

Aide says renewal unwanted

# TSU contract 'unnecessary'

United Press International  
HOUSTON — A high-ranking aide to Gov. Mark White told three Texas Southern University regents the governor does not want them to renew TSU president Leonard Spearman's contract, a Houston newspaper reported Tuesday.

him not to renew Spearman's contract. But Beck did not say White wanted to oust Spearman. Beck is White's special assistant for internal affairs and head of the governor's Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

care to discuss them further. However, he did not dispute the publicized versions of the conversations.

The governor's spokeswoman, Ann Arnold, said White does not want Spearman to have a contract because it is unnecessary.

was concerned about why it would be handled differently at TSU," Arnold said.

Spearman's appointment was supported by former Gov. Bill Clements in August 1980, and Spearman's wife was an active supporter of the former Republican governor.

# M.D. disputes stroke claim

United Press International  
DALLAS — A neurologist testifying at Sheriff Don Byrd's drunken driving trial disputed a defense claim that Byrd suf-

ferred a mild heart attack before his traffic accident in April.

Byrd's lengthy trial has become a battle between medical experts.

Dr. Kenneth Pool, a prosecution rebuttal witness, said Monday he found no evidence of medical problems that the sheriff's attorneys contend caused Byrd to crash his car into the base of a traffic signal.

personal physician, Dr. Maynard F. Ewton, said he believed Byrd suffered a mild stroke before the April 17 accident.

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Pool said Byrd's medical records, even while ignoring a disputed blood test, showed possibly heavy alcohol consumption before the accident.

Ewton said he considered the blood test, which showed a blood-alcohol level nearly twice the legal limit of intoxication, not "medically relevant" to his treatment of the sheriff.

Hospital records showed that Byrd suffered temporary liver damage and had a low level of sugar in his urine that might have been caused by alcohol consumption before the accident in the posh suburb of University Park.

Ewton said he suspected Byrd suffered a mild stroke when Byrd complained of inappropriate mood swings, amnesia, sleeplessness, depression and weakness two weeks after the accident.

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But Pool said Byrd could not have exhibited symptoms of a mild stroke for more than 24 hours.



Anybody home?

Howard Hunt, a graduate wildlife and fisheries student, checks a sampling bag for invertebrates in a research project.

# Child could live if liver acceptable

United Press International  
MINNEAPOLIS — A team of University of Minnesota doctors planned to fly to Denver Tuesday to find out whether the liver of a boy, 3, who drowned can be used in a transplant to save the life of another child.

one of the children who are waiting.

But a university spokesman and Ashley's parents said the liver probably will be too large for Ashley, who weighs only 11 pounds.

Several children suffering from liver diseases waited for possible transplants at the University Hospitals, including 11-month-old Ashley Bailey of Clyde, who is in critical condition and has little time to live without a new liver.

The Denver boy, Chris Cross, was found floating face down in a swimming pool in Thornton Monday and died in Denver's Children's Hospital.

Dr. Nancy Ascher, who headed the team flying to Denver, said there is a possibility the Denver child's liver will be acceptable for a transplant for

"We do not know if the donor is acceptable yet," the University News Service quoted Ascher.

Ashley has been deteriorating in recent days and now seems to be eating less and not sleeping well, said her mother, Annette Bailey Gossett. She is expected to live only a few weeks unless she gets a new liver.

# Chrysler is 'optimistic' agreement will occur

United Press International  
DETROIT — Chrysler Corp. said Tuesday it was optimistic an agreement could be reached on the demand by the United Auto Workers for a share of the firm's newfound profits for 47,100 U.S. workers.

Miner would not elaborate on the firm's response to the union's bid for an immediate \$1 an hour raise for Chrysler workers.

UAW President Owen Bieber said Chrysler told the union not to be misled by its record second-quarter profit and loan repayment announcements.

fit in the first quarter.

Chrysler workers can make \$2 an hour less than counterparts at the other Three automakers. They are seeking an immediate wage plus parity with those workers by the end of a new contract.

Chrysler Vice President Thomas Miner told an impromptu news conference he does not know "if it's possible or not" to meet the union's 5 p.m. Wednesday deadline for completion of the talks.

Talks also opened Monday in Toronto on a similar wage hike demand by the Canadian UAW, which represents 9,600 workers at Chrysler Canada. Concurrent but separate one-year pacts covering the Chrysler workers expire in January, and talks normally would begin in November.

Bieber said parity has been achieved solely through increases — not through a combination of wage hikes and profit sharing, as some union officials indicated.

However, he said there was optimism an agreement could be reached.

The early negotiations were prompted by Chrysler's announcement of its plans next month to pay off the remainder of \$1.2 billion borrowed three years ago to avoid bankruptcy.

Bieber, who is leading first negotiations since his election in May as head of the 1.5 million-member union, thinks the Wednesday deadline can be met.

Miner said Chrysler bargainers tried to dispel expectations Monday that the firm, which recently announced plans to repay its federally-backed loans, has an unending supply of money.

"We tried to dispel that notion," Miner said. "I don't know whether we did, but common sense could tell you that, and I think there's a realization that there's an end to it."

Chrysler last week also announced a record \$310.3 million profit for the second quarter. This came on top of a previous record \$172.1 million profit

The union's Wednesday deadline for completion of talks is to enable the Chrysler Council to agree to the rank-and-file proposal.

# Firebombing suspect served with two arson indictments

United Press International  
FRANKLIN — A Robertson County grand jury handed down two arson indictments against a Houston man, 34, for the July 5 fires that damaged

seven Central Texas religious meeting places.

Norris Eugene Moss, who initially said he was Jesus Christ and Julius Caesar and predicted that Pope John Paul II would arrange for his release on bond, was indicted Monday. He has ceased telling people he is historical figures.

used to meet, and the Baptist Church. He has been jailed since July 6 when arson investigators arrested and returned him to Cameron. Bond has been set at \$200,000.

He's not talking anymore," said Milam County Sheriff Leroy Broadus. "We've tried, but we're not having any luck. It's the same as it's been since we arrested him."

Four more cases against Moss will be presented to a County grand jury for charges involving Molotov cocktails, flammable liquids in bottles. Churches in rural areas where Moss grew up burned July 4, county officials said.

No charges have been filed in the cases in Brazos County.

Moss, a used car salesman, was charged with the firebombings of a Masonic Lodge in Hearne, where church groups

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