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NEWS BRIEFS

New utilities carrier expected to reduce costs

The College Station City Council chose Texas Utilities Electric Corporation to provide city residents with electricity for four years, effective January 1996.

The contract, finalized during the council's Sept. 14 meeting, will save an estimated \$32 million, or an 8 percent drop in College Station electric bills.

Garner named assistant director of food services

Cheryl Garner, assistant director of food services at the University of San Diego, was named Texas A&M's new associate director of food services.

Garner has worked as an area supervisor for Pizza Hut, Inc. and Durthers International Inc., a fast-food company.

She also worked at the University of California-Los Angeles, where she supervised eight campus food locations.

A&M celebrates first train emergency course

Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Texas A&M chancellor, and Mary Nan West, chairman of the Texas A&M Board of Regents, will be among several dignitaries on-hand today to introduce the first Passenger Train Emergency Response course.

The ceremony will begin at noon at the Brayton Firemen Training Field in College Station.

The course, a cooperative effort between A&M and the rail industry, will train emergency personnel from around the nation to handle crisis situations such as train wrecks.

Miss America viewers vote to keep swimsuits

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The swimsuits won.

Nearly 1 million people registered their opinions during Saturday night's Miss America pageant — 79 percent were in favor of keeping the swimsuit competition, 21 percent against.

After the votes were announced, the 10 finalists marched down the runway in modest red suits and bare feet. Miss Oklahoma Shawntel Smith went on to become the new Miss America.

If the viewers had voted "no," another production number would have been substituted. Pageant officials declined to say what that was.

Pageant contestants competing in swimsuits have created an ocean of controversy almost since the first bathing beauties paraded in 1921.

Endeavour astronauts work on clogged sewer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A clogged shuttle sewer had Endeavour's astronauts "working like dogs" Sunday as their trouble-filled mission drew to a smelly close.

Instead of relaxing and taking their time packing for Monday's trip home, the astronauts found themselves draining urine and other waste water from a storage tank into a smaller emergency container.

"The phrase 'working like dogs' has taken on an entirely new meaning for us," space shuttle commander David Walker said.

Long before their flight began 11 days ago, Endeavour's five astronauts nicknamed themselves the Dog Crew in order to relieve the tension and have some fun.

It's a good thing: They had to contend with numerous equipment problems in orbit, most notably a pair of balky science satellites.

Greenbacks get new look

The redesign of American currency is aimed at foiling counterfeiters.

WASHINGTON (AP) — American currency is about to get a face lift, a high-tech overhaul to thwart counterfeiters that will have holders of greenbacks seeing double.

Two portraits of an American historical figure will be on each bill, but you'll have to hold the bill up to the light to see one of them.

It will be the first distinct new look for U.S. paper money in 66 years.

The changeover will begin early next year with the \$100 bill, a

favorite of forgers. Existing bills will remain in circulation.

"We have an interest in protecting the integrity of our currency," said Treasury Under Secretary John Hawke Jr. "As technology develops the potential for more sophisticated counterfeiting, it gives us increasing cause for concern."

The most visible change will be to shift portraits off center.

An enlarged portrait of Benjamin Franklin will be moved to the left on the \$100 bill, making room for a new watermark engraving. The watermark portrait, visible when the bill is held up to the light, is one of several new security features.

Officials said the watermark is extremely difficult to duplicate.

Eventually, there will be similar redesigns for the portraits on nearly all smaller denominations — Ulysses S.

Grant on the \$50 bill, Andrew Jackson on the \$20, Alexander Hamilton on the \$10, Abraham Lincoln on the \$5, and George Washington on the \$1.

The exception could be the \$2 bill, which bears the likeness of Thomas Jefferson. No decision has been made on whether to alter the largely commemorative bill.

Treasurer Mary Ellen Worshaw has said borders on new bills will be simplified with geometric designs placed by an assortment of lines and dots that are intended to foil counterfeiters.

Also, color-shifting ink will be used so that the green will take on a different hue when viewed from an angle. And government printers will use computer-designed patterns that are made to turn white when copied improperly.

Gop rivals echo Buchanan theme

Dole, Wilson, and Lugar have taken ideas right out of the presidential contender's speeches.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Buchanan thought he heard an echo when GOP presidential rival Bob Dole endorsed English as the nation's official language and attacked proposed standards for teaching history.

"Right out of our speeches," said Buchanan.

It was deja vu when Dole criticized "liberal academic elites" for taking umbrage at President Truman's use of the atom bomb.

Likewise when California Gov. Pete Wilson came down on affirmative action and immigration, and when Sen. Dick Lugar of Indiana promoted a national sales tax.

"Been there, done that" could be Buchanan's campaign theme. While the conservative commentator is considered a long shot to capture the Republican presidential nomination, ideas he has long espoused are making their way into the campaign speeches of his GOP rivals.

"In one sense, you're a little exasperated because it's copyright violation," Buchanan said in an interview. "But it is heartening because what it

means is we're winning the battle for the heart and soul of the Republican Party."

Buchanan contends his agenda is helping to shape the 1996 campaign, just as he pushed President Bush to the right in 1992, when his run for GOP nomination helped legitimize attacks on president from within the party.

Now in his second run for the nomination, Buchanan has remained a solid contender among the pack of candidates vying to catch up on the front-runner Dole. He has stayed competitive with Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, his rival for the conservative mantle, even though Gramm's treasury six times his own.

Nonetheless, Buchanan skeptics abound in public circles.

Many say he is too extreme, taking issues beyond what other candidates advocate. For example, Buchanan has proposed erecting a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border and halting all immigration for five years.

"He manages to rile even his allies," said conservative leader Paul Weyrich.

Still, Buchanan is credited with consistency a time when Dole, the Senate majority leader, is trying to live down his reputation as a legislative compromiser and Wilson is having to explain broken promises and policy reversals.

HEALTH TIPS

Beutel's Health Education Center is looking for students to speak out about contraception

By Erin Foley
A.P. BEUTEL HEALTH CENTER

Want to talk about sex? Well, this is your chance. The Health Education Center at the A.P. Beutel Health Center has launched a campaign to get contraceptive information to students.

We are looking for energetic people who are interested in educating their peers about contraception and abstinence.

Currently, students are required to attend a Methods of Contraception, MOC, class before obtaining a prescription for oral contraception. Those classes are offered at the health center on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Students can call 845-6111 to sign up for classes.

Our new goal is to bring these programs to more students. We want to make these programs as accessible as possible. We have changed the class to make it more enjoyable and educate in an effective manner.

Rather than you coming to the Health Center for the class, we are going to bring it to you.

We will target different campus organizations, residence halls, sororities and private housing complexes. We will also work on projects such as taking MOC programs into the community to places where students gather.

The Health Education Center is looking for students to work on a planning committee for the MOC programs. The students will learn how to educate others about contraception, evaluate target populations and design programs to meet their needs and coordinate programs.

Interested students can contact Erin Foley, assistant health education coordinator or Emily Pruitt, graduate assistant in health education, 845-1341.

Our goal is to educate many students as possible about their contraceptive choices. We want to make your experience at Texas A&M as involved and healthy as possible.

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