League of Women Voters of Lubbock

Lubbock, Texas

March 4, 1980

Public Meeting in Lubbock on RCA
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Rex Johnston:

The League of Women Voters of Lubbock welcomes this opportunity to comment on the direction future soil and water conservation programs will take. For many years, the League has supported wise management and conservation of water resources. Catherine Perrine, Water Director of the League of Women Voters of Texas, presented a comprehensive statement at the Dallas-Fort Worth meeting last week.

Since our members reside on the High Plains, our special concern is ground-water mining and the fact that the water in storage in the Ogallala aquifer is being used up. We hope that the federal study of this six-state area will provide definitive information as to potential solutions for the water problems of this important agricultural area. Any proposal recommended should be both ecologically and financially sound.

We especially applaud the proposed RCA objective which reads:

> "Minimize water use including soil moisture per unit of agricultural output consistent with environmental and economic defensibility by:
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> 1) Increasing efficiency in agricultural irrigation...
> 2) Promoting (the word 'limiting' is obviously an error) water conservation measures...to better management, low capital intensive practices, and shifts to lower water use crops."

Shifting to lower water use crops is important. According to the February 1980 Cross Section, published by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the water level dropped 28.86 inches in Parmer County the last ten years while it dropped only 6.18 inches in Lubbock County. Between 1970 and 1980, many Parmer County farmers shifted to corn, a high water use crop, while Lubbock County farmers irrigated cotton and grain sorghum--crops that are not as high water use as corn. The U. S. Department of Agriculture should examine its policies to assure that conservation, rather than increased use of water, is encouraged.

Betty Anderson
League of Women Voters of Lubbock

American Association of University Women
TEXAS STATE DIVISION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 24 October 1985

The Texas Division of the American Association of University Women has endorsed the water proposal amendments, Propositions 1 and 2 on the November 5th ballot. At its fall Board meeting, October 19-20 in Houston, the organization stated that this step toward a truly comprehensive water plan for Texas is needed at this time. In order for the state to avoid emergency measures and crisis management of water, the $1.43 billion Texas water plan is essential to protect and restore water quality and ensure water supply. The American Association of University Women has recognized the value of water and the importance of conservation for several decades.

Rema Lou Brown of Houston, president of the Texas Division of the American Association of University Women, urged its 10,000 members to help get out a favorable vote for the measures. "Managing water resources for tomorrow begins today," Mrs. Brown said. "Funding is needed now for conservation of Texas rivers, streams, and estuaries, for encouragement of better management of groundwater, and for low interest loans to farmers for purchasing water-conserving irrigation equipment. The state with its diverse water needs must have a balanced, flexible, long-range plan for water," according to Brown.

The Texas Division of the American Association of University Women is composed of 10,000 college-educated women in over 100 communities throughout the state. The Association has long been supportive of wisely developed water resources and measures to conserve this decreasing natural resource.

Contact persons:

Rema Lou Brown
President
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Urban Development Consultant
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MINUTES OF ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ON SOCIAL CONCERNS
May 6, 1971

The Ecumenical Council on Social Concerns met Thursday, May 6, at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, 2304 Cedar.

Dr. Alwyn Barr, director of minority studies at Texas Tech, moderated a panel on "Separation or Integration?" Members of the panel included the Rev. M. T. Reed, pastor of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church and president of the Lubbock chapter of NAACP; Dwight Gibson, president of Dunbar Studnet Council and a National Merit Scholar; Charles Brown, principal of Struggs J.H. School; and Jorge Moreno, president of L.E.A.R.N. and former presidnet of the Community Action Agency.

Dr. Barr directed the following questions to the panel: How much separatism? What caused it? Where will separatism lead? and is integration possible for the future? Although the panelists expressed some discontent with the present integration process, most felt that the separatist phase was a temporary one.

Tom Burtis presided in the absence of President Dan Higgins. Mr. Burtis reviewed the Council's work the past year, mentioning representation on the CAA Board and the Majority Coalition and leadership in the ESAP proposal to be funded through L.E.A.R.N. The Council also supported Mi Casita in its position for scattered public housing in NE Lubbock and for the school bond issue. Through the exchange of information this year, our members have been able to act more effectively.

The Reverend Art Preisinger, chairman of the nominating committee, chaired the meeting for the election of officers. Nominees for next years officers are: Pres. Tom Burtis, Vice-President Maurice Richard, Secretary-Treasurer Sister Regina Poppe, and CAA representative Dan Higgins. Mr. Preisinger moved that the slate of officers be accepted. Mary Vines seconded the motion, and it carried.

Betty Anderson, Secretary

MINUTES OF ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ON SOCIAL CONCERNS
June 25, 1971

The Ecumenical Council on Social Concerns met Friday, June 25th, at 6:00 p.m., 2009 Ave. K with members of the police union.

Members of the Council listened to the policemen discuss their working conditions, grievance procedures, insurance benefits, retirement plans, and communication problems within the city administration.

A short business meeting, chaired by Tom Burtis, followed the general meeting. Gerry Monash moved that the Mayor Pro Tem, a spokesman for the union and their attorney be invited to a ECSC meeting to explain police grievance procedures and other related matters. Rev. Reed seconded, and the motion carried. Mr. Reed moved that a letter be sent to Mayor Granberry commending his public announcement of free choice of selection of utility companies by city personnel. The Council discussed equal representation on the City Council, but decided until fall to make a decision on this matter. Gerry Monash moved that the ECSC recommend to the City Council that it postpone its final decision until further investigation of containerization. Mr. Reed seconded and the motion carried. The social aspects of unemployment and unfair service charge for all residents were discussed.

B. Anderson, Acting Sec.

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Ecumenical Council on Social Concerns — 3706 - 47th St.
Executive Board Meeting — May 20, 1971 8-9 P.M.

Present: Tom Burtis, Dan Higgins, Art Preisinger, Robert Mendez, Isidro Gutierrez, John Wallace and Sister Regina Foppe.

The meeting was called to decide whether the Council should join with other organizations to explore if our present system of Local Government provides justice for all persons and equal service for all its citizens.

