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## DIAL 911 EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL

### Creation of a 9-1-1 Service District to Go Before Voters

The Board of Managers of the 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT held its organizational meeting October 31, 1986 at the Alamo Area Council of Governments' offices. At this meeting, the following officers were elected and drew lots for terms of office on the Board:

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>SAN ANTONIO CITY COUNCILMAN JIMMY HASSLOCHER, 1 YEAR</b>
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	<b>UNIVERSAL CITY MANAGER MIKE TANNER, 2 YEARS</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>HELOTES MAYOR VIVIAN HULTZ, 2 YEARS</b>
	<b>BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONER WALTER BIELSTEIN, 1 YEAR</b>
	<b>PRIVATE CITIZEN JERRY MARSHALL, 2 YEARS</b>
	<b>SW BELL TELEPHONE REPRESENTATIVE JIM REED, 1 YEAR</b>

The Board discussed January 17, 1987 as the possible date for the election to confirm formation of the district. More definitive information needed to be obtained relative to sharing election facilities/expenses, etc., with the San Antonio River Authority and the Edwards Underground Water District, entities already conducting scheduled elections on that specific date.

The Board met again on November 7, 1986 at AACOG and officially declared January 17, 1987 as the date the 911 Proposition would be put before the voter for confirmation. **THE BEXAR METRO 911 NETWORK** was also adopted as the official name for the proposed District.

A presentation was made at the Bexar County Council of Mayors meeting in November to solicit support. The mayors endorsed the concept. A press conference was held on November 25, 1986 to announce the election date and begin a two month intensive public information effort.

## Summary of Executive Committee

The AACOG Executive Committee met in regular session to discuss the following items of business. As presented by the Budget and Workplan Committee the Executive Committee accepted the 1987 proposed AACOG budget.

The Executive Committee approved the submission of request for proposal to the Texas Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for 45% of last year's funding. The Committee accepted a grant from the Ewing Haisell Foundation in support of a program entitled "As Parents Grow Older." In addition, approval was given to submit a proposal for Mental Health Services to Children in the Welfare System in conjunction with Community Guidance Center, TDHS, and MH/MR. A professional computer for the personnel department was approved as well as an alternate benefit plan for AACOG employees. Personnel changes in the Job Training Partnership Act Program were also approved. The Executive Committee also approved the closing of the AACOG offices from Thursday, December 25, 1986 through Thursday, January 1, 1987 (three days holidays and three days non-holidays).

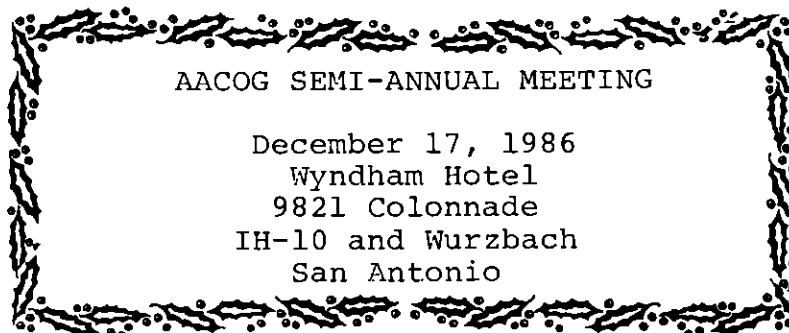
As recommended by the Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Evelyn Newton, Darlene Muinin, Ida Kenney, Sister Emiliana Fecher,

Hercilia Toscano and Rudy Tamez were approved as members to the Advisory Committee for a one-year term. Mary Carpenter, Jack Harris, Luz Solis-Day, Theresa Meyers, Choco Gonzalez Meza and Sister Mary Sapp were approved for three-year terms. Darbe Riley was named to the Advisory Committee as an ex-officio member and Dottie Fry was approved as 1987 Committee Chairperson and Jack Harris was approved as Vice-Chairperson.

An application submitted by the City of San Antonio "Step 3, Project for Building and Erecting the Package J Collection System, Improvements" was given favorable review. An application submitted by Karnes City was given favorable review with the recommendation that a personal guarantee from the borrower should be given to the applicant, Karnes City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Raymond Ramirez of Floresville and City Administrator Benito Lopez of Floresville were approved as members of the Regional Development and Review Committee.

An application submitted by Care-Tex of Seguin for a Section 9 232 Board and Care Homes facility, Benson Place on Jefferson and Saunders Streets in Seguin was given favorable review.



