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## To The Editor & You

### County praises Strunk's work

As you may know, Alice Strunk has been very active and successful in submitting grant applications for the benefit of the citizens of Colorado County. Printed below is a letter to her acknowledging her latest successful grant application award.

Many times, the citizens are unaware of Alice's contributions. Colorado County Judge Vince Stominski requested that we publish the letter so everyone would know how well Alice does her work.

**Dear Alice:**  
 On behalf of Colorado County Commissioners' Court and the Sheriff's Department, please accept this letter of thanks for all your work on writing the Resource Officers Grant. This officer's position will benefit youth throughout Colorado County.

Since your office will be in our schools to educate students about drug

and alcohol abuse, reduce truancy and act as a role model to them; we see benefits that will reduce crime and help young people become good citizens.

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## Insurance Commissioner lowers rates for homeowners, renters

Lower homeowner and renter insurance rates take effect Oct. 1, after a ruling last week by Texas Insurance Commissioner Eliot Bomer.

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**State Capitol Highlights**  
 By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling  
 Texas Press Association

Christopher Williston of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas pledged that community banks would work to battle the money laundering, and Gregory Crane, president of Broadway National Bank and chairman of the Texas Bankers Association, said he knew of no bank presidents who would knowingly launder money.

"My office and the Texas banking community have pledged to work closely with each other and with other law enforcement agencies to keep the dirty money out of the state," Morales said.

His office's financial crime division has access to U.S. Treasury information on money transactions and has been studying suspicious money transfers.

**Colonia Aid Falls Short**  
 Colonias along the Texas-Mexico border desperately need basic services that most Texans take for granted.

State, federal and private sources have contributed \$750 million to a water and sewage plan, but to get the job done, it will take a billion dollars to provide water and sewage services to those 1,500 substandard subdivisions.

At an Austin conference last week, state officials and colonia residents discussed ways to come up with the \$250 million that is still needed.

Dan Torrez, who coordinates colonia projects for the state attorney general's office, said a way to make up the difference would be to call a bond election, but added, "The question is whether there is the political will in the mid-1990s to approve something like that — the consensus is probably not."

Meanwhile, organizers are working on recommendations, such as asking private foundations to help, creating a board to guide public and private projects and seeking designation as a "federal empowerment zone" for the border area to help raise money.

**Crackdown on Dirty Money**  
 Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said his office will provide banks with updated information and training to help detect drug money laundering schemes.

Up to 80% of the cocaine entering the U.S. each year crosses the Texas-Mexico border and an estimated \$35 billion in illegal drug money is laundered in Texas each year, Morales told the Associated Press.

**Judges Eye Congressional Maps**  
 A three-judge federal panel in Houston has received congressional redistricting maps from Democratic defendants, Republican plaintiffs and others in three predominantly minority districts in Dallas and Houston.

The U.S. Supreme Court in June upheld the Houston court's ruling declaring the districts unconstitutional because race was the main factor in their creation.

The judges will decide by Aug. 8 whether they will void the March congressional primaries and order special elections in re-mapped districts.

**Other Capital Highlights**  
 The U.S. Taxpayers Party has gathered the 43,962 required signatures to earn a spot on the Nov. general election ballot in Texas, following a ruling by Texas Secretary of State Tony Garza. The party wants political commentator Pat Buchanan as its presidential nominee.

"One should be just as careful in choosing one's pleasure as in avoiding calamities."  
 — Chinese Proverb

**Colorado County Youth & Family Services, Inc.**  
 which serves Colorado, Austin and Fayette Counties, is recruiting Host Home families to help provide care for youth ages 10 through 17 years of age who are in need of temporary emergency shelter.

**Host Homes provide lodging, food, supervision and other support services for children receiving services through our STAR Program.**

Our youth need non-judgmental support and positive role models who are willing to provide a nurturing and caring environment.

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**Colorado County Youth & Family Services**  
 P.O. Box 306 (Hwy. 71 North), Columbus, TX 78934  
 Funding provided by a grant from the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

**Found a new place**  
 Way to go JGA Foods!  
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**Bible Verse of the Week**  
 "When a mans ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."  
 — Proverbs 16:7  
 Submitted by Neddy Phillips

**Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**Nov. 4, 1971**  
 Five girls have been nominated by election of the student body for Rice High School's 1971 Homecoming Queen: Miss Michelle Castillo, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Domingo Castillo; Miss Frances Hurd, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Hurd; Miss Beverly Jackson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas Jackson; Miss GIGI Kallina, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kallina Jr.; and Miss Debbie Roch, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Barto Wilson. Balloting will be done this week to name the queen. Her identity will not be announced until halftime Friday night...

