

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT



DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITION

Michael Estes Dinh, possession of a controlled substance, 4-8-99. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, 160 hours community service, \$500 fine and court costs.

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

Dec. 12, 2000
Luther Bailey, possession of marijuana (PoM).
Lawrence Allen Locker, assault causing bodily injury.
Jonathan Ryan Jones, PoM.
Jerry Lee Henneke Jr., assault causing bodily injury.
Manuel Cabrera Olivares, criminal mischief.

Dec. 6, 2000
Samuel Knapp Abdoulaie, driving while license suspended (DWLS).
Samuel Knapp Abdoulaie, carrying a prohibited weapon.

Dec. 7, 2000
Delores Cabrera Olivares, evading arrest.
Joe Angel Gonzales, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Manuel Mejias, DWI.
Alfredo Coria Leal, DWLS.
Joshua Benjamin Gilley, PoM.

Dec. 8, 2000
Uvalde Guerra, PoM.
Luis Estban Moya, PoM.
Louis Ray Barrow, PoM.
Michael Duran Demas, PoM.
Rebel Elizabeth Fail, PoM.

Dec. 11, 2000
Berlinda Irene Garza, DWLS.
Lonic Drew Lamford Jr., PoM.
Jesus Cruz Jr., DWLS.
Manuel Cabrera Olivares, evading arrest.
Meichell Denise Thomas, resisting

arrest, search or transport.

DIVORCES FILED
Johanna R. Potter and Marcus E. Potter, filed 12-6-00.
Kari Melinda Kight and Donald Ray Lee, 12-6-00.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Don Ray Carter and Norma Jean Williams, 12-5-00.
Leon Wayne Randermann and Kelly Maureen Golding, 12-7-00.
Jose Luis Rodriguez and Ruby Annette Mroczka, 12-7-00.
Ryan Michael White and Mary Terry Kopp, 12-8-00.
Charles Allen Henke and Katy Beck Hathaway, 12-8-00.
Francisco H. Lopez and Erin Trinell Trahan, 12-8-00.
Francisco Mancha and Dora Rios, 12-11-00.

County delegates attend state convention

Ten voting delegates from Colorado County Farm Bureau participated in the 67th annual Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) convention Nov. 26-29 in Arlington.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,200 delegates from 208 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in Jan. in Orlando, Fla.

Addressing the delegates were Donald Patman of Waxahachie, TFB president; Dale Jeski of Alamo, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Patman of Waxahachie.

This year's youth winners were Jade Lusk, Montague County, Miss Farm Bureau; Abigail Wilks, Deaf



Voting delegates representing Colorado County Farm Bureau at the 67th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention, in front, from left, Peggy Venghaus, Hermasella Dittich, Louise Brunner and June Engstrom. In back are John Engstrom, Dean Venghaus, Charles Harbich, A.R. Dittich, W.J. Brunner and Harry Engstrom.

Smith County, Talent Find Winner; and Kerri Schneider, Guadalupe County, Free Enterprise speech winner.

Kevin Huffman of McGregor was named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 2000".

H-E-B Pantry Foods, Salvation Army 'Ring in Miracle' for holidays

For the fifth year, H-E-B and the Salvation Army will *Ring In a Miracle*, from now through mid-Jan., where shoppers will be provided an easy and convenient way to contribute to the Salvation Army during the holiday season.

Customers can add their desired

donation to their grocery bill by selecting \$1 and \$2 coupons that will be located at every H-E-B cash register throughout the state.

"This campaign will assist the Salvation Army in their holiday fundraising efforts statewide," says Holly Montalbano, Manager of Public Af-

fairs for H-E-B Houston Division. "Last year, H-E-B raised over \$200,000 during the eight-week campaign. It is important that the public respond during this crucial time of the year to help needy families."

"There isn't an easier way to help your neighbors in your community than through the H-E-B *Ring In a Miracle* Program," says Major Henry Gonzales, Area Commander of Houston. "H-E-B's involvement during the holidays, as well as their participation throughout the year, demonstrates their concern for the community. The Salvation Army is pleased to be a recipient of the heartfelt *Ring In a Miracle* campaign."

Money raised through the campaign will stay in local communities, and will go toward the Salvation Army's Winter Relief Programs. This program provides assistance in the form of food, rent, utilities and other necessities to families and individuals in need.

The Salvation Army, a United Way agency, also provides family counseling, alcohol and drug recovery, health education, and child care for the homeless in addition to the many youth activities and senior citizens programs offered at six community centers in Houston.

SWCD supports rights granted by Water Code

Directors representing Texas' 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) recently passed a resolution supporting protection of certain water rights within the Texas Water Code (TWC).

Referred to as the "junior water rights" provision, TWC Section 11.085 (s) and (t) provides safeguards to protect permitted water users against inter-basin water transfers during times of water shortage.

