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KANM

Station searching for local rock band to compete in national competition

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Reporter

Radio station KANM-FM is looking for the best progressive rock 'n' roll band in Bryan-College Station to compete with other bands across the nation in "America's Best."

The College Music Journal and Epic Records are sponsoring "America's Best," the first rock 'n' roll talent search involved exclusively with college and progressive radio.

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their song to appear on a compilation LP of "America's Best Undiscovered Artists."

According to The College Music Journal, the album containing 10 of these finalist tracks will be for retail sale and be distributed promotionally. The promotional albums will contain ballot cards allowing listeners to vote for their favorite song.

Nicolaides says all ballots will be counted and the winning band presented with an award during the New Music Awards Ceremony in New York Nov. 9.

Nicolaides says the station is looking forward to the promotional exposure and recognition it will receive by participating in "America's Best."

"Even if our (local) band isn't chosen as a finalist, our name still

will be mentioned in awards literature and in the convention program guide," she says. "If our band is chosen as one of the finalists, KANM management will receive free tickets to The College Music Journal convention and New Music Awards Ceremony. We'd love that!"

In addition, the 10 stations submitting finalists will receive credit on the "America's Best" album as well as advertisements and press coverage.

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Survey says people are buckling up

Associated Press

AUSTIN — More Texans have been wearing seat belts since commercials featuring Gov. Mark White began airing in advance of a new state law requiring their use in cars and pickups, an opinion poll shows.

Gene Fondren, executive vice president of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association, said the survey also indicates that more Texans now support the law requiring belts to be worn.

The survey followed television and radio advertisements in which the governor urges motorists to buckle up.

White signed into law a bill that — beginning Sept. 1 — will require belt use. The law followed pressure from the federal government, which has threatened to force automakers to install airbags unless states require seat belt use.

At a seat belt conference in Austin on Thursday, Fondren said the White commercials have been effective in changing Texans' attitudes.

"To the best of my knowledge, Texas is the only state which has had the good fortune of having its chief executive step up front and center and go on the line without any reservation or hesitation in favor of seat belt use and in support of a mandatory seat belt law," Fondren said.

Fondren said that according to the most recent survey, 52 percent said they frequently wear seat belts, compared with 43 percent who gave that response in a poll before the ad campaign began.

Of the 52 percent who described themselves as frequent wearers, Fondren reported that 25 percent said they wear belts at all times and 27 percent wear them most of the time.

The survey also showed that the number of those who said they wear belts "infrequently" dropped from 54 percent before the ads to 48 percent, Fondren said.

And 69 percent now say they favor mandatory seat belt use, up from 51 percent in an earlier poll, he said.

Of the White commercials, Fondren said, "They very obviously are working."

Speaking at the conference, White said he is convinced that wearing seat belts saves lives and voiced the hope that more Texans will share his feeling.

"I am not only persuaded, I'm convinced that the use of seat belts will dramatically lower the number of injuries and deaths occurring on the roads," he said.

He urged the news media to report in stories about traffic accidents whether victims were wearing seat belts, saying that would increase public awareness.

White also said the survey results should quiet Republican critics.

Representative says he'll run for railroad commissioner

Associated Press

AUSTIN — While Railroad Commissioner Buddy Temple said Thursday he "definitely" won't seek re-election next year, GOP state Rep. Ed Emmett got into the race.

Temple said he won't be a candidate for any office in 1986, but he did not rule out a future race.

"It's been a very interesting experience and I've enjoyed it," Temple said of his term on the three-member commission. "After six years of it and eight in the Legislature I'm ready to devote more time to my business interest for awhile."

Temple, 43, ran for governor in 1982, running second to Gov. Mark White in the Democratic Primary and then withdrawing from the runoff.

He said "in all likelihood" any future race he would enter would be for governor or U.S. Senate.

"It's good for people in political life to get out occasionally and get a different perspective," Temple said.

Emmett said he would not have run if Temple chose to seek another term. At a Capitol news conference to announce his candidacy, he promised major changes in the commission's regulation of trucking.

Emmett, chairman of the House Energy Committee, failed this year to win approval for measures he said would have taken unsafe trucks off the road. He also favors a trucking regulation system that would allow more competition.

"The Railroad Commission's regulation of intrastate trucking is archaic," Emmett said. "The results are that our highways are more dangerous and Texas shippers and consumers are forced to pay millions of dollars in inflated costs."

"Far too many accidents and deaths are caused by trucks and truck drivers who should not have been on our highways. I aim to get them off the road before the accidents."

Judge rules HUD policies promote racial segregation

Associated Press

TYLER — A federal judge has found that the Department of Housing and Urban Development's policies in 36 East Texas counties discriminate against minorities in public housing.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice said Wednesday that "a single, uniform policy of knowingly supporting segregated housing in East Texas," has been maintained by HUD.

Justice signed an order giving the agency time to propose a desegregation plan to settle a lawsuit filed on behalf of blacks living in public housing in the 36 counties.

Counties included in the order are Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Delta, Franklin, Gregg, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Lamar, Liberty, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood.

