

Plant dries 'hot' water

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CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. — A malfunctioning pump, vital to the cleanup of a radioactive water spill at the Crystal River nuclear power plant was repaired Thursday, setting the stage for a cold shutdown some-

time today.
"We are back on schedule and shortly after cold shutdown we can begin removal of water from the floor of the containment building," said Florida Power Corp. spokesman Bill Johnson.

A loss of power triggered a series of events that caused the emergency shutdown of the nuclear generating plant and the spilling of 43,000 gallons of radioactive water into the containment building.

Johnson confirmed that an electrician was working in the cabinet where an electrical circuit failed, but said the electrician was not working on the circuit box involved.

FPC officials and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Wednesday that there was no damage to nuclear fuel rods in the reactor housed in the 30-story-tall containment building. They also said no radiation had been released into the environment.

"There is absolutely no cause for alarm," said James O'Reilly, regional director of the NRC. "All information is that the core was not uncovered and all indications are that there is no reason to suspect core damage."

Johnson said engineers were analyzing the electrical circuit that malfunctioned and said it would be several days before the cause of the malfunction is determined.

Dept. of Agriculture keeps close rein on Cotton Inc.

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WASHINGTON — Assistant Agriculture Secretary Bobby Smith pledged to Congress Tuesday his department would keep close tabs on Cotton Inc. to make sure its employees do not get out of hand again.

"As long as I hold this position, this program will be monitored closely," Smith told the House Agriculture cotton subcommittee, which called hearings to review progress in implementing recommendations by department investigators.

The department's inspector general concluded last year the department was too lax in its review of the farmer-financed research and promotion program, some funds were mismanaged and Cotton Inc. directed export business to a few selected farmers.

"We have come a long way toward correcting the problems outlined in the OIG (Office of the Inspector General) audit, but we know we are not yet 'home free,'" Smith said.

Rep. Paul Findley, R-Ill., asked Smith if he knew Dan Davis of Lubbock had been suspended from trading cotton fu-

tures for manipulating the market when Smith recommended for the Cotton Board over Dan Davis.

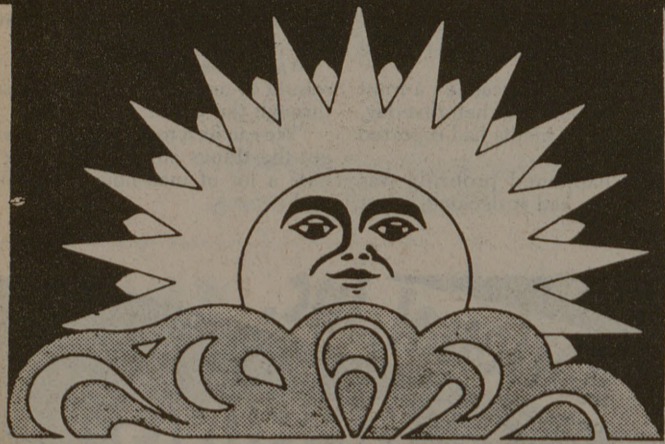
"Yes, sir, we were aware he had been suspended," Smith replied. Despite the Cotton Board's Futures Trading Commission action to suspend Davis from trading for a year, he was appointed because all 15 cotton producing organizations in Texas recommended him, Smith said.

Findley, a strong critic of a program who pressured the department to conduct the investigation, said, "I assume you would not recommend a person with that background again."

Smith answered indirectly, saying Davis' suspension was a crime of moral turpitude, was not indicted. He was sentenced.

Findley asked Smith why Anderson of Lubbock, the immediate past chairman of the board, was not removed from the disclosure Cotton Inc. directed millions of dollars in export business to his firm.

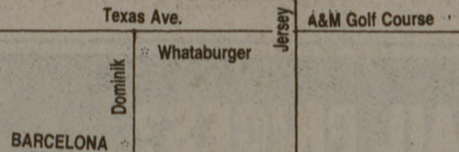
Smith did not recommend Anderson for reappointment to the board this year.



