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## School days seem to put Texas on the short end of the stick

Last week, as school doors prepared to open for the fall term, Texas seemed to be coming out on the short end of the stick in several ways: too few teachers, too many pupils, and too little financial aid.

Public school systems will be facing some of the most far-reaching reforms in Texas education this fall, a phase that includes smaller class sizes, new programs for younger students, tougher graduation requirements, and higher standards. And, of course, no pass-on play.

They are also facing a teacher shortage, considered by many Texas educators to be a by-product of the new reforms. Teachers will also face tougher standards in the form of a competency test, a controversial test that teachers bitterly opposed at the Legislature.

**New changes**  
 Some of the new changes we will see in the 85-86 terms:  
 • **NO PASS, NO PLAY:** This fall will be the first time far-reaching reforms in Texas education this fall, a phase that includes smaller class sizes, new programs for younger students, tougher graduation requirements, and higher standards. And, of course, no pass-on play.

Students must be graded with a number, not a letter.



**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
 By Special Writers  
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 • **MORE MATH:** High School sophomores will have to take an additional year of math to graduate.  
 • **STATE AID:** Poorer school districts will receive more state aid, at the expense of many suburban districts which will probably raise taxes.  
 • **SMALLER CLASS SIZES:** The maximum size is 22 students for first and second grade classes.  
 • **TESTING:** High school

juniors will be given an exit exam to graduate. Teachers and administrators must pass a basic literacy test by June to keep their jobs.

• **PASSING AVERAGE:** Students must have a 70 average to pass to a higher grade. The practice of promoting students on basis of age is meant to be eliminated.

• **DISCIPLINE:** Officials have broader authority to crack down on discipline problems, particularly drugs or weapons in schools. School districts must open guidance centers to cope with problem students.

• **Minority teachers:** Potential minority teachers

are doing poorly on the teacher training exams.

Only 203 of 900 black students and 732 of 2,136 Hispanic students have passed the pre-professional skills test which must be given before being allowed to take upper-level education courses.

With a third of their potential students hampered there, minority groups have started a "stay in school" program, and they have charged the tests are racially biased.

Last week, federal judge William Wayne Justice agreed and ordered Texas colleges to admit all upper-level students who would have been qualified

but for failing the test. Texas Education Commissioner William Kirby said the problem was not in the test, but in the basic education received by minority students. The state may appeal the rulings.

• **Short takes**  
 • The Texas Department of Health reports locating 63 abortion clinics operating in Texas as part of its effort to implement new standards for these and other facilities involved in medical and health related services.

• Sen. Bill Sarpius, D-Canyon, is reportedly trying to decide whether to run for

Agriculture Commissioner or to oppose U.S. Rep. Beau Boulter. R-Amarillo. Sarpius says he is not switching parties.

• **Comptroller Bob Bullock** says he expects a "mild improvement" in the Texas economy, despite problems in the oil industry. Bullock notes that for 25 years, oil taxes have been the No. 2 revenue source, but have dropped to No. 6 for the '86-87 biennium.

• **The Texas Railroad Commission** staff has recommended rejection of a Lower Colorado River Authority application for a lignite strip mine in Fayette County.

## Man 'very critical' after knifing

With the exception of a burglary Sunday in Eagle Lake and a knifing Monday in New Town, area police units report the Labor Day weekend was uneventful.

"We had a lot of traffic," on the interstate, said Sgt. Gilbert Kiel, Department of Public Safety supervisor for the 12 officers in Colorado and Fayette counties. All the officers had not yet turned in their reports, so a count of accidents or of traffic violations issued was unavailable.

Kiel said that as usual during the holiday weekend traffic was heavy on Friday evening and Saturday, then again on Monday. Around midday Monday, east-bound traffic on I-10 was very heavy in both lanes. He said the DPS patrolmen worked full shifts, with no one off for the holiday.

Sunday morning Eagle Lake police were called after a Houston newspaper delivery driver saw a break-in in progress at the Snack Center. Arrested was Ernest Torres, 19, of Columbus, and Isabel Gonzalez, 19, of Eagle Lake. Both remained in the Colorado County Jail on Tuesday, unable to post the \$5,000 bond ordered by JP M.M. Jones. Torres was released August 9 from a Texas Department of Corrections Unit.

The knifing in New Town has put Ray Christal, 42, in Hermann Hospital in very critical condition, according to the Colorado County Sheriff's Department. They were called to a residence on Bear St. about 8 p.m. Monday to investigate. A sheriff's deputy said there was a holiday barbecue in progress, and a dispute erupted. The sheriff's report said Montgomery suffered a cut across the chest, and on the left side. He was taken to Eagle Lake Community Hospital, and then flown to Houston by a Life Flight helicopter.

Arrested was Harrell Montgomery of the 500 block of Third St., Eagle Lake. He was charged by JP Mary Ordeur, and jailed on \$3,000 bond. He posted bond on Tuesday and was released.