"What this means is that inter-basin transfers of water cannot supersede the rights of water rights holders in the basin of origin," said James Moore, director of conservation programs, Texas State SWC Board.

"As the demand for surface water is growing dramatically, there are more proposed sales of water rights permits to municipalities and industries that would transfer water outside the water basin," said W.S. Edwards, chairman of the Trinity Bay SWCD.

Current Texas law mandates that all water subject to inter-basin transfers would be junior in priority to all existing water rights within that originating basin. When water rights are sold to a new entity for inter-basin transfer, the new entity becomes junior to all older permit holders on that watercourse. During times of water shortages, all obligations to permit holders within the basin would be fulfilled before any water could be transferred out of the basin.

"This resolution is intended to ensure that agricultural interests are given fair consideration by future changes to the junior water rights provision," Edwards said.

Efforts in the Texas legislature to repeal the "junior water rights" provision passed in the Senate in 1999, but died in the Natural Resources Committee of the House of Representatives.

The right to withdraw surface water is a permitted activity in the state. Currently, thousands of acre-feet of surface water are pumped each year from rivers, streams and bayous for cropland irrigation and livestock purposes.

SWCDs are responsible for promoting and carrying out a conservation program by assisting landowners and operators plan, apply and maintain appropriate conservation and re-

source management plans.

Since their creation after the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, Texas SWCDs have effectively administered conservation programs based on the voluntary application of conservation practices.

Approximately 1,000 SWCD directors and other conservation leaders attended the 60th Annual State Meeting of District Directors, held in Ft. Worth in Oct.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling."

— Psalms 2:11

Submitted by Nedly Phillips

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Views On Dental Health

THERMAL SHOCK

All things expand and contract when heated and cooled. Since the tooth's outer layer of enamel and an inner layer of dentin have different densities, they expand and contract at different rates.

Hot coffee (which can be 140° — put a thermometer in your next cup) or pizza cause the enamel to expand immediately, with the dentin soon following. When we then sip a cold drink or take a mouthful of ice cream, the enamel begins to contract around the still expanding dentin, causing thermal stress. Ice cubes drop the temperature of the enamel from a comfortable 98.6° to 32° in an instant. The teeth with silver fillings are in for double trouble because fillings expand and contract at an even greater rate.

After thousands of these thermal cycles, micro-cracks or "fault lines" can develop in the enamel. While cracks which do not extend into the dentin do not weaken a healthy tooth, they can serve as an entrance way for bacteria and stains. Watch your hot/cold eating.

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Family & Friends Benefit is success

The 7th Annual Family and Friends-God's Helping Hands Benefit was held at the Eagle Lake Community Center Dec. 2 after the Chamber of Commerce parade.

The evening started with a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Eula Goss Wintermann. "She was always ready to help serve her community and will be sorely missed by many. This year's benefit was dedicated to her memory. Family and Friends will be donating 10% of their proceeds to the Eula and David Wintermann Library," stated Lynn Ellis, president of the benefit.

Brent Beasley led the group in prayer and then chili dogs with all of the fixings were served to a room full of cheerful guests.

The live auction was kicked off with Joe and Candy McCreary at the microphone. "They are a great set of folks that love coming to help us each year, and we appreciate them more than they can imagine! They have helped our live auction become a true success," said Ellis.

After the live auction, Shawn Carr led the children in song and Santa and Mrs. Claus came in for a visit. A big thank you goes to Santa and Mrs. Claus and the Chamber of Commerce for the goodie bags that were sent over for the children.

A silent auction and drawing were also going on during the evening. "We have the greatest people in our town, everyone has been so responsive with their donations, they all come from the heart, and that is why Family and Friends has become an anticipated event each year, we also have hostesses that are ready to get out and do whatever it takes to get the job done! We are starting to think... OK... next year, what if we..." exclaimed Ellis.

Thanks again to all of these individuals and businesses, without each of you and countless others, Family and Friends would not be a functioning outreach in our community.

Below is a list of all of our items, donors, bidders and bids as well as the raffle winners.

