



# Around town

## St. Mary's sponsors Funfest Sunday

St. Mary's Catholic Church and the College Station Knights of Columbus will host their '83 Fall Funfest Sunday. The festival will offer a full round of food, fun and fellowship at St. Mary's Student Center grounds, 103 Nagle in College Station.

A barbecued chicken and sausage dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates will cost \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Meals also will be available "to go."

Highlighting afternoon activities will be a talent show, a raffle for a large number of prizes, including a Yamaha motorbike, and a wide variety of games and booths. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

The community is invited to attend.

## Red Cross screens blood pressure

The Red Cross of Brazos County will offer blood pressure screenings at Post Oak Mall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. This community service, offered the last Saturday of every month, is free. It will be located near the information booth.

## Local employees recognized by state

Three local employees of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation have received service awards. George E. Boriskie, district traffic engineer, was recognized for 30 years with the department. Billy G. Bockmon, supervising resident engineer for Brazos and Burleson counties, received a 25 year service award. Earnest Williams also was recognized for 25 years of service. Williams is a maintenance technician in equipment operations for the department.

## Cycling team to sponsor club race

The A&M Cycling Team invites anyone interested in bicycle racing to join them in an open club race Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the Post Oak Mall parking lot. Anyone may enter the race, and anyone entering is encouraged to bring a helmet. Spectators are welcome.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

# Saving energy focus of show

by Cathy Smith  
Battalion Reporter

A special appearance by COPO, the College Station Police Department's new robot, and a solar water heating workshop will highlight this weekend's Bryan/College Station 1983 Energy Show.

The Energy Show, held in conjunction with American Energy Awareness Week and sponsored by the College Station Energy Department, will feature programs on energy-related topics. The show will be Saturday at the College Station Community Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The energy situation here is critical, College Station's energy auditor Valerie Bauer says. Bryan/College Station's electricity rates could double in the next three years because long-term gas contracts are running out, she says.

The show is being held to increase public awareness of energy conservation methods. Local businesses and organizations will be on hand to supply information about products that can decrease utility bills and increase freedom from conventional energy sources, Bauer says.

As an energy auditor, Bauer goes to apartments and houses to assess their energy efficiency. She then offers tips on how to "tighten up" the home or apartment. Most apartment managers don't take the time to weatherstrip and caulk, she says.

Parents have been concerned about their kids' utility bills for some time, Bauer says. Parents from Dallas, Houston and Austin have called to complain about their kids' electricity bills, she said.

"Students can't afford any more than necessary for utilities," she says.

Free booklets with energy-saving tips will be available at Saturday's show.

The solar water heating workshop will be of particular interest to people wanting information on home solar water heating systems. The workshop will include the components and construction of solar water heating systems, the economics of using solar energy and examples of existing systems.

COPO the robot will give energy advice to youngsters and their parents and answer questions. The police department has had the robot for three weeks and it has been a success, patrolman Tom Lewis says.

"It's not only the kids who like him, it's also the adults," Lewis says. "He's an attention-getter," he says.

Other guests will include the consumer information specialist from Lone Star Gas who will discuss the operation and cost advantages of new high-efficiency gas appliances.

A representative from Andersen Window Company will give a presentation for "do-it-yourselfers" on utilizing double-pane windows for energy efficiency in home remodeling. A series of movies also will be shown throughout the day.

Members of the Peaceable Kingdom School, who empha-

size self-reliance, will feature a parabolic solar food cooker, a solar hot air collector, and a photovoltaic solar panel. If the sun is shining Saturday, the solar equipment will be demonstrated, Bauer says.

Bauer says Bryan/College Station is a prosperous area but most people don't realize that the energy problems of the northern states are going to hit here in the future.

American Energy Week Inc., based in Washington, D.C., was established three years ago to stimulate discussion and interest in the need for development of the nation's own resources and technologies, he says.

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# Lawsuit possible to stop EPA plan

United Press International  
BROWNSVILLE — State Sen. Hector Uribe urged coastal residents Thursday to oppose the burning of toxic wastes in the Gulf of Mexico off the Texas coast.

In a speech to the Texas Gulf Coast Civil Defense Association, the Brownsville Democrat said he is not convinced the Environmental Protection Agency "did its job well" in granting a tentative permit for the burning of the wastes.

Under the EPA permit, Chemical Waste Management Inc., of Oak Brook, Ill., plans to operate two incinerator ships in the Gulf of Mexico in 1984.

Public hearings on the issue are set for Nov. 21 in Brownsville and Nov. 22-23 in Mobile, Ala., the two ports from which the ships would operate.

"Why don't our sister states on the east and west coasts share the burden? Uribe asked in his speech. "Why don't they burn PCBs 170 miles from Washington, D.C., or 170 miles from the Reagan ranch in California?"

Uribe joined state Attorney General Jim Mattox Wednesday in asking Texas' senators to intervene with the EPA to block the disposal. Mattox also threatened to sue the federal agency.

Meanwhile in Austin, Gov. Mark White said Thursday a

lawsuit might be "appropriate." "I don't understand why they're (EPA) undertaking such an endeavor," he said. "The exposure is enormous. The remote possibility of leakage is more than we can afford."



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