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Council hears plea to continue MTV channel

By K. Lee Davis
The Battalion

A College Station City Council meeting that started off slowly ended as a forum on the recent decision by TCA Cable to drop MTV from its basic programming.

College Station Mayor Larry Ringer began the open meeting by reminding those in attendance that "under federal law a community cannot set standards on what may or may not be offered by a contracted cable service."

Charles Herrick, an employee in Texas A&M's Ocean Drilling Department, called on the council to do everything within its power to show the communities' displeasure with TCA's decision.

Herrick prefaced his remarks by saying that he did not like MTV in the least and had once counseled a friend to have it blocked because of a perceived effect the video rock channel was having on his friend's children.

"But what TCA is doing is even worse," Herrick said. "Months after brave men and women put their lives in jeopardy for freedom, a decision is being made in a boardroom to take some of our freedoms away."

Herrick then gave the council some suggestions for making TCA aware of the communities' displeasure.

Some of Herrick's proposals are to threaten to not renew TCA's cable contract, which expires in four years; to adopt a resolution condemning TCA's actions; and to allow the city eventually to take control of the cable service.

Among some of the items on the council's regular agenda was

an ordinance to rezone some land surrounding CC Creation's on Holleman Street near Well-born Road.

CC Creations has tentative plans to expand its operation onto two adjacent lots but needed the rezoning ordinance to develop them.

A consideration of the proposed final statement for the 1991-1992 Community Development Block Grant which will provide more than \$300,000 for the local community in the way of social services as rehabilitation projects.

The committee estimated that the grant had helped 12,597 families during the last year, while rehabilitating 18 homes and 11 rental units as well as participating in the Big Event and establishing programs such as Project Tool Share.

The council also decided not to award a contract for an extension of sewer lines to four commercial properties.

"It would be a bad idea to spend \$138,000 to gain four customers," Councilman Dick Birdwell said. "It has always been agreed upon in this city that sewage services should be provided when they can be paid for."

Another item not on the agenda that was addressed during the council meeting was James Z. Knelp's violation of a city ordinance which sets guidelines for residential landscaping.

Knelp, who lives at 206 Walton, asked the council to take action exempting him from the ordinance because he believed the 10-foot sunflowers and other native plants do not offend his neighbors.

Councilman Fred Brown was absent from the meeting.



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Take a breather

Gilson Barros, a graduate student in the forestry department, tests the waters in the pool Thursday.

Civil rights suit continues after plaintiff found strangled

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A lawyer for plaintiffs in a federal civil rights suit over vigilante police violence said Thursday his clients will press on with their appeal even though a key plaintiff was strangled to death.

Leroy Sibirian, 38, was found

dead Wednesday at his home with a towel twisted around his neck, police said. No arrests had been made by Thursday afternoon.

Sibirian was one of about 20 people who filed a federal civil rights suit against the city and

others over the vigilante acts of police officer Stephen Smith, who was fatally shot by his partner in August 1986.

Sibirian testified Smith had beaten him in a convenience store parking lot after he was arrested during a family distur-

bance in January 1985.

Police spokeswoman Sandy Perez said investigators found no connection between Sibirian's death and the civil case.

Attorney Ruben Sandoval said Thursday he is not accusing anyone in Sibirian's death but asked

that federal officials investigate the killing. Sandoval said plaintiffs have reported numerous incidents and are fearful of retaliation.

Sandoval said he asked federal officials, the FBI and the U.S. attorney's Office to investigate

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