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Letter
to the Editor

Deterioration by accusation

I am sorry, Major Bengé for the ridicule you were subjected to in the recent event of chastening a student. Unfortunately over the past few decades the respect for the teacher as a professional has substantially deteriorated, but yet through the necessity of the joint working parents has placed additional burden on the teachers to not only teach, but in many cases raise the children. This is so sad, but true. Events such as Major Bengé's

should not occur. Our teachers are trained professionals and should be supported by the school board, their own peers as well as parents.

Does a veteran educator deserve to be treated in a manner of such DISGUST as having:

• A warrant issued for his arrest?
• Having bond set by the Justice of the Peace and
• Being booked at the county jail?

How many of us parents have ever attempted to control and educate the number of children that are placed on our teachers or for that matter more than four at a time? (a big family). GET REAL! teachers have a tremendous job, if not next to impossible. This is not only disgusting and revolting, but an outright UNJUST admonishment. This is a deterrent to

quality teachers entering and remaining in the teaching profession. The very essence of our future lies in the hands of our teachers, as professionals educating our youth. If we as the general public do not show the proper support and respect for our teachers, then the final product, our future adult, will be a lower quality. The thought should have crossed Ms. McCaughey's, as well as the School Board's mind, of how it would feel for you to have a warrant out for your arrest, get bond set and earn a trip to the county jail. Did you really support one of your veteran educators properly?

In conclusion, I again apologize for the RUDE, SELF-SERVING, OBNOXIOUS behavior levied on you, Major Bengé. I would hope the school board and administration would see fit to publicly apologize as well as the person(s) who caused this mess. Please remain in the same highly respectable position which you have earned through many years of dedicated service. Help us with our children through your great expertise. If you think I am playing up to our teachers, you have missed the whole point. Our teachers are professionals and master substantial goals to achieve their teaching status. Therefore they deserve a high level of respect, much of which has been lost over the years. Please restore this respect, do not substantially "deteriorate with accusation".

Of course if any opponent should care to challenge my position, please do not feel bashful.

Rice High School Graduate,
Case A. Holtub
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Property-rich school districts claim
school finance law unconstitutional

The first round of appeals to the new public school finance law began this week with challenges from property-rich school districts.

In briefs filed last week, state attorneys argued the new law does not violate the Voting Rights Act or circumvent a constitutional ban on a state property tax.

The hard-won reform plan passed by the recent Legislature calls for shifting revenue from wealthy to poor districts by creating county-wide school tax districts and setting a minimum local property tax.

The plan is called the "Robin Hood Plan," because it will take millions in property taxes from rich districts and distribute them among poor ones, to comply with a Texas Supreme Court order to equalize public education funding.

Rich districts filed briefs claiming the law is unconstitutional in two areas:

1) The county taxing regions, to be governed by a local board of school district members, do not account for size or racial makeup, thus violating the one-man, one-vote principle and denying minority rights under the Voting Rights Act; and

2) The state's setting of a minimum local property tax rate and its directive to redistribute local tax dollars violates the state constitution's ban on a state property tax.

Governor Signs Bills

Gov. Ann Richards signed bills into law last week that:

• Eliminate all state agencies as of Dec. 31, a move which makes all agencies justify their existence to the Legislature when it meets in special session next month.

• Reduce the state tax on pari-mutuel betting from a straight 5% to a sliding scale that starts at one percent of the first \$100 million bet at a track.

• Waive penalty and interest on

delinquent property taxes owed by veterans of the Persian Gulf War.

• Set up teams of education experts to help low-performing schools, and to allow schools to offer health insurance to teachers.

• Automatically suspend the driver's license of felony drug offenders.

• Initiate a tire recycling program.

Morales Forms Gang Unit

Attorney General Dan Morales said his office has established a unit to compile and share information on gang youths in Texas.

Hundreds of gangs, with thousands of members, commit crimes from vandalism to murder in Texas, and their activities increase during the summer, Morales said.

He is seeking the FBI's help in identifying Texas gangs and will meet in July with local law enforcement, education and juvenile authorities.

Other Highlights

Gov. Richards asked Congress last week to help Texans fight back against insurance fraud and abuse by stripping the industry of protections that allow it to "fix prices, carve up markets and restrict coverage."

"Former Democratic state Rep. Jim McWilliams has filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy and listed debts totaling \$2.1 million. McWilliams, from Hallsville, is under investigation by the Resolution Trust Corp. for his role in a failed real estate venture.

"Former state Rep. Terrell Smith of Austin is the choice of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm to be a federal judge of a newly created district to the west of the state capital.

"A Dallas-based think tank, the National Center of Policy Analysis, said the income tax plan backed by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and predecessor Bill Hobby could trigger a Texas recession, but praised a proposal by Comptroller John Sharp to adopt a new Texas business tax to replace the franchise tax.

overhaul of clean-air laws, increased visas for job-related immigration and a budget measure that imposed higher federal taxes. Congress also debated proposals that would have forced employers to use quotas in hiring and promotion and to provide family and medical leave benefits.

