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To The Editor & You

"We appreciate your assistance"

Dear Editor,
 I would like to take this opportunity to thank Buster Beisel, director of public works, and the Eagle Lake Police Department for helping us have a smooth opening to the school year. Mr. Beisel came before 7 a.m. on the first day of class to mark off the driving and drop-off lanes for parents.

Police Officers Carl Risk and Steve Hassin directed traffic both before and after school during the first three class days.

The ELPS staff greatly appreciate their assistance!

Sincerely,
 Deborah Mathys, Principal
 Eagle Lake Primary School

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 1995

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 50 proposes a constitutional amendment providing that the legislature by general law may authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue general obligation bonds of the state in an amount not exceeding \$200 million to finance educational loans to students. The maximum interest rate to be borne by the bonds must be set by law. The legislature may provide for the investment of bond proceeds and may establish an interest and sinking fund to pay the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$200 million in general obligation bonds to finance education loans to students."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of an organization chartered by the Congress of the Republic of Texas if the property is used primarily for the charitable, benevolent, or public service activities of the organization as defined by general law. The Comptroller's Property Tax Division has identified the Grand Lodge of Texas, also known as the Masonic Lodges, as the primary organization which would qualify for this tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to exempt from ad valorem taxation property of an organization chartered by the Congress of the Republic of Texas that is used primarily for the charitable, benevolent, or public service activities of the organization."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 51 proposes a constitutional amendment that provides that the farm and ranch finance program fund shall be administered by the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority and not by the Veterans' Land Board, as provided by current law. In addition, the proposed amendment provides that the proceeds of \$200 million of the \$500 million in bonds authorized by the Texas Constitution for the farm and ranch finance program fund may be diverted to the agricultural fund and the rural micro-enterprise development fund, also authorized by the Texas Constitution, to be used for agricultural and rural economic development programs.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the use of existing bond authority of the farm and ranch finance program to include financial assistance for the expansion, development, and diversification of production, processing, marketing, and export of Texas agricultural products."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 46 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow an encumbrance to be fixed on homestead property for an owner of partition. In divorce and probate situations, a piece of property may be owned jointly by two or more people, and each person owns an undivided interest in the property, as opposed to a specific portion of the property. If one owner wishes to purchase the other person's interest in the property and wishes to obtain a loan to finance the purchase, the lending institution requires all interests in the property to be used as security for the loan; this is called an "overture of partition." Senate Joint Resolution 46 would allow the lending institution to foreclose on the homesteaded property for an owner of partition if the purchase defaulted on the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would allow the refinancing of a lien against a homestead. Finally, the proposed amendment would allow a purchaser or lender to rely on an affidavit that states that the property to be conveyed or encumbered is not the homestead of the affiant.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment permitting an encumbrance to be fixed on homesteaded property for an owner of partition, including a debt of a spouse resulting from a division or award of homestead in a divorce proceeding, and for the refinancing of a lien against a homestead, including a federal tax lien resulting from the tax debt of the owner."

Sharp, Mauro not running for re-election, they say

Comptroller John Sharp and Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, both Democrats, said over the Labor Day weekend that their paths will be "up or out" in 1998, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Sharp was re-elected as comptroller in 1994. Though his name has surfaced as a possible candidate for governor or lieutenant governor, he shrugged off questions about running in 1998. "I'm asking a lady who's just had triplets whether she wants to go on a second honeymoon," he said.

Mauro, who has served as land commissioner since 1982, said he would not seek re-election to the same office. He said he would stick with plans to run President Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign in Texas.

Both Sharp - a real estate broker and a goat raiser by trade - and Mauro indicated an interest in returning to the private sector.

On the other hand, fellow Democrat, Attorney General Dan Morales, said he assumes he will seek a third term.

Republican Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry also said he has plans for re-election and indicated an interest in filling the seat of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, if Gramm is elected

with calls. In one week after the phone bank became operational on Aug. 24, more than 5,000 calls were received, and parents committed to pay more than \$382,000, Morales said.

In late Aug., Morales announced his office was sending out notices about the new law to 50,000 deadbeat parents.

