



WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
Chance of afternoon thunderstorms.
HIGH: 78 LOW: 60

Easter egg-citement



Photo by Sondra Robbins

Rick Shanahan, a sophomore MSC Hospitality member, gives candy to one of the many participants in Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt at Hensel Park.

Lithuanians celebrate Easter

Cardinal urges worshipers to keep cool, stand tough

MOSCOW (AP) — The leader of Lithuania's Roman Catholics told Easter Sunday worshipers to keep a "cool head" but stand tough as the republic faces the threat of an economic blockade intended to crush its independence movement.

Speaking at an Easter Mass in the capital of Vilnius as a Kremlin deadline approached, Cardinal Vincentas Skadkevicius urged the population of the Baltic republic to stay calm, according to Eduardas Potashinskas of Lithuanian TV.

Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis, who has rejected Moscow's ultimatum, sat in the front pew during Sunday's service at Vilnius' cathedral.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev sent a letter Friday to the republic's leaders, demanding that they rescind indepen-

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dence-oriented actions that he termed "anti-constitutional." He threatened to cut off critical supplies to the small republic if its leaders failed to act by Sunday.

A meeting of Lithuania's parliamentary leadership, or Presidium, is planned for Monday, Edward Tuskenis of the Parliament's information office said.

Landsbergis said Saturday that no action — presumably by the republic's Parliament — was planned before Tuesday, well after Gorbachev's deadline expires.

Lithuania is mostly Roman Catholic, and many residents planned a three-day weekend to celebrate the Easter holiday and visit

friends and relatives. On Saturday, Lithuanian officials acknowledged that an economic blockade of materials such as oil and gas could cause mass layoffs. But they said they hoped sympathetic Soviet republics would not cut off crucial supplies.

Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazimira Prunskene said the republic had stepped up efforts to establish economic ties with the West, the official Soviet news agency Tass said Saturday.

Landsbergis, who has refused to revoke the republic's March 11 independence declaration, said Lithuania also was trying to contract with enterprises in various parts of the Soviet Union for supplies, Tuskenis said.

Lecturer discusses Chinese culture

By SELINA GONZALEZ
Of The Battalion Staff

Friendship should be the foundation for lasting world peace, an international traveller, professional tour guide, photographer and lecturer said Friday.

Jene Bellows began a slide and music program titled "The Changing Faces of China" by speaking Chinese as a gesture of respect to the Chinese guests in the United States.

"To all of our Chinese friends, we want to welcome you," she said in the program sponsored by the Texas A&M Baha'i Club and the China Club. "Many of you all are far from home and you miss your families ... we have a lot of families in the United States and we can be your families."

Bellows, who recently returned from her latest visit to the People's Republic of China, said world peace is the next stage in the evolution of civilization.

"This does not mean that we give up our nationality or our culture," she said.

The hearts of the American people need to be opened to the Chinese, she said.

Originally from New York, Bellows now lives in Florida but she considers herself a world citizen.

"My vision has expanded to include all people as my family so I don't feel discomfort when I am with people who look different than I do," she said.

Between return trips to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Sarawak and Malaysia, Bellows has presented the program at many colleges and universities in the United States.

"What I am hoping to initiate and stimulate here in Bryan College Station is friendships between the people and the cultures," Bellows said. "There should be informal gatherings or discussion groups where our Chinese friends can teach the Americans about China."

Bellows said the Chinese should teach Americans about the

"heart part" of their homeland, not the political part. "You can read about the political part in the newspapers," she said.

The Americans should learn about the feelings Chinese people have for their family and the respect they have for their culture, she said.

"Ultimately, we must recognize that we are all members of the human race," Bellows said. Cooperation is needed to solve all the critical problems of China, the United States and all of the third world countries, she said.

"The expertise is here ... the next thing we need to do is learn about each other," she said.

Bellows said people living in mainland China don't have the most comfortable way of life compared to the people in the United States. For example, people don't own cars — bicycles are the main mode of transportation.

One way China is changing, she said, is that it is not safe to leave a bicycle just anywhere. Now, there are guards and bicycle parking lots.

"But the changeless side of China is the beauty of its countryside," Bellows said. "The beauty is appreciated by the people."

Food is more than just eating in China, she said. Food is well-being and hospitality. Guests at a Chinese home are always offered food even in the most poverty-stricken houses.

Bellows said another difference between the Chinese and American customs is the amount of affection shown.

"Chinese people don't hug each other, slap each other on the back, kiss each other or even shake hands casually," she said. "But when they come to the United States, the Chinese people will often accommodate themselves to our culture to make us more comfortable."

B-CS groups commemorate Earth Day

By BILL HETHCOCK
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Sunday is the 20th birthday of Earth Day, a day set aside for making the Earth a better place to live.

To celebrate this event, several local groups, including the Brazos County Earth Day committee and the Texas Environmental Action Coalition, have planned a week full of activities designed to encourage environmentally sound lifestyles.

Diane Craig, chair of the Brazos Beautiful Committee, said she hopes students and local community members will take advantage of the week's activities. She said education and awareness are the two key elements the committee is trying to stress.

