

Some test scores lowest in nation

Texas' future teachers rank 44th

United Press International
DALLAS — A report showed Texas high school seniors who want to become teachers had some of the lowest reading and math test scores in the nation. The educator says that signals a "very bleak" future for the state's educational system.

and math scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

The Texas students averaged 385 out of a possible 800 on the verbal section of the test and 406 out of a possible 800 on the math portion, the report said Monday.

ing. There's no question about that," said James J. Muro, dean of North Texas State University's college of education, the largest teacher education program in the state.

"We're not getting the numbers of talented kids we did in the past," Muro said.

producing teachers to solve our education problem."

Muro said he believes several factors contributed to the decline in the quality of students entering teaching, including low salaries, a lack of respect for the profession and additional job opportunities for women.

Texas next year will institute a literacy test for students who want to enter teacher-training programs.

John Moore, a Trinity University professor and member of the Commission on Standards for the Teaching Profession, said when the test was administered to a group of Houston teachers and college students majoring in education, about a third of the students and 60 percent of the teachers failed it.

A special report for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching said college-bound Texas seniors who have expressed an interest in teaching ranked 44th in the country last year in both verbal

The average scores of all college-bound Texas seniors were 415 verbal and 453 math. Nationwide the averages for teaching-bound students are 394 verbal and 419 math.

"That's really disturbing to me as superintendent to know that's the raw material we have to work with," Wright said. "The future's very bleak in Texas for

"For years we lived off the backs of women," said Muro. "Until recent years women had relatively few career choices so many of the brightest women went into teaching, he said, but when 'the world of work opened up for women,' many chose other careers.

"We're going to have one terrible teacher shortage when the ranks are decimated by this literacy test," Moore said.

B-CS reports lowest jobless rate

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AUSTIN — Bryan-College Station apparently regained its position atop the list of cities with the lowest jobless rates. The city recorded a 3.9 percent rate last July.

The overall unemployment rate for Texas in July was 8.3 percent compared to 8.5 percent in June.

drop in joblessness in July, the Texas Employment Commission reported Tuesday.

from 26.6 percent in June to 26.2 percent in July. The small improvement still left the border town, which has been suffering from the devaluation of the Mexican peso, far ahead of the city with the second worst employment rate in the nation — Johnstown, Pa., at 21.2 percent.

three months. Bryan-College Station had the lowest rate in the nation in May, but Nashua, N.H., was lowest with a 4 percent rate in June.

Other unemployment rates for Texas cities included: Abilene 5.2 percent, Amarillo 5.3, Austin 4.3, Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange 14.2, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito

16.6, Corpus Christi 11.7, Dallas-Fort Worth 5.4, El Paso 12.3, Galveston-Texas City 12.4, Houston 9.8, Killeen-Temple 5.5, Laredo 26.2, Longview-Marshall 11.8, Lubbock 7.1, McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg 21.1, Midland 6.2, Odessa 9.5, San Angelo 5.4, San Antonio 6.2, ShermanDenison 7.7, Tyler 6.8, Victoria 10.2, Waco 5.5.

Laredo's jobless rate dipped

HL&P says rate hike needed

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HOUSTON — Houston Lighting & Power Co. officials said although they have not finished restoring power or assessing the damage to the Texas coast following Hurricane Alicia, a rate increase will be requested to help pay for

years ago, since Houston hasn't had a bad storm in an extraordinarily long time," said spokesman Graham Painter.

While the damage to HL&P property would not be known for about 30 to 45 days, it will be a lot, Painter said.

requested to help pay for damage done during the hurricane and May 20 tornadoes.

HL&P officials said Monday the company may have to borrow money for repairs on power lines and equipment, since its cash reserves for damages were almost depleted in May when storms caused an estimated \$8 billion in utility damage.

About 150,000 customers were still without power Tuesday, but all but one of Houston's city council members had electricity running into their homes.

HL&P spokesman Jim Parsons said homes of council members are considered a priority because they fall into the category of restoring city services.

Parson said other priorities are hospitals, fire departments, police stations, water plants, sewage plants and homes of individuals who rely on life support systems.

"We built up the property insurance reserve over a period of years and quit putting money in the fund about five or six

Couple commits suicide together

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — An elderly couple who represented Great Britain in the 1936 Olympic Games committed suicide by hanging plastic bags over their heads, the Bexar County Medical Examiner's office said Tuesday.

tic garbage bags over their heads, Gibbs said. The couple apparently died Sunday.

The Medical Examiner's office ruled the deaths suicide by suffocation.

The couple's attorney, Larry Gibbs, said William R. Tomlinson, 80, and his wife, Elsie Irene, desired that neither survive the other's death.

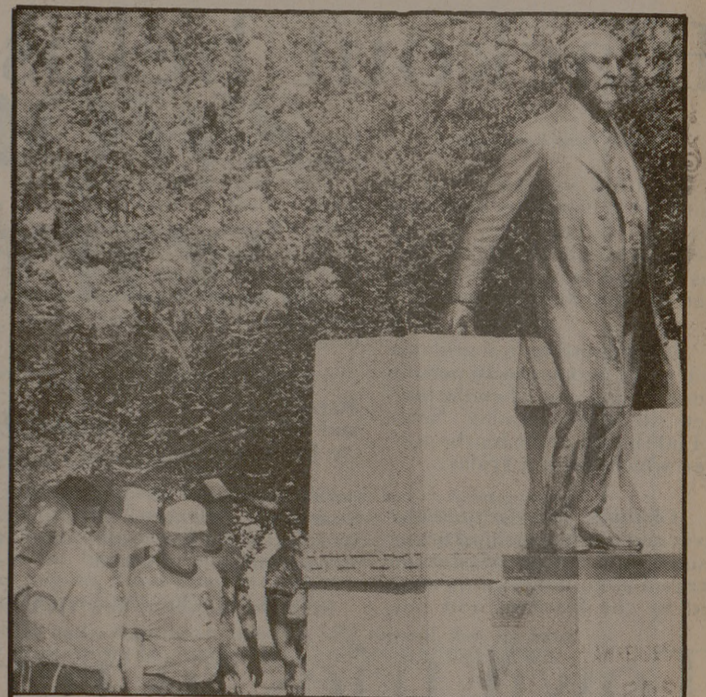
The couple, who represented Great Britain as figure skaters in the 1936 Olympics at Berlin, were discovered Monday sitting on the couch in their north San Antonio home. Two empty wine glasses were found on the table.

"It looked like the man and wife had both readily agreed to what happened," said homicide Det. Jack Summey. "They chose to do these things together."

The couple moved to San Antonio from Mexico four years ago to be near medical facilities. Tomlinson reportedly suffered from cancer and progressive degeneration of the spine and was not expected to live, he said.

The "very private, very special" pair were holding hands when they were found with plas-

The couple, both British citizens, apparently planned the suicide, leaving money for the telephone bill and letters for their friends, Gibbs said.



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Corps of Cadets freshmen study the inscription on the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross Tuesday afternoon. During Fish Orientation Week, new cadets in the Corps learn campus-ology — or facts and history of the campus.

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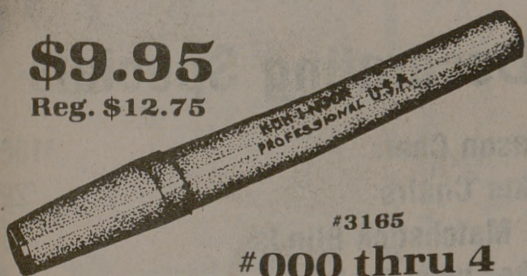
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