

Tornado

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Channel 9, but REACT members will know how to complete the call by calling the proper agency," Harris said.

The civil defense will alert schools, and rely on television for communication to the public. REACT is contacted by civil defense to alert people outside the normal communication range, or in the case of an absence of electricity, Harris said.

REACT would contact and inform motorists where to go for safety, shelter and medical aid, and get help to those needing it, Harris said.

"When Hurricane Allen was anticipated, people from the coast fled into the area," Harris said. "The motorists were informed to go to the university dorms, Red Cross and the (A.P. Beutel Health Center) for shelter and medical aid."

Some REACT members are also trained amateur radio operators.

If a tornado was expected, RACES, another volunteer organization, equipped with

ham radios, would set up a base station in the area, and handle the communications from other cities.

The purpose of RACES is to provide a frequency between cities, so family and friends can be contacted, Harris said.

Concerned individuals outside of Bryan-College Station should contact their Red Cross, who can contact the local Red Cross or Texas A&M's ham operator's club, W5AC, with information such as name and address of the person to be checked on. Red Cross or W5AC will contact RACES who will check on people in Bryan-College Station, Harris said.

The message concerning the person inquired about is returned to Red Cross or W5AC, who will contact the family, Harris said.

RACES also provides another outgoing frequency for those in Bryan-College Station wanting to send messages to family and friends in other cities.

REACT handles only local situations, while RACES can help with distant communications, Harris said.

An adequate warning is important so people in the area have time to prepare, Harris said.

McDonald said a tornado watch and a tornado warning should not be confused.

A watch only means tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are possible.

If a warning has been issued, a tornado has been detected, and people in or near the storm path should take cover immediately. Off-duty personnel would report for duty and the health center would be notified, McDonald said.

If a tornado approaches the Bryan-College Station area, warning broadcasts by local radio and TV stations will transmit a "beep" tone every three minutes to alert the public of possible severe weather. Local TV stations will have a "W" in the upper right hand corner of

the screen, McDonald said.

A news release published by the Insurance Information Institute advised people to seek shelter in small rooms in the interior of houses or schools. The closer the walls are, the better support the room has.

Never attempt to drive away from a tornado. If in an automobile, abandon the car and seek shelter in a nearby building or ditch.

If possible, heads and chests should be protected. Most deaths associated with tornadoes are caused by flying debris, the institute reported.

The A.P. Beutel Health Center is responsible for medical attention and is prepared for most situations if a tornado hits Texas A&M, Dr. Claude Goswick, health center director, said.

The Texas A&M emergency care team consisting of emergency medical technicians and emergency care attendants would be contacted also, Goswick said.

Star Trek II story more believable

by Eric Truax
Battalion Reviewer

The most merciful thing that can be done with the first Star Trek feature, "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" is to forget that it ever existed. "Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan" by far deserves to be considered as THE Star Trek motion picture. It has an imaginative storyline, believable characters, and never suffers the abysmal dullness of its predecessor.

The screenplay, from a story by producer Harve Bennett (former creator/producer Gene Roddenberry served only as a consultant), follows up on an episode of Star Trek from its first season on television.

The episode, "Space Seed," deals with Khan (Ricardo Montalban), the leader of a band of 20th-century, genetically engineered supermen — their attempt to commandeer the Enterprise and their exile to a deserted planet.

Well, it's 15 years later and Khan is back, hungry for revenge. He succeeds in getting off the planet and, seizing a Federation starship, sets out to fulfill his single goal: to kill James T. Kirk.

Kirk has by this time been promoted to Admiral, and Spock is now in command of the Enterprise. After departing on a training mission with a crew of

plays. Gone are the drawn-out visual effects of the first film. The effects, done by George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic, played a beautiful part in creating a and absorbing final prod-

Director Nicolas ("Time After Time") evoking convincing performances from the cast. Debra Kelley seems especially capable recreating his role as McCoy, particularly opportunities arise to barbs with Spock. One more interesting addition to the cast is Spock's alien, a beautiful half-Vulcan Romulan, Lt. Saavik (Alley).

Ah yes ... Spock. What cosmic fate awaits himself when he watches the film ... or we can find out certain in Star Trek III.

Review

Starfleet midshipmen, they encounter Khan and his plot to destroy Kirk and steal the secret Genesis Project, which is capable of creating life, and destroy it.

The success of capturing the spirit behind the entire Star Trek phenomenon is partially attributable to the lessening of emphasis on dazzling visual dis-

Disney-like effects, latex gore make 'Poltergeist' fun

by Gary Barker
Battalion Staff

"They're he-ere." The summer movies have arrived. And not to miss out on his chance to make a buck, Steven Spielberg has two this year. Maybe there should be a law limiting him to one.

Spielberg should be crowned "King of the Summer Movies." He brought us "Jaws," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Review

Spielberg and his mentor, George "Star Wars" Lucas, have mastered mass entertainment with admirable skill. "Poltergeist" is just one more example and his newest film, "E.T.," promises to be just as much fun.

Poltergeist, not to be confused with a spicy German luncheon, is a term that refers to unexplainable disturbances sometimes associated with young children. The movie revolves around the members of a somewhat average Southern California family who become victims of some mean and nasty ghosts; "TV people" as the 5-year-old daughter calls them. The cute little girl is the center of the ghosts' attention. She can communicate with them, and she is eventually kidnapped by them.

The family summons a group of parapsychology experts to help find the girl, who is trapped somewhere in the "Twilight Zone." Eighty-seven pounds of latex gore later, the movie comes to its ridiculous climax.