Morales said he believes the license suspension law will prompt an additional \$20 million in support payments annually, in addition to almost \$500 million already collected through wage-withholding. About \$1 billion in outstanding child support is owed in Texas.

According to Bullock, Texas has a major problem with inexperienced drivers who become inexperienced drinkers.

"No other issue the Texas Senate will address in 1997 is more important than curbing juvenile drinking and driving," Bullock said in appointing a special committee to study the problem. "Too many young lives have been lost and too many others jeopardized to ignore the problem."

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, 136 drunken drivers under the age of 21 were involved in fatal wrecks last year.



State Capitol Highlights
 By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling
 Texas Press Association

Panel to Study Phone Law
 Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has assigned an interim Senate committee to study the new law deregulating local telephone service.

Bullock asked the Senate Economic Development Committee to determine if consumers are getting more choices and lower rates in local phone service as a result of recent telecommunications reform legislation passed by the Legislature.

"We need to monitor the impact to make sure the law is fair to all potential telephone service providers and that consumers are benefiting from the increased competition," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, committee chairman.

Mauro contends that rules proposed by Williamson go beyond the express changes required when lawmakers amended the CMP during the last legislative session, and would weaken the CMP to such an extent that it would not qualify under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

Juvenile Drinking Targeted
 Meanwhile, Bullock told Seniors to get to work on proposals to keep underage drinkers from behind the wheel.

Public Comment Period
 The public comment period on the new rules closed Aug. 31, and on Oct. 5 the council will vote on the new rules, Calhoun said.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS
 Deed: James P. Grizzard to Grizzard Partnership, 5.1498 acres out of the George W. Wright Survey, A-No. 583 and 38.8514 acres, a part of the George W. Wright Survey, A-583; filed 7-31-95.
 Deed: James P. Grizzard to Grizzard Partnership LTD., int. in roads, easements, streets and right-of-ways, land in Colorado County; 7-31-95.
 Deed: Stanley R. Scriby to Linda Scriby, 169.162 acres out of the John McCroskey League, Survey No. 31; 8-1-95.
 Deed: Armando Rodriguez to Leyco Enterprises Inc., Tract 12, 4.709 acres of Winslow Hills out of the Wickson Survey, A-582, et al; 8-1-95.
 Deed: Marvin A. Hroch et ux to Jerome B. Novasad and Dorothy J. Novasad, Lots 6 and 7 of Lot 1, Block 7, Bull Barn Addition, City of Weimar; 8-2-95.
 Deed: Estate of Ida Mae Clayborne to Ora Lee Smith, Lot 11, Block 87, Town of Columbus; 8-3-95.
 Deed: Estate of Ida Mae Clayborne to Alice Faye Drake, Lot 6, Block 135, Town of Columbus; 8-3-95.
 Deed: Bennie J. Hollek et ux to Hal E. Lockwood et ux, 3.00 acres, a part of the Alford Keith League, A-368; 8-3-95.
 Deed: Tim J. Sigurd to Bradley S. Becken, 66.75 acres, part of the R. Andrews Survey and M. Andrews Survey; 8-3-95.
 Gift Deed: Ernest E. Kubesch et ux to Betty Kahlden et al, tracts, being part of Lot 6, Block 23, Town of Weimar, et al; 8-3-95.
 Deed: Sister Mildred (Jeanette) Truchard to Anthony Marie Truchard et al, int. in 493.75 acres situated in the E. Corbett Survey, A-147, et al; 8-3-95.
 Deed: Estate of Elizabeth Fleming to Robert Thomas Fleming, Lot 5, Block F, Smith & Jones Addition, City of Columbus; 8-4-95.
 Deed: Ida Mae Clayborne Estate to Wilbur Clayborne, Section 1/2 of Lot 9 and 10, Block 57, Town of Columbus; 8-4-95.
 Deed: Robert Earl Edwards and Randall Lee Easterling to David Edward Hansen Jr., und. int. in oil, gas and other minerals in 29.512 acres, B. Scherrer Survey, A-498; 8-4-95.
 Deed: Gary L. Easterling and Kathy Easterling to David E. Hansen Jr., 29.512 acres, B. Scherrer Survey, A-498; 8-4-95.

