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******* Strake Talk *******

SMALL BUSINESS—A RESOURCE WE MUST PROTECT

You can look around the square of any Texas town and see the backbone of the state economy—and of the national economy. It's small business and it provides half the jobs. By the current state definition there are 260,000 in our state—that's 97% of all Texas businesses. The small businessman and woman not only provide jobs and pay taxes; their independent tradition also helps explain the enduring quality of our democratic form of government.

The state of Texas recognizes the importance of small business and has programs to help it. But we can do better.

For one thing, we can abolish the sales tax on utility bills which now falls basically on small business owners. Large manufacturing and processing firms don't have to pay the tax, but the grocer, retailer and florist do. It is not fair.

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Breves Declaraciones Explicativas De Las ENMIENDAS CONSTITUCIONALES PROPUESTAS ELECCION GENERAL 2 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1982

PROPOSICION NUMERO 1 EN LA BOLETA

Resolución Conjunta de la Cámara de Representantes 1 propone una enmienda constitucional que prohíba cualquier impuesto estatal por avalúo. Los recibos de impuestos estatales por avalúo anteriormente autorizados que son cobrados después de la fecha efectiva de la propuesta enmienda a esta sección serán depositados en el crédito del fondo general del condado que cubra los impuestos y pueden ser gastados para los fines del condado. Los impuestos que son cobrados antes de esa fecha serán distribuidos por la Legislatura entre las instituciones educativas que son elegibles para recibir esos fondos bajo ley previa. La propuesta enmienda también revoca una sección de la Constitución que impone un impuesto por avalúo para un fondo para la construcción de 17 colegios y universidades estatales.

La propuesta enmienda aparecerá en la boleta como sigue:

"La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la Legislatura proveer asistencia por el proceso de asignación de presupuestos y establecer un límite sobre los pagos para niños dependientes se revoca."

PROPOSICION NUMERO 2 EN LA BOLETA

Resolución Conjunta de la Cámara de Representantes 2 propone una enmienda constitucional que autorice a la Legislatura proveer asistencia por el proceso de asignación de presupuestos y establecer un límite sobre los pagos para niños dependientes se revoca."

PROPOSICION NUMERO 3 EN LA BOLETA

Resolución Conjunta del Senado 3 propone una enmienda constitucional que exención de la imposición de impuestos la maquinaria y el equipo que se usen en la producción de productos agrícolas y ganaderos. No se impondrá límites de dólares y la exención se aplicará a los individuos o colectivos tanto como a las familias y los individuos.

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PROPOSICION NUMERO 4 EN LA BOLETA

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PROPOSICION NUMERO 5 EN LA BOLETA

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Opinion

'Vast Improvement,' reader says of Headlight

A Local Column By John F. Fearing

Take for instance, the picture I hope to include in this issue of the several large posters put together for last Friday's pep rally at Rice Consolidated High School. For many journalists, that isn't news, but for me, it is news for the top of the list—and good news at that.

The old news saying of names make the news still applies. It is nice to know that although we have not met that many people in Eagle Lake, they continue to call in and tell us who is visiting who, what the local clubs are doing and the like. That's the only way we'll be able to print that, especially with me covering two spots, and since we don't have the advantage of long time residency.

I won't talk about the complaints, because Lincoln said it best about pleasing all the people all the time. You learn from experience in newspapers that you can't edit every page for all readers. And anyway, when I am satisfied with everything in the paper, and those things which aren't I'll retire—because then it will mean I've stopped trying.

Although we have never met, we would like to wish you much success as the new owner of such a great little newspaper.

We used to live in good old Eagle Lake for many years. We retired from the cafe business out on Highway 90 west ten years ago.

with any criminal violation by the Washington police or by the U. S. Attorney. I have in the past and continue to categorically deny the allegations made against me.

Unsubstantiated rumors and allegations are material for scandal sheets and for politicians who cannot justify their own records.

If Congressman Patman truly believes that he violated the law and was not charged, I call upon him to file a formal complaint against the U. S. Attorney or the Washington police; or request a congressional investigation.