The question was prompted by a police charge by the grand jury foreman of the 140th District Court on May 4, 1971, that the District Attorney had blocked grand jury action on a complaint against an appointed city official, and that a dual system of justice existed with one standard for the ordinary citizens and another for public officials.

It was moved by Dan Higgins and seconded by Art Presinger that the Council join the NAACP and other groups to explore whether our present system of Local Government provides justice for all persons and equal service for all its citizens or if it operates under a dual system. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Sister Regina Foppe

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The next meeting of the Ecumenical Council on Social Concerns will be held on Thursday, September 16, at 8:00 P.M. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2104 36th Street.

A report on the investigation (and the results) discussed at the May 20th Executive Board Meeting will be given. Meetings are open to the public.

Membership dues at $3.00 are now payable for the 1971-72 year. Associate memberships are $1.50. Minutes and notices of meetings are mailed to all members.

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Agenda for September 16th Meeting

Reports: ✓Emergency School Assistance Program (ESAP) - Dan Higgins
Equal Justice Investigation - Tom Burtis
City Employee Grievances - Robert mendez
Waste containerization and Garbage Charge - Dan Higgins

Proposal: City Charter changes for a more representative City Council

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ON SOCIAL CONCERNS
1602 First Street
Lubbock, Texas 79402

Minutes of General Meeting Sept. 16, 1971 8:00 to 10:30 P.M.
First Unitarian Universalist Church
2104 36th Street, Lubbock

1. Emergency School Assistance Program (ESAP). Rev. Dan Higgins reported that the present grant of $40,000 will end October 1971. The program was intended to unite the three ethnic groups, but has tended toward separate Chicano and Black programs.

A new application is being filed by LEARN. The proposed Advisory Board still has a Chicano majority, even though the federal guidelines call for one-third from each ethnic group, and at least 50% parents of children affected by school segregation.

Motion was made by Betty Anderson, seconded by Myrtle Rochelle, that we request HEW to review the proposed Advisory Board and that we withdraw our support unless the Advisory Board is constituted according to the guidelines. Motion carried.

2. Cultural Awareness Program. It was intended to be a tri-ethnic poster design project as an interracial experience at the Tech Museum, but the Museum turned it down.

3. Equal Justice. Copies of the News Report and Editorial by Don Hightower, Radion Station KDAV, May 27, 1971, were distributed to the members present. The facts listed in the Report have been documented by the Ecumenical Council.

4. Citizens Grievance Commission. Mrs. Faye Alexander, a member of the Commission, gave a brief report of the Commission's work. A copy of the Commission Report was available to those present.

5. City Charter Revision (City Council).

Motion was made by Myrtle Rochelle, seconded by Daniel Higgins, that the City Council be enlarged to seven members with all Councilmen elected at large by the place system, but with residence requirements in specified geographical areas for each place on the Council. Motion carried.

President is to send letter supporting this to the City Council and the Charter Revision Committee.

6. City Employment Grievances (especially grievances of policemen) were discussed at some length. No action taken.

7. City Waste Containerization and Garbage Fee. Daniel Higgins Reported that the general sentiment voiced by citizens at the hearing today was in favor of a tax increase, if necessary, rather than the flat $2.00 garbage fee which would be unfair to poor families who generate the least garbage.

8. Attitudes in Guadalupe. Stan Carlson completed a thesis relating to the attitudes of citizens remaining in the Guadalupe Barrio after the tornado. His survey showed that attitudes toward the police and the city, county and state governments were unfavorable before the tornado, had become very favorable the week after the tornado, but three months later many had reverted to their former unfavorable attitudes.

Motion was made by Daniel Higgins, seconded by Maurice Richard, that the Ecumenical Council provide $50.00 toward making ten complete copies of the thesis, and printing a summary when prepared, and work with LEARN to disseminate this information. Motion carried.

9. "The University Builds the Community" Proposal. Sister Regina reported that her proposal was turned down by the Humanities Foundation in Washington. It is being restudied by the Tech Government Department and another Tech School. The purpose of the proposal is to help citizens become more knowledgeable and articulate and take an active part in local government. Members agreed to support the proposal, if submitted, by a letter.

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10. Prayers and Devotionals in the Lubbock Schools. Daniel Higgins reported the School Board has stopped visiting evangelists speaking at assemblies, and the Board needs our support for further action along this line.

Motion was made by Daniel Higgins, seconded by Sister Regina, that the Ecumenical Council urge the School Board by letter to guarantee to each student in the school system religious freedom, which is being violated by prayer and devotional Bible reading in the schools. Motion Carried.

Sister Regina Foppe, Sec'y -Treas.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting October 21, 1971
3706 47th Street, Lubbock

1. Meeting Date. To eliminate conflicting meeting dates, the regular date for monthly Executive Committee meetings and quarterly (September, November, February, and April) general meetings was changed to the 4th Monday.

2. Garbage Service Charge Repeal Referendum. It was agreed to support the League of Women Voters in the referendum campaign to repeal the garbage service charge if enacted in its present form.

3. Dues Appeal. Members are reminded that dues for the 1971-72 year are needed to enable the organization to continue working for you in ecumenical social concerns. Dues for institutional members are $3.00, active individual members also $3.00, and associate members $1.50. Please bring dues to the next meeting or mail to Sister Regina Foppe, 1602 First St., Lubbock Texas 79401.

Sister Regina Foppe, Sec'y-Treas.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Monday Nov. 22, 1971
University Ministries Building, 2412 13th St. 7:30 P.M.

Agenda:

Reports-

1. Emergency School Assistance Program(ESAP)-Daniel Higgins
2. City Charter Revision (City Council)- Tom Burtis
3. Policemen's Union and Police Grievances- Maurice Richard and Robert Mendez
4. Garbage Service Charge - Daniel Higgins

The Public is invited. Bring a friend.

Eucumenical Council
on Social Concern

1602 First St.
Lubbock, Texas 79401
November 25, 1971

Dear Members and Friends of Social Concern:

The League of Women Voters are conducting a survey relating to water fees paid during the past twelve months and the amount of garbage collected at homes.

