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Dave House, THE BATTALION

Registration Rush | Mary Saladino, a part-time employee of A&M for 17 years, hands out Spring 1997 course schedules in front of Heaton Hall Thursday. The schedules are also available at the Pavilion.

► Nation

Documents to be made public again

NEW YORK (AP) — More than 200 government documents about Iraqi chemical weapons that were removed from a Defense Department Internet site earlier this year are expected to be made public again, the New York Times reported.

Publisher Bruce Kletz, of Washington-based Insignia Publishing, told the newspaper he would defy the Pentagon and the CIA and make the documents available on his Internet site starting Friday.

The 226 documents detail the possible release of Iraqi chemical and biological weapons near American troops during the 1991 Persian Gulf war, the Times said in a story in Thursday's editions.

The documents were available earlier this year on a Defense Department Internet site known as Gulfink, but were removed at the CIA's request.

Kletz declined to tell the Times how he obtained the documents. He said he decided to publish them on the Internet because he was convinced government leaders are "trying to hide the documents only to avoid political and personal embarrassment."

Kletz also plans to publish a book by a former CIA analyst, Patrick Edgington, who has accused the CIA of sitting on classified documents that showed American troops were exposed to Iraqi chemical weapons during the war.

CIA spokesman Rick Aborn said he did not know whether the agency would consider legal action to block the documents' release.

Kevorkian charged with three suicides

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian was charged Thursday with assisting three suicides since June — a departing prosecutor's last-ditch effort to put the retired pathologist in prison.

Kevorkian planned to surrender for a court appearance late Thursday afternoon, Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson and Kevorkian attorney Geoffrey Fieger said.

Three previous attempts to prosecute Kevorkian have failed. Thompson prosecuted him once under a law enacted specifically to stop him, and then under unwritten common law, losing both times. Kevorkian also was acquitted in 1994 in Wayne County.

Thompson apparently will not be able to see the latest prosecution

through to its conclusion, since his term ends Dec. 31. He was defeated in the Aug. 6 Republican primary by a candidate who accused him of wasting tax dollars to pursue Kevorkian.

In the latest case, Kevorkian is charged with assisting in the suicides of Bette Lou Hamilton, 67, of Columbus, Ohio; Shirley Kline, 63, of Oceanside, Calif.; and Rebecca Badger, 39, of Goleta, Calif. Assisting a suicide is a common law felony in Michigan punishable by up to five years in prison.

Clarification:

In the Weekend Preview on Page 3 Thursday, the time and place of an event were cut off. SPICMACY is presenting Shobha Subramian, an Indian classical dance, Sunday in Rudder Theatre at 6:30 p.m.

► Campus

Students receive chance to see A&M

Texas high school students and their families will visit Texas A&M Saturday for "AggieLand Saturday."

The program offers prospective students a chance to learn more about life at A&M. Information will be presented on topics such as admissions, financial aid, scholarships and student services.

Activities are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

► State

State aims to stop frivolous lawsuits

AUSTIN (AP) — A convicted burglar and a man locked up for involuntary manslaughter are the first inmates to lose good-time credit under a Texas law aimed at curbing frivolous lawsuits by prisoners.

Each inmate filed six lawsuits that were thrown out by a federal court within the last year, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said Thursday.

The lawsuits included complaints about mail service, the quality of meals and denial of dessert.

The loss of good-time credit — which is earned through various duties and allows inmates to be released early — "sends a strong message to all other prisoners

that the courts no longer tolerate lawsuit abuse," said Wayne Scott, executive director of the criminal justice agency.

The law requires the agency to dock an inmate for six months of good-time credit if the prisoner files four or more lawsuits within a year that are declared by a court to be without merit.

UT football players declared ineligible

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas on Thursday declared four star football players ineligible after learning that an agent paid for their lunch during a weekend meeting.

Texas officials initially concluded that receiver Mike Adams, cornerback Bryant Westbrook and safeties Tre Thomas and Chris Carter did nothing wrong when they met with agent Mike George at a lunch arranged by former Longhorns line backer Winfred Tubbs.

But school officials received records from the luxury hotel where the meeting took place indicating that while Tubbs signed for the meal to be charged to his hotel room, George paid for Tubbs' room, said John Bianco, assistant sports information director at UT.

"The players were completely unaware that the agent was paying for the meal. Winfred told them that he signed the bill. They knew they couldn't accept anything from him," he said.

► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Friday, Nov. 1, the 306th day of 1996. There are 60 days left in the year. This is All Saints' Day.

On this date:

In 1604, William Shakespeare's tragedy *Othello* was first presented at Whitehall Palace in London.

In 1765, the Stamp Act went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists.

In 1861, Gen. George B. McClellan was made general-in-chief of the Union armies.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau made its first meteorological observations, using reports gathered by telegraph from 24 locations.

In 1936, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin.

In 1950, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, D.C., to assassinate President Truman. The attempt

failed, and one was killed.

In 1952, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb, in a test at Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands.

In 1954, the western African nation of Algeria began its rebellion against French rule.

In 1973, in the wake of the "Saturday night massacre," Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork appointed Leon Jaworski to be the new Watergate special prosecutor, succeeding Archibald Cox.

► Today's birthdays

Newspaper columnist James J. Kilpatrick is 76. Actress Marcia Wallace is 54. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald Bell (Kool and the Gang) is 45. Country singer Lyle Lovett is 39. Baseball pitcher Fernando Valenzuela is 36. Rock singer Anthony Kiedis (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 34. Rock musician Rick Allen (Def Leppard) is 33.

► Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected High 78°F
Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain.	Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain.	Partly cloudy with north winds 5 to 10 mph.	Tonight's Expected Low 53°F
			Tomorrow's Expected High 70°F
			Tomorrow Night's Expected Low 48°F

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Make a difference by donating your teddy bears and other stuffed animals at Alpha Phi's

Teddy Bear Drive

WHY? Alpha Phi is collecting teddy bears from the community to give to the boys and girls in pediatrics at St. Joseph's Hospital

WHEN? The week of the Baylor game---November 5, 6, and 7 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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