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Voters Pass All 16 Constitutional Amendments

AUSTIN — Voters approved all 16 constitutional amendments up for consideration in the Nov. 6 state election.

Only about 8.5 percent of the state's 12.6 million registered voters cast ballots, Secretary of State Phil Wilson said.

Once more, for the record, here are the briefs:

- Prop. 1: Switching Angelo State University to Texas Tech System governance.

- Prop. 2: \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans.

- Prop. 3: Authorizing the Legislature to limit the maximum average annual percentage increase in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 10 percent, or a greater percentage, for each year since the most recent tax appraisal of the homestead.

- Prop. 4: \$1 billion in bonds for maintenance, improvement, repair and construction projects, including prisons.

- Prop. 5: Allowing a city under 10,000 population to enter into an agreement to limit taxes on a piece of municipal property.

- Prop. 6: Creating a tax exemption for one of a person's motor vehicles.

- Prop. 7: Allowing a governmental body to sell land it acquired by eminent domain.

- Prop. 8: Making changes regarding a person's eligibility for a home equity loan.

- Prop. 9: Granting disabled veterans exemptions from ad valorem tax on their residence.

- Prop. 10: Abolishing the office of inspector of hides and animals.

- Prop. 11: Requiring that the House and Senate take a record vote on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and providing for public access on the Internet to those record votes.

- Prop. 12: \$5 billion in highway improvement bonds.

- Prop. 13: Authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case.

- Prop. 14: Permitting judges past retirement age to complete their term of office.

- Prop. 15: Requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer.

- Prop. 16: Providing for the issuance of additional general

obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas.

School district tests hybrid bus

Austin Independent School District

District is trying out a new plug-in hybrid school bus the school district recently purchased.

The bus cost \$225,000. Federal and state grants covered \$146,000 and funds from a 2004 school district bond issue covered the remaining \$79,000. The price of a typical new diesel school bus can run \$75,000 or more.

Austin ISD's 71-passenger diesel-electric bus meets the latest federal emission standards. It will get about 12 miles to the gallon. Most school buses get about six miles to a gallon of diesel, school officials said.

This is the first plug-in hybrid school bus in Texas, and one of only 18 in the United States.

New manager for college fund

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Nov. 7 announced OFI Private Investments Inc. will be the new manager of the state-sponsored college savings plan.

The slogan for our new and improved college savings plan is "The Start of Something Big."

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
 By Ed Sterling

Combs said.

The firm, a subsidiary of OppenheimerFunds Inc., will begin managing Texas' \$200 million 529 Plan on Nov. 19.

The estimated 20,000 current account holders will transfer automatically from Tomorrow's College Investment Plan to the direct-sold Texas College Savings Plan or the advisor-sold LoneStar 529 Plan.

For a child born this year, the projected cost of four years at a public university will exceed \$77,000 for tuition and fees alone. Four years of tuition and fees at a private university are expected to exceed \$294,000. Room and board, books and other expenses will significantly increase the price tag, Combs said.

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Tickets are \$20 each

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(Tours include the homes of Sandy & Don Bendy, Barbara & Sidney Struss, Vicki & Clark Powers, Beverly & Steve Taylor, Janet & Louis Schorlemmer and The Depot)

Refreshments will be served in each home during the tour. Recipes for the refreshments served may be found in the cookbooks available for sale. Cookbooks are \$10. Proceeds go to the Rice Medical Center Pink Ladies Organization.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

October 27, 1983
E.R. "Smitty" Schmidt 85, of Eagle Lake passed away Tuesday morning at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Funeral arrangements are being made with Dulany Funeral Home...

Mr. and Mrs. Monte D. Peck are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born at 1:55 a.m. Saturday, October 22 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Given the name **Marshall Clayton**, the little tot weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 1/4 long at birth...

James Lee and Sarah Turner of Austin are happy to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born at 6:29 a.m. October 21 at Seton Medical Center in Austin. The little miss was named **Jessica Lyn** and weighed six pounds, 9 1/2 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth...

Susan Dianne Hatchett and David Myron Tomchesson were united in marriage on Saturday, September 24 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic

Church in Eagle Lake with **Father Ray Widacki** officiating...

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. "Bo" Newsom of Eagle Lake announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, **Donna Marie** to **Carl W. Seaholm, III**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Seaholm, Jr.** of Eagle Lake. The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. on December 17 at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake...

Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Harper of Logan, Oklahoma announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Lois Marie** to **Calvin Zwernemann** of Eagle Lake. The wedding is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, November 19 at Sealy Assembly of God

Christian Center...

Lori Mahalite of Eagle Lake was among the 116 Southwest Texas State University students who have been nominated for Gaillardian honors...

