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Know the Amendments you are voting on

Are you prepared for the Constitutional Amendment Election on November 8, 2005? Do you even know what is about or how important it may be?

Early voting began on October 24 and ends on November 4 for this election. You may also vote early by mail by requesting an application to be mailed to you from your County Clerk, or by filling out a form online at www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqabm.shtml.

On November 8, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

You must be a citizen of the United States.

You must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election.

You must be registered to vote.

You must not have been declared mentally incompetent by a court.

You must not be on parole, probation, or in prison for a felony conviction.

To vote in a given election, you must be registered to vote 30 days before

that election. October 11th is the deadline to register to vote in this election.

Once you are registered, you will receive a voter registration certificate which you should present at the polling place in order to vote.

If you have lost or misplaced your certificate, you may get a replacement from the voter registrar of your county. You may vote without a certificate if your name appears on the list of registered voters for your precinct, and you can show some form of identification.

You must vote in the precinct of residence designated on your voter registration certificate on Election Day. (During early voting, you may vote at any early voting site convenient to you.)

You will receive a new certificate every two years, in January of even-numbered years, as long as your registration is not canceled. If you move, your new card will not be forwarded, and you must notify your county elections office to get a new certificate. The 2004-2005 voter registration certificate is blue.

If you move from one Texas county to another, you must re-register in the county of your new residence.

You may be eligible to vote a limited ballot for 90 days after you move if your new registration is not yet effective, but only in statewide races.

However, the limited ballot is available only during early voting, not on Election Day.

Understanding what you are voting for -

PROPOSITION 1

The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities. (HJR 54 - Sponsors: McClendon and Staples)

Explanation

This amendment, if passed, would authorize the Legislature to create a dedicated fund, the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund, to be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission, for relocating, modernizing and expanding both publicly and privately owned freight and passenger rail facilities. Funds for the rail projects may come from the sale of bonds, as well as from general revenue that is not dedicated for other purposes.

The source of funding and size of the fund would be determined by the Legislature. In addition, the enabling legislation (HB 1546) requires that no bond obligation can be issued before the Texas Department of Transportation develops a strategic plan outlining how funds would be used and how the state would benefit.

Texas has more at-grade rail crossings than any other state in the nation. As more hazardous cargo passes through heavily populated urban areas, their safety has become

an issue. In the effort to maintain profitability following deregulation in 1980, rail industry investment in infrastructure has lagged behind the needs of a growing population and the demands of ever-increasing freight traffic. The current rail infrastructure is insufficient to maintain rail's market share and keep freight off the highways.

It has been projected that \$20 billion will be needed to relocate and modernize existing rail facilities in Texas over the next twenty years. The Legislative Budget Board estimates the general revenue fund will pay \$87.5 million per year in debt service, and \$11 million in fees for each billion dollars in bonds.

Costs to local governments would depend on the size and type of projects to be constructed in their areas.

Supporters say

The proposal may help relieve congestion on public highways, improve air quality, and enhance safety at railway crossings.

The new and upgraded rail corridors would foster economic development.

Savings to the highway fund that is currently used for improving rail crossings and related expenses would offset a portion of the cost of this program.

Arguments Against are:

Each billion dollars in bonds will require debt service and fees of almost 100 million per year, which is a huge long-term commitment of state funds.

There are many more cost-effective and direct ways to improve air quality than financing rail facility improvements.

Railroad companies are realizing higher profits that should allow them to re-invest in infrastructure without public assistance.

PROPOSITION 2

The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage. (HJR 6 - Sponsors: Chisum et al, and Staples)

Explanation

In 2003, the Texas Legislature enacted the "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA) which makes marriage between persons of the same sex, or a civil union, void in this state. The act also states that Texas will not recognize a same-sex marriage or civil union, regardless of the jurisdiction in which it was created.

Lawsuits challenging DOMA laws are pending in other states and in the federal courts, so several states, including Texas, are now choosing to protect their DOMA laws by passing constitutional amendments.

If passed, this amendment would state that marriage in Texas consists only of the union of one man and one woman. It would also prohibit the state or any political subdivision from creating or recognizing any legal status that is identical or similar to marriage.

The joint resolution proposing this amendment contains a statement of legislative intent that allows the appointment of guardians, rights to property, hospital visitation, and the designation of life insurance beneficiaries, "without the existence of any legal status identical or similar to marriage." But this will neither be part of the constitution nor in any statute, and thus should have no effect on judicial interpretation of the proposed amendment.

Arguments For

A constitutional amendment would prevent court challenges to the current law against same sex marriage or civil union. Eighteen (18) other states have constitutional amendments with similar definitions of marriage, and others are working on them.

The proposed amendment would not prohibit same sex cou-

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Trick-or-Treat, Aren't we Sweet?

Cross Country finishes season, 7th grade girls win District

The District Cross Country Track Meet was held at the State Park in San Angelo, Texas on Monday, October 24, 2005. The Sonora Lady Colts 7th grade team did really well, finishing in first overall.

Results were as follows:

7th Grade Girls

- #1 Chelby Ramos
- #2 Maria Lugo
- #6 Morgan Smith
- #9 Dulce Acosta
- #17 Daniela Cano
- #24 Hannah Dodds
- #28 Macy Zuniga
- #30 Joell McGuffin
- #31 McKenzie Mitchell
- #32 Rose Karnes
- #50 Karina Trevino

7th Grade Boys

- #15 Bailey Joe Pennington,
- #27 Cody Pena

8th Grade Girls

- #7 Keeli Taylor
- #11 Vanessa Lopez
- #19 Brittany Hernandez
- #22 Meredith Earwood
- #26 Alyssa Favela

Sonora JV boys

- #1 Ty Love
- #6 Michael Chavez

JV girls

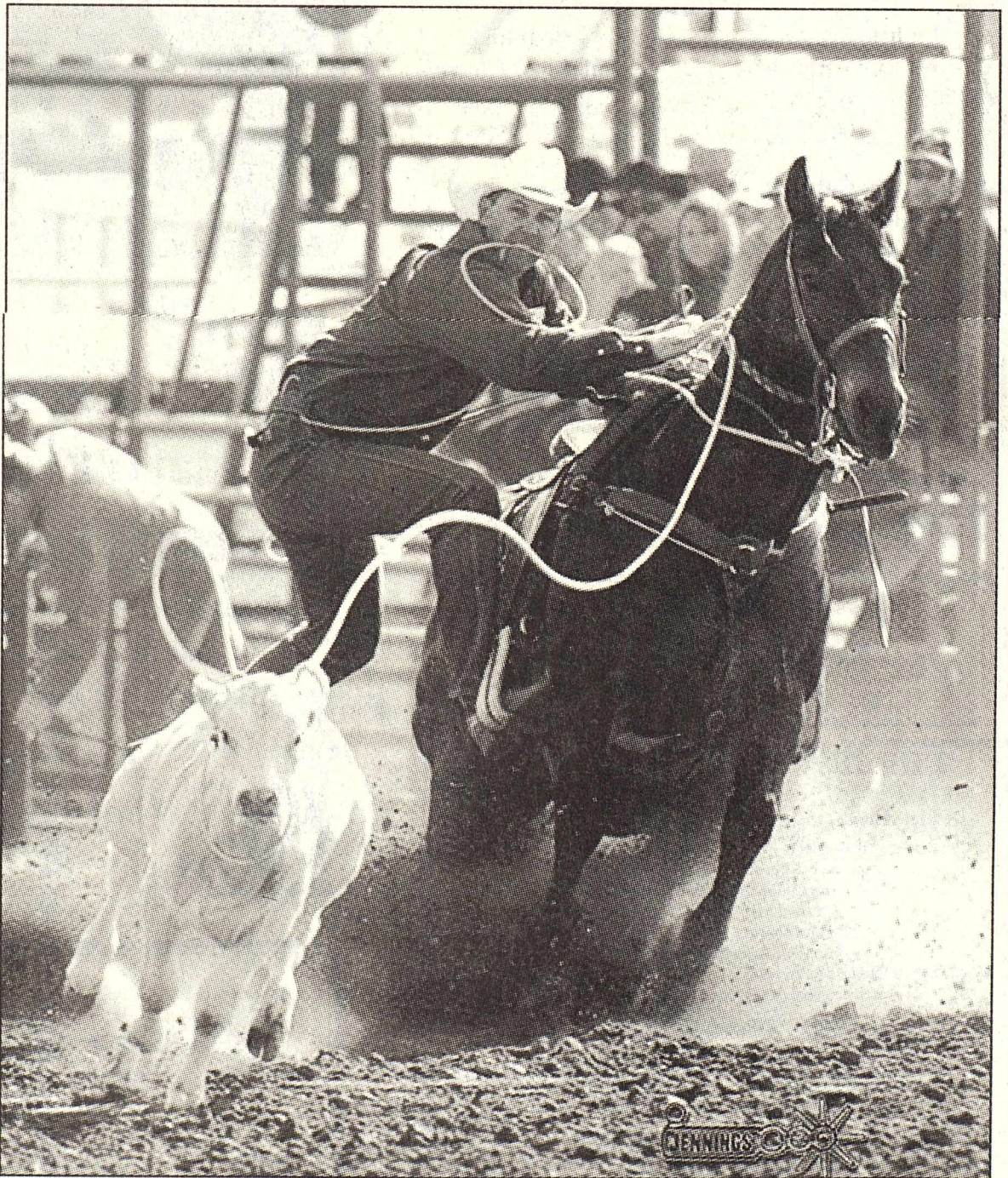
- #16 Kaitlyn Henderson
- #18 Vicki Torrez
- #21 Emily Butler

Varsity girls

- #21 Candace Chandler
 - #34 Alexie Ortiz
 - #37 Kyla Turney
 - #39 Dec McGee
 - #41 Tissie Wagnor
 - #44 Savannah Leonard
- ### Varsity boys
- #11 Nick Favila
 - #16 Jacob Ibarra
 - #20 Tony Torrez
 - #28 Colton Moore
 - #30 Zenon Acosta
 - #38 J.T. Downing
 - #39 Filemon Garza

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Hudson wins second in San Angelo Invitational



Practice doesn't always make perfect, at least not for Sutton County Calf Roper Keith Hudson. Hudson hadn't been to the practice pen in quite some time and had not even purchased his Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association's (PRCA) card this year. He has been busy chasing his two boys on the football field and the golf course. But the invitation came and Hudson loaded up his horse and headed to Angelo.

