Deed: Mary Ellen Obenhaus Bolton, et vir, to William Henry Schneider IV, et ux, 3.00 acre tract in the R.J. Focken Survey, Abstract No. 202, et al; 6-16-93.

Deed: Bernice G. Aldrich to Frank T. Aldrich and Gail Ann Aldrich all royalty to tract in the Jas. Nelson Survey, Abstract No. 35, et al; 6-17-93.

Deed: Birdie Hilsher Pech to Chambco Inc. und. one-third int. in land in the Jesse Veazey 640 acre Survey, Abstract No. 314 in Fayette County; 6-17-93.

Deed: W.R. Malone, et al to David J. Askanase, trustee, und. int. in 294.3 acres out of the Jesse Veazey 640 acre Survey, Abstract No. 314 in Fayette County; 6-17-93.

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Deed: Victor Krutilek and Loraine Krutilek, bankruptcy estate to Chambco Inc., 294.8 acres in the Jesse Veazey 640 acre Survey, Abstract No. 314 in Fayette County; 6-17-93.

Deed: Estate of Annie Mae Flukinger to Chambco Inc., und. int. in 294.8 acres in the Jesse Veazey 640 acre Survey, Abstract No. 314 in Fayette County; 6-17-93.

Deed: Robert L. Lehman to Chambco Inc., 294.8 acres in the Jesse Veazey 640 acre Survey, Abstract No. 314 in Fayette County; 6-17-93.

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Deed: Reggie Louis Stiles to Raul Gonzales, part of Lot 1A, Block 21, town of Eagle Lake; 6-17-93.

Deed: Julius M. Ruffeno, et ux to John Preston Bormun III, et ux, 0.5028 acre, part of Range No. 7, Smith and Jones Addition, City of Columbus; 6-17-93.

Deed: Patrick J. Neuendorff, et ux to J. Walter Glasscock, et ux, Lot 23 of the Shirley Oaks Subdivision, part of the W.B. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18; 6-17-93.

Deed: Doyle F. Dittman, et ux to Leroy Sebesta, et ux, a tract designated Lot 8A of the Oliver Butler Subdivision, city of Columbus, part of the W.B. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. A-18; 6-17-93.

Deed: La Grange State Bank to Russel D. Renick, et ux, tract out of the Elizabeth Tumlinson League, Abstract No. 44, City of Columbus, Youens Addition, Lot No. 4, Block No. 3; 6-17-93.

Deed: Leaburn Tipp, et al to Otis Tipp, 26.9437 acres, part of a 260.5467 acre tract in the J. Garwood Survey, Abstract No. 222, et al; 6-18-93.

Deed: Walter B. Gold, et al to Mary Lujan, Lots No. 16, 17 and part of 18, Block No. 5, Putney-Roos State Street Addition, city of Eagle Lake; 6-18-93.

Deed: John Edwin Wright to Jean F. Walker, et ux, Lot 2, Block 61, town of Sheridan; 6-18-93.

Deed: Kay M. Moore and Ronald L. Moore, 4 tracts out of the Section No. 7 T. & N.O. R.R. Survey, Abstract No. 570, et al; 6-21-93.

OIL & GAS LEASES

Mary Miller Peach, et al to Moose Oil & Gas Company, 100.00 acres out of the J.H. Longley Survey, Abstract No. 387; 6-14-93.

John Arthur Miller, et al to Moose Oil & Gas Company, 100.00 acres out of the J.H. Longley Survey, Abstract No. 387; 6-14-93.

DISTRICT COURT
CASES FILED

Mary Coronado and Olivia Gonzales vs Margaret Irene Allison Rowe, personal injury; 7-12-93.

Stacy Simonson vs The Falls Inc., dba The Falls Country Club Inc.; personal injury; 7-13-93.

The State of Texas vs Wanda Lee Lynch, judgment Nisi; 7-8-93.

The State of Texas vs David Alonzo Lopez, judgment Nisi; 7-20-93.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Jason Todd Pauswang, 23, and Tamara Dawn Fuller, 19, both of Sheridan.

Mark Adrian Navarro, 23, and Peggy Lee Masciaz, 22, both of Eagle Lake.

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Ain't she Sweet, Ain't she great? Oh my gosh, She's ??

Celebrity puppeteers

Students in "A Summer Like Never Before" appear as guest celebrities for a puppet performance, July 17, at the Henry Building. It was part of the summer drama workshop conducted by Yolantha Harrison Pace sponsored by the E.H. Henry Historical Corp. Guest puppet appearances were made by Whoopi Goldberg, played by Portia Robertson, left, and Erin Pace, right. Jarvis Knight is one of the "audience" for the show.

A surprise appearance of the old folktale hero L'il Black Sambo was played by Raphael Harrison. The show was presented for the Henry High School Alumni Reunion.

'Get Right...'

The summer drama workshop sponsored by the E.H.Henry Historical Corp. performance was a smashing success as the young actors presented a delightful afternoon's entertainment July 17. Pictured here are part of the cast of "Get Right..." as the congregation of a church. Pictured from the left, Jarvis Knight listens to Demetris Knight, Kenya Knight and Erin Pace as Tejuan Robinson and Aletha Bluntson look on.

Photos Courtesy of Raphael Harrison

Sara Mann in theater production

An Eagle Lake student is taking part in a summer theater arts program in Arlington. Sara Mann, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. David Mann, is one of 66 students in the Creative Arts Theatre and School (CATS) Summerstars '93.

It is an intensive two week session for students ages 11 through 17 to focus on theater disciplines while preparing a major Broadway musical.

The group spends the mornings in classes and afternoons in production rehearsals, set and prop building and choreography.

This summer's production is *L'il Abner* which is to be presented Saturday, July 31, at 2 p.m. at the CATS in Arlington.

Did you know...
The first sound on film motion picture, called Phonofilm, was shown by Lee de Forest at the Rivoli Theater in New York City in April 1923.

Love and mothers are topics at library

Marco Lopez, Jessica Lopez, Rebecca Lopez, Joanna Lopez, Ruby Vargas and Perla Vargas work on the hands project with Marie Vargas.
Headlight Photo by Wanda Center

The Wintermann Library was the location for the summer reading program Wednesday afternoon.

Marie Vargas read *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch.

The children then traced their own hands and pasted the cutouts on copies of the poem *A Wonderful Mother* by Pat Reilly.

The July 28 program was the last one for this year. It marked the end of the 1993 summer reading program.

All children who have signed up and read at least ten books this summer may go by the library and pick up their certificates.

There were 38 children at the library for the movies on Thursday.

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