

Making faces



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Six-year-old **Hallie Morrison** of College Station and her mother **Theresa** put together a mask Sunday at the J. Wayne Stark Gallery in the MSC. The two were making the mask as part of a workshop running in conjunction with the gallery's exhibit of Mexican masks.

LULAC set for convention

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Education, civil rights, immigration and issues related to the 2000 census will take center stage this week when the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) holds its 70th annual National Convention and Exposition.

More than 6,000 members of the country's oldest and largest Hispanic organization are expected to attend the convention, which runs through Saturday. LULAC was founded in Corpus Christi in 1929.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of the National Rainbow Coalition, will speak at this year's event. Also on the agenda are Secretary of Education Richard Riley, Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson and Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera.

Friday's national policy summit is expected to be the highlight of the convention. In that forum, panelists will explore issues considered vital to the Hispanic community at the turn of the 21st century.

LULAC spokesperson Ruben Canales told the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* for a story in Sunday's editions that the discussion topics are similar to the

ones important to the founders of the organization but the focus is changing.

For instance, he said Hispanics are no longer fighting for the right to be educated, but are instead to confront educational problems like high dropout rates and teen pregnancy.

"We have to educate people as to why it is important to be counted."

— Mary Helen Salazar
Corpus Christi LULAC

"I see education still as a focus, for different reasons," said. "Somewhere along the educational system lost its focus. LULAC officials said they are concerned with the country's migration problems, civil rights and the lack of Hispanic representation in federal government. The 2000 census is especially important to this year's convention, planning that it is critical for the organization to make sure they are represented. "We have to educate the public why it is important to be counted in the census in order to qualify for money coming into the city."

FBI seeks militias' help

DEW, Texas (AP) — Born out of the destruction of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, a little-noticed program has made strange bedfellows of FBI agents and militia members.

On the orders of FBI Director Louis Freeh and Attorney General Janet Reno, agents in the 56 FBI field offices around the country have been finding ways to reach out to members of militia groups in their local areas.

The program, established after the April 19, 1995 bombing that killed 168 people, has been an open secret with positive results for the nation's top police agency and the militia movement.

"I think you're seeing it throughout the communities, law enforcement trying to reach out and say, 'We're human beings, too,'" FBI spokesperson Bill Crowley said. "The idea we're pushing is that it's not a crime to be a member of the militia, or to be an FBI agent, for that matter."

The FBI has been pleased that many members of the nation's militias are in agreement.

"They are our FBI. We needed to get a face on them," Raymond Smith, a commander with the Texas Freedom Fighters and a member of the National Militia Advisory Board, said. "Our government can't be our enemy. If it is, we're in trouble."

PAYROLL

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Baird said some students expressed concern about computer glitches, but Aggie Credit Union has never had a problem getting University employees their money.

Pam Phillips, manager of operations at First American Bank, said sometimes error occur when information has entered into the system incorrectly, but because the bank just receiving the information the bank cannot correct them.

Robertson said 100 percent of people's reluctance to switch direct deposit is based on misconceptions.

"I am not here to accept but to give credit," Edwards said and thanked the physicians and researchers in the audience.

Edwards extended a special thanks to the CVRI through the partnership he had created between A&M and the Veterans Administration.

"But the ultimate dream of his was to create a world-class research institute here at Texas A&M," Edwards said.

Friedland said supporting the institute was important because of the potential impact research had on the deadly disease.

"Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in Texas," Friedland said. "We need a facility to accommodate research and clinical efforts. It's thrilling to be part of the medical community in Texas at a time so promising."

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"Chet has a lot of himself invested in what we're talking about tonight," Noren said. "If we look at each other in this room, probably every one of us can say we have benefitted in a very personal way from cardiovascular research."

Noren also spoke of the impact former Rep. Olin "Tiger" Teague made on Edwards. Teague created an official relationship between A&M and the Veterans Administration continued by the CVRI.

"The institute can engage in research at a very basic level — at the molecular genetic level — and translate it to a patient's bedside," Noren said.

After a video presentation on the life of Edwards, Michael Friedland, dean of the College of Medicine presented the "A Star for Texas" award to Edwards.

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BY R. DELUNA

DIVERSITY

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Becky Pettit, coordinator for diversity education at Texas A&M, cited the game of "Red Rover" as a metaphor for racial problems at A&M. The game involves two lines of children who hold hands. One line calls for a child from the other line to try to break through their line. If the child does not make it through, they must join that line, but if they do, they return to their original line.

"They invite someone over, but when they get here, there is resentment and hatred that leaves them wondering if they are accepted as an Aggie," she said. "If you invite someone over, your actions should match your invitation."

Rick Turnbough, area coordinator for the Department of Residence Life, said he learned valuable lessons concerning the role of white males in di-

versity, which are often not discussed.

Bill Proudman, keynote speaker for the conference and founder of the Inclusivity Consulting Group Inc., said many white males do not consider diversity to be an important issue and are often opposed to diversity because of what they see as the backlash of minority rights laws.

"White males need to realize that their own ethnicity is as important a contribution to diversity as anyone else's," he said.

Latasha Wilson, activities adviser at the University of Houston, said conferences such as the Texas Higher Education Diversity Conference are needed to aid in the understanding that diversity is not just about ethnicity.

"Diversity is not something that can be written down on a sheet of paper and handed out in classrooms," she said. "It is something that takes effort and experience to understand."

MAINE

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She said his experiences in Kennebunkport cultivated his interests in the environment and his love of fishing, boating and family.

Bush visited his "Summer White House" on Walker's Point 26 times during his presidency. There are 200 action pictures displayed of Bush's family and friends at his summer home.

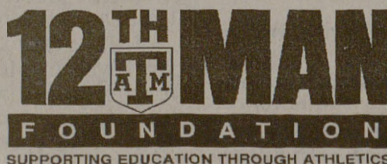
The Brick Store Museum in Maine provided the George Bush Presidential Library with all of the 270 artifacts, paintings, pictures and manuscripts on the history of Maine. The exhibit will be on display until Aug. 9.

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