Enclosed is the survey questionaire. If you are willing to assist in this fact finding project to bring about an equitable garbage fee, will you kindly complete this form by Novemebr 30 and mail it to:

Mrs. Duane Jordan, President
League of Women Voters
[redacted]

Sincerely yours,

Sister Regina Foppe

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Sec'y

SURVEY

Relating to Monthly Water charges and Garbage Pickup -City of Lubbock

1. Do you own your own home? _____ or- Do you rent?_____

   Answer one of these two questions if you own your home.

   a. Market value of your home_____ b. Assessed Value for tax purposes _____

2. How many members live in your home?_____

3. What has been your average monthly water bill for the past year?_____

4. How many of you water bills were ~~less than~~ the minimum $3.25 during the past 12 months? _____

5. How many garbage cans and plastic bags do you use regularly?

   cans_____Plastic bags_____

6. Is the garbage picked up regularly in your neighbordood?_____

   If not, what it the reason?_____

Minutes of the meeting of the ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ON SOCIAL CONCERNS, November 22, 1971
First Unitarian Universalist Church 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.
2104 - 36th Street, Lubbock, Texas

Meeting place was moved from University Ministries Building to the above place because of existing circumstances.

Members present: Tom and Patsy Burtis, Daniel V. Higgins, Linda L. McCown, Myrtle Rochelle and Sister Regina Feppo.

1. Report on ESAP was given by Daniel Higgins. Lubbock ESAP has been refunded $15,000. The ECSC is requesting HEW to review the proposal regarding the makeup of the ESAP Advisory Board, which according to Guidelines should be restructured, one-third, one-third, one-third of each ethnic group, and those board members should be 50% of parents of students in the schools involved.

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   An amendment to the motion was made by Daniel Higgins that we draft a letter with further suggestions for improving community police relations, including the suggestions of Doctor Olson. Both carried.

3. Dues of ECSC in the Majority Coalition. Motion by Daniel Higgins, seconded by Patsy Burtis. Carried.

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6. Everyman's Guide. Authorize Sister Regina to order supplement for the same. Motion made by Daniel Higgins, seconded by Myrtle Rochelle. Carried.

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Sister Regina Feppo, Secretary-Treasurer

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Ecumenical Council on Social Concerns
Executive Committee Meeting

Furr's Cafeteria Town & Country
Jan. 24, 1972 Noon to 1:15 P.M.

Present: Tom Burtis, Robert Mendez, Sister Regina Foppe

1. Change of meeting date from the fourth Monday to the fourth Thursday of the month.
   Next meeting dates:
   February 24 at 7:30 P.M. General Meeting
   March 23 at noon - Executive Committee Meeting
   April 27 at 7:30 P.M. General Meeting

2. The Majority Coalition is sponsoring a Candidate Rally for Candidates to the School Board and the City Offices and are inviting other Organizations to join them in sponsoring the same. Members of the Executive Committee agreed to join them. The Rally will be scheduled in March, time and place to be announced later. The secretary was instructed that when mailing these minutes to inform our members and friends to prepare questions to our next meeting or mail or phone them in no later than March 1st so they can be turned over to the Majority Coalition no later than March 3.

Sister Regina Foppe, Secretary

AGENDA

General Meeting, Thursday, February 24, 1972, at 7:30 P.M.
Unitarian Universalist Church, 2104 - 36th Street

1. Reports

2. Gather questions on issues to be presented to the Candidates for School Board and City Offices.

3. Members of the ECSC will vote to take a position on endorsement of candidates who requested it.

Special Reminders: Members are invited to attend the Lubbock City Council Public Hearing on the Repeal of the Garbage Service fee on Thursday, February 24, at 1:30 P.M. at the ~~City Hall Council Chamber.~~ Municipal Auditorium

Invite your friends to come with you to the Candidate's Rally.

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ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ON SOCIAL CONCERN
General Meeting
First Unitarian Universalist Church
2104 - 36th St.
February 24, 1972
7:30 to 9:15 p.m.

Present: Tom and Pansy Burtis, Lupe Rodriguez, Betty Anderson, Pat Sanders, David Coward, Rev. Daniel G. Higgins, Rev. Gene Sorley, Coleman A. O'Brien, Maurice L. Richard, Jr., Willie M. Washington, and Sister Regina Foppe.

Meeting was called to order by Tom Burtis. Minutes were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: Reported $72.00 was accepted and approved. We have several projects in March and possibly April. All members who have not as yet paid dues are reminded to try to care for this as soon as possible; regular dues $3.00 year, organization membership $5.00 year, Associate membership (minutes will be mailed) $1.50. Your check will be welcomed by mail.

Reports:

A. Community Action Board by Daniel Higgins
   1. At January Meeting new Executive Director was appointed.
   2. Board has been revised, Rev. Higgins is President of the Board. He spoke in behalf of the poor at the City's Public Hearing on the Repeal of the Garbage Fee.
   3. Election for three Representatives--one in Clayton Carter, one in Ella Iles, and one in the Guadalupe-Jacks on area will be held in near future.
   4. CAA lost $50,000 Head Start Funds because Day Care Centers could not become functional on time. Rev. Higgins is trying to recover it for a day care center in Arnett-Benson area.

B. ESAP--ESAP is funded for 4 months and it will end in May, if no further funding is made available. Rev. Rodney Howell is its Executive Director, and it has a secretary.

   The Grant is intended to train parents in the Neighborhoods to solve problems with the Schools. Rev. Higgins requested that the ECCC accept his resignation as representative and Sister Regina Foppe be asked to accept the position. It was accepted and approved by the Board. David Coward accepted the position of alternate representative to attend ESAP meetings that are held at their office at 1306-1/2 Broadway on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

C. EDUCATION: by Sister Regina Foppe.

   Statistics from the Lubbock Schools Distribution Sheet of October 1, 1971 on Free and Reduced Priced lunches in the Elementary Schools show that 33% qualify and are using the program. The Cafateria Director, Mrs. Stage, said the November peak in all schools reached 9000 of 33,000+ students or 26%. An OEO Texas Newsletter in January 1972 pointed out that the State of Texas had doubled the number by 101% since the new legislation. Lubbock Schools since the Quota System on the old policy was dropped in November 1969 increased it by 1600% from 525 to 9000 free or reduced priced lunches. The citizens of Lubbock and out School System are to be congratulated. It is doubtful that any Metropolitan City in the Nation surpasses this.