The Alamo Area Council of Governments is a voluntary association of local governmental units joined together in a cooperative effort to meet the challenge of today's problems.

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# Application Review Agenda

## REGIONAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee meets: Thursday, December 11, 1986, 1:30 p.m.  
Comments to: James Brandes by December 10, 1986

APPLICANT: East Central Independent School District  
"Bilingual Computer-Assisted Education Grant." TOTAL COST: \$34,389. FUNDING AGENCY:  
DOE - \$34,389.

APPLICANT: TI-IN Educational Television Network  
"Bilingual Education Short Term Training Program." TOTAL COST: \$171,153. FUNDING  
AGENCY: DOE - \$171,153.

APPLICANT: Harlandale Independent School District  
"Learning English Through Bilingual Education." TOTAL COST: \$99,596. FUNDING AGENCY:  
DOE - \$99,596.

The following applications were submitted by Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) for funding from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) under Public Law 98-511, Title VII - Bilingual Education Programs. No match required.

"Training Institute for School Board Members Competition." TOTAL COST: \$96,596.

"Parents As Partners: A training Institute for Parents of Limited English Proficiency Students with a Handicapping Condition." TOTAL COST: \$103,623.

"Bilingual/ESL Communications Computers Systems." TOTAL COST: \$105,578.

"A Program for Gifted and Talented Limited English Proficient Students." TOTAL COST: \$92,698.

"Training of Parents of LEP Secondary School Students Who are at Risk of Dropping Out." TOTAL COST: \$135,705.

"Special Populations Project: Support Services for Bilingual Preschool Programs in Selected San Antonio Area School Districts." TOTAL COST: \$191,357.

"Programa de Matematicas y Ciencias (PMC) Program for the Development of Instructional Materials in Spanish to Teach Math and Science Using the Computer." TOTAL COST: \$120,380.

"Development of Computer Software in Spanish. A proposal to develop computer software in Spanish for Early Dropout Prevention. PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS." TOTAL COST: \$101,543.

"Field Testing and Refinement of Instructional Software Developed with Title VII Funds." TOTAL COST: \$79,460.

"Training Institute for Counselors of LEP Students - Short Term Training." TOTAL COST: \$77,116.

## Around the Region...

### ... Adolescent Provider Network ...

In response to the need for improved coordination of services to adolescents in Bexar County, a group of seventeen concerned professionals who work with teens met at the Alamo Area Council of Governments on Monday, November 3 at 3:00 p.m. The Adolescent Provider Network, as it will be called, will function as a subcommittee of the Interagency Child Abuse Network (ICAN) and will meet regularly, reporting back to ICAN.

While coordination of services is the main issue, and the first to be addressed, other important issues designated by the group are placement, mentally retarded adolescents, community awareness/parent education, teen pregnancy/family planning, counseling services, child abuse, education, and legal issues. The group will work toward making adolescent issues a higher priority in the community. The next meeting will be held on December 1st at 3:00 p.m. in Room 420 at AACOG.

### ... Home for the Holidays ...

On Friday, November 14, 1986, AACOG Area Agencies on Aging announced the winners of the free tickets provided for the seventy year by Southwest Airlines to individuals 60 years of age or older living in the AACOG region. To be eligible to receive the complimentary tickets, these individuals must be living on a fixed income and unable to make the trip on their own. The HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS program has been so successfully orchestrated and well received that President Reagan cited Southwest for its efforts on behalf of the aging. In June, Southwest Airlines was one of only 100 corporations in the Nation recognized for outstanding community service programs through the President's Citation Program for Private Sector Initiatives.

The winners of the free tickets this year are **Serafina Benitez, Ascencion Carrizales, Dolores Cavazos, Lucy Cortez, Jessie M. Davis, Martha DeGarimore, Leo T. Eggering, Mary Fleming, Juana R. Garcia, Josie Guerra, Etta Longston, Wallurga Martinez, Berniece Meyers, Theresa Pflum, Arlee Person, Gladys Rohde, Panteleon Salinas, Janet Surber, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ismael Veliz, Clara White, Grace Wilson and Lottie Windham.**

Among the winners is one mother who will be reunited with her son whom she hasn't seen in five years; another 81 year old woman will be visiting her 90 year old terminally ill sister; a widow who will visit her 84 and 61 year old sisters whom she has not seen in seven years; and another who will visit a daughter for the first time in ten years.

