

NEWS BRIEFS

Service Awareness Day introduces organizations

MSC Hospitality is hosting Service Awareness Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at MSC. The event will introduce 27 service organizations to students and faculty members. Hospitality representatives said the event is a chance to promote all service organizations, including Hospitality.

Bosnia force to include 3,000 reservists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration said Tuesday that the Bosnia force will include 2,000 to 3,000 reservists. They assured uneasy lawmakers the Americans would be heavily trained to defend themselves and would be there no longer than a year.

While acknowledging the risk of casualties, the officials said the U.S. force of some 20,000 troops would be equipped with tanks, backed by ships, planes and armed with orders to retreat if attacked.

The expected call-up of 2,000 to 3,000 reserves, disclosed by Shashville, reflects the reliance of a smaller U.S. armed force on combat service specialties that today lie only in the National Guard and Reserves.

These include all of the Army heavy helicopter units, water supply battalions and rail battalions. Most of the Army's hospital units and medical groups are in the reserves.

Early voting begins today for amendment election

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans, who elect legislators to write laws, take lawmaking into their own hands beginning Wednesday.

That's when early voting begins for Nov. 7 constitutional amendment election. The early voting period runs through Nov. 3.

Fourteen propositions are on the ballot, headlined by Proposition 10, that's the amendment that would abolish the state treasurer's post and merge Treasury functions into the state comptroller's office.

Treasurer Martha Whitehead, a Democrat elected last year after promising to eliminate a job that has become obsolete, says she has no doubt Texans will agree that closing Treasury is a cost-efficient reduction in bureaucracy.

Most of the other amendments decided are bond issues, property tax exemptions and some miscellaneous bits of government business — such as whether to abolish the office of state auditor in three counties.

Bombers strike again, wound 29 people

PARIS (AP) — Mocking the efforts of desperate police, the bombers terrorizing France blew up another crowded subway car Tuesday, turning it into a mass of mangled steel and thrashing injured.

The bomb wounded 29 people, blowing off the legs and feet of some. Authorities described it as a steel canister filled with explosives and hex nuts — the trademark device of Algerian insurgents who have waged a terror campaign in the French capital since midsummer.

The site of the attack seemed to mock authorities' efforts to halt the terror campaign by Algerian extremists, who have claimed responsibility for seven other deadly bombings or attempts. Islamic militants object to France's financial support of the military-installed government in Algeria, a former colony.

France's wave of bombings began July 25 at the St. Michel station, when a similar device killed seven people and wounded 84. Tuesday's bombing raised the injury toll since then to at least 155.

The extremist Armed Islamic Group based in Algeria has claimed responsibility for most of the other bombings.

Hurricane Roxanne kills five

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MEN, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Roxanne had passed, and the worst weather the crew of a pipe-laying barge expected was a "Norte," chill north winds that rake the Gulf of Mexico this time of year.

Instead, the hurricane doubled back and blindsided them 10 miles off shore Sunday night with whipping 80-mph winds and rolling 40-foot waves that looked big as mountains.

As the barge slowly sank, the crew of at least 245 began tossing life rafts overboard and jumped after them into the swirling waters. Heavy-duty tug boats battled the swells to reach them, and crewmen leaned overboard with out-

stretched hands or cast ropes to drag survivors aboard. Five people died and four others remained missing Tuesday, but the rest were rescued.

"We just had sweet Jesus on our side," survivor Kevin Dumont of New Orleans said Tuesday as he and other oil workers, all haggard and some bandaged, returned to Ciudad del Carmen.

Roxanne was downgraded to a tropical storm early Tuesday, the second downgrading on its erratic journey in which it has struck Mexico's Gulf coast twice since last week.

On Tuesday, Roxanne barely crawled northwest at 2 mph over the Gulf, its sustained winds down to 50 mph. At 5 p.m. EDT, the center was about 295 miles southeast of Brownsville, Texas.

The storm still pounded the Mexican coast Tuesday, driving

seawater through the streets of Ciudad del Carmen that flooded homes and forced thousands into emergency shelters.

Five people died when the barge sank in the Bay of Campeche, including one American: James Vines, 47, of Winnsboro, La. Three bodies had been recovered, and rescue workers said they saw two others floating in the water.

Rescue tugs on Tuesday pulled in 15 people who clung for more than a day to the A-frame of the barge's huge crane, which still juts above the water. But four people from the barge remained missing — three Mexicans and one Spaniard, according to U.S. Vice Consul Nathaniel Dean in Merida.

Dean said the remaining 29 Americans and the one Canadian aboard have all been accounted for as survivors.

Search for NAACP head continues

More than a year after Benjamin Chavis was fired, the association is still looking for an executive director.

BALTIMORE (AP) — WANTED: Skilled manager with unquestioned integrity and ability to be national spokesman and day-to-day leader of troubled national civil rights group.

More than a year after Benjamin Chavis was fired for secretly using NAACP money to settle a sex discrimination lawsuit against him, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is still looking for an executive director.

The search committee that was supposed to submit one name to the board at a three-day meeting that starts Thursday in Baltimore was still interviewing candidates this week. And it may not come up with a choice in time.

"We had an unusually large number of applicants. It's just taking a long time," Julian Bond, a member of the seven-person committee, said Tuesday.

