

Medical school to hold race

Texas A&M's College of Medicine will have its eighth annual health run "Going for the Ghost" at 9 a.m. Oct. 27.

Divisions include a 10-kilometer and five-kilometer run and a one-mile walk benefiting the Texas affiliate of the American Heart Association and the Texas Aggie Medical Student Association.

Age categories are 19 and younger; 20 to 29; 30 to 39; 40 to 49; and 50 and older.

All races start and end at the Joe H. Reynolds Medical Building. En-

try fees are \$8 before 5 p.m. Oct. 23 and \$10 after Oct. 23.

Trophies will be presented for the best finishes in each race. First, second and third place will be awarded for the 10-kilometer and five-kilometer races.

Awards for the best Halloween costumes will be presented as well as awards for those who "catch" the "ghost" (Elvin Smith, Ph.D.) in the 10-kilometer run.

For more information, call 845-7086.

Police seek information on thefts

Brazos County Crime Stoppers is seeking information about two thefts at the Wilson Cattle Company on Old San Antonio Road.

Eight Dunlop retread truck tires were stolen July 30 after thieves cut the lock and chain which secured them. The second theft occurred Aug. 15 when thieves stole a Campbell-Hausfeld air compressor and a saddle.

The stolen items are estimated to be worth more than \$1,700.

Brazos County Sheriff's investigators believe the same person(s) was involved with both thefts.

Investigators also believe the thieves might attempt to trade or sell the items locally.

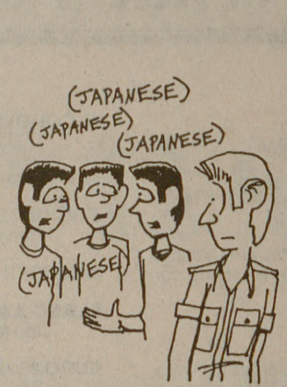
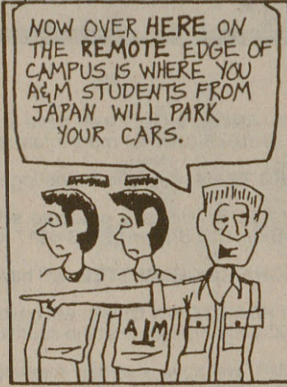
The air compressor is marked with serial number 112989L-067670.

The Brazos County Sheriff's Department and Crime Stoppers need help in identifying the person(s) responsible for the thefts.

If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS. When you call, Crime Stoppers will assign you a coded number to protect your identity.

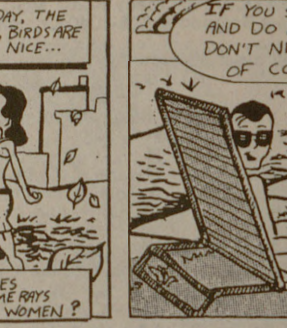
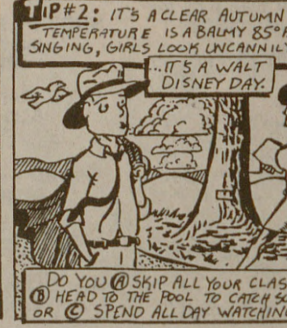
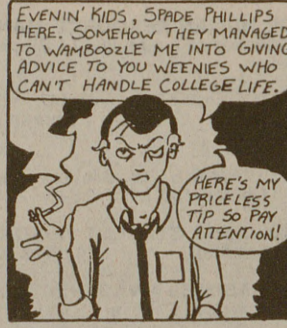
If your call leads to an arrest and grand jury indictment, Crime Stoppers will pay you up to \$1,000 in cash. Crime Stoppers also pays cash for information on any felony crime or the location of a wanted fugitive.

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Budget crisis affects services across state

Associated Press

Visitors to national parks in Texas were ordered Monday to start packing and the Border Patrol leaves drug dealers were stockpiling narcotics in anticipation of furloughed agents as Congress continued to haggle over the budget.

The House passed a new budget plan before dawn yesterday, and the Senate was expected to take it up later in the day. The House also approved an emergency spending plan in hopes that the government shutdown that began Saturday would be over before the long Columbus Day weekend ended.

It was unclear whether President Bush would sign the latest emergency spending bill.

In Texas, federal agencies were awaiting word from Washington. Federal employees were told to show up for work today and managers would be notified then if any employees should be sent home.

Leader of Arab ethnic group says threats aimed at American-Arabs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Threats, racist acts and occasional beatings have been aimed at people of Arab descent since Iraq invaded Kuwait, says the leader of an Arab ethnic group.

"We've been misconstrued and subjected to bad propaganda." — Mohsen Jouini, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Jouini described other recent incidents in which Arabs or Arab-Americans have been targets of racist behavior.

He said a flier being posted at a near some local businesses says "WAR!!! The Arabs are ready to kill Americans. Don't support businesses owned by Arabs."

The poster states that a particular business is owned by Arabs and urges the public not to spend money there.

"Someone threw ketchup on my car because I had a sticker that said 'Proud to be Arab-American.' Some one later threw an egg at my car," he said.

One of his children, Atka, 16, a high school senior, and a foreign exchange student living with them, Naela Mohiieldin, 16, of Egypt, also senior, have been subjected to racist remarks at school, Jouini said.

Jouini urged that racism be stopped. "Please understand our position and don't subject us to these types of things," he said.

Company pursues oil exploration in USSR

HOUSTON (AP) — Conoco announced Monday it has signed three major initiatives for oil and natural gas exploration development in the Soviet Union.

The West Siberia basin, east of the Ural Mountains, and in the giant Schtockmanskoyskoye gas field of the Barents Sea.

The most recent of the three projects, agreed to in September, concerns a feasibility study and joint venture activities in the Timan-Pechora basin in the north European region of the USSR.

Other projects include studies in exploration.

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Protesters form chain in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Anti-abortion protesters stood in a "Life Chain" along a 13-mile stretch of road in Austin Sunday in an hour-long demonstration organized by churches.

Edna Staudt of the "Life Chain" committee said about 8,500 people participated in the event, which coincided with Respect Life Sunday, an annual Catholic church celebration.

The protesters held signs saying, "Abortion Kills Children." The Life Chain was not continuous. People stood shoulder-to-shoulder in some stretches and few to a block in others.

"What you have here today is a peaceful crosscut representing American society, stating a simple fact that when abortion occurs there is no life," Chris Brammer said. He and his family drove from Elroy to participate in the protest.

During the hour, people drove by honking, waving and flashing thumbs-up signs.

A few blocks away, some men and women protested the event, shouting their views through a megaphone. People honked and shouted "pro-choice" to show their support of them.

"I wish they'd keep their Bibles out of our Legislature," Mary Cline of Austin said.

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