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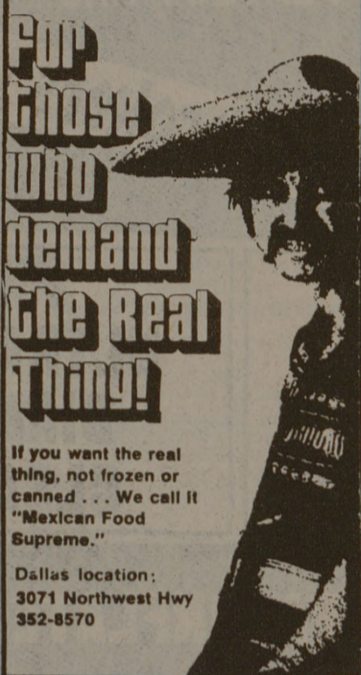
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Officials find Buddy Holly belongings in storage vault

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MASON CITY, Iowa — The scuffed glasses of rock star Buddy Holly and a wristwatch belonging to the "Big Bopper" — victims of a 1959 plane crash — have been discovered in a forgotten envelope.

Holly, J.P. "the Big Bopper" Richardson, singer Richie Valens and pilot Roger Peterson were killed when their single engine plane crashed northeast of Clear Lake, Iowa, shortly after takeoff Feb. 3, 1959.

Cerro Gordo County Sheriff Jerry

Allen said some items belong to Richardson, Holly, a Lubbock native, and others, were found in an envelope Wednesday after while he and an employee were court clerk's storage vault, for evidence for a case.

The envelope also held a pair of dice, but the other items is not known, the coroner and misplaced.

Allen said the items were officials in Spring of 1959 filed the coroner and misplaced.

Need border cooperation

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements said Thursday — after conferring with Gov. Manuel Bernardo Aguirre of the Mexican state of Chihuahua — they would try to meet with other American and Mexican governors whose states border the United States and Mexico to foster cooperative policies of both nations.

"We could contribute to national policy if the four U.S. governors and six Mexican governors met and discussed the common issues," Clements said.

Bernardo Aguirre said a coalition of Mexican and American border governors could be instrumental in solving mutual problems.

All Gov. Clements and trying to do is establish communications between our states," Bernardo Aguirre said.

Clements said he and the governor had discussed border tourism and agricultural issues and solving the illegal alien trafficking problems.

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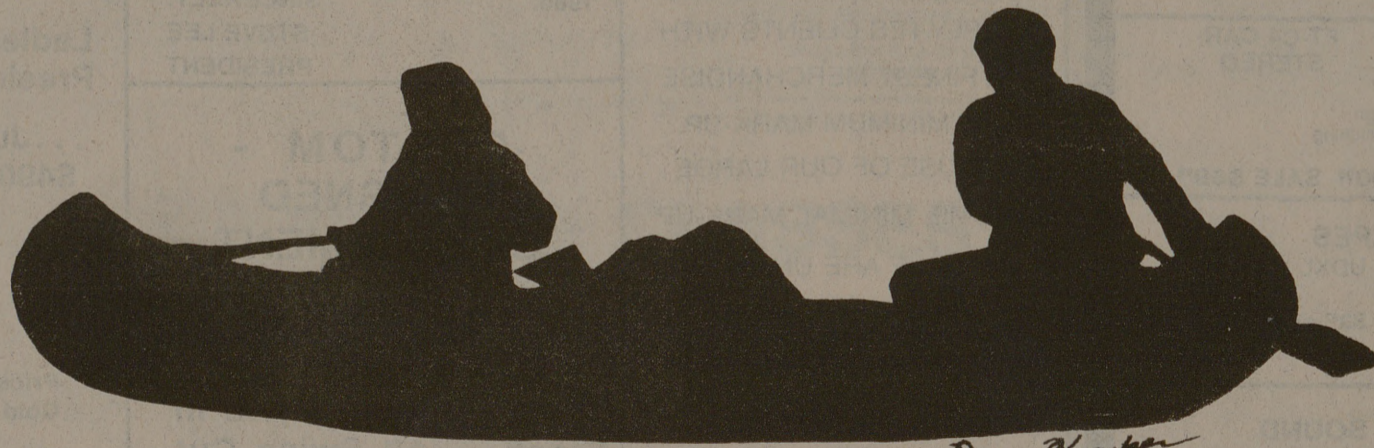
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