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The Battalion

Escape war or keep jobs? U.S. charges for airlift

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite the prospect of being separated from their families or getting trapped in Europe without a way back to the United States, hundreds of American civilians are ready to pay about \$4,500 each to leave Saudi Arabia.

Officials said about 400 Americans have called the U.S. consul general to accept the military's offer for a costly airlift out of Saudi.

The airlift will cost 50 percent more than a commercial flight and those taking the flight must promise to pay the State Department within 60 days for getting them out of the Middle East. They will be taken to Europe, where they will have to make their own arrangements to get back to the U.S.

State Department officials emphasized that the U.S. was not recommending people leave, only providing a means to do so.

But some employees of Saudi Arabian Oil Co., known as Saudi Aramco, expressed anger that the Saudi government does not think the war against Iraq merits evacuation of civilians.

"Can you imagine spending six hours in your bathroom with your

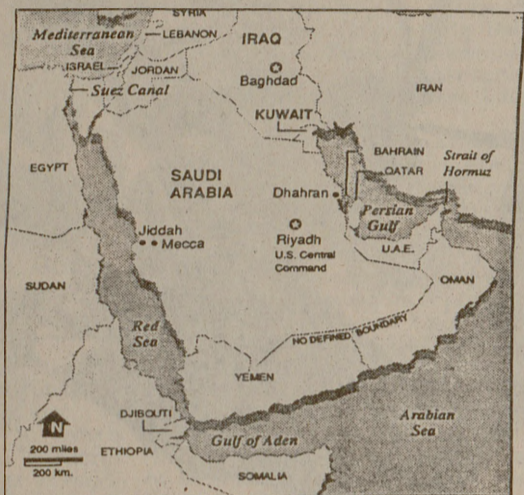
gas mask on and they're saying no danger?" one worker, who said he would be fired if he was identified, told the Houston Chronicle.

"People are very upset over the fact that Aramco is telling our families that everything is OK when we're sitting here with missiles aimed right at us," the worker said.

There are about 7,000 Americans, mostly oil workers and their families, in the area.

The U.S. Embassy in Bahrain said Saturday it also was preparing a military airlift for any of the estimated 600 Americans there wishing to leave. No date has been set for the evacuation.

The Saudi Aramco workers said they are sleeping in shifts to monitor war coverage on television. They grew more jittery after the first U.S. Patriot missile intercepted and destroyed an incoming Iraqi Scud missile



over Dhahran, 200 miles from the Kuwaiti border.

Bill Tracy, spokesman for Aramco Services Company, the Houston-based U.S. subsidiary of Saudi Aramco, said Monday that the company is prepared to provide airlifts, but only when U.S. officials recommend it.

Richards' office reschedules Texas school conference

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards will convene a Texas School Assembly on Saturday.

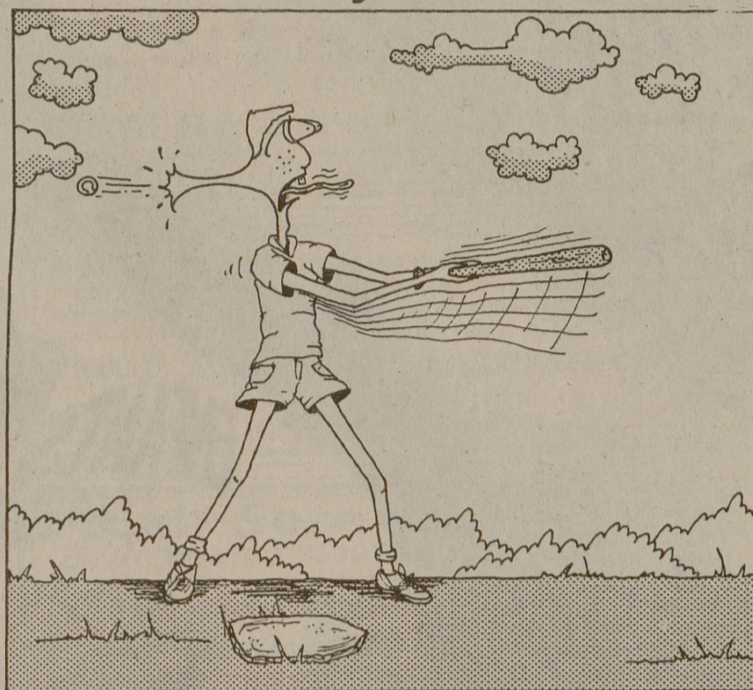
It was earlier announced that the conference of educators, parents and students would be Feb. 9. But the governor's office said Monday its original announcement for the date of the conference was incorrect.

