

City Council Activities.....

Council to consider city plans, goals

The College Station City Council will hold a special meeting tomorrow at 3 p.m. in City Hall. The council will discuss plans and goals for the city's future.

City opens jobs to teen applicants

College Station residents from 16- to 18-years old can apply tomorrow morning to work for the city in the summer work program.

Applications will be taken from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department at the Lincoln Center on Eleanor Street.

Workers will be employed with the city's Tax, Parks and Recreation, Engineering, Police and Street Departments beginning June 6.

Over \$115 million in sales reported by city businesses

Bryan-College Station reported over \$115 million in gross sales for the last three months of 1976, reports the State Comptroller's office.

This, the lowest total for the state's 25 metropolitan areas, reflects the second smallest number of businesses reporting their earnings to the comptroller's office. Texas-

kana has fewer businesses reporting. Gross sales reached \$43.3 billion statewide for the last quarter, raising the year's total to \$142.4 billion. This is \$27.5 billion more than 1975, an increase of 23.9 per cent.

Houston reported \$11.8 billion in gross sales while Dallas-Fort Worth reported \$10.2 billion. These were the only cities to break the \$10 billion mark.

Harris County led the state with \$11.2 billion in gross sales. Dallas County reported \$7 billion, Tarrant County \$2.5 billion and Bexar \$1.9 billion.

Commission hears zoning, permit, cases tomorrow

The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission will meet tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Six items will be discussed. Rezoning for a 15-acre tract on Harvey Road from residential to commercial property, application from Munzel Holdings, Inc., will be considered.

Also rezoning for a 1.08 acre tract on FM 2818 next to Oceanography International at 512 West Loop from Planned Industrial district to a general commercial district will be discussed. The application is from Oceanography International, Inc.

The commission will also consider granting a conditional-use permit for the operation of a day care center at 1017 Winding Road.

Proposed uses for Community Development Block Grant Discretionary funds will be considered by the commission.

The commission will also consider a preliminary plat on Holleman Drive and Winding Road.

It will also reconsider a request for a conditional-use permit for construction of an 80-unit apartment complex on the corner of Welsh and

Southwest Parkway. The request was tabled at the last meeting.

Medical needs grab welfare funds

Brazos County residents received \$4,173,358 in government funded care and services during the last fiscal year, the State Department of Welfare reported recently.

Most of the money went to medical services. Nursing homes received \$1,564,150. \$245,967 went for prescribed drugs and \$613,774 was spent on all other health care.

The rest of the money, \$441,154, went to Aid to Families with Dependent Children. This is the only welfare program in Texas which makes direct cash payments to recipients.

Statewide, government programs cost \$1.076 billion with the federal government paying about two-thirds.

Environmentalists criticize nuclear power operations

WASHINGTON — An environmental group says atomic power represents "a bargain we can't afford" because state regulators let electric utilities charge consumers for nuclear plant cost overruns and the price of substitute fuels used during reactor shutdowns.

If utility stockholders rather than consumers had to pay for those extra costs, nuclear power would not be economical, the Environmental Action Foundation (EAF) said in a report released Monday.

Utility industry officials challenge many of the foundation's claims. They say the high cost overruns cited by the EAF often are caused by plant construction delays that result from environmental challenges.

In a new handbook spelling out ways to fight atomic power, the EAF said citizens can effectively challenge the economics of nuclear reactors as well as such traditional issues as plant safety and siting.

The 98-page handbook, titled "Nuclear Power: The Bargain We Can't Afford," said economic challenges already have slowed reactor development in Maine and Iowa and have provided safeguards for consumers in Pennsylvania and Alabama.

"We need an honest reassessment of nuclear power's economics before we plunge into... an ambitious expansion program," said Richard Morgan, author of the handbook, noting President Carter's energy plan calls for increased reliance on atomic energy.

Morgan, who has written several other books on how consumers can challenge electric utilities, focused criticism on the cost of nuclear

plants and provisions that allow utilities to charge consumers extra when they must buy coal or oil for power during times when atomic reactors are shut down.

"When a reactor is shut down or derated unexpectedly, the utility must locate an alternative source of power," Morgan said. "Most utilities can generate their own replacement power at an idle coal or oil-fired plant, but at a substantial increase in fuel costs."

"The fuel clause permits a utility to pass these increased costs to its customers immediately. Without this provision, the cost of replacement fuel would be absorbed by the utility's stockholders—at least until the next rate increase is permitted."

Senate resolves Tomes attracts notice for policy

The Texas Senate has passed a resolution noting Texas A&M senior Kim Tomes' selection as Miss USA. Senator William T. "Bill" Moore, a fellow Aggie, sponsored the resolution.

Miss Tomes is quoted in the resolution as exclaiming immediately after being crowned: "What a shocker! I can't believe it! The first Aggie to be Miss USA!"

The resolution says she has "brought national recognition to the coeducational policy" at Texas A&M. "In the true spirit of Aggie-land, Miss Tomes, a 21-year-old blue-eyed blonde, is already on the road scouting out the opposition she may be up against in the Miss Universe contest in the Dominican Republic on July 16," the resolution states.

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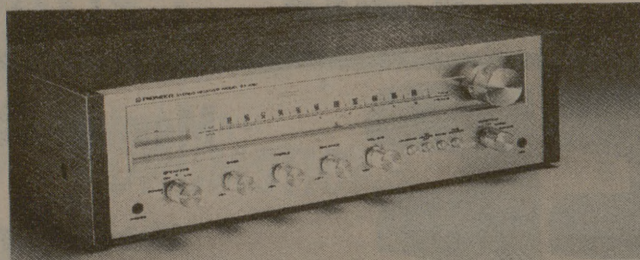
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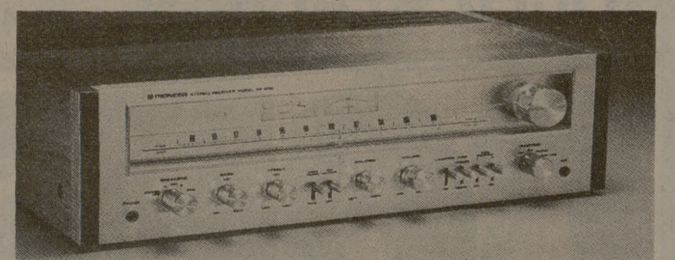
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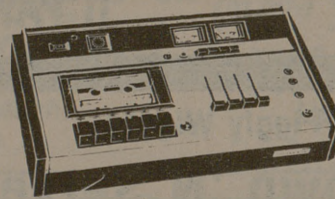
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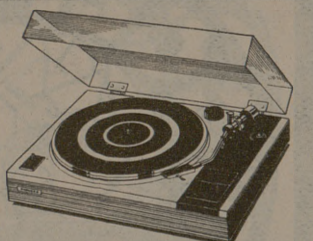


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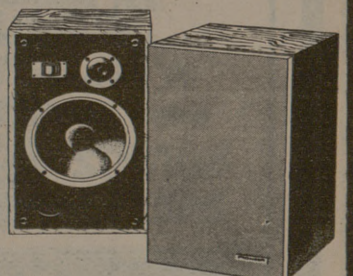
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