

Water, sewer bills go up

by DEBBIE NELSON

Water and sewer rates in College Station will be up on August bills after the city council approved increases at a special meeting on Wednesday.

Water rates are being raised 10 cents, from the present rate of 90 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$1 per 1,000 gallons. City Manager North Bardell said the average city household uses 6,000-7,000 gallons yearly.

Sewer rates were upped 25 cents, from \$3.75 a month to \$4 per month.

Increased revenues will become part of the city's utility fund. Rates were raised in order to include several items the council desired in the 1980-81 revenue sharing and operating budget.

As stipulated in the city charter, the final budget must be approved before the council meeting on June 27, Bardell said.

The council decided to participate with the Bryan city government in building an animal shelter. Cooperation with Bryan is desired to share a location and eliminate unneeded ex-

pense. Up to \$25,000 was appropriated, preferably from revenue sharing, for the project.

Also approved was \$1,000 for a grant for architectural design of a bandshell, probably in College Station Central Park, for the summer concert series. The grant would provide 25 percent matching funds from the Texas Commission of the Arts.

The council also approved sanitation fund appropriations and the following appropriations from the hotel-motel tax fund (expected at about \$195,000):

— \$15,000 basic budget to the Brazos Valley Arts Council.

— \$10,000 for special art-related stories, with \$500 already earmarked for the Community Singers, who participate in various concerts in city parks.

— \$21,000 to the College Station Chamber of Commerce, with \$4,500 scheduled for the Brazos de Dios festival and the rest devoted to tourism.

— \$25,000 for the Information and Hospitality Center.

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Q-DROP DEADLINE: Today is the last day to drop courses with no penalty.

VAN OVERBEEK LECTURES: "Current Topics in Plant Hormone Research" is the topic of the third annual lectures, sponsored by the Department of Plant Sciences at 4 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

THE GROVE: Features the rock classic "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at 8:45 p.m. tonight. Admission is 25¢ with Texas A&M I.D.

FRIDAY

THE GROVE: Features "Midnight Express" at 8:45 p.m. and "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" at midnight. Admission is 25¢ with Texas A&M I.D.

VETERINARY SCHOOL: Will hold commencement exercises at 7 p.m. in 212 MSC.

SATURDAY

THE GROVE: Will present "Diamonds are Forever" at 8:45 p.m. Admission is 25¢ with a Texas A&M I.D.

SUNDAY

THE GROVE: Features "Dr. Strangelove" at 8:45 p.m. Admission is 25¢ with a Texas A&M I.D.

MONDAY

TAMU SCUBA CLUB: Will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower.

State celebrates Emancipation Day

United Press International Black groups in more than 30 Texas cities are planning "Juneteenth" celebrations today to commemorate the day 117 years ago when slaves in the state learned they had been freed.

The Legislature last year passed a bill by Rep. Al Edwards, D-Houston, making Emancipation Day a state holiday for the first time in history.

Edwards will participate in a sunrise service today at Ashton Villa in Galveston, the site at which Gen. Gordon Granger, commander of federal troops in Texas, issued a proclamation on June 19, 1865, which freed the slaves in Texas.

There also will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in the courtyard where slaves gathered to hear Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation, and a Juneteenth parade begins in Galveston at 10 a.m.

Parades, gospel singing, beauty pageants, an Afro-American dance contest, baseball games and a watermelon seed spitting contest are among the activities planned for today's celebrations.

In San Antonio, the featured event in the Juneteenth celebration is a Black history film and book fair at the Institute of Texan Cultures.

"I hope the media does not take

this to mean a black holiday," said the Rev. Clifton S. Bird, of the Texas Emancipation Commission Inc. which sponsors "Freedom Week" activities in Antonio.

"We're talking about freedom for everybody," Bird says. "Everybody ought to participate. Although it has a black origin, see no reason why all people should not participate."

Thousands of state employees participate in at least a small fashion — getting the day off their jobs.

Juneteenth parades are scheduled in Anderson, Austin, Bryan, Dallas, Fairfield, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Marshall, Mexia, Nacogdoches, Rosebud, Summerville, Waco and Wharton.

The day is not all parties and parades, however. In Bryan, a parade celebration will be a booth providing blood pressure checks, sickle cell anemia screening and offering family planning and voter registration information.