Paul R. Love has been named Administration of Heritage House Nursing Home.

November 26, 1959

Bryan Wayne Gersch, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Gersch**, won Honorable Mention in the 25th National Children's Photograph Contest. Photos from 200 cities in the U.S. were submitted and 12 honorable mentions were chosen for the entire United States...

Eagle Lake Fire Chief **Henry**

Kretzchmar resigns and **Herbert Loessin** was moved up from assistant fire chief to fire chief...

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Semora open drive inn, formerly the **Wheel Inn**, and are now operating the business as **Semora's Drive Inn**...

Glenda Altman, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Altman**, was selected from Wharton County Junior College by a panel for Sol's Ladies Apparel as their November "Girl of the Month."

Mrs. W.M. Thomas, Jr. has succeeded **Mrs. Frank Pidgeon** as librarian at the Eagle Lake Library in the Community Center.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the period ending Oct. 25.

Saturday, October 13

At 12:20 am, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to FM 1890 in reference to a Criminal Mischief. The suspect was identified and later paid for the damages. Case closed.

At 2:30 am, Deputy Thumann responded to a residence on Niles Street in Rock Island in reference to an unwanted subject. After further investigation, one subject was located and issued a Criminal

Trespass Warning. Case closed.

At 11:25 pm, Deputy Staff and Deputy Butts met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to Terroristic Threat. After further investigation, it was determined that no offense could be substantiated. A report was filed and the case will be closed unless any further incidents occur.

Sunday, October 14

At 8:04 am, Deputy Hudson responded to property on Coy Road near Weimar in reference to Criminal Mischief. Evidence was collected and the case is pending further information on possible suspect(s).

Monday, October 15

At 8:40 am, Deputy Hudson responded to a residence on Burford Street in Garwood in reference to a civil matter. A report was filed and photographs were obtained. Case closed.

At 9 am, Deputy Savino met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about a threat that occurred two years ago. A report was filed and the case will be closed.

Tuesday, October 16

At 5:45 am, Deputy Gonzalez and Trooper Tipton responded to Hwy 90 @ Beason's Park east of Columbus in reference to an Auto deer accident. The deer was badly injured but still alive. The deer was humanely euthanized at the scene. Case closed.

At 8:05 am, Deputy Hudson responded to a business on CR 16 near Altair in reference to an assault. The complainant did not wish to pursue criminal charges. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 4:50 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to Chesterville south of Eagle Lake in reference to theft of electrical cables. Evidence was collected and the case is pending further investigation.

Wednesday, October 17

At 4:28 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to Colorado County

Oil on Business 71 in reference to a vehicle fire. The Columbus Volunteer Fire Department extinguished the fire. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 8:30 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to a residence on Zimmerscheidt Road in reference to a gopher bite. The victim was taken to Memorial Hermann in Katy for treatment. The gopher could not be located. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 11 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to the Passport Inn located on Hwy 90 east of Columbus in reference to an unwanted female subject. After further investigation, the subject was located and issued a Criminal Trespass Warning. Case closed.

Thursday, October 18

At 1:15 am, Deputy Thumann responded to the Columbus Oaks Apartments east of Columbus in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, John Elvon Church, 47 of Columbus, was arrested for Family Violence Assault. Case closed.

At 1:56 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to a residence on FM 1890 in reference to Criminal Trespass and Disorderly Conduct. After further investigation, Donisha Dawn Lewis, 29 of Columbus, was arrested for Criminal Trespass and Disorderly Conduct. Case closed.

Friday, October 19

At 10:24 am, Deputy Mieth responded to Cat Spring Road in reference to a Theft of an electric fence charger. A report was filed and the case is pending further investigation.

At 11:14 am, Deputy Cranek responded to FM 333 near CR 171 in Garwood in reference to a civil matter. A report was filed and photographs were obtained. Case closed.

At 5:36 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to a residence on CR 250 near Weimar in reference to an attempted burglary. The com-

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PACKER BULLS		
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STEERS		
#1	#2	
150-300 lbs	128-145	110-127
300-400 lbs	124-138	105-119
400-500 lbs	116-128	95-110
500-600 lbs	105-116	90-101
600-700 lbs	95-104	85-93
700-800 lbs	92-100	81-91
HEIFERS		
#1	#2	
200-300 lbs	120-135	100-118
300-400 lbs	105-120	90-105
400-500 lbs	102-113	85-95
500-600 lbs	98-108	85-95
600-700 lbs	92-100	82-91
700-800 lbs	83-93	75-82
STOCKER COWS		
Good Stocker Cow/Calf Pairs	850-950	
Medium Cow/Calf Pairs	700-825	
Common Cow/Calf Pairs	600-695	
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Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers	575-745	