

Hispanic standing studied

United Press International
MIAMI — Hispanics are poorer and less educated than the general population, but they are starting to wield clout as America's second largest minority, a private group specializing in demographic studies concluded.

The estimated 14.6 million Hispanics in the country have surpassed blacks in family income and are learning to manipulate the American political process, according to a recent report by the Washington D.C.-based Population Reference Bureau. The bureau is a private, nonprofit firm that specializes in demographic studies.

"Like other immigrant groups before them, Hispanics are beginning to change the face of America," the report said. "But with their growing numbers, they are also encountering the hostility historically accorded almost all newly arriving ethnic groups."

Friction is spurred in part by the number of illegal aliens among Hispanics, the report said. U.S. Census figures from 1980 showed that 64 percent of the two million illegal entrants were Hispanics, which was the second largest and most rapidly growing minority.

According to the report, Hispanics:

- Fare better than blacks but worse than whites in family income. In 1981, the median family income for Hispanics was \$16,401, compared to \$23,517 for whites and \$13,266 for blacks.
- Trail both blacks and whites in education. In 1981, only 83 percent of Hispanic 16- and 17-year-olds were enrolled in schools, compared to 91 percent for whites and blacks.
- Work primarily at low-paying blue-collar and semiskilled jobs in industries such as manufacturing and construction.
- Are unemployed on the average, 40 to 50 percent more

than the population as a whole. But blacks have a higher jobless rate.

The report said Hispanics are overcoming difficulties in adjusting to American life, particularly in government and politics. Hispanics hold nine seats in Congress, one governor's post and are mayors in several major cities including Miami, Denver and San Antonio.

Nationwide, voter registration drives designed to get Hispanics to the polls are taking place. Businessmen are beginning to take the Latin market more seriously, as evidenced by new products such as the Hispanic Barbie doll.

Reagan's farm policies downed by Hightower

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WASHINGTON — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower says he will lead a Democratic committee in developing an alternative to the Reagan administration's farm policies, which he called a "flim-flam."

"Farmers can usually weather natural disasters like floods or droughts, but they cannot survive the un-natural disaster of a farm program

that is based on farmers receiving the lowest possible price for commodities," he said Tuesday.

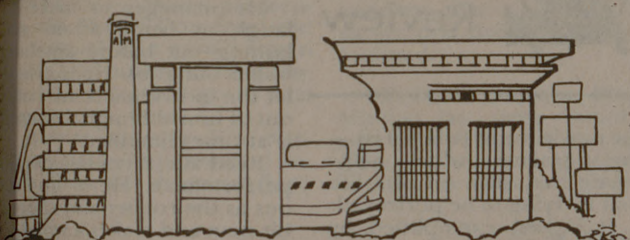
Hightower told a news conference the Democratic National Committee's Agricultural Council will develop a policy that "helps our family-sized operators receive a market price high enough to keep them in business."

Appearing with DNC chairman Charles Manatt and

top agriculture leaders, Hightower criticized the Reagan Administration's efforts to lower the price of farm commodities.

Hightower said agriculture Secretary John Block has asked Congress to freeze next year's scheduled increased in government-supported target prices and cut the federal loan rate.

"Farmers' needs all come down to price," he said.



Around town

Pet show Saturday at Manor East

The Bryan Recreation Division and Animal World are sponsoring a **children's pet show** Saturday in Manor East Mall for children ages 6 to 14. All participating youngsters should bring their favorite pet, on a leash or in a cage, to the mall between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. There will be a separate judging category for all pets.

Brass quintet in concert Saturday

The Las Vegas Brass Quintet will perform a **free concert** in Bryan's Sadie Thomas Park Saturday at 6:30 p.m. The program will feature music from the Renaissance to the present and will mix a variety of solo works with ensemble performances. The public is encouraged to bring picnic baskets and lawn chairs to the park which is located on Old Reliance Road.

Swim meet Saturday at Adamson Pool

The second annual **Masters of Brazos Long Course Swim Meet** will be Saturday and Sunday at Adamson Pool in Bee Creek Park. The meet begins at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday.

Peace Action Committee to show films Thursday

The Brazos Valley Peace Action Committee will show two films Thursday night at 7:30 in Room 104 of the College Station Community Center. "The War Game" depicts a simulation of a nuclear bomb attack on England. "Time Has Come" is a documentary about a march to Washington D.C.

To submit an item for this column, come by the Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald or call 845-2611.

Naked came the teacher

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BRIGHTON, Colo. — It wasn't her prose but the pose that prompted the suspension of the head of the English Department at Highland High School.

Adams County school officials said Thursday they suspended Diane Vickrey, 35, after they discovered her photograph in the May issue of Gallery magazine in a "girl next door" section.

The full-page photo is labeled "Diane V., real estate,

Aurora, Colorado," Miss Vickrey is shown wearing only jewelry in a pose taken outdoors.

Mike Smith, attorney for the district, said Miss Vickrey was suspended with pay "pending investigation of her alleged conduct in conjunction with a recent publication."

The students at the school were divided in their opinion of the incident. Some said they believed the district should not interfere with Miss Vickrey's personal life.

Jury deliberating income tax evasion

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SAN ANTONIO — Federal jurors in the trial of Eugene Tafoya prepared for a second day of deliberations Wednesday to decide whether the former Green Beret convicted of shooting a dissident Libyan student evaded income taxes.

mission for the CIA. Government prosecutors contend Tafoya worked for former CIA agent Edwin Wilson — convicted of selling weapons to the Libyan government — and was paid \$90,000 by Wilson, including \$6,000 for the shooting of Zagallai.

The jury retired Tuesday after deliberating three hours about the government's case against Tafoya and his wife, Betty Jo, of El Paso. They are charged with failing to report \$90,000 in "soldier of fortune" income to the Internal Revenue Service in 1980 and 1981.

Before beginning their deliberations, the jurors were exhorted by prosecutor Daniel Fromstein to consider the shift in Tafoya's service to his country.

Tafoya was convicted of misdemeanor assault in the 1980 attack on Faisal Zagallai. The shooting in Fort Collins, Colo., left Zagallai partially blinded.

Tafoya claimed at his assault trial that he thought he was on a

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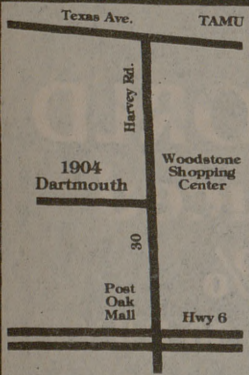
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