



Texas Attorney General Mark White criticized government regulations in a speech given Wednesday to the 21st annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference in College Station. Battalion photo by Lynn Blanco

White says 'fairness' key

By ROBIN THOMPSON
Battalion Reporter

Good government, within limits, can play a beneficial role in everyday affairs, Attorney General Mark White said Wednesday. White discussed those limits in a speech at the 21st annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference in College Station.

"We've got too many lawyers writing too many rules and regulations in Washington," he said, receiving applause from the audience of about 500 people.

White blasted the unfairness of the laws regulating natural gas. "We are forced to buy coal in a free market and forced to sell gas in a regulated market," he said.

White said that "fairness" is the key word. "When we sell natural gas at reduced prices, we don't get full tax incomes from resources we ship out of the state."

He warned the audience that if regulation is not stopped, Texas will lose a great deal of its ability to grow and prosper.

White also criticized the Environmental Protection Agency for "rewarding those states who have done the least to clean up their air and water."

"They have punished states, like Texas, who have done the most to clean up their air and water," he said.

"We're not going to let some Environmental Protection Agency guideline destroy our economy, progress and growth," he said.

On the other hand, White said that Texas is on sound economic footing. "If there was ever a success story in government, it has to be Texas," he said, commending the commissioners and judges for their work.

Ag commissioner says Texas exports important

By CRAIG ROGERS
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Texas farmers are important not only to Americans living in cities, but to foreigners as well. Reagan Brown, the state commissioner of agriculture said Wednesday.

Brown spoke to 500 county judges and commissioners at the 21st Annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference in College Station.

Texas is the third largest exporter of agriculture products (California is first) and is respected for its agriculture, Brown said.

While in Europe on agricultural business, Brown was given special treatment over other state agricultural commissioners, he said. He received this attention "not because he is Reagan Brown, but because of the Texas farmer."

Brown emphasized the importance of farmers in general. "If we don't feed the cities, we would have a revolt," he said.

But in spite of their importance, farmers are misunderstood, Brown said.

He told the conference of a woman who said, "We don't need a state commissioner of agriculture anymore. We don't need farms; we have supermarkets."

A big cause of misunderstanding is the fact that most people are at least two generations removed from their farms. Brown said currently only 3 percent of the Texas popula-

tion lives on farms. One misconception the public has about farmers concerns food price increases.

"Last month food prices went up \$41 and farmers only got \$2 of that," Brown said. He added that he doesn't know where the money goes, pointing out that grocery stores barely break even.

Brown called for greater coopera-

tion among farmers to work to be understood by the public.

He also called on the judges and commissioners to run their counties efficiently. He stressed clean government.

Brown added that the county judges and commissioners that their job is the hardest political job in the nation.

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HOUSTON — The superintendent of the Harris County home for juveniles has been fired and the district attorney's office is investigating three children's charges he sexually abused them, officials disclosed today.

Robert J. Cuellar, 37, was fired as superintendent of the Burnett-Bayland Home late Monday, said Roger Engels, assistant chief juvenile probation officer.

"We felt that action was necessary to terminate Robert Cuellar's employment as superintendent," Engels said. "The matter is now in the hands of the district attorney's office."

Officials said Cuellar has been charged with no offense. Assistant District Attorney Dennis Green and police were investigating the children's sworn statements, officials said.

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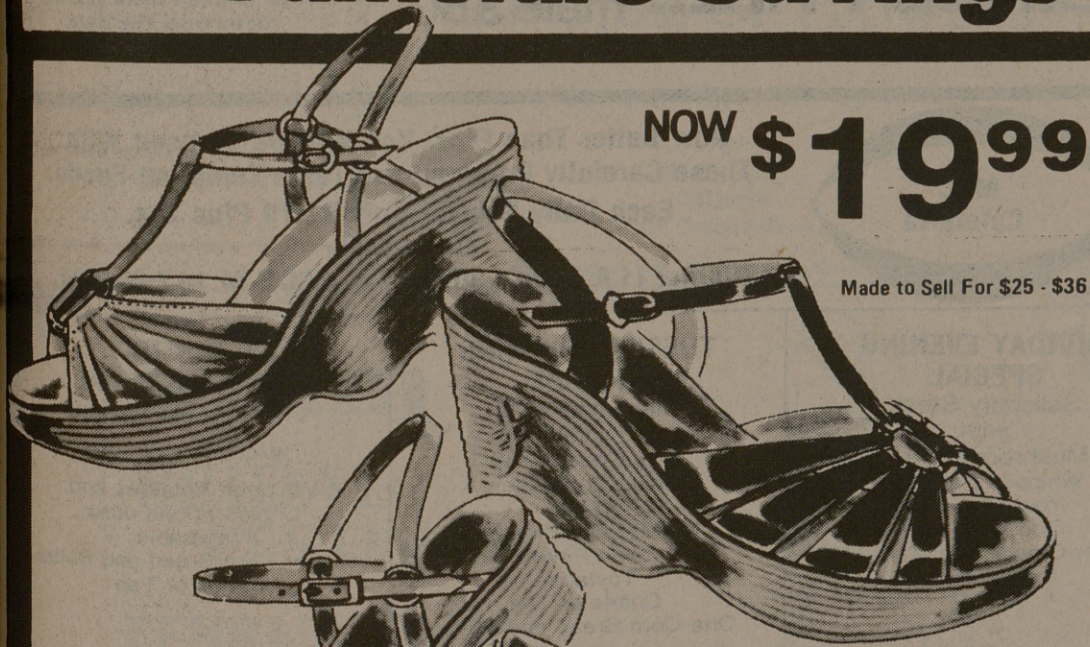
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