In pre-Emancipation Day on Wednesday, Secretary of State Strake addressed a noon rally in the Capitol Rotunda, and noted a five and a half months for President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation to reach Texas.

Grand jury to investigate border incident next week

United Press International LAREDO — Under pressure from the Mexican government, a federal grand jury is going to convene next week to investigate an incident in which a truck load of illegal Mexican aliens was chased by the border patrol and county deputies, causing it to overturn at high speed and kill two occupants.

The Mexican Consulate, which insists that shotguns and other guns were fired at the truck during the chase, is demanding that Jim Hogg County deputies and border patrol officers be held accountable for the

two deaths at Hebbronville, Texas, on Feb. 27.

Estela Salazar De La Cruz, 6, and Jose Anselmo Rodriguez, 60, both of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, were killed in the wreck and nine other aliens were injured. The child's parents already have filed a \$3 million civil suit against the two agencies in federal district court.

Government officials at Laredo announced Wednesday a grand jury would be empaneled June 30 to look into the incident and the border patrol and deputies would be called. Both agencies have denied firing shots during the chase.

Immediately after the incident the Mexican Consulate at Laredo charged that the officers fired at the pickup truck carrying 14 illegal aliens, causing it to overturn.

The border patrol and the deputies were pursuing the aliens because the pickup ran a stop sign and sped away. They denied firing any shots.

The Mexican government complained to the U.S. State Department and demanded an investigation. The consulate said it had taken 32 photographs showing markings from a shotgun and bullet holes in the rear bumper and left rear wheel of the pickup.

Officials said attorneys from the Justice Department's civil rights division in Washington, which has been conducting an investigation, would be sent to Laredo to present evidence to the grand jury.

Sido gets reprieve from mercy killing

SAN FRANCISCO — By order of the court, the state Legislature and Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., Sido the mutt won a reprieve from the death sentence pronounced by her late mistress out of kindness.

Richard Avanzino, the SPCA director who vowed to go to prison rather than allow Sido's death, stood outside the courthouse Tuesday with 3,000 petitions of support from people across the country and said he was "elated."

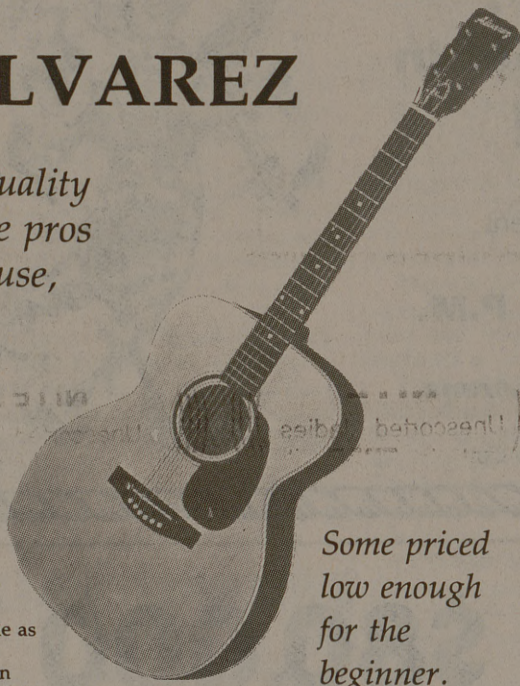
"This is a great day for Sido and all of us who love her," he said beaming.

To show her appreciation, the 10-year-old collie-sheltie showed up on the courthouse steps, wagging her tail and licking Avanzino's hand.

Sido had lived for eight years with Mary Murphy, a widow. Murphy left instructions in her will that upon her death Sido, rather than suffer from loneliness, was to be put to sleep. Murphy died from an overdose of sleeping pills last December.

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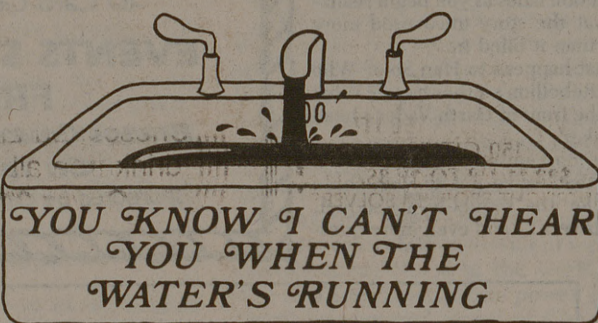
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