

CAMP DAY

Tuesday, February 11, 2003
10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Memorial Student Center
Flag Room and Hallway

Wanted: Counselors, Wranglers, Crafts and Sports Instructors, Lifesaving/Water Safety Instructors, Small Craft Instructors, Individuals with Nature and Outdoor Education Skills, People interested in working with youth in a variety of outdoor settings throughout Texas and the Nation.

Fifty-five camps from across Texas and the Nation will be recruiting employees for the summer of 2002, including camps certified by the ACA (American Camping Association) and by CCI (Christian Camping International).

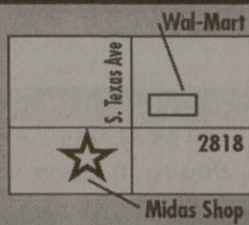
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Looking for a job?
We might have the perfect one for you! Call the City's job line at 764-3704.

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
The UDO will combine all of the City's development codes into a single document and is currently being considered for adoption.

The following is a schedule of upcoming public hearings in which you will be able to voice comments or concerns. All public hearings will be held in the College Station City Hall Council Chambers at 1101 Texas Avenue in College Station (next to Chili's).

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| February 6 | 6:00 p.m. | Planning & Zoning Commission |
| February 27 | 7:00 p.m. | City Council |
| March 13 | 7:00 p.m. | City Council |

Complete copies of the UDO and fact sheets are available on the College Station Development Services web site at <http://devservices.ci.college-station.tx.us> or call Development Services directly at 764-3570.

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FREE 2003 Parks & Recreation Calendars are now available. Call 764-3486 to get your copy!

Lincoln Recreation Center Celebrates African American History Month

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| February 3-7: | African American History through the Arts |
| February 6: | Read to Succeed |
| February 15: | Fun Day and Step Workshop with free immunizations |
| February 20: | Soul Food Luncheon |
| February 21-23: | Annual R.A. Terrell Sr. Adult Men Memorial Basketball Classic |

For more information about the activities for the month of February, call 764-3733.

Want To Volunteer?

Made a New Year's Resolution?
Need a community service project for a class or service organization?
Just looking to give something back to the community?
Call 764-6372 to participate in the City's Municipal Volunteer Program!

The City of College Station 2002 Annual Report is now available!

This "State-of-the-City" report highlights the major accomplishments of 2002 and provides important information on how your tax dollars are spent! Stop by any City facility or call 764-3445 to obtain a copy!

College Station residents - look for your copy in *The Eagle* on Friday, February 7, 2003.

IMPORTANT RESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE!

We need your input!
The City of College Station wants to know the best ways to communicate with our citizens and what issues are of most interest to you.

College Station residents: a survey will be included with your February utility bill. Please take a moment to respond.

You can fax your response to 764-6258, mail it back with your payment, or respond online at www.ci.college-station.tx.us.

Mormon churches thriving Texas Latter-day Saints numbers grow

By Eileen E. Flynn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — As the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints experienced unprecedented growth from 1990 to 2000, the membership in Central Texas multiplied at an even faster clip. With two chapels planned in the Village of Bee Cave and Pflugerville, the church is still growing in the Austin area, local officials say.

"We're seeing that throughout the nation, people want to be more involved with their religion and with their families, the things that have lasting value," said Preston Gee, high counselor of the Austin, Texas Oak Hills Stake, a local church body.

Church members, commonly referred to as Mormons, trace their origins to Joseph Smith, who they believe received revelations to create the church in 1830. Smith and his followers were rejected and forced out of New York.

After Smith was killed in Illinois, Brigham Young led thousands to Utah, where the church headquarters is now.

In addition to the Bible, church members follow the Book of Mormon, which they say was written by prophets living in North America who received a visitation from Christ after his resurrection.

From 1990 to 2000, church membership in Central Texas climbed from roughly 9,800 to 13,300, an increase of 36 percent, almost double the national growth of 19.3 percent. Church officials project about 15,800 members for 2003.

Gee said the church reaped the benefits of Austin's high-tech boom through the people who migrated here from other parts of the country, especially

the West, where there is a higher concentration of Mormons.

"We felt that initial wave in the early '90s, when we started seeing the church really starting to grow," he said. The faith continues to thrive, Gee added, because of successful missionary work.

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— Claire Lindsey
Barton Creek ward member

Like other Christians who are seen as conservative, Mormons' numbers rose in the past decade in distinct contrast with their moderate and liberal counterparts, according to a survey, 2000 Religious Congregations & Membership, released last fall.

