



Train derails near Dallas; no one hurt



Twelve cars of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe train sit derailed from a stretch of track west of Interstate 35 in Dallas on Friday. Ten of the cars contained flammable gas, but it was determined that none were leaking. (AP)

The Associated Press

IRVING — Seventeen cars Burlington Northern Santa Fe train cars derailed Friday west of Interstate 35, with the cargo including flammable gas.

But the Fort Worth-based rail carrier said none of the 10 cars containing the gas was leaking and no one was injured.

Two other cars were loaded with plastics. The derailment was reported at 2:15 p.m. and a cause was under investigation, said Pat Hiatte, spokesman for the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co.

He said a 76-car train was traveling northbound at low speed when it derailed while moving onto a siding at Gribble,

about 4 1/2 miles north of Irving. The train was en route from Houston to Memphis, Tenn.

The 12 moving cars that derailed tumbled into five empty cars standing on a parallel track, Hiatte said. Those five cars, which had neither locomotives nor crew, also derailed, he said.

It was the second Burlington Northern train derailment in Texas in two weeks. Thirty cars went off the tracks Aug. 17 during stormy weather, closing a highway near Wichita Falls for several hours and slightly injuring one crew member.

Hiatte said no similarities had surfaced in the derailment or its circumstances with the earlier mishap.

Director Yockey at Lone Star to leave in September

By HEDI LUTZ
The Daily News

GALVESTON — Denton Yockey, executive director of the Lone Star Performing Arts Association, will leave Galveston in September to take a job in Fort Worth.

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He is scheduled to begin his job as executive producer at Casa Mañana in Fort Worth.

"It's a major career opportunity for me," Yockey said. "They have a fantastic national reputation for their musicals."

While here, Yockey increased the number of musicals performed at the summer theater, added a children's program and worked to have the property turned over to the association from the state.

Yockey said he was particularly proud of the transfer of ownership of the theater prop-



Yockey

erty from Texas Parks and Wildlife to the Lone Star Performing Arts Association.

"It was one of the major accomplishments I

think, and a real gift to Galveston from the state," he said.

By having ownership of the property, the Lone Star Performing Arts Association can be more entrepreneurial in programming and in generating new revenues, Yockey said.

"I feel good about it," he said. Yockey first arrived in Galveston in the summer of 1979 when he portrayed Frank Butler in "Annie Get Your Gun."

He joined the staff in 1984 and took over as chief executive officer in 1987.

Holm

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tion plans, Doyle said.

"He has a lot of knowledge about utility power that we need to address in running city buildings," Doyle said. "We need to make them all more energy efficient."

A graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown, Holm formerly served as emergency planning coordinator for the southwest region for Texas New Mexico Power Co., where he was regional customer services manager.

Holm also was sales manager for Facility Works/Community



Doyle

Public Service Co., where he negotiated contracts with publicly held entities.

Among other community activities, Holm is vice president of College of the Mainland's Board of Trustees and former president of the Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce, the Texas City Jaycees, La Marque Kiwanis, Texas City Band Boosters and Roosevelt Wilson Parent Teacher Association.

Things get as batty as Austin in Abilene

The Associated Press

ABILENE — Look out, Austin. There's another Texas city just as batty as you are.

Whether at a parking garage, an apartment complex or a symphony performance, bats make their mark here just about this time each year.

"We are real tempted to have an event — to have people come and watch people watch the bats at the Grace (Cultural Center)," said Judy Godfrey, executive director of the Museums of Abilene at the center.

A fixture under Austin-area bridges for years, Mexican free-tail bats have taken a liking to the cultural center's downtown parking garage. They sleep in the rafters by day and descend upon the city at night in a huge, squeaking armada.

"We've got bats all over Abilene, especially downtown, where they can get into those old buildings and roost and not be bothered," said Charlotte Roy, superintendent for city's animal control department. "They're not aggressive. They just kind of

mind their own business."

Still, the creatures have made their way into numerous businesses this summer, including the Abilene Reporter-News newsroom.

Telephone technician Tom Becker recently got locked in a room at the newspaper when he discovered he had company.

"(The bat) just stayed in there and followed me around," Becker said. "It was like my pet. It wanted to stay by me."

The Windsor, a historic hotel converted to an apartment building for elderly residents, is whisking about a dozen bats daily from its hallways.

"We're trying to figure out (how they're getting in)," said Connie Labrenz, the Windsor's assistant manager. "It's been a mess."

Windsor officials plan to bring in a San Antonio-based "bat eradicator" to seal off potential entrances for the flying mammals.

The bats migrate each spring from central Mexico to roosting sites across the southwestern United States.

Priest arrested on lewdness charges

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A priest who heads a Catholic high school was arrested after exposing himself at an adult bookstore and movie theater, police said.

Two undercover police officers arrested the Rev. Michael Cerretto, 57, after they saw him expose himself at the Dollar Bookstore and Movie Theater Thursday afternoon, police

spokesman Alvin Wright said Friday. The officers also arrested two other men.

Cerretto, principal of St. Thomas High School, has been put on administrative leave, the Diocese of Galveston-Houston said in a statement.

16-year-old gets 4-year prison term for robbery

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A 16-year-old boy has been given a four-year sentence for bank robbery, making him one of the youngest Tarrant County residents sent to federal prison in about 25 years, court officials said.

U.S. District Judge Eldon Mahon on Thursday also ordered Alberto Alvarado to pay about \$9,000 in restitution.

"For young people who are contemplating something like this, it's a high price to pay for this type of criminal conduct,"

said Fred Schattman, an assistant U.S. attorney.

Defense lawyer Gary Medlin of Fort Worth said Alvarado initially will go to a privately operated juvenile facility because there are no federal prisons designed for someone his age.

When Alvarado is 18, federal authorities will decide where he should go.

"They are having trouble placing him because he is a juvenile," Medlin said. "We are pleased with the results. It's fair. He's accepted responsibility for his actions."

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