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## Scholarships scrapped

The Texas Commissioner of Higher Education says the state can no longer use affirmative action to desegregate universities

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Kenneth Ashworth has decided to scrap the state's minority scholarship program following last month's court ruling that sharply limits affirmative action. "We have to abide by the new law, but I don't like it," Ashworth told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions. Ashworth will inform the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on Thursday that the state no longer can use affirmative action to desegregate its colleges and universities in Texas. Last month, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the University of Texas Law School's admissions policy, saying the school failed to justify favoring some racial groups. The decision stemmed from a lawsuit filed by four white law school applicants. "If the ruling holds and we don't find some way to work around it, Texas will be badly damaged, given the role our program plays in enrolling minorities who will go on to make up

so much of the state's 21st century work force," Ashworth said. The Texas Access and Equity Plan already has awarded more than \$1.5 million to 1,300 minority students for the 1995-1996 school year. The Legislature tripled the amount of money in its last session.

**"We have to abide by the new law, but I don't like it."**

—KENNETH ASHWORTH  
 Texas Commissioner of Higher Education

A 1970s court ruling that found 17 states, including Texas, still had vestiges of a dual higher education system. The plan required the state to boost minority representation of students, faculty, administrators and governing board members at predominantly white schools and to enhance the academic offerings and physical infrastructures at historically black schools.

One civil rights activist criticized Ashworth's decision. "I think (Ashworth) is going overboard," said Al Kauffman, head of the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund in San Antonio. "The 5th Circuit ruling said the UT law school admissions process was discriminatory. It didn't say that no government body in Texas can consider race in their scholarship decisions."

Since the ruling in mid-March, the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems, Rice University and the University of Houston's law school all have changed their policies to stop considering race as a factor in admissions.

Ashworth said his action does not require approval by the coordinating board. He said he will reinstate the program if the state is granted a stay while the case is under appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has filed a stay with the 5th Circuit. A ruling could come this week.

## Search yields maps, weapons

Lists of names and addresses were also found in the Unabomber suspect's cabin

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The search of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski's cabin yielded the names and address of corporate executives, street maps of the San Francisco area, bus schedules and several guns and explosive devices, an FBI document confirmed today. In a filing released in U.S. District Court, the FBI also confirmed published reports of three typewriters found in the cabin, as well as several unspecified documents and notes. But the lengthy list does not specifically identify any of those documents as the original text of the Unabomber manifesto, copies of which were sent to The New York Times and the Washington Post. A source told The Associated

Press last week that a document was found that appeared to be the original of the manifesto. The list does not even use the word "Unabomber" in any of its items. And it does not identify the corporate executives. Kaczynski, 53, was arrested at the cabin near Lincoln, Mont., two weeks ago and is being held on a single count of possessing bomb components. He has not been charged with any of the Unabomber attacks, which killed three people and injured 23 in nine states



Unabomber

over the past 18 years. The 34-page list, with up to 20 or so items on each page, was released today along with the search warrant for the cabin and the description of what it thought agents would find there. The findings were sometimes in meticulous detail. One finding, for example, simply read: "One 'Calumet Baking Powder' can containing soldering wire." The listings offered no interpretation or attempt to link the items either to the Unabomber or to his crimes. But the items are suggestive. Dozens of the entries were for chemicals. A pipe bomb was found, along with at least four guns.

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## Baggett to lead Aggieland in new directions



Amy Browning, THE BATTALION

By Kendra S. Rasmussen  
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Carl Baggett, Texas A&M's new student body president, knows the direction he wants take A&M, though he does not always know his way to well-known places in town. Baggett was elected president April 4 in a run-off election against Ryan Shopp. He will replace Toby Boenig as A&M's official student body representative and will preside over the Student Government Association. Andy Webb, a friend of Baggett's and senior agricultural development major, joked that Baggett may have a rough road ahead of him because he often has trouble finding common College Station destinations.

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## A&M awards Parents of the Year

By Lisa Johnson  
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Jerry and Caroline Macmanus, of Harlingen, were honored for many years of service to their family, their community and Texas A&M when they were presented the Parents of the Year 1996-97 award Sunday morning at the all-University awards. Anne McElroy, chair of the Student Government Parents of the Year Committee and senior speech communications major, said the award came as a complete surprise to the couple. "They came to the all-University awards, but apparently they had no idea that they were getting an award," McElroy said. The nine Macmanus children came to College Station for the ceremony without their parents knowledge. "Somehow their son got them

there, but they didn't even know that their family was all in town," she said.

