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## INS will reveal plan to control immigration

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A comprehensive plan for handling this year's expected influx of more than 100,000 Central Americans in southern Texas will be revealed here Monday by Commissioner Alan Nelson of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, an official said.

The *Brownsville Herald* quoted unidentified government sources Sunday, who said the plan calls for on-the-spot adjudication of asylum claims, beginning Tuesday, and the immediate jailing of denied applicants in existing detention facilities.

The sources told the newspaper the plan supersedes a proposed tent city to house the asylum-seekers.

INS officials, however, declined to reveal what the Justice Department has in the works.

INS officials on Sunday provided U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela of Brownsville with a briefing on the plan, said agency spokesman Virginia Kice.

"We're not going to disclose any details of the plan until we've had an opportunity to brief the judge," Kice said Sunday. "The judge is being briefed this afternoon, and tomorrow morning, (INS) Commissioner Alan Nelson will talk about the plan at a news conference in Brownsville."

The area near the border city of Brownsville, Texas' southernmost city, is where more than 2,000 Central Americans weekly have been crossing the Rio Grande illegally before applying for political asylum.

Judge Vela on Friday ruled that the INS at midnight Monday could return to a policy of restricting asylum seekers to southern Texas while their claims for refugee status are under review. A temporary restraining order prompted by a lawsuit filed against the INS has since Jan. 9 required the agency to allow asylum-seekers to travel on to their intended U.S. destinations to pursue their cases.

The agency on Tuesday regains the authority to restrict travel.

The U.S. government provides asylum to those who can show they are fleeing any of various forms of persecution in their countries. INS officials maintain that most of the Central Americans are here for economic reasons, and therefore do not qualify for political asylum.

During a four-day period ending Saturday evening, INS records show a total of 2,705 people had applied for asylum at the agency's Port Isabel Service Processing Center, a rural detention center where processing was moved Wednesday.

## Bill proposes to establish new work-study program

By Alan Sembera  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis filed legislation earlier this month to establish a college work-study program and a grant program geared toward helping minority students with financial need.

The first part of House Bill 3 would establish the Texas College Work-Study Program, which would encourage employers to hire students with financial need to fill positions related to the student's academic field.

The state would pay 50 percent to 70 percent of the student's wages under the proposal.

"The idea is to get businesses involved in providing employment skills to students while they are in college," Tim Conger, a spokesman for Lewis, said. "The program also would allow students a chance to work their way through college."

The program would require participating students to be Texas residents enrolled in at least six hours during the fall or spring semester in a qualified college. The students also would have to show financial need.

Students receiving an athletic scholarship and students enrolled in a seminary or similar program

would not be eligible under the proposal.

The program would pay 70 percent of the wages of students working for non-profit organizations, and 50 percent of the wages of students working for businesses.

Students working for political or religious employers would not be eligible under the program.

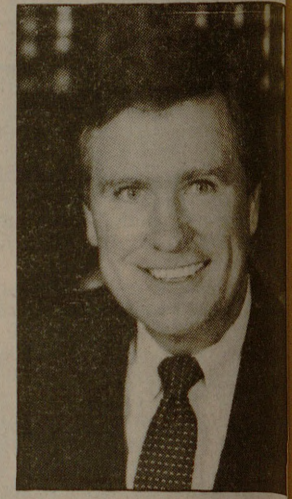
The proposal also stipulates that employers should not be able to use students in the work-study program to fill positions normally filled by full-time employees.

Texas A&M students receive \$600,000 each year under the federal college work-study program. In the federal program, which pays 80 percent of students' wages, participants must work on campus.

The second part of House Bill 3 proposes to set up a grant program aimed at helping minorities and other students with the most financial need.

The amount of the grant would not be more than half the student's unmet financial need after other aid programs are considered. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board would set a maximum grant limit and be responsible for administering other parts of these programs.

If the bill passes, Conger said, the



House Speaker Gib Lewis

programs should have a budget of \$15 million to \$20 million during the first two years.

Conger said he is confident the bill will pass because it has the backing of the house speaker. The earliest the bill could pass is September, he said, but the details of programs still would have to be finalized.

## Compensation hearing to begin in FBI racial discrimination suit

EL PASO (AP) — A federal judge is scheduled to hear testimony this week on how the FBI should change itself and compensate Hispanic agents who successfully sued the bureau in a racial discrimination lawsuit.

The damages portion of the trial is scheduled to last four or five days, starting Tuesday in Midland before U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton.

In the first half of a two-part trial, Bunton ruled last September that the FBI discriminated against Hispanics in job assignments, promotions and working conditions. The suit was filed by Bernardo "Mat" Perez, the agency's No. 2 man in El Paso, and 310 of the bureau's approximately 400 Hispanic agents eventually joined the class-action lawsuit.

After Bunton's ruling, the FBI promised to provide more education for equal employment opportunity specialists — FBI employees who try to solve discrimination complaints internally.

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Bunton ruled the FBI discriminated against Hispanic agents by assigning them too often to monitor Spanish-language wiretaps that could be monitored just as easily by Spanish-speaking Anglo agents or by non-agent language specialists. In response, the FBI proposed hiring at least 30 Spanish-speaking linguists to monitor wiretaps. It proposed bonuses for agents who improve their foreign-language ability.