**May 28, 1948**  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Clipson and daughter, who have been making their home in Lissie, have moved to the former Carl Seaholm home which they recently purchased...  
 Miss Mary Elizabeth Davidson,  
 (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**THE ADOPTION OF 1996-97 BUDGET AND VOTE ON TAX RATE FOR RICE CONSOLIDATED ISD**

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RICE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-45 OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE AND ARTICLE 29E, V.A.T.S., HAS CALLED A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A BUDGET, THAT SHALL COVER ALL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, AND VOTING ON THE TAX RATE FOR THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR OF THE DISTRICT.**

THE MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1996, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE RICE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, IN ALTAIR, TEXAS. ANY INDIVIDUAL RESIDING WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT MAY BE PRESENT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE BUDGET HEARING.

Following the budget hearing the Board of Trustees is scheduled to enter a regular session of the Board to take a record vote on the proposed budget, followed by a record vote on the tax rate.

The Rice District proposes a tax rate of:

Proposed Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate	\$1.2803
Proposed Interest & Sinking Tax Rate	.1414
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED TAX RATE:</b>	<b>\$1.4217</b>

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# Wintermann Library acknowledges memorials

The Eula and David Wintermann Library gratefully acknowledges the following memorials:

In memory of Theola Craig: Mr. Joe Wendel;

In memory of Gardner Duncan: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Spalinger, Mr. &

Mr. J.R. Thomas, Mr. Bart Wolff, Ms. Louise Corbett, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Gertson, Mr. & Mrs. Danny Gertson, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Gertson, Mr. & Mrs. John Gertson, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Gertson, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kucherka, Mrs. Ruth Iveson, Mr. &

Mrs. Richard Carrell, Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Kucherka, Mr. & Mrs. William Harrison Jr., Houston Chapter of Southwest Football Officials, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilcox, Mrs. Jane Wells Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Doggett;

In memory of Nellie Larson: Ms.

Ernest Mae Seaholm, Ms. Mae Ashby;

In memory of Vera Brown: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lee McCreary, Ms. Lynda Appelt, Mrs. Betty Brown, Mrs. Jean Leopold;

In memory of Karissa Blair: Mr.

& Mrs. Lloyd Spalinger, Ms. Ernest Mae Seaholm;

In memory of Anton Duyka: Ms. Ernest Mae Seaholm;

In memory of Evelyn Kimmy: Ms. Laura Crim;

In memory of Rudy Spanihel: Ms. Dianne Causey, Mr. & Mrs. Vance Duncan;

In memory of Willard W. Shuart: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Braden Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hadley, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Braden Jr.;

In memory of Dorothy Hinton: Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Spalinger;

In memory of Miss Walton Holman: Mrs. Herbert Schwiipet;

In memory of Roy Towell Jr.: Ms. Ernest Mae Seaholm;

In memory of Simon Sinclair: Ms. Ernest Mae Seaholm;

In memory of Jean Hadley: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Braden, Dr. Raymond Thomas, Dr. Russell Thomas, Dr. Bornstein, Thomas Clinic Staff;

In memory of Thomas V. Alteman: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Frika; in memory of Marie Verbeck: Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Spennath.

## 1996-97 Prices for school meals, first menus released

Lunch prices will remain the same for the East Bernard Independent School District (EBISD) for the 1996-97 school year. Following is a list of prices for EBISD:

Lunch: \$1.35, K-4; \$1.60, 5-12; 40¢ reduced price lunches, K-12; \$1.60, snack bar (students), junior high 7-8th grades; \$1.60, snack bar (students) high school; 20¢ extra milk; 25¢ ice cream; \$2.10, all adult lunches with tea including snack bar;

Breakfast: 60¢ K-12; 30¢, reduced price, K-12; \$1.10, adults.

Breakfast serving will be 7:30 to 8 a.m. No charging will be allowed in the lunchroom for either breakfast or lunch. This includes adults as well as students.

As in the past, prepaid cards may be bought for a week or 10 days.

Elementary and junior high students may buy their cards at their school's office.

High school students may buy their cards in the cafeteria while breakfast is being served or in the office.

Free and reduced price meals are available to qualifying families based on the same income as shown in the "Back to School" section in this edition.

Students at St. Mary's School in Nada may also qualify for free or reduced price meals if their family meets the above mentioned criteria.