Live Auction
1. Poinsettia, Family & Friends Hostesses, Billy & Denise Cook, \$37.50; 2. booster battery pack, Eagle Stop, John & Anna Gertson, \$70; 3. Barnwood framed bull rider picture, Cliff & Ida Shee, David Rucka, \$60; 4. basket of baked goods, Frank & Anna Lee Higgins, Don & Sandy Bendy, \$30; 5. set of 6 hand painted Poinsettia glass ornaments, Becky Marsalia, Don & Sandy Bendy, \$45; 6. Christmas wreath, Scott & Connie Webb, John & Laura Myres, \$85; 7. outdoor cooker, Family & Friends Hostesses, Lake Lumber, \$60; 8. four rodeo tickets, Jack & Judi Johnson, John & Anna Gertson, \$200; 9. Christmas arrangement with candle, Family & Friends Hostesses, Cliff & Ida Shee, \$40; 10. one gallon of homemade pickles, Frank & Annie Broesche, Scott and Shawn Carr, \$20; 11. dog and cat vaccinations, Wharton Veterinary Clinic, John & Anna Gertson, \$35;

Also, 12. exam, cleaning & x-rays, Eagle Lake Dental Clinic, Brian & Lynn Ellis, \$70; 13. Eucalyptus grapevine wreath, Scott & Shawn Carr, Burr Crane & Wanda Henry, \$35; 14. 18 wheeler Napa truck, Napa Auto Parts, Raymond & Dorothy Kohleffel, \$45; 15. Ten (10) one day passes, Splashway Waterpark, First Baptist Church, \$75; 16. large wire Christmas angel, Creative Expressions, Dan & Sue Canaris, \$105; Kansas pheasant bird mount, B&S Bird Taxidermy, Affordable Bail Bonds, \$165; 18. 6-foot Leyland Cypress, Dr. Ramon, Danette, Cassie & Daniel Cantu, John & Anna Gertson, \$70; 19. women's sequined sweater, Family & Friends Hostesses, Cliff & Ida Shee, \$40; 20. Two foot felt country Santa, Lynn's Grooming, Don & Sandy Bendy, \$60; 21. Christmas arrangement with candle (Mrs.

Wintermann's) Family & Friends Hostesses, Kenny & Debbie Wishert, \$75.

Silent Auction
Red Poinsettia, Family & Friends Hostesses, Roberta Johnson, \$12; four #1 dinners, Taco Tony's, Bruce Johnson, \$25; wooden angel, Gene & Jimma

Shanks, Hillary Johnson, \$10; sand dollar, Gene & Jimma Shanks, Hillary Johnson, \$5; homemade wine, Frank & Annie Broesche, Bruce Johnson, \$15; three chicken fried steak meals, Dairy Queen, Kristi Johnson, \$15; floral candle holder, (See Benefit, Page 8)

Rent-A-Santa

Available evenings of December 22nd, 23rd & 24th.

Santa will visit each stop for approx. 20 minutes.

Limited reservations, please call early to reserve your space, and for further details!!

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(979) 234-7582

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
WHEN INJURY STRIKES

People often avoid seeing a doctor for foot injuries, opting instead to treat themselves. But ankle sprains, broken toes, and other foot injuries need medical treatment to prevent incomplete healing, deformities, or future ailments. Remember the word "RICE" - rest, ice, compression, and elevation - for those occasions when you cannot receive immediate medical attention. Rest the area, staying off your feet whenever possible. Ice the injury gently for 20 minutes with an ice pack or ice wrapped in a towel, wait 40 minutes, and repeat. For compression, wrap a bandage lightly around the injured area. Avoid pulling too tight as this could lead to further injury. Elevate the foot higher than the waist to reduce swelling and pain.

While it's smart to know the basics of quick-action, short-term treatment for podiatric emergencies, it can be crucial to a successful recovery to seek the services of a specialist trained in foot care promptly following an injury. If you don't have a podiatrist at this time, you may want to include our telephone number, 234-5571, in your list of numbers to keep handy by your phone. We offer complete foot care for the family at Rice Medical Center, where we have office hours on Tuesdays.

P.S. Wear a soft shoe or slipper until you see the doctor for treatment of a foot injury.

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Patient: I recently had a total knee replacement. Would Physical Therapy help my recovery, and is your facility qualified to treat patients with total knee replacements?
Physical Therapist: Yes! Physical Therapy is a vital part of your return to function following total knee replacement. Treatments will help reduce pain/swelling, increase range of motion/strength, and enable you to walk without limping. Eagle Lake Rehabilitation Services has provided Physical Therapy treatment to many patients with total knee replacements, and has the necessary equipment to maximize recovery.

Patient: My child just had surgery following an injury during football. Do you perform sports medicine rehab for athletes?
Physical Therapist: Yes! Eagle Lake Rehabilitation Services has licensed therapists with experience in sports medicine rehab and has been providing Physical Therapy services to local athletes for many years.

Patient: I have Medicare insurance. Does it cover Physical Therapy Services?
Physical Therapist: Yes! Rice Medical Center also accepts Medicaid, Workman's Compensation, Private Insurance, and Private Payment.

Patient: My husband recently had a total hip replacement and his physician recommended exercise in a swimming pool for the best means of recovery. Does your facility provide aquatic therapy?
Physical Therapist: No! But, one of our satellite clinics located just a short drive away in Columbus, Texas, has provided Aquatic Therapy for over five years.