



### Leadership forum

High school sophomores and juniors from Columbus, Weimar and Rice recently participated in the student leadership forum sponsored by the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) at Columbus High School. The forum is designed to inspire students to become future leaders.

Photos Courtesy of LCRA



Community leaders served as facilitators during the student leadership forum. They included, in front, Venetta Seals, Riana Jamison, Ester Chandler, Paula Frnka, Peggy Guenther, Catherine Pape and Jane Luedecke. In back are, Sally Garrett, John Axel, Randy Schlauch, Willie Mae Williams, Ron Divins and John Brasher. Not pictured are Carol Courville and Michael Cooper.

## COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT



### COUNTY COURT

#### CASES FILED

Nov. 28, 2000

Freddie Ellison Jr., assault causing bodily injury.  
Santiago R. Tovar Jr., possession of marijuana (PoM).  
Larry Lavon Cloninger Jr., PoM.  
Curtes Bias Jr., driving while license suspended (DWLS).  
Henry B. Garcia, PoM.  
Rafael Perez Gasca, DWLS.  
Rocky Lee Mancias, theft.

Nov. 30, 2000

Alvaro Hermenegildo, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Robert Betbeze, unlawfully carrying a weapon.  
Benjamin Licea Lopez, DWI.  
Tony Garza Jr., DWI.  
Joshua James Butler, PoM.

Dec. 1, 2000

Margaret Martina Rodriguez, DWI.  
Rodrigo Rodriguez, DWI.  
Michael Joseph York, reckless driving.

Dylan Robertson Bryant, PoM.

Thomas Eugene McCain, PoM.  
Manuel Cabrera Olivares, criminal mischief.

Hugo Guthrie Johnathan, PoM.  
Catherine Ann Schutze, PoM.  
John Wesley Brock, PoM.  
Elizabeth Marie Schutze, PoM.

### DISTRICT COURT

#### CASES FILED

Providian National Bank vs Timothy R. Killian; filed 11-29-00.  
James A. Horadam vs Sheridan Park and Recreation Center, Inc. d/b/a Splashway and an unknown employee lifeguard, personal injury; 12-4-00.

### DISTRICT COURT

#### DISPOSITIONS

Michelle Barazandeh, possession of a controlled substance, 8-2-00. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, 240 hours of community service, court costs and a \$1,000 fine.

Jeremy Demont Shannon, aggravated sexual assault of a child, 3-12-99. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication,

320 hours of community service, \$1,000 fine and court costs.

### DIVORCES FILED

Juaquin Tovar Jr. and Evelyn Cumberlande, 11-29-00.

### DIVORCES GRANTED

Nov. 30, 2000

Clyde Donald Smith and Dortha Fae Kingsley Smith.  
Ronald Wayne Tielke and Mel Yeatman Tielke.

Angelica Jade Morales and Jose Gilberto Morales.  
Richard Dean Gott and Sheralyn Rae Sunderman Gott.

Karl J. Gunzer Jr. and Jenifer M. Gunzer.  
Clare Lopez Sury and Gregory Sury.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Michael Charles Peikert and Kimberly Ann Rester, 12-4.

### Did You Know...

In most people, the right lung takes in more air than the left.

## 'Texas Tomorrow' enrollment is now open

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently announced that parents and grandparents can enroll children in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, from now until May 25, 2001.

"Believe or not, something is growing faster than your kids: the cost of a college education," Comptroller Rylander said. "Since 1996, tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities have increased 69%."

"For just a little bit of money each month, the Texas Tomorrow Fund locks your child's college tuition and required fees at today's prices, and the State of Texas guarantees they will be paid when your child is ready for college, no matter how much costs soar in the future," Comptroller Rylander said.

To encourage Texas families to begin planning early for their children's college education, the Texas Tomorrow Fund Board, chaired by Comptroller Rylander, has doubled the program's advertising budget to \$2.5 million per year and is resuming television advertising after a year's absence from the airwaves.