It's a good thing, as he placed 4th in the first go-round and 2nd in the Short-go round, putting him 2nd in the average! These combined catches secured him a cash prize over \$6,000. He was actually sitting in 1st place until the very last roping of the day, Justin Moss, tied one down just fast enough to take the lead, moving Hudson to the 2nd place position. Not bad for not roping full time like most of the competitors. The top Calf Ropers in the United States were a part of the annual Roping Fiesta held at the San Angelo Spur Arena. Money raised from the weekend event helps sponsor scholarships given at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo.

Hudson was the only Sutton County cowboy entered in this year's roping Fiesta, but Sonora couldn't have been represented much better. Congratulations Keith.

Photo by David Jennings.

Bonilla questions responsiveness of Homeland Security



Congressman Henry Bonilla
WASHINGTON, D.C. - The catastrophe of Hurricane Katrina has prompted Congress to

review the nation's emergency responsiveness. In an effort to determine what went wrong and how to better respond to future catastrophes, Congressional leadership has chosen eleven Members of Congress to serve on the House Select Katrina Response Committee. Congressman Henry Bonilla was honored to be among the members chosen for the important task.

"So many things went wrong and it's our role to find out why," said Bonilla. "We've got to get to the bottom of the problems so we can ensure they do not happen again."

The Katrina Response Committee will question several officials directly involved in the Hurricane Katrina response and will then submit a report on their findings and suggestions. Thus far, the committee has had the opportunity to question Mike Brown, former Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Michael Chertoff, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; David Johnson, Director of the National Weather Service; and Dr. Max Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center.

In addition to questioning the federal response to Hurricane Katrina, Bonilla confronted Secretary Chertoff regarding a systemic lack of departmental responsiveness to emergency situations, a prime example of which is border security. Bonilla is concerned that the Department of Homeland Security

(DHS) is not acting quickly enough to secure the nation's borders.

"Mr. Secretary, are you aware that there is currently an invasion of illegal immigrants along the South West border? And would you agree that the government's lack of attention to this is an embarrassment to our nation and a mockery to federal law?" said Bonilla when questioning DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff. "I just hope that you'll do all you can to change this because its an emergency situation that needs action."

Joined by 24 members of the Texas Congressional Delegation, Bonilla's recently authored a letter to President George W. Bush regarding the border security emergency. In the letter, Bonilla addresses the issues of "Other than Mexicans" (OTMs) who are taking advantage of the immigration system; illegal drugs crossing the border; and border violence. Bonilla believes that all of these issues pose serious threats to border security.

"Illegal aliens are crossing our border by the hundreds on a daily basis. They are presenting an immediate danger to the lives of people in every Texas community and beyond. We strongly urge you to take action now," wrote Bonilla.

Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Bonilla has been striving for several years to create stronger security along the Texas/Mexico border. Bonilla has represented South Texas since his first election in 1992. In addition to serving as Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Bonilla is a Vice-Chair of the U.S./Mexico Caucus.

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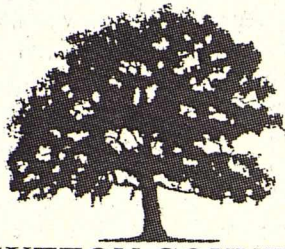
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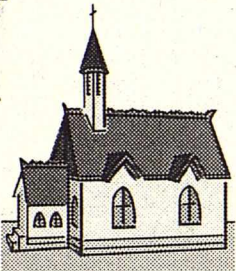
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Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-3100	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E. Poplar 387-2955
Pentecostal Calvary Temple United 509 Amistad 387-2466	First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466
St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713
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Obituary

Perley May Wall

Perley May Wall, age 79, of London, and formerly of Sonora, passed away Thursday, October 27, 2005, in Brady, Texas after a short battle with cancer. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2005 in Sonora Cemetery, with Reverend Jim Stephen officiating.

Perley was born May 25, 1926 in Concho County, to Garrison J and Winnie May Reed Jones. She was a homemaker and a Baptist and was leisurely enjoying her animals, garden, and life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aaron E. Wall, and two brothers, G.J. Jones of Sonora and Thomas L. Jones of Bangs, sisters Dela McLaughlin of Sonora and Lisa Emmerson.

She is survived by her son Ed Weber of London, and numerous relatives and friends.

Foundation fries fish to raise funds for future



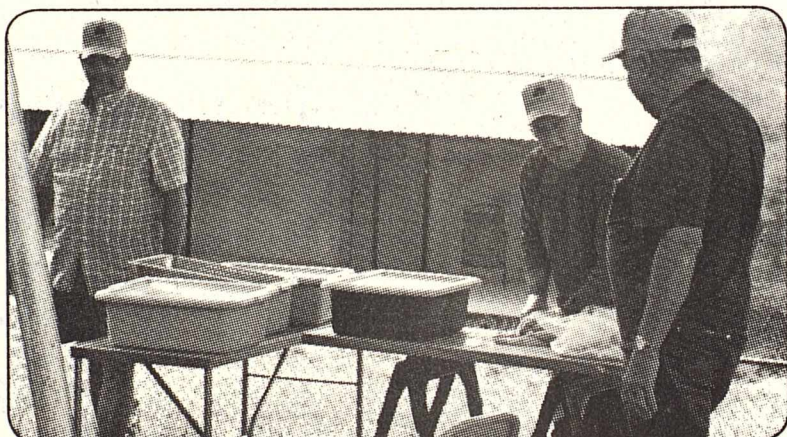
The brisk breeze made for a nice autumn day to visit with friends while waiting for their plates of fried fish and all the trimmings, while helping raise funds for the future of health care in our community.

The Sutton County Health Foundation Fish Fry Fundraiser was a "whale" of a success... hook, line and sinker. S.C.H.F. Board of Directors, Steering Committee members and their friends and families, met under the oak tree by the Sutton County Courthouse on Sunday, October 23 to help raise funds for the future of health care in Sonora and Sutton County. The community was treated to a fried fish lunch with all the trimmings: coleslaw, beans, brownies and tea, and were able to assist in the overall goal of the S.C. Health Foundation, to raise sufficient capital funds to someday supplement the income of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. These supplemental funds will help keep the hospital open to provide quality health care to you and your loved ones. Currently, the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital is supported by tax dollars. At some time in the future, the expense of maintaining the hospital may exceed what county taxpayers are willing, or able, to pay. At that time, the hospital would be forced to close.

Because business owners, schoolteachers, doctors, industries, and retirees are reluctant to relocate to a town without a hospital, the loss of our local hospital and the health care it provides endangers the economic survival of Sonora and Sutton County.

Memorial donations, will bequests, insurance policy proceeds, tax-exempt gifts, general donations and fund raisers such as the fish fry, pro-actively address this threat to our way of life and help to secure the funds that may be needed to preserve our hospital, our community, and our way of life.

If you missed the great meal, but would like to contribute to the Sutton County Health Foundation, contributions can be mailed to: Sutton County Health Foundation, P.O. Box 18, Sonora, Texas 76950.



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A special thanks to all of you! We truly appreciate the support of our families, school, community, and businesses.

2006 Senior Class of SHS

The Eldorado Lions Club would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of our benefit golf tournament in October. Dominion Exploration and Production, Creek Swabbing and Roustabout, NOS (Niblett's Oilfield Service), 1st Community Federal Credit Union, S & T Roustabouts, Griffin Construction, Shell Star Stop, First National Bank, Meador Construction, Jet Supply, Shots Convenience Store, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Kosub & Griffin, National Oilwell, and Super S Foods.

Due to their generous sponsorship, the Eldorado Lions Club will be able to continue to serve our community as we have for the past 75 years. Thank you.

We would like to thank the following buissness for participating in the Annual Little Creatures Trick-or-Treat: First National Bank of Sonora, City Hall, Elliott Law Office, Main Street Realty, Doyle Morgan Ins., Federal Land Bank, Devil's River News, Sutton County Annex Building, Johnson's Law Office Devon Oil, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Sutton County Auditor Office & County Treasure, Sam Dillard State Farm Ins., Stir-Up Trouble, Team Graphics, Sonora Abstract Co., Tedford Jewelry, Lone Star Collision, Farm Bureau Insurance, The Palms, Sutton County Probation Office, Radio Shack, Sutton County Sheriff Office, Sutton County Historical Society Office, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County, Sonora Post Office, Sonora Police Dept., Sutton County Library, and the Sonora Chamber Commerce. We found it to be lots of fun and we had a great time.

