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VIA Buppets Fight Vandalism

Billy Busrider and the Professor, of the VIA Buppets were enlisted by the AACOG Violence/Vandalism Task Force to educate school children about vandalism.

A musical production entitled "Think Twice" was presented at four area elementary schools to kick-off a year long anti-vandalism campaign. The schools were Winston Elementary in the Edgewood ISD, Harmony Elementary in East Central ISD, Forest Hills Elementary in the North Side ISD, and Hawthorne Elementary in the San Antonio ISD.

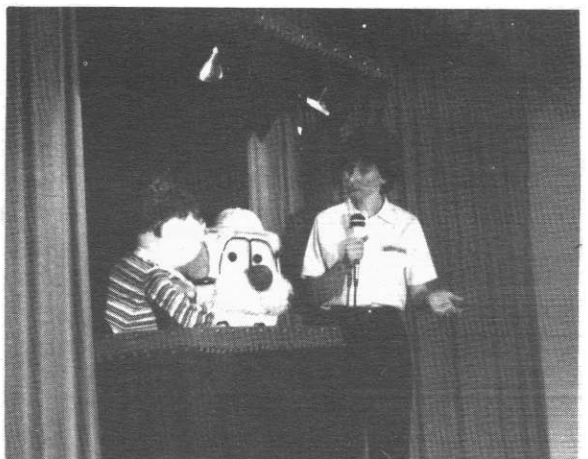
In addition to the stars Billy Busrider and The Professor, the anti-vandalism production featured Mari Garza as a singing bus driver; Buppeteers, Charlene Alvarado and Margaret Sanders of the Little Peoples Puppet Co. and Pat Garland of the Institute of Texas Culture's Gone to Texas Puppeteers. Original music was composed by Judson Taylor a junior at Antonian High School.

The goal of the Buppet Show was to explain vandalism (Mr. Van Dalism) to the young school-age children and instill in them a sense of pride and responsibility towards their school with the intention of stopping vandalism before it starts "Be proud of your school cause that's cool."

Several groups and individuals coordinated with AACOG for the successful and entertaining play, including VIA-Metropolitan Transit, school district officials, the PTA's and educational consultants.

The Buppet show is the first of the various vehicles being used to promote Project Happy School. For more information, contact Carlie Evans, criminal justice coordinator, at the AACOG office.

Pictured are: Top, (first row) Judson Taylor and Mari Garza; (second row) Carlie Evans, Susan Vnuk and the Professor, Forest Hills Principal Henry Rodriguez and Billy Busrider, and Maggie Gilikin. Middle, Forest Hills Elementary School children entranced by the production. Bottom, Mari Garza sings to Billy and the Professor.



Application Review Agenda

October 1982

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING ADVISORY

Committee meets: Wednesday, October 20, 1:30 p.m., Three Americas Building
Comments to: Carlie E. Evans by Tuesday, October 19

- 2-06-18-320 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
"Arson Training/Education." This program proposes to build the capabilities and strengthen the arson investigators expertise by utilizing visual equipment and arson training films. This equipment will be used for in-house training of SAFD staff as well as the other agency staff as requested; to send six arson investigators that have no advanced training to schools recognized for their specialized training in the area of arson fires. Total Cost: \$7,709. Funding Agency: CJC - \$7,013. Local: \$696.
- 2-06-18-321 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
"Arson Investigative Equipment." To increase investigative capabilities by providing all the necessary equipment required to conduct a thorough investigation to determine if arson was involved. Fire search tools as well as photographic equipment are a great aid in investigating a suspected arson fire. Total Cost: \$12,311. Funding Agency: CJC - \$9,233. Local: \$3,078.
- 2-06-18-322 APPLICANT: Bandera County
"Photo Equipment." This project will provide the Sheriff's Department and surrounding official law enforcement agencies with the means to effectively produce developed identification material. Total Cost: \$1,260. Funding Agency: CJC - \$957. Local: \$303.
- 2-06-18-323 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
"Police Patrol Design." This project will establish a number of patrol planning areas. These areas will have as their boundaries physical and/or geographic features; then X/Y coordinate grids currently contained in the computerized system. Police call activity can be identified and adjacent planning areas aggregated to form a specified number of patrol districts with substantially equal workloads. Total Cost: \$20,000. Funding Agency: CJC

Summary of Executive Committee Action

The Executive Committee reviewed 37 applications involving federal, state and local monies during the month of September. The Committee also recognized Grey Forest Police Officer Cynthia North (see p. 7) and was introduced to the new MAST Commander, Major Herbert Coley.

