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**LECTURING ON ISLAM**

**CAT STEVENS**  
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**DATE: OCT. 19, 1987.**  
**TIME: 7:30 PM.**  
**PLACE: RUDDER THEATER.**

**PRESS CONFERENCE at 3:30 PM IN ROOM 206 MSC.**

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**"CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY"**

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**Aggie Alcohol Awareness Week**  
October 18 - 22, 1987

**Come join us for a week full of fun!!**

Check the **Battalion** and MSC table for information on the individual activities during the week.

For more information contact the Dept. of Student Affairs, 845-5826.

# A&M researchers: Low arsenic levels may be healthy

By Tony Poncio  
Reporter

The public's perception of arsenic traditionally has been negative, and mention of the compound in literature only has helped to spread the myth. But research at Texas A&M University and elsewhere suggests that low concentrations of arsenic might be essential for the human body to function properly.

Dr. Kurt Irgolic, an A&M chemistry professor, said seafood is relatively rich in arsenic compounds, although the levels and types of it are not considered dangerous.

Organic arsenobetaine, the form of arsenic found in seafood, is completely non-toxic, Irgolic said. "No ill effects have been noted in people eating seafood with large concentrations of arsenobetaine," Irgolic said. "I think arsenic in very low concentrations will be known as an essential element in the future."

Dr. Rick Irvin, an A&M assistant professor of medicine and anatomy, has conducted research on rat embryos. Irvin found that arsenobetaine is completely harmless, although there is no way of knowing how it might be helpful to humans.

And other experiments with chickens, rabbits and goats have yielded the same results concerning the non-toxicity of some forms of ar-

senic compounds, Irvin said.

Arsenic levels in water supplies are also of concern to chemists and the public.

The Environmental Protection Agency has set a limit of 50 micrograms per liter as the highest acceptable level of arsenic compounds in drinking water.

Irgolic says water treatment plants are required by the EPA to check local levels and that the Bryan-College Station water supplies are well below accepted levels of arsenic concentration.

However, some areas in Alaska, Oregon and California exhibit levels as high as 20 times above the EPA limit with no known negative effects on the population, Irgolic says.

Early in September, the American Chemical Society discussed extremely high arsenic levels in Taiwan at its symposium in New Orleans.

"Long term exposure in Taiwan has supposedly led to some ailments such as skin cancer and other skin lesions," Irgolic said. Even so, Irgolic said, there is suspicion that something else in the water is causing the problems.

Irgolic is working on methods to determine the different forms of arsenic found in water and food in hopes of gaining better understanding of the possible biological functions of arsenic.

# Defense contractor, union expect struggle in new negotiations

FORT WORTH (AP) — A machinists' union will not precipitate a showdown with giant defense contractor General Dynamics Corp. but expects tough bargaining with the company on a new three-year contract, a national labor leader said.

"This will be just one more tough and difficult series of negotiations with the country's No. 1 defense

contractor — and one of the greediest," said Bill Wimpinger, president of the 780,000-member International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

General Dynamic's current contract with more than 10,000 members of IAM District Lodge 776 expires Nov. 9. Negotiations on a new agreement began in September.

Wimpinger was in Fort Worth this week to address the annual conference of negotiators and business agents in the union's aerospace industry division.

# Tot reunited with mother after abduction

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman and her 14-month-old daughter, who was kidnapped earlier this month, were reunited in Mexico and expected to return home Thursday, officials said.

Mexican authorities, meanwhile, continued their search for a woman suspected of stealing the baby.

Wednesday night was the first time Marina Reyes had seen her baby, Lilianna, since the girl was discovered missing from a crib in her northeast Houston home Oct. 3.

"I feel happy, thanks to God, because I have my daughter," a smiling Reyes said.

Reyes and Houston police Sgt. Jose Selvera flew to Mexico City early Wednesday expecting to identify the baby and quickly return with her to Houston. But Mexican officials delayed the return by a day to conduct their own investigation.

