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## News in Brief State

### Graduate donates \$5 million to UT

AUSTIN (AP) — A \$25 million donation from a retired oil man and his late wife will help create a School of Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin, the university announced Tuesday. The school will be named for A. and Katherine Jackson, who have already given UT \$15 million to expand the geosciences building. Students who study geosciences are currently scattered throughout the Department of Geological Sciences, the Bureau of Economic Geology and the Institute for Geophysics. The new school will pull together students under one roof. Some of the money also will be used to help support research and fellowships. "My education at UT-Austin paved the way for my career," said Jackson, a 1940 geology graduate. "Now, I want to help others get the best education possible."

### Kittens given away to not have rabies

LANCASTER (AP) — All six of the kittens a family gave away from a parking lot in Lancaster last week have tested negative for rabies, police said Monday. The family who gave the kittens away July 2 kept one that was sick, and that kitten tested positive for rabies on Wednesday. Rabies can be transmitted by bites or when saliva from an infected animal enters a person's eye. A series of extensive post-exposure shots can prevent rabies from developing. But once symptoms develop, the disease is usually fatal.

### Nation

#### New Orleans lifts ban on bottles, cans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The city council last week voted to suspend the law. The ban will take effect once it is lifted by Mayor Marc Morial, who said he supports the change. Critics of the open container law have long said that police enforce it mainly as an excuse to stop and search blacks. Nearly 80 percent of those arrested with violating the ordinance are black, according to a study released last month by the city's office. A push to change the law came in earnest in November when a black man stopped for driving an open can of beer was fatally shot by four police officers. Police said the man had a gun, but family members said he was unarmed.

# Aggie recovering after crash

## Senior in fair condition after landing single-engine plane in field

Stuart Hutson  
The Battalion

An A&M student who was stranded for more than five hours Monday after crash landing a single-engine plane in an 1,800-acre ranch remains in fair condition at Scott & White Hospital in Temple.

Jefferson Randolph Keith, a senior agricultural business major, is being treated for dehydration and other minor injuries sustained when the plane failed to restart while Keith was practicing stalling maneuvers.

A representative of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said the plane, which belongs to the A&M Flying Club, crashed on the G Bar Ranch approximately 13 miles southwest of College Station.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Mark Melson said the plane was traveling about 70 miles per hour when it landed on the ranch at 6:30 a.m. The force of the impact broke the plane's landing gear.

Keith then waited with the plane for five hours, hoping that the plane's emer-

gency beacon would lead emergency crews to the crash site. The beacon apparently was not operational.

Keith then walked half a mile before he encountered a railroad worker who shuttled him to the Somerville train depot. Keith was then taken to St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan and was later transferred to Scott & White.

Hospital spokespersons declined to comment on the specifics of Keith's injuries or on how long he is expected to remain under the hospital's care.

Melson said the plane will stay at the

crash site while the incident remains under investigation by the FAA, who took their first look at the crash site Tuesday morning.

Melson said that, after the FAA has completed its investigation, the plane will most likely be handed over to the National Traffic Safety Board for an examination of what prevented the plane from restarting.

Scott & White spokespersons said Keith has declined to comment and representatives of the flight club could not be reached for comment.

## Ready, aim ... fire



Amia Esehie (foreground), a senior biomedical major, and Hannah Grasso, a senior computer science major, take aim at paper targets before releasing their arrows during a beginning archery class at the Student Recreation Center Tuesday.

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# Mexico warning of border crossings

MEXICO CITY (AP) — "Don't take the risk." "Think hard about it." Those were among the videotaped warnings Mexico began running Tuesday on U.S. border-bound buses, hoping to stem a growing tide of migrant deaths.

The advertisements, which debuted on more than 5,200 buses heading toward the border, focus on the perils of border-crossing, which include

**"We want to inundate Mexico with the message."**

— Juan Hernandez  
head of Office for  
Mexicans Abroad

treacherous terrain, scorching desert and immigrant smugglers who sometimes abandon migrants to die.

The message in some is blunt: "Don't go."

