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# Safeway expands one-stop shopping with new service

By JO BETH MURPHY  
Reporter

Debbie's smile greets customers in much the same way as other salespersons' smiles do. She helps customers in much the same way as other salespersons do. But Debbie's different. She's on video tape in a Touch-n-Save shopping machine.

The Touch-n-Save discount shopping system is a new way to shop. It's a cross between a catalog and a video game machine. And it's exclusively located in Safeway grocery stores.

One can go to Safeway for a loaf of bread and also order a new color television or an electric griddle or a bed spread.

"We think it's a multimillion dollar thing," says Barbara Koontz, the demonstrator of the Touch-n-Save at the Safeway on Texas Avenue in College Station. "We think it's the most convenient way for customers to get specials."

The machine itself is special. Sonar detects a potential shopper when the customer walks up to the machine. That's when Debbie first appears, but she pops in every now and then to offer explanations or give directions. The customer touches the screen of the machine and a warehouse directory lists the departments of merchandise available through the Touch-n-Save system.

The departments vary from sports-ware to houseware to personal care items.

The customer touches the screen on the desired department name, for example personal care, and a further break down into specific types of personal care appears, such as hair care.

The customer then touches the screen on hair care and categories of items comes up on the screen. The customer chooses the desired appliance, for example hot rollers, and a list of brand names available appears.

After a specific brand choice has been made, the customer touches the screen again and up to four models of hot rollers are pictured on the screen. The price, rebates and comparable price if the item is available at other stores are given with each picture of the product.

The customer then can zero in on a specific product by touching the screen for more information about the product's features.

From this point the customer can continue shopping on the Touch-n-Save in any of the 24 departments or decide whether or not to buy a product.

A shopper can use Visa, MasterCard, check or money order to pay for an item. The products are shipped by UPS within one or two

business days and are delivered within five to seven days. Check and money order purchases take longer because they have to be mailed in. The product is sent to the purchaser's home or any other address the purchaser desires, excluding post office boxes.

"Instead of people buying that rose at the last minute for Mother's Day," Koontz says, "they can use the Touch-n-Save and get something really nice while they're already at the grocery store."

Safeway bought the machines from the CompuSave Corp. in Irvine, Calif. Safeway has exclusive use of the machines for two years, during which it will be testing the use of Touch-n-Save, Koontz says.

Koontz also says Safeway is using the shopping system to compete with K-Mart stores and to expand one-stop shopping at Safeway. She says customers could save at least 10- to 15-percent and sometimes even 50 percent off high quality, brand name items.

"We're facing an FUD factor: fear of the machine itself, uncertainty of ever receiving the product and doubt about the condition of the product once it does arrive," Koontz says about customer acceptance of the Touch-n-Save system.

Koontz and Safeway are going to fight against that FUD factor on Wednesday. Koontz will explain Touch-n-Save's triple guarantee, which includes a double-your-money-back policy if, within 30 days, a customer finds the same item he bought at Safeway at a lower regular price somewhere else.

She also will give demonstrations of the machine from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hours when she will be available after Wednesday to assist customers with the machine will be posted in Safeway.

As an added incentive to customers to check out the shopping system, Koontz will pass out coupons worth \$5 off groceries to customers who buy at least \$29 worth of groceries.

"I'd listen (to the demonstration) for \$5," Koontz says. She also will explain the Touch-n-Save return policy and other money-saving incentives the discount system offers.

The Bryan-College Station area was included in the Touch-n-Save testing because of the large number of students in the area, Koontz says. Other testing is being done in Austin and Houston, she says.

Touch-n-Save machines are located in the Safeway on Texas Avenue in College Station and in the Safeway on Briarcrest in Bryan.