HUD, which provides financial support, assistance and oversight to providers of public housing, now will be given time to propose a desegregation plan.

Michael Daniel, a Dallas attorney who represented the plaintiffs in the 5-year-old case, said HUD had shown little or no effort to resolve the segregation in

East Texas public housing when officials acknowledged the problem in 1983.

"It's a strong situation," he said. "They're assigning people on the basis of race. It's not subtle. It's Old South segregation."

"All throughout East Texas, it's still segregated. Literally, overtly, they assign whites to white housing and blacks to black housing."

A Washington, D.C.-based attorney for the Department of Justice, Arthur Goldberg, said he had not seen the order and could not comment on it.

The suit was brought in 1980 after a group of public housing residents alleged that HUD "knowingly maintained, and continues to maintain, a system of racially segregated housing in violation of the Constitution and laws of the United States."

In his 66-page order, Justice said, "HUD has one chief function as an agency: to offer public housing. The public housing it offers in the class action counties is segregated. Applicants have a choice of white projects or black projects. Residents live in one or the other. Clearly, both groups suffer from the policy."

The document also said HUD's policy of maintaining segregated housing "can fairly be characterized as a general policy of discrimination which manifests itself in a wide range of HUD practices."

Couple opens laundry-deli-bar

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Jon and Brenda Thompson have the remedy for everyone tired of those boring hours spent at the laundromat waiting for the dryer to stop spinning.

They plan to open Sip N Spin, San Antonio's first combination bar-delicatessen-laundrette.

"This is the new wave of the laun-

dry future," Thompson said. The new business, set to open Aug. 12, will be located in a 3,000-square-foot building in northwest San Antonio.

A third of the space will be taken up with the bar-delicatessen, which will be separated from the laundry by a glass wall.

Customers will be able to sip wine or beer, have a soft drink, a sand-

wich, or a breakfast roll while still keeping an eye on the washing machines.

The Sip N Spin also will offer a play room for children and a wash and fold service.

"It ought to be a really great way to do something that's no fun to do," Mrs. Thompson said.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Aug. 1:

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:
• Five wallets were stolen from various locations on campus.
• Five bicycles were stolen from various locations on campus.

• A backpack was stolen from Sterling C. Evans Library.
• A Sony Trinitron television was stolen from the Veterinary Medicine Complex.
• Someone removed \$91 from a wallet in 517 Harrington Tower.

BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:
• A battery was stolen from a Buick Skylark in Parking Annex 34.

• Radio equipment was stolen from a GMC pickup in PA 20.
BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:
• A Radio Shack computer was stolen from 217 Keathley.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:
• A man set off a smoke bomb on the front porch of the University Police Department.
• Several trash cans of water were dumped on the second and third floors of Dorm 10.

FALSE ALARM:
• Five false fire alarms were reported at various dorms on campus.

FELONY THEFT:
• A 1979 Datsun was stolen from PA 15.
• A JVC color video camera was stolen from 224B Zachry Engineering Center.

Water consumption declines in Austin

Associated Press

AUSTIN — As police ticketed violators of Austin's outdoor watering restrictions, officials Thursday said water use plunged by nearly 17 million gallons after hitting record levels earlier in the week.

Outdoor watering restrictions also were begun in several rural areas as weather across Central Texas remained hot and dry.

Austin's three water treatment plants pumped 146.1 million gallons on Wednesday, the first day police enforced the watering rules with tickets. That compared to 162.9 million gallons used on Tuesday, a record which pushed pumping capacity near its limit, officials said.

"We have a high degree of compliance," said Jerry Lawson, director of the Austin Resource Management Department. "People aren't opposed to what's going on."

The city's booming population growth — not waste — appears to be the culprit behind the high levels of consumption, he said.

"There are just so many more customers, even though they are trying to be conservative," Lawson said. "There's been a lot of growth in the system."

Lawson also said that because the heavy consumption has occurred on weekdays rather than weekends, officials believe business users rather than homeowners may be responsible for much of the increased demand.

City Manager Jorge Carrasco imposed mandatory conservation mea-

sures on Sunday after water use topped the city's 150 million gallon daily limit.

Under the mandatory rules, lawn watering can be done only once every five days, based on a rotating system keyed to the last number of street addresses. Watering is prohibited between noon and 7 p.m. Restrictions also apply to washing of cars. Violators can be fined up to \$200, and police said 13 tickets were issued Wednesday.

Austin, located on the Colorado River, has a plentiful supply of water. But the city's treatment and distribution system has failed to keep pace with population growth.

Last summer, mandatory restrictions were imposed from mid-July to mid-August. Lawson said Thursday he believes the current restrictions will remain in place at least through August.

The Aqua Water Supply Corp., which serves some 7,000 customers in rural areas of five counties, has joined Austin in announcing mandatory water restrictions.

The company said Wednesday that customers are restricted from water use outdoors until Tuesday and after that will be limited to hand-held watering Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Jim Trigg, manager of the company with customers in Bastrop, Travis, Lee, Caldwell and Williamson counties, said hot weather had sparked the increased consumption that strained the company's distribution system.

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2:30-4:50-7:20-9:30
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