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Around town

B-CS artist's work exhibited at Center

Tara Peterson will be the featured artist at the College Station Community Center through September 30. Her works include oils, acrylics, watercolor and drawing. Her paintings are abstract and her drawings are surrealistic and symbolic.

EMT training course begins this evening

The Brazos Valley Development Council will be sponsoring an Emergency Medical Technician training course in cooperation with their Emergency Medical Services program and the Texas Department of Health. This course will be conducted August 8 through October 5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Iola High School cafeteria.

Housing agency tentatively passes rules for projects

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Housing Agency has tentatively approved new rules aimed at getting more low-income residents into apartment projects it backs.

Agency Administrator Earline Jewett said Wednesday that studies have shown that some apartment developers are building the projects in high-income areas, effectively keeping out lower-income residents.

The agency also found that nearly 25 percent of the apartments the agency helped finance were occupied by residents with annual incomes topping \$30,000.

The agency board of directors unanimously gave tentative approval to the new rules Tuesday. Final approval will not come until the new rules are laid out for public comment for 60 days.

Under the program, the agency offers low-interest construction loans to apartment developers who agree to set aside a certain number of apartments for low- and moderate-income families. Tax-free bonds are issued by the agency to cover the loans.

Current rules say 20 percent of the apartments in a complex must be

rented to people or families earning less than 80 percent of the median income in their area. For example, the income cutoff in Dallas for a family of four is \$24,160.

"It's very easy in high median income areas where 80 percent may be \$20,000, to meet that 20 percent requirement by renting to singles who are at the entry level in the job market," said Ms. Jewett.

Under the new rules:

• At least 10 percent of the apartments would have to be rented to tenants earning less than 50 percent of the area's median income.

• Rents for those tenants could total no more than 30 percent of their annual income. The program now has no rent ceilings.

• Another 10 percent of the apartments would have to be rented to people earning less than 80 percent of the area's median income.

The new system also would bar the agency from using developers' market surveys in determining whether a proposed apartment project should be funded. Instead, the agency would hire its own appraisers.

Harris County leads state in vehicles per mile of road

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Harris County has 179 motor vehicles per mile of roadway, while sparsely populated Loving and King counties have but two per mile, according to statistics used Wednesday by the State Board of Insurance to set new rating territories.

In a 3-0 vote, the board increased the number of territories from 40 to 52. The changes were made to reflect changes in vehicle density, a key factor in setting insurance rates.

The 1983 statistics used to set the new territories show Harris County as the most traffic-clogged with 2,203,766 vehicles for the 179-per-roadway-mile density. Dallas County had 1,528,308 vehicles for a density of 171 per roadway mile.

King County in Northwest Texas, population 425, reported 429 vehicles for a density of two per roadway mile. Loving County, on the New Mexico state line, had 261 vehicles for a density of two per square mile.

Report says lax attitude at TDC causes trouble

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A lax attitude toward inmate beatings, combined with poor employee records, has contributed to guard brutality in the Texas prison system, according to the draft of a court report.

The draft, which has not been made public but was obtained by the Houston Chronicle, examines guard brutality in the Texas Department of Corrections from May 1984 to February 1985, when Raymond Procnier was prison director.

Actions by Lane McCotter, who was then director of prison operations, apparently undermined TDC's efforts to stop guard brutality, the Chronicle quoted the report as saying.

McCotter replaced Procnier as director after he retired in June.

"Lower-ranking officers are now usually responsible for the actual use of excessive force," the report stated. "Nonetheless, failure to report and

false (reporting) continue at almost all rank levels. It appears TDC does not regard the failure to report the use of force very seriously."

The 109-page report, when complete, will be filed with U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler.

The document was prepared by court-appointed monitors Paul Belazis and Gary A. Kuiper, according to the Chronicle's story published Wednesday.

Gunn declined to comment on the report, but said, "We're doing the best job we can and if it doesn't satisfy the public, then they should do something about it."

The report said poorly kept records on TDC employees contribute to guard brutality.

Procnier and McCotter were criticized in the document for handing out more severe punishments to guards possessing drugs than to those who beat inmates.

Service held for student Wednesday

A memorial service was held Wednesday for a Texas A&M student who was killed in a head-on automobile accident Monday.

Barbara Jean Kurrus, 19, a general studies major from Argyle was driving a 1978 four-door Volkswagen south on U.S. 190 near Old San Antonio Road at the time of the collision.

Kurrus' car crossed the center stripe and struck an oncoming vehicle head-on, a Department of Public Safety official said.

Two people in the other vehicle were injured, the official said.

Silver Taps will be held Sept. 10 for Kurrus and all other A&M students who have died over the summer.

Gramm still accumulating donations to '84 campaign

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. Phil Gramm's campaign committee has continued full-steam spending an accumulation of donations so far this year, Gramm's first in office.

Gramm, a former Democratic congressman from College Station, won his first six-year Senate term last November. According to his campaign finance report for the first six months of 1985, his campaign committee raised \$207,080 and spent \$447,134, putting his total expenditures for the race at \$9.9 million.

Gramm reported cash on hand of \$91,577 and a campaign debt of \$12,000 as of June 30.

The Federal Election Commission

has asked a Dallas federal judge to order Gramm's fund-raising committee, Friends of Phil Gramm, to turn over its financial records for an audit.

The FEC says it believes Gramm's committee didn't disclose debts and misreported contributions and expenditures.

The Gramm committee is resisting the audit, admitting it did not disclose the debts but denying any intentional wrongdoing.

Gramm's Democratic opponent from last year, former state Sen. Lloyd Doggett, an Austin attorney, had a campaign debt of \$213,225, with \$9,009 on hand, according to his report.

That debt was dwarfed by those of the other two candidates for the Democratic Senate nomination.

Former Lubbock Congressman Kent Hance, now a Republican expected to run for governor next year, reported owing \$583,680 with \$5,440 on hand.

Hance narrowly lost a runoff to Doggett after squeaking out a surprise win in a three-man primary race.

The expected winner of that contest, former New Braunfels Congressman Bob Krueger, reported that his campaign owed \$799,488 and had cash-on-hand of \$2,284.

Gramm's big-ticket expenses were for payroll taxes, financial consulting fees and accounting, direct mail, bringing supporters to Washington for his swearing-in and a donation of about \$5,000 to President Reagan's inaugural committee.

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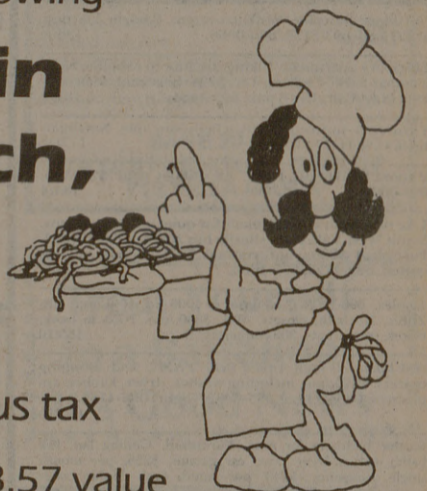
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