

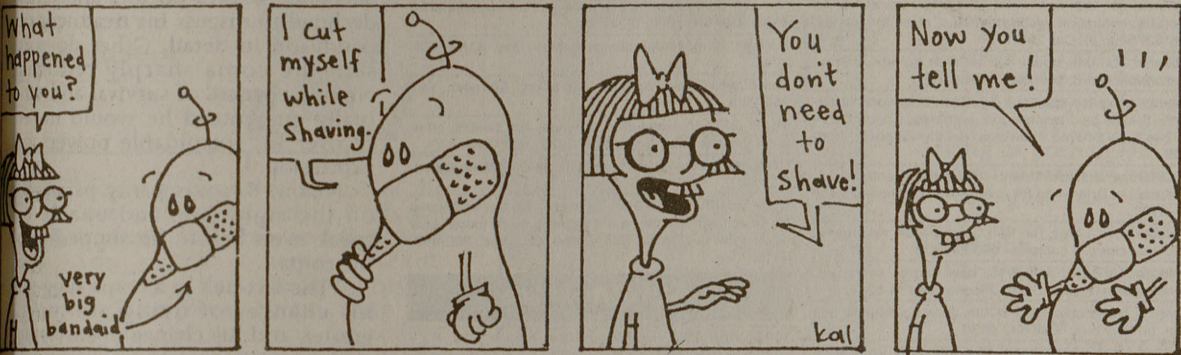
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## Radioactive container remains missing near Corpus Christi

**The Associated Press**

FREER — Don't open the container of radioactive material that bounced off a truck in Duval County, health officials are warning whoever found it.

Authorities had no luck locating the container on Thursday, two days after it fell from a Tucker Wireline Services truck at the Los Lomas Ranch about 16 miles south of Freer.

"Somebody has found it and we don't know who," said Joyce McMillan, corporate safety director for Tucker Wireline Services.

The container, carrying radioactive material used for oil exploration devices, isn't a health threat unless it's opened, authorities said.

"So far we've come up empty. We're obtaining names of people working at that site as well as anyone who may have been traveling in the area," said Bob Free of the Bureau of Radiation Control in the Texas Department of Health.

Free said Tucker Wireline Services, a Corpus Christi electric wireline company, reported Tuesday afternoon that the container was lost on the ranch about five miles west of Texas 16.

The driver didn't notice the mishap until he

reached Freer, 80 miles west of Corpus Christi, the company reported.

Free said his agency didn't issue a news release on Wednesday because it believed the company had a good chance of locating the container.

The company found paint marks on the road where the container fell, but the container itself was gone, Free said.

"This thing was reportedly locked by a chain to the truck. The report is that the chain broke and the shield (container) fell off the truck with the chain and the lock," he said.

The spherical container has a 14-inch diameter and is painted purple, reportedly with markings warning of radioactivity. It contains americium-241.

The radioactive material is commonly used to probe underground formations for oil exploration, Free said.

"Someone would have to take specialized tools to open it," he said.

The company is advising whoever found the container to return it unopened for an unspecified reward.

Health officials said prolonged exposure to the radioactive material inside the container would cause serious health problems.

## Population may not help Hispanics, advocates say

**The Associated Press**

HARLINGEN — More economic and political clout won't be automatic for Hispanic Texans even when they grow to 40 percent of the state population by the year 2020, advocates say.

"We're heading in exactly the opposite direction," Albert Kauffman, senior litigation attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, said Thursday.

"What it's heading to is a real lack of educated leaders and professionals in the year 2020," he said.

Kauffman is concerned that although Hispanics steadily make up a greater proportion of the population, they aren't gaining fast enough in education, especially in higher degrees.

The U.S. Census Bureau projected Wednesday that 40 percent of Texans will be of Hispanic origin in three decades, up from 27 percent in 1993.

Nationwide, immigration and rapid population growth are expected to make Hispanics the largest U.S. minority, totaling 51.2 million by 2020. That would make 15.7 percent of the population, up from 9.7 percent in 1993.

Kauffman noted that Hispanics already make up 35 percent of Texas public school enrollment but only 18 percent in four-year undergraduate college programs.

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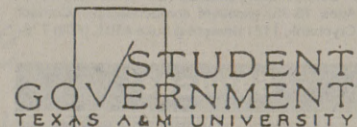
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