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Quilting provides elderly persons freedom from loneliness, boredom

BLANCO, Texas - An almost faded menu on one of the gray walls

proves the white structure across from the town's square is old: chili,

15 cents; sandwiches, 10 cents; chocolate milk, 5 cents.

In the century since the building was constructed, it has undergone transformations from hell-raising bar to cafe to social club for the

And for Elsie Beck, 72, the building is a remedy for the familiar old-age diseases — heart problems, arthritis and loneliness. But she's thankful she can assemble a few women her age a few hours every day

for conversation and colorful quilting.

Eleven years ago, Mrs. Beck, a native of Blanco County, was suffering from diabetic and heart problems when she was asked by the area Community Action program director if she would like to work

"I didn't think I could do it, but I went around four hours a day visiting old people," she said. "In a few months I didn't know I had a heart. I'd forgotten myself.

A short time later, Beck organized the Blanco Senior Citizens Club and arranged to get a small federal contribution to help run the club and entertain the members. In 1972, she purchased the building and set up the quilting club.

Mrs. Beck, a short plump woman with a perpetual smile, has made no changes in the building, which sits along U.S. 281 across from the square in this pleasant but languid Hill Country town. The high ceilings are grimy and the concrete floor is dusty, but few visitors

notice. The beautiful and colorful quilts are displayed on small clotheslines and easily grasp the attention of any passer-by who wan-

Despite losing the federal contribution, the members, inspired by Beck's leadership, have managed to keep the club going. The members produce about 100 of the gorgeous quilts each year. Most of the customers are the passers-by who stop and browse through the dingy concrete building and decide they need a cross-stiched quilt for their bedroom. The price is high — between \$100 and \$550 — and the wait

Not all members quilt. Some come to play 42 and share lunch in the open-space kitchen at the rear of the building. Those who quilt earn 75 cents an hour.

The profits from the quilt making, however, is not what keeps the

regular members coming in. The remedy for loneliness does

Claudette fizzles out,

northwest Louisiana, where the

thunderstorms spawned by the sys-

tem were expected to diminish

There was flood damage and scat-

tered evacuation in a broad swath

inland from Sabine Pass, the far

southeastern tip of Texas where the

storm plowed inland about 2 p.m. CDT Tuesday after kicking up tides

veered northwestward. By noon

Wednesday, its almost unidentifi-

3 feet above normal.

posted flood warnings for the Sabine able center appeared to have River and for northeast Texas and reached Lufkin, 115 miles inland.

but rains continue

Some of the women don't quilt but they come anyway," said Mrs. Beck. "Some of them say they wouldn't have anything to do if they

couldn't come here."

Beck said she would sell the building eventually if she were offered \$50,000. But somehow she hasn't managed to convince herself totally. She said her peace of mind and excellent health were more

important.
"You know," she said as she gazed but the window and across the town square, "if I hadn't had this place, I don't think I'd be living no

Claudette crawled along the Aside from flooding, damage ap-Texas-Louisiana border and then peared to be mostly windraked

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"Ever higher coal shi could stop the presidence dead in its tracks," Ben opening hearings on the

However, ICC Ch vitalization and Regulato Act of 1976 gives the com tle choice. The law, he said quires it "to consider the new railroads for additional reverget Ric reviewing rates.'

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"The task before us is to

"It took the top of the Gulf station across the street from me. I'm sitting here looking at it flying around," said Albert Westerman, who owns Sportsman's Supply in Sabine Pass.

"We just took a couple of changes of clothes, a couple of blankets and a few snack things," said Brenda Howard, whose family left a trailer threatened by high water for tempo-rary room and board Bridge City

'We've had high water before,

but this takes the cake," said

Tammy Ancelet, whose family

perched their furniture atop stacks of books before fleeing.

roofs, downed trees and broken

Beaumont, in which one man was

slightly injured, was blamed in part

Junior High School.

on the weather.

Sea Rim State Park, 10 miles west of Sabine Pass, was closed. Acting superintendent Bob Fish rode out the storm in his stilt home. He said high winds and heavy rains caused little damage.

To the southwest, 4 miles off Matagorda Peninsula, a 68-foot fishing vessel foundered in 14-foot seas. The Coast Guard sent a helicopter and an airplane out to help four crew members, who stayed with the

The Jefferson County Courthouse burning electric utilities a and Lamar University in Beaumont ted to earn and that the were closed for the day because and taxpayers should not be street flooding, winds and rain made driving to work or class difficult.

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policies into balance so legitimate needs of both served to the benefit, and detriment, of the nation," he Executive Vice President Now To F pany, the nation's third lan

producer, said coal shipper have no alternative to rail to For that reason, he said, am raising shipping costs sho "carefully analyzed to deter ultimate effects on the dem

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The heavy rains and gusty winds

of a disintegrating tropical storm

Claudette Wednesday punished southeast Texas, blocking roads, forcing dozens of families from low-

lying homes and possibly causing

before blaming the storm, which dumped 10 to 15 inches of rain on

Beaumont, Port Arthur and sur-rounding areas, for the death of an unidentified man found in a car

The National Weather Service

trapped in a flooded underpass.

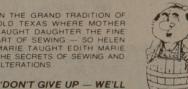
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