

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**City to financially aid Burger Boy relocation**

Burger Boy owner George Sopasakis canceled a federal injunction hearing against College Station Tuesday after the city said it would appeal a federal decision requiring the city to financially aid Sopasakis in moving his restaurant. Sopasakis said it was not necessary to impose a preliminary injunction because the city agreed to comply with the decision. "We've won this issue," Sopasakis said. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) ruled June 16 Sopasakis is entitled to receive relocation assistance from the city. HUD's decision overturned the city's \$10,000 relocation package. In 1995, the city acquired the building Sopasakis currently is renting. City Council had been negotiating with Sopasakis for 21 months. The city will demolish building to make room for a Northgate parking and promenade as part of the Northgate revitalization plan. The exact amount of relocation benefits eligible to Sopasakis will be determined by the city's Community Development Department and will be based on a property value assessment. Sopasakis' benefits will not be reduced from local taxes. They will come from federal dollars allocated by HUD to the city's Community Development Block Program. HUD's decision will delay development of the Northgate parking lot, but the city expects the lot to be completed by early fall.

**Magazine: Republic leader alive and well**

LUBBOCK (AP) — Republic of Texas fugitive Richard Keyes III is alive, well and living in a foreign compound that's "armed to the teeth," according to an Internet magazine interview published Wednesday night. Although one authority expressed doubt about the report, Colorado freelance writer Joel Dyer wrote that he contacted him on June 17. His story appeared Wednesday night on Mother Jones magazine's online edition, The Mojo Wire. "I'm past the point of no return," the story quoted Keyes as saying. "I am a people with nothing to lose. The United States is comfortable going to war with people who have nothing to lose, then so be it." Keyes, who has been sought by authorities since he walked out of the Republic of Texas separatist group's compound on May 3, would not say where he is hiding except to say he is "out of the country." Keyes bolted from the separatist group's Davis Mountains hideout the day after Richard McLaren and five followers surrendered to state troopers after a weeklong siege.

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**Mir loses half its power after collision**

*No astronauts were injured in the accident*

(AP) — In the worst space collision ever, an unmanned cargo ship crashed into Russia's Mir station Wednesday, knocking out half the power, rupturing a pressurized laboratory and raising questions anew of how long the decrepit spacecraft can function before someone gets killed.

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The American and two Russians on Mir were said to be in no immediate danger, but it was unclear how much longer they could remain on board. Mir has an attached Soyuz capsule that can bring the crewmen home in an emergency. The men were forced to work in darkness with much of their equipment turned off to save energy. Unless more power is restored soon — how soon, NASA couldn't say — they may not be able to operate their life-support systems, such as the primary oxygen generator and the carbon dioxide removal system.

"It's a serious situation," said astronaut Jerry Linenger, who returned from Mir in May after battling a fire and other life-threatening problems aboard the aging, 11-year-old outpost. "Fire aboard a

spacecraft and decompression are the two most dangerous things that can happen on an orbiting vehicle."

While still trying to determine the extent of the damage, NASA it will rethink its program of sending astronauts to Mir.

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**Frank Culbertson**  
 Director of NASA's shuttle-Mir program

"Once we get the situation stabilized and understand what the long-term potential for operation on the Mir is and what its capabilities remaining are, then we will evaluate with the Russians where we go next," said Frank Culbertson, director of NASA's shuttle-Mir program. "We might at some point want to terminate the mission."

Even before Wednesday's accident, some experts and Washington officials had argued that Mir was too old and worn out to fly safely.

In February, a defective oxygen generator sparked a 14-minute fire that sent chunks of molten flying. In the weeks afterward, the cooling system leaked, oxygen generators failed and the carbon dioxide removal system broke down.

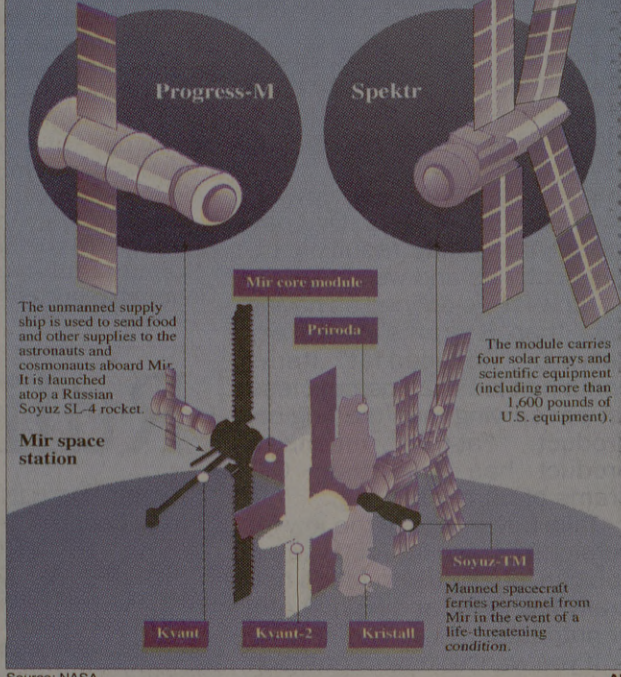
The collision happened as the Russian cosmonauts practiced docking the Progress supply ship by remote control. Commander Vasily Tsibliyev could not slow the ship and it slammed into Spektr, a Mir laboratory module, Culbertson said.