I would like to sincerely thanks the Elementary faculty and staff, Middle School and High School faculty ans staff and parents of elementary students for the many calls, visits, plants, gifts, and kind words of support you have shown me following my resignation from the Elementary school. I have been truly humbled by the tremendous show of encouragement and support. I also could never ask for better friends than those who stood behind me through thick and thin. Thank you!

To the Elementary faculty and staff: I have been blessed getting to know (and working with) each of you for the past 10 years. I have made many special friends during my years at the Elementary school and I will always treasure those friendships. I miss all of you and the children so much. Thank you for support and May God Bless each and every one of you!
Irene Casillas

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern for Garrett since his football accident. It is great to live in such a caring community and we appreciated the cards and flowers and goodies that were sent to Garrett.
Jack, Lauri, Embre and Garrett Smith

it happens...

A few weeks back while my daughter was home for a visit, we suddenly noticed that the house seemed to be filling with smoke. My daughter called my son, Carl, who immediately called the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department before coming to the house. Meanwhile, Bob, Trouba and I began to search the house, looking for the source of the smoke. Before we knew it, not only was our son there to assist, within minutes, the volunteer fire department, Sutton County EMS, Sonora Police officers and even some friends who heard the call on the scanner, were filling the house looking for the source. We searched the two storage attics and all the rooms to no avail, until someone made another check in the back of the house. The problem was located and the source of smoke was contained... putting a whole new meaning to 'smokin' in the boys room'.

After the laughter faded and the crowd cleared, we realized that although it was humorous that my husband had started the toilet paper smoldering with the ashes from his cigar, it was no joking matter to the professionals who responded to the call. They were there immediately, ready to do whatever needed to be done to help. We would like to let all the emergency response personnel know how much we appreciate all that they do for us and for Sutton County. The continued dedication of these men and women is admirable and we are lucky to have them.

Again, thanks to everyone.
Bob and Robbie Teaff, Trouba Derrick, and Carl and Melissa Teaff

Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Nov. 4 - Errands
- Mon. Nov. 7 - Bingo after lunch
- Tues. Nov. 8 - Election Day - get out and vote! Happy B-day Victorino Martinez
- Wed. Nov. 9 - Happy B-day Sheila Castro & Tommy Hernandez
- Thurs. Nov. 10 - Crafts!

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Nov. 4 - Fried catfish, spinach, pinto beans, coleslaw, corn bread, lemon pudding
- Mon. Nov. 7 - Meatballs w/spaghetti & tomato sauce, spinach, tossed salad, garlic bread, banana pudding, milk
- Tues. Nov. 8 - Pork chops w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, fruit cocktail, milk
- Wed. Nov. 9 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, sliced tomatoes, mustard greens, corn bread, banana pudding, milk
- Thurs. Nov. 10 - Pork roast w/gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, mixed fruit, milk

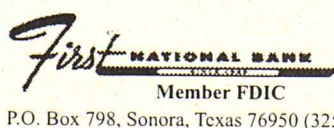
Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 5
Shane Folmar Memorial Dedication Ceremony
Sutton County Wellness Center
10:00 a.m.

November 12
Game Dinner
Civic Center @ 6:00 p.m.

November 8
Election Day - Vote



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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Please print the "Billy Men," again.

A. "The Devil's River News," January 22, 1921

THE BILLY MEN

B.M. Halbert, the Billy King,
Cannot whistle, nor can he sing;
Says his eyesight's bad, and he cannot hear,
But talk about goats, and his mind is clear.

He visited Angelo during the fair,
And began to bid on a Billy Goat there.
All those who 'ere now understand
How B.M. Halbert played his hand.

This Riddell buck' from the far Northwest
Took easy rank among the best.
Says Riddell, "He'll win in any show.
We'll send him south to San Angelo."

Says Taylor to Halbert, "That goat will sell,
That he's a good one it's easy to tell."
Auctioneer said, "Run him high as you can.
For I know he was raised by a good Billy Man."

So they put the goat in the auction sale,
Where the highest bid would tell the tale;
And when the last bid ceased to ring
He belonged to Halbert, the Billy King.

There's our old friend Eli Taylor,
He has so many children he uses a trailer;
Got some fine goats, raised by his wife;
Gets the blue ribbons, you bet your life.

Eli made good at Los Angeles show



Johnnie Ward, The Billy King

By telling the public how Angora grow.
He sells his goats as high as he can,
And therefore is called a good Billy man.

John A. Ward is a big Billy man,
Works darn hard and does all he can
To get Angoras into the ring,
So, he too, is called a Billy King.

E. E. Strickland from Juno town,
Runs Angoras, he gained renown;
Attends goat shows now and then,
And stands real high with the Billy Men.

Fred Earwood, fancying mohair coats
Now talks about nothing but Billy Goats,
Some folks call Fred a lady's man,
But goat men call him a Billy Man.

Down in Kimble is Old Man Skaggs
Don't talk much, and never brags,
His Angoras rank with the best in the pen,
So he is classed with the Billy Men.

G.W. Stephenson rode his old tin lizzie
Down to the show and got mighty busy;
He hob-nobbed 'round with the Billy Men
Till that's what they call him again and again.

"'Twould not be right to close this story
Without giving Sheep Men some of the glory.
Now T. B. Adams and his old friend Dan
Don't like a goat or a Billy Goat Man.

This started talk between T.B.A.
And his old friend Dan, in the following way:
There's Halbert and Ward and Old Eli,
Got good goats, but they're way to high.

At auction the champion goat was sold
For seventeen hundred and fifty gold
Says Dan to Tom, "That makes me weep,
To think a goat would out-sell a sheep."

So the Billy Men bested the Big Sheep Kings,
And will do it again, in the scheme of things.
For a good goat surely brings

the price,
And the Sheep Men do not cut much ice.

Good-bye Goat Men, Sheep men, all
We'll meet again at the fair next fall,
And if you come to Del Rio's show
You'll meet Billy Kings you ought to know.

This is not from the pen of the San Angelo poet,
She don't know much 'bout a sheep or a goat.
But when it comes to goats we say again
HIP HIP HOORAY FOR THE BILLY MEN!

We think it would be really neat if we could get copies of photographs of all the men mentioned in this poem with their show goats and sheep. When the new museum is finished we could put this poem on the wall and all their photographs around it. If anyone has a photo of Eli Taylor, E.E. Strickland, Fred Earwood, Mr. Skaggs, G. W. Stephenson or T. B. Adams we wish you would either get a good quality copy made or bring it in so we can scan it to our files and print it out. We could also use photographs of other men that raised goats, sheep, cattle, etc. for our files.
We need a good photo to make a good copy.

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Former comptroller heads governor's school finance, tax panel

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Former state Comptroller John Sharp, newly appointed chair of the governor's panel on property tax and school finance reform, spoke to the Texas Association of Business in Austin Oct. 28.

Sharp, also a former member of the Texas House and Texas Railroad Commission, said the panel will work closely with every member of the Texas Legislature.

Although members of the panel Sharp is chairing have yet to be named, Sharp said that when their work is finished, "I will tell who was naughty and nice."

Regardless of differences that have stood in the way of a bipartisan solution to school finance and tax reform for the last two regular and three special legislative sessions, Sharp, a Democrat, expressed confidence that the panel's efforts will be successful. Lawmakers and panelists will find reasonable ways to relieve the property tax burden and adequately fund education, but

a personal income tax will not be considered, he said.

One thing for sure, he said, is "We're not going to get more revenue from the present system (of taxation)" because so many Texans already pay the maximum property tax.

Sharp predicted that when the Texas Supreme Court rules on the pending case over the constitutionality of the school finance and property tax laws, those laws will be found unconstitutional.

The ruling will trigger a special session and lawmakers will huddle up to work on both problems. The state's high court heard oral arguments on the subject July 6, and the case has been pending since then.

Enrollment below expectations

Texas public and private colleges and universities recorded lower than expected enrollment this fall, according to a report released Oct. 27 by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

This year's total enrollment of 1,192,243 is only a 19,134-student increase over the fall semester 2004. This causes concern, because enrollment growth is not trending in tandem with the state's population, which is growing more rapidly than

anticipated. State demographer Steve Murdock of the University of Texas at San Antonio said Texas is now 35th in the nation in the percentage of people with college degrees. In 1990, Texas ranked 23rd.

Money back, comptroller says

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn urged Gov. Rick Perry to call a three-day special session of the Legislature so lawmakers could vote to give every homeowner in the state a check for \$260.

When Strayhorn closed the books on the biennium that ended Aug. 31, she found enough unanticipated surplus tax revenue to give taxpayers the rebate. But the governor's office dismissed the idea.

Miers withdraws as nominee

Under pressure from her own political party, Harriet Miers withdrew as President George W. Bush's nominee to replace retiring associate justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Miers, a Republican, was appointed commissioner of the Texas Lottery by then-Gov. Bush. She held the post for more than four years. Miers will retain her present position of White House counsel.

Judge upholds smoking ban

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks

upheld a smoking ban passed by Austin voters last year.