   Dropouts remain a problem. The Social Action Service of the Diocese of Amarillo has submitted a proposal "Building the West Texas Community of the Future by Beginning Now" to motivate the potential dropout in Grades 7 through 12 by providing tutoring on a one-to-one basis. Word of acceptance or rejection will come through in mid-summer. Proposal, if funded, would operate the ten months of the School Year 1972-73.

d. COMMON CAUSE by Tom Burtis.
While Common Cause is presently operating with thrust on the National Level, it is setting up regional offices, Denver is the nearest to us. Further information will be sought to determine whether ECSC will become one of its affiliates.

E. City Council Public Hearing on Repeal of Garbage Fee- given by Tom Burtis.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

Candidates' Rally for Places on School Board, City Council and for the Office of Mayor during March by the Majority Coalition.

It was moved by Gene Sorley and Daniel Higgins that the ECSC Co-sponsor the Candidate Rally and include financing with a maximum of $25.00 and that other Co-sponsors be asked to contribute $5.00 or $10.00 to this cause so that at a later date a Rally for County and State Candidates can be held, contributions being sent to Charles Mazer of the Majority Coalition... Passed

Questions from members should now be gathered and turned in to Sister or to Mr. Burtis and given to Charles Mazer.

A Caucus of ECSC should by held on the Thursday following the Rally. Members will be notified.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Nominating Committee to select new officers for the coming year at General Meeting, April 20. Chosen for same were:
Daniel Higgins -- Chairman
Pansy Burtis
Willie M. Washington

Moved by Pat Sanders, seconded by Lupe Rodriguez that this committee be accepted.. Passed.

b. Daniel Higgins presented an opportunity for a Grant of $1000.00 by RAMA of the Unitarian Universalist Church to do a study on interaction of ethnic groups in order to train members of their faith to become more understanding in working with peoples of various ethnic backgounds in the Southwest. Will try to keep this Grant in Lubbock.

Sister Regina Foppe, O.L.V.M.
Secretary-Treasurer
[redacted]
(Mail correspondence to above)

Office Phone: [redacted]

ECSC
1602 First Street
Lubbock, Texas 79401
Phone calls to 763-7301
March 10, 1972

Dear Members and Friends of the Ecumenical Council on Social Concern:

The Candidates' Rally for the School and City Elections will be held at the Municipal Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 21.

Sponsoring Organizations include:
Texas Tech Student Association
Majority Coalition of Lubbock County
Lubbock Ministerial Association
Ecumenical Council on Social Concerns
and approximately 20 others.

We invite you to attend, and to extend this invitation to your friends. If you have any questions that you wish asked of the School Board Candidates mail or phone them to me at the above addresses - in case I am not near the phone please leave the message with my receptionist. Questions to be addressed to the City Candidates should be mailed or phoned to Tom Burtis, 3706 - 47th, phone 795-4264. The deadline for accepting questions will be Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00 P.M.

The Ecumenical Council will hold a called meeting following this Candidates' Rally on March 23 at 7:30 P.M. at St. Matthews United Methodist Church at 5320- 50th St. to vote on whether to endorse or support some of the Candidates for the School Board or City Council. You are invited to attend and contribute to the discussion and decision.

Sincerely,
Sister Regina Foppe
Sister Regina Foppe
Secretary-Treasurer

2. Do you favor hiring more teachers and administrators from minority groups? For example, since there are less than 50 teachers and only one counselor who are chicanos in a system which employs over 1,500 people and serves a community of students approximately 24% chicano, would you favor searching all available local, regional, and national educational personnel lists to find more chicano counselors and teachers?

3. In the sampling done by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights-Mexican American Education Study in 1969, more than 50% of Chicano students performed at levels 6 months to 2 years or more below standard in reading skills in the 4th, 8th, and 12th grades. This condition encourages dropping out. What would you do to curb the drop-out rate and also to bring these students in their last crucial years of education to average or above reading levels?

4. Do you view our school system as a primary or secondary agent in bringing about better understanding and appreciation of citizens one for another? Would you favor bilingual programs for all students, perhaps in the 1st through 4th grades? Do you favor more integration of students and faculty? What specific proposals do you have in mind?

5. To insure quality education for all, would you favor investing more local school money and effort in innovative improvements in the specific schools having the lowest average scores on the annual standardized achievement tests? Do you favor any particular types of programs?

6. To prevent dropping out and unrest in schools, would you favor less authoritarian methods of coping with problems than suspension? Would you give students obvious ways of appeals for suspension? Would you favor a structured organization of students as a means of voicing ideas on school procedures and policies and to act as a laison between individual students and the administration? Do you favor the publication of revisions in the Lubbock schools' Handbook of Policies and Manual of Administrative Procedures, both dated November, 1968?

7. Would you encourage an attitude in school personnel and students that vocational training is as valid and meaningful in preparing young people for life as are totally academic programs? How would you make vocational training even more appealing than it now is?

WELCOME TO THE 1972 CITY AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RALLY

This rally, which is a public service for all citizens who wish to attend, does not support any candidate or platform.

PROGRAM

7:00 p.m. - Candidates for City Council
8:45 p.m. - Candidates for Mayor
9:10 p.m. - Candidates for School Board
**Candidates will appear in order of their positions on the ballot.

Each candidate has been invited to present a two to three minute prepared statement and then to answer any or all of the questions printed in this program for candidates for his office. (Space is provided for those attending to note candidates' responses.)

CITY ELECTIONS (COUNCIL AND MAYOR)

Saturday, April 8 at polling places assigned on voter registration certificates, including two new boxes at Texas Tech University. Absentee voting at Lubbock City Hall, 916 Texas Avenue.