"We want to inundate Mexico with the message," said Juan Hernandez, head of President Vicente Fox's Office for Mexicans Abroad, at a news conference where he unveiled the four new video advertisements.

Mexico's government says 491 Mexicans died trying to cross the border last year. More than 160 have died so far this year — including 14 migrants whose bodies were found in late May in the Arizona desert.

The advertisements offer grim warnings of death and illness to discourage illegal immigration — while encouraging those who do make the journey to send money back home.

"The border today is very dangerous," Hernandez says on one of the spots, which show scenes of migrants slipping through a tunnel and border fences marked with crosses memorializing those who have died.

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# Administrator named to NASA Advisory Council

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Vice President for Research at Texas A&M, Dr. Richard E. Ewing, has recently been announced as a member of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). The NAC is the group NASA uses to examine its programs and make suggestions to the NASA administrator about those programs.

"I look forward to serving on the council. It is a great honor to be asked to participate in setting the direction for future space research and exploration," Ewing said.

The NAC was formed in

1977 when NASA combined the Space Program Advisory Council with the Research and Technology Council. It is now the most senior advising body for NASA.

Members of the NAC are selected from a list containing the names of people who are in the top of their fields, which range from science to medicine.

"The NAC looks for people with varying degrees of expertise in different areas and still have broad perspectives," said Mike Green, staff director of the NAC.

Ewing was recommended by

the Texas Congressional Delegation, specifically Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

"Ewing was chosen because he has a sharp, narrow focus when it is needed, but can also see the broad picture," Green said.

The 26-member council meets once every quarter for two days. During those two days, NASA displays all of its current projects and policies and also the ideas it is considering for future projects.

The council then makes recommendations to the NASA administrator about what direction the programs should take

and how to make them work at optimum efficiency.

Prior to being Vice President of Research, Ewing was the dean of the College of Science and a distinguished professor of mathematics. At A&M, he also helped form and direct the Institute of Scientific Computation and the Academy for Advanced Telecommunications and Learning Technologies.

Ewing is a member of the board of directors for the National Space Biomedical Research Institute. He also holds the Mobil Technology Company Endowed Chair in computational science.

# Japanese committee demands review

TOKYO (AP) — Angered by U.S. delays in handing over an American serviceman suspected of rape, a parliamentary committee on Tuesday adopted a resolution demanding a review of the agreement governing U.S. troops in Japan.

The resolution, passed by the lower house foreign affairs committee, criticized the U.S. military for failing to prevent crimes by troops stationed in Japan and demanded measures to ensure the swift handover of U.S. servicemen accused of crimes.

The committee's decision comes less than a week after the United States agreed to relinquish custody of Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy Woodland to Japan-

## Resolution criticizes military for failing to prevent crimes by troops in Okinawa

ese police on Okinawa. Woodland was arrested last Friday on suspicion of raping a 20-year-old woman on April 29 outside a bar. He has denied the charges.

Japanese police were allowed to question Woodland immediately after the alleged assault. But U.S. officials resisted giving local police full custody of Woodland for four days because of concerns about his legal defense under Japan's criminal justice system. In Japan, more than 95 percent of suspects whose cases go to trial are convicted.

In its resolution, the committee said

the delays kindled animosity and distrust among Japanese people living in Okinawa toward U.S. troops.

"Improvements must be made to the agreement that would speed the transfer of custody," the committee said.

Some 26,000 U.S. troops are stationed on the southern island of Okinawa. Residents have long expressed concerns over crowding, military-related accidents and crimes committed by U.S. servicemen.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi has indicated he wants to find

ways to make the existing Status of Forces Agreement between Japan and the United States work better, instead of revising the pact.

He said changing the agreement would take time and must be part of broader talks involving U.S. bases elsewhere, including South Korea and Germany.

Foreign Minister Makiko Tanaka told the lower house committee Tuesday that the two countries have discussed the possibility of changes in the past.

"Japan and the U.S. have agreed to abide by the agreement. Both sides are doing their best to reduce the burden of hosting U.S. troops shouldered by the people of Okinawa," she said, without elaborating.

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