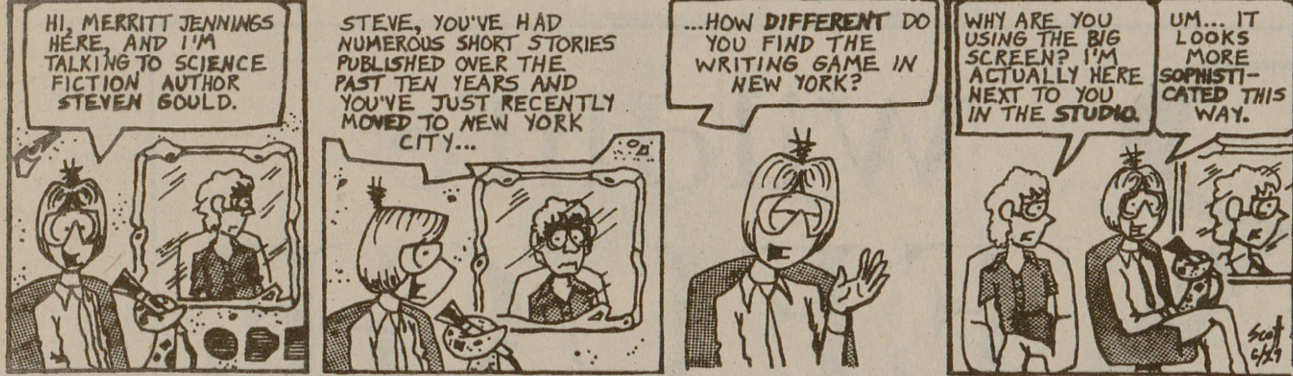


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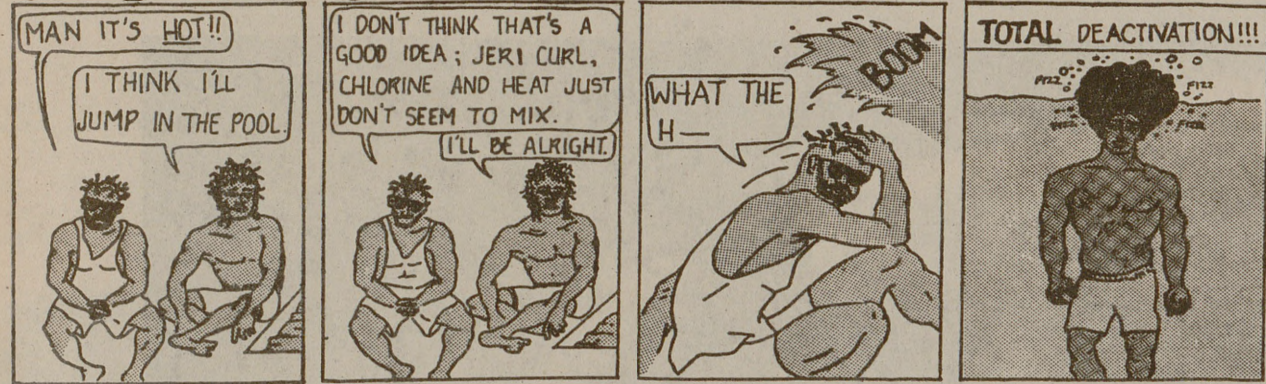
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IN FULL EFFECT



By Eric V. Lewis

Dallas newspaper plans quick recovery after fire

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Times Herald anticipated being back in business Thursday evening after an explosion and fire knocked out power and forced the evacuation of about 150 employees. Two people were injured.

The newspaper printed its Thursday morning papers at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, about 30 miles away, but decided against printing its afternoon edition, said systems editor Kevin Edwards.

The Star-Telegram continued printing advance sections Thursday for the Times Herald and was prepared to offer the newspaper use of its facilities for Friday's editions, officials said.

"The Star-Telegram will offer any assistance it can," said Richard L. Connor, president and publisher of the Fort Worth paper.

Deputy fire chief Larry Roberts blamed the fire on an electrical short that blew up "circuit breaker-type panels" near a printing press. One man was injured in the explosion and a woman was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation.

Bobbie Wallace, the Times Herald's community relations manager, said the newspaper was expected to be back in operation by 11 p.m. Thursday, but that only part of Friday's editions would probably be printed there.

"Everyone's attention has just been focused on getting the paper up and running," she said.