The assembly, to be held at the University of Texas campus, was touted by Richards during her campaign when she pledged to make public school funding more equitable.

In 1989, the Texas Supreme Court declared the school finance system unconstitutional because of disparities in funding between property-poor school districts and wealthy districts.

After four special legislative sessions last year, lawmakers passed a school funding bill which a state district judge has since ruled unconstitutional. The case is before the Texas Supreme Court on appeal.

Nerd House by Tom A. Madison



"STRIKE ONE, NERD!"

Probe influences refiling of bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill at the center of an investigation into alleged influence buying in the Legislature has been filed after lawmakers killed the proposal two years ago.

The measure by state Sen. Frank Tejeda, D-San Antonio, would give local governments the same chance as private law firms to collect a 15

percent penalty from delinquent taxpayers.

Tejeda's bill comes at a time when the state's biggest tax collection law firm, Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams, has been tied to a Travis County grand jury investigation concerning ethics violations of House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth.

Officials label pesticides safe

AUSTIN (AP) — State agriculture officials Monday announced a drive to educate the public that foods grown with pesticides and hormones are safe to eat.

"We don't say our food production is perfect, we simply say that it is the best there is," James Denton, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said.

"What we want to try to do is speak to these issues individually with the basic foundation of the science involved in order to remove as much emotionalism as we possibly can," he said.

The Agriculture Extension Service, which is part of Texas A&M University, will host a conference on food safety Tuesday at the University of Texas campus.

Denton and other agriculture officials said consumers are often alarmed by unscientific and politically-motivated reports on chemical use in food production.

"The Alar fiasco was probably one of the things that

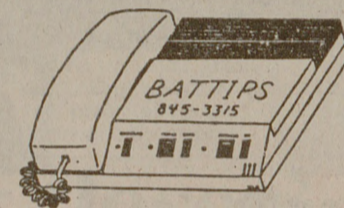
really set it off and got people panicked to the point that it was almost irrational in many cases," Al Wagner Jr., a food technologist for the extension service, said.

In 1989, an environmental group said eating apples containing Alar increased cancer risk in children. The apple industry claims the report was unscientific and the resulting scare cost more than \$100 million in sales.

Alar, the marketing name for the chemical daminozide, was voluntarily removed from the market by the Uniroyal Chemical Co. last October. The EPA last May banned it from all food uses.

In Texas, former Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower touted hormone-free beef, but Dan Hale, a meat specialist with the extension service, said the hormones are used in such small quantities it is not a health hazard.

BATTIPS



Anyone with story suggestions can call BATTIPS. The Battalion's phone line designed to improve communication between the newspaper and its readers.

The BATTIPS number is 845-3315.

Ideas can include news stories, feature ideas and personality profiles of interesting people.

In Advance

Local bands to perform for peace benefit

Front Porch Cafe, 4410 College Main, is hosting a "Sing Out For Peace Benefit" tonight at 8.

Entertainment will include various local bands, and the \$2 cover charge will go toward promoting peace at the local level.

More information can be obtained by calling the Front Porch Cafe at 846-5483.

