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## GOP backs English as U.S. language

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Republican officials turned a deaf ear to offers of help from some Hispanics, the state leader of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly has told the state GOP executive committee. "In the media you indicated that something 'Hispanic' was being done by the party," Jose Aceves said to Texas Republican Chairman George Strake. "Mr. Chairman, what was done?"

The comments came during Aceves' Saturday speech to the State Republican Executive Committee, a meeting at which the committee voted to support the move to make English the official language of the state and nation.

Aceves' group opposed the English resolution and said GOP candidates might have been hurt at the polls if the committee had approved it in August, when it was postponed.

No committee members voted against the resolution.

Committee member Holly Dechard of Austin pushed the resolution as a way to make the nation "united with one language." She said other nations, particularly Canada, have had difficulty coping with two languages.

Six states have votes to make English the official language.

State GOP staff members said the resolution approved Saturday calls for amendments to the Texas and United States constitutions to make English the official language.

Roy Ontiveros of Dallas, an official with the American Ethnic Coalition, spoke in favor of the resolution, saying, "For the sake of unity, ... English should be the official language."

If English is designated the official language, the requirements for bilingual ballots and other official documents could change.

## In Advance

### Explaining technology subject of fall

Dr. L. John Lawrence, from the office of public affairs for NASA's Johnson Space Center, will talk to students about the art of explaining science and technology to the public today at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

The Department of Speech Communications and Theatre Arts is sponsoring the event in conjunction with the 1986 GTE Lectureship Program. The series provides A&M with funding to

host outside experts and to dress the problem of communicating technical information to audiences with limited technical backgrounds.

Lawrence, Class of '73, will address the problem of communicating technical information to audiences with limited technical backgrounds. Admission is free.

### A&M grad shows watercolor painting

Paintings by Deborah Odum Hutchinson, a graduate of Texas A&M, will be on display today through Dec. 5 in the lobby of the Medical Sciences Building.

About a dozen paintings will be on display. The lobby is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hutchinson graduated cum laude from A&M in 1979 with a degree in sociology. She then did her graduate study in art history and painting at A&M and the University of Hawaii.

The paintings, primarily water colors depicting landscapes, seascapes and figures, are drawn from Hutchinson's experiences during three years she recently spent in Italy and Mexico.

Her work has been exhibited in Italy as well as locally in Houston. Her paintings included in the permanent collections of the College of Medicine and the Medical Sciences Building.

Hutchinson is currently employed by the College of Medicine as an audio-visual technician and illustrator for Biomedical Communications.

Hutchinson was asked to play her works at the medical college since it is trying to exhibit works of local artists, particularly those included in its permanent collection.

For additional information contact Mary Alice Pisani, coordinator of the exhibit, at 845-3611.

### Limited-edition Texas flags on display

A series of limited-edition museum replicas of 10 historical Texas flags will be on display at RepublicBank A&M and the Arts Council of Brazos Valley office, located in the RepublicBank A&M building, through Nov. 28.

The 10 flags are reproductions of flags that flew during the Texas Revolution against Mexico and over the Republic of Texas prior to Texas' admission to the United States.

Of the original 10 flags, one was preserved. All of the others were destroyed in battle, lost or simply lost. The only record of them is the eyewitness accounts written by the men and women in Texas 150 years ago.

Each flag on display is a hand-made from silks and cottons that match the fabrics of 150 years ago.

The flags can be seen between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Fridays.

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## A maroon bluebonnet?

A&M researchers at work on state flower

FORT WORTH (AP) — What flower could possibly replace the Texas bluebonnet in the hearts of Aggies? How about a maroon bluebonnet?

Researchers at Texas A&M say the state flower will soon be available in new varieties that will be easy for backyard gardeners to grow in a variety of colors.

Some of the research involves a maroon-colored bluebonnet that would match A&M school colors, according to Jerry Parsons, an A&M extension service agent.

"It's out there, and it's going to come from the pink," Parsons said. "Can you imagine the demand?"

Researchers say they have resolved the problem gardeners have had for years because they could not get the seeds to sprout.

Specially treated bluebonnet seeds that sprout easily are under cultivation on a South Texas farm, growing in three colors — deep blue, light blue and a newly developed white blossom, Parsons said.

Parsons said white bluebonnet transplants will go on sale this month in San Antonio area nurseries.

"Hooray!" said Lady Bird Johnson, who turned her wildflower passion into a national growth industry. "I will be an early customer."

