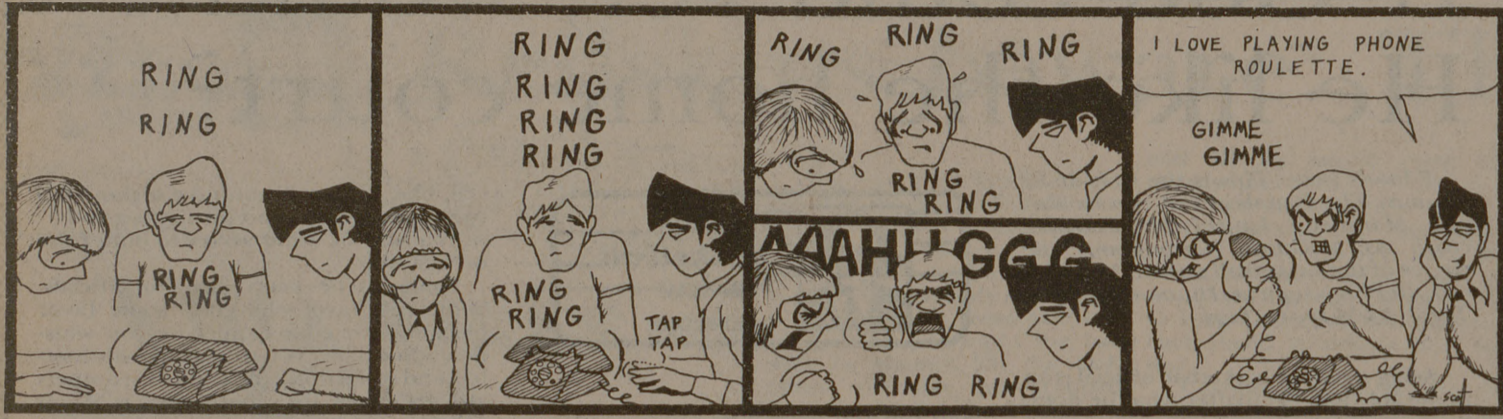


Warped

by Scott McCullar



Louisiana water now safe

Poison threat confirmed

NEW ORLEANS — Traces of deadly cyanide were found in a municipal water supply Tuesday, the first positive report after five days of anonymous threats that deprived more than 235,000 people of water.

Mayor Debbie Pope of Hammond, a city of 15,000 people 50 miles northwest of New Orleans, said she got the bad news from an independent laboratory in Baton Rouge about 3:30 a.m., minutes after the tests were finished.

The mayor urged citizens of Hammond not to panic. She said the amount of cyanide found seemed to be intentionally placed in the system, but was too small to be dangerous.

"A person would have to drink about a swimming pool full of this water to kill himself," she said.

The system, the latest to be threatened with poisoning, already was being flushed with chlorine when the report arrived. Waterworks officials received a phone threat late Monday, prompting the series of tests.

"They've done many samples but this is the first cyanide they've found," Pope said. "The labs seem to think that the chlor-

ination we're flushing through the lines will probably eliminate it, but we're not sure."

She said the traces were discovered through a distillation process. Testing of new water rolling into the system is being continually sampled and tested.

More than 235,000 Louisiana residents were deprived of water Sunday and Monday by the latest round of anonymous phone threats. Officials restored water service to nearly half of those people late Monday after tests showed no evidence of cyanide.

In Lake Arthur, Police Chief Jimmy Boudreaux said a youngster was arrested after he called relatives and said in a disguised voice that "y'all have cyanide in your water system."

The youngster, who is undergoing psychiatric treatment in a detention home, confessed he made the calls, Boudreaux said, but not until after citizens were warned not to use tap water and schools were closed for the day.

In East Baton Rouge Parish, a 13-year-old boy was arrested Monday afternoon after a middle school received a cyanide threat. The boy was charged with criminal mischief and improper telephone communications and was released to his pa-

rents, police said.

While cyanide threats, which began last Thursday, spread from southern Louisiana to the North, the ordeal took a devious twist. A caller told officials in the town of Iowa that formaldehyde, a disinfectant and embalming fluid, was placed in its water system.

"There were two calls," said Iowa Mayor Harold P. Broussard, who urged the town's

2,447 residents not to use tap water.

"One said a lot of people were going to get real sick, and the second said a large dose of formaldehyde was put in the water," he said.

Officials in Jennings, Winnsboro, Opelousas, Port Barre and Washington, La., also received threats Monday, as well as the entire parish of Lafourche and its 100,000 residents.

More 'space junk' falls toward Earth

WASHINGTON — A 2,000-pound hunk of space junk containing the nuclear reactor of a Soviet spy satellite is falling toward Earth at a rate of 3 miles a day, and is expected to enter the atmosphere between Feb. 5 and Feb. 13, Pentagon sources said Tuesday.

The reactor section, which also contains 110 pounds of Uranium-235 and other radioactive matter, is following the same course as that followed by a heavier segment of Cosmos 1402, which burned up over the Indian Ocean Sunday, the

sources said. The reactor section is in an orbit 125 miles to 132 miles above Earth, they said.


Because of the inclination of the orbit and the spin of Earth, the path of the radioactive debris covers the globe's entire land mass from the Arctic to the Antarctic circles.

