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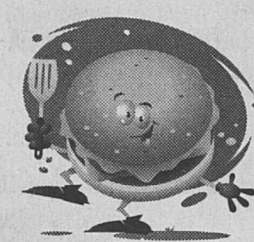
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Little League Field

Homemade grilled hamburger, fixings, chips and dessert for \$5.

Proceeds Benefit Eagle Lake Little League Tickets can be purchased from any player.



College Funding Increase Proposed

AUSTIN — Higher education continues as a top issue for Texas.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he wants more state funding to help more kids from low and middle income families get into college.

In an April 8 Houston Chronicle copyright story, Ellis said he wants to double state funding for the Toward Excellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) grant program to \$1 billion. Ellis said if action isn't taken Texas will be in crisis.

The Chronicle reported that about 70,000 students lost their tuition grants in the past two years, and according to U.S. Department of Education statistics, the Lone Star State is 41st in the nation in producing college graduates.

About 158,000 families are enrolled in the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan, formerly called the Texas Tomorrow Fund. Enrollees locked in the cost of tomorrow's college tuition and required fees at "today's prices." Plan benefits are protected by a constitutional guarantee from the state.

The fund debuted under then-Comptroller John Sharp in the booming economy of 1996.

Waco economist Ray Perryman in early April published a 72-page report, "Thinking About Tomorrow, The Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan: An Economic

Assessment of Recent Evidence and Options for the Future."

Perryman proposes that the fund can and should be open to new enrollees. His report contrasts with a recent study by the state comptroller that warns the fund, which has been closed to enrollment since June 2003, is headed toward bankruptcy and should not accept additional enrollment.

Perryman says reopening enrollment makes sense when coupled with improved financial markets and a slowdown in tuition hikes. Those elements working together could return the strength to the fund, he said.

Measure puts road plan on hold

The Trans Texas Corridor also continues as a major issue as the 80th session of the Texas Legislature inches closer to its late May finale.

Opponents of the proposed road system criticize the state's policy of entering into "comprehensive development agreements" that transfer the state's traditional role to private entities who build and maintain the roads.

When such deals are made, the public is left out of the loop, opponents say.

The Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Commit-

tee on April 4 approved a measure to halt all comprehensive development agreements for 24 months to allow the state to study the issue further.

Child restraint bill passes Senate

Also on April 4, the Senate passed legislation strengthening child passenger safety.

S.B. 60 by Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, requires that children 7 years and younger, unless they are more than 4-feet 10-inches tall, be secured in a child passenger safety seat while riding in a motor vehicle.

Zaffirini said her legislation would save lives, preclude tragedies and injuries and qualify Texas for \$3.2 million in federal funds while saving the state \$17 million in health care expenditures.

House passes CHIP legislation

The Texas House on April 4 passed H.B. 109, relating to the Children's Health Insurance Program.

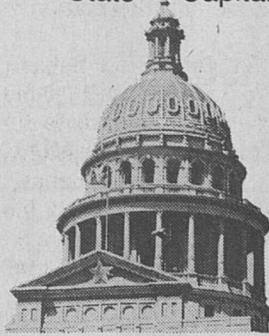
The legislation, authored by Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, returns coverage to thousands of families who lost coverage for their children due to cuts enacted by the Legislature in 2003.

Major things the bill would do include:

- Restore continuous 12-

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By Ed Sterling

month eligibility;

- Eliminate the 90-day enrollment waiting period;
- When calculating family income include child-care expenses;

- Determine eligibility based on net income, not gross; and
- Create outreach programs to inform families about the availability of CHIP and children's Medicaid.

Parties settle Medicaid lawsuit

Parties settled the 1993 Frew v. Hawkins lawsuit, claiming the state of Texas did not provide adequate care for children enrolled in Medicaid.

To benefit from the settlement are some 1.5 million children whose families need help in securing health and dental care.