Arts & Crafts

- Calligraphy**
Tues. Jan 29 - March 19
7-9pm
\$26/student \$30/nonstudent
- Int. Calligraphy**
Thurs. March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25
6-7:30pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Drawing**
Wed. Feb 6 - March 6
6-8:30pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Valentine Baskets**
Tues. Feb 12
6-9pm
\$10/student \$14/nonstudent
- Basket Weaving**
Mon. March 19, 26, April 2, 9
6-8pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Stenciled Band Boxes**
Mon. Feb 4, 11
6-9pm
\$8/student \$12/nonstudent
- Stained Glass**
Tues. Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5
6-9pm
Wed. March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17
6-9pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Leaded Glass**
Tues. March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16
6-9pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Etched Glass**
Tues. Feb 19
6-9pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- Pottery**
M/W, Feb 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
5-7pm
M/W, Feb 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
7:30-9:30pm
Wed. March 20 - April 24
7:30-9:30pm
Thurs. Jan 31 - March 7
7:30-9:30pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Clay Sculpture and Handbuilding**
Wed. Jan 30 - March 6
9am-12noon
\$45 Class fee
- Jewelry Casting**
Sat. March 30 & Sun. March 31
9am - 12 noon & 1-4pm
\$40/student \$44/nonstudent
- Potpourri**
Tues. April 9
6-9pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- Flower Arranging**
Tues. Feb 12, 19, 26
6-9pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Cake Decorating**
Mon. Feb 11, 18, 25, March 4
7-9pm
Mon. March 18, 25, April 1, 8
7-9pm
\$10/student \$14/nonstudent
- Matting & Framing**
Wed. Feb 13, 20, 27
6-8pm
Wed. March 27, April 3, 10
6-8pm
\$25/student \$29/nonstudent

Dance

- Beg Country & Western Dance**
Wed. Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27
6-7:15pm or 7:30 - 8:45pm
\$20/student \$24/nonstudent
- Adv Country & Western Dance**
Wed. March 20, 27 April 3, 10, 17
7:30-8:45pm
\$20/student \$24/nonstudent
- Ballroom Dancing**
Tues. Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5
7:15-8:30pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Jitterbug**
Sun. Feb 17, 24, March 3, 17, 24
6-7:15pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Basket Weaving**
Sun. Feb 17, 24, March 3, 17, 24
7:30-8:45pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Wed. March 20, 27 April 3, 10, 17**
7:30-8:45pm
\$20/student \$24/nonstudent

Health & Fitness

- Yoga**
M/W, Jan 28 - March 6
7:15 - 8:30pm
M/W, March 18 - April 24
7:15 - 8:30pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Intermediate Yoga**
T/Th, March 19 - April 25
8:15-9:15pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- CPR**
M/W, Feb 11 & 13
6-10pm
M/W, March 4 & 6
6-10pm
M/W, April 1 & 3
6-10pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- First Aid**
M/W, March 18, 20, 25, 27
6-9pm
M/W April 8, 10, 15, 17
6-9pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Self Defense**
T/Th, Jan 29 - March 7
6-7pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Tai Chi Chuan**
T/Th, Jan 29 - March 7
7:15 - 8:15pm
\$22/student \$24/nonstudent
- Tae Kwon Do**
T/Th, Jan 29 - March 7
7-8pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Woodworking**
Decoy Carving
Tues. March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16
6:30-9:30pm
\$32/student \$36/nonstudent
- Woodworking**
Thurs. Feb 7, 14, 21, 28
6-9pm
Mon. March 18, 25, April 1, 8
6-9pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Patio Furniture**
Thurs. March 21, 28, April 4, 11
6-9pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent



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Photography

- Begining Photography**
Tues. Feb 5, 12, 19, 26
6-9pm
Tues. March 19, 26, April 2, 9
6-9pm
Meets off campus \$28 class fee
- Basic B&W Darkroom**
Tues. Feb 12, 19, 26
6-9pm
Tues. March 19, 26, April 2
6-9pm
\$25/student \$29/nonstudent
- The Art of Photography**
Thurs. March 21, 28, April 4, 11
7-9pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Camcorder & VCR Techniques**
Tues. March 19, 26, April 2, 9
7-9pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Studio Portraiture**
Sat. March 30, April 6, 13
9am-12noon
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent

Needle Works

- Sewing**
Mon. Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4
6-9pm
\$34/student \$38/nonstudent
- Smocking**
Wed. March 20, 27, April 3, 10
6-9pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Quilting**
Wed. Feb 6, 13, 20
6-9pm
\$18/student \$24/nonstudent
- Knitting**
Mon. March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15
6-9pm
\$34/student \$38/nonstudent
- Designer Purses**
Thurs. April 4, 11, 18
6-9pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent

