

Zone concept used in researcher's coastal hurricane evacuation plan

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A hurricane evacuation plan for Harris, Galveston and Brazoria counties is being developed by a Texas A&M University researcher.

Dr. Carlton Ruch of the Center for Strategic Technology is developing the plan with local government officials and civil defense authorities.

The counties will be divided into a number of zones based on population, road systems and vulnerability to flooding. Ruch said dividing the area into zones makes it easier to notify people in a specific area when evacuation is needed.

"It's so you can let the people know in a particular zone or region how long they have to evacuate before their evacuation roads will be flooded," he said.

Ruch said the evacuation plan will use a storm surge model developed by the National Weather Service which constantly updates the move-

ment of a storm through computer printouts. It also gives the projected depth and location of the storm surge.

Storm surges are tidal movements on a coastland associated with a storm's movement.

He said the model would also give reports every 10 minutes on the water levels at critical areas like the

Baytown Tunnel, where rising water could cut off roads.

Ruch said by using these reports emergency coordinators could predict how soon certain areas and escape routes would be flooded.

He said a survey would be conducted soon in the three counties to determine the number of people who would evacuate an area, de-

pending on the evacuation routes needed and the number of public shelters required to house the evacuated people.

Ruch said the plan was being funded through the governor's office and the Department of Commerce. Work on the plan began in the fall of 1979 and it is expected to be usable by the 1981 hurricane season.

The plan is being developed with coordination and communication between the representatives of local governments, media agencies and other organizations such as the Texas Coastal and Marine Council, National Weather Service, Department of Public Safety, American Red Cross and the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

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Symphony to be played Sunday

By LISA MARTIN
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Last fall, the Bryan-College Station community acquired what many other cities have — a full symphony orchestra.

The Brazos Symphony Orchestra (BSO) was formed to provide the community with high quality symphonic music said Ron Newton, president of the Brazos Symphony Orchestra Society (BSOS).

The orchestra's goal is to have four to five concerts per year. The orchestra will perform at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in Rudder Theater. Tickets may be purchased at the Rudder Box Office.

"The orchestra is a non-profit organization composed of people from all walks of life," Newton said. "There are high school students, students and staff from Texas A&M University and residents of the Bryan-College Station area in the orchestra," Newton said.

"The Bryan Community Arts Council had previously started a strings music program with the help of the federal grants which is now an active part to the curriculum in the Bryan schools," Newton said.

"Now all these high school students are coming up through the program in order to have some place to perform."

The orchestra has a committee composed of local professional musicians and several faculty members from Sam Houston State University which auditions prospective members, Newton said.

"Consequently, a lot of Aggies have auditioned and are now rehearsing on a weekly schedule," Newton said. "There is no age limit, anyone who has the talent and has the inclination to undergo the rigorous rehearsal schedule is invited to audition for the orchestra."

"In addition to this, the committee will bring in people from outside the community, professional musicians, if they feel they need to augment one part of the orchestra," Newton said. "There are about 40 members in the orchestra," Newton said.

"The goal of the orchestra is to eventually reach as many people who have the talent and interest to have a full orchestra of local people," Newton said.

The BSOS will assist the orchestra by providing a forum for the concerts and a financial base, Newton said.

"The society performs the routine activities of scheduling performances, publicity, and ticket sales without the performances being involved."

"The society is also interested in attracting a large number of people who would like to join the society and by their membership provide a financial base for the Orchestra."

Princeton gets Arab money

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After five years of talks, Princeton University and Saudi Arabia have reached an agreement under which the Ivy League school college will receive \$5 million in return for its help in designing programs for the University of Riyadh.

The \$5 million is believed to be the largest single contribution to an American higher education institution by an Arab or oil producing country.

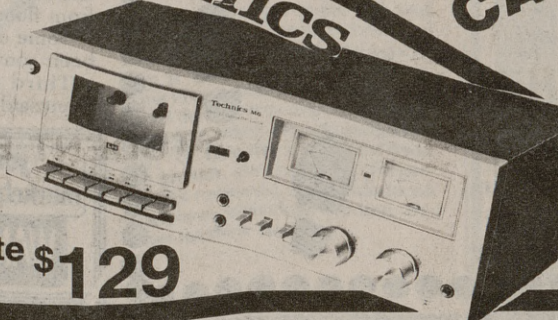
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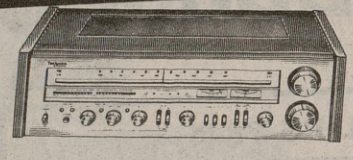
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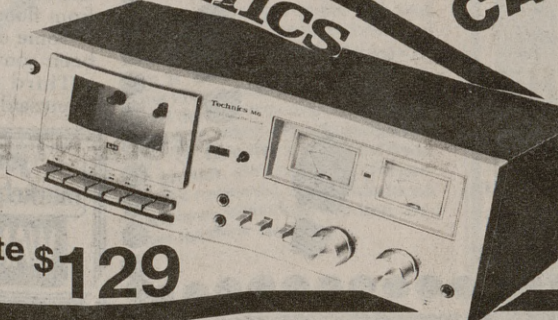
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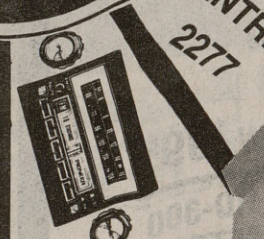
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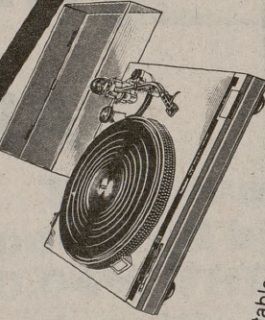
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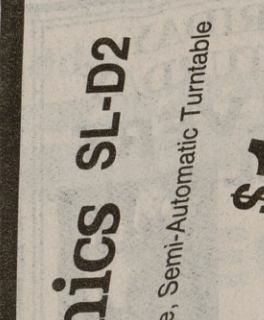
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