I choose to base my campaign on the real issues facing this district and the nation, and on my record of accomplishment in the Congress of the United States.

Joe Wyatt
Candidate
U. S. Congress

Emergency Medical Services Act needed

Letters to the editor

open-bed pickup truck. He doesn't give any immediate medical attention; he does speed the wounded person to a hospital.

This driver and his pickup truck parading as emergency medical service isn't breaking the law. It is all completely legal; according to the statutes, this man may well be a qualified EMS provider.

A frightening thought: if you need emergency medical attention in Texas, there's the painfully little protection within the law to assure you will receive quality care. The "register" of ambulances you're loaded into could be legally an open-bed truck or a station wagon. The law only requires that the vehicle be able to carry a person in a prone position and be equipped with a red light and a noise maker—a horn will do.

The certified attendant need only have a Red Cross card, which shows he or she has been through eight hours of training. No testing, no experience is required; just that little card.

There are two kinds of EMS providers in Texas, the ones run by cities and counties through their fire departments, which usually have adequately equipped ambulances and trained, experienced personnel, and private ambulance services. That's where some of the horrendous EMS practices occur.

And, unfortunately, horror stories about poor ambulance services abound. There are cases of ambulance attendants who don't know how to deliver babies, tying together the legs of a woman on the verge of delivery, so the baby won't be born until they reach the hospital. But by the time they do, it's too late; the baby is dead. A number of cases have been recorded also of "paramedics" who aren't properly trained, rushing people with spinal injuries to the hospital without securing their heads or providing back support. These victims die or become paralyzed before they reach the hospital. Proper training and equipment could save countless lives. Look at Dallas; when the city switched from private ambulances to a city-run EMS, the percentage of stillborns dropped from 19% to 6%.

However, what we don't have is a system in the state to force ambulance services to meet any minimum standards for training, equipment or personnel. Current private services that perform "bill of lading" before they check your finances before they decide which hospital to take you to—continue to operate through Texas. So do those with inadequately trained staff and old equipment. And to exacerbate the situation, the wounded often doesn't have a choice of which ambulance service to use; you get what is available.

I want to repeat that I have never been charged

'Great little newspaper'

We have been a long-time reader of the The Headlight. Over fifty years. We moved here to Mena, Ark. over eight years ago to be near our only child. We dearly love the climate here. This is a melting pot community. People from many states live around here.

One of our wedding presents, fifty-one years ago, was a free subscription to The Headlight from Bruce W. McCarty, the editor then. Have not missed a copy since. Keep it coming. It is like a long letter from home.

Sincerely,
Alfred and Louise Marx
Mena, Arkansas

Wyatt responds to Patman

Today (September 8) I received Congressman Patman's letter asking me to fully disclose incidents which took place when I was a member of congress in Washington.

I made just such a disclosure in a newspaper supplement recently distributed to over 250,000 households in the 14th district. Contrary to Mr. Patman's release account, the article was not the first time I have talked about these matters. I fully discussed them when I first announced for congress in March—a fact Mr. Patman is well aware of since he had two of his congressional employees at my press conference.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1982

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that prohibits any state ad valorem tax receipts from previously authorized state ad valorem taxes that are collected after the effective date of the proposed amendment shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the county collecting the taxes and may be expended for county purposes. Taxes collected before that date shall be distributed by the legislature among educational institutions eligible to receive those funds under prior law. The proposed amendment also repeals a section of the Constitution levying an ad valorem tax for 17 state colleges and universities.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment repealing the state property tax."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 2 as amended by Senate Joint Resolution 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would eliminate the \$80,000,000 ceiling on state welfare aid during any fiscal year. The amendment would set the state welfare spending limit at \$160,000,000 for the 1982-1983 biennium.