Through their quick action, the cosmonauts saved the station from worse damage and possible abandonment, both countries' space programs said.

The crash also punctured one of the solar panels on Spektr and dented a radiator, Culbertson said. Spacewalks almost certainly would be required to repair the hole if, indeed, it can be fixed, he said.

**Mir collision**

The Progress cargo ship collided with the Spektr module of the Mir space station during practice maneuvers. The crew of two Russians and one American rushed to shut a hatch to the damaged section and all on board were reported safe.



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**Hopwood hits home**  
**Universities headed for loss, Bowen says**

AUSTIN (AP) — Public colleges and universities in Texas are gaining financially but may be backsliding in recruiting top minority students, says Texas A&M University President Ray Bowen. Legislators this year reversed a 10-year trend by increasing the state share of aid to public colleges and universities, Bowen told members of the Austin Rotary Club on Tuesday.

"Texas, as with virtually all states in the union, is spending a smaller percentage of its general revenue budget on higher education," Bowen said. Despite that, higher education "was treated very well" in the legislative session that ended this month, he said.

But despite financial gains, Bowen said A&M and other state colleges and universities may be headed for a loss if they cannot overcome the effects of a court ruling that effectively outlawed affirmative action.

"Given the reality of (the) Hopwood (ruling), the result is the awkward situation where the most qualified, minority college-age population now have every incentive to leave our state to receive their education," he said. The ruling by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals a year ago prompted Texas Attorney General Dan Morales to ban affirmative action in admissions, financial aid, scholarships and recruitment programs at all public universities. Nationwide, only Texas and California are under such restrictions, and that could prove harmful to Texas' future, Bowen said.

"Outstanding students, of all races, are highly recruited," Bowen said. "They are, in fact, recruited like intercollegiate athletes. It has always been the case that financial aid packages were used to entice the best students to enroll."

**A&M archery coach will lead U.S. team**

By JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER  
 THE BATTALION

Texas A&M University Archery Coach Frank Thomas was named assistant head coach of the U.S. National Archery Team this week and will help lead the team in the World Championships August 14-23 in Vancouver, British Columbia.



PHOTOGRAPH: Pat James

Thomas and Assistant Coach Kathleen Eissinger led the A&M Archery Team to a national championship at the Collegiate National Championships in May. It was the team's third such victory in four years.

Thomas said his being named assistant head coach of the U.S. team should be attributed to the archery team members.

"I'm a product of the kids," Thomas said. "When they do great, it makes me look great."

The U.S. Archery Team is made up of 16 members. The team is separated into recurve and compound teams depending on the type of bow used. Four men and four women comprise each team.

Thomas will travel with the U.S. recurve team to Moscow, Russia, this weekend for the Moscow Grand Prix.

"This is a great opportunity for us to shoot against the best shooters in the world," Thomas said.

The team members competed in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, where the U.S. team won an individual gold medal and the team gold medal. Thomas said the world championships, which are at a level lower than the Olympics in in-

ternational competition, will be a good showing for the U.S. team.

"We plan to medal several times there," Thomas said.

"We are also expecting for a better showing for the women's team as well."

A&M hosted archery's National Collegiate Championships in May at the Student Recreation Center. A&M won two individual gold medals and one individual silver medal and brought home five team gold medals. A&M also took 12 of the 28 All-American positions and took Rookie of the Year in three of the four archery categories.

On Tuesday, Thomas was named chair of the Physical Education and Activities Program (PEAP), which concerns Kinesiology 199 classes offered at A&M. He said his duties will include training, setting schedules, ordering equipment and general management.

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PHOTOGRAPH: Sarah Johnson

**Splashdown** Ben Puig, a senior civil engineering major, shoots to score in the outdoor pool at the Student Rec Center Wednesday afternoon.

**Reveille spends summer on the road**

By JENARA KOCKS  
 THE BATTALION

For many, summer is a time to relax, go on vacation and take things at a slower pace. But for Reveille, the First Lady of A&M, summer means business as usual.

Jeff Bailey, mascot corporal of Company E-2 and a sophomore agriculture systems management major, said although many people think being a mascot is easy, Reveille has a busy life.

"Everyone says she is spoiled, but she puts her hours in," Bailey said.

Bailey said Reveille makes many appearances during the summer for Aggie Mom's Clubs and other A&M clubs' meetings.

Bailey, who keeps Reveille during the summer, said he and Reveille are on the road two to three days a week during most of the summer. At the end of July, they will travel for two weeks to appear at Howdy Barbecues for Aggie Mom's Clubs.



David Wilkinson, director of club programs for the Association of Former Students, said A&M clubs across Texas often invite Reveille and the mascot corporal to "Coach's Nights." Coach's Nights often include a dinner with A&M Football Head Coach R.C. Slocum as guest speaker, a golf tournament and pictures with Reveille. Sometimes the pictures are used as a fund raiser; other times they are free.

Wilkinson said Reveille is important to the clubs because she is such a crowd pleaser. "Reveille is a big draw to a lot of Aggies," Wilkinson said.

Bailey said Reveille enjoys traveling. He said she loves to ride in his pickup truck with him. When Reveille flies to football games in other states, she travels in her own seat rather than inside a kennel in the luggage compartment.

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