Senate offices to reopen soon

WASHINGTON (AP) fficials cleaning up a Senate ffice building contaminated with anthrax now hope the work will be finished in time to reopen

Employees returned to work londay at the adjacent Dirksen nate Office Building, closed hile cleanup crews fumigated enate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle's office suite in the Hart Senate Office Building with chlorine dioxide gas over e weekend.

of their students. The Hart building, where a law-abiding potentially lethal anthrax bacits hard to destria escaped Oct. 15 from a sas. However tetter opened by an aide to documenting a Daschle, will remain shut has been chare while the Environmental ndatory that all a Protection Agency finishes relop better way work on 11 other senators' udents while writes and areas. The building n their privacy provides work space for half attending the or the 100-member chamber.

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outine of cleaning up the other ites in the Hart building," said rorist attacks Richard Rupert, the EPA's onsite ordinator. "I want to be home sting laws," u Christmas."

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EPA Administrator Christie hitman expressed satisfaction at weeks of planning with strict protocols had paid off with o injuries or illness reported in he chlorine dioxide treatment.

"There was no threat to ablic health from the fumiation," she said.

nger and look har Faint traces of the gas that we will we scaped outside, and they were n a timely fast far below the 25 parts per billion inge policies, exposure level acceptable to ways to make District of Columbia health offi-

cials, EPA said. For the fumigation, Daschle's suite was sealed off using duct tape, plastic sheets and plywood with foam.

Sodium bisulfite was used to break down the chlorine dioxide gas, which typically has been used to decontaminate drinking water systems, fruits and vegetables but had never before been applied by the EPA to fumigating office space and killing anthrax spores.

Afterward, technicians took photographs and videotapes, checked readings and collected gauze wipe samples and 3,000 test strips, one per square foot, from the Daschle suite. Officials hope to get back lab results by the end of this week confirming the spores were killed.

Elsewhere, less severe measures than the gas - liquid and foam decontaminants and vacuuming — were found adequate. Other senators' suites were only "superficially contaminated" in mail-handling areas due to crosscontamination from the Daschle letter, Rupert said.

'What we're finding is that wherever someone threw this letter on the desk, we'll find a little bit of contamination," he said. "It's probably the kind that presented no risk.

Capitol Police spokesman Lt. Dan Nichols said staff should now consider it business as usual in the Dirksen Building, which has hallways connecting with Hart. Things appeared relatively normal Monday in Dirksen and few employees seemed concerned about returning to work.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Commissioners to hold a public hearing

The Brazos County Commissioners Court will consider canceling its scheduled meetings on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2002 for holidays at its general meeting today.

The commissioners court also plans to cancel its Dec. 18 meeting and reschedule it for Dec. 21.

A public hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m. concerning implementation of herbicide regulation in certain portions of Brazos County east of the Brazos River and west of the Navasota River. A detailed description of the concerned area is available for public viewing online at www.rtis.com/reg/brazos/gov/

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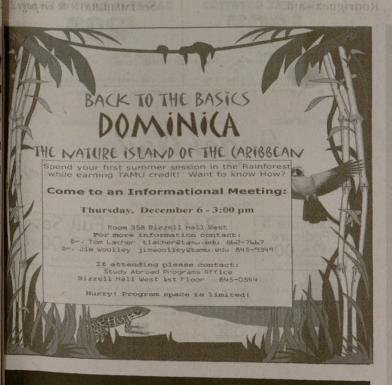
The panel of experts agreed that the attacks will change immigration policies in the United States. However, they said that problems will not be corrected in the near future. Gordon said Americans have to realize the implications of changing immigration laws. The panel said the government must find a balance between immigration and security, and that will not be easy.

'All people have the right to leave a country as part of international human right laws," Gordon said. "However, this does not give people the right to enter a country. There are tradeoffs in living in a free society that other countries envy. People want to come to America in order to live a better life. America was established by immigrants that came from all over in order to create a better country. America is not better than the rest of the world, America is the rest of the world.'



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The Following Locations will be Open to Students for Finals Study:

Sterling C. Evans Library & West Campus Library
Open Dec. 6, 2001 and Dec. 9 - 11, 2001
8:00 pm - 2:00 am
Complimentary Coffee
provided by Sterling C. Evans Library and Department of Food Services Poor Yorick's at Evans Library

Open Dec. 3 - 6, 10 - 11 from 7:30 am - 12:00 midnight

Dec. 7 and 12 from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Dec. 9 from 4:00 pm - 12:00 midnight

Other Food Service locations open late Thursday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 9 through Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001. Commons C-Store
Open each day during finals
7:15 am - 12:00 midnight
for school supply needs

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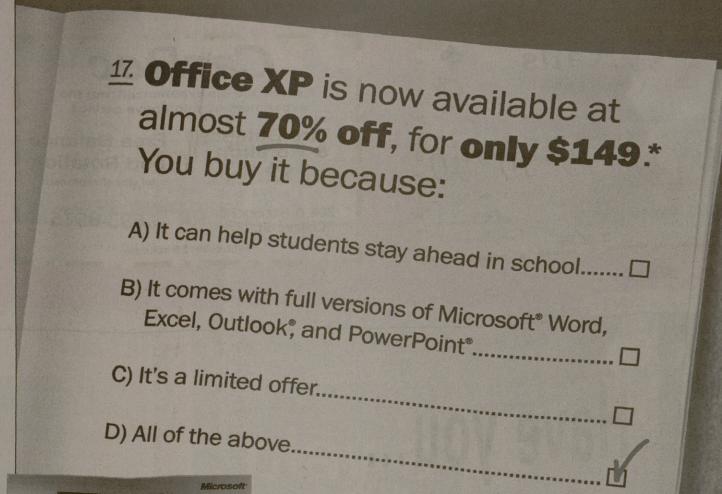
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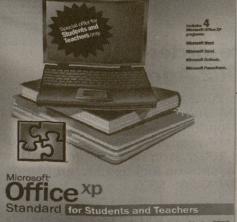
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