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Cities ready for disaster

Train derailment possible

by Robert McGlohon

Battalion Staff Forty-four railroad cars — iniding seven loaded with vinyl chloride, a poisonous gas — DSCIEV.were involved in a Livingston, La, train derailment Tuesday. s a result, more than 2,000 ople were evacuated from the

Jake Cangelose, Brazos unty civil defense director, says the same thing is possible in Brazos county. In fact, a train fom aderailment involving vinyl lloride did occur in Bryan several years ago. But because the in was travelling at a low eed, the cars were not punc-red and the damage was

> As long as we have the tracks d the trains we have the possiity of a derailment," Cange-

Although he had no first and knowledge of the Living-

ston derailment, he said, the train was probably moving at a high speed. Trains are limited to A&M University, said the Uni-10 mph while in the Bryan-College Station area.

"If you notice when the trains come through the cities, they're barely moving," Cangelose said. If there is an accident involv-

ing hazardous materials in Brazos county, an Emergency Response Team is designed to handle it. The ERT is a part of the Brazos County Hazardous

Materials Emergency Plan. ERT members include fire and police chiefs from Bryan-College Station, the University Police chief, the county sheriff, the local director of public safe-ty, and civil defense directors in the area.

In the event of an accident, the fire department deals with the accident while the police department handles crowd control. Cangelose said.

Thomas R. Parsons, director three minutes. He stressed cooperation as

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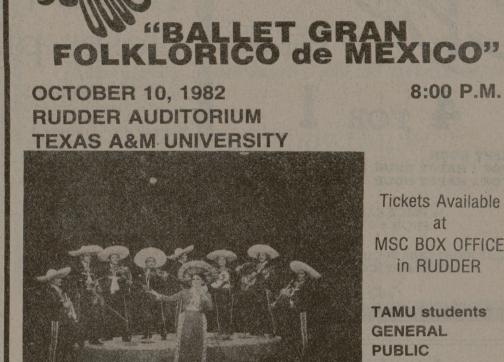
A&M University, said the Uni-versity Police are well prepared Besides the ERT, Landua said, chemists from the Univer-The biggest problem in an sity, the mayors and city manaevacuation is getting people to believe them, Parsons said. gers of both cities and the rail-

road emergency team would be "I believe we could get the word out pretty fast," he said. "But the big problem is getting people to believe you." Fire and police departments

in the surrounding area would be available to help, he said.

example. "When the fire alarm goes off in the library, people simply don't believe it," Parsons said. College Coll College Station Fire Chief would be mine, I would be re-

lying on the advice of others," Landua said. "Everybody pitch-Douglas Landua said the fire department's first units would Land reach the accident site in about es in.



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Measles spread threatens fans

United Press International WACO — Baylor University and state health officials have ened another measles iminization clinic and officials arned of the danger of attend-g this weekend's football festi-

Wednesday the outbreak had read to a possible 80 cases and used more than 4,000 stuwski5%dents to be innoculated.

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Baylor officials said the daner faces fans planning to attend Baylor-Houston football me or parents' weekend festi-

Pattery pokeswoman Karen Benson. We wanted to get the word out Pecksto anyone that might be coming liam Per O Waco for the game that if they ire susceptible at all they need to ord 5-317 get a vaccination before Chmick Loming.

"This is the greatest concenration of red measles in the Uned States at the present time,

day, which keys Parents' Day on campus, Benson said. Officials are worried because a number of young children frequently visit the campus on Parents' Day, she said

A student who did summer missionary work in Honduras is believed to have brought the case of rubeola measles back and begun the outbreak.

Sometimes called the "10-day measles", the rubeola measles are like rubella measles, but not nearly as harmful. The measles do not cause birth defects if contracted by pregnant mothers, "We have more possible cases ming in hourly," said Baylor and have more severe symptoms - such as higher fevers and worse rashes.

Officials at the University of Houston said they did not know about the outbreak and they were conferring with school heads to determine if any action should be taken.

Harris County health depart-ment officials Wednesday TERIMShe said. "Last year only 2,032 ment officials Wednesday cases were reported in the entire United States." to travel to Waco for the game to tology The outbreak has caused con-lan Alicem for the football game Satur-they go, a spokesman said.

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Deadly fire ants

United Press International AUSTIN — It is recom-mended that Texas spend \$12 ER llion to combat imported fire ts, which have killed two Texs, and that half that money go ard research.

Special legislative committee d Witt Grout Rockdale, said in his recommention that fire ant infestations US Tal ave reached epidemic propor-ons and are responsible for llions of dollars in agricultu-00 P.N losses.

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The ants, noted for their inful - and possibly fatal tes and hard earthen mounds iey build in pastures, have ised 50 deaths nationwide. The recommended \$12 milon appropriations and in two ways. appropriation would be

The Texas Department of banned.

Agriculture would use \$6 million to buy and distribute chemicals such as AMDRO, which have been found effective in fighting the ants.

But, Kubiak said, "There are not enough dollars in the state to chemically annihilate fire ants."

Therefore, the remaining \$6 million would be used to fund research at Texas A&M and Texas Tech universities aimed at finding a biological way of killing the ants. The committee proposed that the research funds be expended over a sixyear period.

However, much of the fourhour committee meeting was devoted to the state agriculture department's request that it be allowed to use a pesticide very similar to one previously

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