



Fall leaves — inside?

staff photo by Octavio Garcia

If fall is your season, the jewelry on sale in the MSC might be for you. Real leaves and other natural objects have been electroplated to make jewelry and are on sale in front of the post office. In addition to leaves, there are electroplated sea shells, pine tree

nuggets and polished stones. The display, which belongs to Jim Clark, (behind the table) is sponsored by the MSC Arts Committee and will be open all week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nancy Bates, a junior in health education, helps Clark sell.

Hansen to speak

Texas A&M Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen will speak tonight at 7:30 on the United States and international competition. The

speech, sponsored by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, will be held in Room 203 of the Zachary Engineering Center.

Council debates pipelines

by Rebeca Zimmermann

Battalion Staff
Bryan City Council members and officials from pipeline companies debated a proposed ordinance which will require pipeline companies to pay fees for the use of public property in a special workshop meeting Monday.

Recent oil and natural gas finds in the city of Bryan have prompted the council to consider how the gas and oil will be removed from the city. Currently, natural gas is carried out of the city by truck; excess gas is burned off in exposed gas flares in the city.

The council agreed the gas flares needed to be eliminated but questioned whether pipelines are the solution.

The councilmen expressed concern about possible damage to public and private property during pipeline construction. But the ordinance specifically states that the pipeline company who installs the lines must restore city property to its previous condition.

If a company doesn't restore the land to its previous condition, the company will receive a bill for restoration work which will include a penalty of 25 percent of the restoration costs.

Some council members expressed concern that if they approved the use of city land for pipelines, pipeline companies might ignore the restoration of private citizens' land when used for pipelines.

Officials from three pipeline companies said lease agreements with individuals may solve potential problems with restoration of private property.

Councilman Henry Seale said he also was concerned about pipeline companies' right to have private property condemned in order to lay pipelines in the area.

But Mayor Richard Smith said the right to condemn private property — eminent domain — is a right the state grants to public utilities companies or companies who are common carriers for some item, such as gas and oil. So the city of Bryan has no control over whether the pipeline companies can force private landowners to allow a

pipeline to be built.

The ordinance also states that the city of Bryan cannot be held responsible for any citizens' claims for damages caused by the company's equipment and pipeline construction.

The council didn't vote on the ordinance because each company which requests permission to lay a pipeline must submit a plan and get the approval of the council before any construction can take place. If an ordinance for a particular company is approved, the agreement is in effect for five years.

Smith said many of the questions raised about the ordinance will be considered in each individual company request for permission to lay pipelines.

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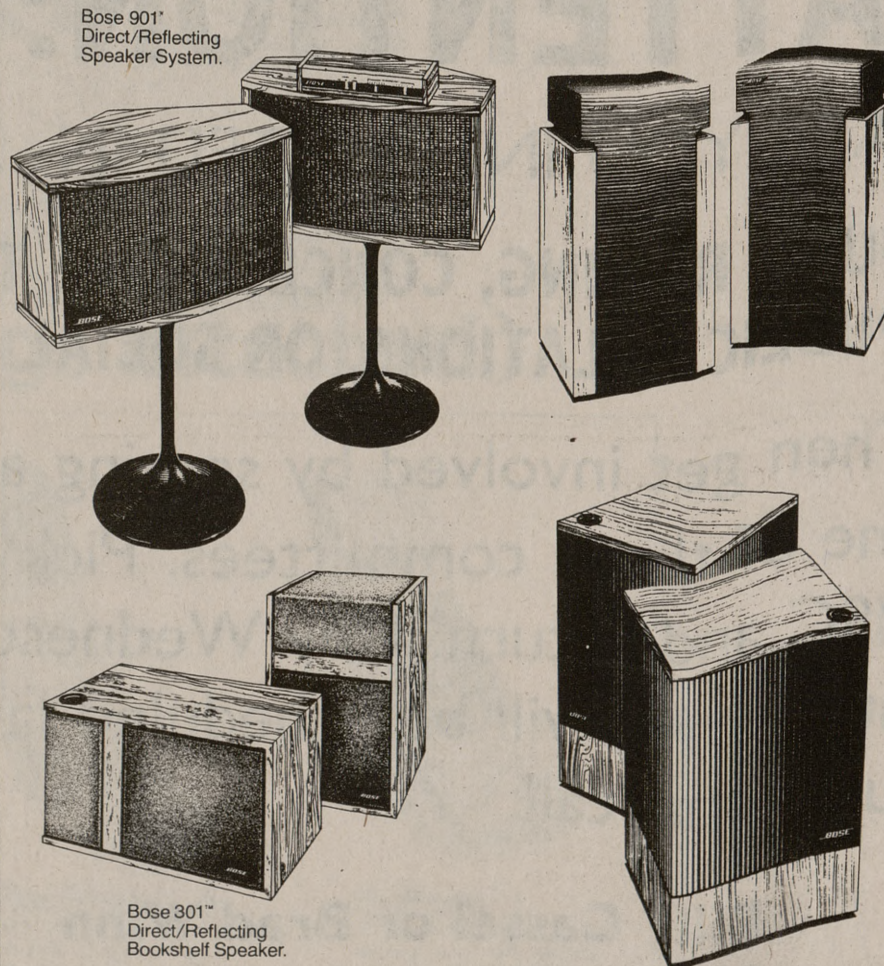
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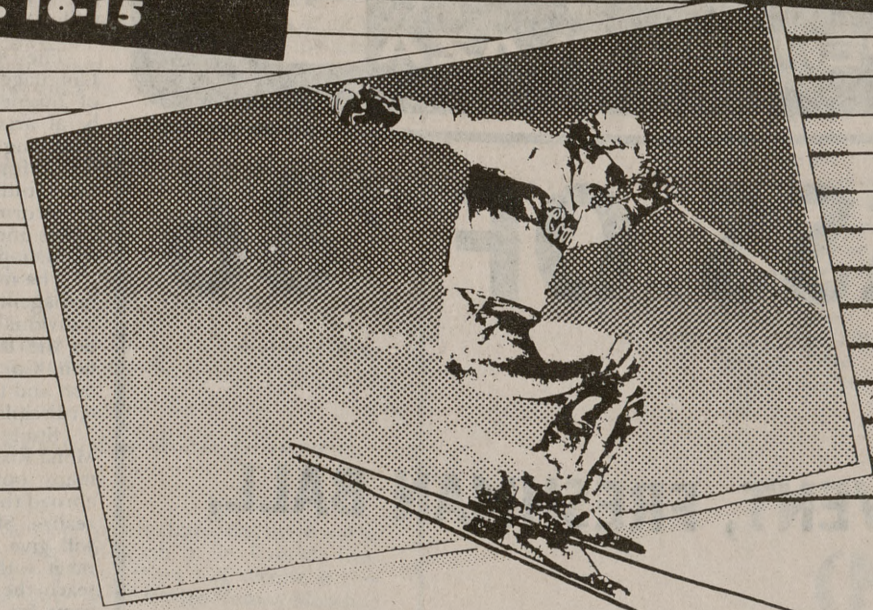
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