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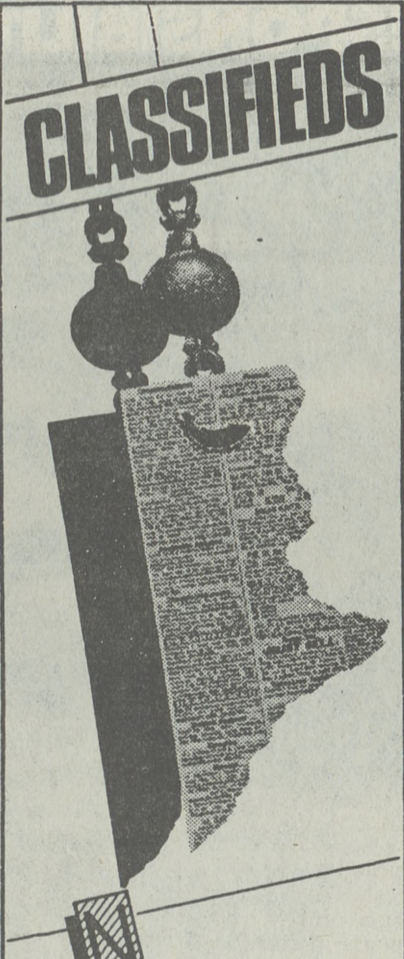
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Budget abuse

Survey reveals business weekends mean wasted billions

United Press International
SAN FRANCISCO —Most U.S. businesses could do a better job of managing their travel and entertainment costs, a recent survey shows. Judith Dettinger, editor of the 1984-1985 American Express Survey of Business Travel says, "Expenses run from soup to nuts, but it's a \$90 billion area for United States companies."
Dettinger said many corporate budgets could save 10 percent to 40 percent on expenses such as air travel, car rental, hotel accommodations and entertainment costs.
Dettinger cited the frequent flyer programs offered by the airlines as an example of business-traveler abuse.
The easiest way to discourage abuse of frequent flyer programs is to require air travelers to request flights according to approximate ar-

rival and departure times rather than by specific carrier or flight number, Dettinger says.
A record-keeping system that shows which travelers reject the lowest logical airfare is one of the most effective ways to turn up possible abuses, she said.
Every business, she said, should have a travel policy that sets guidelines for everything from finding the lowest-priced plane ticket to staying in chain hotels that offer corporate rates.
Travel policies should include a statement of purpose, instructions for use, and explicit guidelines for in-town and out-of-town expenses. The policies should also include detailed instructions on how to handle expense reports, clear instructions on expense documentation and guidelines for obtaining prior approval for travel.

It is suggested a company work with a qualified travel agency that can obtain those low air fares and special hotel rates.
The new survey, which polled financial officers at more than 1,700 companies, indicated 60 percent of the businesses have a written travel policy.
The survey indicated that many companies could make improvements in the way they pay for corporate travel.
"Fifty-six percent (of the businesses) pay for air travel by check to travel agencies on a weekly basis," Dettinger said. "They could be charging those costs and taking advantage of the float for 45 days."
Float is the time between receipt of services and payment for those services.
One of the biggest sources of abuse are cash advances to cover

travel costs, Dettinger says.
George Scarfo, an associate of Dettinger in American Express Travel Management Services, says some companies have had millions of dollars outstanding in cash advances.
Scarfo said in one company they studied, employees could draw up to \$1,000 at a time on their own signature. Sometimes these employees weren't even taking a trip out of town, Scarfo said.
He said another company allowed employees with only one signature from a manager to withdraw up to \$10,000.
Dettinger said people were taking out money and putting it in money market accounts.
"They were having a good time until we came along," she said.

