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Cool temperatures a month away

Warm spell will stay awhile

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Bryan-College Station residents will have to endure humidity and temperatures in the high 80s at least until October, the National Weather Service in Houston said Thursday.

Local residents should be feeling cooler temperatures — with highs in the mid-80s and lows in the low 60s — by October 6. The weather service said these are normal fall temperatures for the area. June, July and August in the Brazos Valley saw average high temperatures in the low 90s. Last summer's average high was 97 degrees.

"The high humidity may have made some people more uncomfortable this summer, but last year was much hotter and much dryer," Texas A&M climatologist Bob Strauss said.

The Bryan-College Station area received more rain this summer than last summer, despite a 27-day drought in early August.

"It's hard to understand that we can have such a wet year even with that terrible drought we had in August," Strauss said. He pointed out that by August the local area

had already received 29.14 inches of rain, 0.12 inches more than the 29.02 inches that fell last year.

County Extension Agent Tom Sistrunk said that although harvesting of crops has been delayed due to long rain periods, this summer was much better to farmers in Brazos County than last summer.

Sistrunk said last summer's heat damaged many crops beyond the point of recovery.

Winter, however, will probably be relatively mild. Bryan and College Station usually average a wintertime low of 41 degrees. On those same days temperatures often reach a high of 61 degrees. Snowfalls don't come often to Brazos County.

Having enough snow to play in isn't likely, Strauss said. "We haven't had a miserable snow since '73," he said.

Bryan and College Station received eight inches of snow that year.

Strauss said that although Texas A&M students got excited about the snow that fell on campus the day before Thanksgiving this past year, the weather station recorded only a trace of snow.



Three Mile pushes ads, then springs new leak

United Press International
HARRISBURG — The operator of the Three Mile Island nuclear power station is pushing hard for public acceptance of its plan to restart one of its nuclear reactors this year.

In four separate television ads, General Public Utilities emphasizes it has "a new management team" since the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island 2½ years ago, and that the team can operate the plant safely.

But even as General Public Utilities Corp. pushed its television advertising campaign, a new leak spilled contaminated water inside the reactor building that was the site of America's worst nuclear accident.

Technicians halted a leak of water Saturday from the damaged No. 2 reactor. Lake Barrett, senior NRC official at the site, said no radiation was released into the environment.

Barrett said about 500 gallons of water spilled onto the reactor floor between 5 p.m. Friday and 4:24 a.m. Saturday when the leak was brought under control. Officials then canceled plans for an entry into the contaminated reactor building.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has conducted a year of hearings into the proposal to restart nuclear reactor Unit No. 1, twin of the Unit No. 2 involved in the 1979 nuclear accident.

General Public Utilities proposed that Unit No. 1 be reopened this fall. It was shut after the accident at its twin by order of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The ads, which began during the Labor Day weekend and will continue through September, cost \$55,000 to produce and air, utility spokesman John Fidler said.

"The reason we did it was to let people, specifically people around TMI, know about the tremendous amount of study and research that is going on before restart," Fidler said.

"We are aware people are concerned about safety," he said. "That's the big issue. That's why we are emphasizing safety in the spots."

He said the ads, one which features radiologist Jon Shoup assuring residents the plant can be operated safely, were aired in Harrisburg, Lancaster, Reading, York and Lebanon.

Although the government has not decided whether to grant permission to operate Unit No. 1, the ads contain the statement "When the government approves restart, we'll be ready to provide electricity dependably and reliably."

Fidler said the company did not intend to suggest it believed government approval of a restart proposal was beyond question. He said the company wanted to convey

the message it was prepared should permission be granted.

The licensing board is expected to make its recommendation on a restart to the NRC in November. It is expected the NRC would rule by the end of the year.

The ads note 1,400 employees have been working to clean up the radioactive waste left by the nuclear accident at Unit No. 2 and that 100,000 pages of evidence were collected in government hearings on the proposed restart.

"In fact," the ads say, "TMI has been studied more thoroughly than any other nuclear plant in the country."

A spokesman for the Three Mile Island Public Interest Resource Center, an antinuclear organization, said it considered the ads a waste of money.

Homecoming to honor Ryman

A homecoming celebration for Miss Texas Sheri Ryman has been scheduled for Oct. 30 and 31 by the Memorial Student Center Hospitality Committee, the sponsors of the Miss Texas A&M Scholarship Pageant.

Ryman, formerly Miss Texas A&M University, Saturday was named fourth runner-up in the 1982 Miss America Pageant.

Elizabeth Ward, representing Arkansas, was named Miss America at the conclusion of the televised pageant.

Ward will receive a \$20,000 scholarship; Ryman will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for her fifth-place finish.

First runner-up was Miss Illinois, Sandra Truitt; second runner-up was Miss Georgia, Kristl Anne Evans and Miss Indiana, Pamela Carlberg was the third runner-up.

During last week's preliminaries, Ryman won the talent

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competition and a \$2,500 scholarship by performing a gymnastics-jazz routine to the motion picture theme "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" — the same routine she performed in the Miss Texas Pageant.

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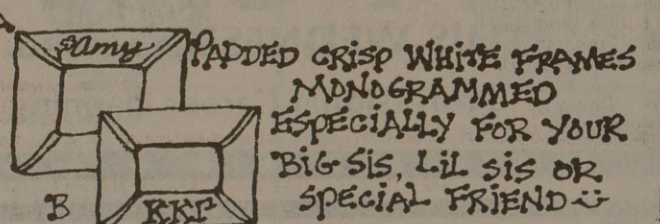
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