FBI may have found body of missing atheist

CAMP WOOD, (AP) — Federal agents unarthed human bones on a remote South Texas anch Saturday, the FBI said, after returning to the ite with the chief suspect in the disappearance of nissing atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair nd two of her children.

"We have what appears to be a leg bone, maybe femur, that is of substantial size and appears to e cut off on one end," said Roderick Beverly, speal agent-in-charge of the FBI's San Antonio diision. "We also found what appears to be finger nes and parts of a hand.

"The bones appeared to be charred like they ere set on fire.

Burnt fabric was also found buried with the

Investigators believe O'Hair, her son and the anddaughter she had adopted were killed, dismbered and dumped on the 5,000-acre Cook-Ranch in 1995. Previous searches of the prop-, including one in 1999, failed to find any

Beverly would not comment on whether David land Waters participated in Saturday's search. iters, who was facing kidnapping and extortion rges in the case, struck a deal with investiga-Wednesday that was ordered sealed by a fedl judge in Austin.

But a law enforcement source who spoke to Associated Press (AP) on condition of onymity confirmed that Waters was taken to ranch Saturday. His two lawyers also were

About two dozen federal and state agents using

three cadaver dogs began scouring a spot about 15feet-by-15-feet near a grove of live oak trees shortly after arriving at the ranch around 10:30 a.m.

Internal Revenue Service agents, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, Texas Rangers and local sheriff's deputies helped in the search on the private ranch in the Texas Hill Country about

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120 miles west of San Antonio.

The bones were revealed by agents using shovels and picks to dig about 2.5 feet down, Beverly

Beverly said a forensic anthropologist on site from Southwest Texas State University determined that the bones are human. The remains will be examined at the anthropologist's lab in San Marcos, Beverly said.

Beverly said the search would continue into the

The 53-year-old Waters, who previously pleaded innocent in the case, was to have gone on trial

The AP has objected to U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks' decision to close the plea agreement at the request of defense attorneys. A hearing has been set for Monday.

In 1999, about 100 investigators brought heavy digging equipment, a helicopter and dogs to the area in an unsuccessful search for the bodies.

O'Hair, 77 and suffering diabetes and heart disease when she disappeared, enjoyed calling herself the most hated woman in America. She was involved in successful court battles in the 1960's to ban prayer and Bible-reading in the nation's public schools.

O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and her granddaughter Robin Murray O'Hair left their Austin home in August 1995 under mysterious circumstances. Breakfast dishes were still on the table and O'Hair's medication was left behind. The family's beloved dogs were left at the house.

The trio was later seen in San Antonio but dropped from sight along with about \$500,000 in gold coins from one of O'Hair's atheist orga-

Prosecutors contend the victims were dismembered at a public storage shed in Austin, placed in 55-gallon drums and dumped on the ranch property under Waters' directions. He worked as O'Hair's office manager before being convicted of stealing \$54,000. He is now serving 60 years in

Last August, Sparks sentenced Gary Paul Karr, 52, a former jailmate of Waters, to life in prison for extorting money from the O'Hair family.

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Waco student threatens classmates with gun

WACO, (AP) — A state judge has dered a Waco fifth-grader to unrgo a psychological evaluation r police said the youngster deanded oral sex from a girl at gun-

The 12-year-old boy then threatned another student, telling him, his is your day to die," said disict Judge Ralph Strother.

Strother on Thursday ordered youngster detained for at least days, during which time he'll be xamined by psychologists.

Strother will have a hearing with the boy in 10 days to determine whether he should remain in custody or returned to his parents.

On Wednesday, police took the boy into custody on suspicion of making a terroristic threat and deadly conduct after school police found an unloaded, small-caliber handgun above a ceiling tile in a school bathroom.

The boy, who attends Bell's Hill Elementary School, told police that he and a friend found the gun in an

Escapees' leader to plead guilty

DALLAS (AP) — George Rivas,

mastermind of the escape of seven inmates from a Texas prison. told a Dallas television station on Saturday he thinks he should be executed for killing an Irving policeman during a robbery of a

sporting goods store. "I do not even know where to begin," Rivas said to a question from WFAA-TV whether he has anything to say to the family of slain officer Aubrey Hawkins.

"No amount of apologies could make up for what I have done," Rivas said. "Except that I hope that by me now confessing to this and admitting to my guillt, I can give them some sort of closure when my life is taken," Rivas said.

His interviewer asked him what World technology," said Tillery.

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what I can get," Rivas said. He said he will plead guilty. Bill proposed to change voting

punishment he should receive.

"The death sentence; I deserve

AUSTIN (AP) — Those hanging chads that plagued Florida's election were not a factor in Texas elections this past year. And if one lawmaker has his way, they never will be.

State Rep. Dale Tillery Is proposing a bill seeking to ban the use of punch-card voting systems the kind that can leave hanging chads.

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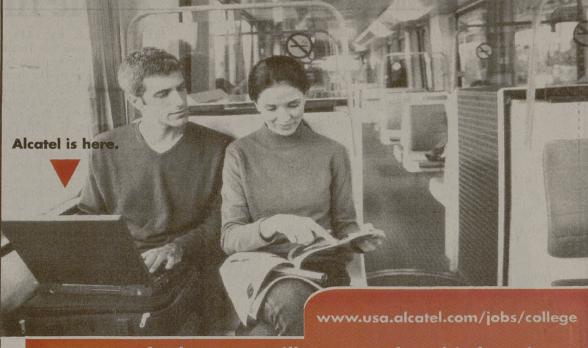
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