COUNCILMAN, PLACE 1

Oscar Primm, Jr.
Lonnie Hollingsworth
Gerald Anderson
Robert Hall
Robert Isom, Jr.

COUNCILMAN, PLACE 2

Carolyn Jordan
~~Jack House~~
Joe Partain
Harvie Pruitt
Bobby Day
Jose Valdez
D.R. Banning

COUNCILMAN, PLACE 4

Maurice Richard, Jr.
Jerry Nislar
Bryce Campbell

MAYOR

Deaton Rigsby
Morris Turner
Willie Barnett

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Saturday, April 1 at polling places assigned on voter registration certificates. (No boxes at Tech; Guadalupe area residents vote at the Central Fire Station.)
Absentee voting at Lubbock School Administrative Bldg., 1628 19th.

PLACE 1

Joan Ervin

PLACE 2

Joe Trujillo

Robert McKelvy

PLACE 5

Hershel Wade

Froy Salinas

Arthur Oppermann, Jr.

Garnet Reeves, Jr.

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Lubbock Ministerial Association
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Lutheran Council for Community Action
M.E.C.H.A.
St. Matthew Methodist Church
United Black Coalition

QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO CANDIDATES FOR CITY OFFICES

1. All the present city council members live in West or Southwest Lubbock, a majority within a five block radius. To permit better representation, do you favor submitting to the voters a charter amendment (a) enlarging the council and continuing election at large, but with residence requirements for each councilman (b) calling for councilmen to be elected by districts or wards (c) calling for councilmen to be elected some by district and some at large?

2. How will you help to strengthen the structure and function of the Human Relations Commission (HRC) so that it can become a more effective voice in city policy? Do you believe that in addition to its advisory function to city government the HRC should coordinate its activities with and submit reports to federal agencies, such as the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Equal Opportunities Employment Commission? (continued)

Should the HRC have a large number of scheduled meetings? If so, should reports of these meetings be read into the minutes of each City Council meeting? How will you insure that the HRC is representative of all socio-economic groups and geographic areas of Lubbock?

3. Several incidents and surveys have shown a need for better community-police relations. Do you favor more professional training, perhaps at Tech, for police in the areas of criminology, legal procedures, community relations, minority problems, etc.? Should officers have degrees? Should officers work more in integrated units? Should officers in Lubbock have a working knowledge of Spanish? Should the police department continue and expand its efforts to hire blacks and chicanos? Should this effort be done through a quota system for all future vacancies?

4. Do you favor increasing city employee's benefits? Do you favor the "Supplement Disability Benefit," part of the city's last budget, which would give a totally disabled employee half of his paycheck for the rest of his life? Do you favor increasing retirement benefits for city employees in ratio with their years of service, instead of keeping the present system in which there is little difference in benefits for a new employee and one with many years of service?

5. To improve legal operations of the city jail, do you favor having legal counsel available there at all times through the American Civil Liberties Union, third year law students at Tech, or a city sponsored group? Do you favor a separate juvenile detention center?

6. What is your stand on the current garbage service fee? Do you favor an alternate plan which would place less burden on poorer families? Should water and garbage service charges be separate so that the city cannot cut off water for failure to pay the garbage service fee?

QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD

1. Do you favor having school board members elected by districts or wards to permit and insure equal representation? Or perhaps by elections at large, but with residence requirements for each board member?

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

August 23, 1972

Dear Members and Friends:

The first meeting of the Council for 1972-1973 will feature City Councilwoman Carolyn Jordan, who will discuss the present status of revision of the Lubbock City Charter. This meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Room of First Christian Church, Broadway and Avenue X. The Green Room is just inside the Avenue X entrance.

If you are unfamiliar with the Ecumenical Council on Social Concerns, here is a list of goals as stated in Article I of the Charter:

1. To show concern for our fellow man, by acting together in feasible ways to promote human dignity and equal opportunities for all people.
2. To act as a fact-gathering body involving existing conditions in our community.
3. To communicate the results of these studies to all members of churches and organizations represented in the Council.
4. To communicate the results of these studies to governmental officials and the general public.

To work toward these goals, the Executive Committee has projected these areas of concern for the coming year:

1. Supporting Cultural Awareness Centers
2. Promoting Juvenile and Diagnostic Center
3. Attaining equal opportunities for quality education
4. Gaining information into areas of sub-standard housing
   a. Improvement
   b. Open Housing
5. Examining potential of Common Cause.

We hope to be involved in open-minded study of local issues and development of solutions.

A secretary will be elected, and dues at $3.00 per individual and $5.00 per organizational member will be collected at this meeting.

Sincerely,

David Coward

David Coward
President

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August 15, 1989

Betty Anderson
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Biographical/Historical	Betty Anderson served as Voting Rights Director of League of Women Voters of Texas, 1970-72; served on Steering Committee of LOOK (the Integration Smooth Transition Committee in Lubbock); and was a delegate to the International Women's Conference in 1977.
Materials Received By	Janet Neugebauer

ANNUAL REPORT 1980-1981

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

As the League of Women Voters of Texas enters the '80s, it must take into account the changing roles of women and men in today's world. It must also sharpen its skills for study, education, and action for maximum impact on government. But the League is no less dedicated to providing all citizens with straightforward, non-partisan information on the problems of the day than it was when a small group of dedicated women founded the Texas League in 1919.

Apathy, distrust, and antagonism characterize public attitudes toward the political process. Government at every level seems complex and distant. In the welter of "single issue" groups competing for political attention, never has there been a greater need for a broad-based organization like the League. Because of the devotion of its members to our system of government and their knowledge of how the system works, the League provides a bridge between the individual and governmental bodies. Because of the dedication of its members to the concept of public participation, the League helps other citizens enter the decision-making process.

The generous financial support of business firms, foundations, and other organizations and individual citizens who share the League's concern for an informed electorate has been essential to our work.

This report highlights League activities during the past year, gives our preliminary plans for providing information to Texas citizens in 1980-1981, and recognizes major contributors.

