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Crack closes Cain Pool

The Wofford Cain Swimming Pool will be closed to swimmers until a crack in it can be fixed. The floor cracked last week when water was put into the pool. The area around the outdoor pool will be open for sunbathing from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. The Downs Natatorium, an indoor pool located next door, will be open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Iran drags hostages into battle with Iraq

United Press International
Iran and Iraq are accusing each other of being U.S. puppets and the militants holding the American hostages in Tehran are dragging the captives into the middle of the conflict between the Moslem neighbors.

Meanwhile, thousands of Iranians are marching through the streets of Tehran today to denounce the United States and show support for the militants holding the American hostages. They are chanting "Death to American imperialism."

The rally was called by the government to show national solidarity in the face of Washington's move to sever diplomatic relations and impose a trade embargo as part of reprisals against Iran for holding the 50 hostages, in their 160th day of captivity.

In the current battle between Iran and Iraq, whose armies are facing each other across their common 800-mile border, there were no reported clashes Thursday from either side. There were reports of skirmishes and air battles earlier this week. Iran mobilized its navy in waters near Iraq Thursday.

One of the militants at the American embassy in Tehran warned the 50 hostages would be in "grave danger" if Iraq attacked Iran, saying an Iraqi attack would be interpreted as aggression by Washington. Earlier, Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh accused Iraq of being an "American puppet."

But hard-line Iraq accused Iran of "expansionism" and said Washington was driving the Iranians into a confrontation, which would only end in a "black destiny" for Tehran's rulers.

The two countries, which are of opposing Moslem theologies, have been at odds for decades and a short-lived political accord was shattered 14 months ago by the Islamic Revolution, which overthrew the shah.

Their dispute recently flared up over three strategically placed islands in the Straits of Hormuz, which were occupied by Iran during the shah's regime.

Several Iranian leaders, including Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, have openly pledged to topple the regime of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Other nations began to choose sides in the conflict between the United States and Iran.

The nine-nation European Common Market asked Iran to state "with precision and certainty" conditions for freeing the

hostages, now in their sixth month of captivity, and a date for their release. A decision to impose sanctions was postponed until after Iran replied.

Argentina, which is not dependent on Iranian oil, was the first to back Carter's call. Foreign Ministry sources in Buenos Aires said Argentina would close its embassy in Tehran.

Responding to the Common Market initiative, Japan, Iran's biggest oil customer, today recalled its ambassador from Tehran for consultations.

But, Japanese officials said, Japan will do nothing in support of the United States that will endanger its supply of oil from Iran. Iran has threatened to cut off oil to countries that openly support the American sanctions against Iran.

Program will honor Jews

By PAUL BARTON
Campus Reporter

Six million Jews who died at the hands of Nazi oppressors during World War II will be remembered Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in a program at the All Faiths Chapel.

The remembrance ceremony is being sponsored by United Campus Ministries, the Hillel Foundation and University Lutheran Church. April 13 is the beginning of a national Holocaust remembrance week.

The Rev. Hubert Beck, campus pastor at

University Lutheran Church said the program is designed to appeal to anyone with an interest in humanity, not just the religious. "It will not be a worship service but a remembrance," Beck said.

The program will include readings describing how the persecution arose and how people reacted to it. The readings will come from Jewish and Christian authors, such as German pacifist Dietrich Bonhoeffer, along with some from Nazi sources.

There will also be a roll call of the extermination camps listing the number that died at each.

"But we're not trying to lay a guilt trip on anyone," Beck said. Instead the program is meant to remind people that the oppressive spirit lies within everyone and that society needs to be sensitive to itself to prevent such a thing from happening again.

"What happened, happened in a highly civilized country among highly civilized people," Beck said.



Wire fire

Bryan firemen search for sparks in the garage of a house set on fire by loose wiring Thursday afternoon. The fire was confined to the garage of that house, located at 705 Churchill, and it caused little

damage. No one was home when the fire broke out. The fire began when high winds blew city power lines loose and on to the garage.

Photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Illegal parking leads to \$50 fee

Car towing angers Taos residents

BY BECKY SWANSON
City Staff

Some residents of Taos Apartments are upset about having their cars towed from the complex during the past week.

A spokesman for Coyote Wrecker Service, the company that towed the cars, said the cars had been parked illegally on the grass or at yellow-painted curbs.

Residents said there were not enough

spaces available for the residents, and guests who park at the complex increase the scarcity.

Apartment manager Maura Peters said there was ample parking at the complex. She said there were two parking spaces for each apartment.

There are 54 apartment units in the complex.

A count of parking spaces in the Taos lot showed there were 95 parking spaces, two of which are occupied by garbage dumpsters.

One resident, who asked not to be identified, said his car had been towed away before dawn Monday morning. He said he parked his car by a yellow-painted curb Sunday night, and discovered it was missing the next morning.

He said he had been parking in the same place every Sunday night this semester and had never been notified that the area was off limits.

"There aren't even enough spaces for the residents, but when guests come over to study or spend the night, they park in the lot and take up even more spaces," he said.

"Everyone just parks on the grass or where ever they can find a place.

"I've lived here a whole semester and parked whenever I can find a place. There aren't any towing signs and the curbs don't have 'No Parking' on them.

"We didn't get any warning that they were going to start towing cars, they just did it out of the clear blue sky," he said.

Peters said Metro Properties, Inc., the company that manages Taos, Scandia and Viking apartments, contracted with Coyote Wrecker Service, owned by Sparky Hardee, to patrol the parking lots and tow away cars parked by yellow curbs or on the grass. The company charges \$50 to tow a car from Taos apartments, and levies a \$5 charge for each day the car is not picked up.

A spokesman for Coyote said the com-

pany has towed several cars from the complex. Residents reported at least 12 cars had been towed in the last two weeks.