The "Spirit of Enterprise" award show the Chamber's appreciation for those legislators who have worked to support the American economy and identifies them as supporters of free enterprise in America.

Chamber President Richard L. Leshner said, "By backing legislation that supports our free enterprise system, Laughlin has helped to foster an environment which allows businesses large and small to prosper, providing a better standard of living for all Americans."

Key business issues addressed last year in Congress included a major

ineed the population shifts and ripple effects from other districts in Texas. I was pleased with what I got."

The decennial redistricting plans

still could change — if the plans are vetoed by the governor or successfully challenged in court or by the U.S. Justice Department.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 Years Ago

November 10, 1966

Winners in the 1966 baby photo contest held at the Furniture Shoppe in Eagle Lake were Little Miss Linda Kay Copeland and Master Ronald Wayne Cook. Linda Kay is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leland Copeland. Her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Baver of Eagle Lake and Mr. & Mrs. Carl Copeland of Smiley. Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Cook Jr. and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. George Cook, all of this city.

John Beken of Weimar and Kathleen Glueck of Bernardo were among 4-H Gold Star winners from 19 Gulf Coast Counties honored at the District 11 Gold Star Banquet held at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel in Houston on November 5th.

Friends of Jack Mann were happy to learn that he has been returned to his home here for convalescing following serious illness in St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston for over two weeks.

Friends extend best wishes to Mrs. Trula Wells wishing her a quick recovery from serious illness in the

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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Mary Schellman to Henrietta Baumgartner and Rosemary Wiles, lots 20 thru 24, blk. 32 and lots 13 thru 18, blk. 33 Garwood and 70.725 acres-Samuel Kennedy League, et al. Filed 06-03-91.

Deed: Geraldine Buescher and Jenson Buescher, Estate to Geraldine Buescher, 12.134 acres-James Cummins Survey, 06-04-91.

Deed: Wesley Kyle to Cornerstone Land & Mineral Trust, int. in 59.53 acres-William F. Stanley Survey, 06-04-91.

Deed: Bruce McKenna Estate to Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Pophanken, lot 1 (4 acres), blk. No. 1-Section 1, 4th. addition. Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery-Columbus. 06-04-91.

Deed: Mary Lichey Estate to Larry B. & Pamela Cernoch, part of original lot 3, blk. No. M-Smith & Jones Addition-Columbus. 06-04-91.

Deed: Lorena Stevens to Norman L. Clark, Jr. and Louisa A. Clark, 3 tracts-Eagle Lake, et al. 06-04-91.

Deed: Roy R. Stallman, Sr. and Ann C. Stallman to Clifford J. & Shirley A. Labay, 1.188 acres-Waco Manufacturing Co. survey No. 15. 06-04-91.

Deed: Birdie Hillier Pech to Chamboc, Inc., und. int. in 51 3/4 acres-John Andrews League, 06-04-91.

Deed: Mary Herder Hanks, Trust to Clyde W. Hanks, III, et al. und. int. in various properties-Johnson and Stafford Survey, et al. 06-05-91.

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Deed: Ed Richard Smith, et al. to Colorado County Central Appraisal District, int. in 213 acre-bk. 35-Eagle Lake, 06-05-91.

Deed: Resolution Trust Corp. to Gary M. & Cynthia A. Brown, 6.8121 acres-Howard McElroy Survey, et al. 06-05-91.

Gift Deed: Doris A. Mal to Michael

Anthony Booker and Valerie Suzanne Booker, lot No. 7-Hwy 97 Subd. W.B. Dewees League, 06-05-91.

Deed: Pearl Gooden, et al. to Colorado County Central Appraisal District, int. in lot 2, blk. 1 and int. in lot 8, blk. 5-McCreary Addition, et al.

Deed: Blanche M. Green to Scottish Rite Crippled Children's Hospital and Pauline Sterne Wolff Memorial Foundation, und. Mineral Interest in 30 acres-Walker Wilson Survey, 06-06-91.

Deed: Laura Belle Toups to Thelma H. Hamz, 1 acre-T. McKean Surv. 06-06-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Hershel K. Johnson & Carolyn Sue Walters, The Falls Resort & Club, Resort Section Resort Villa 0569, 06-07-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Wenceslao & Loreta Restaura, The Falls Resort & Club, Resort Section Resort Villa 0545, 06-07-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Moses & Patricia T. Smiley, The Falls Resort & Club, Resort Section Resort Villa 0453, 06-07-91.

OIL & GAS LEASES

Deed: Fredrick W. & Patricia A. Weishuhn to American Trading & Production Corp., 5.078 acres-Thomas Cartwright League, Filed 06-03-91.

Deed: Elvira R. Martia to American Trading & Production Corp., 5.05 acres-Thomas Cartwright League, 06-03-91.

Deed: Nov L. Eberidge Schmidt to Murphy H. Baxter, 250.715 acres-John Gillespie One Third League, et al. 06-03-91.

Deed: Bennie M. Dillard to Murphy H. Baxter, 68.4 acres-John Hadden League, 06-03-91.

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