

Consol discusses child plan, names

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A program for gifted children and a name change for the A&M Consolidated School District provided College Station's school board with

much discussion Monday night, and both have been assigned further study.

Teachers working with the talented child program reported that special education for gifted students is developing satisfactorily in the school district, and that improvements to the system are expected as more staff members are trained to handle the expanding program.

Currently, the program uses testing and teacher recommendations to form cluster groups of talented students in the second through fifth grades. A special staff is undergoing training to identify gifted students, learn how to best develop the program, and guide special students' education.

A spokesman for the program said work is continuing to determine more accurate tests for locating talented students and define the needs of those children, as well as the means to teach them.

School board members were told that the program will soon try to utilize special classes, early entrance programs, field trips and independent studies to further its scope, but financial restrictions still need to be dealt with in areas of materials and salaries.

The school board took no action on the progress report. The special students staff will meet in February 1979 with members of the community to analyze the program.

While teachers work with developing the talented children program, other students and faculty are engaging in a simmering controversy over the name of the school district.

A short vote of teachers and high school students showed 57 teachers for retaining the present name, while 99 favored a change to the College Station Independent School District.

Students, on the other hand, voted 734 to 101 to keep the name.

The validity of the student vote was questioned by high school student council president Rocky Path, who said most students voted the way their friends did because there was little debate on the subject.

A student council member said she had drawn up another poll to be distributed after the issue has been discussed with students and the school board voted to defer the name change until more results have been gathered.

The delay has affected the renaming of A&M Consolidated Middle School. "Middle" is expected to be replaced by "junior high," but the final name has not been decided.

Israelis may sign agreement

United Press International

Israeli sources said Monday the Cabinet was likely to approve a U.S.-sponsored draft treaty with Egypt if President Anwar Sadat dropped demands for a timetable implementing Palestinian autonomy on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But there were reports from Cairo that Sadat had hardened his position, and revived a joint Arab military pact that would obligate Egypt to fight alongside any country attacked by Israel.

The Israeli Cabinet was to resume debate today on the draft treaty and was likely to endorse Prime Minister Menachem Begin's rejection of a timetable and an Egyptian presence in Gaza, sources said.

The sources said it appeared likely the Cabinet would endorse the U.S.-drafted treaty as presented to it by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman on Oct. 25.

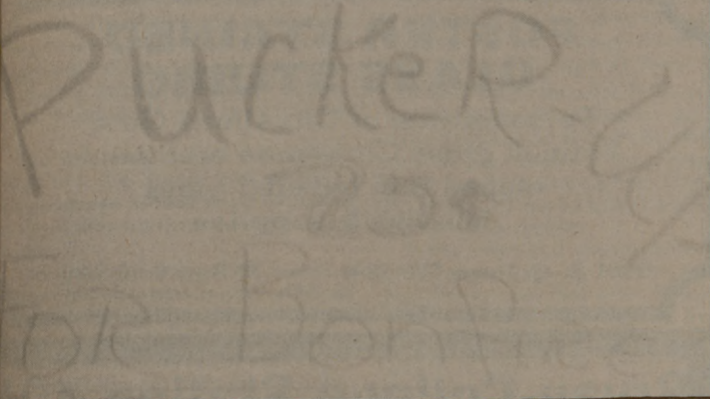
Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, supported by Begin and Weizman, Sunday recommended the Cabinet approve the draft even though the ministers questioned some of the language, sources said.

Israel should tell Egypt it is ready to sign the treaty and then begin negotiations on a timetable after the pact is signed, sources said Dayan told the Cabinet. He said he thought Egypt would endorse this.

"There is reason to hope the U.S. administration will stand behind the paper (draft) inspired by President Carter," one source said. "We don't think the Americans will renounce their own draft after three weeks."

When asked what would happen if the Americans backed off from its own draft because of Egyptian demands, the source responded, "Then we'll be in trouble."

The Cabinet discussed the peace treaty for five hours but did not reach a decision.



Pucker up!

Members of the Off Campus Student Association made \$35 last Friday selling kisses for 25 cents each in front of the Rudder Fountain. Proceeds from the kissing booth will help buy bonfire supplies.

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Insects may be food source, solution to world hunger

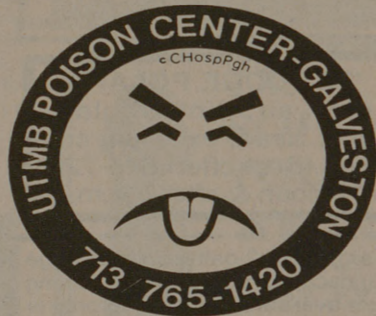
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MEXICO CITY — Eating an ant sandwich instead of a hamburger may seem farfetched but one Mexican researcher thinks it could be a solution to world hunger.

Insects could be one of the best food sources in the future because of their high content of protein and minerals, according to Mexican researcher Julieta Ramos Elorduy Blazquez de Conconi, an investigator at the Biology Institute of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

She said insects contain the largest amount of protein in any form of animal life that is currently not used by man as food.

The researcher added that insects would make an ideal food source because they can be easily reproduced and industrially processed.



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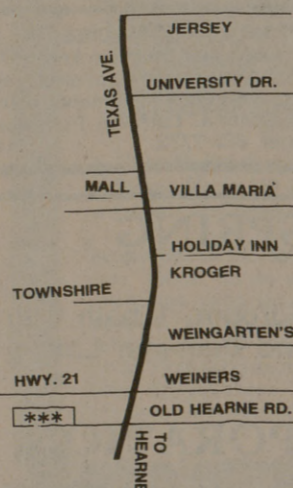
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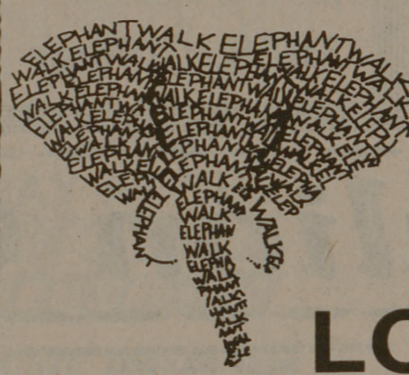


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