"Most families know about the Texas Tomorrow Fund, but we've found they need a reminder that enrollment is underway and now is the time to invest in their children's future," Comptroller Rylander said.

More than 12,000 Texas Tomorrow Fund contracts were sold during the last enrollment period that ended June 5.

"It was the first year contract sales have trended upward since the program began. But we can and must do better," Comptroller Rylander said.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund is now its sixth annual enrollment period.

To date, the Fund has enrolled 100,000 children, and the program's investment assets are valued at \$625

million. The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows parents to prepay for up to five years at a Texas public or private university, two years at a community college, or two years at a community college plus two years at a senior college.

Tuition benefits can also be transferred to an out-of-state university. Texas Tomorrow Fund payments may be made in a lump sum or in annual or monthly installments.

During the current enrollment period, it will cost \$14,759 to prepay tuition and required fees for four years at a Texas public university.

Parents of a newborn can pay as little as \$129 per month until the child graduates from high school.

Parents of a kindergartner will pay \$159 per month.

"Fourteen-thousand dollars is a lot of money, but it will be a real bargain 13 years from now, when the cost of college education for today's kindergartner is expected to reach \$39,338, or 18 years from now, when it will cost \$62,425 for today's newborn to earn a college degree at a Texas public university, if current cost trends continue," Comptroller Rylander said.

"The cost of a college education is rising at about 8% per year," Comptroller Rylander said. "With the Texas Tomorrow Fund, Main Street Texans don't have to worry about Wall Street volatility."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund pays for college tuition and the required fees that every student must pay when they enroll in a college or university.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund does not cover other college expenses such as room and board, books and fees associated with particular courses, such as lab fees.

For more information, go the Texas Tomorrow Fund web site at [www.texastomorrowfund.org](http://www.texastomorrowfund.org) or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723).

## Alleyton's grant application is at the top

A committee, appointed by the Governor for the Houston-Galveston Area Council, released scores for the Texas Community Development Program competition last Thursday with some good news for the community of Alleyton.

The County of Colorado submitted an application to the State of Texas for \$350,000 to construct a public water system for Alleyton residents.

County Judge Al Jamison and Burna Sheperd, a county employee and resident of Alleyton, went to Houston last Wednesday and presented the case for Alleyton's water needs.

## Rice

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beaum, will cover the using of reserve carbohydrates in main crop stems to manage ratoon crop rice.

Dr. Larry Falconer, extension economist, will cover the impacts of changes in input cost for 2001 crop rice. Emphasis will be on the antipractical fertilizer and fuel cost increases.

This should be a very good meeting, with information to help get off to a good start for the coming season.

Two CE's will be offered for Private Applicator re-certification.

As an outcome of the speech by Jamison, the Committee gave the county's application the highest score of all 37 applications from cities and counties reviewed that day.

This score represents 50% of the scoring on the application, with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to complete the remaining 50%.

The State scores will be added to the regional scores and the final results will be released in late Feb. or March of next year.

It is the opinion of Bruce Spitzengel, GrantWorks Inc. consultant for the County, that the Alleyton project has an excellent chance of being recommended for funding.

## 24 & 48

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Coach Bud Fitzgerald's La Pryor High School football team vies for regional crown Saturday...

The highest award in Girl Scouting given to Gladys Schade in a Columbus ceremony...

Mrs. Cecil Gerstenberg received a 25-year pin from the telephone company...

Janice Selph was named junior high football queen.

## ABOUT TOWN...

\*HELP! If anyone out there took pictures at Saturday's parade AND they turned out, we would love to have a couple to run in the paper. The lighting on the floats apparently threw off our camera. Every frame is horribly underexposed!

\*Things are proceeding at a good clip next door at the future site of Crepe Myrtle's, a new eatery. "Myrt" was waiting for some equipment to be delivered Tuesday night. She's shooting for a first-of-the-year opening.

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