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## Old Ags gather to 'burn Bevo' at barbecue

By Kim McGuire  
The Battalion

When asked about the secret to good barbecue, Frank Abbott, head of the past Texas A&M Parents of the Year barbecue team, tenses.

Is it in the sauce? The meat? The wood? He refuses to say.

Abbott, along with eight other teams, will converge upon The Grove Saturday for the sixth annual Burn Bevo Barbecue and they, most likely, won't be revealing any secrets.

Teams from Beaumont, Houston, Midland, Dallas, Brazos County, Baytown, Canyon Lake, Montgomery County and an assembly of Parents of the Year will be competing for trophies and prizes in best brisket, chili and cook's choice categories.

Robert Allen, Parents' Weekend barbecue subchairman, said the Parents' Weekend Committee will distribute over 1,600 pounds of meat at 6 p.m. Friday. The contestants will cook the meat overnight and begin serving at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

"They really get into it," Allen said. "They'll bring these big trucks and barbecue pits and park them at

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- Frank Abbott, head of past Texas A&M Parents of the Year barbecue team

The Grove and camp out that night. They really cut loose."

Allen said the barbecue committee has eliminated showmanship as an official category and added the cook's choice category in which contestants can bring whatever they want.

"The team from Beaumont usually brings crawfish, and we've been told one team is going to be bringing pheasant," Allen said. "And I think a few of the teams will be bringing sausage for that category."

Despite the elimination of the showmanship category, Allen said the teams get very involved in the presentation of their goods.

"A few of the teams have real elaborate set-ups," Allen said. "The

A&M," Radcliffe said. "They usually die-hard Ags who are going to die to do something for A&M."

Abbott said different people enter the contest for different motives.

"Some of the teams enter barbecue contests across the state and do these kind of things all the time," Abbott said. "I do it for the state body. It's a way to give something back to the University."

Tickets are \$5 and include entrance to one condiment ticket and one meat ticket. Tickets are on sale at the MSC and the Commons Lobby.

Judges for the contest are Robert and Sue Hill, last year's parents of the year; Laura Wilson and Tom Cornett, anchors from KBTX; Brooke Leslie, student body president; Trevor Krause, representative student government and Vanna and Bobby Bell, deejays from KORA.

Allen said the entertainment scheduled to perform are the Long Brothers, a country western act, 11:30 a.m.; the Aggie Wranglers, 1 p.m.; and an act from the MSC Variety Show at 1:30 p.m.

## Honesty the best policy? Brownsville man lists job as 'marijuana carrier'

The Associated Press

VICTORIA — A Brownsville man stopped on a traffic violation must have thought honesty was its own reward, listing his occupation as "marijuana carrier."

Fernando Cortez Garcia, 34, was stopped Tuesday on U.S. Highway 59 north of Victoria.

A routine check showed outstanding warrants from Tampa, Fla., charging Garcia with marijuana possession, resisting arrest and assault on a peace officer, according to an arrest report.

The report, which includes information such as birthdate, marital status, address and Social Security number, lists Garcia's occupation as a self-employed "marijuana carrier."

A Hillsborough County (Fla.) deputy sheriff said Wednesday that Garcia, also known as Alejandro Alfredo Garcia, was wanted for fighting with a deputy who attempted to arrest him on a marijuana possession charge in 1986. She said he will be extradited back to Florida.

The car's driver was not arrested.

### Clarification

Melanie Mack, owner of Java City in Bryan, said her establishment does not promote the activities of the Alternative Sexuality Group, but it does provide an open forum atmosphere that is non-discriminatory. The Battalion regrets the confusion.

## Group requests more funds to protect Galveston Bay

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A state-federal group that conducted a five-year study of Galveston Bay has concluded it needs more money and more time to combat industrial threats to the deteriorating ecosystem.

A plan due for release next week by the Galveston Bay Program in Webster calls for \$2 million a year in state and federal money to keep the program going until additional funds are raised. The plan predicts that money could be used to bait another \$34 million from federal and private programs.

The Galveston Bay Plan states that one of the biggest threats is industrial runoff. About 4 million gallons of oil and grease runoff enters the Galveston Bay estuary system, said Frank Shipley, Galveston Bay Program's director.

The Galveston Bay Program was created five years ago after Congress designated the bay an "estuary of national significance," marking it for cleanup action. The office is funded by both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, with an annual budget of about \$1.5 million.

After years of scientific study, the program has devised a plan to restore and reclaim at least half of the 30,000 acres of wetland habitat that has been lost to pollution since the 1950s.

About 90 percent of fish and shellfish species in the Gulf of Mexico use coastal wetlands for one or more stages in their life cycle, so the loss decreases the overall population.

Other proposals call for improving birds' nesting sites, tax incentives to encourage conservation habitat by private landowners and government acquisition of some habitat areas.

The plan proposes reducing contamination problems, especially bacterial pollutants that enter the bay in storm water runoff.

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**All force entries into these classes are limited.**

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Summer II	June 29 & 30 - Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Fall Semester	August 25 & 26 - Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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