**Rice CISD menus**  
 The following breakfast and lunch menus will be served in the Rice CISD schools, Aug. 13-30.

A choice of juice or milk is served with each breakfast and lunch with each lunch. B=breakfast; L=lunch

Thursday, Aug. 15: B: cereal, toast; L: hamburgers, curly fries, hamburger salad, apple, sugar cookie.

Friday, Aug. 16: B: breakfast pizza; L: spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, corn-on-cob, fruited jello, French breadsticks.

Monday, Aug. 19: B: biscuit, breakfast patty; L: corn dogs, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, mixed fruit, cookie.

Tuesday, Aug. 20: B: waffles; L: chicken nuggets, noodles, hot schneitzel, green beans, chilled peaches, hot rolls.

Wednesday, Aug. 21: B: blueberry muffins (2); L: cheeseburgers, potato wedges, burger salad, fresh fruit, cherry cobbler.

Thursday, Aug. 22: B: combo bar, toast sticks; L: ham/cheese Stromboli, iron man salad, orange/pineapple chunks, pickle spears, garden rice.

Friday, Aug. 23: B: pancakes and sausage; L: tacos, taco salad, grated cheese, apple slices, Mexicale corn, kolaches.

Monday, Aug. 26: B: cereal, graham crackers; L: pizza, rotini/sauce, Parmesan cheese, seasoned broccoli, carrot/celery sticks, pear halves.

Tuesday, Aug. 27: B: breakfast sausage roll; L: chili hot dogs, grated cheese, savory fries, green salad, applesauce.

Wednesday, Aug. 28: B: blueberry pancakes and sausage; L: oven fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, cabbage and carrot slaw, mixed fruit, hot rolls.

Thursday, Aug. 29: B: breakfast pizza; L: hamburgers, French fries, hamburger salad, sliced peaches, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, Aug. 30: B: French toast (2); L: nachos/meat and cheese sauce, baked beans, chunky salad, orange quarters, cinnamon roll.

## About Town...

**Correction:** The list of classroom assignments for ELMS had the incorrect teacher listed for fourth grade. The list from the school had Barbara Ardis with two classes, one fourth grade and one fifth. June Morgan will be teaching fourth grade.

A note to everyone out there... when emergency crews are called to a fire, wreck or whatever, they do not need extraneous personnel at the scene. In other words, stay away!

All that happens when "everyone and their dog" show up at the scene of any type of emergency is confusion and over-crowding. Give the folks who have the training the room to do the work they have volunteered to do.

At times, there is very little room for anyone to work, what with firemen, police and EMS all trying to get to the same spot. They do not need anyone else in the way. Curiosity is healthy, but in this instance it can be dangerous, not only to you, but to everyone involved.

We have a quiz for you: Which city in the U.S. has the highest per capita enrollment at Harvard Law School? (See Page 7 for the answer.)

John Canaris was walking in the door every time we turned around the first of this week (just kidding, John). Not only did he bring the article about Harvard by, but also a real nice clipping about the prairie chicken's fight for survival which was taken from the *Dallas Morning News*.

There were several pictures (some in color), along with a map of the Gulf Coast area (pointing out Eagle Lake and the Attwater Reserve) and many inches of copy concerning the endangered species.

*Texas Monthly* may think our festival is, and I quote, "For the birds," but we don't and apparently neither does the *Morning News*.

"The most complete revenge is not to imitate the aggressor."  
 — Marcus Aurelius

"It is never the opinions of others that dispense us, but the pertinacity they display in obtruding them upon us."  
 — Joseph Joubert

**Keeping an eye on Texas**

**Spending for Texas students**

The 10 most populous states contain slightly more than half of the nation's public school students. Of these, Texas ranks next to last in total spending per public school student. Among all 50 states, Texas ranks 33rd in per student spending.

**Estimated expenditures\* per student 1994-95:**

New Jersey	\$9,136
New York	8,217
Pennsylvania	7,040
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Michigan	6,286
Ohio	5,661
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Florida	5,185
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North Carolina	4,682

\*For operations and maintenance

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Controller of Public Accounts, and the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.

**Echándole el ojo a Texas**

**Costos de educar alumnos Texanos**

Los 10 estados más poblados de la nación contienen poco más de la mitad de estudiantes en escuelas públicas. De esos 10, Texas se encuentra en la penúltima posición cuando viene a gastos por alumno. Dentro de los 50 estados, Texas ocupa el trigésimo-tercer lugar en el referente a gastos aprobados por estudiante.

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FUENTES: John Sharp, Contralor de Cuentas Públicas, y el Centro Nacional para Estadísticas de Educación del Departamento Federal de Educación.

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