No smoking is allowed in public buildings, including restaurants and all but a few bars.

The lawsuit that prompted Sparks' ruling was brought by businesses that questioned the constitutionality of the ban. Only about a dozen bars in Austin can legally allow smoking.

Judge to eye venue motion

U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay and his lawyers filed papers alleging potential bias on the part of state District Judge Bob Perkins, who is slated to preside over the Sugar Land Republican's trial on charges of money-laundering and conspiracy to violate Texas election laws. On Nov. 1, retired judge C.W. "Bud" Duncan of Killeen, a Republican, is to review the motion to move the trial away from Austin to what the former U.S. House majority leader believes will be a fairer court. One of DeLay's objections to Perkins is the judge's membership in MoveOn.org, a grassroots political organization.

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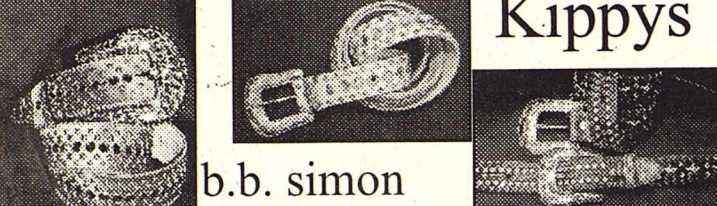
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Chamber Chatter

Hunting season brings big business to Sonora merchants

SONORA
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by Ruthie Bounds,
 COC Executive Director

It is just a few more days until hunting. This is the big week for Sonora businesses!

The regular deer hunting season opens this Saturday, November 5th. In our column last week we reminded everyone about hospitality and customer service. This week we want to remind the citizens of Sonora to be patient and hospitable to the hoards of hunters that descend upon our community every year at this time.

Please remember when you have to stand in line just a little longer at the grocery store, feed store, convenience store or hardware store that these visitors to Sonora bring their money with them. Not only the ranchers that lease hunting rights to these visitors benefit; the entire community benefits.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, along with Sonora Chamber of Commerce, will be conducting a survey this year at the 39th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner, that should give us some idea of the overall economic impact of hunting to Sonora and Sutton County. We are hoping to gather enough information to verify the importance of the hunting business to our area.

Some of the facts that we already know without running a survey include the influx of funds to help the area land owners and the increase of the overall sales tax revenue generated during hunting season.

The Governors Office of Tourism & Recreation estimates that every dollar spent in small towns like Sonora will be turned over 5 times. This could mean that each dollar would be equal to \$5.00. How could that possibly be true? Each time a visitor to Sonora spends a dollar at a business in Sonora that dollar will help the business to employ someone. That someone then turns around and spends money on goods, groceries, utilities, fuel and taxes in Sonora. The really marvelous part of

this equation is that each one of these dollars came from somewhere other than Sonora.

To better understand this concept we must also figure the sales tax revenue into this equation. Sonora collects \$1.75 on every \$100.00 of taxable goods sold in Sonora. The remainder of the sales tax goes to the State of Texas. It has been estimated that each hunter visiting Sonora spends between \$500.00 and \$1000.00 on goods and services, above and beyond the amount spent on their hunting lease fees. For the sake of example, let's figure on the low end of the estimate. If each hunter spends \$500.00 the City of Sonora will receive \$8.75. You can do the math. How many hunters do you see in Sonora? Even if you think it is only 100 hunters; that still adds up to \$875.00 of sales tax revenue that Sonora would never have without the hunters. When you figure out the fact that the real number of hunters visiting Sonora is much greater than 100 and is estimated to be well above 1000, it is easy to see what an economic impact that can have on a small community like Sonora.

It is our hope that the survey that Pasqual Hernandez, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, has recommended that we conduct during the Sutton County Game Dinner, will help us be able to verify and substantiate the numbers.

If you are a local land owner that leases out for hunting, please let your hunters know about the Sutton County Game Dinner, on Saturday, November 12th at the Sutton County Civic Center. We also want to let all the hunters know that absolutely no personal information will be requested on the survey. Only statistical information will be requested, the survey does not even ask for your full name or address.

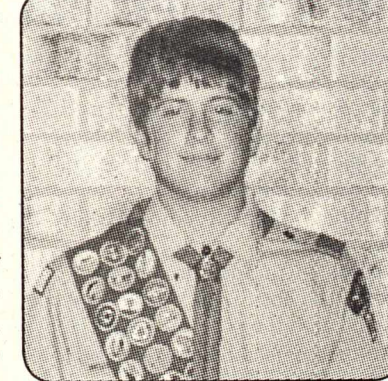
The main purpose of writing on this subject this week, is to remind all of us that we need to welcome these hunters to Sonora with open arms.

WELCOME HUNTERS - WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE COME TO SONORA!

Talley receives Eagle Scout

Tyler Talley of Early, TX was awarded scouting's highest rank August 21, 2005. Tyler was presented the Eagle Badge at a special Eagle Court of Honor at the Early First Baptist Church on October 15.

Tyler, the son of Christie and Tim Talley, is a senior at Early High School. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 22, sponsored by the Brownwood Kiwanis Club. Tyler is a former member of Troop 19 in Sonora, sponsored by the Sonora Downtown Lions Club.



Tyler Talley

Talley's Community service project involved supervising as well as helping build six 8'X8' movable walls for the Brown County Museum. These walls are used to create a room or house setting as well as museum displays.

He has earned 25 merit badges during his years in Boy Scouts. He has served the troops as senior patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, and quartermaster. Tyler traveled with fellow Troop 22 Scouts to Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM in July of 2003. Tyler participated in a two week backpacking trek which covered 65 miles.

Tyler plays shortstop on the Early High School Varsity Baseball team and plays trombone in the Early Longhorn Band. He is currently employed by Chicken Express in Early and attends Austin Avenue Church of Christ in Brownwood.

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The West Texas Cloggers are true characters as they step it up in front of the Courthouse at the Fall Festival.

Friends of Historic Sonora says thanks for the fun at the annual Fall Festival

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

The Annual Fall Festival was a great success, with music, food, clogging, candles, singing and even a costume contest for all the kids young and old. The Senior class had wonderful success selling all of their hamburgers which were so good. Thank you seniors and parents for all of your hard work.

The Middle School Student Council put on the Bingo game, with wonderful prizes for the winners. Barry Black was kind enough to bring an old truck for the kids to beat on, and if they made a big enough dent in the truck they got to write their name on it.

We would also like to give special thanks to Judge Alvarez and Adolfo Alvarez who did a wonderful job with the entertainment throughout the day. *The Studio* did a great job, entertaining us with their moves. We would also like to thank the City of Sonora for all their help with putting up and taking down all the street blocks. Thanks to Chief House and

all his Officers for keeping it a safe place to have all our Festival Fun. We had visitors from all over who attended this year's Fall Festival including Coleman, Eldorado, Ozona, Big Lake, Houston, and Dallas.

We appreciate the radio station for all your help with promoting the Fall Festival this year and the KLST channel 8 News for coming down here and supporting our community by helping us catch all of our wonderful events.

Thanks to all of the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Board members for all your help, we would have not been able to do it without you. We had great fun and we thank everyone in the community for coming down and supporting everyone.

If you have any questions or comments about this year's Annual Fall Festival please give us a call at 325-387-2248. Ann will be out of the Office this week for a TDA meeting in Laredo, but you can come on in and talk to Jennifer



Costume contest winners (above and below) show off their stuff at the Fall Festival.



Darling dancers from *The Studio* move to the Monster Mash on Main Street (above).