But some critics said there's another reason the nation's oldest and largest civil rights group (86 years old, 500,000 members) is taking so long to pick a leader.

"Nobody wants the job," said Michael Meyers, a former assistant NAACP national director who now heads the New York Civil Rights Coalition. "The NAACP is dead, and everybody knows it."

Even some board members agreed the NAACP has slipped from its leading role in the struggle for civil rights. The NAACP refused to endorse Monday's Million Man March in Washington, which Chavis helped organize with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

"We're a taillight," said Larry Carter, an Iowa banker who has been on the board for 6 1/2 years. "We've got to set the stage. It should be the NAACP putting together the Million Man March."

The NAACP is as much as \$4 million in debt and struggling to repair an image damaged first by Chavis' ouster in August 1994, and then by allegations of financial improprieties by former Chairman William Gibson. Gibson was replaced in February by Myrlie Evers Williams, the widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers.



POLICE BEAT

The following are the incidents reported to the University Police Department between 10/09 and 10/13/95:

Misdemeanor Theft
Moore Hall - A bright green Nishiki Manatoba 23-speed bicycle was stolen.

Veterinary Medical School - A black leather purse containing the victim's Texas driver's license, sports pass, student identification, several credit cards and other assorted personal property was stolen from a second floor room.

Wisenbaker Engineering Research Center - A red Cycle Pro 18-speed bicycle was stolen.

Heldenfels Hall - A dark green 18-speed Trek 800 Antelope Series bicycle was stolen.

Biochemistry/Biophysics Building - A CA 486-33 personal computer was stolen from a first floor room.

Memorial Student Center - A Sony, Model SLV-420 video cassette recorder was stolen from a second floor room.

Misdemeanor Theft/Possession of two valid Drivers Licenses
Memorial Student Center Bookstore - A subject was detected shoplifting from the bookstore. The suspect was issued two citations and released.

Burglary of Vehicle
Parking Area 39 - The victim's parking permit was stolen from his 1990 Mazda.

Theft of Service/Felony Theft
McKenzie Terminal - A subject failed to return the 1995 Mercury Mystique he leased on September 3, 1995. The vehicle was to be returned on September 11, 1995.

False Report
Hughes Hall - The Brazos County Emergency 911 Service notified our agency of an emergency call from an on-campus number. The subject stated, "Help, someone's trying to kill me," before disconnecting the line. Upon arrival to the location, a subject approached the officer to apologize for the call. The subject though he disconnected the call prior to making the false statement.

Assault
Parking Area 70 - A Parking Services Officer was struck by a subject while waiting for authorization to impound a vehicle for the accumulation of several parking citations.

Sbisa Dining Hall - The victim reported he was walking on the south side of Sbisa Dining Center. He was approached from

behind by three subjects who struck him in the head, knocked him to the ground and kicked him. The victim was able to defend himself causing the suspects to flee. The victim sustained a bruised left eye and a laceration to the right cheek. He refused medical attention and was released.

Criminal Trespass
West Campus - An arrest warrant was issued for a subject who elected to ignore a previously issued Criminal Trespass Warning.

Criminal Mischief
Sbisa Dining Center - While parked in the loading dock, the hood and left light cover were scratched and the right front panel of the victim's 1991 Toyota was dented.

Crocker Hall - During checks of campus property, a bathroom window on the north side of the building was damaged. It appeared some type of object had been thrown against the window pane causing it to shatter.

Public Intoxication
Parking Area 56 - An intoxicated subject was arrested and incarcerated in the Brazos County Jail.

MSC

October 1995

18 MSC Hospitality Committee "Service Awareness Day" 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. MSC Hallway

19 MSC Film Society of Texas A&M "The Englishman Who Went Up A Hill and Came Down a Mountain" 7 and 9:30 p.m. Rudder Theater

20 & 21 MSC Film Society of Texas A&M "Congo" 7 and 9:30 p.m. Rudder Auditorium/Theater

20 L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness "International Networking Social" 3:30 p.m. Mark Francis Room of the Veterinary Medicine Administration Building

21 MSC Town Hall Committee "Sponge" 8 p.m. Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater

24 MSC Public Relations Committee "Pamphlets, Booklets and Other Publications" 5:30 p.m. 401 Rudder

MSC Great Issues Committee and the Christian Faculty Fellowship Committee Dr. Thomas Schmidt: Searching for Truth in Lifestyles: Homosexuality and Christian Morality" 7:30 p.m. Rudder Auditorium

25 MSC Great Issues Committee Ron Loomis: "The Occult in America" 7 p.m. 601 Rudder

25 to Nov 30 MSC Visual Arts Committee Richard Neidhart: "Life or Consequences" MSC Visual Arts Gallery

26 MSC Film Society of Texas A&M "The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love" 7 & 9:30 p.m. Rudder Theater

MSC Hospitality Committee Children's Halloween Party 6 p.m. 201 (and adjacent rooms) MSC

27 MSC MBA/Law Committee "Distinguished Executive Series" 10-2 p.m. MSC 231

27 & 28 MSC Film Society and MSC Cepheid Variable Species 7 & 9:30 p.m. Rudder Auditorium/Rudder Theater

28 MSC Town Hall "Clay Walker" with Laurie White 8 p.m. G. Rollie White Coliseum

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