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Osteoporosis is a condition of porous bones. In general, the bones are weak and more susceptible to breaking. Women are five times more likely to develop osteoporosis than men. This condition may be caused by genetics, too little calcium and vitamin D intake, or too little exercise. Women who are postmenopausal are more likely to develop osteoporosis. Bone density measurements can be used to help in diagnosing this condition. Preventive measures include getting enough calcium and vitamin D, and daily exercise. Avoiding cigarette smoking and excessive use of alcohol are also ways to help decrease the risk of getting osteoporosis.

Miacalcin is approved for women with osteoporosis who are at least 5 years beyond menopause. This medication may be taken as a nasal spray or as an injection under the skin. It is known that calcitonin increases spinal bone density, however the effects of this medication on risk of fracture are unknown. Evista works to prevent bone loss. This medication mimics the positive effects of estrogen on the bone, and could cause hot flashes and blood clots. Bisphosphonate type of drugs decrease the risk of fractures in postmenopausal women. Fosamax and Actonel are commonly prescribed bisphosphonates. They must be taken with a glass of water while remaining upright for 30 minutes after ingestion.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1983

Becky Bengé, a three-year member of the Future Teachers of America was voted by club members as the Outstanding Future Teacher of March...

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dean McCoy of The Woodlands proudly announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Melanie Ann to William Darrel Appelt, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lloyd Appelt of Eagle Lake...

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Balcar of El Campo are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Debora Ann to Victor Lawrence Shimek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shimek...

Little Miss Karen Marie Krupicka and her mom, Jo Ann, were honored with a tea shower on Sunday afternoon at the home of Ethel Balusek...

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Popp of Alta Loma are proud to announce the birth of a daughter April 9 at Texas Women's Hospital. Krista Ann weighed in at seven pounds, four ounces and was 19 inches at birth...

James G. Cash, a long time resident of Eagle Lake died suddenly of a heart attack Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Mill-Bauer Chapel with the Rev. Paul Krupicka officiating. Interment followed at the Masonic Cemetery under the auspices of the V.F.W.

April 16, 1959

Mrs. Jewel Dutcher has purchased the Thomas Food Market in Lissie and plans to open the store sometime next week as "Granny's Grocery". Former owners of the store were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thomas...

The Eagle Lake Parent Teacher Association met Tuesday and elected new officers for the 1959-60 year. They are: Mrs. F.M. Dromgoole, president; Mrs. L.J. Spanihel, vice president; Mrs. B.D. Anderson, secretary

and Mrs. Charles Causey, treasurer...

Mr. and Mrs. Hoy DeShazo announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carol Marie, to Bernard Smaistria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smaistria of East Bernard. The wedding has been set for June 6 at Our Lady Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

Eagle Lake Peace Officer Bill Chavis and wife attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peace Officers As-

sociation Sunday, April 12 in San Antonio...

Barbara Boggess and Suzanne Powers won first place in the junior girls division as they defeated Katy 6-1, 6-2. The girls had defeated East Bernard and Sealy last Tuesday and reached the finals when they were rained out...

Gerald Birdwell, Eagle Lake High School Junior won second place in the District XII Texas Science Fair held in Beeville last weekend.

Arellano To Ride In Diabetes Race

Miguel Angel Arellano recently accepted the challenge of cycling in the American Diabetes

Association's Tour de Cure fund-raising event.

Arellano is a 2005 graduate of



Miguel Arellano is going to ride from San Antonio to Austin in the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure May 18-19.

Rice High School.

"I am taking part in this event because I believe in and support the association's mission: to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes," he says.

The event will be held on May 18-19. It will start in San Antonio and finish in Austin.

He is asking for help by supporting his fund-raising efforts with a generous contribution.

"Your tax-deductible gift will make a difference to more than 20 million Americans who are affected by diabetes and another 40 million who are at risk for developing diabetes.

"It is faster and easier than ever to support this great cause—you can make your donation online by simply clicking the link at the bottom of this message. If you would prefer, you can also send your tax-deductible contribution to the address listed below," he adds.

