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Supreme Court Finds Fault With One Texas District

AUSTIN — Most of the Texas Legislature's contested 2003 redrawing of congressional district boundaries did not violate the Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled June 28.

However, the majority of the high court found the map of Congressional District 23 in violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

District 23 cut into Laredo, a Hispanic and Democratic stronghold, to the advantage of Republican U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla.

U.S. District Judge John T. Ward, Eastern District of Texas, on June 29 ordered proposed boundary lines must be delivered by July 14 and July 21 is the deadline for responses to the proposals. Oral arguments are scheduled for Aug. 3 in Austin.

Ward is one third of a three-

judge panel that will redraw the district. The redrawing may change the shape of as many as three other adjacent or nearby congressional districts.

Recently resigned U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, who was House majority leader at the time, played a role in forcing the redraw between decennial censuses.

In 2003, most Democratic state lawmakers regarded the timing as illegal at worst and unusual or unprecedented at best, but Republicans argued that the Legislature should replace the previous court-drawn map with one drawn by the Legislature, in accordance with the state constitution.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court adopted the latter mindset. Texas and other states might in-

terpret this to mean a voting map can be challenged at any time, and there's no need to postpone the redrawing until a new U.S. Census is taken.

Before boundaries were redrawn, Democrats held a 17-15 seat edge over Republicans. The new boundaries resulted in a 21-11 seat advantage for Republicans.

The League of United Latin American Citizens and others brought the lawsuit challenging the 2003 redistricting. The lawsuit named as defendants Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick, Secretary of State Roger Williams and other high-ranking state officials, all of whom are Republican.

Perry called the court's ruling "a clear victory for our state."

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said, "The Court made

clear that the Texas Legislature was fully within its constitutional authority when it adopted a congressional plan that more fairly represents the demonstrated preferences of Texas voters."

Chris Bell, the Houston Democrat challenging Perry for governor, commented, "The Supreme Court's decision clearly shows that Rick Perry and Tom DeLay's actions were blatant violations of the Voting Rights Act and politically motivated power grabs against the Hispanic voting population in South Texas."

AG: TxDOT may install cameras

The Texas Department of Transportation may install cameras on state highway rights-of-way to monitor compliance with traffic control signals, Attorney General Abbott ruled June 23.

TxDOT also may permit local authorities to install camera equipment in connection with traffic-control signals on state highway rights-of-way for the same purpose, Abbott ruled.

Lottery agency names chief

Lottery Commissioners on June 28 named Anthony J. Sadberry executive director of the Texas Lottery.

Sadberry had been serving as acting director since his appointment in January.

A former assistant Attorney General of Texas, Sadberry was appointed to the Texas Lottery Commission by Gov. Ann Richards in 1993.

Sadberry begins his duties immediately at a salary of \$114, 996.

State executes 'Railroad Killer'

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice executed 46-

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

year-old Angel Maturino Resendiz at Huntsville on June 27. Resendiz was found guilty for the 1998 murder of Dr. Claudia Benton of Houston.

As many as 10 other murders have been attributed to Resendiz, who became known as the "railroad killer" for hopping freight trains and moving from town to town.

FINAL CLEARANCE SALE

THURSDAY, JULY 6

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

July 1, 1982

R.E. (Bob) McInteer was installed as new president of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club. Frank Davidson was named Rotarian of the Year...

Representing Rice High School at Girls State was Mary Leopold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Leopold of Nada...

Xi Pi Psi Sorority honored Ethel Konvicka, their honorary member, with a surprise birthday party on June 15 at the home of Cherry Corman...

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smid-ovec and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Sheryl Lynn and Anthony Dean. The couple will exchange vows July 10 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Herman F. Ireland, brother-in-law of Dale Cassidy of Eagle

Lake passed away June 26 after a brief illness...

Fire damaged Sarah's Lounge on Beaks Street...

Spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Struss is their son, Lt. John Moore of California, and their granddaughters, Vanessa and Stephanie Struss of Alief...

