

Explosion hurts 3 in Waco state

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WACO — Three city workers trying to stop a natural gas leak at an evacuated shopping center were injured Tuesday in the explosion of the gas line. All three were treated and released and damage was minimal. Officials at Midway Shopping Center, a 15-store shopping area in the suburban community of Woodway, smelled the gas and immediately ordered the complex evacuated and summoned city crews, gas workers and the fire department. City manager John Lynch speculated the gas fumes were ignited by a heater. Lynch said four stores received minor damage. He estimated the damage at about \$100,000.

Baylor controversy with Playboy swells to question of free press

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WACO — Officials of church-owned Baylor University obviously don't want Playboy Magazine's photographer around but what started as a controversy over naked and nearly naked women has swelled to include freedom of the collegiate press. University President Abner McCall Monday said the student newspaper, The Lariat, was too concerned with "the plans of a pornographic magazine" and said the 30-person staff should either resign or refrain from criticizing his anti-Playboy stand.

McCall has threatened to discipline Baylor's students who pose for Playboy's "Girls of the Southwest Conference" photo layout. Editor of The Lariat Jeff Barton Tuesday said the staff may indeed resign, but in protest of McCall's heavy hand. McCall contends that since the Baptist-owned university pays the newspaper's expenses, Baylor officials have the power to determine what is published. Barton maintains the staff should be publishing things that are of concern to students and that includes Playboy magazine coming to town and McCall's opposition. "Playboy has been of great interest to students. It's dominated our letters (to the editor) section and what we've tried to do is keep up with student interest," Barton said. "We perceive a very great interest. There have been no organized student protests against Playboy and the Baylor women are split in their opinions. One student, who refused to give her name, said she was considering posing semi-nude and felt the Baylor administration was overreacting. "I don't see anything wrong with it," she said. "Things like that don't bother me, and I don't think it's any of their business." Two women, who also refused to

give their names, said women who pose would not be "well received" at Baylor. "I think it would be a disgrace to Baylor but it's up to the individual," one said. "I think you will see a lot of uproar if there are people from the campus that are included in the magazine." Barton says more Playboy stories are planned but the university has imposed some restrictions. The Lariat staff was told Monday that all editorials must be submitted two days before publication so they can be checked by editors and the newspaper's faculty adviser. McCall contends the newspaper is

an extension of the university administration since it pays for expenses and that gives it publisher's rights control editorial comment. "Freedom and discretion to student editors and reporters is a matter of constitutional right, the exercise of discretion by the publisher as to accomplishing the sought by the publisher," he said. Barton said McCall's directive to out editorial comment has demoralized the staff and a mass resignation is possible. "Unless something happens to ease the tension, there's a chance we'll resign," he said.

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Siamese twins gain strength

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HOUSTON — Tiny, 23-day-old Puerto Rican twin girls joined at the chest have gained 5 ounces in less than seven days and doctors Tuesday said they might be strong enough for separation surgery by the end of the week.

Blue-eyed, brown-haired Ivonne and Ivette Morales together weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces Tuesday compared to their 7-pound, 4-ounce weight upon arrival at Texas Children's Hospital from San Juan last Thursday.

The twins were born by Cesarean section Feb. 3 to Evelyn Morales, 21, and her husband, El Morales, 38, an unemployed mechanic.

The twins developed near heart and lung problems at the hospital and San Juan and Puerto Rico Gov. Carlos Romero arranged emergency jet ambulance flight to Houston.

A special fund at the hospital for the hospitalization and surgery, unofficially expected to cost about \$25,000.

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"They're holding their own," a hospital spokesman said. "They're in critical but stable condition, just the way they have been. They are still on the respirator and will be until surgery."

A team of five surgeons and four expert consultants was assembled to carry out the surgery, originally planned Tuesday, but postponed after a meeting in which the doctors agreed the twins remained too weak.

"They decided to delay it until late this week or possibly next week to give the babies a chance to build up some more strength," said Pat Kiley, a hospital administrator.

Neither the hospital nor the doctors, whose names have been withheld, have disclosed details of the twins' anatomy, particularly whether they have fully separate hearts or some combined heart function.

"The family has requested that no medical information be disclosed," a spokesman said. However, the fact that the surgical team was being called a "cardiovascular team" indicated at least some delicate heart and blood vessel surgery was anticipated.

Police nab runaway bull

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SAN ANTONIO — Police arrested a trained in animal control so grain prices 700-pound Brahman bull loose in the Union Stockyards Tuesday. Nine days simply used standard operating procedure. They handcuffed the bull, Mor and dragged it back to its pen. Located grain "They just handcuffed it and Last Wednesday the dispatcher reported \$3.59 per bushel six patrol cars and six officers. The 35-cent dued the bull that made a sports a \$37 run for liberty down San Antonio grain store said.


Montana Governor A. B. Conaway said the three-year-old bull was a "nuisance" and a "public safety hazard." The bull was finally put under control. Stockyard officials said the bull escaped because a truck backed all the way to an unloading ramp, leaving space for him to

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