### ... Holidays Ahead ...

The San Antonio Council on Alcoholism will again focus on the Designated Driver strategy as a way of insuring a Fatality Free Week between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day during the 6th Annual Holidays Ahead Campaign.

The motto to remember is: "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk!" The Designated Driver strategy is that one person in the group agrees not to drink for the evening and to drive the group to the party and home again.

On December 4, 1986, Mayor Henry Cisneros will sign a proclamation designating December as "Alcohol Awareness Month." The kick-off event for the month-long traffic safety awareness campaign will be December 6, 1986, at Fort Sam Houston (Stanley Road across from Ft. Sam Houston Theatre) which will include a drinking drivers demonstration by the Sports Car Club of America, displays related to traffic safety and a formal ceremony at noon. This media event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to the public.

A Server Liability Workshop presented by Attorneys Mark Greenwald and Don Finlayson will be conducted December 17, 1986 in the Conference Room at Valero Energy Corporation. There is no fee for this workshop, and interested persons may register by calling the Council offices at (512) 225-4741. The following day, December 18, owners and employees of licensed liquor establishments can take part in "Training for Intervention Procedures by Servers of Alcohol," or TIPS Training, which will be conducted at Crain Distributing Company. Registration is limited, so please call the Council on Alcoholism early.

**... Holidays Ahead ...** (continued)

From December 24, 1986 to January 1, 1987, the Council on Alcoholism challenges the San Antonio community to observe a "Fatality Free Week" by using the Designated Driver strategy and other tips provided by the Holidays Ahead Campaign.

The final event of the Holidays Ahead Campaign will be CARE CAB. CARE CAB provides free taxi cab rides home to persons who request a ride because they do not wish to drive after drinking. The purpose of the CARE CAB is to ensure that drinking drivers remain off the road. Telephones are answered by volunteers who contact the taxi cab company and arrange the transportation to the person's residence. The number to call to volunteer to work New Year's Eve/New Year's Day between 7 p.m. and 4 a.m. or to request a ride home is (512) 225-4741.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

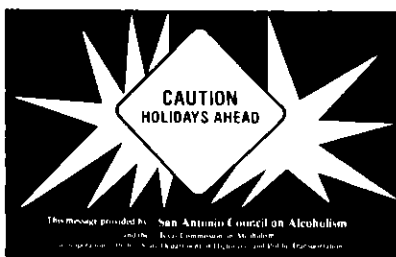
**Election: Procedures Study Task Force Identifies Issues**

The **ELECTION PROCEDURES STUDY TASK FORCE** has identified three major issues to improving election procedures in the AACOG region.

Through continued discussion the issues of 1) Cost control, 2) Control of ballot security, and 3) Improving identification and accessibility of polling places for voters will be addressed.

To facilitate study and discussion three subcommittees were created - Consolidation, Legislation and Public Information/Education. After several subcommittee meetings, reports were presented to the full Task Force. The brief reports included the following comments and recommendations:

- Schools are considered the best locations for polling places.
  - That the Texas Education Agency consider designating the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November as a teacher in-service training day to facilitate use of schools on that day for elections.
  - The Consolidation Subcommittee decided to meet weekly until the next full Task Force meeting as they had so much to cover. They are targeting December 1 as the deadline for their final report.
  - There is a great need to educate the voting public on the procedures for voting, the differences among the various types of elections, what all is encompassed in each public official's job, and to inform them of all issues being presented for their consideration.
  - It was suggested that some sort of Voter's Guidebook format be studied further.
- The Task Force will continue to meet to formalize a set of recommendations.



**No thanks,  
I'm driving!**

## AACOG Program Providing Hope and Help for Area Youth

A special project of the Governor's Office of Economic Development is the **TEXAS CONSERVATION CORPS**, a residential, educational/work program that provides an opportunity for 18-21 year olds to learn good work habits, skills and attitudes and aims toward placing them in public and private sector jobs. The program, fashioned after the 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps, is one of forty-two such designs nationwide. Participation is open to economically disadvantaged young people able to perform physically demanding work and who are neither on parole nor probation. The guiding principle behind the Corps is that the way to learn how to work hard is to do hard work.

Upon certification and referral by local service providers throughout the State, (AACOG in this region) the enrollees report for the first phase (the Academy) at Fort Wolters in Mineral Wells where they receive training and orientation provided by the Texas National Guard. It is a tough three weeks, getting up at 5:30 a.m. for physical training; learning about the Corps, spending half a day in class and the other half in field training in tool use, safety, first-aid, water safety, firefighting, etc.

