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Post office hiring policies questioned by U.S. Rep. Leland

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas con-gressman has asked for a review of hiring practices at the Dallas post of-

fice. U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, the Houston Democrat who leads the House subcommittee on postal oper-ations and services, said he is concerned too few Hispanics are work-ing in the Dallas division of the U.S. Postal Service.

"I would appreciate your reviewing this matter and contacting me with your findings," Leland wrote in a letter to Postmaster General Anthony Frank.

Ralph Stewart, a spokesman for Frank, said, "We are in the process of responding to the congressman."

While acknowledging that their percentage of Hispanic employees is below that in the available work-force, postal officials defend their affirmative action efforts. And they say the disparity is caused by the small number of Hispanics who ap-ply to post office jobs compared with

"I think we do a good job of re-cruitment," said Primo Marquez, director of human resources in the Dallas division. Leland became concerned that the division might be hiring Hispan-ics at a rate below their proportion of the available workforce after U.S. Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, pro-duced the agency's hiring statistics.

Anglos and blacks.

Of the 10,929 division workers, 758, or 6.9 percent, are Hispanic, according to statistics. But to reach parity with the Dallas County labor force and comply with its own affir-mative action plan, the Dallas divi-sion would need to employ at least 961 Hispanics, or 8.8 percent of its workforce

"We have heard of (hiring) complaints in Dallas and of similar complaints in Houston, and that's enough to at least suggest that certainly the postmaster general ought to look into it," Carlton Carl, spokesman for Bryant said.

Clements sets record for number of vetoes in term

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements, wrapping up work on bills passed by the 1989 Legislature, has set a new record for vetoing legislation

Clements vetoed a total of 55 bills from this session for a total of 179 vetoes during his two terms in office — 1979-1983 and 1986 to the present, according to legislative records. Those vetoes broke the record of 117 by Gov. Dan Moody, who served

from 1927 to 1931. But Clements also signed 1,263 bills from the 1989 Legislature -

ranging from requiring that motor-cycle riders wear helmets to a record state budget.

Clements ended the bill spree by Sunday night's deadline, vetoing a proposal that would have given debtors more protection on foreclosed property

developers in the closing days of the session that ended May 29. Real estate interests had sought to

make it more difficult for lenders to recover their losses on delinquent loans

Under current law, the price paid at the foreclosure auction establishes the "fair market value" for the property and the lender can demand pay-ment from the debtor on the outstanding loan balance.

The Legislature passed a compro-mise plan that would have allowed the lender to foreclose, but the borrower would have had the right to go to court to receive a determination of the property's value and the amount of the outstanding loan bal-ance. The difference in these two prices is called the deficiency.

Clements vetoed the bill saying it The legislation produced a major would have resulted in numerous controversy between bankers and lawsuits.

Soviet doctors' skills **impress Texas medic**

GALVESTON (AP) — A Texas burn specialist who helped treat victims of a Soviet train disaster said he was awed by the wave of injuries but

Herndon's six-member team was one of three American groups sent to the Soviet Union by the U.S. State Department after the June 4 explo-





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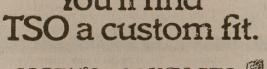
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TEXAS STATE OPTICAL 216 N. Main Bryan - 779-2786 Post Oak Mail College Station-764-0010 impressed by the Soviets' reaction to the victims.

"We were extremely impressed with their technical abilities and their compassion and drive in such an adverse circumstance," said Dr. David Herndon, chief of staff at the Shriners Burns Institute and a professor of surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

'The facilities in fact were quite good and the physicians were quite good, but the number of patients was quite huge for any one team to be able to undertake."

Herndon said he was surprised to see successful treatment techniques that differed markedly from American procedures. "We really were impressed with

the Soviets' openness, the way they allowed us in and shared ideas with-out any hesitancy or distrust," he

WHAT'S UP

Tuesday

TAMU SAILING TEAM: will meet at 8 p.m. in 104 Zachry. New members are

CO-OP STUDENT ORGANIZATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry to plan summer activities and to eat pizza. For more information contact Angela at 693-6131.

Wednesday

TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 118 Civil Engineering Building. Ed Barron will speak about "Habitat Management of the Red Cockaded Woodpecker". For more information contact Geoff Smith at

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at noon. For more information contact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. For more information con-tact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

GAY STUDENT SERVICES: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder. For more information contact Terry at 823-2877

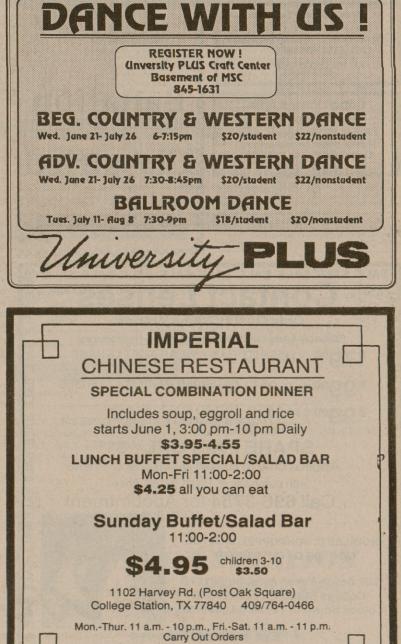
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sion involving two passenger trains. At least 650 people died and 700 others were injured in the explosion, which was caused when a gas line exploded, blasting two nearby trains. The accident occurred in a remote area near Ufa in the Urals region. Herndon said he was sent to Ufa,

where he encountered a large number of burn victims, including 160 children. Herndon, who also has traveled to

Mexico and Panama after various crises and served educational missions in several others, said he got off to a false start when the Soviet government rescinded its request for his original medical team as it was boarding a plane in Washington. The next day, he said, after he

had returned to Galveston, the Soviets placed another request for a team specializing in children's burns.



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