Of all the denominations, Mormons grew the fastest. With 4.2 million believers, the church is the country's sixth-largest denomination. It has made even greater strides in Latin America.

"Because it's become such a worldwide church now, it's no longer so much of a Utah or an American church," said Mark Palmer, president of the Oak Hills stake, which has a collection of wards, much like parishes in the Catholic Church.

The church's emergence on the world stage, even its stronger presence in Texas, is leading to an erosion of misconceptions and stereotypes, members say.

"There used to be a Utah Mormon stereotype as a type of person, and that's just fading because we're so multicultural now ... We have so many languages, cultures, backgrounds," said Claire Lindsey, who, with her husband and three children, is a member of the Barton Creek Ward. "It's a church for everyone."

Though some denominations argue that Mormons are not Christian because of their belief in modern prophets and apostles and their use of the Book of Mormon, Gee said the church has more in common with other Christians than many people realize. The church, he said, is focused on Christ and promotes family and faith as the top priorities.

Evangelism is key, and thousands of young men and women take sabbaticals each year to embark on missionary assignments. Mormons also adhere to strict rules of behavior and forbid smoking; consuming drugs, alcohol and caffeine; and having premarital sex.

People who have seen friends and neighbors live out the moral codes are often attracted to the church, said Leigh Germann, a mother of five. "I know that we have many people who live locally who have chosen to join the church either because the missionaries have found them, or, more often than not, they've known somebody and had an opportunity to get to know about the church," she said.

Another indication of church growth is the number of temples, holy sanctuaries open only to church members for special ceremonies such as baptisms of deceased relatives and eternal marriages. Temples are built in areas where followers are growing and active.

Dell eliminates the floppy

AUSTIN (AP) — Floppy disk drives will soon be history at Dell Computer Corp.

The company plans to stop installing the drives on high-end Dimension computers next month and offer them only as an option, Dell spokesman Lionel Menchaca said Wednesday.

For years, computer users stored data on portable 3-1/2-inch floppy disks. The plastic square disks can hold up to 1.44-megabytes of information.

But Round Rock, Texas-based Dell has seen customers moving toward newer, larger capacity technology — especially portable hard drives and rewritable CDs.

"The utility of a floppy disk is just no longer there for most users," said Tim Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies, a technology consulting firm in San Jose, Calif.

Floppy disks long ago ceded their turf as the delivery medium for software — CD ROMs and the Internet now handle that task. And many people find a 1.44 MB disk too small to han-

dle the daily data of a digital life — photos, MP3 files, e-mail records.

Dell brand 16-megabyte USB flash memory drives will be offered standard in Dimension's high-end model first and the company will consider making it available on all desktops depending on customer response, Menchaca said. The keychain-sized USB drives will cost the same as floppy drives, he said.

"We've heard from other vendors that they've been actually questioning the need for floppy drives in light of the key-chain storage devices that have come onto the market," Bajarin said.

Persuading some desktop users to drop the floppy could be a challenge, which is why Dell is moving slowly, Menchaca said. The company no longer provides floppy drives on standard notebook computers.

Apple Computer Inc. stopped including floppy disk drives in Macintosh computers five years ago.

NEWS IN BRIEF Arson leads to 6-year-old's death

BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) — Fire officials have ruled arson caused an early morning house fire Jan. 26 where the body of a 6-year-old girl was found.

Miguel Lopez Jr., 18, of Clovis, N.M., has been charged with murder in the death of Maria Nieto. Preliminary autopsy results showed the child was sexually assaulted and strangled, officials have said.

Lopez and Nieto are cousins. Lopez was visiting relatives in the house as was Nieto, whose family lives in Big Spring, officials have said.

Family members extinguished the fire and the girl was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where she was pronounced dead.

"The nature of fire set clearly ruled out any type of accident," Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said in Wednesday's online edition of the Big Spring Herald.

Condray said a liquid was poured to help spread the fire.

Shakespeare Festival

PRESENTS

LAC Movie Nights

Thursday 2/6 'O' Film MSC 292 A & B 8:30 pm

Friday 2/7 Shakespeare In Love MSC AggieNights 9:45 pm
Tromeo & Juliet MSC AggieNights Midnight

Monday 2/10 The Lion King MSC 292 A 8:00 pm

For more events during the 2003 Shakespeare Festival, please visit: <http://litarts.tamu.edu> or call 845-9251.