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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Hydrochloric acid spilled on F.M. 2818

A chemical spill Wednesday forced drivers on Farm Road 2818 to find alternate routes and forced many people out of their homes and businesses.

A Freight Liner truck carrying 5,500 gallons of hydrochloric acid solution overturned while making a left hand turn off of Farm Road 2818 onto Independence St. around 9:30 a.m.

Fumes from the solution caused nausea and itchy, burning eyes in some people. About 19 victims went to the hospital for treatment.

Officials say the solution will cause no long-term effects to the road or surrounding area. The road will be hosed off and the surrounding polluted dirt will be shipped away.

### Unclaimed scholarship available

Although a \$250 scholarship is available from the Brazos Valley Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators, no one has applied for it, IABC member Gretchen Krueger said.

The deadline for application is Monday, April 24.

The scholarship will be given to a Texas A&M University junior majoring in journalism, agricultural journalism, English or speech communication.

Applicants must be in good standing with the University with at least 30 hours remaining in their degree program and have at least a 2.5 grade point ratio.

Application forms are available from the journalism, speech communication, English and marketing departments.

### 15 military bases targeted for closure

DALLAS (AP) — Officials from Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas pleaded their cases Wednesday before an independent commission reviewing military bases targeted for closure or realignment by the Pentagon.

Texas has the most to lose if the Pentagon's recommendations prevail before the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Three of the 15 major bases being recommended for closure are in Texas — Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, Red River Army Depot in Texarkana and Reese AFB in Lubbock.

## Information highway growing

Speaker says America must learn about the information superhighway to remain a world power.

By Eleanor Colvin  
THE BATTALION

A speaker from the National Center for Communications Studies, told A&M students and faculty Wednesday that now is the time to research issues related to the rapidly approaching information superhighway.

Lisa St. Clair Harvey, the speaker, predicted that the superhighway's development will change many American traditions and thought processes within the next two years.

"Now is the time to act," she said. "If we play catch up with issues instead of researching them beforehand, then we have lost the game before we've begun."

Harvey said the information superhighway is a promising endeavor needing specific policies to govern how it will provide information.

"The information superhighway is an intensely political issue," she said. "Although the most important ramifications do not always make it into the news, we need to know what the superhighway is and can be, as well as what it cannot be because of policy."

Harvey, who studies the social and cultural impacts of media technology, said the superhighway will create many changes in American culture.

"We are looking at changes in all kinds of information, ranging from politics and weather, to sending pictures to grandparents," she said. "Democracy is wrapped around this issue because of the possibility of redefining American and world culture."

Harvey said policy makers must learn from past media efforts when implementing this new technology.

"Information age policy makers and recipients must be alert to the dangerous ways of thinking about old media when considering this radical new

technology," she said.

Harvey encouraged listeners to be concerned about the reasons motivating governmental decisions about the information superhighway, said the first priority should be given to the public.

"If the federal government is not firm in its making, we won't have an information superhighway, but something more like a rail system," she said. "It will be similar to the government's handmaids to big business when the railroads were first built. The term 'superhighway' is misleading, big government is only helping big business."

Harvey said America's involvement in developing this technology is critical to maintaining its status as a world power.

"World players are no longer going to be determined by if they are industrialized, but by if they are 'informationized,'" she said. "We must be alert of this information structure or we will become enfranchised."



Lisa St. Clair Harvey tells Americans to turn off the ride on the information superhighway.

## Mystery gas released on Yokohama train station

The latest in a string of incidents in Japan injures 300 people.

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — The old woman stood in front of the entrance to Yokohama Station, shopping bags in hand, and watched a chemical warfare unit suit up and head inside.

"Oh my god," she said. "Not again."

A month after terrorists released nerve gas in Tokyo's sub-

ways, a possible copycat attacker let loose a mystery gas Wednesday at the main train station in Yokohama, just south of the capital.

This time, 300 people got sick, and the nation's ragged nerves were set on edge again.

The attack in Yokohama came after one of Japan's most trying months since World War II, in which cherished beliefs about the nation's security have been undermined.

Twelve people were killed and 5,500 sickened in the March 20

nerve gas attack in Tokyo. Days later, an assailant seriously wounded the national police official.

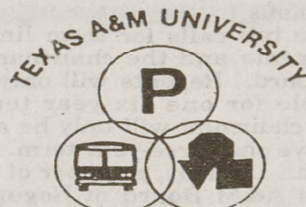
Last Saturday, stores closed and 10,000 police mobilized Tokyo amid fears that a doomsday cult suspected of a nerve gas case would deliver a terrorist strike in the capital. Nothing happened.

Police said they believe Wednesday's case was a deliberate attack and sent hundreds of officers to chemical weapons experts who gave masks to Yokohama Sta-

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### Fall Parking Permit News:

Student parking permits and bus passes purchased for the fall of 1995 are valid through May 31, 1996. Students who preregister for parking permits and bus passes before July 1, 1995, will receive them in the mail on or around August 10. Please verify your address with the Fiscal Department.