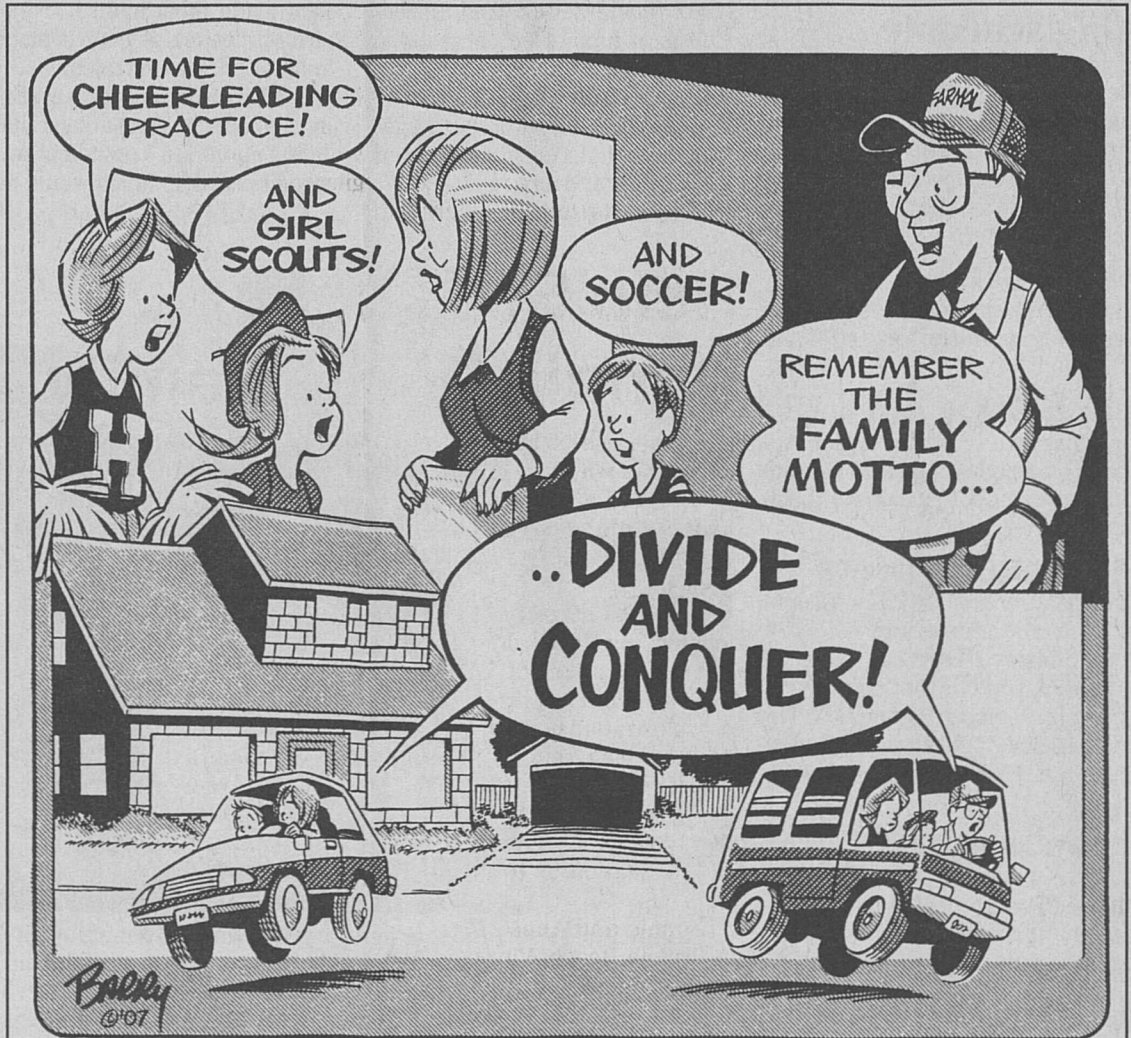
More information on the American Diabetes Association, its programs, and diabetes in general can be found at the association's web site, www.diabetes.org. To find out more information on our Tour de Cure, please visit tour.diabetes.org.

"Whatever you can give will help! I greatly appreciate your support and will keep you posted on my progress," says Arellano.

To send a donation make all checks payable to: American Diabetes Association.

Mail to: Miguel Arellano, 701 Woodward St, #233, Austin, TX 78704-7455.

Visit the tour site <http://tour.diabetes.org>.



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