

What's Up

Tuesday

AGGIELAND: Applications for staff positions are available through today outside 011 Reed McDonald.
DANCE ARTS SOCIETY: will have a general meeting to elect new officers and socialize at 5 p.m. in 230 MSC. Everyone is welcome.
STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN: will have an awards ceremony at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder.

Wednesday

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have an Aggie Supper at 6 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church.
AGGIE GOP/COLLEGE REPUBLICANS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.
EUROPE CLUB: will meet at 10 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will have a support group meeting at 8:30 p.m. Call the center for the room number at 845-0280.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a support group meeting at noon. Call the center for the room number.
ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: will have a support group meeting at 7 p.m. in 145 MSC.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Hit-and-run driver damages property of Cisneros again

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For the second time in four months, Mayor Henry Cisneros' property has been victimized by a hit-and-run driver, authorities said.

A car struck a wooden fence that runs alongside the mayor's yard, then fled.

Moments later, the car that struck the fence was involved in a collision with another automobile about two blocks from the mayor's house.

Damage to the fence was estimated at \$375 and Cisneros said Sunday he was relieved no one was injured.

"This is the second time in four months that something like this has happened," Cisneros said. "Now we have a man driving recklessly down the middle of a residential street, driving through a fence and up into a yard."

"Thank God no children were playing outside."

Cisneros said that although this was the second incident in which his property was damaged in four months by a motorist driving through his neighborhood, it shouldn't promote a negative reflection on the neighborhood.

"It's a quiet, residential street, not a commercial street," he said.

Maximino Lugo Hernandez, 22, was arrested one block south of the Cisneros home about 2 p.m. Friday, shortly after the accident.

Hernandez was released from the Bexar County Jail Saturday after posting a \$400 bond on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident.

Earlier this year, Cisneros chased down a driver who struck one of his automobiles that was parked in front of the Cisneros home.

Officials question chance of raising 125-year-old ship

HOUSTON (AP) — The wrecked Civil War ship USS Monitor is in fairly good shape considering it's been underwater off the North Carolina coast for 125 years, but federal officials are uncertain whether to raise it, an engineer who has studied the vessel said Monday.

"Personally, I'd like to make sure anything done there is done carefully so we don't waste the 120 years that it's been down there," said James Jenkins, a corrosion and metallurgical engineer with the Navy Civil Engineering Laboratory in Port Hueneme, Calif. "We really don't know today what could or should be done."

Jenkins, speaking at the Offshore Technology Conference, said \$3 million already has been spent on research on the ship and estimates of costs to raise it range from \$10 million to \$20 million.

"There are major structural components, like the armored deck, the turret, the guns, the engine and the boilers, that appear to be relatively intact and probably could be retrieved," he said.

The ship is significant for a March 9, 1862, battle with the Confederate vessel Virginia, also known as the Merrimack, marking the first combat between two ironclad ships and the beginning of the end for wooden warships.

The battle, at Hampton Roads off the Virginia coast, ended as a draw, with neither ship able to inflict serious damage on the other.

On New Year's Eve 1862, the USS Monitor sank in a storm off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

The Merrimack, renamed the Virginia by the Confederates, was scuttled two months after the battle with the Monitor when Southern forces abandoned the Norfolk navy yard. The Merrimack was discovered in 1910, its armored plates retrieved and sold as souvenirs, Jenkins said.

"We don't want that to happen to the Monitor, to have pieces of it on the end of keychains," he said. "We don't want people going in and we don't want souvenir hunters, a la the Titanic."

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The Monitor was depth-charged during World War II and suffered extensive damage when the wreck mistakenly was believed to be a German submarine. It was not until 1973 that Duke University researchers said they believed the wreck was the Monitor. Photographs made two years later confirmed the find.

Jenkins last year coordinated a corrosion survey of the Monitor, using Norwegian-made electronic probes attached to remote-controlled underwater gear.

The probes normally are used to test the corrosion of offshore drilling rigs and the investigation of the Monitor marked one of the first times oilfield technology was applied to marine archeology, he said.

The Monitor is in about 230 feet of water, upside down, with its two-gun turret — made of foot-thick wrought iron and weighing 120 tons — supporting about 90 feet of the deck above the sea floor.

Although corrosion has set in, Jenkins said it's important to note that less than one-half inch of material has been lost.

"Corrosion rates tend to drop over long periods of time," he said.

As an engineer, Jenkins said the wreck is significant because it provides corrosion data over 120 years.

The wreck in 1975 was designated the first National Marine Sanctuary.

Jenkins said the technology exists to preserve what is left of the ship or the debris around the vessel could be retrieved or officials can take no action at all.

"We have a lot more plans than money," he said.

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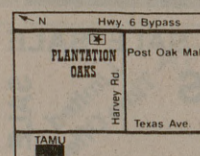
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Senator pushes Texas as site for collider because of money

WAXAHACHIE (AP) — A giant atom-smasher should be built in Texas because the Lone Star State carries more Capitol Hill clout and can make the project's financial life a lot easier, a Texas senator said Monday.

"This (congressional) delegation is the largest of any of the sites under consideration," U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen told a team of Energy Department experts here for an inspection of the Texas site.

"Choose the state, but that will not be enough — in the next few years, you're going to be facing budgetary constraints" that Texas congressmen could ease, the Democrat said.

Bentsen joined Gov. Bill Clements, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, other elected officials and more than 300 residents at ceremonies welcoming the federal team to this Ellis County city about 30 miles south of Dallas.

Local politicians, two high school marching bands and a Boy Scout troop were on hand, as well as about 40 second-, third- and fourth-grade students who were let out of school to attend the ceremonies.

Six other states are vying to land the \$4.4 billion supercollider, a proposed proton accelerator designed to probe the building blocks of matter inside a 53-mile underground, oval tunnel.

The project's hefty pricetag has made it a target for budget cuts as lawmakers struggle to tame the federal deficit, Bentsen said.

Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, a member of the House-Senate Conference Committee on the Budget, said Texas' selection as a finalist for the supercollider "could not happen without the cooperation of people on both sides of the aisle."

The Energy Department's team, comprised of more than 25 scientists, has inspected a site in Arizona and will visit proposed sites in Illinois, Michigan, Tennessee, North Carolina and Colorado before making a recommendation to President Reagan in November.

Task force chair Wilmot Hess said the team of scientists this week will inspect the geology of Ellis County, regional resources that could support the project, results of an environmental impact statement, the availability of land for the project, the absence of natural and man-made barriers to the construction and water and electric utilities.

Geologists will tour the site by plane, in helicopters and on foot, and other team members will visit a science and engineering magnet high school, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and Texas Christian University. The task force leaves Friday.

DOE spokesman Gary Pitchford said the Ellis County site's stature among the seven finalists will be confidential until Reagan makes the final selection in January.

"This meeting is to evaluate the state's proposal, to get first-hand information of the site, to get out and walk the site," Hess said.

But he acknowledged the role congressional politics could play in construction of the supercollider: "Politics of necessity will play a role in getting funds" in Congress.

The supercollider research at the new facility is expected to have benefits in medicine, industry and the marketplace, Hess said. Earlier proton acceleration research has been developed into treatment for cancer patients.

"But the important reason for doing the SSC is not for spinoffs, it's not for industry — it's for pure science," Hess said.

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