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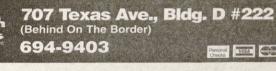
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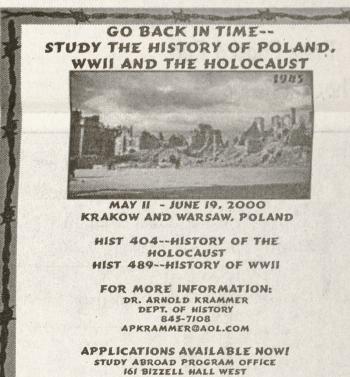
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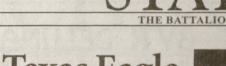
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Amtrak says Texas Eagle shows improvement

WASHINGTON (AP) - Amtrak, which nearly grounded its Texas Eagle just three years ago, is pointing to the Chicago-to-San Antonio route as one of the bright spots as it races to meet a congressional mandate to be financially selfsufficient within the next two years.

Amtrak said ridership on the Texas Eagle is up nearly 17 percent for the first quarter of the fiscal year that began Oct. . That is a statistic welcomed by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who pressured the rail service to keep the Eagle alive. Nationally, ridership was up 1 percent for the quarter.

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"As regards to the Texas Eagle, I am very encouraged about progress on both ridership and the revenue,"

said the Texas Republican, who chairs the Senate's surface transportation subcommittee.

Her comments Monday came as an independent commission studying Amtrak released a report questioning whether the passenger railroad can wean itself from federal aid by fall 2002 the deadline imposed by Congress.

The Amtrak Reform Council said Amtrak may be using faulty accounting methods to determine its bottom line.

If the railroad is forced to change its calculations it could fall short of meeting its deadline to be self-sufficient, the re-

Amtrak said it is on track to meet the deadline. But the council said the railroad's revenue projections do not include equipment depreciation and overhaul costs that will total \$567 million in 2003.

"We have a very important conflict at this point that we have to resolve," said the council's chairman, Gil Carmichael.

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Hutchison said she will convene a hearing, likely in March, to resolve that

"If we are not going to be on the same description of self-sufficiency, then that could be a disaster," she said.

Amtrak, which has received federal subsidies over the past three decades, could face possible liquidation and a restructuring of rail service if it fails to meet the test of self-sufficiency. But Hutchison suggested Congress would have to consider providing additional aid if the rail system remains a national

one, with routes running northto-south, such as the Eagle, and east-to-west. "I think it would be very

myopic to cut Amtrak off and lose those railroads forever, really, until we have given them every

chance to succeed, she said. Hutchison suggested Amtrak should use the Texas Eagle as a model to make its

lines outside the popular Northeast corridor self-sufficient. In the three years since the Eagle was spared from cancellation, Amtrak has in-

creased the route to four-day-a-week service, upgraded the quality of the railcars and aggressively marketed its private shipping service, she noted. The senator, who has been pressing rail

executives to make the Eagle a daily route, said she has secured a commitment to increase the Eagle to five-day-a-week service, possibly as early as fall.

Among the 19 Texas cities served by the Eagle are Austin, Cleburne, Longview, Marshall, McGregor, Mineola, Longview, San Marcos, Taylor, Temple and Texarkana.

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News in Brief

Police await tests on infant death

DALLAS (AP) - Police said they are awaiting forensic evidence in the death of an infant who was found lifeless on the ground outside the door of his

parents' North Dallas apartment. More than six weeks have passed since the 24-year-old mother told police that someone broke into her apartment and killed her newborn on Dec. 8.

But police said they are awaiting results on tests on evidence

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Relatives of bar-homicical the solution to the victim fear retaliation...

tives of one victim in a South Texas triple homicide are pleading for an end to violence following reports of possible retaliation from last week's attack at a sports bar.

Sylvia Hinojosa Villarreal, whose sister was shot Jan. 19 at the San Diego club about 50 miles west of Corpus Christi, said her family has heard rumors about omeone seeking retribution from Brian

Kopatz was arrested last week in connection with the shooting deaths of Anna Hinojosa, Jesus Vallejo Sanchez and Alma Perez.

'We've just heard some rumors, people talking in town," Villarreal told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "All the families have been through enough."

"It's not going to bring anybody back," she said. "It would just bring tragedy to someone else's family. It doesn't solve a thing.

Duval County Sheriff Santiago Barrera urged community members angered by the deaths to calm down.

like to kill him.' I tell them the 'Obviously, to ruin my case," he said eam, offens promised no retaliation. The ple to match can understand that too, I bounding. It them down.'

Kopatz is being held with bounds this the Jim Hogg County Jail and 116 total boa with capital murder. Police Defensive Kopatz was the gunman who steals and 3 C's Sports Bar and opened in Alexand AK-47 assault rifle, killing Hawith her nev Sanchez, and injuring three been recogn

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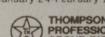
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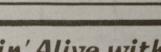
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