Another Taos resident, identified only as Brian, said he caught the wreckers before they had taken his car and was asked \$30 to have the vehicle unhooked from the wrecker. He said he told them he only had \$20 and they settled for that.

"I offered to move it, but they said I'd have to pay because they already had it hooked up," he said.

A female student who lives at Taos said she and some other residents had called Metro Properties complaining about the shortage of parking spaces and were told they could park in the Scandia or Viking lots.

"Those lots are dark at night and it isn't safe for a girl to be walking through there," she said.

Besides, she said, it is a long way to walk, especially from Viking which is several blocks away.

Stock up on beef now

United Press International
Consumers trying to beat inflation better fill their freezers with meat now, because a recent drop in meat prices is expected to be reversed in a flurry of food price increases during the coming months.

Retail meat prices have dropped sharply across much of the country, plunging to their lowest levels in more than a year in some areas. In Chicago, hamburger was selling for \$1.19 a pound.

Grocers reported prices for some cuts dropped as much as 90 cents a pound in a week, though most were gradual, and speculated the reason was cost-conscious consumers were just buying less meat.

But the bargains could be short-lived. In a joint report Thursday, the Council on Wage and Price Stability and Agriculture Department predicted food prices would increase at about a 10 percent annual rate during the next three months.

Leading the way, the agencies said, will be retail prices for beef and sugar along with carbonated drinks and other processed foods that contain sugar.

Poultry, margarine, shortening, mayonnaise, salad dressings and cooking oil should increase at an annual rate of less than 7 percent, while fruits and vegetables should rise moderately, the

agencies said. And retail pork and egg prices should fall during April, May and June, the report said.

For the first time in more than two years, meanwhile, sales at the nation's retail stores have fallen for two consecutive months.

The Commerce Department reported retail sales dropped 1.3 percent in March. Pointing to a similar decline in February, economists said the recession may finally be taking hold.

Almost all of the March decline could be tagged to slumping auto sales, which fell a hefty 7.2 percent. Traditionally, when the auto and housing industries begin to do poorly, other sectors of the economy soon follow.

In Detroit, the Big Three automobile companies said nearly 20,000 autoworkers idled this week in temporary production cutbacks will return to their jobs Monday, but industry blue-collar layoffs will remain above the 200,000 mark.

In other economic news: — Credit Union National Association Inc. made an "urgent request" to the government for permission to charge more than 15 percent interest on loans. — Carter said he will veto any tax cut Congress approves unless he is sure the fiscal 1981 budget will be balanced.

Edith to benefit feminists

United Press International
NEW YORK — Edith Bunker, who survived menopause, a rape attempt and the dispersal of her family on television's "All in the Family," is leaving \$500,000 to feminist causes when she dies on the tube.

Norman Lear, who created Edith and her bigot husband Archie in 1969, said Thursday Edith will pass away off screen so her husband can be "free to pursue other affections."

To "lessen the sadness of her passing," Lear said, Tandem Productions is donating \$500,000 to the National Organization for Women.

The Edith Bunker Memorial Fund for the ERA and Women's Rights will be used to help support the drive for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

"For me, she was the quintessential housewife who was touched by the

women's movement," Lear said of Edith.

"All in the Family" was recycled in 1978 into "Archie Bunker's Place," still starring Carroll O'Connor as Archie, the bigot from New York City's borough of Queens. But Jean Stapleton, who tired of her role, was only willing to make intermittent appearances.

Without her, the writers have been unable to send Archie home from work at night. It seemed unlikely Edith would "leave town to work on the Alaska pipeline," Lear noted, and divorce was out of the question.

"Edith wouldn't leave Archie, and most importantly ... Archie wouldn't leave Edith," Lear said.

O'Connor, who now produces the show, was interested in tackling the issue of death on TV, and decided to kill off Edith, Lear said.

Moore wants tuition for foreigners raised

By JEFF BRAUN
City Reporter

Tuition for foreign students attending Texas universities should be raised, State Senator Bill Moore told the Bryan-College

Station Jaycees at a luncheon Thursday afternoon.

"I think you ought to get from them what it costs to educate them," Moore said, "because the taxpayers in Texas have no busi-

ness in picking up the surplus and paying their way."

Moore appeared upset because no firm restrictions have been imposed on Iranian students since the crisis began.

"I don't know why we let so many in here to start with, but apparently even after the hostages were taken they (foreign students) were free to come and go as they pleased," Moore said.

This week as a result of the brakoff of diplomatic relations with Iran, 14 Texas A&M Naval ROTC students were ordered to leave the country by midnight Friday.

During his speech, Moore also had praise for the Texas Department of Corrections. Moore said that the T.D.C. has the lowest cost per inmate in the country. "Unfortunately, they have 28,000 people over there and they project that in another 10 years they will have 30,000," Moore said. He said this increase will require more money to build additional facilities for the prison system as well as for hiring additional personnel to handle the load.

Moore is campaigning throughout the 19-county Fifth Senatorial district to retain his senate seat. His opponent is former Bryan Municipal Judge Kent Caperton.

Carter seen as 'good man'

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland says low farm prices will not hurt President Carter politically and the president may even win re-election by a landslide.

Bergland told a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors Thursday Carter would win because the American people perceive him as a good man, despite low farm prices.

He said he wondered how Republican front-runner Ronald Reagan, whom he characterized as the "rocking chair warrior," would deal with that part of Carter's image.

"The American people still think Jimmy Carter is an honest, decent guy who's good to his wife and goes to church," said the former Minnesota congressman, boasting of his track record as a political prognosticator.

Americans believe Carter will be "careful with our kids and our country and our money," he added.

Rock climber says there's more to it than getting to the top