

Backup act steals Jett's thunder

by Robert McGlohon
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Combining a clean, hard and with a smooth style and work, Huey Lewis and the News managed to steal the show Tuesday night.
The News were opening for Jett and the Blackhearts, but after a surprisingly short performance, got the crowd going, not only after the News had earned it from the dead.
The News, bless their red ears, fought an uphill battle to never give up. The audience—it really can't be called a crowd or a mob—had to be teased and nudged out of its slumber, but the News finally elicited a response, one that was well-earned.
Huey and his band came bearing gifts Thursday night—professional ability, a good attitude and a new song. The song, "Walking on a Thin Line" was dedicated to veterans, an appropriate dedication so near the Memorial Student Center. It didn't seem to be appreciated, though.
An a cappella version of "Chain Gang" followed "Thin Line" and was truly outstanding. It finally brought the audience to life and the News were back to capitalize on the stage.
Close on the heels of "Chain Gang" came the MTV hit—something the audience was familiar with—"Do You Believe in Love." The smooth sax of

Johnny Cola, the rousing drums of Bill Gibson, the hard working lead of Chris Hayes and—probably most of all—the familiar lyrics brought the audience to its feet.
The News closed the show with "Working For A Livin'," followed by a single encore.
Then came the Blackhearts, much to the audience's delight.
Before even the first note, Jett set the pace for the show. Much to the dismay of the security personnel, she invited the audience up front, pinning the Town Hallers behind the stage barricade. After half-hearted attempts to make the excited fans return to their seats, the guards gave up and concentrated their energy on making sure that nobody, but nobody, touched the barrier.
Jett started the concert off fast with "Bad Reputation," followed closely by "Run Away," completely infecting the students around the stage—mostly junior high and high schoolers. It took a while, but the infection spread.
It surged briefly with "Nag," spread further with "Love Is Pain," and became irreversibly malignant with "I Love Rock 'N Roll." The high point of the show was probably "Do You Wanna Touch Me." Jett played the audience masterfully. She didn't ask for audience participation—she demanded it.
Her demands were gladly met.



photo by Jim Gumbert

April showers

Mary Duke, a Texas A&M employee, sprays the flowers at the Floral Test Garden across the street from Kyle Field. The Floral Garden is a big attraction to visitors on campus.

CS Council to apply for construction grant

by David Marchand
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The College Station City Council Thursday night voted to apply for a \$1.74 million federal grant that could fund the construction of 68 housing units for low and moderate income families.
This grant for a community development program, which was started in 1974 to replace several federal programs, includes about \$300,000 for the improvement of streets and gutters. About \$700,000 of the grant would be used for housing construction.
The council also held a public hearing on a proposed compre-

hensive plan for the city which includes the extension of Appomattox from State Highway 30 to Emerald Parkway.
Several citizens voiced disapproval of the extension which would join the Emerald Forest, Winwood and Raintree subdivisions. Creation of this type of thoroughfare, they said, would increase risks to pedestrians and bicyclists.
Ricky Griffin, 7718 Appomattox, urged the council to enact part of the plan which calls for "frequent use of citizens' advisory committees" to help resolve this question.
H. A. Luther, 614 Welch Ave., objected to the widening

of that street. He presented a petition from nearby property owners who also objected to the expansion.
Harriet Martin's complaint that her property on Park Place has been under water during rainstorms over the past 16 years prompted City Manager North B. Bardell to promise that the city would investigate.
In other business, the council rezoned about 13 acres along University Drive east of Tarrow Street from a single family residential district to administrative-professional and apartments low density districts.

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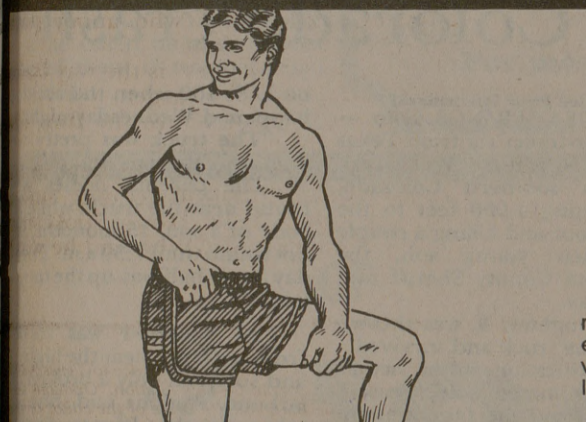
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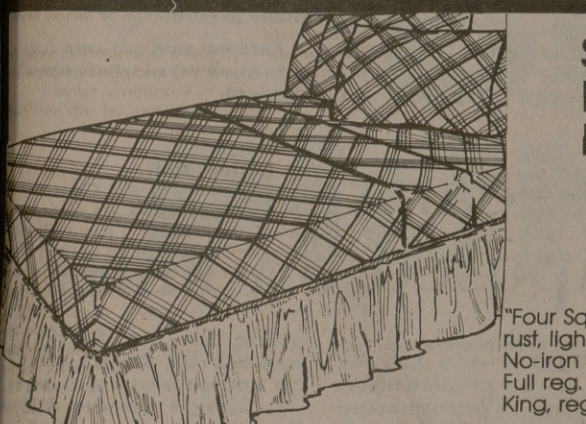
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