Bluebonnet research is largely financed by a grant from the Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth. Parsons named the new, light-blue bluebonnet the "Worthington."

A pink bluebonnet has been developed and researchers are working on a strain that will bloom indoors at Christmas time.

"Can you imagine how crazy Texans will go over that?" said Parsons.

## Law against picking flowers a tall tale after '73 change

FORT WORTH (AP) — The tallest tale surrounding the Texas bluebonnet is that it's against the law to pick one.

Not true.

But it used to be.

A 1933 law that made it a crime to "pick, pull, pull up, tear up, dig up, cut, break" or mutilate a bluebonnet was repealed in 1973.

That's the year the state penal code was revised and antiquated laws brushed from the books.

For the previous 40 years, however, the ban against picking bluebonnets was part of the Texas criminal code, punishable by a fine of from \$1 to \$10.

Whether violators caught with illegal bouquets were actually fined, no one in the Texas Attorney General's Office knows for sure.

But officials are certain the Texas ever challenged the bluebonnet ban. The appeal would have been noted in the Texas Law Journal in Austin, and none is.

But the old law still strikes into wildflower enthusiasts.

Natives warn Yankee transplants not to mess with the state flower.

"The notion that there's a law making it a crime to pick a bluebonnet is a myth," David Riskin, source manager with the State Department of Parks and Wildlife, said.

What replaced the bluebonnet statute was a vague property law with no mention of flora and fauna.

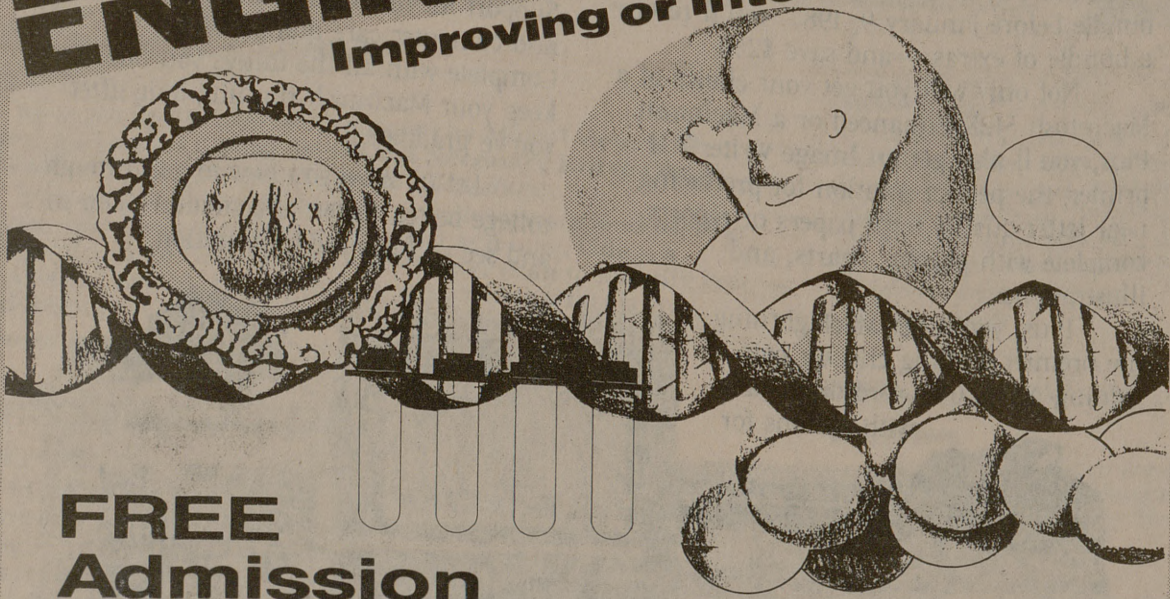
DPS legal counsel Jan Brummett said: "It would be real hard to prosecute unless somebody wholesale bulldozed the side of a road."

Moerbe has contracted a large portion of white and blue to the Douglas King Seed Co., a family-owned business in San Antonio that plans to market quick-sprouting seeds in time for next fall's planting.

Pink bluebonnets are probably more difficult to reproduce, those rare seeds remain in the laboratory.

When the red-white-and-blue centennial flag was finally planted in the San Antonio Botanical Center last year, native reds were used in lieu of the state flower.

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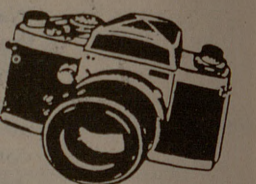
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