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## Bush appeals FEMA ruling

### Requests for emergency federal relief funds denied

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush has appealed the denial of his request for emergency federal funds for assistance to fight wildfires, the Division of Emergency Management said Wednesday.



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The appeal was forwarded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to President Bill Clinton, the division said.

In denying the state's request on Aug. 25, FEMA said Texas had not experienced sufficient losses.

However, the wildfires now pose a greater threat than they have in previous years when the federal government

granted emergency declarations, Bush said in a statement. "The strategy of the state of Texas, which has been consistently supported by the federal government, has been to meet a threat before there was loss of life and property," Bush said.

A dozen state agencies are assisting the Texas Forest Service to help fight wildfires.

As of Wednesday, about 70 active fires had burned 10,000 acres of Texas, forest service officials said.

Since July 16, about 1,575 homes have been threatened, with 27 lost, the division said. The Forest Service estimates that 29,000 fires have burned about 550,000 acres of grass, brush and forest across the state this year.

## Man faces charges for murdering daughters

MADISONVILLE (AP) — A man accused of killing his 18-month-old baby and two stepdaughters by burning their trailer was not considered dangerous by Child Protective Services, despite an investigation lasting several years.

Rafael Holiday, who had been indicted for sexually assaulting one of his stepdaughters, now faces capital murder charges after allegedly killing the girl and her two sisters in an arson fire near Madisonville early Wednesday.

Officials said he forced his young stepdaughters into a mobile

home where his infant daughter lay sleeping. With a gun in his hand he made the children's grandmother douse the trailer with gasoline before it was lit, officials said.

Killed were Tierra Shena Lynch, 7; Jasmine Raquel DuPaul, 5; and Justice Nichol Holiday, 18 months. Their remains were found huddled together on what was left of a couch.

Authorities had no prior indication of violence by Holiday, Child Protective Services spokeswoman Janice Keith said from her office in Austin.

### News in Brief

#### Drug companies sued for fraud

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas attorney general sued three drug companies Thursday, alleging they committed Medicaid fraud by overcharging the state more than \$20 million for respiratory disease medicines since 1995.

All three defendants — Dey Inc., Roxane Laboratories Inc. and Warrick Pharmaceuticals — falsely inflated the prices they reported for respiratory medication. They then turned around and sold drugs to pharmacies for drastically reduced prices," said Attorney General John Cornyn.

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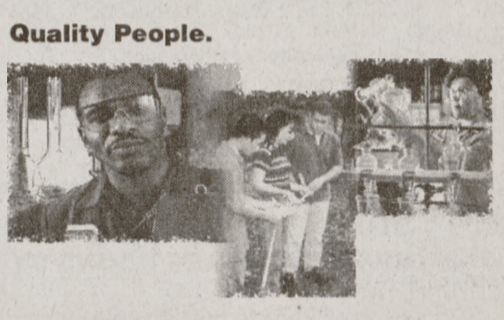
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