

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Student Senate to host Constituency Day today**

The Student Senate will hold its third Constituency Day of the fall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Student senators will be at tables at the Zachry Engineering Center, MSC, Sbisá Dining Hall, the Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Building, the Corps Plaza and the Wehner Building.  
Students are encouraged to voice their concerns to their respective senators.

**Bush, Hutchison work toward block grants**

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison say the best people to take care of Texas' needs are other Texans.

Bush and Mrs. Hutchison spoke Monday at the Capitol, continuing their push for Congress to turn over more responsibilities for social programs to the states by way of block grants. The grants would allow states to decide how federal money would be spent on such services as welfare. They also, though, would limit the growth of such programs.

"What we want is the freedom necessary to make the system work better than it is today," Bush told reporters. "If you think the current system has worked, you're not looking at the facts."  
What Senator Hutchison and the Congressional leadership is saying is let's try something different. Let's recognize failure and try something different."

**Anti-abortion activists dealt blow by court**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court piled on more bad news for anti-abortion activists Monday, refusing to free five demonstrators from paying nearly \$100,000 in lawyer fees to an abortion clinic they targeted.

The action, taken without comment in a case from Sacramento, Calif., extended abortion foes' recent losing streak in the nation's highest court. It marked the first time the issue of lawyer-fee awards in abortion-linked litigation had been considered by the justices.

"That the court would let this \$100,000 penalty stand is outrageous, and sends a very chilling message to pro-life demonstrators," said Jay Sekulow, a lawyer with the anti-abortion American Center for Law and Justice.

**State JOBS program reduces welfare rolls**

□ **The program, which includes classes and job skill training, together with a strong economy, is helping Texas families earn incomes and get off welfare.**

AUSTIN (AP) — State welfare officials on Monday credited the agency's Jobs Opportunities and Basic Skills program with reducing the state's welfare rolls by 35,000 over the past fiscal year.

Michael A. Jones, a spokesman for the Department of Human Services, said roughly 90,000 adults receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children participated in various levels of the JOBS program during fiscal year 1995, which ended Aug. 31.

"A stable job is the best cure to the poverty which shackles many low-income Texas families," said DHS Commissioner Burt Raiford. "During the last fiscal year, 35,008 Texans found work thanks to the dozens of services received from JOBS."

According to DHS, 763,800 Texans will receive welfare benefits in 1995, down from 786,405 recipients in 1994.

The fact that just over 1-in-3 participants in the JOBS program found work in fiscal year 1995 was aided, in part, by the state's strong economy, Jones said.

"It's gradual improvement," he said. "If we're not in a recession, there are jobs being created at least in the service sector. People coming off welfare will be able to move up as the economy continues to grow."

Gov. George W. Bush, who said he hadn't yet seen the DHS report, said he was encouraged that the JOBS pro-

gram is having success.  
"We are going to be a results-oriented administration," Bush said. "If it is indeed working, it will be funded under the new workforce training programs in the state of Texas. If it doesn't work, it won't be funded."

Jones said he didn't have any figures indicating how many AFDC recipients who leave the state's welfare rolls ultimately return.

"As they move into that second and third job, they are really moving permanently away from welfare," Jones said.

"In general, most AFDC recipients receive benefits for two years or less. But a good number of them, at some point in their lives, come back to welfare, especially if they don't have a lot of job skills. Much of it depends on the economy."

JOBS is a federal-state program created in 1990 to assist AFDC recipients. JOBS services include basic literacy classes, high school or GED courses, job skills training and unpaid work assignments.

The program is available in the 87 counties where most AFDC families reside, according to DHS officials.

The 5-year-old program is being transferred next year from Human Services to the new Texas Workforce Commission, which replaced the Texas Employment Commission.

DHS officials say more than 75 percent of the adults leaving the JOBS program in fiscal year 1995 found work paying above the federal minimum wage of \$4.25.

The former JOBS participants found work in pay scales ranging from \$4.50 per hour to nearly \$8.00 per hour, according to DHS. The average wage for all of the former JOBS clients was \$5.33 per hour, according to DHS.

Roughly two-thirds of the JOBS clients found clerical, sales or service jobs, according to DHS.

