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NEWS

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Texas changes public school fund investment

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas is changing the way it handles its \$12.2 billion public school trust fund by hiring private companies to invest part of the money and venturing for the first time into international markets.

Three companies are expected to receive \$8.4 million annually to manage \$3.5 billion of the fund, according to fig-ures obtained by The Associated Press under the Texas Open Records Act.

The move is touted as a way to boost the return on the Permanent School Fund while improving its management by diversifying its portfolio and tapping into outside expertise.

The private companies will manage a portion of the \$3.5 billion beginning this year, then more next year, subject to state oversight.

Prison programs face cuts in funding

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Legislative budget trimming could force cutbacks at experimental substanceabuse treatment programs, such as one Central Texas facility where inmates are denied TV and other privileges to make them confront their habits.

Former Gov. Ann Richards, a recovering alcoholic, persuaded the Legislature four years ago to begin increasing what was dubbed the Texas Treatment Initiative to 14,000 prison beds.

But the Legislature this year, supported by Gov. George W. Bush, cut the program back to 5,300 beds. Some lawmakers voiced concern that the program could coddle criminals.

Lawmakers, pointing to a high dropout rate in the program's infancy and questioning whether forced treatment works, opted for cutbacks that would save \$379 million over the next

Agent says superiors knew Koresh was warned

WASHINGTON (AP) fronting his former bosses at the witness table, an undercover agent testified Monday that they proceeded with the Waco raid even after he passion-ately warned them David Koresh had been tipped off. Then they lied about it after the deadly results, he asserted.

The story told by Chuck Sarabyn and Phillip Chojnacki also was at-tacked by Lewis C. Merletti, who helped direct the Treasury Department's review of what went wrong in the February 1993 raid that left four ATF agents and six Branch Davidians dead. The resulting 51-day standoff ended with the deaths of Koresh and 80 of his followers.

The Treasury Department review determined that supervisors allowed the raid to go forward even though they were ordered to cancel it if they lost "the element of surprise."

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miss it.

air pressure, disorientation and dizziness.

plane will fill the position in a few weeks.

matic advantage over other candidates

Disorientation was common on the flight.

Clinton vows to stop **GOP** budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to get off the sidelines, President Clinton threatened a veto blitz Monday against GOP cuts in popular domestic programs. "I will continue to act, alone if necessary," he declared.

Clinton castigated Republicans for not taking his 10-year budget balanc-ing plan more seriously. And he said appropriations bills now moving through the GOP-led Congress would unravel bedrock education, health and

environmental programs. ... He used a White House speech to delegates from Boys Nations – a high school good-government program in which he once participated – to wield his latest veto threats.

The president said he didn't want to create a fiscal crisis this fall. But he suggested Republicans might give him little choice but to veto fiscal 1996 appropriations bills.

Bomb attack in Israel kills six on public bus

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — A suicide bomb ripped through a crowded commuter bus Monday in Tel Aviv's busy diamond exchange, killing six people and transforming the gleaming financial district into a scene of carnage and fury.

The blast, claimed by Palestinian militants opposed to the Israeli-PLO peace accord, temporarily halted talks on expanding Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank.

The attack, which wounded 33 people, came a day before an Israeli-PLO deadline for reaching an agree-ment on expanding autonomy in the West Bank. Both sides had said they were unlikely to meet the target date. Television reports said the blast

was caused by about 33 pounds of TNT stuffed in a metal pipe, a design favored by Ayash. Police said fragments of a body found amid charred metal and shards of glass may have been the bomber's.

Serbs move on Bihac as West focuses on Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Hundreds of British and French combat troops stole before dawn onto a mountain high above Sarajevo on Monday and trained their guns on Bosnian Serb fighters holding

the city under siege.

But while the West focused its efforts on the Bosnian capital and another eastern "safe area," the Serbs closed in on the government-controlled enclave of Bihac in northwest Bosnia. Carefully avoiding attacks on the U.N. "safe area" within Bihac, they captured 30 square miles of terri-tory and sent thousands of civilians fleeing, U.N. officials said.

In the northwest, the United Nations said that rebel Serbs from Bosnia and neighboring Croatia had gained 30 square miles of territory during a 6-dayold offensive, the largest in months.

The Serbs avoided targeting the U.N.-protected zone within the enclave, suggesting they wanted to gain ground without risking retaliatory NATO airstrikes.

Bush to examine affirmative action,

☐ The General Services Commission will help look into gender- and racebased programs to see if they are fair.

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush said Monday he will examine affirmative action programs in Texas to see whether they are fair and inclusive for the people they aim to help.

"I think what Texas needs to do, which I intend to do, is to address what ... we expect out of a program that tries to be inclusive," Bush said. "Is it an economic development device or is it a preference toward people who have already benefited from the system?

"I don't think people in Texas like the idea of a few benefiting at the expense of others or that there be reverse discrimination, Bush said. Bush said he would work with members of the General Services Commission to look into race- and gender-based programs, such as the historically underutilized business program.

State law requires agencies to make a "good-faith effort" to spend 30 percent of purchase and public works contract budgets on businesses owned by

women and minorities, known as historically underutilizabusinesses or HUBs.

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LAWSUIT

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considering the recommendations of an independent study by En

and You utilities consulting group.

The laws at said that although Thompson reported his concerabout the project's cancellation, University and System auditors

not include the concerns in any official reports.

