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New poles easier on motorists

Fiberglass instead of metal or wooden poles along the roadside could mean a double benefit for the traveling public.

Safer fiberglass poles are available at one-third the cost of aluminum. Texas Transportation Institute tests at Texas A&M University show the non-metal pole to be safer and are paving the way for its future use.

A car test crashed into a fiberglass pole came away with only fiberglass shards on the bumper.

"There was no damage to the car," commented Thomas M. Newton, TTI research engineer. "If I had to hit one, I'd rather crash into this pole than anything I've seen."

Three of the poles have been broken by TTI engineers in tests for Albert International Inc., a Chicago-based company with American manufacturing rights to the pole developed in Italy. More tests are planned.

Such research is "old hat" to Texas A&M engineers. Institute personnel conceived and developed breakaway sign supports here, along with other highway devices that lessen the force of accident impacts, saving lives and property.

"Alberti is still modifying and developing the fiberglass pole," commented Newton. Concrete socket installation will be tested on the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center test track.

In the first test, the fiberglass pole was set in concrete. A "stub" of fibers was left after the test. It did no damage to the underside of the Chevrolet Vega used in the test. "But to replace the pole would require digging up the entire concrete footing," Newton noted.

Mounting of fiberglass poles thus will require revision of practices currently employed by agencies that fix such standards.

Because of the fiberglass pole's light weight, other possibilities occur. Wood and metal poles that support power and telephone lines can be rigged to detach from the lines if the pole is broken loose at the ground.

"It may be possible to have the lighter weight fiberglass pole supported by the lines in case of breakage," the engineer said. "It presents a whole new set of possibilities. But because the fiberglass pole's characteristics are different, more research will be needed."

Tests have so far concentrated on change of momentum of the vehicle, Newton said. The 2,250-pound car used in the first test impacted the pole at 20 mph. Forces measured by accelerometers in the car enable calculation of possible injury to human occupants.

Data obtained can be inserted into a formula that allows the engineers to predict what happens to the same structure and vehicle at 60 mph.

The crash test involved a free-standing tapered fiberglass pole 7 inches in diameter at the base that mounted a light 30 feet high. The 167-pound structure included an 85-pound pole, 55-pound dummy light and 27-pound support arm.

what's up

Thursday

MOVIE: "A Clockwork Orange," starring Malcolm McDowell, will be shown at 8:45 p.m. (R) at The Grove.

REGISTRATION: Thursday is the last day for enrolling and for adding new courses for the first summer session.

FREE UNIVERSITY: Registration for Free University courses for the first summer session begins Thursday. Registration will be held in Rudder mall from noon to 5 p.m.

MEMORIAL BRIDGE GAME: There will be a memorial bridge game for Stuart Walker, an Aggie who was recently killed in a car accident, to set up scholarship funds in his name in Houston. The bridge game will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the golf clubhouse. Entry fee is \$1.50 per person. For more information call 846-3849 or 693-1265.

GRADUATING SENIORS: Graduation announcements can be ordered through June 15 in Room 217, MSC between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM: The Physical Plant Department of Texas A&M is accepting applications for the 1979 apprenticeship training program which offers training for carpenters, electricians, air conditioning and heating mechanics, electronic technicians, plumbers, sheetmetal workers, painters and automotive mechanics. Interested persons should contact the Physical Plant.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 504, Rudder Tower.

Friday

MOVIE: "The Goodbye Girl," starring Richard Dreyfuss will be shown at 8:45 p.m. (PG) at The Grove.

MIDNIGHT MOVIE: "Kentucky Fried Movie," will be shown at The Grove. (R).

DEADLINE: Friday is the last day to drop a course with no record.

ART EXHIBIT: There will be a reception for the H.O. Kelly art exhibit at 2 p.m. in Room 145, MSC.

Saturday

MOVIE: "Gone With the Wind," starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh will be shown at 8:45 p.m. at The Grove (G).

SUL ROSS MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING: Will be held at 8 a.m. in Room 701, Rudder Tower. There will be a luncheon at noon in Room 226, MSC and a banquet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 224, MSC.

Sunday

MOVIE: "Return of the Pink Panther," starring Peter Sellers, will be shown at 8:45 p.m. (PG) at The Grove.

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 9 a.m. in Room 305AB, Rudder Tower.

INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT MILLER: President Miller will be the guest on "Perspective," Ft. Worth-Dallas radio station WBAP's 30-minute public service program at 9 a.m. at 820 on the AM dial. The interview covers all facets of Texas A&M today and includes some projections and plans envisioned by Dr. Miller for the institution's future.

15-cent stamp may be hiked less than a nickel by 1981

United Press International

ST. LOUIS — The U.S. Postal Service probably will raise the price of the 15-cent stamp by "well under a nickel" in the spring of 1981, Postmaster General William F. Bolger said Tuesday.

He said the increase would come "three years from our last increase and, considering the rate of inflation, that's not bad."

Bolger hedged on the price amount of the next increase. In answer to a question, he said it would be "well under a nickel" higher.

"If we keep inflation down in this country, we have a shot at least postal rates down," he said. "I am don't want increases. When we create our rates, we drive business away. I'd like to reduce our inflation."

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