We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Diana Clark

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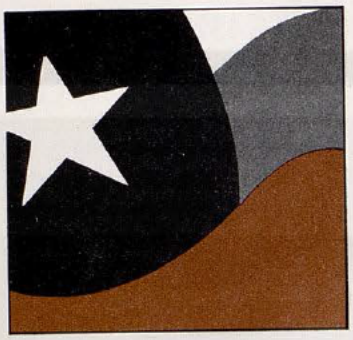
President
League of Women Voters of Texas

Chairman
League of Women Voters of
Texas Education Fund



"I know of no depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion."

Thomas Jefferson
September 28, 1820

ACHIEVEMENTS 1979-1980

Published and distributed guides for citizens:

"Voters Guide," providing information on candidates for the 1980 primary elections

"Speak Up Texas," a citizen-information publication explaining how to register, vote, be heard, and be effective

"Let the Sunshine In," a publication informing citizens of their rights under the Open Meetings Law and Open Records Act

Produced and distributed a public service announcement for television featuring Barbara Jordan urging citizens to register and vote

Produced and distributed "Speak Up Texas! Register and Vote" bumper stickers

Published an "Election School Handbook," a handbook for training election administrators

Prepared and published research papers on:

Initiative and referendum
Public school finance

Published information briefs on human resources issues:

Texas Department of Human Resources
Food stamp program in Texas

Conducted a survey of juvenile court statistics, in cooperation with the League of Women Voters of San Antonio (funded by the Academy for Contemporary Problems)

Prepared programs on Texas' role in international trade (partially funded by the League of Women Voters of the United States Education Fund)

Made available a Public Subscription Service which includes current League publications (national and state) on timely issues

PLANS FOR 1980-1981

Publish and distribute a "Voters Guide" for the 1980 general election, including information on the constitutional amendments

Prepare, publish, and distribute "Youth and the Law," a publication for young people providing information they should have if they come in contact with the law—their rights and responsibilities

Publish and distribute information briefs on:

Apportionment
Energy conservation
Renewable resources
Hazardous waste
Wiretapping

Publish and distribute "When You Go to Austin: A Guide to the 67th Legislature"

Prepare and publish a brochure on Texas bays and estuaries (partially funded by League of Women Voters of the United States Education Fund)

Sponsor a public school finance conference for legislators, public school officials, and community leaders

Prepare and distribute a video tape presentation on public school finance for use of citizen groups explaining Texas' system of financing public schools

Sponsor a hazardous waste workshop which will include a tour of disposal sites

Work for legislation in and publish and distribute advocacy papers on:

Energy
Water and waste (hazardous and low level nuclear)
Juvenile justice
Public school finance
Initiative and referendum

Report on key precincts for ABC News election night coverage (in cooperation with local Leagues)

Make available a Public Subscription Service

THE LEAGUE

The League of Women Voters of Texas is a nonpartisan organization which does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the League is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization, in accordance with Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Established in Texas in 1919, the League has provided sixty-one years of responsible service to Texas citizens.

A member-based organization, the League determines topics for statewide study and action and state budget commitments at a state convention held each two years. Local Leagues choose local program topics and adopt local budgets at annual meetings of their members.

Action on issues is taken only after members have conducted studies and have reached consensus (member agreement).

Forty-three local Leagues, provisional Leagues, and state units provide valuable services—such as "Voters Guides" to elections, candidate forums, and information on government institutions and issues—in their communities:

LOCAL LEAGUES

Abilene
Amarillo
Austin
Bay Area
Baytown
Beaumont
Brazos County
Brownsville
Corpus Christi
Dallas
Denton
Edinburg/McAllen
El Paso
Gainesville
Galveston
Harlingen
Houston Area
Irving
Lamar County
Lubbock
Marshall/Harrison County
Midland
Odessa
Orange Area
Pearland Area
Plano
Richardson
Rockwall County
San Antonio Area
San Marcos
Sherman
Tarrant County
Temple Area
Tyler
Victoria
Waco Area
Wichita Falls

PROVISIONAL LEAGUES

Montgomery County

STATE UNITS

Cleburne
Kerrville
Pasadena
Port Lavaca
Round Rock

Contributions to the League of Women Voters of Texas are used to strengthen the work of the League.

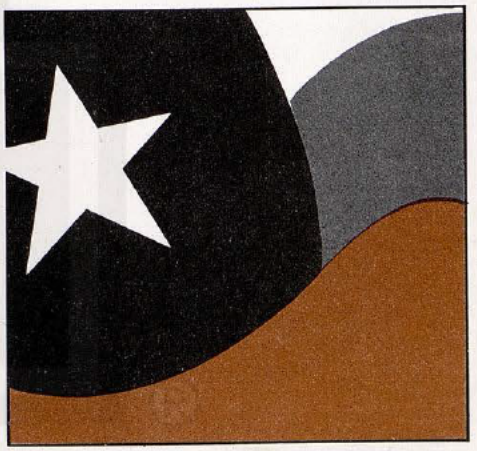
THE TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

The League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund (TEF) is a research and education fund that provides reliable, impartial information about government. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the TEF is an educational and charitable trust, in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is further classified as an organization not taxable as a private foundation as defined in Section 509.

The Board of Trustees meets at least four times a year to consider new projects and to evaluate completed projects. The Board adheres strictly to guidelines required by law. Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas also serve as Trustees for the Education Fund.

Local Leagues in Texas are also involved in educational projects of the TEF, under the supervision of the Board of Trustees. These projects include publications on city and county government, local League-sponsored conferences, and election-related services.