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Yell, Jr. announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gloria Camille, to James Lee Parker. The wedding is planned for July 24 in Providence Baptist Church in Eagle Lake...

Mrs. Gene Green of Bedford and Ray Scholton of Wallis announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelly Ann Scholton, to Robert Wesley Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Moss of Eagle Lake. An August 21 wedding

is planned at the First Baptist Church in Columbus...

1982 T-Ball champions were the Cowpokes. Team members were Todd Masheck, Donald Samora, Chad Sunderman, Bianca Cantu, Steven Polach, Tara Johnson, Nikesha Tillman, Michelle Sosa, Krista Miller, Sher Sunderman and Teverence Jarvis. Coaches were Cynthia Sunderman and Janelle Mascheck. Assistant coaches were Clinton Mascheck, Rita Sunderman and Melvin Sunderman.

July 10, 1958

Receiving a rod and reel donated by several stores for catching the biggest white perch (1-1/2 pounds) was John Konvicka. Also receiving a rod and reel for catching the largest catfish (11-3/4 pounds) was Gardner Seaholm and Billy Maness for catching the largest bass (5 pounds)...

Miss Donna Lou Thomas won second place in the Miss South Texas contest and received a beautiful trophy...

Eagle Lake Little Leaguers lost to Weimar 12 to 2 but got back

on track Tuesday night by defeating Sheridan 8 to 0 with Bob Ware winning pitcher...

Mrs. Elmer Struss wins the women's championship at the Eagle Lake Recreation Golf Course...

Making their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Sunday were Misses Cynthia Spanihel, Judy Meitzen, Patricia Hengst, Lois Brasher, Patsy and Verna Garza, and Masters Joe Ed Johnson, Phil Kana, Dave Kucherka, Lupe Gene Garza, Gary Glaiser and Calvin Summer...

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Brisco welcomed a son, Donald Ray, Jr., Sunday evening at Laughlin Hospital...

A son was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Vasut in the Laughlin Hospital. They named him Emil, Jr....

Harley Waldrop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Waldrop, celebrated his sixth birthday with a party Monday, July 7 at his home.

CALL CRIME STOPPERS IT PAYS REWARDS

Reward Offered In Two Burglaries

On Thursday, June 15, 2006, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., J&L Automotive, situated in the 400 block of FM 3013 West, Eagle Lake, was burglarized. Taken in the burglary was a grey metal box containing both cash and checks.

On Saturday, June 17, 2006, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 2:45 a.m., a black 2000 Toyota Pick Up, parked in the 400 block of Mills Street, Eagle Lake, was burglarized. Taken was a cell phone as well as cash.

If you have any information

about these crimes, or any other felony crime, call Colorado County Crime Stoppers, toll free at 1-866-522-TIPS (1-866-522-8477).

You never have to give your name and if your information leads to an arrest and charges being filed on the criminal, you could earn up to a \$1,000 reward.

Colorado County Crime Stoppers, citizens, law enforcement and the media, are working together to make our community a safer place to live. Together, we can make a difference.

Grant Writing Workshop Slated For July 17

The Texas Association of Museums is hosting a fundraising and grant writing workshop July 17. Fundraising Basics: How to Research and Write Successful Grants will serve as a vital resource for museum fundraisers who are continuously confronted by the daunting task of seeking ample financial backing. This full-day workshop will address basic approaches to grant writing and will offer innovative options to guarantee a successful outcome.

Allison Supancic is collec-

tion supervisor for the Funding Information

Collection of the Hogg Foundation Library in Austin, and recently conducted a series of successful workshops for the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Supancic will lead participants through the process of researching foundation and corporate source grants.

Jack McKinney, director of the Dr. Pepper Museum in Waco, will address the mechanics of how to write convincing proposals, cultivate donors, approach foundations and corporations, and funding trends.

For additional information regarding the workshop call the Texas

Association of Museums at 512/328-6812 or visit their web site at www.io.com/~tam/index.html.

For more information about THC programs and workshops, visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

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