The amendment further provides that, for each subsequent biennium, the maximum amount spent for state welfare shall not exceed 10% of the state budget.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide assistance through the appropriations process to needy persons and to place a ceiling on payments for needy dependent children as a percent of the state budget."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 3 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt machinery and equipment used in the production of farm and ranch products from taxation. No dollar limits would be imposed and the exemption would apply to corporations and partnerships as well as to families and individuals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment exempting implements of husbandry (agricultural machinery and equipment) from ad valorem taxation."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the Legislature to set a four year maximum term of office for board members of certain water districts and conservation and reclamation districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide terms not to exceed four years for members of governing boards of certain water districts and conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 5 proposes a constitutional amendment that would abolish the office of county treasurer, Tarrant and Bee counties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county treasurer, Tarrant and Bee counties."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would raise the constitutional interest rate limit on state general obligation bonds from 12% to 15%. The 12% ceiling does not, however, apply to bonds issued by the Veterans' Land Board.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum interest rate allowed on state general obligation bonds to a weighted average annual interest rate of 12%."

Colorado County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

William Carl Vasek, New Ulm, and Sandra Lynn Dadds, Columbus, 9-8-82.
Kenneth Wayne Hooper, Rock Island, and Pamela Denise White, Brenham, 9-8-82.
Wilbert Lee Kirschke, Ellinger, and Pearl Lavonne Kleinman, 9-8-82.
Daryl Joseph Hill, Cat Spring, and Joan Roeder, Wharton, 9-8-82.
Manuel Munoz, Jr., El Campo, and Cindy Lou Gonzales, Eagle Lake, 9-8-82.
David Gonzales, Eagle Lake, and Yolanda Godino, Eagle Lake, 9-8-82.
James Thomas Marek, New Ulm, and Lisa Melinda Lange, Houston, 9-8-82.
Michael Henry Kana, Weimar, and Rayme Marie Broz, Dickinson, 9-8-82.

OIL, GAS LEASES

Lease, Henrietta Barack et al to Exxon Corporation, 50.0 acres, James Bowie Survey, 5-24-82.
Lease, New Bielau Evangelical Lutheran Church to Exxon Corporation, 3.0 acres, John Swarte Survey, 6-9-82.
Lease, W. E. Strunk et al et al to W. Mattin Bosworth, Jr., 503.97 acres James Bowie Survey, 6-7-82.
Lease, Douglas Bushnell Suller to Great Western Drilling Co., 10 acres, French & Frazer's Subdivision, 8-11-82.
Lease, Dorothy Batchelor to Great Western Drilling Co., 10 acres, French & Frazer's Subdivision, 7-30-82.
Lease, William Henry Batchelor to Great Western Drilling Co., 10 acres, French & Frazer's Subdivision, 7-30-82.
Lease, Ann B. Sharp to Great Western Drilling Co., 303.45 acres Waco Manufacturing Co. 5-24-82.
Lease, Frances D. Smith, Ind. Executrix of Estate of Lockett M. Smith, Deceased, to Great Western Drilling Co., 303.45 acres, Waco Manufacturing Co. 5-24-82.
Lease, Leo J. Smith et ux to Great Western Drilling Co., 303.45 acres, Waco Manufacturing Co. 5-24-82.
Lease, Dudley G. Lockett et ux to Great Western Drilling Co., 303.45 acres, Waco Manufacturing Co. 5-24-82.
Lease, George F. Lockett et ux to Great Western Drilling Co., 303.45 acres, Waco Manufacturing Co. 5-24-82.
Lease, Ann L. Boyle to Great Western Drilling Co., 303.45 acres, Waco Manufacturing Co. 5-24-82.

DEEDS

Deed, Jerry Zatopek et ux to Leonard May and Robert Saunders, parcel of land in City of Eagle Lake, Texas, 8-28-82.
Deed, Bennett M. Reichert to Helen Reichert Hall, Lot 19 and S. 1/4 Lot 20 Bk. 37, Sheridan, Texas, 3-7-79.
Deed, Charles Herrik et al to Jake Russell, 3.65 acres, Henry Austin Five League, 8-24-82.
Deed, Donald Schoenfeld to Michael W. LeBlanc et ux, 28.59 acres, James Alley Survey, 8-25-82.
Deed, Crisoforo Barrera, Jr. to Janis Marie Barrera, parcel of land in G. W. Brown Survey, 7-30-82.
Deed, Lena Strickland Broyles to L. M. Johnson, Jr. et ux, 1.35 acres, P. R. Survey, 8-27-82.
Deed, Anderson of Texas Inc. to Dexter Anderson, 0.459 acres, G. H. & H. RR Survey, 8-27-82.
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24 Years Ago