Generators were being hooked up early Thursday evening to provide power for air conditioning necessary

to keep the computer system from overheating, said Wallace. She said a part was being flown in from Michigan to replace the faulty transformer.

"The latest report is that the part is due to arrive at 7 p.m. and that will push the time back," she said. But, newspaper editions were still planned Friday morning, said Wallace.

"Some of the papers may have to be printed at the Star-Telegram and some here," she said. "As a contingency, they are standing by for us."

The fire was reported at 10:48 p.m. Wednesday and was out less than an hour later. Employees were kept out of the building for more than two hours as firefighters cleared the building of smoke.

Several reporters had fanned out to various Times Herald bureaus throughout the metropolitan area to work.

"People who have home computers were sent home to work because they have computers and telephones there," Edwards said. "Other people were given laptop computers and sent home, and we have rented a couple of rooms at a building across the street."

Jerry Zenick, Star-Telegram production director, said the Times Herald used two Star-Telegram presses to put out Thursday's editions.

The Star-Telegram began printing about 200,000 copies of the Times Herald at 3:40 a.m. and finished about 6 a.m. Local distribution of the newspaper usually begins at 3:30 a.m.

Demonstrators protest outside GM dealership

AUSTIN (AP) — Demonstrators wearing surgical masks and carrying signs outside a car dealership Thursday accused General Motors of trying to weaken the federal Clean Air Act.

A handful of demonstrators, carrying signs that said "Honk if you like to breathe clean air," and "GM's lobby makes our air smoggy," drew honks from passing motorists, including some driving GM cars.

The Austin demonstration was part of a nationwide protest sponsored Thursday by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Demonstrations took place in Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Md., on Thursday and in Michigan on Wednesday, a GM spokesman said.

"We are calling on General Motors to show a commitment to the environment," said Ross Crow, an Austin representative of the non-profit group.

GOP rejects pro-choice

Anti-abortion platform approved after hot debate

FORT WORTH (AP) — A state Republican Party panel Thursday approved an anti-abortion platform after a fiery debate between members wanting tighter restrictions and those pushing for freedom of choice.

The state GOP Rules and Resolutions Committee will consider the panel recommendation during the 1990 convention that begins Friday at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

The subcommittee voted 6-2 to back a proposal endorsed by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, Republican gubernatorial nominee Clayton Wil-

Newcomer hits radio program as 'Raquel' on country station

Disc jockey chosen from over 200 applicants

By ELIZABETH TISCH
Of The Battalion Staff

She's a little bit country; she's a little bit Aggie, too. Actually she's the new "Raquel" on AGGIE 96's country radio morning show, "Rock and Raquel."

Her name is Kelly Cook, and last week she was chosen from 200 other applicants who longed for the disc jockey position.

The characters of Rock the Good Ag and his girlfriend Raquel play an important role in Texas A&M's traditions. The two are usually the subject of all Aggie jokes told at midnight yell practices.

Kelly Cook, born and raised in Houston, will make Raquel's character come alive as listeners tune into AGGIE 96.

Cook said the job as Raquel is more than just being on the air as the morning disc jockey.

"I'm also the public service director," she said. "I go out into the community and help organizations with their public service announcements."

When she is now working as College Station's newest disc jockey at the town's newest country station, she reads at least six newspapers a day to find interesting things to discuss over the morning airwaves with her partner Dan O'Neil, otherwise known as Rock.

Her pleasant voice and witty personality were exactly what the radio station wanted when looking for a replacement for Jill Lacey, the former Raquel.

Cook said she feels honored to have been chosen. "I still can't believe it," she said. "I'm having so much fun!"

Cook graduated from Sam Houston State University with a degree in radio and television.

After a few months of job searching, she met a friend who told her about the job opening at AGGIE 96.

Cook immediately packed her bags and drove to College Station to check it out. One week later, she was selected to be A&M's most popular girl, Raquel.

Cook realizes the hard work that goes into being a disc jockey. She must arrive at work at 5 a.m. to start the morning show.

Then it is her duty to entertain listeners with music and wit for several hours. This is not new to Cook, however, because of her experience with the radio world.

While in college, Cook had internships with KILT, a country radio station in Houston, and KRBE, a Top 40 station in Houston.

Cook said there are differences between AGGIE 96 and the other radio stations she has worked for.

"I really think this station is going places," she said. "We all have a real good attitude, and I think that is what sets us apart from other radio stations."

She also said her co-workers what makes her job easier and fun.

