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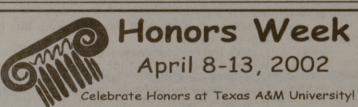
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sentations at the Texas Highway Conference held at the Hilton Hotel through the weekend.

# Bush wants to ensure early reading President suggests extra training for Head Start teachers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — President Bush promised on Tuesday to give American children a chance at "the lifelong gift of early learning" through better training for teachers in the Head Start preschool program.

In a speech before a nearly all-adult audience at a Penn State University campus in suburban Delaware County, Bush said he would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to begin training almost 50,000 Head Start teachers on the best techniques to teach the rudiments of reading to preschoolers.

Reading is the foundation for all of learning," Bush said. Reading to a child early and often can change a child's life.

"A child who cannot identify the letters of the alphabet in his or her first year of school behind in school throughout her or his career. We cannot accept this in America.

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Matt Byle, a sophomore biology major, takes a closer look

at a display regarding accident avoidance displayed by

Continental Teves System. The company will be giving pre-

Bush's proposal immediately drew criticism from members of Congress who challenged him to put more money into his ideas.

"The president proposed no additional resources to help states and local communities provide the vital support to families and children," said Sen. Jim Jeffords, I-Vt. "The president's is a good first step, but we need to do so much more. The president announced the

proposal during a visit to Pennsylvania in which he also helped raise \$1 million for state Attorney General Mike Fisher, running unopposed in the Republican gubernatorial primary. Former Philadelphia

tling state Auditor General Robert Casey Jr. for the Democratic nomination.

"It's time to make it three governors in a row," Bush said, referring to former GOP Gov. Tom Ridge, whom he tapped for homeland security director after the Sept. 11 attacks, and Ridge's successor, Mark Schweiker.

Bush defended the massive tax cut he engineered last year. "History will prove us right: By cutting taxes, we saved the country from a significant recession," Bush said.

Of Fisher, he said: "Mike believes in lower taxes, and so

Bush has traveled to Pennsylvania 11 times since taking office, more than any other state. Pennsylvania is the nation's fifth largest in terms of electoral votes, and Democrat Mayor Edward Rendell is bat- Al Gore won it in 2000's

skintight presidential election.

Bush said he wants to ded cate \$45 million for research into early literacy programs and practices that work, the same basic goal as another proposa that cropped up Tuesday on Capitol Hill. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D.

Mass., said he and a bipartisan group of colleagues would propose giving \$5 billion in incotive grants to states over five years, to coordinate early hood programs in Head and other preschool program in public schools, daycare or ters and at home.

The money would go top grams that care for and tea

children as young as newbon 'To make a real different for our youngest children, must add flesh to the bones the president's commitment, Kennedy said.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### FDA says company's eggs should be regulated

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has accused a biotech company of selling unapproved drugs in the form of eggs containing antibodies produced from vaccinated hens.

A federal grand jury in Columbus is investigating Ovlmmune Inc. after the FDA accused the company of developing and selling unlicensed drugs and vaccines for diseases including AIDS, pneumonia and yeast infections.

Company president Marilyn Coleman said antibodies in the eggs could boost the immune systems of people who ate them.

"The eggs are not drugs; they are dietary supplements," said Coleman, an assistant professor at Ohio State University from 1976 to 1980. "The chickens are vaccinated like all chickens. All you do is dry the eggs and sell the powder. There's nothing added to the eggs," she said.

The FDA said the company, headquartered at a farmhouse in Richwood, about 35 miles northwest of Columbus, sold its egg products across the nation over the Internet

The agency said the company described the eggs as "magic bullets ... to target and destroy unwanted biologic entities such as cancer." The Website is no longer operating.

The FDA said the company also sought to use Richwood residents in unauthorized

medical experiments.

It said in court documents that Colem approached the nurse of the North Union County School District last year seeking pel mission to serve the eggs to schoolchildren.

Coleman wanted to monitor students according to an FDA search warrant. Sall Wiley, the school nurse, alerted federa authorities.

Coleman said Monday she had consider giving surplus eggs to the school, because would cost too much to dry and store them

"I thought we could give the eggs to the kids and let some have cereal and other have eggs and see which one helped the the most," she said. "But the FDA told me, " you do an experiment, we will call it a drug.

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