The price of parking permits has changed from what is listed in the registration booklets due to the approval of price changes made by the Board of Regents. The new prices listed below will be effective Fall '95. ed:

| Option Code | Types of Permits and Prices                |        |
|-------------|--|--------|
| 10          | Commuter Student.....                      | \$75   |
| 30          | Resident Student.....                      | \$75   |
| 09          | Night Permit.....                          | \$35   |
| 12          | Motorcycle/Moped.....                      | \$35   |
|             | Summer Permit (Effective Summer '96).....  | \$55   |
|             | Faculty/Staff (Reserved Lot).....          | \$100  |
|             | Faculty/Staff (Reserved Number Space)..... | \$200  |
|             | Garage Roof.....                           | \$180  |
|             | Garage (Inside).....                       | \$240  |
|             | Garage (Priority).....                     | \$270  |
|             | Zachry Basement.....                       | \$270  |
| 15          | Bus Pass.....                              | \$110* |

\*Students may obtain a free night permit if a bus pass is purchased.

### Summer Parking Permit News:

May 15 - 19 - Students who preregister before May 1, 1995, for summer parking permits or bus passes will receive them in the mail.

May 25 - 31 - Student permits and bus passes may be picked up from the PTTS cashiers in the Rudder Tower lobby between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

| Option Code | Cost of Summer Parking Permits: |         |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 15          | Bus Pass.....                   | \$55    |
| 32          | Summer Student Parking.....     | \$20    |
| 12          | Motorcycle/Moped.....           | \$11.72 |
| 09          | Night Parking.....              | \$15    |

\*Parking permits and bus passes purchased for the summer are valid through August 27, 1995. Summer permits are non-refundable. Bus passes are non-refundable in Summer Term II. During Summer Term I, the bus pass refund is \$27.50.

#### Visitor Garage Parking:

Visitor Parking per Hour.....\$ .60 Visitor Parking per Day.....\$4.80

\*This will be effective in the 1995 Fall Term.

#### Parking News:

April 20 - The University Center Garage will be reserved after 3:30 p.m. for OPAS.

April 21 - The University Center Garage will be reserved for Muster.

April 21 - PA 69 will be closed due to the SWC Tennis Tournament.

April 28 - 30 - The University Center Garage will be reserved for Parent's Weekend '95.

#### Bus Operation News:

Due to PA 69 being closed for the SWC Tennis Tournament and the on-campus events for Muster, PTTS will be sponsoring "Ride the Bus Days". All students can ride the off-campus buses for free on Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21.

GOOD LUCK WITH REGISTRATION!!!!!!

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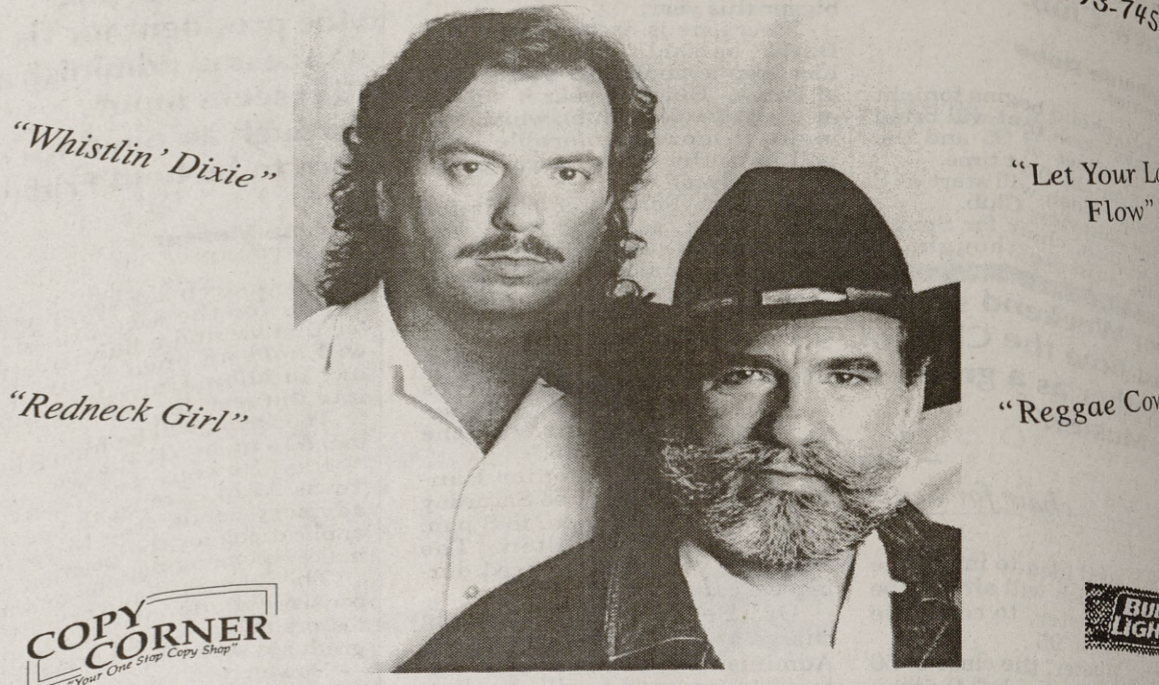
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