Earlier, Eagle Lake police conducted a raid on State St.

last Friday night. Nine people were arrested and charged with gambling.

In a related action, a district court judge in Columbus on Tuesday sentenced Michael Eddie Ison of Columbus to a ten-year state prison term on a July 16 guilty plea of injury to a child. After three-year-old Ralph Falcon was pronounced

dead last year when taken to the Columbus Hospital, Ison was indicted by the Colorado County grand jury. Hew also was fined \$5,000.

The September term of the county grand jury convened in Columbus on Tuesday, but indictment reports will not be available until later this week, district clerk Harvey Vornasad said.

## Commerce St. ordinance up for final reading; city wants elect. code input

A small traffic island will be built in Commerce St. near the end of this month if council approved, as expected, the final reading of a no-left-turn ordinance when it meets next Tuesday night.

Council will consider the second reading of an ordinance to establish an electrical code for the city, and has indicated other ordinances, such as one for plumb, will be established later this year.

Council has approved the first two readings of the Commerce St. Ordinance, affecting cars exiting the drive-in windows of the First National Bank. City manager Robert Klockman said the traffic island, about the width of a curb, and perhaps as long as the drive-in banking facility, also will include no-turn signs. It will force traffic to turn right out of the drive-in.

The electrical ordinance was written at the request of local electricians. It establishes a license for qualified electricians, and will require permits when work is done. Residents still will be able to do their own wiring, but will need a city-issued permit, and could have their work inspected at least twice, according to the ordinance.

"Another reason the ordinance was written is the safety

issue," Klockman said. Local electricians told Klockman they had seen a lot of unsafe wiring installed in homes.

The ordinance doesn't specify the cost of the license, but does require a \$25 fee for new construction permits, and \$15 fee if electrical alterations are to be done in existing structures.

There could be a \$25 to \$300 fine for ordinance violations. A five person electrical board will be appointed, as will a city electrical inspector. The ordinance requires electricians to follow the 1984 edition of the National Electrical Code as the main standard to be used by the city in inspecting electrical work.

In addition, aluminum wiring is prohibited except in mobile homes built prior to 1971.

Klockman said council members would appreciate comments by the public on the ordinance.

## Shropshire Upton Chapter UDC to meet Sept. 12

Shropshire Upton Chapter UDC will meet at 2 p.m. on September 12 at the Altair ranch of Mrs. Wm. Kemper with Mrs. Curtis McClanahan and Mrs. J.M. Pascal as co-hostesses.

The Children of the Confederacy will have the program.

## Recipes still needed for hospital auxiliary cookbook

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary's Sesquicentennial Cookbook committee met last Wednesday to review recipes collected to date. The committee reports that they found a shortage in soup, wild game, bread, Mexican dishes and microwave recipes. Several recipes in each of these categories will be most welcome, although the committee states that limit of twelve recipes per person be observed.

The more individuals in this community cookbook, the better the recipes and the book will be since they are to be favorites of those submitting recipes, noted the committee. You may send or hand your recipes to Freda Johnson, Kate Spalinger or Eunice Franks before Sunday, September 8 so that plans can be completed for publication of the cookbook. The cookbook will be a project of the local Pink Ladies for the Sesquicentennial observance in Texas during the year 1986.

## County Courthouse Report

### REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Gift Deed, Joyce Shores, et al to Core Farrow, 17 acre of land in Block 156, Town of Columbus; 7-15-84.  
 Deed, Dorothy A. George to David George, 1 acre, Lot 13, Town of Rock Island and 30 acre, District No. 13, Town of Rock Island; 8-29-85.  
 Gift Deed, Willie Winkler, et al to Leonard G. Winkler, et al, 28.38 acres, P. Bigler Survey; 8-19-85.  
 Deed, A.C. Williams to Alfred Aldridge, certain tract of land, G.W. White Survey; 7-11-85.  
 Deed, Lillie Evans, et al to Boyce E. Fore, west 1/4 of original Lot 3 in Block 16, Town of Columbus; 8-10-85.  
 Deed, Bonnie Holosovsky et al to Robert Jacobus, et al, Lot No. 77 of Lake Sheridan Estates; 8-19-85.  
 Gift Deed, Lillie Evans to Vernon L. Evans, et al undivided 1/2 interest in and to 11.54 acres, James Cummins Lease; 8-10-85.

Deed, L.A. Voshamp to Weldon H. Kestner, et al, Lots 2 and 3, Block 96, Town of Columbus; 8-29-85.  
 Deed, Marshall Ray Rimes, et al to The Equitable Relocation Management Corp., Lot 24 of the Memorial Oaks Subdivision, Section 3; 8-15-85.  
 Deed, Daniel Lee Hastedt to Douglas James Hastedt, undivided interest, being not less than an undivided 1/4 interest in certain lots in Block 91, Block 9 & 5, City of Columbus; 8-21-85.  
 Deed, Helen A. Freund Hughes to Conrad W. Sanders, 39 acres, portion of Lot 6, Walker Wilson Survey; 8-9-85.

