

Stauffer Co.'s non-toxic gas hospitalizes 45 in Houston

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HOUSTON — Human error caused a sulfur dioxide leak at the Stauffer Chemical Co. that sent 45 persons to hospitals with respiratory problems and nausea, a company spokesman said Wednesday.

Gene New, of the Houston Health Department's Air Quality Control Division, said Stauffer was issued a violation notice for the 6 p.m. CST Tuesday emission. The leak lasted 15 minutes and plagued area residents and Hobby Airport patrons.

Lentz said the company had received the violation notice, which could mean a fine of \$50 to \$1,000. Lentz also said Stauffer will pay the reasonable medical expenses of persons exposed to the gas. "There are no long-term health effects, but it certainly was a considerable irritant to those people who smelled it last night," Lentz said. "We are concerned to the extent that we certainly don't want it to happen again. That particular unit, which makes sulfuric acid, is still shut down and will not be restarted until we're positive we can control it properly," he said.



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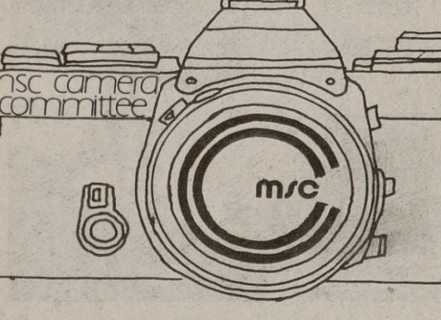
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What's up at Texas A&M

THURSDAY

"THE OMEN": U.S. Ambassador Gregory Peck must battle occult powers when he finds that his 5-year-old son may actually be the anti-Christ. The movie will be shown at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Admission is \$1.25.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Will have a leadership training class at 7:30 in 204 Harrington.

FINANCE ASSOCIATION: Texas Commerce Bank officials will speak at a meeting at 6:30 in 224 MSC. Anyone interested is invited.

NEWMAN'S ORGANIZATION: A Bible study will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

COLLEGE BOWL: The final match will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom. Entrance is free.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION: A talk on "Christian Science and the Worth of Man" will be given at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

CAMAC: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Everyone interested is invited.

FLORICULTURE-ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE CLUB: A retail florist will speak at the monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 226 MSC.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: Will sponsor an International Supper at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center. All students welcome.

CARNATION SALES: The Floriculture-Ornamental Horticulture Club will sponsor Valentine Carnation Sales from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the first floor, MSC and at the Commons.

PHI DELTA GAMMA: Bernice Kohn Hunt, editor-in-chief of Dandelion Press, will speak on publishing at 12 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Anyone interested may attend.

PENTECOSTAL UPPER ROOM: Will meet for a Bible study at 7:30 p.m. in the Meditation Room of the All Faiths Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY

GROMETS: Everyone is invited to come and play historical fantasy wargames at 7 p.m. in 140 and 140A MSC.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY: Will leave for a field trip to the University of Texas Law School at 8 a.m. Anyone interested should call 845-3888 for more information.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS: Will have a party at 8 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Briarwood Apartments.

THE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: Will have a party at 8 p.m. at the Oak Forest Party Room on Krenek Tap Road.

LA ASOCIACION DE ESTUDIANTES VENEZOLANOS: Convoca a una asamblea general que se efectuara a las 6 p.m. en 601 Rudder. Objetivos a discutir seran la nueva constitucion y la organizacion de actividades sociales. Contamos con tu asistencia.

"NORTH DALLAS FORTY": Nick Nolte and Mac Davis star in this comedy drama about one man's rebellion against the bureaucratic manipulative system that is the world of pro football. Nolte portrays an aging football player whose eyes are opened to the corruption existing in the team's management. The feature will be shown at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

SWIM MEET: The Texas A&M men's swim team will host Texas Tech in the year's last home meet at 7 p.m. in the P. L. Downs Natatorium. Admission is free.

WARCON '80: The largest fantasy and war gaming convention in the southwest will be held through Sunday beginning at 6 p.m. today in the MSC and Rudder. The convention is sponsored by the Gromets and the MSC Recreation Committee.

ACM-IEEE/CS: George Davida from the University of Wisconsin will speak on "A Database Encryption System With Subkeys" at 3 p.m. in 103 Zachry. All students and faculty are invited and refreshments will be served at 2:30 p.m.

"THE LIFE OF BRIAN": In the latest film by the famed Monty Python troupe, Brian is mistaken for the Messiah by the Roman people. Much of the film concerns various inept liberation movement groups that do little but argue with each other. The feature will be shown at midnight in Rudder Auditorium.

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A&M WHEELMEN: Will leave for a Hog Hunt Ride to the Nuclear Reactor and Swine Farm at 11 a.m. from Rudder Fountain.

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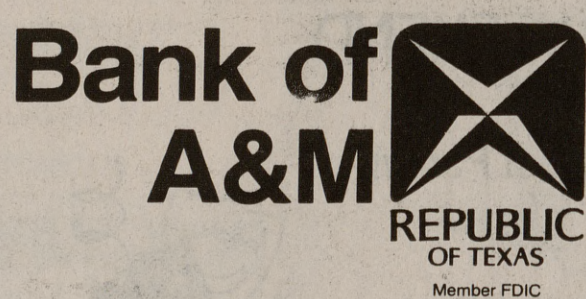
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