

Two Killed In Accident Near Columbus

Two Houston residents were killed early on Wednesday, Oct. 31, in a one-vehicle accident on Texas 71, just north of Columbus.

Killed were Venancio Gomez, 41, and Guadalupe Servantes, 36.

Gomez was the driver of a 1999 Ford Expedition that was southbound on Texas 71 at the time of the accident, about 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 31.

According to a report by the Columbus Police Department, the accident occurred about 600 feet south of the intersection of Texas 71 with the Fairgrounds

Parkway.

The report stated that the vehicle ran off the roadway to the right, the driver apparently overcorrected, and the vehicle veered back into the roadway, overturned and rolled over several times, coming to rest in the median.

Both occupants were ejected from the vehicle, according to the report.

The accident was investigated by Columbus Police Chief Danny Jackson, Lt. Ron Myers, Officer Jimmy Brannon and Office Mike Krenek.

Election Results

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objections raised in previous elections.

Those included:

-Eminent domain, the right of the district to condemn property, is prohibited.

-Access to private property is restricted.

-A property tax will be capped at 3 cents per \$100 valuation.

-Water meters are prohibited on wells that pump less than 25,000 gallons a day.

-Directors are limited to two, four-year terms.

-Directors will serve without pay.

-The water district may be dissolved by a voter election.

Tom Kelley, who has been chairman of the temporary board of directors, said: "My reaction is a sense of relief, the third time lucky. I'm tickled pink. I'm grateful to the people who came out and voted for the district. The disinformation campaign failed."

Kelley also said he felt that a number of changes that had been made to address previous objections about a district also were key factors in gaining support for a district.

He said the district will next hold a series of public meetings to gather input from the public on rules and regulations to govern operation of a district.

"I'm thrilled," said Laura Myres, another supporter of the district. "I feel like all our hard work finally paid off, and now more hard work begins."

She said she felt backers of the district did a better job of explaining the facts about the need for a district and how one would operate.

Backers of a district said it is the only means that the state has allowed counties to regulate use of groundwater to protect local supplies from being depleted.

Opponents have questioned whether a district is needed now when there is no water shortage and have also criticized it as another taxing layer of government.

There were two opposed elections for water district directors.

For Place 3, Mike Wostarek polled 365 votes while Whyman Psencik received 229.

In Place 6, Jim Wiese received 882 votes and Glen Sunderman got 635 votes.

Voters in Colorado County also favored 15 of the 16 proposed constitutional amendments.

Proposition 16, involving issu-

ing of \$250 million in bonds by the Texas Water Development Board failed in Colorado County, with 969 in favor and 1,129 opposed.

Other amendment results in Colorado County were:

Prop. 1

For—1,217

Opposed—784

Prop. 2

For—1,259

Opposed—861

Prop. 3

For—1,459

Opposed—639

Prop. 4

For—1,073

Opposed—992.

Prop. 5

For—1,249

Opposed—777

Prop. 6

For—1,603

Opposed—548

Prop. 7

For—1,709

Opposed—412

Prop. 8

For—1,503

Opposed—527

Prop. 9

For—1,840

Opposed—296

Prop. 10

For—1,484

Opposed—604

Prop. 11

For—1,602

Opposed—443

Prop. 12

For—1,144

Opposed—927

Prop. 13

For—1,869

Opposed—335

Prop. 14

For—1,613

Opposed—522

Prop. 15

For—1,342

Opposed—805

Prop. 16

For—969

Opposed—1,107

Groundwater Precinct Results

	For	Against
Colum./Glidden	194	218
Rock Island	28	35
Garwood/Nada	94	66
Weimar	271	141
Sheridan	44	38
Buescher	55	153
Brushy	61	116
Menz	32	63
Bernardo	31	46
Alleyton/Colum	100	140
Altair	17	29
Eagle Lake	311	84

WCJC Pleased With Return of Healthcare Funds

On October 23, 2007, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Speaker Tom Craddick, and Governor Rick Perry announced a plan to return \$154 million in healthcare funds to all 50 Texas community colleges.

These funds, which were vetoed on June 16th of this year, are critical in allowing the state's community colleges to remain affordable and accessible.

"We are very appreciative and would like to personally thank Lt. Governor Dewhurst, Speaker Craddick, and Governor Perry, as well as our legislative supporters including Senator Glenn Hegar, and State Representatives John Zerwas, Charlie Howard, and Dora Olivo, for their leadership in securing the return of these

critical funds," stated WCJC President Betty McCrohan.

"The restoration of funds is beneficial to our employees as well as our students," explained McCrohan. "This return will help us to continue to provide much needed programs for our students at an affordable price."

The veto was for second year funding of community college health insurance and new campus funding at a total of \$155,586,981 for the state's 50 community colleges.

The largest portion of the cut, nearly \$154 million, was intended for group health insurance for community college faculty, staff, and administrators. The cut for WCJC was \$1,789,670.

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