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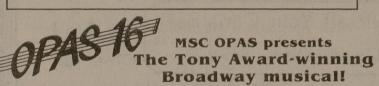
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Hance: OPEC could boost Texas economy

AUSTIN (AP) — The new production agreement by OPEC oil ministers will be a "big plus" in helping to turn around the Texas economy, state Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance said Monday.

Hance said if the agreement not been reached, the 1989 Legislature would had have to consider raising

"This is certainly good news, not only for the goveror's office but other state officials in . . . Texas, in-cluding the representatives and senators. It takes a lot of the heat off of them in the next legislative session,"

Another commissioner, John Sharp, said, "The recent see-saw deliberations of OPL Only show how powerless this country is to control its own energy future."

'The American economy as well as the Texas energy economy are held hostage to a handful of foreign oil ministers unless and until we take control of our own destiny either through an oil import fee, a floor price for imported oil, or we displace foreign oil with America's fuel, natu-ral gas," Sharp said in a statement.

Hance spent a week recently at the meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna, Austria, and predicted Monday the accord to sharply cut O EC production "will have a positive effect on the economy of

He told a news conference his third OPEC meeting included visits with oil ministers from eight of the

At Vienna, all 13 members of the cartel signed the accord, which sets a target price of \$18 a barrel, although crude has been selling at \$14 a barrel

Analysts have said the agreement, which runs for six months from Jan. 1, could send crude prices climbing by \$1 or \$2 a barrel. Each \$1 rise in the price of crude oil theoretically means an increase of 2.5 cents a gallon in retail gasoline prices, although oil companies do not always pass along the full increase.

Hance said he did not believe gas

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Misconduct trial nears for state health agency

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Irene Little, 44, is seeking at least \$200,000 in damages after alleging

\$200,000 in damages after alleging that she was demoted for blowing the whistle on top officials.

Little's lawsuit alleges the job switch was retaliation for her discussions with several state legislators, The Dec. 5 trial in Travis County
District Court is expected to raise questions about department actions that are the target of several government investigations.

Including Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, about agency activities that she believed were unlawful or questionable.

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 Allowing private, for-protection receive both state money and Medicaid money when federal prohibits using two sources of fur

for the same purpose.

• Awarding agency contracts for community homes to a number of former agency employees, and in least one case to a man still working for the agency.

The suit alleges that Little's job change abridged her right to trus-fully and accurately communicate garding the department's prograt and operations, as guaranteed by Texas Whistle Blowers Act and the U.S. Constitution's guarantees

Austin lawyer Mark Perlmutter who represents Little, said she had received excellent performance eva uations in her previous job. He st the department sought to fill the islative liason job within 2.5 month of her transfer.

Hispanics win damages from FBI EL PASO (AP) — Attorneys for ispanic FBI agents who successfully sued the agency in a class-ac-

Hispanic FBI agents who successfully sued the agency in a class-action racial discrimination case said Monday they want to devise a formula to determine damage payments, but the bureau wants damages to be decided case by case.

The 311 Hispanic agents argued successfully this summer that the FBI discriminated against them in job conditions, assignments and pro-

Now U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton has the task of deciding what should be done to remedy the

fore Bunton, the FBI proposed having each plaintiff fill out a long form help determine whether they should get back pay and how much.

But the plaintiffs, represented by attorneys Hugo Rodriguez and An-tonio Silva, said they want a formula to determine how much front and back pay each plaintiff should get.

The formula would take into account tenure, grade and salary.

Bunton ruled in September that the FBI had discriminated against

Hispanic agents.

The decision came a month after the end of a two-week, non-jury

The class-action suit was filed in January 1987 by Bernardo Matias "Mat" Perez, the second-in-command in the El Paso office and at the

taking and monitoring in-house discrimination complaints by training counselors better and placing the equal employment opportunity office under the supervision of an executive assistant FBI director.

The FBI also promised to hire at least 30 Spanish-speaking linguists to monitor wiretaps and to pay agents bonuses for improving foreign-language fluency.

They contended that non-Hispanic agents who spoke Spanish were given better assignments.

Crime documentary causes convict to ask for new trial

Randall Dale Adams will be in court Wednesday to argue that the protagonist of the documentary "The Thin Blue Line" should be given a new and fair — trial.

Convicted nine years ago of the 1976 murder of Dallas police officer Robert Wood, Adams was sentenced to death for the slaying. His sentence

later was commuted to life in prison.

But doubts about Adams' guilt have never disappeared, and they were fueled recently by the Errol Morris movie "The Thin Blue Line," which was based on the case.

"The Thin Blue Line" suggests that police and prosecutors virtually fied against Adams, including key framed Adams by suppressing evi-

In the Wednesday hearing, Adams' attorney, Randy Schaffer, will be focusing on matters of law more so than matters of fact. He contends that Adams did not receive a fair trial, largely because prosecutors did not turn over documents favorable to the defense, as required by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Schaffer said he plans to use evidence generated in the making of the film in his client's hearing Wednesday before state District Judge Larry Baraka in Dallas.

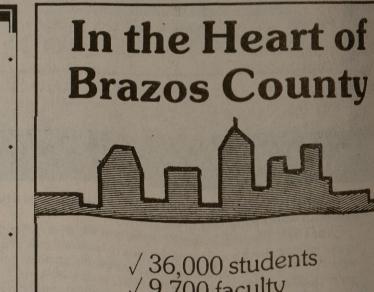
Schaffer said he will question the credibility of five witnesses who testiwitness David Ray Harris. Harris dence of his innocence and using originally testifed that Adams shot

riding together in a stolen car. But Harris now claims that Ada was not even in the car when the

"David Harris has essentially mitted in the past month that committed the capital murder Dallas police officer Robert Wood Schaffer wrote in his application a writ of habeas corpus, which would bring the case to court again. "(A ams) has been incarcerated for most 12 years for an offense which he did not commit.

Schaffer is asking Baraka to mommend a new trial and Adams'n lease pending the trial.





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