According to the lawsuit, Thompson instead was called to a me

ing with Gaston and Ray in which he was notified that the Spireas investigation into the project's cancellation was complete and specific proliminary decision had been made to terminate his employments. preliminary decision had been made to terminate his employment

The lawsuit states that Thompson submitted a response to the ton and Ray and wrote a letter to Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president asking to not be fired and maintaining his opposition to the project at the lawsuit states are the states as the lawsuit states are the lawsuit states and the lawsuit states are the lawsuit states that Thompson submitted a response to the lawsuit states that Thompson submitted a response to the lawsuit states that Thompson submitted a response to the lawsuit states are the lawsuit states and lawsuit states are the lawsuit states and lawsuit states that Thompson submitted a response to the lawsuit states are the la termination.

Thompson, according to the lawsuit, reported that "Universal and/or System officials had violated the non-disclosure provisition the Tenneco Development Agreement, and that there was not be a supersolution of the control of the con basis to terminate the Tenneco agreement.' The lawsuit states that Thompson was fired on March 31 after BA

refused to resign. Two other members of the Physical Plant Cor eration Project Team, former Physical Plant Director Joe Suggs Texas former Power Plant Superintendent Al Baxter, were forced, ammpile ing to the lawsuit, to resign their positions under similar cimear 19

Gaston and Ray, because of University policy, are unable to se fee ment on the lawsuit.

MENTORS

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A May 1995 survey revealed that the most common reason students participated in the program was for career guidance.

"Sixty-one percent of the mentors reported that students approached them regarding choosing career paths, finding jobs and other career related questions," Milburn said.

In addition to academic concerns, mentors address questions relating to family difficulties and roommate conflicts.

Students are advised in the mentors' area of expertise, Milburn said, and referred to other A&M services for specific problems or needs.

Students are commonly referred to their departmental academic advisers.

We conduct a training session at the beginning of each semester," Milburn said. "At these sessions we deal with listening

skills, resources on campus ble sis intervention and other mould vital to a mentor." :e in Dr. Frederick Boadu, assease

ate professor of agriculturalne ma nomics and a mentor, said & 3-pe ing students is another partaff in his job. To a "I see that my role as admin ulty member goes beyonding for

classroom to make specificossibi forts to students who me Dr. help," Boadu said. ive v "I think at a large universid d students need people to reach ivisi to them and be there for theere

That is what I try to do." leir b Dr. Patricia Alexander, propere i sor and department head of a Lee cational psychology, said shelso w been a part of the program secess it began and encourages studer the to seek out mentors.

You need to feel person comfortable with your ment the p Alexander said, "and feel ant t you can trust them."

Alexander said she join e're the program because now wants to help students lents every way possible.

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selves," he said.

students on board, Renzi said.

great experience for the students.

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receive feedback from a student advisory panel and an employee focus group on changes they would like to see made by the food services department.

received special training on cabin pressure, the effects of reduced

"We learned about the signs of [altitude sickness] and we studied different kinds of dizziness," Renzi said.

said. "You could reach out for something right in front of you and

For two of the A&M students, the KC-135A lived up to its "Vomit Comet" nickname.

'One guy from Rice got sick about 13 times," she said.

Yeah, Don [Shatto] and I got sick," Aaron said, "but only once."

Dizziness and disorientation were too much for several other

This program marked the last flight for the aircraft. A different

Peterson said the program provided a unique process that was

and creating their experiments, and then they get to do it them-

"The program is excellent because the students are designing

Renzi said program coordinators trained the students in what

was really disoriented when we first started out," Morris

Beard said he hopes to expand the advisory group to include a Customer Quality Council made of A&M employees, such as office personnel and department heads.

A food services career track development program will continue to be developed, Beard said, because it makes food service experts out of A&M employees. Several A&M employees have been trained and certified as cooks and three as chefs, as a result of this program started in the food services department two years ago. Beard's appointment as food services director was the culmina-

tion of a seven-month nationwide search. Robert T. Bisor III, chairman of the search advisory committee, said a list of the top five candidates was compiled after considering 140 applicants and nominees from private and public sectors. Bisor said that Beard, as interim director, did not have an auto-

Beard's overall ability to serve as director and familiarity with the department led to his selection, Bisor said. "We like him because of his experience leading a department the

size of our department here," Bisor said. "He has a good mix of a. Dr. perience in the private and public sector. He knows the folks in tice p department, and he knows the customers.

Mickey Speakman, facilities manager of the Sbisa Undergroupeady said he is pleased with Beard's appointment. "We're happy it went to someone we're familiar with and w knows what we need," Speakman said.

The road that led to Beard's 1983 arrival at A&M, as food & vices manager of the MSC, began 34 years ago with an apprenship in a French-cuisine restaurant in Newport Beach, Calif. Since then, he has worked in a number of restaurant mans, Fin

ment capacities, including serving as acting director of food beverages for the central U.S. division of Ramada Inns. In 1987 he was appointed interim associate director of All food services department under Dr. Richard Floyd, and was projection.

named associate director. Beard is a member of the American Culinary Federation, in National Association of College and University Food Services. *hou National Restaurant Association, the Texas Chefs Association han

the Texas Restaurant Association. In June 1988 he was named Chef of the Year by Food Manage ment magazine.

Taking all of these experiences and honors into consideration HE B Beard said he is pleased with the position his years of hard w

The best decision I ever made was to come to A&M," he said vere have been given many opportunities to use my experiences to wack

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