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The Republican party takes control of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives for the first time in 40 years.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Scientists discover AIDS-activating protein

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Scientists say they have discovered a protein that may activate the AIDS virus in the body and cause it to develop into AIDS.

The discovery by University of Pennsylvania scientists could lead to treatments that might enable infected people to put the human immunodeficiency virus on hold indefinitely. They still would carry the virus but might not contract the fatal disease itself.

HIV-infected people can be healthy and live for years before the virus attacks the body's immune system.

A protein isolated from a gene in HIV carriers appears to tell infected cells when to start reproducing the virus, the researchers said in an article published Tuesday in the proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Arafat pledges to ease Gaza strip closing

EREZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip (AP) — Yitzhak Rabin, attempting to bolster Yasser Arafat against a widening circle of Palestinian critics, pledged Tuesday to ease the closure of the Gaza Strip and to work faster to expand Palestinian autonomy.

The promises came at a time when Arafat is losing ground to Islamic militants opposed to reconciliation with Israel.

Arafat passed two groups of protesters — disgruntled truckers hurt by the sealing of Gaza and mothers of prisoners held by Israel — as the PLO leader drove from his Gaza City headquarters to meet Rabin at the Erez Crossing between Israel and Gaza.

Hundreds of policemen armed with Kalashnikov assault rifles lined the eight-mile route to protect him.

Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, tried to assure Arafat that he hadn't lost interest in making peace with the Palestinians, promising the Israelis would negotiate "in the most forthcoming spirit."

Racial violence leads to three indictments

BEAUMONT (AP) — Three Livingston men, accused of bullying two blacks socializing at a mostly white youth club, have been indicted on federal civil rights charges.

U.S. Magistrate Earl Hines unsealed the indictment Tuesday charging Daniel Kingston, 19, Milton "Trey" Schultz III, 20, and Richard Byer, 19, with threatening two brothers last New Year's Eve because they were black.

The incident began when Jason and Justin Wheeler, both of Livingston, were informed by the three defendants that they should not be allowed to socialize with white females at the Happy Days Teen Club.

The indictment states the Wheelers were told that "niggers" did not belong at Happy Days and that interracial dating should not be tolerated.

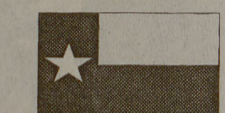
McDonnell Douglas to build Dallas plant

DALLAS (AP) — After delaying the announcement of McDonnell Douglas' plans to locate an aircraft assembly plant at Dallas Love Field, an official word came on election day that the MD-95 plant will be built in North Texas.

The announcement had been scheduled for last week, but was postponed by politics, The Dallas Morning News reported last week.

Politicians in Texas and California, where the company has built all its commercial aircraft, had a keen interest in the timing of the announcement, which could help Gov. Ann Richards' re-election bid and hurt California Gov. Pete Wilson's chances.

"Today, we hit pay dirt," said the Democratic Richards. "The production of the MD-95 strengthens and diversifies our aircraft assembly operations, positioning Texas as a formidable player in the commercial aircraft industry."



ELECTION '94



What the winner says

"What Texans can dream, Texans can do. This victory tonight is a great honor. The vote carries with it an awesome responsibility. Texas is ready for a new generation of leadership."



— George W. Bush, governor-elect of Texas

What the loser says

"I don't want anyone here to feel like they lost a thing. I don't want any of us to go home with anything but a great deal of pride in our hearts. We had a great four years. We have done a lot of good for Texas. This is not the end of the world, it is the end of a campaign."



— Ann Richards, lame duck governor of Texas

Bush ousts Richards

DALLAS (AP) — George W. Bush, the eldest son of the former president, Tuesday became only the second Republican to be elected Texas governor since Reconstruction.

Bush, 48, handily defeated Democratic Gov. Ann Richards, one of the nation's most visible incumbents.

"What Texans can dream, Texans can do," Bush told cheering supporters. "This victory tonight is a great honor. The vote carries with it an awesome responsibility. Texas is ready for a new generation of leadership."

Bush credited his campaign's key themes of reform in education, juvenile crime and welfare, adding, "I think Texans caught wind of that."

Bush's father, who now lives in Houston, called it "a great night for Texas."

"It was a tough race, but we admire him for the way he kept the campaign focus on a positive, forward-looking message," the elder Bush said.

"A year ago, people were saying well, 'You didn't have much of a chance.' But he fought the good fight and stayed on the issues and made his mother and I very, very proud."

The charismatic Richards, who lost despite solid job approval ratings in pre-election polls, said she wished the Republican well in the next four years.

"He deserves Godspeed," Richards told

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Hutchison runs over Fisher

DALLAS (AP) — Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison swept to a landslide victory Tuesday, dominating her opponent in every region of the state.

Claiming a full six-year term, Hutchison defeated Democrat Richard Fisher, a Dallas financier who has never held public office.

"This time, it's for real!" Hutchison told hundreds of cheering, placard-waving supporters in a packed ballroom of a North Dallas hotel.

Hutchison will return to Capitol Hill with new power as part of the majority party. Republicans gained control of the Senate Tuesday, taking away seats in all regions of the country.

"Today, America corrected its course. The people of America have spoken and our voices are making a difference. Just a year and a half ago, Texans started a ripple across the water that has turned into a tidal wave across this country," she said.