DIVORCES FILED
 Lori Lynn Russell and Charles Rickey Russell; filed 9-1-95.
 David Lamar Hutcheson and Carol Lois Hutcheson; 9-5-95.

DIVORCES GRANTED
 Lucia Cordoba and Jose Santos Farfan; granted 8-24-95.
 Melissa Gay Hernandez and Innocencio Hernandez; 8-24-95.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
 Oscar Robert Artilano, 20, and Laura Patricia Hernandez, 23, both of Garwood.

DISPOSITIONS
 Egenio Garza, Houston, DWI, defendant plead guilty. Court found the defendant guilty, fined \$750, cost of court, two years probation and 90 days in jail.

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASES
 Kenny Lee Ramsey vs LSMG Inc. and National Foundation Life Insurance Company; insurance contract.

1995 Colorado County Fair Royalty

Kasey Lee Hayward-Hernandez, colored above, right front, and Bart Klaus, right back, were chosen as 1995 Colorado County Fair Junior Mr. and Miss during competition held Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Eagle Lake Primary School. Pictured with them are first runners-up, Stacy Markwardt and William Louis Semora Jr.

Jenna Nicole Gerik and Adam Cord Rebel, pictured below in front, were chosen as the 1995 Little Mr. & Miss Colorado County Fair at the competition held Sunday, Sept. 10, at Eagle Lake Primary School. Seated behind them are first runners-up Jaclyn Wright and Shawn Bates.



Pooler receives national VFW award

Lorraine Pooler, president of Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9191 Ladies Auxiliary, District 14 VFW Auxiliary, was named one of the 1995 National VFW Auxiliary chairmen and state auxiliary voice of Democracy chairman, won first place for her report on the state program during competition at the recent VFW and Auxiliary national convention in Phoenix, Ariz.

Pooler 1994-95 era in competition with other states won a National Plate and an award from the Department of Texas.

For 1995-96, Pooler is President of VFW Post 9191 Auxiliary, the largest post in the USA, District 14 Chaplain. Pooler is the mother of Monica Pooler of Eagle Lake.

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County Fair Little Miss, Junior Miss & Mr. chosen

Whitney Paige Mayo, 5 year old daughter of Rickey & Rebecca Mayo, Glidden; Karlie Jo Schindler, 5 year old daughter of Allen & Luane Schindler, Alleyton; Hannah Nicole Stavi- (See Competition, Page 7)

Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary Presents Their...

Annual Games Party
 Tuesday, Sept. 19
 2 to 5 p.m. • Eagle Lake Community Center

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• Dominoes • 42 • Bridge • Canasta

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"Taco" Sept. 13
 "Bugs Bunny" Sept. 14

L C R A

Glad you noticed.

Sometimes, if you work hard behind the scenes and do your job as best you can, you don't get noticed. Then again, sometimes you do. For 60 years, the Lower Colorado River Authority has worked in a partnership with 33 cities and 11 rural electric cooperatives to provide low-cost, reliable electricity in Central Texas. The LCRRA makes the power and sells it wholesale to other community-owned utilities that in turn sell the power and service to their customers.

Without much fanfare, this arrangement has worked pretty well for everyone. Consumers get lower rates. Cities get a revenue source other than taxes. But the nation's utility business is under intense scrutiny. Competition is here. Some utilities will succeed; others may not. Wherever there's competition, whether it's the utility industry or sports, people in the know start ranking everyone in the game.

The first two lists for the utility industry are out and the LCRRA system truly has been noticed. Standard & Poor's ranked us the top municipal wholesale provider in the nation. Number One. Fitch Investors Service created the first list that combined all utilities, investor-owned and community-owned, and concluded that the LCRRA placed sixth among the 75 national utilities reviewed. We were also the top wholesaler in Fitch's rating.

The folks from Wall Street have gone home and we'll go back to work now, creating the electricity that allows us to provide a full range of services, including flood management, water management, community development and recreation services. But we appreciate their vote of confidence, and thank you for your continuing support.

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