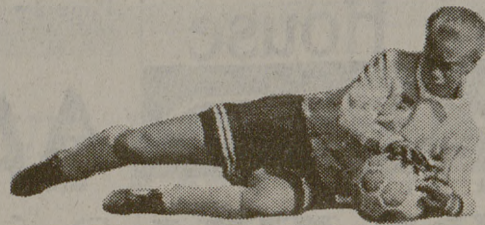


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DA wants Shamburger kept in Brazos jail

Brazos County prosecutors are trying to make sure Texas A&M student Ron Shamburger, 22, stays behind bars. Prosecutors filed a motion Wednesday asking that bond be denied to Shamburger, who confessed Friday to murdering 20-year-old A&M student Lori Ann Baker at her home in College Station. Shamburger has been charged with capital murder and kidnapping. Justice of the Peace Carolyn Hensarling set Shamburger's bond at \$250,000 Friday morning. Friends and family members of Baker have said they were concerned Shamburger might make bail and be released from Brazos County Jail. Shamburger's case may be heard by a Brazos County grand jury as early as this month.

Soldiers arrest Haitian neighborhood bully

PETITIONVILLE, Haiti (AP) — Helicopters whirred overhead and thousands of Haitians cheered from both sides of the dry gulch. At the bottom of a tiny corn field, the Americans had just arrested the terror of the neighborhood. "Kill him!" some shouted. "He won't kill anymore!" U.S. soldiers Wednesday had been on a routine arms search in the residential quarter of Nerette. The people demanded they arrest "Ti-Samuel," the Creole name for Samuel Chery, who had ridden night patrols with police since the army ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in September 1991. They told horror stories of the beatings he administered in this predominantly pro-Aristide neighborhood. "If they don't get him, he'll kill us," said Eliseo Cyprian, 30, a parliament building security guard who lives in the area.

Police continue search for escaped suspect

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities continued their search Wednesday for an accused heroin dealer who escaped custody by walking out of a hospital disguised as a woman. Lionel Luviano, 21, escaped Tuesday afternoon from Houston's LBJ hospital by cutting through a pair of manacles that shackled his left leg to his hospital bed. Authorities believe the bolt cutters and clothes were smuggled in by two relatives. A statewide alert was issued for Luviano, who authorities think is headed for Mexico. Officials also said Luviano, who faces federal charges of conspiracy to distribute heroin, will soon be needing medical attention because of his surgery. The Gulf Force Violent Offenders Task Force also announced that Luviano's brother and sister have been charged with helping him escape.

Jury convicts man for abortion doctor's death

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A former minister was convicted Wednesday of violating the nation's new abortion clinic access law for a shotgun attack that killed an abortion doctor and his bodyguard. Paul Hill has said that murder is justifiable if it stops abortions. But he was barred from presenting that defense during the three-day trial. The federal jury deliberated just over two hours before convicting Hill. Acting as his own lawyer, Hill called no witnesses, cross-examined none of the prosecution's witnesses and presented no evidence. His brief closing argument was almost identical to his opening statement: "This government is unjust because it does not protect innocent life. To the extent we take part in this evil, we must answer to God. May God help us all." Hill showed no emotion during the reading of the verdict but, after the jury left the courtroom, he smiled broadly and shook hands with his two standby attorneys.

AGD sorority members upset about reopening

Alumnae of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, which closed its A&M chapter earlier this year, are upset that the sorority is reopening its doors. Melissa Martin, a junior psychology major and member of AGD for two years, said the sorority was closed in January after the members were promised it would not close. "We received a letter that said we were being closed from international headquarters right before the spring semester last year," she said.

Bush refutes lack of experience charge

Candidate wants education, criminal justice reform

By Amanda Fowle
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George W. Bush said he is very upbeat about his chances to be Texas' next governor. Though he has been criticized by his opponent for his lack of political experience, Bush told Bryan-College Station entrepreneurs Wednesday that is why he should be elected governor. "I'm not a part of the status quo," he said. "If you are happy with the way things are now, maybe you shouldn't vote for me." Bush said that he wants Texas to be an example for other states.

"I don't want Texas to be like other states," he said. "I want Texas to be a beacon state that other states can look to and try to be like." His plans for changing Texas centers around children, who are the future of the state, he said. Bush is working closely with State Rep. Steve Ogden on a proposal that would drastically

change Texas education. The proposal, called Home Rule Education, would give control to the individual schools instead of the Texas Education Agency. "The schools are free to design a program that meets the needs

choose if they participate in the Home Rule Program. They would receive the same funding and be subject to Constitutional rule, like desegregation. The progress each school makes would be evaluated, and if it were not successful, control would go back to the TEA.

"We want to make sure that when students graduate from Texas high schools," he said, "they are literate for the 21st Century." Criminal justice, he said, should begin with children. "Our children must know that we love them," Bush said, "but

that there will be consequences when they do wrong."

