

Bond set for suspect in Amoco threat case

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HOUSTON — A former pipefitter for Amoco Oil Co. charged with mailing extortion letters to Amoco's Texas City refinery remained jailed Tuesday with a \$100,000 bond.

U.S. Magistrate Lingo Platter Monday set bond for Alton S. Edwards, 40, of Houston, and agreed to appoint a lawyer to represent the former Amoco employee on charges of transmitting a threatening communication through the mails.

Edwards, a former pipefitter at Amoco's Texas City refinery, has been in the custody of federal

authorities since late Friday when FBI agents arrested him at his southwest Houston home.

A security officer for Amoco's parent company, Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, previously said Edwards was discharged from his job at Amoco's Texas City refinery in October.

Edwards, who is married and has two children, told Platter he was laid off from his job as a pipefitter Oct. 27.

Prosecutors claim Edwards mailed Amoco two letters which threatened to damage Amoco property if the company failed to rehire employees who have

been terminated.

The letters, dated Nov. 4 and Nov. 16, were sent to Amoco executives in Texas City and officials of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union Local 4-449 in Texas City.

"Unless these people are brought back to work we are prepared to move against any Amoco facility, office, well, refinery unit, or their property. It is up to you gentlemen, either you pay out a few thousand dollars and bring these people back to work or risk losing millions or even billions in repair or replacement costs," one letter read.

Austin's 6th Street may be site of Mardi Gras event

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AUSTIN — Texas' capital city will take a cue from New Orleans and celebrate Mardi Gras next February with floats and a masquerade ball.

The Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce, hoping to draw tourists to Austin, hashed over plans Monday night to turn the city's downtown Sixth Street into a mini-French Quarter on Feb. 15 to celebrate the pre-Lenten festival.

"Austin is very much like New Orleans," said Lorel Scott, one of the organizers of the Austin Mardi Gras. "At least it's close in terms of lifestyle. Sixth Street is sort of a miniature French Quarter."

Tentative plans call for a masquerade ball, floats and a parade down Sixth Street, which in the past two years has evolved into a row of popular Austin night-spots and restaurants.

Mardi Gras, French for "Fat Tuesday," is the day before Ash Wednesday and marks the end of traditional feasting and merriment before the 40 days of Lent. The holiday in South Louisiana spans two weeks and includes numerous parades and balls.

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What's Up

Wednesday

THE ULTRALIGHT FLYING ORGANIZATION: A decision will be made by club vote on which airplane to purchase in a meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in 137 MSC.

TAMU SAILING CLUB: The last general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 104-B Zachry.

AGGIE SCOUTS: Christmas party plans, officer nominations and plans for spring events will be discussed in a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder.

SALES EXTRAORDINAIRE: A guest speaker will tell what it's all about in a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 150 A&A.

BLACK AWARENESS: Bring your logos to the last organizational meeting of the year at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Please attend.

STUDENT SENATE: A regular senate meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington. Everyone is invited to watch the proceedings.

PRE-VET SOCIETY: Dr. Hughes will speak on zoonotic medicine in a meeting at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

STUDENT "Y": Hey Ags! Take a break and come to our share group at 9 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel. Hope to see you there!

PI SIGMA EPSILON: An important general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 150 A&A. Jim Strawn, a Houston executive and former PSE member will be the guest speaker.

TAU KAPPA: Christmas party plans will be finalized in a meeting at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder. Also, don't forget to bring your baby pictures!

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL: A Candlelight Communion Service of Meditation will be held at 10 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel, 315 N. College Main in College Station.

OASIS: "Running to Win" — Winning the Race of Your Life" will be featured in a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB: Special rate for flying home for the Christmas holidays will be discussed in a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 214 Trigon (Military Science Building).

NURSING SOCIETY: A Christmas Party will be held at 7 p.m. in 350 MSC.

TAMU PHILOSOPHY CLUB: The Philosophy Club Series presents poetry by Philip Coles and a paper on love by Lain Ellis at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

TAMU SAILING TEAM: A general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 350-A MSC.

KEATHLEY HALL — PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: All Day Mail Call — Christmas Cards for Servicemen. You can send a card and 20 cents for postage to servicemen today through Friday at the Commons main desk and the Student Programs Office in the MSC call room and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Sbsia.

STUDENT "Y" — FISH CAMP '83: Applications for chairman, sub-chairman and recreation coordinator are available now at the Student "Y" secretary's desk at 210 MSC. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Dec. 10.

MSC TRAVEL/STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: Overseas Day, providing information concerning Texas A&M study and travel abroad to Texas A&M students, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in 205 and 206 MSC.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS: Juniors, seniors, and graduate, veterinary and medical student may have their pictures taken between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Yearbook Associates at 170 Puryear Dr. For more information, call 693-6756 or 846-2611. The final deadline for pictures is Dec. 17. No make-ups will be allowed after this date.

Health-care law approved

Frisco OKs gay benefits

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SAN FRANCISCO — The Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance Monday providing health benefits for city employees' live-in lovers — including homosexuals — and Tuesday it was in the hands of Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

The city board passed the measure, which was sponsored by Supervisor Harry Britt, a gay activist. City officials said providing domestic partners the benefits formerly reserved for spouses may cost millions, although no official estimates have been released.

Feinstein had no immediate comment, but her spokesman, Tom Eastham, said, "She still has a lot of thinking and talking and researching to do."

Even if the mayor vetoes the measure that incorporates an

estimated 3,000 live-in lovers into the city's health plan, the Board of Supervisors can revoke on the issue and override her veto.

The measure would require live-in lovers to sign a "statement of domestic partnership" at the county clerk's office, declaring they share the "common necessities of life," including income and housing. The signed statement and proof of a year of cohabitation would make the pair eligible for the health benefits.

The second reading of the measure passed Monday by an 8-3 vote, with supervisors Martin Kopp, Lee Dolson and Edy Nelder dissenting.

A weekend poll by the San Francisco Examiner indicated that 57 percent of the city's residents backed the ordinance that grants live-in lovers — both homosexual and heterosexual — the same rights as married couples.

In addition to health benefits, those rights include visiting privileges at jails and intensive care units and a day of bereavement for the city employee if the partner dies.

Nine percent of those polled said they were gay and San Francisco said they were single, divorced, widowed or refused to answer questions concerning their marital status.

Pollster Ed Canapary said the percentage of gay respondents seemed low, probably because people are hesitant to mention their sexual preference to a stranger on the telephone.

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