Special Interest

- Star Gazing**
T/Th, Feb 12 - March 7
6:30-9pm
\$30/student \$34/nonstudent
- Music Appreciation**
Mon. March 18 - April 22
7:30-9pm
\$16/student \$20/nonstudent
- Wine Appreciation**
Wed. Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6
7-8:30pm
\$25/student \$29/nonstudent
- Creative Writing**
Tues. Jan 29 - March 5
6:30-9pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Plan Your Own Wedding**
Mon. Feb 4, 11, 18, 25
6-8pm
Mon. March 18, 25, April 1, 8
6-8pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Electronics**
Wed. Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6
6:30-9:30pm
\$26/student \$30/nonstudent
- Paper Making**
Thurs. Feb 7, 14, 21, 28
6-9pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Discover Your Personality**
Tues. Feb 5, 12, 19
6-8:30pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Glitz and Glamour**
Wed. Feb 20
6-9pm
\$8/student \$12/nonstudent
- Juggling**
Wed. March 20, 27, April 3
6-8:30pm
\$14/student \$18/nonstudent
- Bike Maintenance**
Tues. Feb 5, 12, 19, 26
7-9pm (6-10pm last class)
Tues. March 19, 26, April 2, 9
7-9pm (6-10pm last class)
\$20/student \$24/nonstudent

Computers

- Intro to Macintosh**
T/Th, Jan 29, 31
7:30-9pm
M/W, Feb 18, 20
6-7:30pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
- PageMaker 3.0 For Macintosh**
Sat. March 23, 30, April 6, 13
9am-12pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent
- Microsoft Excel**
Sat. Feb 16, 23
9am-12noon
\$20/student \$24/nonstudent
- Microsoft Word for Macintosh**
M/W, Feb 25, 27, March 4, 6
6-7:30pm
Sat. Feb 2, Feb 9
9am-12noon
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
- Intro to DOS and IBM PC**
T/Th, Jan 29, 31, Feb 5, 7
7:30-9pm
M/W, Feb 4, 6, 11, 13
7:30-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
- WordPerfect 5.1**
T/Th, Feb 5 - Feb 28
8-9:30pm
M/W, March 18 - April 10
6-7:30pm
T/Th, March 19 - April 11
6-7:30pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent
- Lotus 1-2-3**
T/Th, Feb 19 - March 7
6-8pm
M/W, Jan 28 - Feb 13
6-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Business

- Accounting for Businesses**
Tues. March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23
6-8:30pm
\$25/student \$29/nonstudent
- Business Etiquette**
T/Th, Feb 12, 14, 19, 21
7-9pm
\$15/student \$19/nonstudent
- Basics of Investing**
Tues. Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5
7:30-9pm
\$16/student \$20/nonstudent
- Career Development**
T/Th, March 19 - April 4
7:30-9pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- Resume Writing**
Mon. Feb 11
6:30-9:30pm
Mon. March 25
6:30-9:30pm
\$8/student \$10/nonstudent
- Interviewing**
T/Th, March 19, 21, 26, 28
6:30-8pm
T/Th, April 16, 18, 23, 25
6:30 - 8pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- Assertiveness Training**
Thurs. Feb 7, 14, 21, 28
7:30-9pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent

Languages

- French**
M/W, Feb 11 - March 27
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- German**
M/W, Feb 11 - March 27
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Italian**
M/W, Feb 11 - March 27
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Japanese I**
T/Th, Feb 5 - March 21
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Japanese II**
T/Th, March 26 - May 2
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- English as a Second Language (ESL)**
T/Th, Feb 5 - March 21
6:30-8pm
\$40/student \$44/nonstudent
- Spanish**
T/Th, Feb 5 - March 21
6:30-8pm
M/W, March 18 - April 24
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Intermediate Spanish**
M/W, March 18 - April 24
8-9:30 pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Russian**
T/Th, Feb 12 - March 28
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Sign Language**
T/Th, Feb 5 - March 7
6-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent

Music

- Beginning Guitar**
M/W, Jan 28 - Feb 20
7:30-9pm
Thurs. Feb 28 - April 25
7-8:30pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Intermediate Guitar**
Thurs. Feb 28 - April 25
8:30-10pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Music Theory**
Mon. Feb 11, 18, 25, March 4
6-7:30pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- Music Appreciation**
Mon. March 18 - April 22
7:30-9pm
\$16/student \$20/nonstudent

AEROBICS

Classes are still open. Check us out!