

A&M club to hold chili cook-off soon

The Rompin' Stompin' Chili Bang Out, sponsored by the Texas A&M University Recreation and Parks Club, will be held Nov. 13. Featured will be a chili cook-off, beer, barbecue and a square dance. The event will be held at the Fellowship Community Center, on Labor Road near the Highway 6 bypass in Bryan.

A 50 cent admission fee includes tasting the contestants' chili and attending the square dance. Proceeds will go to a book fund for recreation and park students.

Prizes valued at \$50 will be awarded for the best chili in the collegiate, junior and experienced divisions. The Best Showmanship Award, which includes best booth and most spirit, also will receive a \$50 value prize. A \$100 value prize will be given for the best chili overall.

Contestants must have applications in by Monday. Forms are available at the Dixie Chicken, Kroger, Weiners, Fedmart, Luby's, Wyatt's, Weingarten's, and Piggly Wiggly.

Wholesale index up

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices rose 0.8 percent in October, the biggest increase in six months — reflecting dramatically higher prices for farm goods and 1978 model cars, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

The increase, which translates to a 9.6 percent annual rate, was consistent with economic forecasts predicting a new surge of inflation approaching the double-digit range the next few months.

Farm prices rose 2.4 percent in October, reversing a steady five-month decline that severely hurt income among the nation's farmers. Economists expect grain and beef

prices soon will drive farm goods even higher.

All industrial prices rose 0.6 percent, and processed foods were up 0.8 percent.

The Wholesale Price Index was 196.3 in October, up 5.9 percent over the past year. This means that goods costing \$100 a decade ago, now cost \$196.30 — almost double.

The wholesale index reflects costs at all stages of processing. Finished goods also rose 0.8 percent, and producer finished goods were up 1.5 percent.

Foods ready for consumer sales rose 0.3 percent, the first increase in five months.

Fords face mass recall

DETROIT — The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has warned that about 2 million Ford Motor Co. vehicles may have transmission defects that could cause them to jump from park to reverse.

The agency stopped short of ordering a recall Wednesday but said it was investigating 1973-78 Ford, Mercury and Lincoln models after receiving complaints from Ford owners of 21 accidents, including one fatal mishap in Conrad, Mont. Fourteen injuries reportedly were caused by cars jumping into reverse, the agency said.

The vehicles involved were equipped with 351-cubic inch V8 or larger engines and automatic transmissions with the shift mounted on the steering column.

John Eckhold, Ford automotive safety director, said, "We know of no reason to believe that the automatic transmission in the 1973-78 cars contain a safety defect as suggested."

Ford did inform the NHTSA last month that some 3,900 recently produced 1978-model automatic transmissions were suspected of containing an improperly heat-treated part that could prevent the engagement of the parking gear," Eckhold said.

"This problem does not involve the alleged shift-linkage failure condition that NHTSA informed us about a few days ago," he said.

The agency said the decision to order a recall campaign depended on the outcome of its investigation.

In October, Ford recalled some 41,000 of its 1978 model Ford Fair-

monts and Mercury Zephyrs because of a problem in the automatic transmission that could allow the car to roll free when the gear selector was in the park position. The NHTSA said the current problem apparently was caused by excess play in the linkage between the lever and the transmission and seemed to be aggravated by hot engine temperatures, hot weather or both.

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Easier voter sign-up may aid drive next week

By LIZ NEWLIN
Battalion Staff
"Simplify, simplify," advised David Thoreau, noted rabble-rouser and Walden Pond resident. It seems the State of Texas took his advice and designed a new voter registration form which requires a pen, a few minutes and a mailbox.

"It's real easy to register — it's all done by computer," said Phil Sutton, Student Government vice president for external affairs.

There are new voter registration forms that are pre-postage paid. All you have to do is fill it out and drop it in the mail," he said.

The external affairs committee plans to begin a campus and city-wide voter registration drive next week in cooperation with several other Texas A&M service groups and clubs, he said Thursday night at an organizational meeting for the program. The goal is to register 100 voters before the end of the semester.

Election season opens in April, 1978, with College Station City Council and mayoral elections. In May, voters will choose candidates for the November general elections. Sutton said the primary runoff elections in June present a problem for students since they cannot vote here in May and somewhere else in the runoffs. The elections are important, he said.

"It makes a big difference to this university who has the (U.S.) Congressional seat," Sutton said.

Sutton is travelling to Austin today to get at least 5,000 voter registration forms from the Secretary of State's office. Forms will be available Monday in the Student Government office in the Memorial Student Center and will be distributed on- and off-campus next week, he said.

"In the past, anyone who passed out the voter registration forms had to be registered by the county tax assessor-collector as a deputy registrar. By doing it this way, we don't have to deputize them," he said.

Campus activities

Friday
Aerobic Club, 12 noon, 604 AB
Iranian Student Association, 7:30 p.m., 504 Rudder
Chess Committee, registration for tournament, 7:30 p.m., 139 MSC
Julian Bream, OPAS, 8 p.m., Rudder Auditorium

Aggie Cinema, "Clint Eastwood Festival", 8 p.m., Rudder Theater

Saturday
Professional Exams for Engineers, 7 a.m., 201 MSC
Chess Committee Tournament, 8 a.m., 140 MSC
Brazos County Humane Society, Pet Adoption Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hensel Park pavilion area

Muslim Student Association, 1 p.m., 410 Rudder
MSC Arts Committee, "Sorrow & The Pay", 2 p.m., Rudder Theater

Men's Soccer Team, University of Texas, 2 p.m., intramural complex across Wellborn Road
Sea Service Ball, 8 p.m., 224 and 225 MSC

Aggie Cinema, "Clint Eastwood Festival", 8 p.m., Rudder Theater

Sunday
College of Business Administration, six-day management seminar at Texas A&M
Chess Committee Tournament, 9 a.m., 140 MSC
Muslim Student Association, 1 p.m., 510 Rudder

Aggie Cinema, "Kelley's Heroes", 2 p.m., Rudder Theater
Alpha Lambda Delta, initiation, 2 p.m., 201 MSC
Student Government, 4 p.m., 216 MSC
Young Life, 7 p.m., 301 MSC

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