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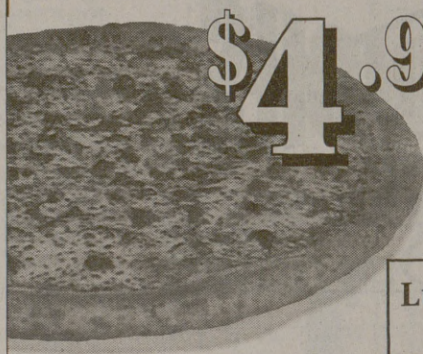
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Thursday: 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. - 3 a.m.

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# State

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THE BATTALION

Monday, September 11

## Construction worker deaths hit record high

DALLAS (AP) — A five-year building boom in Texas has come at a high cost for the state's construction workers.

Construction workers — most of them Hispanic — across the state are dying at rates higher than at any time since comparable bookkeeping began a decade ago, *The Dallas Morning News* reported in its Sunday's editions.

Last year, fatalities jumped 26 percent from 1999 and 5.6 percent ahead of the 1998 peak. That is in sharp contrast to a national decline.

The death rate per 100,000 workers, which takes work volume into account, is not yet known but almost certainly matched or exceeded the record set in 1998.

That would make Texas' rate about 50 percent higher than the national rate.

The industry is by far the state's riskiest, employing just 6 percent of the work force but accounting for 26 percent of on-the-job deaths.

Safety regulators and industry officials say they are dis-

turbed by the surge in fatalities. The worsening pattern is "atrocious," said John Miles Jr., the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration's

"We're not doing a good job in Texas."

— Mike Allen  
professional safety trainer

(OSHA) top official for Texas and three surrounding states.

Texas members of the Associated General Contractors, one of the nation's largest building trade organizations, have launched efforts to improve safety.

Although some have had notable success, overall, "we're not doing a good job in Texas," said Mike Allen, a professional safety trainer from Midland employed by the group.

A *Dallas Morning News* examination of the industry's safety record shows that the

problem's roots are one and require long-term solutions. Among the findings:

— Most deaths are among the thousands of contractors that dominate the industry. These companies are not keeping up with an increased, fast-changing force, failing to train new workers adequately on unfamiliar equipment and on how to manage busy work sites safely.

— More than half of the times are Hispanics. Many are undocumented immigrants who know little or no English. This group, however, often forms the most dangerous work force.

OSHA, by design, is forming almost a third of safety inspections the decade ago and most are focused on larger companies, which generally have better safety records than smaller contractors.

Texas relies entirely on federal agents to police thousands of companies and unlike 23 states that partly finance their own safety programs.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### City election ballots destroyed

HOUSTON (AP) — The shredding of more than 2,500 ballots from a Crockett city election earlier this year has prompted a Houston County official to ask for an investigation.

A group of Crockett residents had submitted an open records request to Crockett City Secretary Betty Gilbert to examine everything connected to the May 5 city election from the ballots to the ballot boxes and locks.

Gilbert has acknowledged she shredded more than 2,500 ballots from the election while the open records request was still pending, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Sunday.

Gilbert, who was on vacation last week, could not be reached for comment.

#### Man trapped in sewer drain remained there for four days

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who spent four days trapped in a storm sewer drain in south Houston was released from the hospital Sunday.

Firefighters rescued Kevin Funches Saturday. Authorities said he was apparently unconscious most of the time after he fell into a manhole Wednesday night. He was rescued at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

When Funches came to, he was able to reach a cell phone in his backpack and call 911 for help. Firefighters said Funches' family had been unable to reach him since Wednesday night, but a phone was turned off.

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