

Tylenol appears painlessly

by Joel deGuzman
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A few local retailers of Tylenol agree that the pain reliever won't have much trouble making a comeback and picking up its sales.

"I think it'll come back because it was proved it wasn't the company's fault," Susan McCune, managing pharmacist of Safeway Stores Inc. in Bryan, said.

The poisoning of several Chicago residents last year forced pharmacies and stores to remove Tylenol capsules from their shelves at the request of Johnson & Johnson Products Co. and McNeil Consumer Products Co., the manufacturers of Tylenol.

In some cases, all Tylenol products were removed from the shelves. Since the crisis, the makers of the pain reliever have launched a campaign to regain consumer confidence and market a new product under the same name.

Tylenol is slowly making its appearance in the local area. But some retailers can't estimate Tylenol sales because they haven't received shipments of the new product.

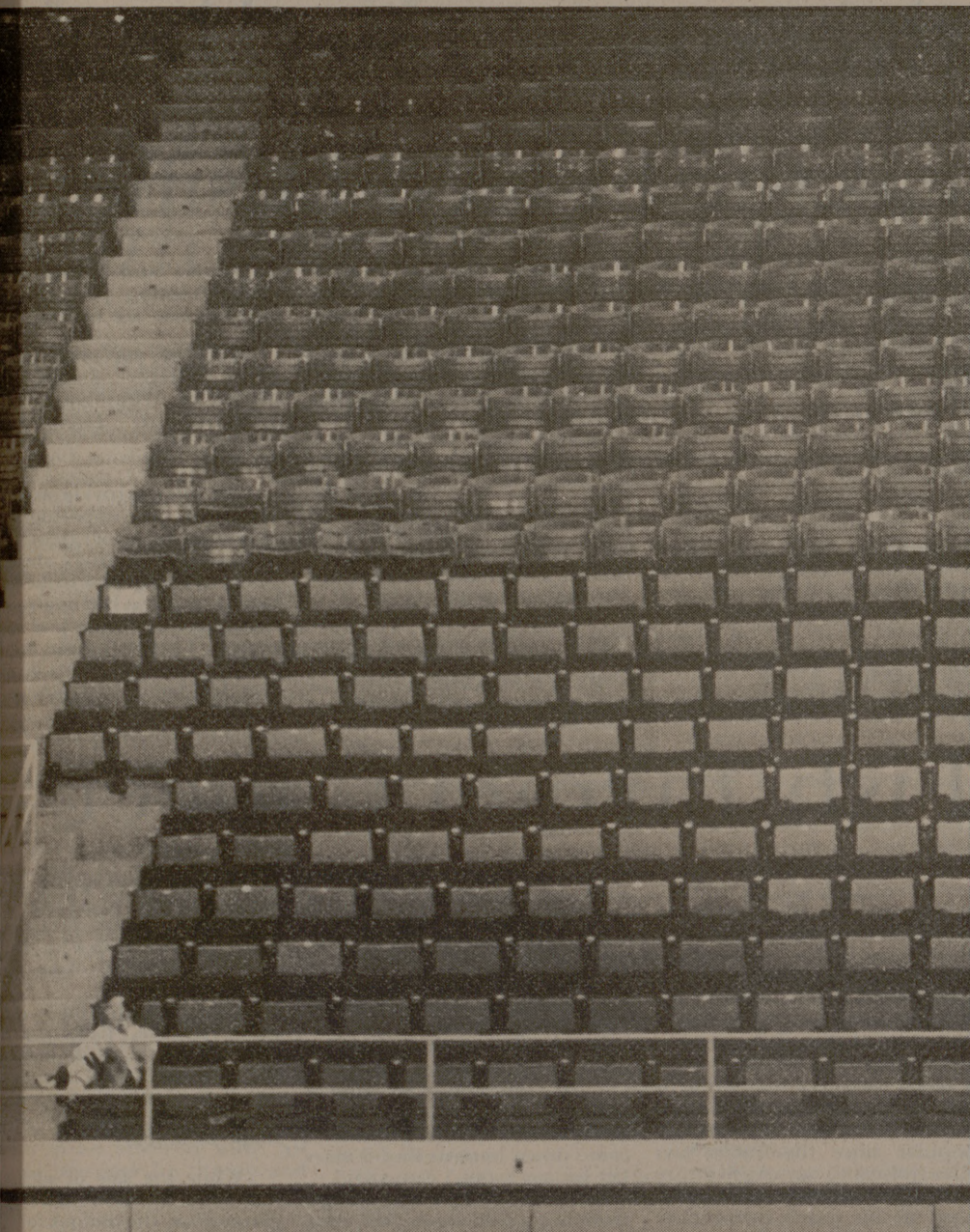
"I don't think we'll have any problem selling them as soon as they come in," said Troy Prasatik, a local pharmacist. Prasatik added that some of his customers were asking for the drug although the capsules were not on the shelves at the beginning of the year.

"I had people come in and request it, so I put it back on the shelf," Leah Montgomery, owner and pharmacist of Downtown Pharmacy in Bryan, said. Montgomery's pharmacy has had the new product for two weeks.

Acetaminophen, the drug in Tylenol, has gained popularity as a pain reliever because of its effectiveness. Many people who use it cannot take aspirin.

Ann Court, a Bryan Hospital pharmacist, said it is because of this popularity that consumers will eventually stop associating Tylenol with danger.

The Consumer Affairs department of McNeil Consumer Products will not publically disclose the current statistics on the return of Tylenol.



Large turnout?

staff photo by Ronnie Emerson

...o, it's not an Aggie basketball game. Late in the afternoon, before games and after gym classes, an uncharacteristic calm settles over G. Rollie White. One man takes advantage of the temporary peace

Woodson Village plan rejected by CS Council

By Robert McGlohon
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The College Station City Council Thursday night rejected a preliminary plan for a portion of Woodson Village, following claims by local homeowners that construction on the area would aggravate existing drainage and drainage problems in the area.

The disputed area is on the northeast side of Thomas Street between Dexter Street and Holman Street.

Engineers for the city responded to the objections by saying that the proposed construction would increase flood damage by no more than one-half inch and that it would not substantially increase the sewage problem.

That statement was greeted

by laughter from many of the homeowners present.

During the debate, homeowners told stories of canoes being rowed up streets, of bailing city sewage out of bathrooms and of knee-deep water in garages.

Attorney Robert Harris — representing the owner of the land, Woodson Lumber Co. of Cameron — promised to take the city to court if the plan was not approved.

Mayor Gary Halter said after the vote that he guessed they would "see Mr. Harris in court."

In addition to what Halter called "phase two, section three, saga 18" of the Woodson Valley story, the Council also approved an ordinance reducing the 50 mph speed limit of Highway 30. The new speed limit will be 35 mph from Texas Avenue to Puryear Drive and 40 mph from Puryear past Post Oak Mall. Additional changes were made beyond Highway 6.

Halter signed a proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month. He called the contributions of blacks to the College Station community invaluable.

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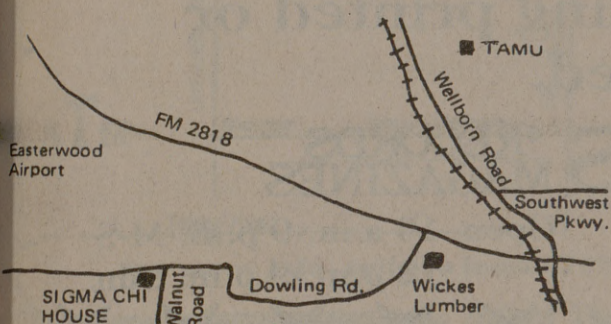
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