Doctors testing new cancer treatment

United Press International
BOSTON — Researchers in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Houston believe they might be able to stop a cancer that has begun attacking AIDS victims.
The researchers reported in the British medical journal Lancet that they have found 90 homosexual men with acquired immune deficiency syndrome who also have a cancer known as non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma is a cancer of the lymph nodes that

might be caused by viruses. AIDS reduces the body's ability to fight viruses.
Data from the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas shows a three-fold increase of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma among homosexual men since 1980, the year AIDS first was discovered.
The American Cancer Society has estimated there will be 23,700 new cases of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 1984 and 12,900 deaths.
Until now, most victims of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma died within a

year of contracting the cancer. Radiation and chemotherapy were usually able to stop the disease for about six months, but it always returned.
Doctors at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston have been able to stop the cancer in six of eight patients using a new technique of removing bone marrow, treating it with monoclonal antibodies and returning it to the patient.
Monoclonal antibodies are new chemicals that when injected into the body attach themselves to particular

types of cells. The antibodies can carry powerful poisons that kill the target cells.
The antibodies are used to deliver strong drug doses to the marrow once it is extracted from the patient's body. In the meantime, the patient receives radiation treatments to kill the residual marrow that could not be extracted.
The treatment usually takes about five days, followed by a four-week hospitalization. The treatment is conducted only after a patient has had an initial remission.

Overusing plasma adds to viral risks, some experts say

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Thousands of people are needlessly receiving fresh frozen plasma, which increases the risk of contracting hepatitis and other diseases, experts say.
Plasma, the liquid portion of blood, carries red and white blood cells and contains vital components, such as proteins responsible for blood clotting.
These components, however, are available separately, and most can be pasteurized to eliminate the threat of passing hepatitis virus and other disease-causing viruses.
Fresh frozen plasma cannot be pasteurized.
Fresh frozen plasma is sometimes mixed with red blood cells and used for general blood transfusions because of the shortage of whole blood. The plasma is also used as a blood volume builder even though other products, such as saline solutions, would be more suitable, doctors and advisors said in a National Institutes of Health conference.
Dr. James L. Tullis, panel chairman and a retired professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, said members believed doctors were not using the plasma properly because so many units of the plasma were being transfused, though no statistical evidence was available to

support this.
Tullis estimated that 90 percent of the fresh frozen plasma use is unwarranted.
The use of fresh frozen plasma has increased tenfold over the past five years with about 700,000 people receiving more than 1.5 million units a year.
The risk of hepatitis is increased with the use of fresh frozen plasma because most cases of hepatitis today are caused by a type of virus that cannot be detected. This makes the use of sterilized products even more important.
The doctors said it would be difficult to estimate the risk of contracting hepatitis from fresh frozen plasma because the substance is often used with other blood products that could also carry the virus.
Another hazard, although rare, is AIDS — acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The panel said seven recipients of fresh frozen plasma appear to have developed AIDS.
The panelists said that fresh frozen plasma is suitable only for certain patients, such as those with coagulation protein deficiencies, some of those who need massive transfusions, and those with certain immune deficiencies.

Cotton casserole becomes a reality

United Press International
LUBBOCK — Edible cottonseeds have existed for years, but industry officials believe recent involvement by a Japanese firm will trigger renewed American interest in this obscure product.
The Yazaki Corp. based in Shizuoka, Japan, bought Rogers Delinted Cottonseed Co. of Waco — the primary firm that developed varieties producing the edible seed that Yazaki has labeled Cot-N-Nuts.
Cottonseed is used primarily for cattle feed because glands in the cotton's seeds, stems and leaves produce the pigment gossypol, which is toxic to humans.
But glandless cottonseeds, containing no gossypol, are higher in protein than any other nut and can be used in cooking.
Farmers and agriculture researchers had not shown much interest before in glandless cotton because early varieties produced a low fiber quality.
Glandless cotton was developed from a strain found on Arizona's Hopi Indian Reservation in 1950.
Rogers started a breeding program for improved glandless cotton varieties in 1967.
Bush said the varieties the company had were not productive

enough, but Rogers now has a number of good glandless cotton.
Farmers producing glandless cotton sell the seed back to Rogers for a price above the oil meal price. Meanwhile they also collect revenue from the plant's fiber, Bush said.
"We're amazed that it hasn't caught on before now," Bush said, "but there are a lot of countries — especially Japan — that use vegetable protein. That's going to make it work... this international connection (that Yazaki provides)."
Although the edible seed varieties could be grown in many cotton-producing areas, Bush said, West Texas appears to be the most promising because producers use fewer pesticides and the area receives limited rainfall.
Rain discolors the plant and changes the amino acid composition, Bush said.
He said farmers could take glandless cotton to any cotton gin, but the gin would have to process the glandless cotton separately from other cotton.
"It's caught in a hopper by itself," Bush said. "You don't have to have a glandless gin at this point, but we hope to get gins as we build up our acreages."

