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Rychlik gets planning post

By Becky Swanson
City Staff
The Bryan City Council appointed Judy Rychlik to fill the unexpired term on the Bryan Planning Commission left vacant by the resignation of Morris Hamilton.

Rychlik took her post at the March 20 meeting of the commission. Her term runs through October 1982.

City Planner Hubert Nelson said Hamilton, a building contractor, resigned because he did not have time to attend the meetings.

Hamilton had not attended any

of the commission meetings this year.

Rychlik has served as president of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce, has been active in the March of Dimes and United Fund, and is the president of the annual community festival, Brazos de Dios.

Rychlik said she became interested in city planning when she was in the chamber of commerce working on growth and planning projects.

D. D. Williamson, chairman of the planning commission, said Rychlik has been appointed to the development and transportation committees of the commission.

Rychlik said she felt she was appointed to represent the whole community.

Members of the commission are often appointed because of their expertise and experience with real estate or building and construction, Rychlik explained. She said she felt she had been appointed to represent the community's interests.

"I have no personal gain by being on the planning commission," she said. "They (the city council) wanted someone who was interested in the city."

"I think everything we do in one part of the community affects the whole community."

Students can view life from wheelchair

By ROSEMARY ALYEA

Campus Reporter
Every person has those days when going to class is an effort, and fatigue hangs on every step. Days when doors feel so heavy, and each step to class is an obstacle.

For about 20 handicapped students at Texas A&M University, every day is that way.

On Monday, Mobility Awareness Day will give Texas A&M students the opportunity to experience firsthand what it's like to be in a wheelchair.

The special day, sponsored by Students Concerned For the Handicapped, will feature wheelchairs for students to check out.

Students can wheel into the life of a handicapped student and the problems of the handicapped.

But students won't be the only ones getting a taste of the life of a handicapped student. Ted Elliott, vocational rehabilitation counselor for the Texas Commission on campus, said administrators will also be viewing life from a wheelchair.

According to Elliott, the main purpose of Mobility Awareness Day is to inform administrators of the problems and needs of handicapped students. Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller, deans and other handicapped

services at the University of Texas will give a presentation of the program. Also, a slide presentation of the problems of the handicapped students on the A&M campus will be shown.

The day, said Elliott, is designed to help build upon the present program — a program he says is a good one — need of some improvement.

Witchcraft still exists for tribe

By ROBERT LEE

Campus Reporter
There is a place in southern Mexico where the local townspeople believe in witchcraft. But that belief can have fatal consequences.

Norman Thomas, a Texas A&M University anthropology professor, learned about the Zoquean Indians of Chiapas, Mexico, in 1963 as part of his doctoral work at the University of California, Berkeley.

Thomas said the Zoquean Indians practice both Christian rites and sacrifices.

Witchcraft plays an important role in their society too, he said.

"If you encourage envy of others in the town it motivates the people to accuse you of witchcraft," Thomas said, "and witchcraft is a serious threat." Thomas said deaths occurred while he was there and were attributed to witchcraft.

A person who is wealthy is likely to be called a witch, Thomas said. A father who only has sons in his family. Both of these traits carry on with them, he said.

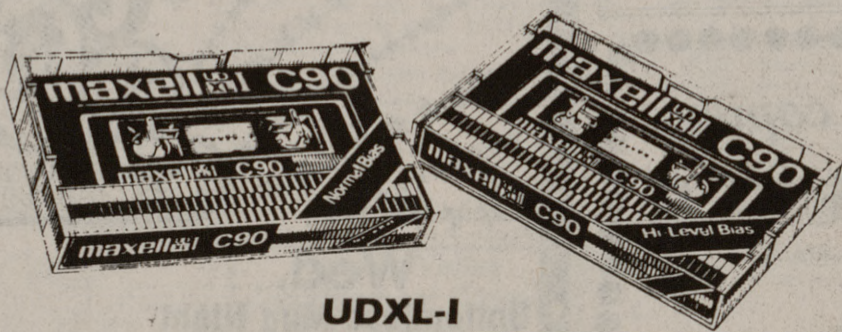
During his 20-year study, Thomas has come to the conclusion that witchcraft is used as a control device in the Zoquean society.

"Wealth is played down," he said, "and poverty has become a way of life."

The people are wary of each other, he said. No one admits to being a witch, they are just accused of it, he said.

In an attempt to discourage accusations neighborhood streets "ertimas" or hermitages, have been built. The ertimas are protected from spirits by symbols of Christian faith, like crosses. Inside candles are burned as a demonstration of Thomas said.

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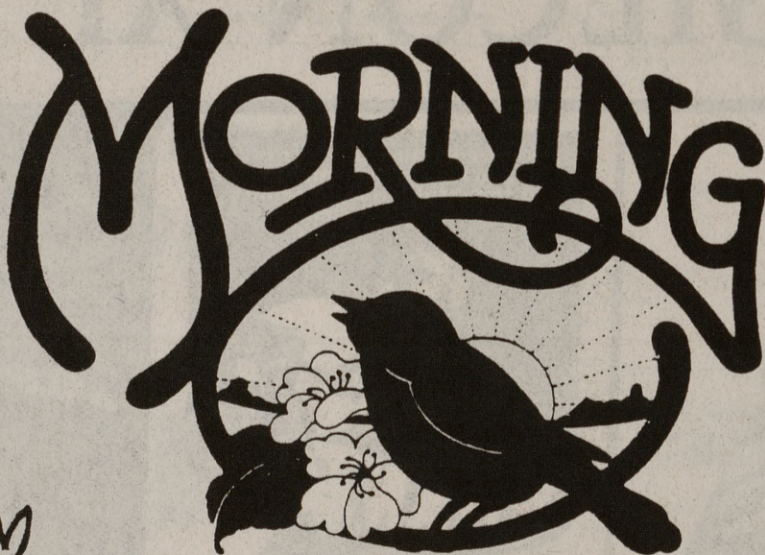
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