

OBITUARIES

Jean Williams Royal October 7, 1936 ~ November 28, 2021

Jean Williams Royal passed away on November 28, 2021, at the age of 85. She was born October 7, 1936, in Lytton Springs, Texas to Arlington Manley and Iona Lee (Law) Williams.

Jean married the love of her life, Thomas W. Royal, on April 11, 1958. She worked as a secretary for First Baptist Church in Kyle, Texas for 27 years. She was very involved in church, teaching children's Sunday School. Jean was a wonderful wife and mother who took special care of her family.



Jean Williams Royal

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Lavelle Williams and sister Joyce Cox.

She is survived by her hus-

band of 63 years, Thomas W. Royal, her son Keith T. Royal and wife Cheryl, her daughter Diane Perry and husband Barney, her brother Robert Williams, and her six grandchildren: Jason Perry, Kaylyn Jones, Bryson Perry, Kelly Royal, Jordan Haynes and Tanner Royal, as well as six great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 2nd, 11:00AM-1:00PM, fol-

lowed by a funeral service at 1:00PM, at First Baptist Church-Buda, 104 S. San Marcos St., Buda, Texas. Burial will follow at Memory Lawn Memorial Park in Martindale, Texas.

Arrangements in care of Pennington Funeral Home, 323 N. Comanche, San Marcos, Texas 78666, 512-353-4311 ~ www.penningtonfuneralhome.com



Silverio R. Mendoza, Sr. June 20, 1930 ~ November 17, 2021

Silverio R. Mendoza, Sr. passed away on November 17, 2021, at the age of 91. He was born June 20, 1930, in San Marcos, Texas to Dario and Martina (Rodriguez) Mendoza.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Rex Mendoza; brothers-in-law, Juan Villanueva and Adolfo Villanueva; sister-in-law, Carmen (Lopez) Mendoza; brothers, Adislado, John and Mike Mendoza; sisters, Pauline Villanueva and Juanita Mendoza; and son-in-law, Michael Buescher. He is survived by his wife, Matilda (Garcia) Mendo-



Silverio R. Mendoza, Sr.

za; sons, Andrew Mendoza (Nancy), Silverio Mendoza Jr., and Mario Mendoza; daughters, Margaret Mendoza, Sylvia Verastegui (Joe), Carol Mendoza, Bar-

bara Cattermole (David), Patricia Reeves (Martin), Melissa Mendoza De Soto (William), and Yolanda Cattermole (Alan); sisters, Virginia Villanueva and Catarina Perez (Domingo); 13 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Thursday, December 2nd, 5:00-8:00PM, with Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:00PM, at Pen-

nington Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will take place Friday, December 3rd, 10:00AM at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 624 E. Hopkins St., San Marcos, Texas. Burial will follow at San Marcos City Cemetery.

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Texas Briefly

Judge deciding what US should pay for Texas church shooting

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department and survivors of a 2017 Texas church massacre are at odds over how much the Air Force should pay in compensation for failing to flag a conviction that might have prevented

the gunman from legally buying the weapon used in the shooting.

During closing arguments Monday in a civil trial in federal court in San Antonio, the Justice Department said its proposal of \$31.8 million was based on evidence presented during a monthlong trial on damages and on previous court cases, federal and Texas state law, and disbursements from a fund for victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Lawyers for the survivors and for relatives of those killed at First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs are asking for \$418

million, the San Antonio Express-News reported. Some of the plaintiffs' lawyers called the government's proposed payment for pain, suffering and mental anguish "ridiculous," unjust and unfair.

Devin Patrick Kelley opened fire during a Sunday service there in November 2017, killing more than two dozen people. Kelley died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was shot and chased by two men who heard the gunfire at the church.

The civil trial to assess damages began in October.

U.S. District Judge Xavier Rodriguez in July ruled that the Air Force was "60% liable" for the attack because it failed to submit Kelley's assault conviction during his time in the Air Force to a national database.

Rodriguez said Monday that he could not take unrelated settlements into account in determining a verdict in the Sutherland Springs case. He promised careful consideration of the evidence and said he would deliver a verdict "as soon as I can."

The approximately 80

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generations."