In conjunction with the Budget and Workplan Committee report, Virginia Maner, chairperson of the Bexar Senior Advisory Committee, presented for the Committee's consideration the allocations for FY 83's aging services requests. The recommendations for allocations to 18 programs which provide supportive services or nutrition services to the elderly in Bexar County were approved by the Executive Committee. One program which received a "no funding" recommendation because of a low priority ranked against federal and state guidelines in addition to lower funding levels was earmarked for funding if additional funds are received. San Antonio City Councilman Ed Harrington requested this change for the Northeast YMCA's physical fitness program, and the Committee concurred.

In a report from James Thorn, chairman of the Criminal Justice Planning Advisory Committee, two applications received favorable review from the Executive Committee. The applications were from the City of San Antonio for a \$20,000 police management training proposal and from the City of New Braunfels for a computer-based information systems costing \$18,750. Both were to the State Criminal Justice Council.

Tim Darilek, of the Regional Development and Review Committee, presented recommendations for seven applications. The Committee favorably reviewed VIA-Metropolitan Transit's applications for four Section 3 and 5 capital assistance grants totaling \$18.2 million to the Urban Mass Transit Administration. The RD&RC also wanted Executive Committee approval on declaring the Environmental Assessment Statement submitted by the Corps of Engineers as inadequate. The design team work promulgated by the San Pedro Creek Task Force, the San Antonio River Authority and the San Antonio City Council was ignored by the Corps. Because local determination was not considered, the Committee concurred with the RD&RC recommendation.

Meetings Slated for 1983 AACOG Budget

The Executive Committee slated the three budget meetings for AACOG member governments during October. These meetings are scheduled, in accordance with AACOG By-Laws, to receive input, comments and suggestions from local member governments and the public.

October 15	San Antonio - Bexar County	10:30 a.m., Room 532, Three Americas Building
October 18	New Braunfels - Northern Area Counties	2 p.m., Commissioner's Court
October 19	Pearsall - Southern Area Counties	10 a.m., Commissioner's Court

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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HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY

Committee meets: Thursday, October 21, 1:30 p.m., Three Americas Building
Comments to: James M. Brandes by Wednesday, October 20

2-10-18-832 APPLICANT: San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
"Childhood Immunization Maintenance Project." Immunization project designed to locate and immunize no less than 90 percent of persons susceptible to specified childhood diseases and thereby reduce morbidity. Total Cost: \$310,087. Funding Agency: HHS - \$229,531. Applicant: \$80,556.

2-10-18-833 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
"Head Start Full Day and Part Day." To provide services through a comprehensive child development program that will meet the needs of impoverished pre-school children regardless of their handicapped conditions, race, creed, or color, who range in age from 3 to entry into public school. Total Cost: \$2,888,067. Funding Agency: HHS - \$2,310,454. Local: \$577,613.

The Alamo Area Council of Governments has the responsibility for review of applications for state or federal assistance within this region. Application summaries are provided in this newsletter for the public's information and/or comments. The full applications are also available for reading in the AACOG office.

Comments on each application are invited. To insure their consideration by the reviewing committees, comments should be submitted to the designated AACOG contact, in writing or by telephone, prior to the deadline shown with each application summary.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS: Deadline for submission of applications to AACOG for review is the 25th of the month.

Institute Scheduled for October

"Healthy Life Styles, the ninth annual Alamo Area Regional Institute, will be held on Thursday, October 21 and Friday, October 22 at St. Mary's University.

A series of three workshops each on health promotion and wellness, substance abuse counseling skills, and school-based prevention and intervention programs. The keynote speaker will be Jacquelyn Small, M.S.S.W., S.P.

The Institute's purpose is to engage all segments of the community in becoming informed about making life style changes in order to achieve a higher level of wellness. Topics in the program will include, but are not limited to, alcohol and other drug concerns.

The registration fee for both dates is \$20, and \$12 for one day with scholarships available. The pre-registration deadline is Friday, October 15. For more information, call Martha Reyes, at AACOG, 225-5201.