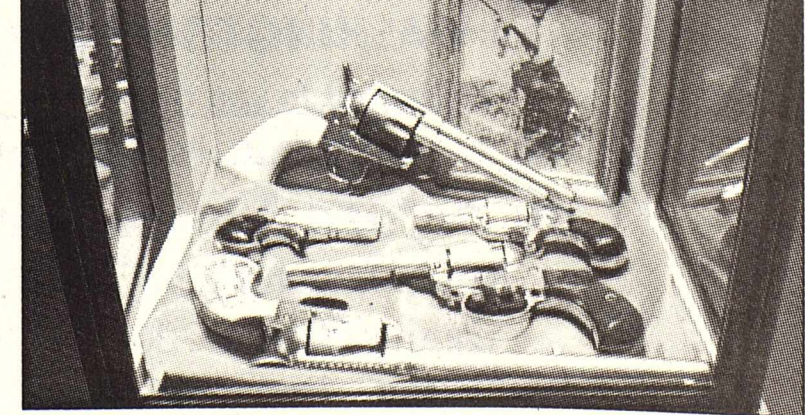
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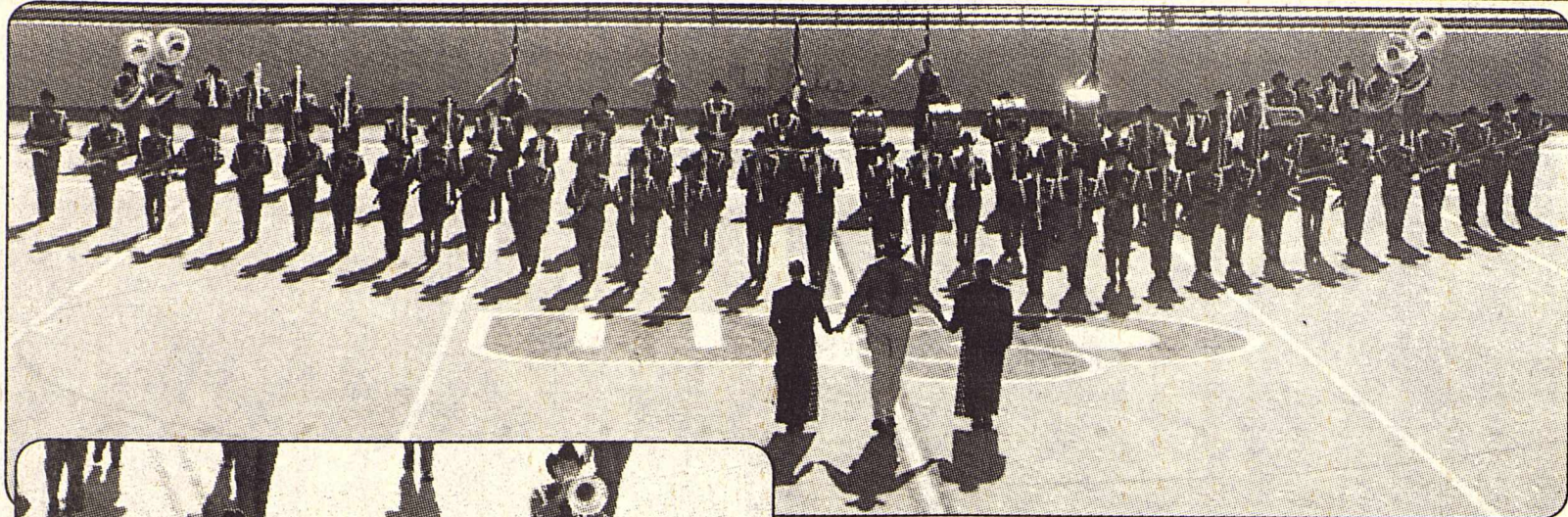
by Ann Kay, FHSMS Program

The Bank & Trust of Sonora and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to invite you to the Bill Stewart Antique Gun Collection during the month of November 2005. Bill Stewart has on display a collection of unique pistols in the lobby of the Bank & Trust in Sonora, Texas. The exhibit will be open during banking hours Monday - Friday.

One of the special spotlighted pistols was used by Sheriff Elijah S. (Lige) Bryant in the killing of the outlaw Will Carver in Sonora on April 1, 1901. The pistol later was carried and used by Texas Ranger Nat B. (Kiowa) Jones. There are guns that were made during the Civil War Era and the 1930's during the Great Depression. Don't miss the other guns that all have a story to tell.

We would like to express our appreciation to Bill Stewart for sharing the Antique Gun Collection with our visiting hunters and our community. The other sponsors are the Bank & Trust of Sonora, the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, KHOS Radio, and Rafter W. Feed. If you need more information please contact the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248 or the Bank & Trust of Sonora at 325-387-2593.





above: Rusty Baldwin and The Mighty Bronco Band take to the field in Waco to compete in the Area D Marching Contest. left: Senior Embre Smith performs the trumpet solo in competition. Congratulations Band, Sonora is proud of you!

Sonora Continues Domination Over Grape Creek

by Ray Glasscock

The Eagles of Grape Creek received the opening kickoff to start the ninth game of the regular season on Friday, October 28. They surprised the Bronco defense by registering a first down. Steven Duhon and Roland Solis, the KHOS defensive player of the game, ended the Eagle drive quickly as they forced a Grape Creek fumble which the Broncos recovered. Two running plays by Justin Northcott, the KHOS offensive player of the game, gained big yardage. Uriel Santana and Caleb Ramos added more yardage to their rushing totals. Needing a first down, Ramos hit Northcott with a short pass and he rambled past the sticks. From the fourteen yard line, Ramos quickly hit Anthony Longoria with a short pass that Longoria took to pay dirt. Cullen Parker's PAT kick was blocked by an Eagle. Broncos led 6 to 0 with 5:36 left in the first quarter.

The next Eagle drive ended in the same manner. Mr. Gaytan registered a smashing tackle on this drive. On the Eagles' fourth play, the Broncos recovered their second fumble. After a couple of good gains by Santana and Ramos, it appeared that the Eagles had caught a break. A mishandled snap was recovered by Santana for a large loss of yardage. The Broncos responded with a perfect screen pass from Ramos to Northcott. Mr. Offense followed great Bronco blocking by Dustin Duhon and Mason Martinez to gain forty plus yards to the Bronco three yard line. Cameron Cox started in motion, took the handoff from Ramos, and circled the right end for the touchdown. Northcott caught the

option pitch from Ramos and scored two points for the Broncos, but only a 4.2 from the Russian judge on his tumbling routine. The Broncos led 14 to 0 with 1:02 left in the first quarter.

Things improved some for Grape Creek as they were able to not fumble. They punted to the Broncos, and forced the Broncos to go three and out. After a long punt by Parker, the Eagles returned to their fumbling ways. Grape Creek tried an option play. Mr. Duhon forced the Eagle quarterback to pitch early, and the ball ended on the ground. Northcott picked it up and sped down the sideline for the third Bronco touchdown. Pele Parker kicked the PAT, and the Broncos stretched their lead to 21 to 0 with 7:45 left in the second quarter.

The loyal Grape Creek fans watched their Eagles mount their best drive of the night. They ran ten plays with Donnie Jones gaining yards on nearly every carry. Jones got the touchdown from thirteen yards out. Their kick was good, and the score at the half was 21 to 7 in favor of the Broncos.

The Eagles kicked off to start the second half. The Broncos moved down the field with runs by Santana and pass receptions by Longoria and Cox. The Grape Creek defense stepped up, and the Broncos faced a fourth and one at the Eagle 46 yard line. Ramos handed the ball to Mr. Offense, and Northcott sprinted 54 yards for the longest touchdown run of the season. Parker kicked the PAT, and the Broncos increased their lead to 28 to 7 with 9:34 left in the second half.



Offensive Player of the Game, Justin Northcott, flips into the endzone to score against Grape Creek.

Grape Creek was not able to maintain their next drive with Craig Leonard, Evan Gulley, Chris Perez, Aaron Gaytan, and Embre Smith snuffing out their runs. After a short punt, the Broncos' offense once again took the field. Cox started the drive with another nice run for about 15 yards. Santana moved the chains with the option pitch from Ramos. Cox got the touchdown by catching a perfect pass over the middle from Ramos. Parker kicked the PAT, and the final score was 35 to 7 with 2:07 left in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was dedicated to the Bronco reserves. They performed well as they kept the Eagles from adding to the score. The Bronco Red JV team meets

Junction this Thursday in Sonora. When they win, they will finish their season as the JV district champions. The 8th Grade Colts can also win the junior high district championship by completing their undefeated season in Junction on Thursday. The White JV and the 7th Grade Colts will complete their season with winning records.

With the Ozona Lions defeating the Junction Eagles, the Broncos travel to Junction with their season on the line. With a victory, they will enter the small school bracket as the top seed. If the unthinkable were to happen, the Broncos could miss the playoffs. We need all real Sonorans to travel to Junction to support our Broncos.

Bronco JV Red makes it nine Beat Grape Creek 20-0

By: Danni Price

The Bronco Red JV team escaped the weather last Thursday as they took their show on the road to Grape Creek. The Broncos dominated the Eagles with "power" offense and "hard-nose" defense defeating the Eagles 20-0 for their ninth consecutive win of the season.

The Broncos started the game on offense driving the field to the Eagle 20 yard line, there they ran out of downs and gave the ball over to the Eagle offensive unit. Grape Creek was limited to 4 yards due to tackles made by Riley Sanchez, Morgan Martinez, Marc Hernandez and Nick Pena after going 3 and out; the Eagles were forced to punt.

The Broncos went straight to work on their second possession with powerful running plays behind their sturdy and dependable offensive line. Runs by Victor Vaquera and N. Pena would gain the Broncos 3 first downs and a touchdown on 4th and 2 with a hand-off to N. Pena for the score. The special teams unit lined up in PAT formation but instead had N. Pena, (the holder); throw a pass to Jordan Isenhour for the two points. Broncos lead 8-0.

The Eagles had the ball and ran 12 plays before punting the ball our way. On a 4 & 9 punt play, the Broncos were called for "roughing the kicker", this gave the Eagles a first down and more time with the ball. The Bronco defense led by J.T.

Downing, Martinez, N. Pena, Vaquera, R. Sanchez and Edward Garcia eventually forced a punt and got the ball back to the Bronco offense.

The Bronco offense went back to work, running the ball with Vaquera at the helm. Runs by R. Sanchez, and a catch and run to N. Pena put the Broncos in good field position. But after a couple of false starts and a pair of incomplete passes the Broncos had to give the ball over on downs. The Eagles would only have one chance to run a play before time ran out in the half.

Anthony Sanchez, Bronco kicker, started off the second half kicking to the Eagle 30-yard line. The Eagles started 1 & 10 from their own 30. On 1 & 10 Martinez and N. Pena stopped the Eagle running back for a gain of 2, then 2nd down they were called for a false start adding 5 yards. On 2 & 13, R. Sanchez hit the Eagle running back and knocked the ball loose, Martinez picked up the ball and ran it in for the second Bronco score. A. Sanchez PAT was low and no good. Broncos lead 14-0.