The Wimberley Valley Initiative project includes construction of a 6-foot sidewalk along the west side of Carney Lane from Danforth Junior High to the south side of FM 2325 and extending east to Green Acres as an 8-foot sidewalk. The sidewalk will then cross to the north side of FM 2325 at the signal and connect

to an existing sidewalk for access to the HEB Grocery store (a total of 0.84 miles of the 1.38 mile identified as Section B Wimberley High School to Wimberley Square). All new sidewalks will be handicap accessible.

"We received great support from our partners and community on this effort," Hays County Precinct 3 Commissioner Lon Shell

said. "We are all very excited to secure funding for the first piece of this project that will make it safer and easier to get around while enjoying the natural beauty of our unique area. Thank you to TxDOT and the Commission."

From safety and accessibility to preserving natural habitats, the benefits of trails can be a source of

community identity and pride. The county is presenting the Master Vision Plan to residents for discussion and adoption in early 2022.

Visit Wimberley Valley Trails' website at <https://www.wimberleyvalleytrails.com> to learn more about this project and to track the phases of construction.

ROUNDUP FROM PG. 4

tion, but largely on their own volition. While the Legislature passed changes to shore up the power grid, its implementation is left to the Railroad Commission, which has allowed broad discretion, leniency and minimal fines. Case in point: a proposed rule, to be finalized at the Nov. 30 meeting, lets natural gas producers obtain a weatherization exemption for a mere \$150.

Outraged lawmakers are demanding commissioners scrap the rule. If they had any concern for Texans' safety, they would listen.

How many more times will Texas have to suffer through massive outages before the commission fulfills its duty? Gov. Greg Abbott

installed new leadership at ERCOT and the Public Utility Commission, with officials in place who at least appear to be taking winter preparations seriously.

The governor doesn't have the same power to clean house at the Railroad Commission. That's why it's up to Craddick and Christian to resign.

Craddick was always a dubious fit for the job, given her family's financial ties to the natural gas industry. Her attempt to influence state and federal policy by peddling oil and gas fan fiction just confirmed her true loyalty is not to voters.

Christian, the Patient Zero for this infectious narrative on the culpability of renew-

able energy, faces re-election next year, if he doesn't resign. We're looking for a challenger who sees Texas' success in developing wind energy and other renewable fuels as a complement to oil and gas sectors, rather than as the object of "clean energy fantasies" as Chrisitan put it recently.

Here in the Lone Star State, we've learned not to expect much from public servants elected to police industry. But should we settle for regulators who have ignored calls for reforms after two storms, who have prioritized industry's bottom line — and their own political careers — over protecting Texans' lives and businesses from blackouts,

and who, as we speak, are preparing to loosen weatherization rules as winter approaches and Texas' power grid is as vulnerable as ever?

We shouldn't. This is nobody's idea of good government — or even competent government. Not even in Texas.

LBJ FROM PG. 1

museum at 6 p.m.

Teachers Patricia Morrow, Jessica Posey and Kasey Clanton and music teacher Melinda Armadillo will have their students sing Christmas Carols.

The mayor and Santa will congratulate the children and light the Christmas tree following their performance, the LBJ Museum said. Photos of the class with Santa Claus and the Mayor will also be taken.

Additionally, Santa will be available to hear Christmas wishes and pose for family photographs. The LBJ Museum encourages parents to take photos.

Located on the San Marcos downtown square, the LBJ Museum was established in 1997 and opened in 2006 to honor the 36th President of the United

States, a 1930 graduate of Southwest Texas State Teachers College (now Texas State University). The museum offers exhibits of Johnson's early years as a student and as a teacher in Cotulla that shaped his future political career.

The LBJ Museum is celebrating its 15th anniversary with a gala and fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at the Holiday Inn Events Center. W. F. Strong, author and Texas Storyteller will be featured speaker and the museum will host a silent auction and Best of Dining raffle. For more information please visit our website: <https://lbjmuseum.com/15th-anniversary-benefit-gala/>.

The Museum is free and open to the public from 11 a.m.- 5 p.m., Thursday to Saturday.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SAN MARCOS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating of **SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT**

SMCISD will hold a public meeting beginning at
6:00 p.m. on December 13, 2021
San Marcos High School
2601 Rattler Road, San Marcos, TX 78666

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District's Rating on the state's financial accountability system.