



Family photo (right to left) Morris Morales Sr., Lupe Crotts, Mayor Michael Morales, Diane Greer, Sophia Sosa, Carolyn Morales, Dolores Owens, Mary Fulton, Edward Morales, Allen Morales, Morris Morales Jr., Gloria Morales, Martin Morales and Janie Schwemm.

Morales Family Reunion Held

Mayor Michael Morales and his 12 siblings gathered with their father, Morris Morales, in Melissa, Texas during the Labor Day Weekend.

The family enjoyed an awesome time of fellowship, lots of wonderful food and a very special time of remembrance of their late mother, Fidencia Morales.

They shared many great child-

hood memories and stories of their precious mother whom they all miss dearly. In honor of her they read and shared many of her favorite bible verses she lived by.

The family desires to continue their reunions and hopes to always carry on the legacy of their mother who faithfully prayed that her family would always love one

another and stay close to each other.

In closing their dad encouraged everyone, "the family that prays together stays together."

The family had fun taking many group photos and making wonderful memories.

They all agreed to give God the Praise for an unforgettable and most miraculous family event.

Study Club Entering 90th Year

The Eagle Lake Study began its 90th year, since organizing in September 1919, with an outstanding and timely program presented at the Wintermann Library by Randall Spalinger.

His background as a professor at Houston Community College coupled with his wide experiences in world travel, research, as well as lecturer, certainly enhanced his presentation to the club.

When one reads or hears of someone "living green" by depending on a solar system for power, the article or presentation often is about someone living in a distant western state, not about a guy Eagle Lake watched grow up, leave the community to engage the world, then return to his roots in his later years to live in a solar powered home south of town, out Calhoun Road.

The audience was riveted as Spalinger, an exceptional lecturer, set the stage for his presentation by stressing the volume of power beaming from the sun that is limitless and the benefits to be realized for the world to harness this natural resource.

By utilizing power point, Spalinger, enhanced his lecture demonstrating the system that powers his water well.

He continued with pictures of the installation of the system that powers his home and a small metal research building nearby.

In fact his entire home site operation is entirely off the power grid.

The present home is small but designed to capture the benefits and/or eliminate the problems of our local climate.

It is entirely solar powered with all of the comforts we expect in a home in the 21st century, such as refrigeration, microwave, computers, television, etc.

Spalinger stated that a 1200 square foot addition is soon to be added. Thus, the house will be comparable size wise to many typical homes in our area.

A lively discussion followed the presentation with Spalinger



Pictured above are Randall Spalinger and Study Club President, Grace Dell Cooper. Spalinger presented the program at the Study Club meeting.

answering many questions raised by the audience.

He commented that though he has a battery system that stores several days electricity to sustain his residence during times when climatic conditions effect his solar panels, his recommendation for most existing households is a combination of solar and grid with a dual metering system that allows the excess solar power to be credited back into the electric grid.

A community always benefits when it rears it's youth, sends them into the world for more education and experience, then reaps the reward of having them to return for their later years.

Such is Eagle Lake's experience with Randall Spalinger. He has been a very active organizer of the weekly Farmers Market at the Community Center Pavilion on Thursday afternoons.

In response to being questioned about his willingness to answer questions concerning solar power, Randall replied, "I am always ready to answer questions, or help ask questions". It is very obvious he knows the science, physics and logistics involved.

The Study Club is grateful that Randall Spalinger made the beginning of the club's 90th year so auspicious. Surely, the ladies of 1919 who organized a group to discuss books, would be astounded that the club of 2009 was discussing solar power for Eagle Lake homes.

Dutcher Celebrates 40 Years At First National

Sandra Dutcher celebrates her 40th anniversary as an employee of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake on September 16.

She is an Assistant Vice President and currently presides over the New Accounts and Time Deposits Department of the bank. Sandra began her banking career in 1969 as a bookkeeper.

Since then Sandra has worked in every department of the bank on the deposit side of operations. She has worked as a teller, head teller, assistant cashier and was promoted to her current position as assistant vice president in January 2005.



Sandra Dutcher

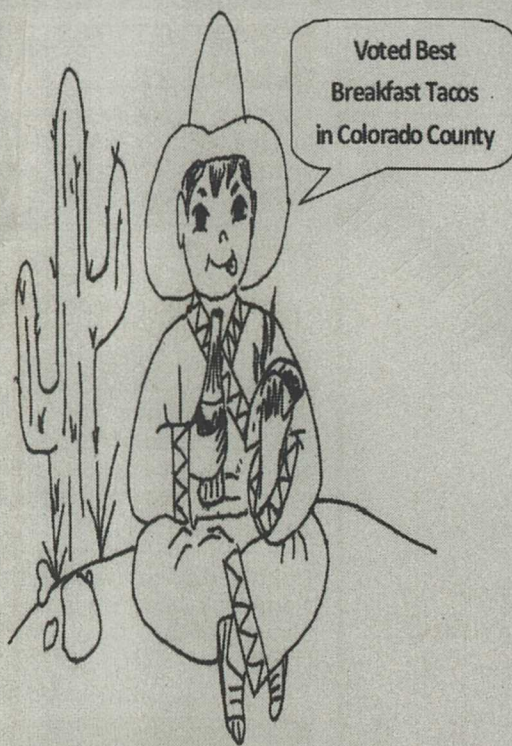
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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed
Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 3, 2009

PROPOSITION 1

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

PROPOSITION 2

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

PROPOSITION 3

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

PROPOSITION 4

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher education fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

PROPOSITION 5

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

PROPOSITION 6

HJR 116 would amend the constitution

to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds, subject to certain constitutional limits, for the purpose of selling land and providing home or land mortgage loans to veterans of the state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

PROPOSITION 7

HJR 127 would amend the constitution to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

PROPOSITION 8

HJR 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state."

PROPOSITION 9

HJR 102 would define what is a state-owned public beach. The public, individually and collectively, would have an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The amendment would authorize the legislature to enact laws to protect these rights.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use

the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

PROPOSITION 10

HJR 85 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide that members of the governing board of an emergency services district may serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

PROPOSITION 11

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to provide that the taking of private property for public use ("eminent domain") is authorized only if it is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, its political subdivisions, the public at large, or by entities granted the power of eminent domain, or for the removal of urban blight. The amendment would prohibit the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or to increase tax revenues. The amendment would also limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain in the future unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

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