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Busline workers Day-care changes endorsed o 'walk away'

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reyhound workers are planng a massive "walk away" om their jobs Monday as art of a nationwide "show of orce" by the union, a local hairman of the Amalga-nated Transit Union said hursday

Greyhound Lines Inc., fficials have told strikers they they intend to work. If not, company says it will hire placements and be back in eration on a limited basis by e middle of next week. The strike by 12,500 work-

s, including 80 in El Paso, atered its eighth day Thursagainst one of the nation's

after employees refused a son of Phoenix, Ariz. nefits.

on, said very few strikers in federal court, he said.

are expected to go back to work without a contract settlement

"We plan to get our entire membership down at the sta-

tion Monday morning to show our force," Jeser said. "Then we plan at about 10 minutes after 12 noon just to turn around and walk away from them, to tell them that we don't need them."

Jeser said "walk-aways" are being planned for every Greyhound station in the nation. The action is to be peaceful, he said.

Two national union officials are expected to be in El Paso Friday night for a meeting with strikers, Jeser said. They are Ray Golden of Kangest transportation firms. They are Ray Golden of Kan-The strike began Nov. 2 sas City, Mo., and Gary Atkin-

Union executive E B. mpany proposal that in-uded a 9.5 percent cut in ages and additional cuts in company's decision to cut insurance benefits to 6,000 Greyhound spokeswoman slie White said many strik- the strike. The benefits were accepted the offer. Tom restored when the union ser, a local chairman of the threatened to sue Greyhound

AUSTIN — The quality of child day-care centers could be improved if they were placed under jurisdiction of the Texas Education Agency, a teachers union official says. Testifying before a House

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study committee on Thursday, John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said the Legislature should provide full funding for the state's kindergarten programs.

Jail cook faces pot charges

United Press International EL PASO — Jail cook Gilberto Tapia has been arrested on charges he smuggled marijuana into the county jail.

El Paso County Sheriff Mike Davis said he is questioning Tapia, 30, to find out if "this was a profit-making venture." The cook was arrested when he came to work on the noon shift. Sheriff's deputies said they had been investigating Tapia for

more than two weeks.

Cole said that TEA, rather than the state welfare agency, would be better equipped to reg-

ulate day-care centers. "Public schools presently function in the pre-school arena in kindergarten, early childhood classes, Head Start and certain other programs," he said.

'Requirements for child-staff ratios, facilities, curriculum and other such activities exist, and could easily be applied to child care facilities.'

fers as long as salaries are low.

"Moreover, screening out the incompetent worker will always be difficult as long as the industry relies upon minimum wage level employees," he said.

Cole said he endorses stricter licensing standards for day-care centers

"We read only occasionally of cases where day-care personnel

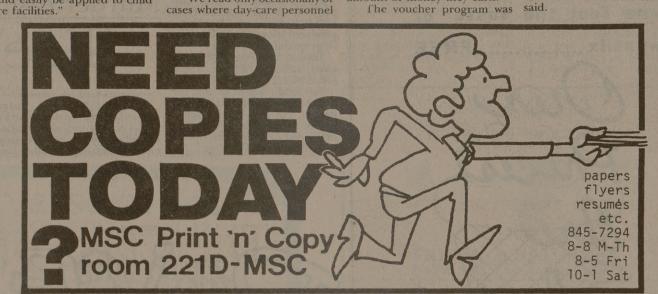
Mary Young, director of the Austin Family Center, said she advocates a voucher program where parents would receive a subsidy from their employee or from the substance of the divorce rate, the number pay child care costs.

Under such a program, she said, parents would pay on a slid-ing scale that is tied to the for all families work and we amount of money they earn.

Cole also said day-care facili-ties will continue to have a diffi-cult time hiring qualified staf-Women

from the government to help of one-parent families and the number of two wage-earner

need affordable child care," she



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Dil boat sinks iear rig, 6 lost

pany crew boat with six peoboard sank 10 miles off enter the sunken vessel. orda Island early Thurs-

t. Commander James J enik of the Coast Guard the 155-foot Laverne Choust. ert was owned by Gulf Inational, based in Houma,

Brokenik said the boat, which nner, sank sometime after said ight Thursday near an oil perated by Amoco. he Coast Guard and Navy

aided in the search, and Gulf In-United Press International aided in the search, and Gulf In-DRPUS CHRISTI — An oil ternational brought company divers to the scene, reportedly to

Brokenik said the boat sank nd rescuers have found no in 60 feet of water, and its bow was discovered protruding above the surface early Thursday by another vessel, the K.C.

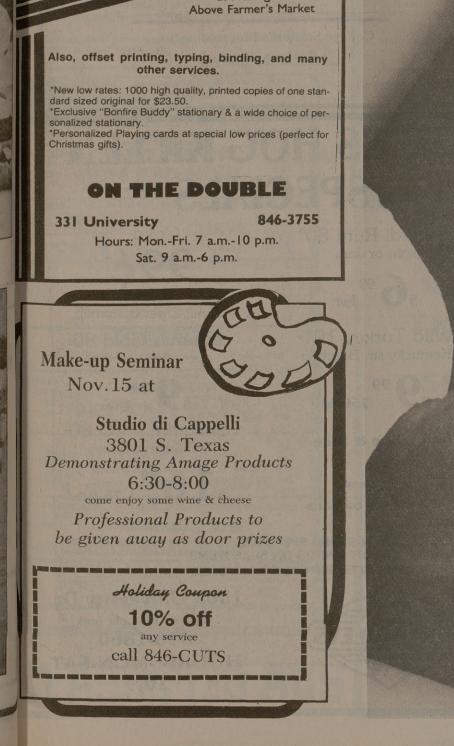
Crew members on the Choust reported seeing a survivor cling-ing to the sunken vessel, but he slipped below the surface before dispatched out of Port they could reach him, Brokenik

The Coast Guard received its first report of the missing boat at 7:58 a.m. Thursday, but it was tched rescue vessels and not known when it sank. Compters to search for survi- munications between the boat he said. ivilian helicopters also and the rig were lost just after midnight, he said.

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