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## louston liable for Webster's death

United Press International HOUSTON—A \$1.4 million civil damages award to the parents of an unarmed teen-ager shot and killed was armed, subsequent investigations showing he was not and that police had placed a "throw down" gun by his body led to earlier federal ns facing Ten y police officers apparently is the

first verdict to hold a city responsible for brutality by its employees.

The decision handed down Wednesday by the six-member civil court jury delighted the slain youth's parents, who had sued for \$2 million. courts of a City attorney Jim Gardner said he anticipated an appeal.
Randall Alan Webster was 17
when he was shot to death by police-

an Danny H. Mays three years ago ollowing a 100 mph chase in a stolen

Although officers said Webster

gun by his body led to earlier federal civil rights violations convictions.

All officers involved in the case are no longer on the city force. Mays, who declared personal

bankruptcy two weeks ago, was ordered to pay \$1 million of the award; officer John Thomas Olin, who participated in the coverup, was ordered to pay \$200,000; and the city of Houston was directed to pay

A third officer, Norval Wayne Holloway, was exonerated for his part in the death and coverup.
U.S. District Judge George Cire

"I'm tickled to death, not by the money, but because the facts were brought to light," said Webster's father, John Webster of Shreveport,

Webster's attorney, K. Michael Mayes, called the case a landmark because no other city had ever been held responsible for a case of police brutality

After the jury was dismissed, fore-man Raymond Barone said the jurors felt the city must be responsible for the actions of its employees.

Webster stole the van in February 1977 and led police on a 100 mph came out of the van with a gun and fired at officers and that he returned fire and killed the youth. Other officers also swore to that version.

It was determined, however, that

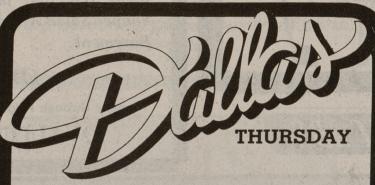
Webster was unarmed when he got

out of the van and that Mays actually

stepped up to the youth to pistol

head, killing the youth. Mays initially claimed Webster In the federal civil rights violations

trial, testimony showed the officers agreed to place a "throw down" gun a .22-caliber revolver taken from the police property room — by Webster's body to justify the shooting. Mays and Holloway were convicted of perjury and conspiracy in



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## Computer cuts energy bills

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DALLAS — Texas schools could
out their energy bills by 15 to 30
percent and save up to \$23 million a - money that could be better iminal Appa year — money that could be better used in the classroom — by buying to a computer system, a study

shows.
The study, released Tuesday by earings or Honeywell's Energy Management the states occur by "tying into" an existing computer system that regulates heating, lighting and air conditionall nine me ing for 80 buildings in Texas.

"The shared computer service can The shared computer service can be paid for out of fuel savings with no drain on operating or capital budgets," a Honeywell spokesman said. "The system is linked to a school by telephone lines and operates chillers, lights, boilers, motors, pumps and fans at peak efficiency in each building it controls."

Under the system, schools are spared the high cost of purchasing individual computers because they hare the services of one central ergy-control computer and its rators. One of the computer conol centers is located in Dallas and nother in Houston

Roger N. Schmidt, spokesman for from the Information Center in Dallas, jected total annual energy cost ngs in all Texas elementary and ndary schools as \$11.6 million to

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One "typical working example" ited in the report was Brazoswood hool in Clute about 50 miles south Houston. The school was audited 1979 and again in 1980, after in-

control system. In the first eight months, the report said, gas consumption fell 48 percent and electricity use dropped 36 percent, for a combined savings of \$63,000 during one of the hottest summers in Texas. The school has

It cost almost \$36,000 to install

school and link them to the computer system. The first-year fee for use of the computer was \$35,000, giving a total first-year expense of almost

The study said, however, "The system will pay for itself in nine months with \$23,642 in energy sav-ings to spare in the first year."

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