He said he would propose that children older than 14 be tried as adults and that children with guns should be sent to juvenile detention centers.

Bush said that many children need love, and he supports mentoring programs for young children.

"The government cannot legislate love," he said, "but the good news is that there are people who love each other all over the state who could participate in these mentoring programs."

Bush said that children need both love and toughness to prosper.

"It's a combination of love and toughness," he said. "Just ask Barbara Bush how to do it. She was pretty tough."



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of their community," he said. The schools would be able to



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Beat the hell out of Cougar High

Freshman general studies major Mark Santos, of Woodville, works on Company E-1's spirit sign Wednesday afternoon.

Jernigan's wife discusses collapse, show of support

By Jan Higginbotham
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Marilyn Jernigan said she had a hard time believing that her husband was the band member who had a heart attack on Kyle Field during the Aggie Band's Centennial March Sept. 24.

"I told the lady beside me that someone was down," Mrs. Jernigan said. "I said it was probably one of the really old guys who fainted. I never thought it was Jack. I've never thought of Jack as old."

Mrs. Jernigan said at a news conference Wednesday that since her husband's collapse during halftime of the Texas A&M-Southern Mississippi game, she and her daughter, Brenda Jernigan Kapavik, have been overwhelmed by the love and support of the Texas A&M community.

"We've had many offers of places to stay," she said. "We've had two cars provided for us; a little Aggie couple brought us pillows and blankets; we've received sacks of fruit and snacks. People have thought of everything."

Mrs. Jernigan said her husband remembered being on the field for the Aggie Band reunion, but did not remember having a heart attack.

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Leadership center to open in January

By Michele Brinkmann
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The Texas A&M System chancellor has created a leadership center in hopes of better preparing employees for senior management positions within the A&M System.

Chancellor Barry Thompson created the Center for Leadership in Higher Education, set to open in January, because he wanted employees to have the management skills necessary to perform at the highest levels. Thompson said the center

will allow the System to identify people in mid-career who could be chief executive officers.

"This is something I have been working on for a long time," Thompson said. "We are trying to produce leaders, not managers."

Thompson said that within five years, he hopes the center will have a positive impact on the leaders of the A&M System.

The center will identify and train potential chief executive

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Swiss police find 48 bodies in apparent mass cult suicide

CHEIRY, Switzerland (AP) — Twenty-one bodies made a neat circle on the floor of a red, mirror-lined chapel hidden beneath the burning farmhouse.

Some were dressed in red, black and white ceremonial robes. Ten had plastic garbage bags tied around their necks with cords, and some had their hands bound. Twenty had bullets in their heads.

In three ski chalets 90 miles away, police discovered more bodies, badly burned by fires apparently set by remote control.

Authorities found 48 bodies on Wednesday, and indications of a mass murder-suicide by a cult they hadn't known existed.

Clues led to Canada, where two bodies were found a day earlier in the charred wreckage of an unexplained arson fire. Police said the owner of the burned duplex, Luc Joutet, led apocalyptic cults in both Canada and Switzerland and had rented one of the ski chalets where the bodies were found.

Investigators said the fires in both countries were set off by remote-controlled electrical devices triggered by a timer or a telephone call.

Officials said the Swiss cult was called the Order of the Solar Tradition, a group that draws on Roman Catholicism and predicts the end of the world.

Joutet represents "an occult tradition with strong apocalyptic elements," said Johannes Aagaard, head of a European cult-monitoring organization

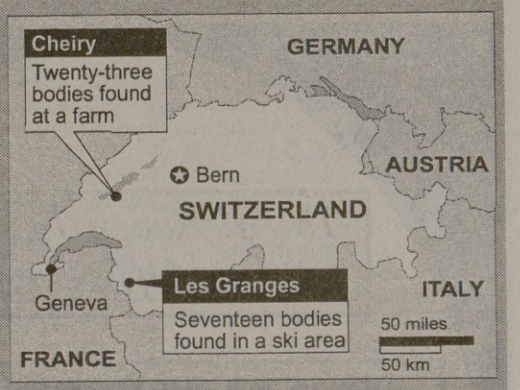
Deaths tied to religious sect

Police discovered 48 people dead in two Swiss towns. The victims are believed to be members of the Cross and Rose sect. Ties to other secret societies are being investigated.

Order of the Solar Temple This group, led by Luc Joutet, advocates stockpiling weapons to prepare for the end of the world. Joutet owned a building in Quebec that was destroyed by fire hours before the mass suicide; he had also rented one of the Swiss chalets where bodies were found Wednesday.

Rosicrucians The Cross and Rose embraced some philosophy of this centuries-old group. Rosicrucians believe in occult lore, and include a rose and a cross among its symbols. They deny any knowledge of the Cross and Rose.

Other cult-related mass deaths People's Temple: Rev. Jim Jones, leader Jonestown, Guyana, 1977 More than 900 deaths



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