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Rachel Redington, THE BATTALION

Muck & Mire | A police officer directs traffic Wednesday after traffic lights went out from an electrical storm on Wellborn Road.

► **Campus**

New church service to begin Sunday

A new church service will begin on the Texas A&M campus Sunday.

The University Christian Church, co-sponsored by the Association of Baptist Students, will meet in 201 Memorial Student Center at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Bobby Tucker, who helped plan the service, told The Bryan-College Station Eagle that the creation of the church service was in response to student requests for an easy-access, contemporary church.

► **State**

FBI investigation of Cisneros continues

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The federal investigation into dealings between Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros and his former mistress has returned to the spotlight with the seizure of items from the woman's Lubbock home.

The FBI and an independent counsel are looking into whether Cisneros committed a crime by misleading the FBI about payments he made to Linda Medlar, a campaign fund-raiser during his days as San Antonio mayor in the 1980s.

Both were married at the time of the affair, and Ms. Medlar has since divorced.

Agents carted several boxes of unidentified material Tuesday from the house Ms. Medlar, a Lubbock native, shares with her mother.

The case began in 1994, when Ms. Medlar sold *Inside Edition* secretly recorded phone conversations with Cisneros, on which the pair worried about whether the payments might harm his nomination.

Murder acquittal rare in Harris County

HOUSTON (AP) — A capital murder defendant in Houston has been acquitted for only the second time in 22 years, prosecutors say.

Jurors on Tuesday deliberated 12 hours before finding Jesus "Jesse" Montalvo, 20, innocent of the 1992 robbery-slaying of Patrick Willis, 29.

District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. said he can remember only one other acquittal in a capital murder case in Harris County since the death penalty was reinstituted in Texas in 1974.

"Usually we don't seek a capital indictment if we don't have a really good case," Holmes said.

Dallas woman runs from authorities

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas woman accused of conning 34 people out of $3 million in an investment scheme is on the run from authorities.

The Securities and Exchange Commission investigators and debt collectors in Alabama have filed a civil suit against Kathy S. Kingsmore, according to court records.

The SEC civil suit filed Monday in Dallas against Kingsmore alleges that she has took more than $3 million from about 34 people used it for personal purchases.

Kingsmore allegedly used part of the funds for the construction of a Florida beach house on an estate valued at more than $800,000.

In Birmingham, Ala., a car dealer said Ms. Kingsmore bought a 1996 Suburban and drove it off the lot after paying for the vehicle with a check that later bounced.

► **Nation**

Airport puts messy birds on "LSD"

DENVER (AP) — Denver International Airport is using what it describes as "pigeon LSD" to try to rid the parking garages of the messy birds.

The pigeons are an annoyance to travelers who find droppings all over their cars, and could become a health hazard, officials said.

Corn soaked in the drug Avitrol has been scattered around the parking garages.

Avitrol is supposed to make birds forget their whereabouts, but it has made some forget how to fly. 100 pigeons have crashed and

"Our hope is the chemical orient them and they will go where else," airport spok Chuck Cannon said. "But we some pigeons in the bargain."

KGB offered theo about assassinat

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The viet Union's spy agency be that President Lyndon Joh was responsible for the ass nation of John F. Kennedy, a ing to an unedited version 1966 FBI document.

The document was rele Tuesday at a public hearing Assassination Records Re Board, a federal commissio tablished to collect docum on the assassination.

The document attributed unidentified source the KGB about Kennedy's Nov. 22, 196 sassination in Dallas.

It did not offer other specifics

The board also made public quest from Marina Oswald R widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, a the board to investigate his in ment with the FBI.

"I definitely think that Lee Os did not kill President Kennedy wrote. "I think he was given u pacify people as a patsy. ... I be that the documents I have requ will be eye-openers."

► **This day in history**

(AP) —Today is Thursday, Sept. 19, the 263rd day of 1996. There are 103 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1796, President Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died of wounds inflicted by an assassin.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant.

In 1957, the United States conducted its first underground nuclear test, in the Nevada desert.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev reacted angrily during a visit to Los Angeles upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't be allowed to visit Disneyland.

In 1985, the Mexico City area was struck by the first of two devastating quakes that claimed some 6,000 lives.

Ten years ago: Federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

One year ago: The New York Times and The Washington Post published the Unabomber's manifesto.

► **Today's birthdays**

Retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell is 89. Author Roger Angell is 76. Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown is 69. Actor Adam West is 68. Actress Rosemary Harris is 66. Actor Jeremy Irons is 48. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 47. TV personality Joan Lunden is 46. Actor Kevin Hooks is 38. Country singer Trisha Yearwood is 32.

► **Weather**

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	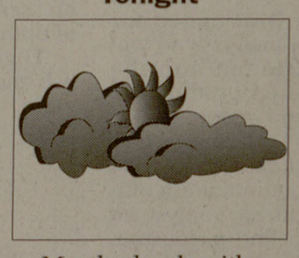	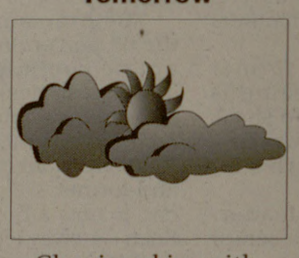	Yesterday's High 84°F Yesterday's Low 76°F Today's Expected High 88°F Today's Expected Low 76°F
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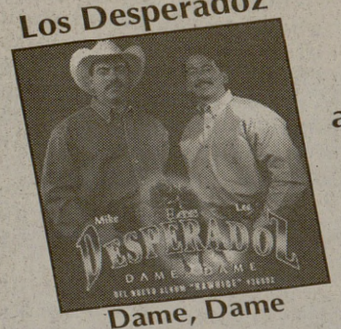
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