

WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
Partly cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of showers in the afternoon.

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Blame for death of comp bill falls on lawyers, Smith

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State leaders Wednesday proclaimed workers' compensation reform dead hours before the end of the special legislative session, blaming either trial lawyers or Rep. Richard Smith, R-Bryan.

Meanwhile, House and Senate

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negotiators continued talking in hopes of reaching general agreements in preparation for the next battle as the session's Wednesday midnight deadline approached.

Senate conferees blasted Smith, the House's chief negotiator on the workers' comp bill, saying he refused to compromise on proposed changes to the insurance system that compensates workers who are injured on the job.

Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, said the Senate had given in on major portions of the bill, but Smith refused to concede anything.

"You show me one nation, maybe Russia and Red China, where you take it our way or nothing at all," Montford said.

But Smith blamed the Senate. "We've bent more than they have," he said.

Gov. Bill Clements, in saying that he will call the Legislature back into session in November to resolve workers' comp, blamed the deadlock on the trial lawyers lobby.

"We have gotten ourselves in the position where (the workers' comp system) is controlled by the trial lawyers," Clements said.

Trial lawyers represent injured workers in disputed workers' comp claims.

"The governor just doesn't know what he's talking about," said Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, co-chairman of the conference committee.

During an appreciation benefit Tuesday, Caperton predicted that the Legislature would reach an agreement by the end of the session.

Lawmakers have been battling since January over the method of compensating workers injured in on-the-job accidents workers' comp since January.

Complaining of high workers' comp insurance rates, reform of the system has been a top priority of business. Meanwhile, employees say their injury benefits are too low and job-safety laws are lax.

United plane crash kills 185, could be one of worst for U.S.

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — A United Airlines DC-10 carrying 298 people crashed Wednesday in an explosive ball of fire and cartwheeled down a runway after the pilot tried to make an emergency landing. The fire chief estimated 185 to 195 people were killed.

At least 125 survivors were taken to hospitals, officials said. There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy in numbers.

Flight 232, from Denver to Philadelphia via Chicago, carried 287 passengers and 11 crew members, said Deborah Jones, a United spokesman.

The plane crashed a half-mile from a runway after circling for about a half-hour while pilots told passengers to prepare for a crash-landing, survivors said. The accident could be the second-worst air disaster in U.S. history.

The 15-year-old plane had "complete hydraulic failure" before the crash at about 4 p.m., Federal Aviation Administration spokesman

Fred Farrar said. The tail engine failed, and this may have caused hydraulic failure, Bob Raynesford, another FAA spokesman, said.

Fire Chief Bob Hamilton estimated the number of dead at 185 to 195. The search for bodies was difficult because they were scattered in a field of corn 4 feet tall, he said. Lawrence Nagin, a United spokesman, said he could not confirm the number of dead.

Some people walked away from the wreckage.

"I think it turned over a couple of times," said Melanie Gincala of Toledo, Ohio, a passenger on Flight 232. "I think it landed upside down. I can remember picking up a little baby... and carrying the baby out of the plane."

She said there was a fire on the plane, and a fireball "flashed past us." The plane burst into flames after she got off, she said.



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Muddy waters

Graduate student Piri Horvath and senior James Lilly, both zoology majors, sift through

mud taken from the Research Park pond looking for invertebrates for their ecology lab.

Senator plans fight for super collider funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of a Senate appropriations subcommittee said he will seek \$225 million to begin building the superconducting super collider next year.

Sen. J. Bennett Johnston said he wants to "send a signal to those at home and abroad that the United States intends to assert a leadership position in high-energy physics."

Because of budget constraints, Johnston told Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas he was unable to support President Bush's request that the superconducting super collider receive \$250 million in funding for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

But the \$225 million Johnston will ask the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on energy and water development to approve is \$25 million more than what the House set aside to begin building the collider at a site south of Dallas.

"Just as we make room in the budget for critical national defense needs, we also must provide for basic research to secure American leadership in science and technology," Johnston told Sen. Lloyd Bentsen in a letter Tuesday.

"Such leadership is essential for our economic growth, our industrial competitiveness, and our national security. The SSC is a key element in a

comprehensive program for scientific excellence," wrote Johnston, a Louisiana Democrat.

Bentsen said he was pleased with Johnston's letter and intentions to ask the subcommittee to approve the \$225 million at a meeting scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

"I will be watching the subcommittee's actions closely and hopefully we will be successful in gaining their approval of the \$225 million, which would allow construction to begin in the coming year," Bentsen, a Democrat, said Wednesday. "This would be our first step toward Senate approval of this work on the SSC."



Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

Lou Sloat

Workshop at Brazos Center blames heavy metal for growth of Satanism

By Holly Beeson

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Satanism and other occult practices have darkened America's doorstep, and some of the shadow has been attributed to heavy metal music.

"Cults, Witchcraft and Satanism," a workshop sponsored by the Brazos County Juvenile Services Department in the Brazos Center Wednesday, was designed to educate people about what Satanism is, how to recognize it and the impact of certain heavy metal groups on teen-agers.

Lou Sloat, director of the Texas Ritualistic Crime Information Network, said that although not all heavy metal music has a negative impact on its listeners, some metal groups have a strong influence on them.

"Many youngsters listen to four to six hours of metal music every day, 365 days a year, 11,000 hours of this music between the 7th and 11th grade, which is equivalent to the amount of classroom education they get from the first to the 12th grade," he said. "You can't listen to heavy metal music and watch it on television over and over and not have some of those messages those groups are giving influence your life in some way."

Iron Maiden, Metallica, W.A.S.P., Black Sabbath, Ozzy Osbourne and Motley Crue are considered heavy, or "black," metal groups.

"About 130 heavy metal groups are involved in various aspects of the occult movement," he said. Sloat mentioned the following lyrics:

"We're possessed by all that is evil... the death of your God we demand... we sit at Lord Satan's left hand..." — from the album cover of "Welcome to Hell" by Venom.

"You can hypnotize people with music, and when

they get at their weakest point, you can preach into their subconscious minds what you want to say." — Jimi Hendrix.

"The only thing I got from Hitler was the idea of Nazi youth. The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. They're young, they can be brainwashed and programmed." — Nikki Sixx of Motley Crue.

Members of satanic groups tend to be from middle- to upper-middle-class families, he said. Other

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characteristics include:

- an interest in heavy metal music;
- a rejection of traditional value systems, as well as a person's feelings, religion and many times, life itself;
- violent behavior;
- abuse of drugs and alcohol, including hallucinogens and designer drugs;
- a desire to shock people by doing uncharacteristic or bizarre things;
- a tendency to be destructive.

A preoccupation with death and suicide is predominant, Sloat said.

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Satanic groups often engage in abusive activity against children and parents, and draw satanic

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Soviet riots leave 18 dead in five days

MOSCOW (AP) — Rioters attacked a hydroelectric dam, shot up two trains and assaulted Interior Ministry troops to steal weapons in ethnic violence in the Black Sea re-

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sort region of Abkhazia, official sources said Wednesday.

Troops trying to restore order between warring bands of Georgians and Abkhazians fought back, confiscating 40 pounds of explosives and nearly 1,000 firearms, a Georgian official quoted the Tbilisi newspaper Zarya Vostoka as saying.

The death toll from five days of violence rose from 16 to 18 on Wednesday, the official news agency Tass said. Hundreds have been reported wounded.

Thousands of vacationers were stranded as rioters cut off road and rail transportation from the region 870 miles south of Moscow. Authorities organized evacuation by sea and air.

A man answering the phone at the Communist Party office in Sukhumi, the region's capital, said troops were gaining the upper hand on Wednesday following imposition of a state of emergency, which included a curfew.

The man said shooting stopped in Sukhumi on Wednesday. But the line was cut off before he could give his name or further details.

Abkhazians are a minority in their homeland, a so-called autonomous republic inside the southern republic of Georgia. Both Abkhazians and Georgians claim ethnic discrimination by the other.

Mobs of more than 100 people have attacked troops and citizens "for the purpose of seizing arms and ammunition," Tass said Wednesday.

Tass said a highway patrolman was fatally shot on the coastal highway. Gunmen also shot up two passenger trains in Sukhumi, said Tass, adding that no one was injured.

On Monday, an armed band attacked the Inguri Hydroelectric Station in the mountains near Djvari.

Poles choose Jaruzelski as new president

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski was chosen for the powerful new presidency Wednesday, without a vote to spare, in an election many Solidarity legislators boycotted because of his declaration of martial law in 1981.

The Communist Party chief, wearing civilian clothes and his customary dark glasses, was met by applause when he arrived at the joint session of Parliament barely an hour after the vote and took the oath of office.

"I want to be a president of reconciliation, a representative of all Poles," he said in a brief acceptance speech. "I will serve the nation. I will serve the fatherland, the one that has not perished, the one that is and will be."

Members of the National Assembly cast 270 votes for Jaruzelski and 233 against. Thirty-four legislators abstained.

With a total of 537 valid votes, 270 was ruled the number required for election. Officials initially had said 269 were enough.

Solidarity-backed lawmakers make up about 46 percent of the two-chamber National Assembly, and the rest are Communist Party members or their allies.