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Student elections continue

Today is the last day to vote in this year's student body elections.

This year's three polling places are:

- the first floor of the Memorial Student Center
- the first floor of the Pavilion
- in front of Sbis.

The polls close at 6 p.m. In order to vote, students must give their I.D. card to the officials at the poll, who will punch it with a specially shaped hole punch to eliminate multiple voting.

Any student can vote at any poll.

The ballots are computer forms that must be filled in with a No. 2 pencil which will be supplied at the polling place.

No campaign material may be worn at the polling places. All campaign signs, flyers and posters must be taken down by 10 p.m. Thursday.

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by Scott McC...

Propane pipeline explosion causes power outage to city

United Press International

MONT BELVIEU — A pressured propane pipeline buried within 75 feet of a petroleum refinery and a residential neighborhood exploded and burst into flames Tuesday, knocking out power to the city and damaging at least one home, authorities said.

There were no reports of injuries.

The blast, which spewed a 600-foot vapor cloud, initially threatened several nearby propane storage tanks buried beneath downtown Mont Belvieu. The small city, located 30 miles east of Houston, is built atop a salt dome where propane and natural gas are stored.

"We had a Dow Chemical propane line rupture. It produced a cloud of gas vapor and it exploded," Chambers County Deputy Sheriff Fred Dodd said.

"There were some propane storage tanks which were in danger of exploding. Firefighters cooled them down and crews took the pressure off the line and they stopped the fire," Dodd said.

The explosion occurred about 1:50 p.m. in an eight-inch propane pipeline running along a right-of-way near downtown Mont Belvieu. The pipeline is bordered by a residential neighborhood, the Warren Petroleum Corp., and a refinery owned by the Diamond Shamrock Corp.

Jim Hansen, spokesman for Dow Chemical USA, which owned the pipeline, said investigators believe the explosion was

caused by a faulty valve on top of the buried pipeline.

Hansen said the fire was extinguished within 30 minutes of the explosion after crews cut off the propane supply feeding the pipeline. He said propane was not flowing through the line at the time of the blast.

The blast caused a power outage in the city and shot a cloud of propane vapor 600 feet into the air and 300 feet over the ground, said Chambers County Constable Jim Curl, a witness.

Propane, which is heavier than air, clings to the ground when it escapes into the atmosphere.

Windows were blown out in a nearby gasoline station. The fire melted the tar on the street and charred about an acre of

land surrounding the site of the rupture.

"It formed a cloud on ground," Chambers County Sheriff C.E. "Chuck" Morris said.

Morris said the explosion knocked out electrical power causing an electrical surge. Firefighters blamed the surge on a fire in a home located near the explosion site.

Authorities initially issued a call for every available volunteer in the area, but said there were no reports of injuries.

"I'm surprised nobody was hurt," said Jack Chamberlain, director of Chambers County defense.

Board nominates new editors

By PATRICE KORANEK
Staff Writer

Rebeca Zimmermann, Bill Robinson and Vannell Lee were nominated to be editors of The Battalion and Aggeland by the Student Publications Board Tuesday night. The nominees must be approved by Texas A&M Provost Gordon Eaton.

If approved, Zimmermann will serve as The Battalion editor for both summer sessions

and Robinson will serve next fall. Lee will take charge of the Aggeland for the 1984-85 school year.

Zimmermann, a senior journalism major from College Station who will graduate in August, is the current editor of The Battalion. She also has served as entertainment editor, news editor and a reporter.

"This semester we started an Editorial Board that writes daily editorials," Zimmermann said. "The purpose of the editorials

is not to get agreement from all students — it's to encourage students to think about various issues. I plan to continue this policy because I think having an active opinion/editorial page is a major responsibility of any newspaper."

Robinson is a senior journalism major from Round Rock who has three semesters of experience with The Battalion. He started as a reporter, then became a copy editor and now is assistant sports editor.

Lee is a junior petroleum engineering major from Houston. She has worked for the Aggeland for two years, one as an aide and one as the operations sections editor. She is one of the changes she will make in the Aggeland in the edition of a "life section" which would include many photos.

Lee said she didn't think making a major change from many Aggeland editions made a difference, but she plus.

"You could say that it is out in left field from my job, but it allows me to do so that I won't just know nothing when I get out," she said.

Correction

The March 26 issue of The Battalion contained an error on the superconducting collider that a team of Texas search scientists are interested in seeing built in Texas. The story's lead implied Texas had been chosen as the site for SSC. This is not so.

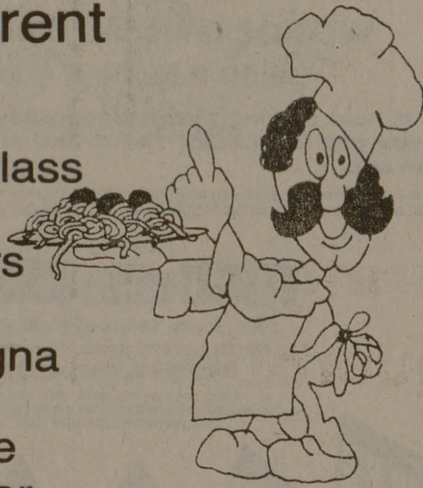
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