

CS council OKs plans

Southwest Parkway project to cost \$707,000

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City Reporter

The College Station City Council voted Thursday night to approve preliminary plans to expand Southwest Parkway to the East Bypass.

City Manager North Bardell is to begin accepting bids on the estimated \$707,000 project. The city plans to advertise throughout Texas because of the project's magnitude, Bardell said.

The extension will be of the same width as the existing parkway, he said.

It will take approximately 1 1/2 years to build the road, he said.

A traffic signal will be placed at the intersection of Southwest Parkway and Texas Avenue even before construction begins, he said.

The plan has been under consideration for the past three years, when

the first cost analysis of over \$400,000 was made.

Since then, estimated costs have risen nearly 60 percent. If the project is constructed in four phases, as was discussed, total costs could reach \$1 million, Bardell said.

If the project is completed, the city would pay the bill, he said, but get back a substantial amount from property owners over the following three to four years.

The council, including newly elected members Roy Kelly and Bob Runnels, also decided to an agreement between the city and Walton & Associates, a consulting firm, to update the city's street specifications.

The consulting firm will work with the city staff in finding weaknesses and needed revisions of city streets.

In other action, the council: — accepted a low bid of \$208,693 for the paving of parking areas and streets in Krenek Tap Park. It would take 140 days to complete the plan, said purchasing agent Lee Weddle, who presented the bids.

— passed an ordinance requiring wrecker operators to sign a formal permit to tow in the city.

— decided that portions of Eisenhower, Poplar, Sterling, Thomas and Peyton streets will be paved and property owners will be assessed in the future. Because property owners in the 400 block of Eisenhower requested the council not pave the area, that section will be deleted from the ordinance, the council decided.

Radiation basis for veterans' suit

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Veterans who claim they contracted cancer or other illnesses from exposure to radiation following the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, or 235 peacetime nuclear tests, sued the federal government Thursday.

The class action was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington by attorneys of the National Veterans Law Center specifically on behalf of seven former servicemen, two widows of former servicemen and

two unofficial veterans organizations.

The case is of interest also to an estimated 250,000 military personnel said to have participated in nuclear weapons tests between 1946 and 1962.

The court was asked to invalidate rules and procedures set by the Veterans Administration last year for evaluating or accepting compensation claims by veterans or survivors for health problems or death caused by service-connected radiation.

The brief also asks for re-examination of VA rulings denying compensation for 483 veterans or next of kin who claimed benefits for cancer, leukemia, blindness, sterility or other defects as results of explosions.

An estimated 4,000 U.S. servicemen were ordered to clean Hiroshima and Nagasaki in within weeks after they were devastated by atomic bombs there by U.S. B-29s in August 1945.

FBI used census as cover

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The FBI has admitted that one of its agents pretended to be representing the Census Bureau in 1970 in order to gain information on a Vermont man.

Jed Lowy, a Burlington, Vt., nurse practitioner, had alleged that the FBI may have used a 1970 census form filled out by his father to obtain information about him.

A 1972 FBI document on Lowy, released this year through the Freedom of Information Act, provided

the basis of Lowy's allegation. It contained the phrase "spot check for the 1970 census."

News reports of Lowy's allegation prompted Dan Levine, deputy director of the Bureau of the Census, to ask the Justice Department to investigate.

"The unexcised version reflects that a pretext call was made under the auspices of a spot check for the 1970 census in order to identify the driver of a certain automobile," the

FBI announced Wednesday did not seek access to U.S. Census records.

The FBI said in view of the concerns concerning possible misuse of census records, all FBI bureaus now been informed of "the sensitive nature of the census process and its data" in conducting pretext views.

Waste pellets for energy

United Press International
NEW YORK — A West Coast private utility company plans to use lots of compressed bark, saw cotton waste and grape clippings to reduce its dependence on imported oil for electric power generation, an article in Energy User News California Power & Light Co. reports to use the pellets in a high fueled plant to be built in Mar. Calif. The plant expects to produce 40 to 50 megawatts of electricity capacity to a local utility, in addition to processing steam for sale to industrial plants on a contract basis.

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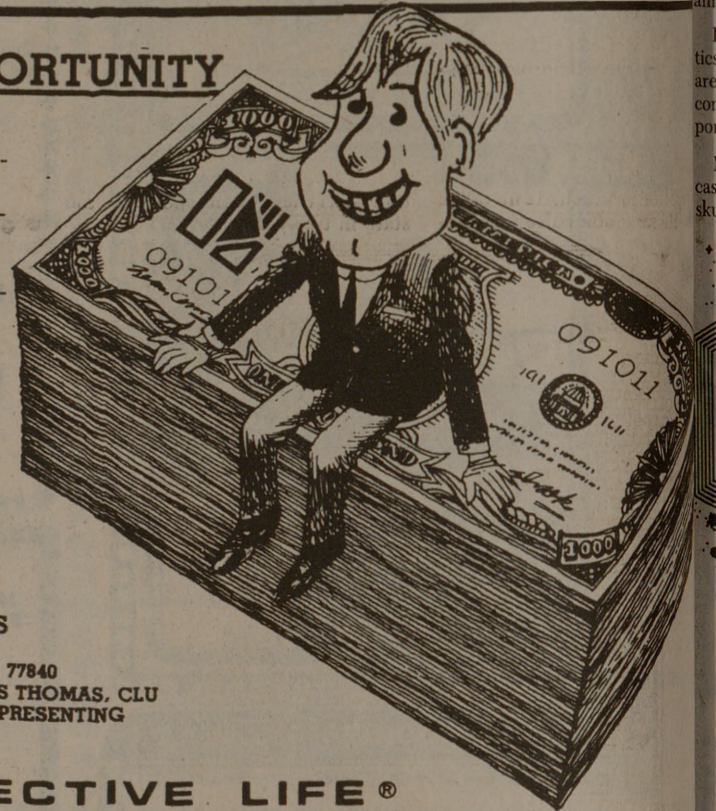
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