Contributions to the Texas Education Fund may be deducted for income tax purposes, in accordance with Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts may be directed to the over-all educational efforts of the fund or to specific projects that meet TEF guidelines.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Statement of Operating Income and Expenditures
for Year Ending May 31, 1980

INCOME	
Local League Support	$27,579.53
State Unit Support	2,240.00
Members-at-large Dues	665.00
Contributing Member Support	25.00
Sale of Publications	4,220.94
Interest on Savings	1,573.77
Contributions	7,765.00
Contractual Services	2,800.00
Council '80	4,255.28
Other Income	1,602.79
TOTAL INCOME	$52,727.31
EXPENDITURES	
State Office	$11,271.63
Board and Administration	7,106.28
Convention/Council	5,302.65
National Services	810.00
Public Relations	164.21
Publications	6,030.43
Program	1,464.57
Services to Local Leagues	4,669.44
Legislative Office	245.08
Professional Assistance	1,598.25
Contractual Services	1,982.00
Contributions Shared with Local Leagues	2,000.00
Transfer to TEF	3,000.00
Other Expenses	24.68
To Reserves	7,058.09
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$52,727.31

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Statement of Operating Income and Expenditures
for Year Ending May 31, 1980

INCOME	
Contributions	
Unrestricted	$ 8,803.39
Restricted Cash	7,046.29
Restricted Non-cash	3,937.25
Local League Funds	7,794.26
Interest	3,589.31
Administration Fees	677.29
Sale of Publications	5,023.40
TOTAL INCOME	$36,871.19
EXPENDITURES	
General Administration	$11,513.95
Election-related Voters Service	4,976.68
Projects for Citizen Education	7,001.19
Research and Monitoring Projects	50.00
Attendance at Workshops and Conferences	281.00
Local League Fund Projects	5,766.55
Development	186.11
Professional Assistance	3,937.25
To Reserves (Restricted and Unrestricted)	3,158.46
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$36,871.19

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The League of Women Voters is an organization directed by volunteer board members who set and implement policy. State board members have contributed an average of 30 hours weekly per member on League business. The state office staff consists of one full-time executive secretary and one part-time secretary.

The Bloom Agency, Dallas, helped produce this report as a contribution to the League of Women Voters of Texas and the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund.

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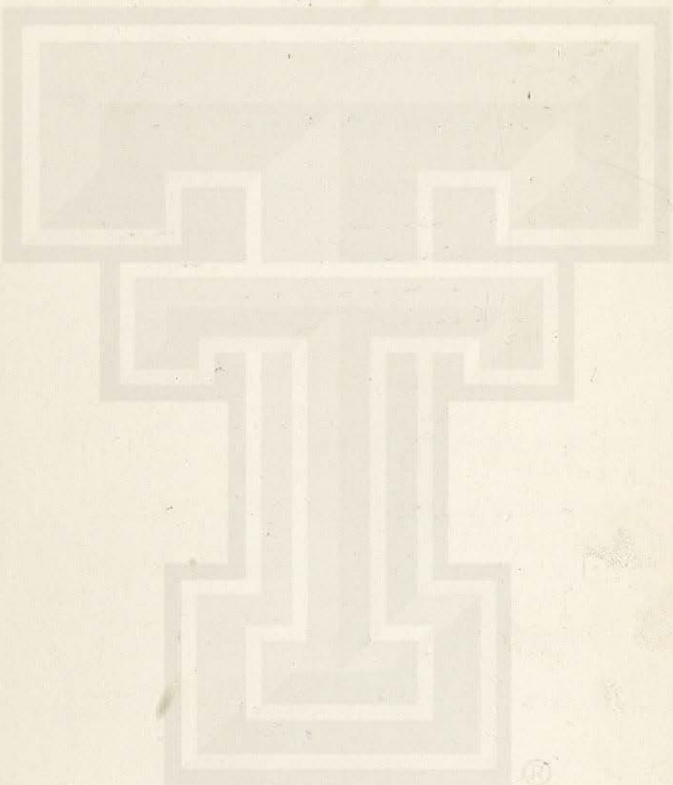
Nonpartisan Policy

The League of Women Voters of Texas is a nonpartisan organization which works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of all citizens in their government. All citizens 18 years or older are welcome to join. The League DOES support issues that it has found are in the public interest. The League DOES NOT support or oppose any political party or any candidate.



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8. Registered, practical, and vocational nurses actively engaged in the practice of their profession.
9. Practitioners and nurses who treat the sick by prayer or spiritual means according to the tenets of any well-established denomination and readers whose duty it is to conduct the regular religious services of such denomination.
10. Licensed morticians actively engaged in practice.
11. Registered pharmacists actively engaged in practice.
12. Agents actively engaged in forestry protection work while employed by the State Department of Forestry.
13. The spouse of any person who is summoned to serve on the same jury panel.
14. All school teachers in public, parochial, and private schools except during vacations and other periods of time when they are not actually teaching.

For what reasons may the judge excuse or postpone your jury duty?

The judge has discretion to excuse any person or groups of persons for reasons of hardship.
If you are leaving town, your jury duty can be postponed.
If called for the petit jury, call the district clerk.
If called for grand jury, call the district judge.
If you are sick —
Obtain a doctor's affidavit to prove you cannot serve and mail this to the district clerk for the petit jury or to the district judge for the grand jury.

How is the District Court grand jury selected?

The judge appoints a grand jury commission of not less than three nor more than five persons.
This commission selects names of 20 responsible, community-minded citizens. This group of 20 becomes the grand jury panel.
For the jury, the first twelve persons who qualify make up the grand jury. The judge then appoints the foreman.
The grand jury serves during the term of the court. There are generally four grand juries each year.
The grand jury usually meets at least once a week. Nine jurors constitute a quorum. The foreman may excuse a member from attending a meeting.

Are jurors paid?

District and county petit jurors are paid $4 per day to serve on a jury; grand jurors may be paid up to $10 per day. If the petit jury is summoned by special venire, persons on the special venire jury panel receive $2 a day, and the final 12 jurors selected receive $4 a day. Lodging and meals are provided when necessary.
All federal jurors are paid $20.00 a day, plus travel expense of $.10 per mile both ways (plus the amount, if any, expended for tolls), and an additional $16.00 a day if the juror remains overnight.

What may happen if a juror is late?

The judge may hold him in "contempt of court," and he may be fined or given a jail sentence.

