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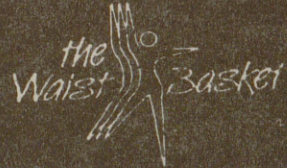
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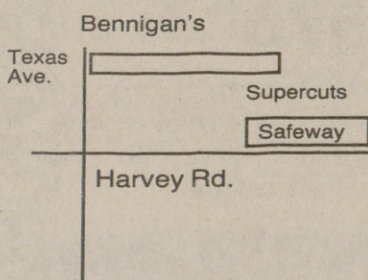
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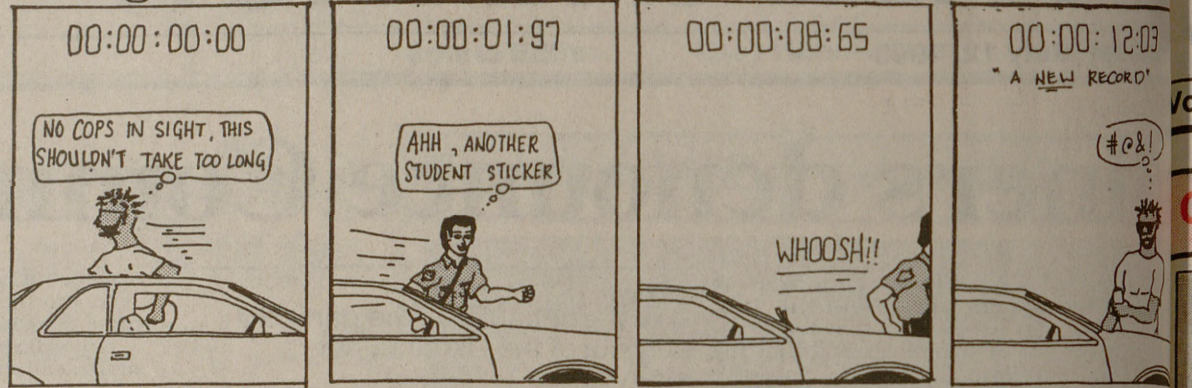
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By Eric V. Lewis

Airline adds fee to cover airports' landing charges

Spokesman: Prices not hiked for profit

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines Inc. has decided that five U.S. airports are charging "exorbitant and intolerable" landing fees, so the airline is adding \$1 to \$4 to the cost of a ticket to pay the freight.

Other airlines said they would not follow the lead of the nation's largest carrier, American and analysts said they don't expect the surcharges to establish a norm within the industry.

"I don't see that as any particular trend," Lee Howard, vice president of consulting firm Airline Economics Inc. in Washington, said. "It deals with a specific issue which has arisen and American Airlines has chosen to see that way as covering what they consider to be excessive expenses."

The increased charges amount to about \$4 million a year, Al Becker, spokesman for Fort Worth-based American, which last year earned \$730.8 million said.

Becker said the charges will take effect Sunday at New York's LaGuardia Airport, Newark International Airport, New Orleans International Airport, Palm Beach International Airport in West Palm Beach, Fla., and Southwest Florida Regional in Fort Myers, Fla.

The fees range from \$4 per ticket in Newark to \$1.50 in New Orleans and \$1 for the other three airports. Analysts doubted the increases would affect American's business since ticket prices average about \$200.

But Jackie Pate, a spokeswoman for rival Delta Air

Lines Inc., said, "Sometimes a passenger wants the lowest fare they can get, so a dollar might make a difference."

American and Delta compete along with other airlines at all five of the affected airports.

The fees will be applied only to local boardings at those airports, people passing through or coming from other airports, the company said.

"It's very simple and straightforward," American Becker said. "At those five airports we are covering what we believe to be excessive and unreasonable cost. It only makes good business sense to do that."

"At LaGuardia, those costs will total about \$10 million over 20 years," he said. "At Newark, it amounts to about \$1.5 million a year and lesser amounts at the other airports."

The increases involve "budget coverages or charges at those specific airports that go far beyond what they ought to be," Becker said.

At LaGuardia, for example, the complaint involves floorcovering used in renovations.

American is not trying to exert control over budgeting at local airports, Becker said, but "we are in the position of explaining to the airports what we believe is fair and equitable, based on our experience."

Summit

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racy; and reduce the amount of money spent on the Soviet military.

If the conditions are met, "maybe this can lead" to American cash support, Bush said.

