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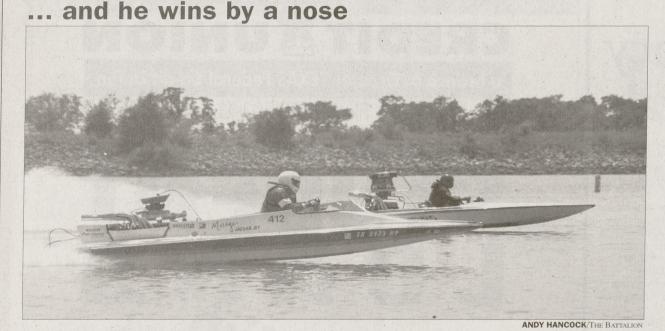
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Dow Chemical Co. plans to fire 40 people Review of email accounts revealed company policy violations

HOUSTON (AP) — Dow Chemical Co. plans to fire about 40 employees in Freeport for allegedly violating the company's email policy through circulation of violent or sexually explicit material, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Dow, the largest employer in the Brazosport area, says the employees are being fired after a review of 6,000 email accounts that turned up material that violated company policies on Internet email and sexual harassment.

Other employees face suspensions or reprimands, Dow spokeswoman Kanina Blanchard told the newspaper Tuesday.

Dow officials began reviewing employees' email after one worker complained.

A similar review this year at Dow's corporate headquarters in Midland, Mich., led to 50 firings.

"One person was harassed, so they downloaded everybody's email," said Charlie Singletary, business manager for International Union of Operating Engineers Local 564. "I think Dow wanted to make a statement. I think they wanted to make this worse than it is. I think they wanted to terminate people.'

Singletary said most of the material

"One person was harassed, so they downloaded everybody's email."

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- Charlie Singletary business manager was off-color jokes, nude pictures and photos of car wrecks.

Some who received and sent the material were unaware of Dow's policies, while others did not take the policies seriously, he said.

"It's a small number of employees that saved, collected and shared this information," Blanchard said. "Our primary focus is to ensure a harassmentfree workplace.'

Dow established its email policy in 1994 and sent employees a brochure explaining the company's sexual harassment policies within the past year, Blanchard said.

The chemical company will also periodically audit its email servers to identify inappropriate types of materials, but it will not monitor individual employee email

Former state employee charged with felony, thef

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Rylander said she had wanted to tell theput

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rested, but was asked by the Harris County Di

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Because she waited, Rylander said, inves-gators have recovered a "substantial amount

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AUSTIN (AP) — A former worker in the money by illegally applying for fuel tax refund Texas Comptroller's Office has been charged with second-degree felony theft for allegedly stealing money from the state.

A prosecutor in the case said Monday that another suspect is out of the country and that the total amount of money stolen may exceed \$200,000. A newspaper is reporting it may be closer to \$500,000.

Emmanuel Ololade, 46, was arrested Aug. 14 money, number of warrants and property pu and was terminated almost

simultaneously with his arrest, said comptroller Car-ole Keeton Rylander. She would not say how much money had been stolen but people charged with second-degree felonies are accused of taking between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

He is being held in the Harris County Jail under

\$1 million bond. Harris County District

Attorney John B. Holmes Jr., who is prosecuting the case, said the loss to

the state could be even larger. 'I think when the smoke clears, I think we are

looking at a bigger loss than that," Holmes said.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday that Ololade is accused of stealing about \$500,000 and routing it through bogus bank accounts he and an accomplice set up.

The newspaper, citing a search warrant issued last week by a Travis County judge, said the second person is Olugbenga Adejoke. According to the warrant, the two men stole the

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Rahn said that exercise is an important part of a student's life. "Students should try to work regular exercise into their sched-

ules," Rahn said. "We have an awesome Rec Center here." There are a number of free ac-

tivities offered at the Rec Center, said DeAun Woosley, fitness director for Rec Center.

"We have indoor group cycling - a Monday-Wednesday-Friday class - which actually burns more calories than a regular aerobics class,"

Woosley also said the Rec Center offers strength classes Monday through Friday that exercise the upper body as well as legs and back.

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called Pilates. "It is a strength class almost like yoga but more strength-

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based; it's very popular on the West Coast," Woosley said. Pilates, as well as the cardiovascular and strength class-

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