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Investigators review scene

of bus crash

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BEAUMONT (AP) - Eleven people, including a 15-month-old girl, remained hospitalized Tuesday as investigators studied an accident between a Trailways bus and a tractor-trailer that killed six people.

Officials with the National Transportation Safety Board were at the scene on Interstate 10 where the bus and trailer collided Monday af-

At this time, the NTSB is in Beaumont and we have our safety professionals on the site," Trailways spokesman Tom Kissell said.

NTSB spokesman Mike Benson said six investigators would spend at least three to five days reviewing the scene and wreckage

A final report will probably be issued in six months, he said.

Among those killed was the bus driver, Jesse Carroll, 44, of Le-

road record," Kissell said of the 15year veteran bus driver. The driver of the truck and a passenger with him were among the in-

'He's had an excellent on-the-

The bus had just left the downtown Beaumont station early Monday afternoon in a rainstorm and

was heading for Houston. The bus was about 85 miles west along Interstate 10 when a moving van veered across the grass median and collided Tranae Chardon, 22, of Houston,

said, "I remember just seeing all the chairs go to the front and I climbed over and started helping everybody . telling them to calm down and trying to pull people out."

Chardon was a passenger seated in the middle of the bus.

The impact tore off the front half of the bus and split the right side, leaving a trail of debris and mangled bodies along the highway

Other passengers killed in the accident were identified as Demetrio Arrendondo, Palmetto, Fla.; Elizabeth Bradfute, Austin; Imogene Shepard, Beaumont; Harry Dowsett, Basildon Essex, England and Katharine Dowsett, also of Basildon Essex, said Lisa Sheffield, a Beaumont police disptacher.

The bus carried 27 passengers and the driver, Kissell said,

The bus had left New Orleans about 7 a.m. and stopped in Lake Charles, La., before arriving in

In Advance

Faculty to be honored in ceremony

By Clark Miller

Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver will give a State of the University address and plans for an on-campus faculty club will be announced during the faculty distinguished achievement awards ceremony Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Dr. Samuel Black, speaker of the Faculty Senate, is expected to announce the status of the faculty club plan, which has been in the works for about a year and a half.

The club would offer dining facilities and a bar for faculty and would probably be located on the 11th floor of Rudder Tower. The plan has already received

tentative approval from Board of Regents and Vandie and a group of faculty and ministrators working on the Services has received the results of a An vev mailed out to faculty in rested to

excellence in teaching, reservention, student relations staff/administration for the ly found in 87 school year.

Mike Sims, former stud body president, will also se

during the event. The ceremony will cond with the Association of For-Students presentation of ava to distinguished faculty and at A&M. Eighteen awards \$4,000 each will be presented

Ambassador to speak at graduation that a

By Mary-Lynne Rice Staff Writer

Jorge Espinosa de los Reyes, Mexico's ambassador to the United States, will speak at the Texas A&M commencement ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Friday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Nearly 3,000 A&M students will receive degrees this weekend in three ceremonies and more than 100 cadets will be commis-

De los Reyes, ambassador since 1983, will address undergraduate degree candidates from the colleges of engineering, science and veterinary medicine.

A 1944 economics graduate of the National University of Mexico, he holds a graduate degree from the University of London and an honorary degree from the University of New Mexico.

He has taught economics at the National University of Mexico, the Technologic Institute of Mexico, the Center for Latin American Monetary Studies and the National Polytechnic Institute.

Commissioning ceremonies for more than 100 cadets will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the coliseum. Lieutenant General John A. Shaud, commander of the Air Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, will be the featured speaker for the commissioning and Final Review will follow at 3:15 p.m. at Simpson Drill Field.

Distinguished Alumnus Awards will be presented at 2

p.m. Friday at the cerer degree candidates from leges of agriculture, and geosciences and at 9 a.m.s urday for undergraduate the colleges of architectu environmental design,

administration and liberal an Selected to receive the av are Jack G. Fritts of Austin, chel G. Maltz and Jack M. Rec of Houston and E.M. "Mario Rosenthal of Fort Worth.

The Distinguished Alum chosen by an anonymous comp the Gar tee, are to be honored fort 'I don't Misso professional attainment, impil tional qualities, renown ws confe achievements, demonstrated "And w alty and participation," as le among nomination qualificati

Fritts, Class of '53, is a for president of the Association Former Students and origin of the candlelight Muster alay that H mony, Weirus Spirit Awards an gram, Lipscomb Anderson Rice at hi petual Ring Program and Takice is a 2 Aggie Credit Union.

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Lobbyists fight against measure to legalize handguns in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Although con- carry handguns on the street, which Texans to join together to will ceding they aren't as powerful as the rival National Rifle Association, members of a national lobbying group vowed Tuesday to fight to

keep guns out of Texans' hands.
"The political issue is not just numbers, it's numbers and clout," said N.T. "Pete" Shields, chairman of Handgun Control Inc., a Washington-based group claiming 250,000 members.

Measures before the Texas Legislature would allow some people to

Shields was joined at a press conference by Fran Lipsie of Dallas, mother of a 22-year-old man who killed himself one day after buying a handgun. Lipsie said her son had been hospitalized for mental illness before dying last year.

"I am here today to urge my fellow

stronger handgun laws. Lipsie promised an intensive bying campaign against me n contract proposed by Sen. Kenneth Amomy have

ter, D-Victoria, and Rep. Ron son, D-Houston. Shields said the group's prior the "Sarah Brady Bill" before

"The easy access he had to the handgun made it a fast and effective way for him to end his life," she said.

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