

## Two new area highways open

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation has announced the opening of two new urban highways in the Bryan-College Station area.

The Villa Maria Street extension connects FM 2818 to Finfeather Road at Villa Maria. The new route provides a four lane facility connecting the industrial and residential area on the West Loop with major shopping areas of the twin cities. It is also the last link of a major thoroughfare between the east and west loops.

This route will provide a more direct route to medical and hospital facilities for people living in the western part of the city.

The other new route recently completed is the extension of Wellborn Road from Old College Road to Villa Maria. This new four lane section provides a more direct route to Texas A&M University campus for those traveling from the north and northwest. It provides an alternate route for motorists using South College Avenue and Finfeather Road.

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## CS bills to be cut Utility tax ends

By SCOTT PENDLETON  
Battalion Staff

As of the first billing period beginning in October, College Station residents will no longer pay the state sales tax on utilities.

They will continue to pay the 1 percent city sales tax for at least a year.

The Texas legislature recently exempted residential use of gas and electricity from the state's 4 percent sales tax. The legislature allowed cities to keep their 1 percent tax if desired.

College Station will keep the 1 percent tax until at least October, 1979.

Ending that tax now would cost

the city \$75,000 to \$80,000 and force a budget revision, said North Bardell, city manager of College Station.

If the city wanted to repeal the tax immediately, it would have to notify the Comptroller of Public Accounts by Sunday. Otherwise, the tax will be abolished automatically Oct. 1, 1979. If College Station opts to keep the 1 percent city tax after that date, an ordinance must be adopted. This must be done in time to notify the Comptroller of Public Accounts by May 1, 1979.

College Station will hold public hearings on the city sales tax in March or April, Bardell said. Whether or not the tax is kept will depend on the city's financial situation.

## How to protect victim if a poisoning occurs

Aspirin was the leading cause of accidental home poisonings in children until a decade ago. But since kid-proof aspirin bottle lids and packages, aspirin has dropped to four on the poison list.

In the top spot, according to Dr. Richard W. Moriarity, director of the National Poison Control Network, are household products and some common plants.

Problem substances include cleaners, detergents, polishes, dyes and the like.

Troublesome plants include dieffenbachia (dumb cane), tomato leaves, azaleas and philodendron.

If a poisoning occurs, see if the victim is breathing before calling

your local poison center. Remove anything from the mouth that could keep air from entering the lungs. If breathing is stopped, give artificial respiration.

Keep airway open if victim is unconscious. Do not give liquids or drugs in any form.

Keep victim warm. Call your local poison center, hospital emergency room or doctor and report:

1. What the victim took.
2. What the victim is doing — describe symptoms.
3. Victim's age and weight.
4. If victim has any problems or has been taking any medication on a regular basis.

## Thousands celebrate at Great Raft Race

United Press International  
TULSA, Okla. — Thousands of area residents celebrated the end of summer Monday at the sixth annual Great Raft Race down a 9.3 mile stretch of the Arkansas River.

More than 500 rafts, most of them highly decorative, floated down the waters in the race, which began as a

radio station sponsored event and grew into a late summer celebration.

Thousands of people lined the Arkansas River along the 9.3 mile course from River City Park in Sand Springs to the low water dam near the pedestrian bridge at Tulsa's River Park.

Politicians and hucksters worked the crowd estimated in size from 10,000 to 50,000 as vendors sold sun visors, cold beer and soft drinks.



Hit and Run

Brad Stayton, a senior marketing major, takes some frisbee in front of the Academic Building. Advantage of sunny weather to indulge in.

### Yields below normal

## Drought felt on crops

The lingering effects of a season-long drought are still being felt across most of the state where poor crop yields are reported, said the

Texas Agriculture Extension Service at Texas A&M University.

The lack of moisture and extremely hot weather have had a devastating effect on crops, said the TAES last Wednesday. Yields were running below normal except in some irrigated areas of south and southwest Texas.

Things have gotten so desperate in the Plains and TransPecos regions that farmers have been plowing up some dryland cotton to make themselves eligible for disaster payments, said the extension service.

Hay production is down sharply over the state, particularly in eastern and central areas. Although there are some second cuttings, yields are low due to continuing dry conditions, said agriculture officials.

The pecan crop is not faring much better. Many pecans are dropping, those that will be harvested will generally be small due to the prolonged dry period.

The extension service said the peach harvest is winding down in

many sections, with this year's varying widely in quality. A crop was harvested in Gillespie County. But in many counties, fruit was small due to dry conditions.

Grain harvesting is reported as being completed in many areas, the cotton harvest is just getting under way in north central and eastern areas, the extension service said. Cotton harvest is increasing over central, southern and southeast Texas.

Meanwhile, the extension service said, the first rice crop is near completion in the Rice Belt. Good yields. A second crop is in good progress.

The livestock picture doesn't look much better, although the picture continues generally strong, the vice said.

Although there has been a slowdown, movement of livestock market remains active in many areas despite poor grazing conditions and lack of stock water. Stockmen are increased supplemental feeding in many areas.

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