The emotional reunion occurred in the federal police station in the town of Puebla, about 125 miles southeast of Mexico City, said Stu Hoyt, assistant legal attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.

Officials said GD used tough tactics to break a three-week machinists strike at the company's San Diego division this summer. About 700 machinists lost their jobs after GD hired replacement workers.

Strikers streamed across picket lines to save their jobs and the union called off the strike without achieving a single major bargaining goal and without winning reinstatement of replaced workers, officials said.

The union is holding its three-day conference in Fort Worth to show support for the negotiations at GD's F-16 fighter plant. The talks are the last major aerospace contract negotiations for the machinists until 1989, Wimpinger said.

He said the union was not looking for a confrontation with GD and planned to conduct negotiations in the usual manner.

"Obviously, the company comes out of San Diego thinking they have a stronger hand. (But) they may find they bump into stronger people" in Fort Worth, Wimpinger said in remarks after a 45-minute speech to conference delegates.

He told the delegates Wednesday he expects an erosion of aerospace industry jobs in the 1990s as defense spending declines.

The GD negotiations have been put on hold during the conference.

# What's up

- Friday**
- SCONA:** will feature Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Norman Borlaug at the World Food Day Fourth International Conference at 11 a.m. in 601 Rudder.
  - HILLEL, JEWISH STUDENT FOUNDATION:** will meet at 8 p.m. at the Hillel Building, 800 Jersey St.
  - AGGIE ALLEMANDERS:** will have a square-dance workshop at 7:30 p.m. at the Pavilion.
  - YELL PRACTICE:** will be held at midnight at the Waco convention center parking lot.
  - A&M INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP:** will meet at 8 p.m. in 601 Rudder.
  - UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** will have a peanut-butter fellowship at 11:30 a.m. at Rudder Fountain and a Bible study at 6:30 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church.
  - TAMU BADMINTON:** will not practice today.
- Saturday**
- COMMITTEE FOR CAMPUS DAY CARE:** will discuss establishment of a campus day-care center at 3:30 p.m. in Hensel Park.
  - SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS:** will have a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday at Woodstone Shopping Center.
  - TAMU HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION:** will have a Hunter Jumper show at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at the De Freeman Arena.
  - HILLEL, JEWISH STUDENT FOUNDATION:** will have a picnic and play volleyball at 10 a.m. at the Hillel Building, 800 Jersey St.
- Sunday**
- TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB:** will have Autocross at 9 a.m. at Parking Area 51.
  - TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS:** will have folk dancing at 8 p.m. in 212 MSC.
  - BRAZOS VALLEY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP:** will meet at 3 p.m. in 160 Medical Science.
- Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days before desired publication date.

# Weather Watch

**Key:**

- ☁ - Lightning
- ☁ - Rain
- ⚡ - Ice Pellets
- ☁ - Fog
- ☁ - Snow
- ☁ - Rain Shower
- ⚡ - Thunder
- ☁ - Drizzle
- ⚡ - Freezing Rain

Sunset Today: 6:53 p.m.  
Sunrise Saturday: 7:28 a.m.

**Map Discussion:** Fair weather will dominate the eastern states as a high-pressure system over Virginia moves slowly northeastward. Showers will persist over southern Florida. The frontal system moving from the western Great Lakes to Kansas City will be quite active with showers while the southern part of the front will produce only scattered showers.

**Forecast:**  
Today: Partly cloudy and warm with a high of 85 degrees. Southwest winds 8 to 15 mph.  
Tonight: Partly cloudy through the early morning, then overcast with fog. Low temperature 66 degrees with southerly winds at 6 mph.  
Saturday: Mostly cloudy through the morning, becoming partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. High temperature will be 84 degrees.

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# Mobil

Thanks for dropping in.

Our Career Day on Sept. 24th was an outstanding success. More than 5,000 Aggies visited the Mobil display in the Exhibit Hall of Rudder Tower. Our sincere thanks and appreciation for your participation in Mobil's Career Day. Mobil 1 Racing backpacks have been mailed to the following winners:

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