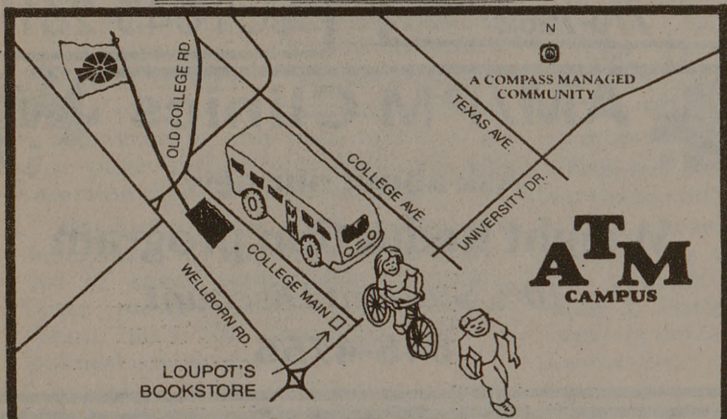


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Construction to begin on \$160 million power plant

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Northern Natural Resources Co., a division of HNG-InterNorth Inc. of Omaha, says construction of its \$160 million Texas power plant will start this month.

The plant will be built in Texas City on the upper Texas Gulf Coast. It is planned as a co-generation unit, the name for plants that produce both steam for industrial users and electricity for utility customers.

Natural gas will power the 430-megawatt plant, the company said Monday. In first announcing plans for the plant last June, HNG-InterNorth officials said that using natural gas to produce two kinds of power is more economical than using conventional methods.

The plant will employ about 25 people in operations and maintenance when it opens in mid-1987, Northern said.

Pest control

Exterminators working the bugs out of A&M

By KRIS SHEELEY
Reporter

From raccoons to rats, "crazy" ants to termites, Texas A&M's extermination program is in charge of the campus' pest control.

Bill Shepherd, head of the program, is assisted by another full-time exterminator and a part-time student assistant.

"The worst pest problem at this time are the crazy ants — they are named this because they run fast and from side to side," Shepherd says. "They are a particular problem within the dorms, but they don't bite."

Other problems common to specific areas on campus are the German cockroaches in married student housing and rats on the west side of campus, he says.

One of the most effective methods of pest control is alerting the exterminators to the problem before it gets out of hand, Shepherd says.

"An example of when a problem gets out of hand is something that

Waldo



by Kevin Thomas

SHOE



by Jeff MacNelly

Group helps children search for new homes

By KAREN MCINTSOH
Reporter

Alfred, 6, and Rosemary, 13, are brother and sister. Alfred is mildly retarded. He and his sister need a two parent family who will spend time with them.

These children are two of the 75 to 85 children each month in Brazos and seven surrounding counties that need adoptive parents.

Brenda Rumfield, regional adoption worker for the Department of Human Resources, locates families for these children.

"Most of the children come out of abuse or neglect backgrounds," Rumfield says. "Of course our first priority is to work with families of children who can return home."

In fact, Rumfield notes that 80 percent of the children brought to her attention are returned home. The others can't go home because they are in danger of physical injury, she says.

"If we are not able to return the child home safely," Rumfield says, "then we approach the courts."

In these cases, the courts intervene and in some cases will decide the child needs a new family.

At that point, Rumfield begins looking for a family for the child.

These children are difficult to place because often they are physi-

cally or mentally handicapped, minorities, or need to be placed with their brother or sister.

Rumfield looks for families that meet the needs of the child, not a family where the child fits the family's desires.

Because there are more children who need families than families looking for children, Rumfield tries to promote the adoption of needy children.

She does public appearances, talks to church groups, sends out fliers and sets up displays.

And every year there is a special adoption recruitment drive. Adoption Week is a special program held every year to promote community awareness of unadoptable children, Rumfield says.

But, Rumfield says she doesn't usually get an immediate response from parents that attend adoption week. Rumfield says interested parents will usually not call until the spring after they study their situation.

"There is a decision process involved," Rumfield says. "People will call and say, 'remember that adoption week you had last fall?'"

Rumfield says she has many adoptive parents who are faculty and graduate students at Texas A&M.

"A graduate student has more flexible hours than an undergradua-

te," Rumfield says. "A child takes a lot of time."

To adopt a child, parents must meet certain criteria required by law and the agency.

Parents should be close to the ages of the child's natural parents. For example, Rumfield explains that a 75-year-old woman would not be allowed to adopt a 5-year-old child.

Rumfield says potential parents need to pass a physical exam to prove they are healthy enough to care for a child.

Applicants must have been married for two years. But if one of the parents has been divorced, the couple must have been married for three years.

Applicants can be single too,

finding a problem so they can get a work order out immediately to minimize the problem.

Shepherd says one of his favorite examples of a person waiting too long before calling attention to a problem is of a professor that neglected to call anyone when he noticed a termite problem. When he finally alerted the exterminators, the termites had already eaten through the back of his bookcase and devoured six years of lecture notes.

An unusual problem found only in G. Rollie White Coliseum, Shepherd says, is the raccoons that are sometimes found to be living in the ceiling and munching on the insulation and pneumatic pipes. Quite a few have sneaked through the steam tunnels in the last 10 years, he says.

"I capture them with a harmless trap and set them free in the woods by Easterwood Airport," Shepherd says. "Once I caught five in one day — a mother and her children. It took me a while, but I was able to get all of them back to the woods."

Financial status is evaluated on past and present money management, Rumfield says. The adult's income should be sufficient to meet the needs of one more child in the home.

In her evaluation, Rumfield looks for adults who can deal with an agency.

"It has a lot to do with procedures," Rumfield says. "They have to live with rules and regulations."

She also says that the family should be able to provide a stable, secure, and strong home environment.

"The child has often not experienced stability," Rumfield says.

After the adoption, therapy is available for the child and the parent to help them adjust.

Columbia launch delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The shuttle Columbia's return to space was delayed for a fifth time Tuesday by sand blowing off the Sahara and clouds in Spain and Florida that blocked visibility at emergency runways.

"We have a bad habit going here," remarked mission commander Robert Gibson as he and his six astronaut colleagues left

their spacecraft after once again waiting hours for a launch that did not happen.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration reset the liftoff for 7:05 a.m. EST Thursday.

Columbia, the first shuttle to reach orbit, has been out of service more than two years undergoing renovations.

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