Let's Look Back

The Young People's Camp at Kerrville. . . Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Parker of Eagle Lake announce the engagement and their approaching marriage of their daughter, Judy Lee, to Oscar Jackson Duncan of Sweeney. They plan an August 23rd wedding. . . Russell Davis, son of Mrs. E. E. Davis, celebrated his fourth birthday with a party at his home Wednesday, July 16. . . The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Barnes are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Eberly Gail, born Thursday, July 17th in Wharton. . . Miss Lucien Harrison, Mrs. Jessie Graham and Mrs. Ruth May, members of the Eagle Lake Elementary faculty, spent three days at Fairbanks, Texas attending a Phonics Reading Course.

Sheridan News

Call 234-3988

grade: Tracy Klein, Donna Fudge and Dione Glover. Officers for the Student Council were elected from the eighth grade and they are Rhonda Kutzer, president; Sherrie Murphy, secretary; Jodie Smith, treasurer; and Clay Creek bridge South of Sheridan. The snake had nine rattles and a button. Everette Hearn broke his arm while working last Friday. He spent several days in the hospital and will be off work several weeks. The Sheridan volunteer firemen were kept busy during the weekend. They extinguished a fire at Vic's Flea Market Sunday and another at the L&M Brangus ranch. The fire at the ranch destroyed a lot of coastal bermudagrass and several hundred fence posts. The department was extended to Otto Botard who recently underwent surgery in Temple.

Boy Scout school night

Local Cubs, Webelos and Boy Scouts will hold School Night next Tuesday, September 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Middle school cafeteria. There will be registration of new boys and organization of the scouting groups.

"If your son and family are interested in scouting please attend," urged Scoutmaster Verlin Argo.

Happy 42nd Anniversary Mom Max & G

With Love from Your Grandchildren
J'amy, Shea, Talitha

FASCINATING FACTS

by Robert & Maxine Griffith

All the pedestrians and other drivers ask is a little more cooperation between horsepower and horse sense.

The aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, CVAN1 is the largest mobile man-made structure ever built.

The Airline Pilots' Creed: "In God we trust, everything else we check."

Alvin Kelly, America's greatest flagpole sitter of the 1920's and 1930's was also called Shipwreck Kelly.

Red Skelton played a total of eleven radio and TV roles. Those roles were: Bolivar Shagnasty, Cauliflower McGugg, Clem Kadidiehopper, Freddie the Freeloader, George Appleby, J. Newton Numskull, Junior, the Little Kid (mean middle kid), San Fernando Red, Willie Lump Lump, and Sheriff Deadeye.

Sputnik I was the name of the first satellite in orbit. Launched by the U.S.S.R. on October 4, 1957, its flight ended January 4, 1958.

Stalactite is the limestone deposit hanging from the roof of a cave. Stalagmites are limestone deposits rising from the floor of caves.

Eagle Lake Insurance Agency

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ATTENTION Colorado County

Farm Bureau Members:

The Colorado County Farm Bureau is offering for sale the following:

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Medium cheddar	2 lbs.	4.43
Sharp cheddar	2 lbs.	4.75
Sliced American	3 lb. stick	5.79
Monterey Jack	10 oz. stick	1.31

APPLES:
Red Delicious 3/5 bushel \$10.50/box
Golden Delicious 3/5 bushel 9.65/box
Courtland (baking) 3/5 bushel 9.15/box

NOTE: 3/5 bushel is approximately 35 lbs.

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Deadline for placing order and payment is September 27, 1982

Jaramillo promoted

Hortensia Jaramillo, daughter of Praxedo and Nicollas Jaramillo of Eagle Lake, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of private first class. Jaramillo is a storage specialist at Fort Hood.

The Gallery

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To qualify for this special, you must call anytime in September to reserve an appointment before October 29, 1982. (This special also applies to groups.)

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