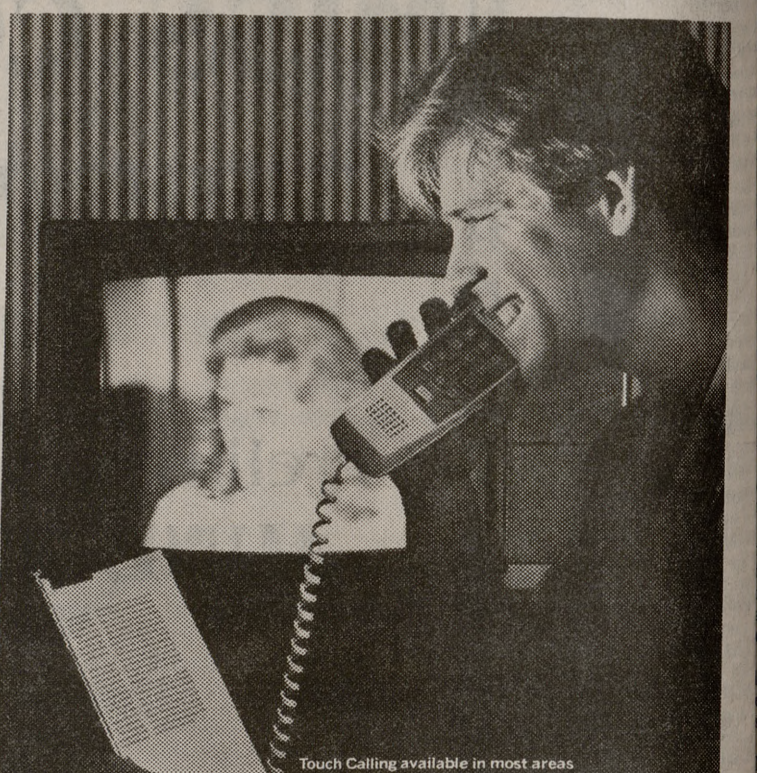
The actors are sufficient — considering the ridiculous roles they had to play. Most of them have familiar faces from TV roles, but none have familiar names and none of them are likely to be remembered.

The movie is suspenseful, but not frightening. Spielberg knows how to hold a suspenseful moment and elicit screams from teenage girls, but the movie is never terrifying. Disney-like special effects and ghosts in art deco colors are somewhat less than spine-tingling. And once you've seen one skeleton jump at you, you've seen them all.

Spielberg is not a horror film creator, he's a fun film creator — and "Poltergeist" is pure, summer fun. It's the perfect break from sunbathing. You can hop out of the pool, dry off, run to the theater and then hop back into the pool without a second thought. There are no heavy themes to fret over — and no sharks.

But if anybody tries to tell you it's realistic, turn into a skeleton and jump out of a dark, creepy corner.

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United Press International
Today is Tuesday, June 8, the 160th day of 1982 with 206 to follow.

The moon is in its full phase. The morning stars are Mercury and Venus.

The evening stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Gemini.

American architect Frank Lloyd Wright was born June 8, 1869.

On this date in history:

In 1869, Ives McGaffney of Chicago obtained a patent for a "sweeping machine" — the first vacuum cleaner.

In 1928, a Schenectady, N.Y., station, WGY, began a regular schedule of televised programs three times a week.

In 1965, American astronauts Ed White and Jim McDivitt completed their orbital journey, having traveled 1.6 million miles in 62 orbits of the earth.

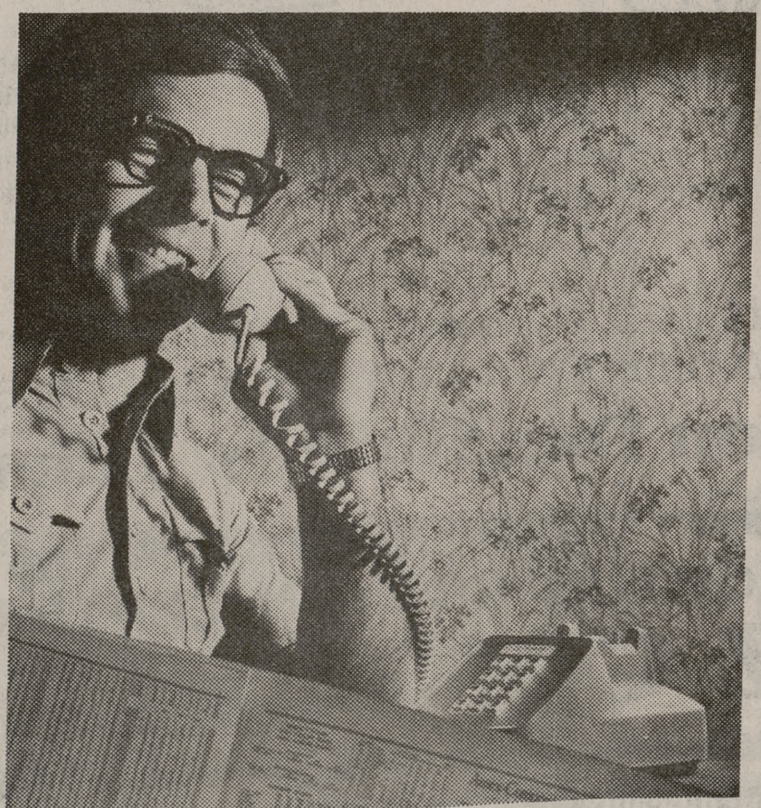
In 1977, Rosalynn Carter, met American missionaries in Recife, Brazil, who told of being "treated like animals" in Brazilian jails.

A thought for the day: American writer Henry David Thoreau said, "Nothing is so much to be feared as fear."

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