None of these measures is enough, the plaintiffs' lawyers said late last month before Bunton imposed a gag order. Plaintiffs' attorney Hugo Rodriguez labeled the FBI's proposals "cosmetic and prophylactic" measures to satisfy Bunton.

"We believe the FBI should have certain goals for promotion of Hispanics," he said.

At a forum Saturday before the El Paso Association of Hispanic Journalists, Perez said the plaintiffs are "asking for objectivity" in hiring and promotions.

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Hiring and promotion decisions are made by panels composed mostly of Anglo men, Perez said.

A better method, he said, would be for promotions to be decided solely by objective criteria tests.

The plaintiffs want the FBI to pay bonuses for using their foreign-language abilities instead of paying incentives for learning, not necessarily using, foreign languages.

Under the FBI's foreign-language proposal, an agent entering the bureau at the highest level of pay — a 5 on a grade of 0 to 5 — would not be eligible for any bonuses because he would not be able to demonstrate improvement.

Perez charged that the bureau's subjective, oral Spanish tests are flawed because Hispanic agents score higher than non-Hispanic agents of comparable ability. High scores tend to result in less-desired wiretap assignments, he said.

## Low cholesterol eggs entice health conscious consumers

By Sherri Roberts  
STAFF WRITER

Low cholesterol eggs are the latest product enticing health conscious consumers. However, these eggs are not all they're cracked up to be, said David Mellor, a poultry marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Before eggs can be sold under the label "low cholesterol," they must meet the Food and Drug Administration's standards of the term. In addition, a label listing the number of calories, grams of fat and other nutrient content levels of the eggs must be printed on the package in which they are sold, Mellor said.

Eggs marketed as "low cholesterol" do not meet these requirements, he said.

Mellor said analyses of large eggs indicate they have lower cholesterol levels than they did about 10 years ago. A sampling taken in Fall 1988 showed eggs had 210 milligrams of cholesterol, compared to 274 milligrams of cholesterol in 1976.

The reason for the decreased cholesterol levels has not been pinpointed, he said. However, changes in chicken breeds, feed, and methods of analysis could be factors accounting for the decrease, he said.

The FDA probably will release its cholesterol labeling standards next year, he said, and define "low cholesterol" as about 20 milligrams per serving and "reduced cholesterol" as

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125 to 135 milligrams a serving.

The National Institute of Health recommends that individuals consume no more than 300 milligrams of cholesterol a day.

Pam Hargis, assistant professor of poultry science, said most people are not in danger if they exceed these cholesterol guidelines.

"A lot of individuals have no trouble regulating their blood-cholesterol level," she said.

Experiments in which individuals ate more than three eggs a day indicated that most faced no threatening increases in their blood-cholesterol level, she said.

A certain amount of cholesterol is needed, she said, because it is synthesized to produce hormones, bile acids and membranes.

Fat, rather than cholesterol, is probably the biggest dietary culprit for those who have high blood-cholesterol levels, Hargis said.

Joanne Lupton, assistant professor of animal science, said individuals suffering from high blood-cholesterol should reduce their intake of saturated fats — animal fats which raise the serum cholesterol levels. Unsaturated fats, which are derived from vegetables, are less harmful, she said.

In addition, people with high blood-cholesterol levels should add a source of soluble fiber, such as oat bran or beans to their diet, Lupton said.

## Restaurant Report

By Mia B. Moody  
REPORTER

The restaurants listed below were inspected by the Brazos County Health Department either Jan. 30 or Feb. 2. Information is taken from a food service establishment inspection report.

**SCORED BETWEEN 95 AND 100:**

**Subway Sandwiches and Salads** at 1500 Harvey Rd. was inspected by David Plett. **Score—98.** Two points were subtracted because a can opener was unclean.

**Partners** at 119 Walton Dr. was inspected by David Plett. **Score—97.** Two points were deducted because the vent over the grill needed cleaning. One point was deducted because trays and cups

**SCORED BETWEEN 90 AND 95:**

**Mama's Pizza** at 1037 Texas Ave. was inspected by David Plett. **Score—93.** Two points were deducted because soap and paper towels were missing from a hand sink. Five one-point violations were cited because the storage bin for silverware needed cleaning, ice-scoop handles were in an unclean bin, floors and walls needed repairing and the backyard needed cleaning.

David Jefferson, a registered sanitarian at the department, says restaurants with scores of 95 or above generally have excellent operations and facilities. He says restaurants with scores in the 70s or low 80s usually have serious violations in the health report.

Scores can be misleading, Jefferson says, because restaurants can get the same score by having several minor violations or a few major violations. He says the minor violations can be corrected during the inspection. Point deductions or violations in the report range from one point (minor violations) to five points (major violations).

Jefferson says the department might close a restaurant if the score is below 60, the personnel have infectious diseases, the restaurant lacks adequate refrigeration, there is a sewage backup in the building or the restaurant has a complete lack of sanitization for the food equipment.

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**The Kettle** at 1403 University Dr. was inspected by David Plett. **Score—95.** Two two-point violations were cited because food was on a storage room floor and an ice machine had fungus growing in it. A one-point violation was cited because an ice scoop handle was sticking out of the ice bin.

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