Vaquera took over kicking duties for A. Sanchez who was hurt on the previous PAT play. Vaquera's kick traveled to the Eagle 40 yard line. There the Big Red defense held the Eagles to 3 plays and a punt. The Broncos took the ball and ran five plays before sending N. Pena to punt.

The Bronco defense limited the Eagles to four plays and a punt, with a couple of QB sacks by

Hernandez and Justin Zuniga. The Broncos would once again take the field and the ball and go to work. The Broncos looked impressive earning 3 first downs and gaining a 15-yard "face mask" call along the way, but on the 9th play of the drive Vaquera lost the ball and the Eagles recovered.

Grape Creek's offense was once again "stumped" by the Red Horse defense. The Eagles were tackled and stymied by Martinez, N. Pena and Mark Holman going 3 and out and punting away. Vaquera and Co. only needed two plays to score the third touchdown. From the Eagle 45 yard line, Vaquera handed off to Pena who went 23 yards to the Eagle 28. Vaquera ran it in the end zone behind his O-line for the score. Vaquera's try at the PAT would fail, Broncos lead 20-0.

Both teams traded possessions a couple more times before time ran out in the game. Final score, Broncos 20, Eagles 0.

The Broncos increased their record to 9-0 and look forward to playing their last sub-varsity game at home on Thursday against Junction. The JV Red team played and won against Junction 28-0 in the second week of the season. Game time is set for 7:00 PM or immediately after the JV White Bronco game. Come out and "root" for these boys as they reach for a perfect 10-0 season! GO BRONCOS!!! BEAT THE JUNCTION EAGLES!!!

Neff walks in for the 2 pt. conversion. Eagles 6 - Colts 22.

In the 3rd quarter, the Colts held on to the ball for most of the quarter, but were unable to score from the 1 yd. line. Credit to the Eagle defense. The Colt's defense also held their ground with good plays from Cash Jennings, Manny Paredes, Will Anderson and Chacho Mesa.

In the 4th quarter, the Colts once again held the ball for most of the quarter as Will Anderson took a knee to run out the clock. Final Score: Grape Creek 6 - Colts 22.

Overall, all the Colts played great on their final home game. Next game Nov. 3 in Junction at 6:30.

Eighth grade Colts win last game at home

by Santiago Faz

On Thursday, October 27 the Colts hosted the Grape Creek Eagles for their final home game of the season. Tyler Creek kicked off to start the game and the Eagle runner was brought down by a host of colts at their own 36 yd. line. The Eagles were forced to punt after 3 plays with good defensive tackles from Harvey Santana, Tyler Creek, Manuel Flores, and Dustin Neff. The Colts took over at their own 34 yd. line. Dustin Neff gained 4 yds. on the 1st down. On 2nd down Dustin Neff sprints in from 32 yds. for the Colts second score. Caleb Gonzales gets in for the 2 pt. conversion. Eagles 0 - Colts 14. The 1st quarter ended as Caleb Gonzales had 2 consecutive tackles.

13 yds. for another 1st conversion failed. Grape Creek 0 - Colts 6. The Eagles started at their own 32 yd. line. Good defensive play by Tyler Creek and an incomplete pass had the Eagles on a punting situation again. The Eagle punter muffed the snap and Harvey Santana hustled in for the tackle and great field position for the Colts at the Eagle 35 yd. line. Dustin Neff gained 4 yds. on 1st down. On 2nd down Dustin Neff sprints in from 32 yds. for the Colts second score. Caleb Gonzales gets in for the 2 pt. conversion. Eagles 0 - Colts 14. The 1st quarter ended as Caleb Gonzales had 2 consecutive tackles.

The 2nd quarter started with defensive stops by Dustin Neff and Tyler Creek to force another punt. The Colts got 2 first downs on carries by Agüero and Neff, but Grape Creek intercepted a Caleb Gonzales pass. 1st and 10 for the Eagles at the Colts 29 yd. line. The Eagles managed a 1st down to the Colt 15 yd. line, and then scored on a swing pass from 15 yds. out. Eagles 6 - Colts 14.

Dustin Neff received the Eagle kick and returned it to their own 33 yd. line. After 2 incomplete passes, Kris Agüero sprinted for 51 yds. to the Eagle 16 yd. line. As time expires in the 2nd quarter, Agüero plunges into the end zone. Dustin

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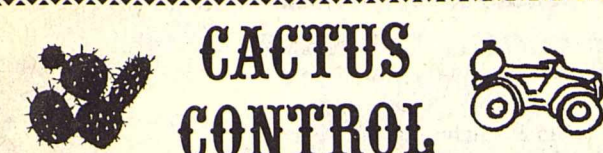
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4-H workshop makes cooking as much fun as eating



Youth from Schleicher and Sutton counties who recently participated in a 4-H Foods Workshop. The young chefs learned to make home made pasta and authentic marinara sauce.



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At the conclusion of the workshop everyone feasted on the delicious meal they had prepared.

StarGazer Invasion of the Martians, or Maybe the Europeans?

by *Paul Derrick*

Mars' current prominence in the night sky brings to mind H. G. Wells' famous novel, "War of the Worlds," in which Earth was invaded by hostile Martians. Writing in 1898, decades before the beginning of the Space Age, he was speaking to a ripe audience.

There was speculation that both Mars and Venus might harbor intelligent beings. Cloud-enshrouded Venus, named for the goddess of love and beauty, was seen as a Garden of Eden-like planet inhabited by gentle, peaceful beings, with blood-red Mars, named for the god of war, being home to hostile inhabitants.

We now know these ideas were entirely wrong. Venus, with its searing heat and crushing air pressure, has perhaps the most hostile environment of all the solid bodies in our solar system. Mars, with somewhat less hostile conditions, clearly harbors no intelligent life, and probably no life at all. While there are some indications that microscopic life might have lived on Mars in the past, it almost certainly wasn't Wellsian-type Martians.

What about other possible homes for life in our solar system? Mercury, nearest the Sun and almost as hot as Venus, is unlikely, as is our own barren Moon. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are gas planets with no solid surface, and thus no place for life--at least as we know it--to live. Tiny Pluto, smaller than our Moon, is so far from the Sun that little heat, light or other life-sustaining solar energy even reach it.

So what's left? Some scientists think Europa, Jupiter's third largest moon, is a good candidate. So does The Planetary Society which is launching its "Explore Europa" campaign. According to TPS, "Beneath Europa's unique frozen and cracked surface, there may exist an enormous ocean of water-liquid water. And where there's liquid water, life might exist--life very different from what we're used to here on Earth--but forms of life that thrive in environments that seem to us to be impossible." Find out more about TPS and its international advocacy effort at planetary.org.

Sky Calendar.

Nov. 7 Mon.: Mars is at opposition (exactly opposite the Sun as seen from Earth) and at its brightest.

8 Tue.: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

14 Mon. evening: The Moon is near Mars as the two travel across the sky together all night, setting at dawn the next morning.

15 Tue.: November's full Moon is called the Frosty Moon and Beaver Moon.

17 Thu. morning: The Leonid meteor shower peaks but is washed out by the Moon which is up nearly all night.

21 Mon. late evening: The Moon is to the left of Saturn as they rise shortly before 11 p.m. By morning they will be high in the southwest.

23 Wed.: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

Naked-eye Planets. (Due to Earth's west-to-east rotation, the Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west.) Brilliant Venus dominates the southwestern sky at dusk with fainter Mercury to its lower right near the horizon. Mars rises at sunset, is up all night, and sets at sunrise. Jupiter, emerging from the morning Sun, rises an hour before sunrise. Saturn is up by midnight and high in the south by dawn.

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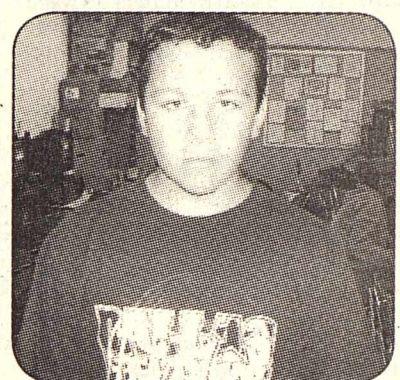
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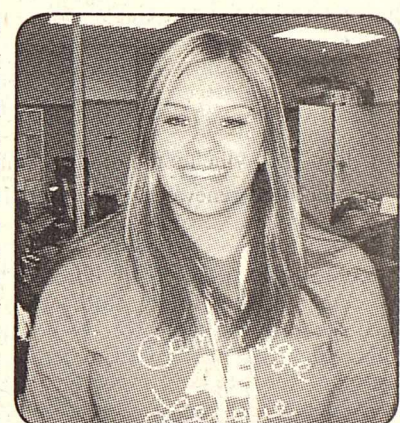
Ricky Lozano is the 9th grade son of Ray and Julie Lozano. Ricky was born in San Angelo but has been in Sonora all of his life. His favorite thing about Sonora High is the cool teachers, the fact that you have many privileges, and it is big.



After high school Ricky plans to go to college and says that Texas Tech is where he wants to go.