"I've only been working here a week, and now I greet the community," she said. "Cook does have goals she wants to accomplish as Raquel."

"I want my audience to know when they listen to me," she said. "I want to please the community."

She also wants to prove to the local radio audience she will be a great Raquel. She said she has worked hard so she will be accepted as "Raquel" and not the "new Raquel."



Rock and Raquel, Dan O'Neil and Kelly Cook of Aggie 96 FM

What's Up

Friday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

CHESS CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in Rudder. Call Steve at 764-3924 for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES: The deadline for submitting data for the 1990 Fall Calendar is today. Dates must be submitted according to calendar guidelines on event cards. For more information, call 845-1133.

BRYAN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT: is having a "Name a Lake" contest. Anyone can submit a name for the Bryan Wildlife Lake Park. For more information, call 361-3658. The deadline is July 31.

BRYAN PARKS AND RECREATION: will show the movie "Old Yeller" at dusk at Haswell Park in Bryan. Concessions will be available. For more information, call 361-3658.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: will have an annual auction in Tarrant County. Proceeds are to maintain the upkeep of the oldest established church in Brazos County. For more information, call 589-2793.

STUDENTS OVER TRADITIONAL AGE: will have a supper club meeting at 7 p.m. at Wings 'n Things. For more information, call Donielle at 845-1744.

Monday

TEXAS MUSIC FESTIVAL: presents the Chamber Music Concerts at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder. Tickets are available at the MSC and Foley's.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general meeting at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

Tuesday

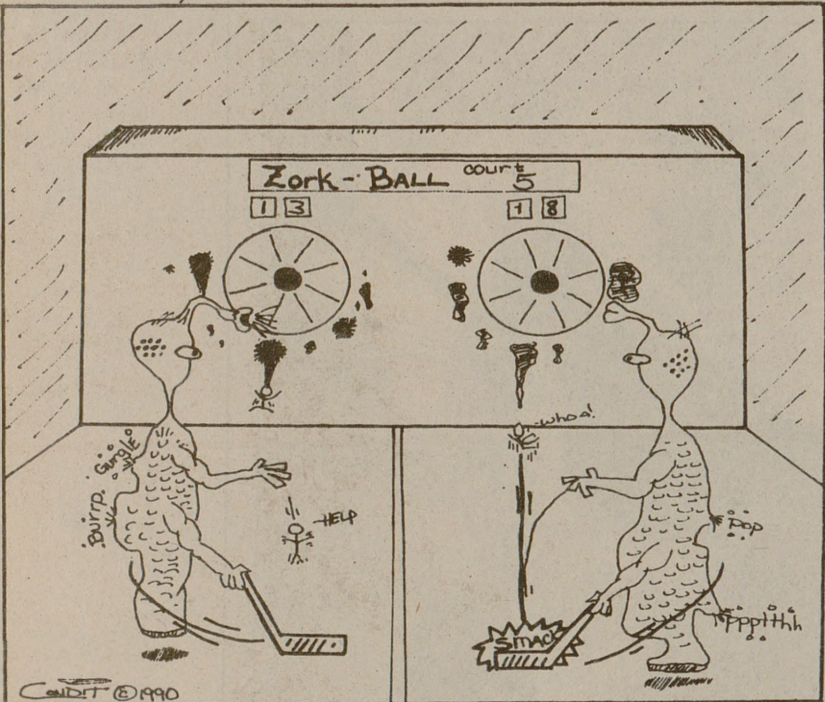
COMMUNITY OF SINGLE ADULTS: will meet at the Hall of Fame at 8 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general meeting at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

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 not 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.

A Touch of DEMENTIA by Paul Condit



"We're running out of pucks for Zork-Ball. Time to visit that Bermuda Triangle place again."

In Advance

Free lunches offered for local groups, offices

Bryan's Parks and Recreation Department, KTSR Star 92 and Beetle's BBQ are presenting free lunches in Astin Park for local offices and groups.

To participate, mail or fax the letterhead of your business to Star 92 for a bi-monthly drawing. Winners will receive a free barbecue lunch for 10 in Astin Park in Bryan.

TEAC sponsors community cleanup project

The Texas Environmental Action Coalition will have a community cleanup Saturday.

The group will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Mud Lot behind Skaggs and then go to the

cleanup site on Wellborn Road.

TEAC will begin the cleanup at the intersection of Wellborn and Villa Maria.

Call Lara Mears, 823-6316, for more information.

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