With 99 percent of the precincts reporting, Hutchison had captured 61 percent of the vote to Fisher's 38 percent. Libertarian candidate Pierre Blondeau received 1 percent.

Fisher, however, said he was not defeated by the crushing defeat. Of the wide margin between the candidates, he quipped, "Remember what Mark Twain said about opera: 'It's not as bad as it

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— Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, Texas

What the loser says

"Remember what Mark Twain said about opera: 'It's not as bad as it sounds. If [the Republican party] fails to [keep its promises] and they fall short, [the Democratic party] will rise up and not fall short the next time.'"



— Richard Fisher, Dallas financier



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Models Inc.

(From left) Sunny Ainson, Yen Nguyen and Yvette Lemoine practice Tuesday for a fashion show today sponsored by Mademoiselle magazine.

Wife of former A&M VP testifies; case expected to close

By Michele Brinkmann
THE BATTALION

The wife of former Texas A&M Vice President Robert Smith said Tuesday her husband did not solicit gifts from the company that now runs the campus bookstore while he was negotiating the contract.

Pat Smith said she did not ask her husband to solicit a 1993 trip for her to accompany him on a trip to New York City while negotiating a contract with Barnes and Noble Bookstores Inc.

"It was my understanding I was invited to New York," she said.

Pat Smith said Barnes and Noble officials told her after a 1990 trip they were looking forward to her returning to New York.

Pat Smith's testimony will continue this morning. Judge Oliver Kitzman told the jury he expected the trial to end today.

Smith is accused of asking Barnes and Noble Bookstores Inc. to pay for his wife's airfare, transportation while in New York, meals and entertainment during a June 1993 trip to the company's headquarters in New York City. During the trip, Smith signed a contract that extended the time Barnes and Noble would operate the campus bookstore.

He was indicted in June on a misdemeanor charge of soliciting gifts as a public servant. Soon after the indictment, Smith was demoted from his position as vice president for finance and administration.

Janet Durrant, an A&M assistant to vice president for finance and administration and travel coordinator, and Mary Williams, an employee at First Southwest Company, a Dallas investment banking firm hired by A&M to provide analysis on financial matters, also testified.

Durrant told the jury Smith did not solicit gifts from Barnes and Noble.

"I believe I have the personal knowledge," Durrant said. "I made the arrangements."

Durrant also said Smith asked her shortly after the trip to New York to find out the Smiths' expenses from Pat Maloney, a vice president with Barnes and Noble.

She said Smith sought legal advice about the payment of the funds and how to word a letter he sent to Barnes and Noble asking about the cost of the trip.

The letter Smith sent stated, "If Barnes and Noble incurred any extra expenses, please send me an itemization of the expenses."

Brazos County District Attorney Bill Turner asked Durrant about a trip she and Tedi Ellison, A&M athletic compliance director, took with Smith to New York to discuss the NCAA investigation that was going on during the time.

Durrant said the trip had nothing to do with Barnes and Noble, but the company paid their hotel, dinner and transportation bills.

"Mr. Smith told Barnes and Noble we were in town," she said.

Williams said Smith called her office in 1990 to see if her company would perform an analysis of the proposals submitted by companies wishing to run the campus bookstore. She said her company recommended A&M continue negotiations with Barnes and Noble.

John David Crow, director for development for A&M athletics, R.C. Slocum, A&M head football coach, Bob Wiatt, director of University Police Department, Basel Lister, manager in the A&M

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E-Walk will affect bus routes

Classes work for successful Ol' Army style tradition

By Lisa Messer
THE BATTALION

The Class of '95 Council is working with senior student leaders and various A&M departments to ensure that this year's Ol' Army Style Elephant Walk is successful.

The route for Elephant Walk 1994, which will be Nov. 17, has been decided but will be kept secret to prevent junior interference in the traditionally senior event.

Seniors will meet at Kyle Field at 1:45 p.m. to begin the walk around campus.

Juniors will meet at Duncan Field at 1:36 p.m. for

pictures with an elephant and a pull-out yell. They will move to Kyle Field for a picture in the shape of a '96 and a speech by Pat Patterson, Class of '26, who is a witness of the original Elephant Walk.

The Class of '96 Council is asking juniors to bring canned food to Kyle Field to help feed '96 families.

Tracy Kennedy, vice president of the Class of '95, said senior council members hope the 1994 Elephant Walk will help re-establish the event as a dignified tradition.

"We let the Class of '94 walk in relative peace with the hope in mind that our Elephant Walk could be truly Ol' Army Style," Kennedy said. "We have been working fervently toward that goal."

Elephant Walk in the past few years has become an invitation to create a large mess and "grode" the seniors.

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New on-ramps built for information superhighway

By Amanda Fowle
THE BATTALION

Some residence halls have merged onto the information superhighway and others may follow if students make their support known to the Ethernet Task Force.

Seven Texas A&M residence halls, Moore, Keathley, Legett, Lechner, McFadden, Dunn and Dorm 2, were connected to Ethernet this summer.

Ethernet is a network that hooks computers together so that they can exchange information.

Students who have Ethernet connections in their rooms do not have to use a modem to connect to A&M's computer network.

Students have access to E-mail, the Internet, Mosaic, and numerous other computing services through their Ethernet connections.

The final connections are now being made in the seven halls. Four of the halls are totally connected. The other halls will be connected by the end of the semester.

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