

Fumes force second evacuation

Authorities still have not located the source of the noxious odor.

FORT WORTH (AP) — About 30 people working inside an office building were hospitalized Wednesday with symptoms similar to those that sickened hundreds in the same building Tuesday.

The source of the noxious odor in the nine-story Overton Centre Tower was still a mystery Wednesday afternoon. Fire officials said the building would be closed indefinitely, and a Dallas company specializing in toxic fumes was called for assistance.

"We've just about exhausted our capabilities,"

fire Lt. Kent Worley said. "We never like to get to the point where we put up our hands and give up. But there may be a point where they're going to have to contact a consultant."

Building management decided to open the building Wednesday morning after an all-day evacuation Tuesday and an all-night exhaustion of the air, Worley said. The name of the building management firm was not immediately available.

"We were back here at 6:30 this morning to go through the building one more time," Worley said. "We couldn't find anything with our meters or noses, so we left it up to building management and they decided to open it back up."

Within two hours, people on all floors began complaining of nausea, headaches and shortness of breath. Some were so weak they had to be wheeled out in their desk chairs.

"As they were trying to make it to the bathrooms and stuff, at that time they started vomiting and some of them passed out," said Stanley Harris, a worker from the building. "It's a big concern, especially because they can't find anything."

About 60 people were treated in a makeshift treatment center in the hospital. Ambulances took 15 people to four hospitals; about 15 more were taken by bus to a fifth hospital.

"One lady said that from the time it began, within two minutes it got to the worst flu-like feeling you've ever had," Worley said.

Lorri Beauchamp said she had suffered a headache for three days before becoming overcome by the fumes on Wednesday. She also said she was reluctant to return to work.

"What's frightening is that they keep sending us back into the building," Beauchamp said.

Scholarship proposal gets new twist

The HOPE scholarship program would provide financial aid for students with 'B' averages.

AUSTIN (AP) — Lottery players could scratch for more than cash under a state senator's proposal. They could help fund college scholarships through a new scratch-off ticket.

"Although I have never bought a lottery ticket in my life, people like me would certainly buy many lottery tickets if we knew that that money — the unlikely event we lose — would go to funding the HOPE scholarship

program," Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said Wednesday.

His proposed HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educational) scholarship program would provide financial aid for Texas students who had a 'B' average in high school, maintain it in college and agree to perform community service.

A similar scholarship program was created by Texas lawmakers in 1990 for lower- and middle-income families, but it isn't linked to the lottery and wasn't funded until 1995. It currently receives \$150,000 a year.

Ellis' bill would expand the current program but still restrict it to lower- and middle-income families.

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Under his proposal, the Texas Lottery Commission would establish an instant-ticket game in which net proceeds would be placed in a tuition fund.

Ellis originally proposed funding the HOPE program, which would pay tuition and fees for four years, with 5 percent of Texas' share of lottery proceeds. The two-year cost es-

imate is \$134.7 million.

Lottery spokesman Steve Levine said the new scratch-off ticket is considered a more viable option. He said other states have dedicated income from a specific lottery ticket to a project, such as a stadium.

"We think this is a doable idea," Levine said. "The nice thing about this is it focuses attention specifically on this project."

Levine cautioned, however, that it would take about six months from the time such an idea was approved to issue tickets for a new scratch-off game.

The proposed operational date is Jan. 1, 1998.

New York cracks down on famous honky-tonk

Hogs & Heifers displays a collection of celebrity bras.

NEW YORK (AP) — Hey, Julia Roberts — get down off that bar! And Drew Barrymore — don't shake your booty like that!

City officials have put a halt to hoofing at Hogs & Heifers, a downtown honky-tonk known for its collection of celebrity bras donated by visitors like Roberts, Barrymore and Darryl Hannah.

Those stars and other patrons have been known to mount the Hogs & Heifers bar in spontaneous bursts of late-night dancing. But it turns out a Prohibition-era ordinance requires a cabaret license for such footloose activity.

Last Thursday night, Hogs & Heifer owner

Allen Dell said, a dozen police officers walked in, told him that undercover cops had witnessed dancing in the bar the previous weekend, and shut him down.

"It's a sad world when they padlock a guy for dancing," Dell said.

He went to court the next day and had the bar reopened. And despite signs inside and out reading "No Dancing by Order of New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, Cabaret Division," at least a dozen patrons on a recent weeknight were bopping to country music blaring from the jukebox.



Roberts

"Music is about dancing. Music is about therapy," said Helen Glantz of London, gyrating with a friend to D.A. Coe's "Never Even Called My Name."

Richard Levy of England called the ban a disgrace. He added: "This is supposed to be the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Shonna Keogan, a spokeswoman for the Department of Consumer Affairs, said the city is simply enforcing the law evenhandedly.

The ordinance is normally used against bars whose unlicensed activities annoy people living nearby. Hogs & Heifers is in the city's meatpacking district, and Keogan said she doesn't know whether anyone complained, but "it would be unfair of us to be giving padlocks to bars in residential areas and not to Hogs & Heifers."

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