Candy Chandler

Candy Chandler is the 11th grade daughter of Doug and Courtney Chandler. Candy is active in cross-country and track. She lived in Sonora until she was four years old and then moved to Abilene and Snyder. She came back to Sonora in the 7th grade but then moved back to Snyder until this year. We all hope that Candy stays in Sonora as she is an excellent student and athlete. Her favorite thing about Sonora is that it is a smaller school and the atmosphere is more relaxed. After high school Candy would like to get a track scholarship to one of the colleges in Abilene, Texas.



Winter Session to be Offered at Texas Tech University Center at Junction

College students can earn three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit in 15 days in a new winter break program at Texas Tech University Center at Junction. Winter Session will run December 26, 2005 to January 9, 2006. Students can commute or housing and dining are available at the center.

Master Naturalists, retirees, and others might be interested in the "free tuition/fees only" plan for students 55 years of age and older.

Courses offered during the Winter Session include:

BIOL 3309 or 5309 Principles of Ecology Dr. Tom Arsuffi-A critical thinking approach to the study of structure and function of ecological systems using the scientific method and hypothesis testing. Group-based, field designed Hill Country terrestrial or aquatic research project component plus 2 field trips.

BIOL 4301 or ZOO 5308 General Ornithology with Dr. Kent Rylander-General introduction to ornithology with emphasis on bird behavior, ecology

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Sutton County rancher opens youth hunting season with full house

by Storie Sharp

The future of hunting and wildlife in Texas is in the hands of our youth and Sutton County rancher Leander Frey is doing his share to help.

The weekend of Oct. 29-30 is designated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife as a special youth-only season to encourage adults to share the hunting experience with the next generation of hunters.

Frey moved to Sutton County from his home state of Louisiana four years ago after visiting many times and deciding he like the country so much he wanted to live here. He purchased four sections 25 miles north-east of Sonora, on Baker Road. He immediately decided he wanted to share his place with others and invited some family down to hunt. Word of the great hunting experience soon spread among friends in Louisiana and now he hosts not only friends and family, but also has some paid hunts. This year three of the young hunters bagged some trophy bucks, including a 10 point, 8 point and a 6 point. The kids ranged in age from 5 to 13, with the smallest, Jud Hebert, 5, bagging the most at 3, using a 22 Hornet belonging to Steve Duhon. The families bring their own equipment and camp out at Frey's home and a bunk house on the property. The weekend is a family affair, with everyone helping to skin and quarter the deer and pitching in on the cooking and cleaning.



Louisiana youth and their parents hunt in Sutton County during Youth Hunting Season.

Frey says he looks forward to the hunt each year as it is so rewarding to see the smile on a young hunter's face after gets his first deer.

During the statewide special youth-only hunting weekend, licensed youth 16 years of age or younger are allowed to harvest white-tailed deer and Rio Grande turkey.

General season bag limits for the county hunted apply during the youth-only weekend.

Many Sutton County ranches participate in the special weekend, providing some great hunting for some lucky boys and girls.



A proud young hunter shows off his first deer.

Combs Announces License Expiration Date Changes

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today announced changes to the Texas Department of Agriculture's license expiration procedures.

"In the past, we have had set expiration dates and have prorated license fees accordingly," Combs said. "We expect that changing to an anniversary expiration date for new licenses will increase our efficiency in getting licenses in the hands of the people who need them."

Effective Oct. 1, 2005, new pesticide applicator licenses will expire on the anniversary date they were issued. A pesticide dealer license will expire on the last date of the month of the second anniversary it was issued.

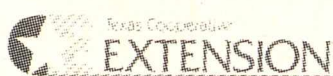
For licenses renewed before Oct. 1, pesticide applicator licenses will continue to expire on Feb. 28 of each year for commercial and noncommercial applicators and Feb. 28 five years after they were issued for private applicators. Dealer licenses expire on Dec. 31 of odd numbered years.

"License holders will receive a renewal form about a month before their license expires," Combs said. "It is important for pesticide applicators to be aware of their expiration date so they can get the required continuing education units before their license expires."

While the majority of pesticide applicator renewals will still fall on the Feb. 28 date, Combs said she hopes the new system will eventually distribute the workload throughout the year so that licenses can be issued quicker.

New licenses for nursery/floral, rose grading, vegetable seed, grain warehouse and eggs also will expire on the anniversary date they were issued.

Selecting Firewood



submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent

Though most of us don't rely on wood to heat our homes, there may be more folks thinking about wood due to the projected increase in heating costs this winter. With that in mind, here are a few thoughts about firewood.

There are some things we can look for even if the fire we're making is more for decoration than warmth. Whether you buy or gather your own firewood, you will likely have a choice from among the many species of trees in the state. Pound for pound all wood burns about the same. A pound of good dry hardwood will produce about 8600 B.T.U.s of heat energy when burned. However, because of high resin content, some pine wood may produce over 9000 B.T.U.s.

Wood is almost always sold on a volume basis; that is, by the standard cord, load, rick or face cord. Since the "cord" measure is rather loosely applied you should determine what the seller means before you purchase. A standard cord contains 128 cubic feet of stacked wood and is assumed to be a stack of logs or bolts 4 feet x 4 feet x 8 feet.

Firewood is usually purchased already split and cut to fit a fireplace or a stove of certain dimensions. Commonly the sticks are 2 feet or less in length. A stack of firewood 4 feet high and 8

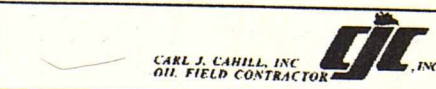
feet long is called a face cord. The cubic foot volume of a face cord is determined by the length of the stick. A face cord of firewood cut 2 feet long contains only one-half of the volume of a standard cord. A rick is usually assumed to be the same as a face cord. A load can mean anything, and depends on the size of the conveyance, whether the wood is split or round, whether the wood is stacked or "thrown" in, and how high it is piled.

Different types of wood have a range of characteristics, such as length of burn time, aroma, smoking, sparking, split-ability, and ease of starting. Fireplace users often prefer aroma and less sparking, but may be less concerned about heating value. Wood that sparks frequently, such as cedar, may be a fire hazard and should be avoided in fireplaces. Cottonwood and pine are listed as moderate spark makers. Wood stove owners look for heavy, dense wood such as oak or mesquite, which though somewhat difficult to light, produces excellent heat and coals, few sparks and has a fair aroma. Quality considerations also include the age or dryness of the wood, and whether it is solid or decayed.

If you're serious about heating your home with wood, you may consider getting a sealed wood stove rather than an open fireplace. Airtight stoves can heat up to two-thousand square feet. So, keep warm and enjoy the cool weather this winter.

Rig Locations as of October 28, 2005

- Sutton**
- Dominion;** 9650' WH Karnes - C - #12, Patterson Drilling.
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 - Dominion;** 9050' Randee Fawcett Trust #25, Patterson Drilling.
 - Dominion;** 8850' Shurley RR - 1A - #4, Patterson Drilling.
 - Dominion;** 8800' Duke Wilson #176-5, Patterson Drilling.
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 - Dominion;** 6250' Fields 16 - #16, Patterson Drilling.
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 - New Dominion;** 8250' Shurley RR - 2A - 1, Patterson Drilling.
 - New Dominion;** 8250' Mayer Ranch - AA - #25-3, Patterson Drilling.
 - New Dominion;** 7750' Shurley RR - 1A - #3, Patterson Drilling.
 - New Dominion;** 6950' Canyon Ranch #2074S, Patterson Drilling.
 - New Dominion;** 6250' Fields - 16 - #19, Patterson Drilling.
- Crockett**
- New Clayton Williams' Ene;** 10000' University - 16 - #1, Lariat Services.
 - EOG Resources;** 9700' Tabasco - 2 - #1, Adobe Drilling Bronco.
 - New J Cleo Thompson;** 9500' University 31-31S #5, Patterson Drilling.
 - New Harrison Interests;** 9500' Joe Tom Davidson, Jr. F #40, Patterson Drilling.
 - Dominion;** 9240' Joe Friend Estate #8028, Patterson Drilling.
 - Approach Operating;** 9000' Bailey #117x, Nabors Drilling.
 - New Approach Operating;** 9000' Clayton #915, Nabors Drilling.
 - New Approach Operating;** 9000' PL Childress #604x, Patterson Drilling.
 - New Chevron;** 8400' Scheuber Perry - LL - Unit 2 #1, Nabors Drilling.
 - New Anadarko;** 8000' Laura Hoover Estate - 51 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
 - New Bluegrass Energy;** 6600' Simpson Canyon - 2027 - Unit #1, Adobe Drilling.
 - New FIML Natural Res;** 5500' Maggie Moore, #6B, Patterson Drilling.
- Schleicher**
- Unit Petroleum;** 7300' University - D - #4, Nabors Drilling.
 - New Approach Operating;** 9000' Rousselot #4604, Nabors Drilling.
 - Approach Operating;** 9000' Rousselot #4602, Nabors Drilling.
- Terrell**
- ConocoPhillips;** 12000' Creek Ranch - 15 - #3, Patterson UTI.
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ples from continuing their lifestyles.

Arguments Against

• Changing the constitution to define marriage and ban same-sex marriages is not necessary to set legal principals, as there is a statute already prohibiting same-sex marriages.

• Texas should provide equal protection to all its citizens and should not discriminate against a group of citizens in the state constitution.