# What's up

Tuesday

- AGGIE RED CROSS: is sponsoring a blood drive at the former Veterinarian School Library from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- LA TERTULIA (SPANISH CLUB): is meeting at 7 p.m. at Casa Tomas on Texas Avenue.
- UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE OBSERVANCE: Aggies wage peace together in observation of U.N. International Day of Peace.
- PRE-LAW SOCIETY: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder Tower. Everyone is welcome.
- TEXAS A&M NUTRITION CLUB: will meet at 6 p.m. in 607 Rudder Tower.
- HISTORY CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 321 Sterling C. Evans Library.
- AGGIE DEMOCRATS: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder Tower.
- AGGIE GOP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder Tower. State Rep. Richard Smith will speak.
- TAMU FLYING CLUB: will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Airport Club House.
- NOW (NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN): will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder Tower.
- FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 145 MSC.
- LEBANESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder Tower.
- TAMU DEBATE SOCIETY: tryouts will be held for the Forum (Sept. 24) at 7 p.m. in 608D Blocker. For more information call Wayne Kraemer at 845-8336.
- TAMU LIVING HISTORIANS: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 121 Heldenfels Hall.
- ONE WHEELERS: will meet at 6 p.m. in the Grove.
- SOCIETY FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND NEW VENTURES (ENVE): will meet at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder Tower.
- ALTERNATIVE CINEMA: will present "Children of Paradise" — M. Carne's classic French film — at 8 p.m. in the Architecture Auditorium.
- PHYSICAL THERAPY CLUB: will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 167 Read (E. Kyle).

Wednesday

- TAMU CHESS CLUB: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder Tower.
  - STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder Tower.
  - SIERRA CLUB: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the College Station Community Center, 1300 Jersey, Rm. 102.
  - TAMU MUSICIAN'S CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder Tower.
  - CIRCLE K: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder Tower.
  - HISTORY DEPARTMENT: history film series will show "Henry V" at 7 p.m. in 113 Biological Sciences Building East.
  - UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will meet for an "Aggie supper" at 6 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church.
  - RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8 p.m. in 301 Rudder Tower.
  - STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION COMMISSION: freshman election filing (Student Senate, Freshman class officers) 9 a.m.-5 p.m. today through Friday.
  - TEXAS A&M STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the observatory atop the O&M Building.
  - COMMITTEE FOR AWARENESS OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE (CAMAC): will meet at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder Tower.
  - PRE-VET SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 230 VMA. Dr. Gage speaking on pre-professional curriculum.
- Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

## Gov. White praises workers' quick response to acid spill

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Emergency workers and railroad officials responded admirably after a train derailment dumped toxic sulfuric acid into the Medina River, Gov. Mark White said Monday.

White flew to the scene six miles southwest of San Antonio to inspect the site where the derailment occurred late Saturday.

"Within two minutes of the time of the accident, these people had responded," the governor said. "Under the circumstances they did a remarkable job."

White said he wanted to inspect the site because "it is a major spill and it has a major impact on the state. We have to be careful how we transport hazardous materials."

Building a system of train by-

passes around major cities is not a feasible plan for avoiding such disasters, he said.

"We are faced with the realities of dollars and cents," White said. "We just have to build the safest network possible."

The governor made his remarks just a few hours after officials allowed 300 people who had been evacuated from the area to return to their homes.

About 300 people were allowed to return to their homes Monday as workers continued cleaning up thousands of gallons of deadly sulfuric acid that spilled into the Medina River after a train derailment.

Cleanup crews were vacuuming the corrosive chemical out of the water and off the riverbanks. Other workers dumped about 280 tons of

lime into the river, working feverishly to neutralize the acid.

"We're on the downhill side now," said Art Henson, superintendent of the San Antonio Division of the Southern Pacific Transportation Co.

Texas Water Commission officials said no water supplies were threatened by the acid.

At least seven cleanup workers were injured when they suffered burns from the toxic acid. The most seriously injured, Kenneth Carter, 52, was expected to be transferred to the burn unit at the Brooke Army Medical Center, officials said.

Officials said five of the others were treated and released. A sixth, Armando Leal, was admitted to Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Hospital in good condition, a hospital spokesman said.

The derailment late Saturday caused a railroad trestle over the river to collapse, sending 28 cars to the riverbanks 50 feet below. Twenty-one of the cars were tankers loaded with acid bound for north Texas, said Jim Johnson, a Southern Pacific spokesman.

The tankers were carrying 285,000 gallons of acid, Johnson said, and about half of it spilled. About 50,000 gallons of the substance leaked into the river, he said.

Doug Dupre, another Southern Pacific spokesman, said about 200 tons of lime was dumped into the river to neutralize the acid. The acid plume drifted five to six miles down river, and lime was being dumped at several points in that stretch, he said.

Residents were urged to stay out of the five-mile stretch of the river.

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