

Rezoning ordinance fails; area remains residential

by Patrice Koranek
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An ordinance that would have rezoned a residential area on the corner of University Drive and Fed Mart Drive to include a commercial district failed at Thursday's College Station City Council meeting.
A motion to reject the ordinance was made but no

second followed. Since no other motion was made, the ordinance failed.
The council approved bids on a demolition project for the old city maintenance yard and the final site plan for Villas of Chimney Hill.
The council authorized City Attorney Lowell Denton to handle legal claims of less than \$250 made against the

city. The authorization stemmed from a \$95 damages claim filed against the city when a policeman lost control of his vehicle and damaged a mailbox.
A re-zoning ordinance for nine acres of land west of the intersection of Holleman Drive and Wellborn Road was deferred by the council until a later meeting.

College Station City Planner Al Mayo presented new proposals for Plan 2000, an outline of the city's growth and development. The plan's designers encourage the development of a limited mass transit system for the city, the establishment of a master drainage plan and the limiting of access points for major commercial developments, he said.

Acid rain potential exists

by Brigette Crossland
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Concern with acid rain has arisen in several parts of the United States, but it's not a significant problem in Texas — yet.
The potential for a problem does exist in Texas and is increasing.
The burning of coal in power plants increases the amount of sulfur in the air, which is the major cause of acid rain. Also, the influx of people into Texas

know if there is a problem," said Thomas Porter, member of the Texas Air Control Board. "We know we have acid rain in some parts of the state, but there have not been any bad effects reported."
The Texas Air Control Board set up a network in 1979 to monitor acid rainfall. Stations are located in Odessa, Tyler, Beaumont and Fort Worth. Rainfall at these stations has been detected to have a pH — the measure of the acidity of a solution — as low as 4.2. The normal pH for rain is about 5.6. The lower the pH, the higher the acidity. These lower pH's were found in the east Texas area.

not be as big a problem in Texas is because we do not have a sustained snow pack," he said. "In the northeastern areas, the acid accumulates in the snow and melts in the spring, causing a high concentration of acid.

"Also, from the center of Texas to the west, the soils are calcareous (composed of calcium carbonate, calcium or limestone) and have a high buffering capacity. It neutralizes acid precipitation."



from other parts of the country is creating an increase in the number of automobiles — a secondary cause of acid rain.
"While the potential for a problem is increasing, we don't

"Although we know that there is acid rain in east Texas now, we don't know how long it has been there," Porter said. "It may be an increasing trend, and it may be the norm. Our research is so new that it is hard to say."
In the northeastern section of the United States, acid rain has caused some lakes to become so acidic that fish and wildlife are dying, but there have been no documented effects of acid rain in Texas.
"One reason acid rain could

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Irish poet and author Oscar Wilde was born Oct. 15, 1856.
Actress Jean Peters was born on this date in 1926.
On this date in history:
In 1917, the most famous spy of World War I, Gertrude Zelle,

known as Mata Hari, was executed by a firing squad outside Paris.
In 1928, the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin arrived in the United States on its first commercial flight. It took four and a half days to cross the Atlantic.
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