PROPOSITION 3

The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt. (HJR 80 - Sponsors: Krusee and Ogden)

Explanation

HJR 80 amends Section 52-a, Article III of the Texas Constitution. This section allows the legislature to create statutory programs for economic development, including grants and loans. It is implemented by Chapter 380 of the Local Government Code. The purpose of these grants and loans is to create jobs. The programs are usually long-term so the granting agency can ensure the funds are protected. Any financing for these economic development programs that is backed by ad valorem taxes requires voter approval. If any loans or grants for these programs are not secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes, then they do not create a debt.

A recent trial court case ruled that under another section of the constitution, any grant program lasting longer than one year does result in an unconstitutional debt, and therefore requires special financing such as bonds or certificates of obligation.

This amendment would clarify that loans or grants made under this section, not secured or financed by ad valorem taxes, do not constitute or create a debt.

Arguments In Favor

• This amendment clarifies existing practice, allowing it to continue.

• This tool is needed to attract development and create jobs.

Arguments Against

• The amendment allows for the continuation of long-term grants and loans for economic development without voter review.

• When a local government creates a long-term obligation, voter approval should be required.

PROPOSITION 4

The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release

pending trial. (SJR 17 - Sponsors: Staples and Gattis)

Explanation

Under present law, if a criminal defendant is not brought to trial within 90 days of his arrest, he or she must be offered bail. There are five exceptions: (a) a defendant in a capital case when the proof is evident, (b) a twice-convicted felon accused of another felony, (c) a defendant accused of a felony while on bail for a felony, (d) a prior felon accused of a felony with a deadly weapon, (e) a felon on state-supervised parole accused of a violent or sexual offense.

If passed, this amendment would add a sixth exception to a prisoner's right to bail. A district judge would have the option to revoke bail and deny further bail to a defendant in a felony case who violates a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

Arguments For

• Without the exception proposed in this amendment, a criminal defendant is guaranteed the right to release on bail after each violation.

• This proposition would protect crime victims and the public from violent offenders who now have the right to seek bail even if they have violated the conditions of their bond.

Arguments Against

• This amendment is unnecessary. It could result in pretrial measures being harsher than penalties that might result from the defendant's trial.

• This amendment could cause an additional burden to county taxpayers. The current statewide average incarceration rate is \$36 per day, according to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

PROPOSITION 5

The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans. (SJR 21 - Sponsors - Averitt and Flynn)

Explanation

Current state law limits interest rates on all loans, including commercial loans.

The proposed amendment would allow the Legislature to designate a class of large commercial loans as "exempt commercial loans" that would be exempt from interest ceilings. Higher rates would thus be allowed on certain exempt commercial loans. Interest ceilings currently imposed by Texas law apply only to Texas-based banks and financial institutions. Banks that are outside of Texas, or banks in Texas whose headquarters are outside the state, may provide commercial loans at higher rates than Texas-based banks. As a result, there are few large banks headquartered in Texas.

Enabling legislation has been passed (HB 955) that defines exempt commercial loans as any commercial loan of \$7 million or more that is secured primarily by real property, or any loan of \$500,000 or more that is not secured by real property.

Arguments For

• Most states (46) do not set rates for commercial loans, so their financial institutions have greater freedom to structure large or more risky commercial ventures. Often Texas lenders cannot get sufficient yield to make larger loans worthwhile. Consequently, the majority of commercial loans in Texas are made by out-of-state lenders.

• Adopting this proposition would make Texas banks more competitive and eliminate a disincentive for large banks to locate their headquarters in Texas.

• Since the proposed amendment is directed only at large commercial loans, smaller commercial borrowers would still be protected by interest rate ceilings placed on Texas-based institutions.

Arguments Against

• The interest rate ceilings were created to protect borrowers from usurious lending practices. The proposed amendment could be a first step in eliminating this protection.

• Texas should not follow the dangerous lead of some states that have exempted all commercial lending from interest rate ceilings.

• Regardless of whether the proposed amendment is approved, all commercial borrowers would still be able to contract with out-of-state lenders.

PROPOSITION 6

The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. (HJR 87 - Sponsors: Farabee and Lindsey)

Explanation

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct is responsible for investigating allegations of judicial misconduct or judicial disability, and for disciplining judges. This commission has jurisdiction, or authority, over about 3300 judges and judicial officers.

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct now consists of 11 appointed commission members who each serve six-year terms, and a staff of 17. The members by law include one Justice of a Court of Appeals, one District Judge, two State Bar members, one Justice of the Peace, one Municipal Court Judge, one County Court at Law Judge, and four members of the public (who may not be lawyers or public employees).

The amendment would increase the number of commission members to thirteen (13). The two additional members would be a Judge of a Constitutional County Court (the County Judge who chairs the County Commissioners Court), and an additional public member. The amendment increases the quorum from six to seven members.

In addition, the residence requirements of some of the commission members are changed. Currently, three are appointed at large and eight from varying appellate court districts. This amendment specifies that six members, the Court of Appeals Justice, the District Judge, the two State Bar members, the County Court at Law Judge, and the Constitutional County Judge may not reside in the same court of appeals district as any other member of the commission.

Therefore seven members would be at-large appointees.

Arguments For

• The Commission is responsible for reviewing misconduct of county judges, so including a county judge would bring their perspective to the commission.

• A body with this responsibility should be large enough to include many points of view.

Arguments Against

• Increasing the size of the commission will unnecessarily increase expenses. The Legislative Budget Board estimates it will cost about \$5000 more per year.

• It is important for the commission to have members from different geographic regions of Texas. Increasing the at-large membership from three to seven could severely decrease geographic diversity.

PROPOSITION 7

The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage. (SJR 7 - Sponsors: Carona and Hochberg)

Explanation

The current Texas Constitution permits advances under a reverse mortgage to be made only in a lump sum or in regular equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. If this amendment is passed, it would allow senior homeowners to draw advances under a reverse mortgage when the money is needed and only in the amounts needed. The homeowner could continue taking these periodic advances until the credit limit established by the loan documents is reached.

The legislation includes other safeguards, such as prohibiting the securing of an advance with a credit or debit card. Transaction fees for each advance payment would not be allowed after the initial extension of credit is established.

Arguments For

• Many senior homeowners (age 62 years and older) prefer to take advances against the equity in their homes only when the money is needed for property taxes, medical bills, and other large bills not covered by their monthly incomes. This would help the homeowner preserve the equity in his or her home and significantly reduce the interest costs that only accrue on the amount that is borrowed.

Arguments Against

• Any borrowing against the equity in a home accrues principal and interest debt that must be repaid af-

ter the home is sold or the borrower dies.

PROPOSITION 8

The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County. (SJR 40 - Sponsors: Eltife and Hughes)

Explanation

This amendment would confirm the decisions of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that certain land in Upshur County and Smith County is not "vacant," thus clearing the titles to surface and mineral owners of this land.

In 2003, a vacancy application was filed for approximately 900 acres in Smith County. The Commissioner determined that no vacancy existed, and that decision is pending appeal in district court.

Even though the land in question is not now threatened, some title companies continue to put exceptions in their title opinions. This amendment would clear those titles.

Arguments For

• This amendment will bring closure to thousands of landowners in these two counties who were affected by these two cases.

• This amendment would eliminate the uncertainty that causes some title companies to hesitate in giving clear title to the subject land.

Arguments Against

• This is a narrow issue that does not need to be addressed by a constitutional amendment. The law has worked as designed to protect the current property owners.

• This amendment is limited to two cases in Upshur and Smith Counties, and will not rectify similar cases that might occur in other Texas counties.

PROPOSITION 9

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority. (HJR 79 - Sponsors: Krusee and Staples)

Explanation

If this proposed amendment is passed, it will allow members of the board of a regional mobility authority (RMA) to serve terms not to exceed six years, with no more than one-third of the members of the board to be appointed every two years.

A RMA is a political subdivision formed by one or more counties to finance, acquire, design, construct, operate, maintain, expand or extend transportation projects. Board members are appointed by the counties involved; the chair of the board is appointed by the governor. Regional mobility authorities were originally authorized by the Texas Legislature in 2001. In 2003 the legislature created the Regional Mobility Act, which included a change in the length of the term of office of a board member from two years to six years. Since the Texas Constitution sets the term of office for appointed boards to be two years, an amendment would be needed to extend the term of board members of RMAs.

Argument For

• One function of regional mobility authorities is to recommend and seek investment for transportation projects in a region. Consistency and stability of the RMA leadership will make transportation projects more likely to attract investment from capital markets. Six-year terms allow for consistency and stability.

Argument Against

• The Constitution limits the terms of appointed boards to two years.

Limited powers are an important part of Texas government. Since 1900, Texas' Natural Resources Code has contained a law commonly referred to as the "vacancy clause." Strips of land, which fell between surveyed parcels of land, were considered vacant and still technically owned by the State. But if an applicant believes that he or she has located vacant land, an application can be made to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for a ruling. If the land is ultimately declared vacant, the applicant receives a 1/16 royalty for the minerals that lie under the vacant land.

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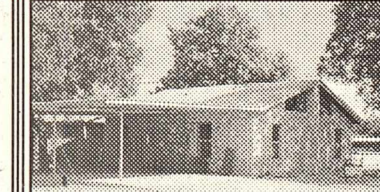
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