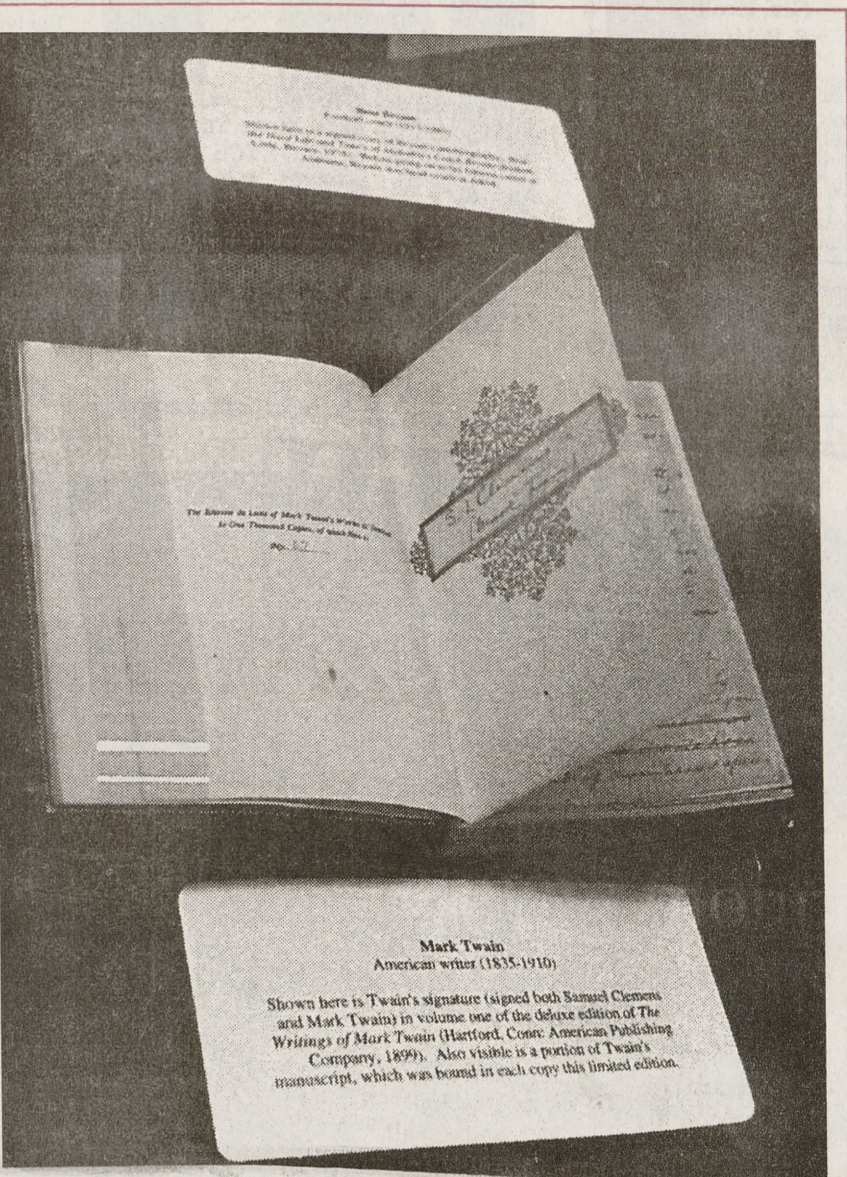
Jerry Macmanus said his son Paul went to great lengths to get him and his wife to the ceremony without knowing they had won the award. "We knew that we had been nominated for Parents of the Year, and I wondered why we were sitting so close to the front," he said, "but other than that I really didn't think much of it. It came as a total surprise." Of the Macmanus children, six are A&M graduates, and Paul Macmanus is currently a senior horticulture major. He said his parents fit the criteria for Parents of the Year perfectly. "I knew they deserved it by far," Macmanus said. "My dad's a graduate of A&M, and seven of his kids have gone here."

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Keith Hamilton, a committee member, escorts Caroline and Jerry Macmanus, the 1996 Parents of the Year.



This book with Mark Twain's signature is part of the autograph exhibit.

## Cushing Library offers autograph exhibit

By Lisa Johnson  
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Behind a nondescript door on the second floor of Texas A&M's Sterling C. Evans Library, Lyle Lovett, Bob Hope and officers from both sides of World War II can be found — not in body, but in ink. The Cushing Library's "Autographs" exhibit will be on display in 210 Evans until May 31. The exhibit features signatures and handwritten works of famous people, from literary figures, such as Mark Twain and J.R.R. Tolkien, to movie star Lana Turner and football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. Steve Smith, special collections librarian and associate professor of library science, said he developed the exhibit after noticing how many signatures were buried in the Cushing collection. He realized they needed to be presented in a way that would catch people's interest. "A couple of years ago, I realized that we had lots of famous signatures, so I took the autographs and tried to juxtapose them," he said.

"For instance, we have Lana Turner next to Rudyard Kipling, mixing stars with the figures of high-brow literary history." Tod Walters, Evans Library reading room manager, said he has been surprised by whose signatures library patrons find most interesting. "We have signatures here from many prominent literary figures and several American war heroes," he said. "But it seems like I hear the most comments about figures like Melvin Purvis, the FBI agent who was (present) when (John) Dillinger (an American bank robber) was shot (in Chicago)." "People also seem surprised by signatures that date back to the 12th and 14th centuries because they just don't realize that the University has things that are that old in its possession." To make the exhibit interactive, Smith invented a signature guessing game. "There are about six signatures on the wall throughout the exhibit,"

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## Friends, strangers mourn 7-year-old pilot Monday

PESCADERO, Calif. (AP) — To the strains of "I'll Fly Away," the 7-year-old pilot who died trying to become the youngest person to fly across America was mourned Monday as someone who could "reach into your soul." Jessica Dubroff's mother, Lisa Hathaway, caressed the white casket containing her daughter's remains as she remembered the child killed in the crash of her instructor's light plane in Cheyenne, Wyo., last Thursday. Flowers and a small blue airplane decorated the casket. Her 9-year-old brother, Joshua, who reportedly planned to fly over the service, was grounded by the bad weather and was at the grave site. "She knew how to reach into your soul and stay there," she told some 200 people who had gathered in a foggy drizzle at a small cemetery

where Jessica used to ride her bike, near the coast about 40 miles south of San Francisco. Jessica was attempting to become the youngest pilot to cross the continent when her small plane crashed in Wyoming on Thursday. Her father and flight instructor also were killed. Criticism of the flight has been mounting since the crash, with many people saying children shouldn't be allowed to fly. Others have wondered whether the dream of flying across the country was Jessica's or her parents'. A funeral Mass was said Monday morning for the flight instructor, Joe Reid, and more than 500 people attended a vigil for him Sunday evening. Lloyd Dubroff's funeral was planned for Tuesday.

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