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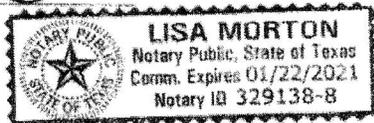
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared, Gilda Morales, **EDITOR of THE VAN HORN ADVOCATE**, a newspaper having general circulation in Culberson County, Texas, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that the foregoing attached notice was published in said newspaper on the following date(s) to wit: (January 17, 2019), Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District.

  
Signature

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS, THE 17th DAY of January 2019, TO CERTIFY WHICH WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE.

  
Notary Public in and for

Culberson County, Texas



Faith

By Gerald Dowson

What is the history of baptism? John the Baptist baptized Jesus before Christ came on the scene. Where did he come up with the practice of baptism?

In the Bible we read that before the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, God commanded the people to wash their clothing as a symbolic act of purification (Exodus 19:10).

Leviticus 8:6 records the washing of Aaron and his sons when they were ordained to priestly ministry in the holy tabernacle. Again, in Leviticus 16:4, God commanded Aaron to wash himself before and after he ministered in the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement.

Numbers 19 gives explicit instructions for purification after defilement by a dead body. In the book of Leviticus, God instructs lepers to cleanse themselves from ritual impurities, contrasted through such acts as washing a copper or silver vessel.

Washing garments fulfilled the legal requirements of ritual purity so that Jews could minister at the Temple. Later, Gentiles expressed their desire to convert to Judaism, and baptism became the entry rite.

"Baptism is as Jewish as mikveh"

Along with circumcisions, performed before a sign of the covenant given to Abraham, the Jews also contemplated ritual purification in both men and women who had been "defiled" by flows of various "unclean" fluids or who had been involved in leprosy.

Baptism was first used for the purpose of ritual purification in Judaism. After the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD, the subject's main uses included, as follows, by Jewish women to indicate ritual purity after menstruation or childbirth.

Before she and her husband engaged in marital relations, by Jewish men to achieve ritual purity as part of the matrimonial procedure. To convert to Judaism, to immerse newly acquired converts and to cleanse and purify.

Most forms of impurity were nullified through immersion in any natural collection of water. However, some impurities require "living water" such as springs or groundwater wells. Living water has the further advantage of being able to purify even while flowing, as opposed to rainwater which must be stationary in order to purify.

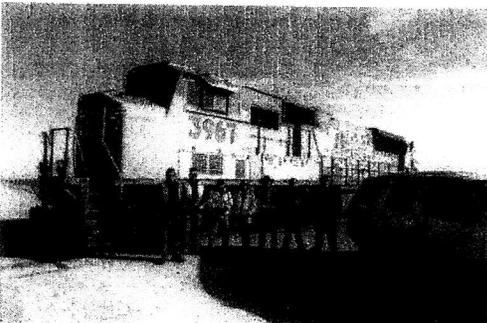
The mikveh is designed to supply the requirements by providing a bathing facility that remains in ritual contact with a natural source of water.

In Christian Judaism, where ritual laws are followed spiritually and conceptually, the mikveh is central to both Orthodox and Conservative Jewish communities. The existence of a mikveh is considered an important by Orthodox Judaism that an Orthodox congregation is required to construct a mikveh before building a synagogue, and members are required to immerse themselves in it upon conversion to the faith or as a sign of Christ's redemptive work in the convert's life.

Depending on which denomination was used, mikveh baptism is not a sacrament, and more into the church as a sign of Christ's redemptive work in the convert's life. In both cases, the new believer is considered which regenerated and baptism is not a sacrament. This baptism must be done by total immersion in a pool of water, or pouring water over the head in sprinkling water on the individual.

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CLARK HOTEL Museum



Media representatives were invited to ride in the cab of a locomotive with Union Pacific Police and local law enforcement officers, while they observed motorists' behavior at railroad crossings. Union Pacific officials led by John Locher, Ryan Rosa, Engineer Ed Flores, Advocate GM Lisa Martin, Conductor Edward Cloud, Culberson County Sheriff Deputy Arnie Bravo and Jorge Arnezola also with the UP.