Deed, Olio R. Kahlden Jr. to Veterans Land Board of Texas, 10 acres, 16-61-61-61 Co. Survey; 8-25-85.  
 Deed, Carl Milstein to Irma M. Fisher, certain interest in Lots 11, 13, Block 3, Town of Rock Island and Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20 in Block 1, in the Pinedale and Peterson's Addition and Lots 18 and 17 in Block 9, Lot 19 in Block 11 and Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 10, Town of Rock Island; 8-25-85.

**OIL GAS LEASES**  
 C.E. McCarter to The Louisiana Land and Exploration Co., 6 acres, HEA-WYTH Co. Survey; 7-15-85.  
 Hugo H. Richter Jr. et al to Ranger Resources, 190 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant, effective 1-20-85.  
 Alfred George Michalka, et al to Ranger Resources, 25,091 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant, effective 4-27-85.  
 Henry Stoltka, et al to Ranger Resources, 25,091 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant, effective 4-27-85.  
 Wilcox W. Wilson Jr. et al to Ranger Resources, 124,161 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant, effective 5-14-85.  
 Frank C. Selfert, et al to Ranger

Resources, 128 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant, effective 6-12-85.  
 Less Hatterman to Ranger Resources, 127.89 acres, Alfred Kalo Survey, effective 4-26-85.  
 Herbert J. Starnes Jr. et al to Ranger Resources, 188.40 acres, Alfred Kalo Survey, effective 6-11-85.  
 Clifford Leyendecker, et al to Ranger Resources, 61.5 acres, Alfred Kalo Survey, effective 6-20-85.  
 Lee Hoggarty, et al to Ranger Resources, 66.61 acres, William Bell Survey, effective 2-25-85.  
 Hugo H. Richter Jr. et al to Ranger Resources, 190 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant, effective 1-20-85.  
 Ervin Kuhn to Ranger Resources, 7.61 acres, Alfred Kalo Survey, effective 6-20-85.  
 Paula H. Gould to Ranger Resources, 138 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant, effective 7-21-85.  
 Dale Franks, et al to Ranger Resources, 20,099 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant, effective 5-14-85.

### Fellowship musical at Greater Mt. Olive this Saturday

A Fellowship Musical will be held at the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 709 North Lake Avenue, in Eagle Lake this Saturday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The musical is being sponsored by Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church and White Cloud Baptist Churches. Rev. R. Kiser, Rev. O. Scott and Rev. O. Rhodes, pastors. Special guests will be the Fort Bend County Gospel Singers. Rev. R. Kiser is the lead pastor.

Everyone is invited to attend the musical.

### Rice CISD School Menu

Thursday, September 5: pigs-in-blanket, pork and beans, sauerkraut, chocolate brownies.

Friday, September 6: baked ham, au gratin potatoes, hot schnitzel green beans, grape jelly, buttered biscuits.

Saturday, September 7: meat and cheese pizza, tator tots with catsup, pop eye salad, ice cream.

Tuesday, September 10: hamburger steak, gravy, parmesan noodles, English peas with onions, peach cobbler, hot rolls.

Wednesday, September 11: chili dogs, French fries with catsup, cheese and pickle sticks, pear halves.

Thursday, September 12: fried chicken, rice and gravy, mixed greens, fruit salad, butter bread.

Friday, September 13: enchiladas, pinto beans, lettuce wedge with dressing, lunchroom cake, crackers.

### East Bernard school menu

Monday, September 9: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, breakfast sausage, biscuit or cereal, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue on bun with pickles, potato chips, baked beans, fruit, cookie, milk.

Tuesday, September 10: Breakfast, pancakes with syrup or cereal, juice, milk; Lunch, burrito with chili and cheese, corn, salad, fruit, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday, September 11: Breakfast, cinnamon roll or cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch, fish sticks, French fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, bread, milk.

Thursday, September 12: Breakfast, donut or cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch, chicken fried steak, buttered rice and gravy, peas or broccoli, fruit, homemade bread, milk.

Friday, September 13: Breakfast, sausage on biscuit or cereal, juice, milk; Lunch, hamburger, French fries, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, milk.

### Colorado County

By Jim Broussard

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## Sheriff's Report

Hot checks have decreased in Colorado County, however, we still have some worthless checks being written. The problem law enforcement is encountering is that enough information is not being obtained on some of those checks. The best information to obtain is a driver's license. With the information obtained from the license, the subject can be entered in the computer and the possibility of an arrest of the subject will be greater.

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### Ugarte at meeting

Dr. Jose Ugarte will be in Phoenix, Arizona from Thursday until Sunday attending an American Heart Association conference at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel. The conference will be based on hypertension.

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