"I wouldn't set a time frame on when and if the United States decides to go forward," Bush added.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who was backed by Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti and French President Francois Mitterrand, proposed sending \$15 billion in immediate direct aid from the West, but he could not budge Bush on the issue.

Not all the European leaders were pleased with the answer on aid to the Soviet Union.

"We are on the front line as Europeans and maybe we can help the United States understand why we want to help the Soviet Union," Italy's Andreotti said. "When someone is ill, you don't want to wait for medicine."

The agreement still allows each nation to send money on its own, which West Germany is expected to do soon. Kohl already has begun a process that will lead to a \$3.1 billion aid package to the Soviet Union.

Though the leaders engaged in vigorous discussion over aid to the Soviet Union, the issue of agricultural subsidies and international trade reforms was the issue most sharply dividing the heads of state.

Bush sought big cuts in world farm subsidies to open up the market to freer competition. The United States and other agriculturally efficient countries wanted Europe to cut its aid to inefficient, small farmers, but most European leaders were adamantly against it.

The final compromise reached by the leaders called for cuts in all farm subsidies by every nation, including the United States, which has a long history of providing subsidies for farmers.

The issue had threatened to halt trade negotiations when world trade leaders meet in December in Uruguay.

Action on the environment was expected to be a high priority for the European Community, but all the leaders agreed on was to begin negotiations to slow deforestation of South American rain forests.

Europe's leaders apparently did not push Bush on establishing strict gas emissions controls. Bush is in favor of studying whether gas emission controls will slow global warming.

Most environmental groups were not pleased with the lack of action by the Summit Seven, including the Wilderness Society.

"President Bush has lulled the other G-7 leaders into an environmental sleep that abandons their commitment to advance solutions to the world's most pressing ecological problems," George Frampton Jr., president of the Wilderness Society, said.

But Bush said Wednesday he believes as President he must strike middle ground between environmental concerns and economic concerns of people working for lumber companies.

"I am determined we can find a sound environmental path for the future," he said.

What's Up

Thursday

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

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

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will have a weekly meeting at 8 p.m. at the Chi Alpha House. Call Bryan at 846-3119 for more information.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: will have a general discussion at 6 p.m. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

STAGECENTER COMMUNITY THEATRE: will present the play "Rain" at 8 p.m. at 3715 East 29th, Bryan. Call 846-0287 for more information.

MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Call Alejandro at 696-0098 for more information.

Friday

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: will have Aggie Awakening #28 in the evening in Somerville. Call 846-5717 for more information.

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

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Lt. Gov. Hobby calls Williams 'buffoon'

AUSTIN (AP) — At a news conference where Democrat Ann Richards on Wednesday urged Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams to stick to the issues, a top Richards official called the GOP nominee a "buffoon."

A Williams aide said the name-calling demonstrated a "pattern of hypocrisy" by the Democrat's campaign.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, one of three campaign co-chairs appointed Wednesday by Richards, called Williams the name while comparing the backgrounds of the two candidates.

"Ann is an experienced public official," he said. "She has efficiently and economically managed the financial affairs of the state... Her opponent is a self-proclaimed buffoon," Hobby said.

Richards had little to say when asked about Hobby's remark, which was made in her presence.

"I think Clayton Williams' actions and behavior speaks for itself. I don't have to embellish that," she replied.

A spokesman for Williams, Bill Kenyon, said the incident "is typical of the way Richards has campaigned" all year.

"She talks about issues... and then she turns around and her campaign leadership starts making personal quips and slanders," he said. "Clayton has stuck to the issues. Then they have a press conference like today," Kenyon said.

After naming Hobby, former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros and former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan as co-chairs of her campaign, Richards said she wanted to remind

"She says that Clayton is hiding when Clayton campaigns five or six days a week and she's lucky to get out once a week. She talks about issues, but she has yet to put a dollar figure on any of her proposals."

— Bill Kenyon
spokesman for Williams

Williams of his earlier promise

stick to the issues during their race. "We both said this was going to be a campaign that was going to be on the issues," Richards said. "Over time, I want to reiterate that I want to urge the Republicans Clayton Williams to remember that vow," she said.

Both Williams and Richards said seven-candidate primaries, Democratic battle was a mudslinging affair the left one of Richards' former Gov. Mark White, vowed never to vote for her.

Recalling that both she and Williams had pledged no-mudslinging campaigns, Richards said an issue-oriented race is important for the state's image.

"We're going to have the eye of the world on Texas," she said. "The campaign will be examined by national and international media," Richards said.