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Exemplary schools in Texas on the rise

A record number of Texas school districts and campuses earned an exemplary rating - the highest rating possible - from the state's accountability systems, Education Commissioner Mike Moses announced last week.

Fifteen percent, or 1,042 of the state's 6,654 public school campuses, were rated exemplary based on their performance in the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test given last spring. Last year, 683 campuses received the top rating.

To earn an exemplary rating this year, at least 90% of all the students

and each student group (black, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged) had to pass the reading, writing and mathematics sections of the TAAS test.

A dropout rate of less than 1% for all students and each student group and an attendance rate of at least 94% were also required.

The number of low-performing campuses also hit a record low, even though more stringent performance standards are in place. Sixty schools (less than 1%) were rated as low-performing.

"We raised the bar for Texas

schools again this year," said Moses. "They not only met the challenge, most exceeded it. The ratings show the strong improvement that is occurring in Texas public schools."

Accountability ratings are based on the percentage of students passing the reading, writing and mathematics sections of the TAAS examination, the dropout rate and attendance rate.

Districts can earn one of four ratings: exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable and academically unacceptable.

Some districts with year-round education programs will not receive their ratings until Sept. 1.

Along with rating traditional public schools, the system was broadened



State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

this year to include charter schools.

Of the 10 charter school campuses rated, one achieved recognized status, seven earned an acceptable rating and two were rated low-performing.

AG Signs Tobacco Suit Papers

Attorney General Dan Morales only July 24 signed the final documents in Texas' \$17.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry.

"We now have the ability to dra-

matically improve the health care of Texans, especially our uninsured children, for decades to come," Morales said.

The documents were forwarded to the federal court in Texarkana. Thirty days after approval by the court, nearly \$400 million in initial payments will be deposited in the state treasury. Thereafter, yearly payments will then be made to the state treasury.

Texas recently won an additional \$2.28 billion in follow-up negotiations with the tobacco industry, as a result of a provision in the original settlement allowing enhancement of the Texas deal if other states obtain more favorable terms. The Minnesota settlement opened the door for Texas

to renegotiate.

The additional money is to be distributed to Texas counties and hospital districts for costs associated with indigent health care.

Morales also announced the resolution of objections by Gov. George W. Bush and seven legislators to the contingency fee to be paid to the state's private counsel by the tobacco industry.

"This ends the war over the spoils of war," Morales said.

2nd Meningitis Death Reported

Two children have now died this summer from a rare and dangerous form of meningitis.

A 10-year-old boy's death last week prompted the Texas Department of Health to issue a renewed warning about swimming in lakes, rivers and stagnant water.

The amoeba that causes the infection, Naegleria fowleri, thrives in fresh water when temperatures are high, usually above 80 degrees.

Swimming pools properly cleaned, maintained and treated with chlorine generally are safe, as is salt water.

In addition, TDH recommends that people never swim in stagnant or polluted water and that people hold their nose or use plugs when jumping into lakes, rivers, ponds or other bodies of fresh water.

Other Capital Highlights

•Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer's office has mailed about 500 letters to known Holocaust survivors in Texas, inviting them to give information that could lead to claims. This is part of an international effort to identify and compensate victims of Nazi financial chicanery, *The Dallas* (See Highlights, Page 8)

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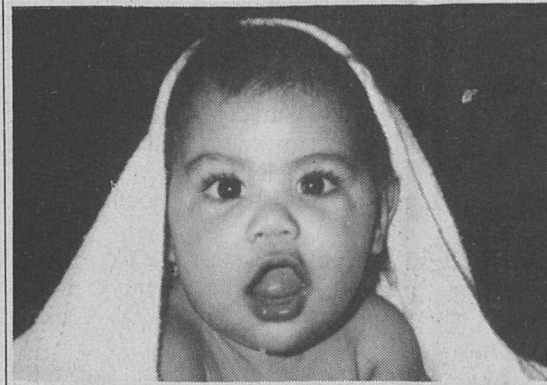
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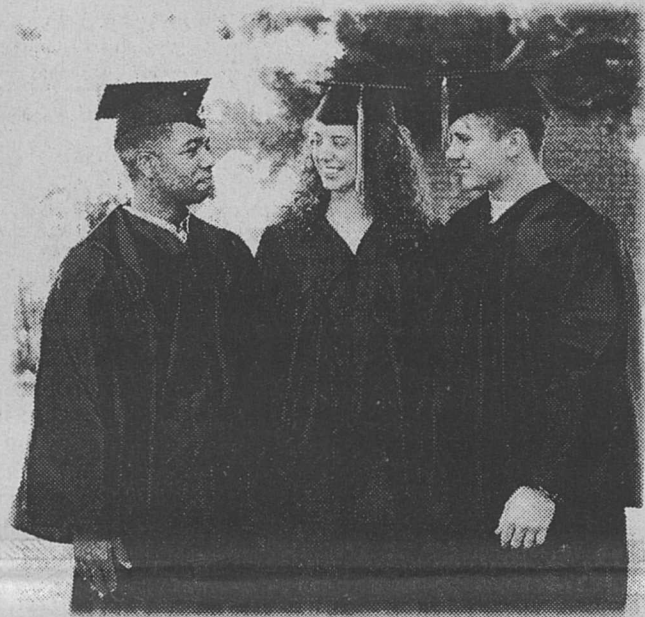
Happy 1st Birthday

Robert "Bobby" Maldonado Jr.

August 12

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Let's Look Back...

**24 & 48
YEARS AGO**

June 29, 1973

Mrs. T.J. Smith is reported to be resting well in the Bellaire General Hospital recuperating from corrective surgery on an arm which was broken in a fall at her home last November. Mr. & Mrs. Smith are the owners of the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite...

David Pavlicek was installed as the 1973-74 President of the Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club at their annual installation banquet Tuesday evening at Marvin's Steakhouse in Altair. Outgoing President was Bill Kell while the guest speaker was Bill Carpenter...

Pfc. Teral J. Jones, son of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Jones of the Bernardo community, returned to Fort Bragg, N.C., Wednesday, June 20, following a 20-day leave of absence visiting with relatives and friends...

Three students from the Eagle Lake area have earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University. They are Walter M. Willis, senior accounting major, son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter M. Willis Sr. of Eagle Lake; Glenda A. Sunderman, biology major, daughter of Mrs. Irene L. Sunderman of Eagle Lake; and David S. Lobpries, senior wildlife science, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harry D. Lobpries of Garwood...

Sunday evening, June 24th, at 6:30 members of the First Baptist Church of Sheridan gathered in fellowship to bid farewell to their pastor, Rev. Claude Dunlap who has been with them since Oct. 1971. He resigned in order to give his full attention to his business in Houston...

James Crabb congratulated Kenneth Craig and Ed Krivacka for perfect attendance for the year 1972-73 at the Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club banquet on Tuesday evening.

Aug. 11, 1950

In a beautiful double ring ceremony Monday morning, Miss Carolyn Hollas became the bride of Lewis Rosprim...

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Causey entertained at their home with a Smorgasbord supper and Canasta party Tuesday evening. Enjoying the occasion were Messrs. and Mesdames R.P. Wilcox, Griff Thomas, J.N. Frazar, C.B. Stephens, W.E. Lenhart, Chas. D. Stephens, J.H. McCreary, Jim Clipson, B.H. McElhinney, S.S. White and G.M. Cason...

Fay and Kay, twin daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Kennie Bauer, under-

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