What's up

- Tuesday**
- MSC ARTS COMMITTEE:** the film "Shock of the New" will be shown in 604D Evans Library at 7 p.m.
 - AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS:** Mr. R.J. Stutes of Southern Pacific Transportation Co. will present a program on railroad crossing safety at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.
 - RIO GRANDE VALLEY HOMETOWN CLUB:** is meeting in 504 Rudder to discuss fall activities.
 - TAMU ONE WHEELERS:** will meet at 6 p.m. in the Grove. Beginners are welcome.
 - MSC POLITICAL FORUM:** is having a general meeting in 301 Rudder at 8:30 p.m.
 - OFF-CAMPUS CATHOLICS:** is meeting at 9 p.m. at Brazos House Apt. #1612. All those living in the Brazos House area are invited to meet to discuss "Angels: Fact or Myth."
 - YOUNG DEMOCRATS:** will have voter registration tables in the MSC from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. all week.
 - RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION:** is meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 158 Blocker. All are welcome — wear plaid.
 - POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY AND PI SIGMA ALPHA:** a general meeting will be in 607 Rudder at 7:30 p.m. The election day trip to Austin will be discussed.
 - ON-CAMPUS CATHOLICS:** will meet in the All Faith's Chapel at 9:30 p.m. Last week's birth control discussion will be continued.
 - SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.
 - TRADITIONS COUNCIL:** is sponsoring Howdy Week through Saturday. T-shirts are on sale in the MSC for \$4.
 - TEXAS STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:** is meeting at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder. New members are welcome.
 - AGGIE DEMOCRATS AND MSC POLITICAL FORUM:** present Garry Mauro and Chet Edwards at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater.
 - THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS:** Maynard Dalton of NASA will speak about conceptual space station design over the past 20 years at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry.
 - STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN:** Dr. Palmer will be speaking on changes in special education at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.
 - AGGIE GOP:** is meeting at 7 p.m. in 226 MSC to organize individual campaigns.
 - TAMU SAILING TEAM:** is meeting at 7 p.m. in 109 Military Sciences Building.
 - POLITICAL FORUM:** is meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder. All welcome.
 - IM-REC SPORTS:** handball singles tournament begins today.
 - WILDLIFE BIOLOGY SOCIETY:** Murray Walton will speak on estuaries and the laws affecting them at 7 p.m. in 105 Heldenfels. Business meeting to follow.
 - ASLA:** will meet at 8 p.m. in 111 College of Architecture.
 - TAMU BICYCLING CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder. T-shirts are in. New members are welcome.
 - PLANO HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder to discuss the Oct. 6 party and a fundraiser.
 - SCUBA CLUB:** is meeting at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder. There will be a slide presentation on the excavations of the sunken city of Port Royal, Jamaica.
 - PRE-THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY:** Dr. John Hoyel will give a lecture titled "The Robot Church of the Future," at 7 p.m. in 140A MSC.
 - TRADITIONS COUNCIL:** council members will meet at 6 p.m. in the Corps Conference Room.

The glandless cottonseed would be sent from West Texas gins to a processing plant in Waco where it would be dehulled and then sieved to separate the large kernels from smaller or broken ones.
The kernels would be roasted for Cot-N-Nuts and also could be flattened into flakes for flaked Cot-N-Nuts. The roasted kernels have a flavor somewhat like sunflower seeds.
They can be eaten as a snack food, ground into flour or blended to make glandless cottonseed butter, similar to peanut butter.
Texas A&M has published a 48-page "Cottonseed Cookery" cook book. Recipes include everything from cotton-fried chicken and cottonseed-stuffed fish to burritos, soups, salads, breads and pralines.
Scientists at A&M and Texas Woman's University at Denton conducted research on glandless cotton supported by Cotton Inc., Texas Natural Fibers and Food Protein Commission and the Texas Department of Agriculture.