Scientists say that the reactor and nuclear fuel segment of the Soviet surveillance spacecraft "most likely" will be burned up by friction when it enters the atmosphere as the heavier section, which contained radar equipment, apparently did Sunday.

Pentagon officials said it is not possible at this stage to predict precisely where the debris will come down after it enters the atmosphere.

Meanwhile, they said, U.S. Navy WC135 transports are on alert over the Indian Ocean where the first segment is expected to fall.

Most U.S. Navy ships are equipped with radiation detection equipment, they said, and those in the area also are alerted.



DESSERT with the BRAZOS POPS


Featuring

- Aggenizers
- Sunny
- And Your Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra!

Have your evening dessert and coffee with the Brazos Pops! A fun evening of table delicious desserts by Fish Richards Bakery, coffees by PrioriTeas, plus wine and champagne.

What an Evening!

7 p.m. to 2, February 5th, The Brazos Center



Desserts by Fish Richards Bakery

Coffees by PrioriTEAS

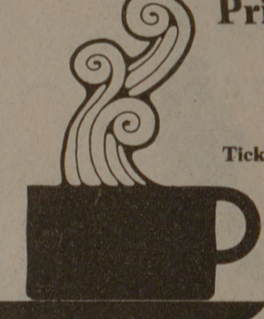
Wine, Champagne, and Cheese Plates for sale on premises

Tickets \$10
Reserved Tables \$100 (can seat up to 10)

Tickets and table reservations may be purchased through PrioriTeas

(Proceeds will support the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra's next season)

Mastercharge/Visa accepted for table reservations only



More aged get heart surgery

AUSTIN — Coronary artery bypass surgery has become increasingly successful for certain elderly heart patients, according to four surgeons at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple.

While initial studies in 1975 on patients over age 70 showed a death rate of 22 percent soon after surgery, the Scott and White doctors said more recent studies indicate an improvement in the survival rate.

A report by the four surgeons was published in the January issue of Texas Medicine, the journal of the Austin-based Texas Medical Association.

The physicians warned that bypass surgery still carries a high risk for elderly patients with defective left ventricles — the heart chamber that contracts to pump blood.

"Our experience with coronary artery bypass in patients 70 years old and older supports the contention that the procedure can be done in older patients

with satisfactory results," said the surgeons said.

They added that the condition of the left ventricle is the most important consideration.

Since February 1976, Scott and White has performed bypass surgery in 35 patients between ages 70 and 80. The article said 19 had satisfactory left ventricles prior to surgery and the remaining 16 had defective left ventricles.

APPLICATIONS due FEBRUARY 8 for NANCE SCHOLARSHIPS for AGGIES to BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. Information and application forms at Harrington Ed. Bldg., Room 560 (Nance) or 100 (Jesupp)

THE BIG EVENT "THE BIG EVENT is the real thing" Talking Coke Machine

AEROBIC EXERCISE

Exercise all semester for just \$60 — that's just \$15 a month! — at College Station's finest aerobic exercise facility.

(Offer valid with current TAMU student or staff I.D.)

- *Exercise as often as you like
- *Classes offered seven days a week
- *Convenient location
- *Professionally trained instructors

Also available: One month of classes for \$25

Call BODY DYNAMICS today at 696-7180 or come by our studio on Harvey Road across from Woodstone in the Post Oak Village Shopping Center.

BODY DYNAMICS

Exercise Studio

STUDENT BOOK EXCHANGE

Need to pick up books or money from sale of books.

Monday, Jan. 24 thru
Wednesday, Jan. 26
8:30-4:00 p.m.
MSC Room 216

If not picked up by Wed. Jan. 26, 4 p.m. all books and money left will go to Student Government.

Dallas

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

DOUBLES

(call & highballs)

ALL NIGHT LONG!

Dallas Night Club in the Duex Chene Complex Behind K-Mart, College Station

693-2818

Tower

Dining Room



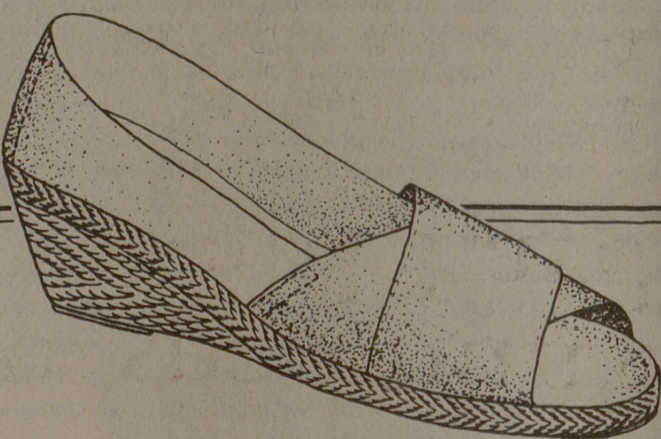
Serving Luncheon Buffet Sunday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Delicious Food
Beautiful View

Open to the Public
"Quality First"

Jacques Cohen®

The season comes alive with color, and Jacques Cohen captures you with "Marilu," the classic espadrille. In a variety of colors, including navy, beige, coral, red, and teal. This clean open toe canvas look over the original rope wedge is a sensation for any season. Narrow-Medium widths, most colors. \$32.



Lewis Shoes

CULPEPPER PLAZA, COLLEGE STATION