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Rod Zeimer, an agriculture economics professor, readies to be hit - all for the sake of charity. The entire Agricultural Economics

department volunteers each year to raise money for a needy family in the Bryan-**College Station area.**

3-year-old needing liver described as a 'fighter'

United Press International DALLAS — Jonathon Leh-man is doing well after surgery to relieve a painful side effect of his chronic liver disease, the 3year-old's mother said Thursday, and should be back with his

family next week. Since birth Jonathon has suf-fered from bilary atresia — a blockage that prevents bile from - and will die before reaching adulthood if he cannot have a liver transplant.

When he was just a few months old Jonathon had a kasai, a surgical procedure that passed a tube from his liver to his intestines. But that caused con-stant, painful itching all over his body that medication could not Transplant surgery costs \$150,000 and the university medical center requires an intestines. But that caused conrelieve.

Surgeons at Childrens Medical Center in Dallas Wednesday performed a revi-sion of the bilary bypass that will now send bile from his liver into a bag and relieve his itching. "We're sure he'll be able to

come home next week," Darlene Seguin Lehman said Thursday in a telephone interview

"He's a real fighter. He's get-ting to the age where he's won-dering what's going on." Jonathon is on the transplant

waiting list at the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in Memphis, but the biggest problem is find-

ing a donor. "The doctors in Memphis are very optimistic," Lehman said. "It shouldn't be too long. He's a good size.

The Memphis transplant team requires that a child weigh at least 20 pounds. Jonathon in the past month had stopped growing at 17 pounds, another factor in his hospitalization and surgery this week, but he already is up to 18 pounds and his mother believes he will continue to put on weight.

\$80,000 deposit to put a child on its list. Lehman said donations reached that level a couple of weeks ago and are still coming in, especially from her home-town of Brownsville.

Schepps Dairy Inc., a Dallas business known for its charitable contributions, has promised to arrange charter air transporta-tion to Memphis when the Lehman family gets the word on a donor

Jon Lehman markets video games for a living, but Mrs. Lehman, who is working on her mas-ter's thesis in art education from Texas Woman's University, mostly is tied to their home in Irving, a Dallas suburb, while caring for Jonathon and 14-month-old Joshua.

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United Press International WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah A mafia of Vietnamese re-big to be a statement of the past year can't be disclosed. He said he could give not gees, including some from orth Vietnam, has been inved in grisly and brutal murrs, threats and extortion inst other refugees in weststates, a policeman says.

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Detective Ron Edwards said "Vietnam mafia" is active m the West Coast through Mountain West and into

But Edwards, speaking to a ent conference of Western d Pacific Association of Criinal Justice Educators, said Vietnamese nationals and uch of the information oriental refugees, he said

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names, dates or specific cities or areas involved because the in-

vestigation is continuing. Edwards said he was asked to talk about the new organized crime group because it has re-ceived little attention and law enforcement officers need to be more aware of its activities.

He said he has been asked to appear before a California grand jury investigating the organization.

Most of the group's activity in-volves extortion of money from Vietnamese nationals and other

Victims are ordered to pay money under the guise that it He said he could give not mes, dates or specific cities or eas involved because the in-tigation is continuing. How the second the guide that it free South Vietnam from the communists, Edwards said. If the money isn't paid, the victim is shot, he said.

At least four Vietnamese men have been coming to Utah from California to extort money from local refugees, he said. He said the local refugees are scared to death

Edwards also said he said he has received threats because of the investigation.

The investigation indicates some of those involved are from Hanoi in North Vietnam, suggesting ties to the communists, he said.





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BEAUMONT — The driver

truck rear-ended by a Trail-

s bus in a six-fatality accident

ed a \$3 million federal lawsuit

Attorney Joe Tonahill filed e petition in U.S. District art Wednesday on behalf of chard Garcia of Livingston, ere the collision occurred in arly the morning of Nov. 30.

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The suit charged the bus mpany failed to provide propy for the safety of its passen-

It also charges the bus driver, id Donni Edward Perry, 37, who remains ospitalized in Houston with inries he suffered in the acci-

a whiplash injury, the full extent of which is not known. Tonahill said Garcia he cannot work because of the injury and is under a doctor's care.

dent, was driving too fast to con-

trol the vehicle. A federal investigation has

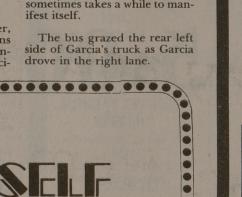
not indicated why the bus slam-med into the flatbed truck on a

four-land divided highway and

I onahill said Garcia suffered

fell off a bridge.

He had a whiplash. He was hit pretty hard from the rear. It injured his neck and his spine," Tonahill said. "We don't know yet how bad his injuries are. It sometimes takes a while to man-



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