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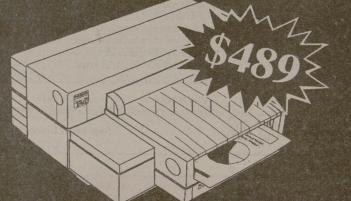
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Tuesday, February 15

Toll-free phone lines cost state thousands

The Associated Press

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AUSTIN - About 250 toll-free numbers operated by the state are taking a toll on Texas because many of them are rarely used, according

to a newspaper report.
The Austin American-Statesman said Monday that of the state's 250 toll-free lines, almost 100 are operated by health and human service agencies with only a handful of calls coming in

"This happened for the very best of reasons, but it's reached the point now where it doesn't make sense," said Saralee Tiede, deputy health and human services commissioner.

"We've got a system that's not very coherent and certainly not user-friendly," Ms. Tiede said. "It's not a service at this point because it's so

Officials are now questioning the usefulness of many of the lines and are devising ways to

A toll-free number operated by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission this month carried a recording announcing a July 16, 1993, deadline to submit community correction plans as well as a notice about a conference on sex offenders from last July.

The General Services Commission estimates that consolidation of the health and human service agency toll-free numbers into a single matic call distribution center would \$661,873 annually.

The annual cost for the lines, not ind the personnel who answer them, is about million, the American-Statesman reported

General Services Commission offici there was no estimate available on the operating all the state government to numbers because not all state agend

through the commission to set up a line. The Health and Human Services Con sion is reviewing how to consolidate numbers operated by the 12 agencies its purview.

Campus News Briefs

A&M chemistry professor wins award from Swiss chemical organization

Dr. F. Albert Cotton will receive the 1994 Paracelsus Prize April 15 in Neuchatel, Switzer-

Cotton is the W. T. Doherty-Welch Foundation Distinguished Professor of chemistry and director of the Laboratory for Molecular Structure and Bonding at Texas A&M.

The Paracelsus Prize is the highest award of the New Swiss Chemical Society.

Corps vs. fraternity hoops game scheduled for Wednesday night

The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets-Fraternity Basketball Game will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The A&M men's basketball team will play University of Houston after this game. Admission is free before 5:30 p.m.

Former engineering dean chosen as vice chancellor for strategic programs

Dr. K. L. Peddicord has been appointed associate vice chancellor for strategic programs for the Texas A&M University System effective Feb. 16.

Peddicord has served as deputy vice chancellor, executive associate dean of engineering and deputy director of the Texas Engineering Experi-

Junior named Truman Scholarship finalist, could receive up to \$30,000

Kellie N. Sims, a junior political science major, is a finalist for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship competition.

The Truman Scholarship, established by Con-

gress in 1975 as an official memorial to honor the president, awards college students who exemplify outstanding leadership potential, plan to pursue careers in government or wish to attend graduate school to help prepare for public service careers. The scholarship provides up to \$30,000.

Career Center presents workshops this month on job finding techniques

Texas A&M's Career Center will offer several seminars this month. "Interview Savvy" will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 201 MSC.

'Reality 101," which will inform students on what they need to know now to find a career after graduation, will be held at 5 p.m. in 301 Rudder

"What Color is Your Parachute?", which will inform students on career decision-making, planning and job hunting techniques, will be held Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater. For more information call 845-5139.

Informational meeting discusses Work Abroad options for students

Texas A&M students interested in working in a foreign country can attend informational meetings. Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. in 302 Rudder Tower and Friday from 1-2 p.m. in 401 Rudder Tower.

The Work Abroad program allows students to work for three to six months in any of seven countries including Britain, France Ireland, Costa Rica.

tries including Britain, France, Ireland, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Germany and Canada.

A&M College of Medicine adds two academic departments to University

Two new academic departments have been created within the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine—the department of anesthesiology is headed by Charles H. McLeskey, M.D., and the department of emergency medicine is headed by Gregory D. Hobbs, M.D.

Lufkin teens st magazine for black commun

The Associated Press

LUFKIN - Oliver Brown ed to fill a void in Lufkin's community, so he design newspaper magazine with mind.

Brown, 19, published their sue of Prediction one year ap By the second issue he had enlisted the talents cousin Zanto Peabody and Craig Spencer and Marco who say they've created at

tool for the community. The men were high school dents when they came up wi concept for the publication & 18, the production executive a student at Lufkin High Scho

Prediction, which has an mated readership of 2,000, in sections on business, sport music, a quiz and informat tion, poetry, puzzles, art work a community calendar.

"I just saw a need for it," B said. "It was something the munity could use. A lot of p think it's a younger-folks m zine, but it's not. There's so thing in it for everybody."

Peabody, 21, the editorate writer for the magazine, said all contribute to the magazine's rection. "We all felt the need to fi

void in our community in the of literature - in the sense people of our generation would tually read," he said. "Of co that means we have to com with other things that take up time, so we have to give a kind fresh approach to it, although magazine is not flashy."

According to Peabody, the azine's readership does in some older black people, and

Spencer, 23, the advertising ingenious idea Brown wol with one morning, but rath part of the black commun which he lived.

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