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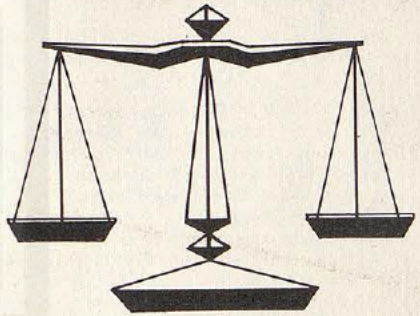

A GUIDE FOR JURORS

JURY SERVICE - A CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY

How many kinds of juries are there?

There are two types of juries: one investigates charges to discover whether a charge really exists; the other tries actual charges.

1. The GRAND JURY investigates criminal charges, hears sworn testimony, and decides whether to dismiss the charge ("no-bill") or indict for court action ("true-bill" or "indictment").
   In District (state) grand juries TWELVE persons form the jury.
   In Federal grand juries not less than SIXTEEN nor more than TWENTY-THREE persons form the jury.
2. The PETIT JURY tries the actual charges in criminal cases and determines the facts in dispute in civil cases. It is the third part of the Court: the judge, the lawyers, and the jury. The jury decides questions of fact; the judge decides questions of law and makes the ruling in the case.
   In County Courts SIX persons make up the petit jury. In District and Federal Courts TWELVE persons make up the petit jury.

What different kinds of courts use jury trials?

1. State District and County Courts.
   County Courts-at-law.
   A County Court which serves as Probate Court.
2. Federal Courts.
3. In addition, the various Justice of the Peace, Juvenile, and Corporation courts may occasionally have jury trials.

Who is eligible for jury duty?

1. In District and County Courts: Any citizen of the State and County who is (1) at least 21 years old, (2) qualified to vote, (3) a freeholder in the State or a householder in the County (or the wife of a householder in the County), (4) of sound mind and good moral character, and (5) able to read and write.
   No person may qualify as a juror, however, if he (1) has served as a juror in the District Court for six days during the preceding six months or in the County Court for six days during the preceding three months, (2) has been convicted of a felony, or (3) is under indictment for a felony. Furthermore, the following persons will be disqualified to serve as jurors in any particular case: (1) any witness in the case, (2) any person directly or indirectly interested in the case, (3) any person related by consanguinity or affinity within the third degree to either of the parties to the suit, (4) any biased person, or (5) any person who has sat as a petit juror in a prior trial of the same case, or a trial involving the same questions of fact.
2. In Federal Courts: Any citizen of the United States who (1) is at least 21 years old, (2) has resided for a period of one year within the judicial district, (3) is able to read, write, speak, and understand the English language, (4) is both mentally and physically able to render efficient jury service, and (5) has not been convicted of, and does not have any charge pending against him for the commission of, a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year.

   Any person summoned for jury service in a Federal Court may be excused by the judge upon a showing of undue hardship or extreme inconvenience. For example, in some Federal Districts individuals may be excused at their request if the distance to the courthouse, either in miles or in travel time, is "excessive" according to standards previously established by the Federal Court. Likewise, within a two-year period no person will be required by the Federal Courts to (1) attend court for more than thirty days for prospective service as a petit juror (except when the service is necessary to complete service in a particular case), or (2) serve on more than one grand jury, or (3) serve as both a grand and petit juror.

   A person summoned for jury service may also be excluded by the Federal judge when the individual (1) will not be able to render an impartial decision, or (2) is otherwise unqualified for jury service.

How are jurors selected in District and County Courts?

Source: Voter's Registration and Property Tax Lists.
A list of qualified jurors is prepared by the tax assessor, the district clerk, the county clerk, and the sheriff in August each year. Each name is put on a card, and the cards put in a metal container known as the jury wheel. This wheel is locked with two keys (one is kept by the district clerk and one by the sheriff). The wheel is turned to mix the cards, then in the presence of the sheriff and the district clerk about 150 names are drawn at a time.
In cities and counties relatively small in population, slightly different selection methods may be employed.

How are jurors selected in the Federal Court?

Each Federal District Court in the United States has its own written plan for the random selection of grand and petit juries. These plans provide for the selection of jurors from a fair cross section of the community — no person may be excluded from service because of his race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or economic status. Under these plans, the names of prospective jurors are selected at random either from the voter registration lists or from the lists of actual voters in the Federal Judicial District. These names are then placed in a "master" jury wheel and, from time to time as directed by the district court, the clerk or district judge publicly draws from the "master" jury wheel the names of as many persons as may be required for jury service. These names are then placed in the "qualified" jury wheel and drawn as they are needed for grand and petit jury panels.

What happens if your name is drawn?

If your name is drawn for a District or County Court, the sheriff sends you notification of the time and the court by mail.
If your name is drawn in a Federal Court from the "master" jury wheel, the clerk or jury commission mails you a "Juror Qualification Form" accompanied by instructions to fill out and return the form to the clerk or jury commission by mail within ten days. If your name is drawn from the "qualified" jury wheel, you are notified either by personal service or by certified or registered mail of the court in which you must appear and the time for the appearance.
When the prospective jurors assemble, the roll is called, the requests to be excused are heard, and then the judge rules on the requests. Those not excused are allotted to as many groups as there are cases that need jury panels.
From the jury panel, of maybe 50 persons, the 12 (or 6) jurors for each case are chosen.

What is a Special Venire Summons?

A special venire summons is sent out by a district court to select a jury for a specific case in which the death penalty may be invoked. Special venire jurors are kept under custody throughout the trial.

Who can claim exemptions from jury duty?

Federal Court:

1. Members in active service in the armed forces of the U.S.
2. Members of fire or police departments.
3. Public officers in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of government.

District and County Courts:

1. All persons over 65.
2. Ministers of the gospel actively engaged in the discharge of their duties.
3. Practicing physicians, dentists, veterinarians, chiropractors, optometrists, attorneys and spouses of attorneys.
4. Railroad station agents, conductors, engineers, and firemen when engaged in the discharge of their positions.
5. All members of the "Militia" of the State National Guard during periods of time when they are actually on active duty.
6. Active members of fire departments (in cities having 1,000 or more inhabitants).
7. All females who have legal custody of a child or children under the age of 16 years.