"What we really hope to do is increase awareness of the problems of our environment and teach people what we can do about them," Craig said. "They're not unsolvable."

The Texas Environmental Action Coalition will host an Earth Day 1990 Fair Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Research Park. Events will include speakers on a variety of environmental topics, live music, informational booths, a 5K run, kite flying, a children's play by the Aggie Players, animal exhibits, book sales and recycling of glass, plastic, aluminum and newspaper.

Over 30 groups are participating in the outdoor fair. Some of the organizations that will be represented are the Sierra Club, Boy Scouts, the Texas Energy Extension Service, The Medicine Tribe, the 4-H Club, Kiwanis Club, Students Against Apartheid, the Texas A&M Outdoor Recreation Club and the Wildflower and Native Plant Society.

Scott Coles, president of TEAC, said the fair will give people a chance to learn about environmental issues. He said he is hoping for a big turnout from students and area residents.

"This fair will show people ways they can See Earth/Page 8

Taxes due today

Tax returns for 1989 are due at midnight tonight. The Internal Revenue Service tax deadline is traditionally April 15, but since the deadline fell on a Sunday this year, returns are due a day later. See Taxes/Page 7

Political stalemate stifles Nepal's reform efforts

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — People power scaled the majestic Himalayas last week and a king bowed to a street revolution, promising multiparty democracy.

A political stalemate is holding up the reform, however, and some fear Nepal's movement toward freedom will be turned back.

Two days after the bloodiest crackdown in Nepal's modern history, 44-year-old King Birendra on April 8 gave in to the

popular revolt, declared the press to be free and released political prisoners.

Tens of thousands of Nepalis, their faces painted red in celebration, danced through the streets of the capital, shouting "Victory! Victory!"

Their tears of joy dried quickly. The 17 million people in this landlocked nation of breathtaking beauty face serious questions.

How can they establish true democracy

in a country where the king is all-powerful and viewed by many as a living god? What means should they use?

The questions are not new.

Three decades ago, Nepal experimented with multiparty politics for 18 months. The experiment ended abruptly when Birendra's father, King Mahendra, dismissed the government and banned political parties, which he accused of corruption and incompetence.

Now the Nepali Congress Party, which Mahendra banned, has returned to haunt his son. Joining with a leftist coalition, the party led the movement for democracy that drew hundreds of thousands of people into the streets.

Doctors, pilots, government workers, students and intellectuals conducted strikes. The movement peaked April 6 and the government cracked down. Up to 200 people were killed when police opened fire in Katmandu and elsewhere.

Singing Cadets honor 50th birthday

By KATHERINE COFFEY
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Hearing "Happy 50th Birthday" might not be so pleasant to some, but it's music to the ears of the Texas A&M Singing Cadets.

The Singing Cadets are celebrating 50 years of touring, entertainment and singing.

In honor of its anniversary, the group has been invited to perform in Germany and Hungary at the end of this semester, Director Robert L. Boone said.

On May 13, about 59 Singing Cadets and 18 of their guests will leave for Europe, where they will spend 10 days.

"We are excited about this trip," Boone said. "This gives us a chance to do public relations for A&M and let them know what Texas A&M as well as Texas is about."

Boone, who has been director for 30 years, said they are still trying to raise money to go to Europe. They plan to have a European tour benefit concert April 29 in Rudder to raise the rest of the money they need.

The Singing Cadets are selling raffle tickets and donation coupons for \$15, and have already sold over \$4,000 worth of tickets. The person who wins the raffle gets to go to Europe with them.

"We try to go to Europe every third or fourth year to let the Cadets go at least once so they get the chance to see Europe," Boone said.

"You haven't seen Europe until you've seen it with the Singing Cadets."

In their 50 years, the Singing Cadets have sung everything from patriotic songs to classical, folk songs to spiritual music, plus jazz, gospel and A&M school songs.

"Music is our tool," Boone said.

In all of their performances, the Singing Cadets perform "Nothing Like a Dame," "Aggie War Hymn" and "I'd Rather Be a Texas Aggie." They usually close with the benediction, where all former Singing Cadets who are in the audience are invited to come and join them on stage.

"It is the 50th anniversary, so we are doing songs this year and in Europe that we've done throughout the years to celebrate," Boone said. "We always try to have something for everyone in the audience, young as well as old."

Since Boone became director in 1960, the Singing Ca-



Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

Singing Cadets Director Robert L. Boone rehearses the cadets before their Parents' Weekend concert.

dets have performed 50 to 55 shows each year, compared to other colleges who perform 10 to 15 times a year.

"It's been an exciting 30 years for me," he said. "I love what I do and love who I work with because the Cadets give so much to the organization. They love to give to the University back what it gives them."

They have appeared on national television, performed in the White House, toured Europe, Mexico and the

United States. They have traveled more than 10,000 miles, given 170 concerts and visited numerous Texas cities.

"Even this year we have turned down 30 performances," he added.

The Singing Cadets were invited to the White House to

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