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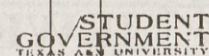
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.47	I	SI1	1,700 <sup>00</sup>
.49	J	SI2	1,150 <sup>00</sup>
.49	G	SI1	1,519 <sup>00</sup>
.50	F	SI2	1,475 <sup>00</sup>
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.57	K	SI1	1,150 <sup>00</sup>
.68	J	VS2	1,900 <sup>00</sup>
.69	K	VVS2	1,750 <sup>00</sup>
.71	H	VS2	3,100 <sup>00</sup>
.71	G	VS2	2,900 <sup>00</sup>
.76	F	SI3	2,250 <sup>00</sup>
.83	H	SI1	3,150 <sup>00</sup>
.84	K/L	SI1	2,150 <sup>00</sup>
.94	K	SI1	2,650 <sup>00</sup>
1.01	I	SI1	4,500 <sup>00</sup>
1.21	K	SI3	3,750 <sup>00</sup>
1.86	J/K	SI3	4,350 <sup>00</sup>

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Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.43	L	VVS2	\$750 <sup>00</sup>
.71	H	SI2	1,675 <sup>00</sup>
.74	H	SI3	1,500 <sup>00</sup>
.83	H	SI3	1,575 <sup>00</sup>
.88	G	SI2	1,750 <sup>00</sup>
.93	G	SI3	1,950 <sup>00</sup>
1.28	I	VS2	4,650 <sup>00</sup>

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.41	H	SI2	\$495 <sup>00</sup>
.44	J	SI1	\$750 <sup>00</sup>
.64	H	VVS2	1,990 <sup>00</sup>
.70	I	I2	\$850 <sup>00</sup>
.70	I	SI1	2,100 <sup>00</sup>
.71	H	SI1	2,200 <sup>00</sup>

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Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.72	I	SI1	2,160 <sup>00</sup>
.72	I	VVS2	2,875 <sup>00</sup>
.91	J	SI2	2,960 <sup>00</sup>
.95	I	I1	2,275 <sup>00</sup>
1.00	G	I1	2,600 <sup>00</sup>
1.03	H	SI3	3,450 <sup>00</sup>
1.11	F	SI1	3,950 <sup>00</sup>
1.16	J	SI1	3,950 <sup>00</sup>
1.64	I/J	SI1	6,600 <sup>00</sup>
1.89	K	SI3	4,350 <sup>00</sup>

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.47	F	SI1	\$1,300 <sup>00</sup>
.49	H	SI1	1,253 <sup>00</sup>
.50	F	SI2	1,100 <sup>00</sup>
.79	K	SI1	1,675 <sup>00</sup>
.92	K	VS2	2,300 <sup>00</sup>
1.02	J	SI1	3,250 <sup>00</sup>

**Princess**

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.49	K	SI1	\$875 <sup>00</sup>
.53	K	VS1	975 <sup>00</sup>
.72	H	I1	1,475 <sup>00</sup>
.80	J	I1	1,375 <sup>00</sup>
.80	H	I1	1,475 <sup>00</sup>
1.00	H	SI3	2,325 <sup>00</sup>
1.42	H	SI3	3,900 <sup>00</sup>

**Oval**

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.40	J	VS1	\$675 <sup>00</sup>
.50	I	SI2	1,383 <sup>00</sup>
.81	I	VS2	3,225 <sup>00</sup>
.93	I	SI2	2,860 <sup>00</sup>
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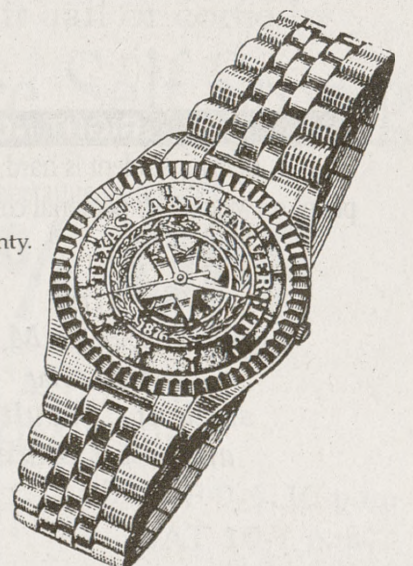
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