Discipline is very strict during the Academy but Corps members are prepared for life in the TCC when they graduate. It is during the Academy period that enrollees learn the Corps' four main rules: no alcohol, no drugs, no violence and no refusal to work. The intent of the strict atmosphere is to provide many of the youth with good discipline habits, which may have been lacking in their life before TCC.

Upon completion of the Academy, Corps members are assigned one of the TCC residential sites in the State -- usually one which is not close to the young person's home. Current and past worksites include the State parks at Bastrop, Beuscher, McKinney Falls, Lockhart and Somerville. Other sites are the Battleship Texas and Sheldon Wildlife Management Area and the former administration building of Pan American University.

While at the worksite, members live in group housing with separate accommodations for men and women. Enrollees live and work as a team, continuing to get up early for physical training, working an eight hour day and going to class in the evenings. In return, recruits receive a salary of \$268.00 every two weeks. Eighty-four dollars is deducted from each check for meals and housing, FICA and Federal Withholding Tax. Workmen's Compensation and limited health insurance is provided.

In addition to workdays, members are required to take four to six hours of classes each week in the evenings. The education portion consists of instruction in reading, math, occupational information and consumer economics. Preparation for a high school equivalency diploma is provided where needed. For high school graduates, courses may be taken for college credit.

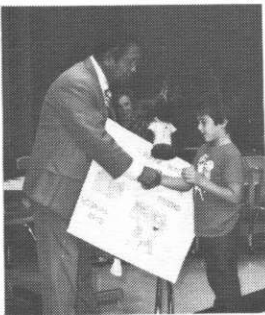
AACOG's commitment to this unique program for young people is to recruit in all twelve counties, to certify those eligible and for whom referral is appropriate and to arrange the logistics with the TCC coordinator's office in Austin. For an eighteen month period, AACOG's goal is to enroll twenty-two young persons. As of the middle of November, ten participants from the AACOG area have been enrolled into the program.

Upon completion of the entire activity, TCC furnishes transportation back to the person's hometown or to the location of his/her choice. Primary assistance for finding employment is assumed by the Texas Employment Commission; secondary responsibility goes to the members of the State Coordinating Committee for TCC; AACOG counselors work with the graduates, particularly if they wish to remain in their hometown and where there is no TEC representative.

Although training provided by the TCC is not skill specific, perhaps the greatest benefit is the maturity, self-confidence, good work habits and attitudes which Corps members develop. These characteristics may be the most important attributes in finding and keeping a job.

Young people interested in the TCC may call Randi Hargrove at (512) 225-5201 in San Antonio or any of the AACOG-JTP offices situated in the area counties.

# Year in Review



# Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Room 420, Atlee B. Ayres Building, 118 Broadway. All AACOG meetings are accessible to the handicapped person. To arrange for special assistance, call 225-5201 at least 24 hours prior to meeting.

- THURSDAY DECEMBER 4 Interagency Child Abuse Network (ICAN), 11:45 a.m.  
Inter District Task Force, 2:00 p.m.  
Youth Coordinating Council (YCC), 4:00 p.m.
- MONDAY DECEMBER 8 911 District Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m.
- TUESDAY DECEMBER 9 Domestic Violence Task Force, 11:30 a.m.  
Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee, 2:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY DECEMBER 11 Health and Human Services Advisory Committee, 1:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 Bexar Senior Advisory Committee, 10:00 a.m.  
Alamo Area Senior Advisory Committee, 2:00 p.m.
- TUESDAY DECEMBER 16 Regional Development and Review Committee, 10:00 a.m.
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- WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17 AACOG SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, Wyndham Hotel, 9821 Colonnade, IH-10  
and Wurzbach, San Antonio, 11:00 a.m.  
Criminal Justice Planning Committee, 9:00 a.m.  
Resource Conservation and Development, 9:00 a.m.  
Election Procedures Study Task Force, 11:00 a.m.
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- THURSDAY DECEMBER 18 HAZMAT, 9:00 a.m.
- FRIDAY DECEMBER 19 Bexar Area Agency on Aging, "As Parents Grow Older", 10:00 a.m.
- THURSDAY DECEMBER 25 AACOG Offices Closed for the Christmas Holiday - will reopen  
January 2, 1987, 8:00 a.m.



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