HELP US PLAN THE 1983 BUDGET AND ANNUAL WORK PLAN

During the upcoming month, AACOG will hold three budget workshops to receive suggestions and comments on the proposed AACOG budget from local member governments and the public. To help us identify problems in the region and to suggest ideas for their solution, we have included this work sheet in our REGION newsletter. This information is valuable to us as we develop plans and programs for the region. In order to increase the number of people contributing their ideas, we would appreciate any comments and suggestions you may have on these subject areas, as well as your thoughts in other areas related to AACOG activities.

DO YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR CONCERNS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS WHICH YOU FEEL AACOG SHOULD ADDRESS?

Community/Economic Development _____

Land Use/Environment _____

Housing _____

Social Services _____

Transportation _____

Intergovernment Activities _____

Other _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS ON POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS IN ANY OF THE ABOVE AREAS?

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Weatherization Program Underway

The 1982 Weatherization Program is now underway in all of the counties in the AACOG region. Under the coordination of AACOG staff, the weatherization program is being administered by Ken Szymanski, housing and community development manager, for Bexar County, and Frank Adamo, rural aging coordinator, in the 11 area counties surrounding Bexar.

Two counties, Medina and Karnes, are administering the program themselves with AACOG staff responsible for record keeping. Julio Perez and George Garcia are project supervisors in Karnes County. Sid Malone and Paul Breden are supervisors of the program in Medina County. The weatherization program in Kerr, Gillespie, Kendall and Bandera Counties is being administered by AACOG. Assisting with the intake of applications is the Dietert Claim, and the area project supervisor is Reverend Ted Leonard.

In Atascosa, Wilson and Frio Counties the County Judges, working with representatives from area communities, are implementing the program. The area supervisor for Wilson County is Spencer McClure. Volunteers from city and county staff, retired contractors, self-taught carpenters, local church groups, VFW Posts, as well as local citizens are just a few of the many volunteers assisting in the program.

Weatherization programs are soon to be implemented in Comal and Guadalupe Counties. Priority for program applicants will be given to elderly, handicapped and low-income home owners which includes mobile homes. Services provided in the weatherization program may include weather stripping, caulking, insulating and other energy-saving methods. Due to funding restrictions, a limited number of homes will be weatherized in the region, and a maximum dollar amount has been allocated for each home.

Grey Forest Officer Recognized

Cynthia North, a recent graduate of the Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement Academy was presented a certificate of recognition for her outstanding performance in the line of duty, by AACOG Executive Committee Chairman, Wilson County Judge W.D. (Del) Cox.

Officer North was recognized for her courage and professionalism during a call to assist in an attempted suicide case. Responding from the City of Grey Forest, Officer North was able to befriend and calm the armed suspect and with the assistance of a fellow officer was able to disarm the individual.

Officer North attributes the confident manner in which she acted to her recent training and instruction at the Law Enforcement Academy funded through AACOG and conducted under contract with San Antonio College. Ms. North stated that the fact that the girl is alive today is a tribute to the people who gave her the confidence to handle this situation and any others she will confront in the future.

Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held in Room 532, Three Americas Building, 118 Broadway. AACOG meetings are accessible to the handicapped person. To arrange for special assistance, call 225-5201 at least 24 hours prior to meeting.

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- October 8, Friday
 - Bexar Senior Advisory, 10 a.m.
 - Alamo Senior Advisory, 2 p.m.
- October 11, Monday
 - Columbus Day Holiday - AACOG Offices Closed
 - Wilson County Development Committee, 12 noon,
Wright's Cafe, Floresville
- October 12, Tuesday
 - Regional Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Advisory, 2:30 p.m.
- October 15, Friday
 - AACOG 1983 Budget Hearing - Bexar County, 10:30 a.m.
- October 18, Monday
 - AACOG 1983 Budget Hearing - Northern Area Counties,
2 p.m., Commissioner's Court, New Braunfels
- October 19, Tuesday
 - AACOG 1983 Budget Hearing - Southern Area Counties,
10 a.m., Commissioner's Court, Pearsall
 - Violence/Vandalism Task Force, 2:30 p.m.
- October 20, Wednesday
 - Criminal Justice Planning Advisory, 1:30 p.m.
- October 21, Thursday
 - Human Resources Advisory, 1:30 p.m.
- October 21, Thursday and
October 22, Friday
 - Workshop - Healthy Lifestyles, The Ninth Annual Alamo
Regional Institute, 9 a.m., Treadway Hall, St.
Mary's University
- October 27, Wednesday
 - Area Judges of the Alamo Consortium, 12 noon
 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1:30 p.m.

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