RGEC to award 22 scholarships

Submitted by Sarah Edin, Vice President of the Association

\$33,000 will be awarded in the form of twenty-two (22) \$1,500 scholarships. Graduating seniors in any accredited public, private, or home school, whose parents/legal guardians are members of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, are eligible. Prizes and scholarship amounts may vary by year.

Eligible students who are currently enrolled and applying for a bachelors degree are eligible. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2019. For more information, visit the website at www.rgectexas.com. Contacted on the phone at 737-233-1111.

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT. AVISO DE LA FECHA LIMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA INCLUIR EN LA BOLETA. Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the Town of Van Horn & Culberson County Alliance ISD Regular Election ballot must be filed during the following time period: Se debe dar aviso por escrito de las solicitudes para incluir en la boleta durante el siguiente periodo de tiempo. Regular of Town of Van Horn, Culberson County Alliance, ISD Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District, & Culberson County Hospital District, in order to present a candidate of eligible persons. Filing Dates and Times: February 16th, 2019 10:00 AM - February 18, 2019 5:00 PM. Office Hours: 9AM - 4PM - 1904 W. Broadway, Van Horn, Texas 79855. Physical address for filing applications in person. For more information, contact the office. City Hall, 1801 W. Broadway, Van Horn, Texas 79855. Address for mail applications see the following information. Please do not mail applications to the address above. Town of Van Horn, Attn: City Sec., P.O. Box 517, Van Horn, Texas 79855. Fran Malafre, City Secretary. Signature of Filing Officer. Date Filing Deadline: December 17, 2018.

PUBLIC NOTICE CULBERSON COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT INTENDS TO REQUEST THE FILING OF A BILL WITH THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE SEEKING TO AMEND THE DISTRICT'S BOUNDARIES TO BE COEXTENSIVE WITH THE BOUNDARIES OF CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CULBERSON COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (the "District") IS PLANNING TO REQUEST THE FILING OF A BILL WITH THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT TO COINCIDE WITH THE BOUNDARIES OF CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS. Statement of Purpose and Need to Expand the Boundaries of Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District to Include All of Culberson County, Texas. Currently the Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District (District) boundaries comprise approximately 1,740 square miles of the 3,813 square miles within Culberson County, Texas (47% of Culberson County). There is no groundwater district covering the 2,073 square miles within the county but outside the District (Expansion Area). The District's board of directors are interested in evaluating the expansion of the District to include the entire county to address the following issues: 1) Increase in diversification and gas development within the Expansion Area times the use of groundwater within this area has increased by a factor of 10 to 1000 times the previous use which was primarily limited to domestic and livestock use. 2) There is no, or very limited, information on the amount of use and the potential impact of the groundwater use on the Capital and West Texas Bolson aquifers. 3) Without the information regarding the amount and location of groundwater use, planning on the local, Regional, and State level is difficult. 4) The District has multiple requests for information regarding how much water is used in these areas and if it will have any impact on the water used for municipal and irrigation purposes inside the current boundaries. 5) The recently formed Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District's boundaries include the entire area of Reeves County which is located immediately east of Culberson County. This leaves an island of land in Culberson County bounded by New Mexico on the North, Reeves County GCD on the east, Culberson County GCD on the west and south, and Jeff Davis County GCD on the southern tip. PURPOSE: The primary purpose of the proposed expansion is to require that all non-exempt groundwater users within the Expanded Area provide well and groundwater production flow data to the District. TAX RATE ON LAND WITH EXPANDED AREA: The District's current tax rate is \$9.9525 per \$100 of assessed value on 1,740 square miles. The proposed tax rate for the entire county would be reduced to \$0.0187248 per \$100 of assessed value or resulting in a net increase of revenue to the District of approximately \$178,600 per year. The increased funds would be used to administrate the collection of groundwater data within the Expansion Area. Please Contact: The General Manager Summer Webb With Any Questions or Comments: CUGA 17 Po Box 1295, Van Horn, TX 79855, Phone: 322-586-3477, www.cugaculberson.com/gwcdwater.org

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