Election slated for Saturday

Panola County is gearing up for the May 4 election. With changes to the voting system and new issues to be considered, the election promises to be interesting. The county's election officials are working to ensure a smooth process, and the local community is preparing for the day. 

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Financial focus

Capitalism and humanitarianism can be compatible

By TONY O'DAY

In the past, I've been critical of the way economic principles have been implemented. The idea that people need to be rewarded for their success has led to inequality and exploitation. However, I believe that there can be a balance between capitalism and humanitarianism.

For example, profit sharing programs can benefit everyone involved. The workers who make the products contribute their skills and knowledge, while the shareholders reap the benefits from increased productivity. This creates a sense of ownership among workers, which can lead to higher morale and productivity.

Another way to balance these two principles is through the practice of ethical capitalism. This involves ensuring that the environment is protected, and that workers are treated fairly. These practices can benefit society as a whole, while still allowing for profitable business operations.

In conclusion, while capitalism and humanitarianism may seem to be opposing forces, it is possible to find a balance between the two. By implementing profit sharing programs and practicing ethical capitalism, we can create a system that is both profitable and fair.
Perspectives

Congress needs to stimulate American ingenuity

Alternative energy sources needed

Texas needs fairer share of funds

Senate week in review
HUDCO project to open jobs

The project will create 100 new jobs over the next five years, with the potential for up to 250 jobs in the long term. The facility will also provide training and education opportunities for local residents, with a focus on workforce development and job readiness.

HUDCO is a non-profit organization that provides affordable housing and community development programs to underserved communities across the United States.

HUDCO's mission is to create and preserve affordable and decent housing, increase the supply of affordable rental and homeownership opportunities, and improve the quality of life for its residents.

HUDCO's work in the area is part of its commitment to addressing the housing crisis and promoting economic development. The facility will be located in a low-income neighborhood, providing much-needed housing options for local residents. The facility will also include retail and commercial space, creating additional job opportunities for the community.

HUDCO's project is part of a larger effort to address the housing crisis in the area. The facility will be designed to be energy-efficient and sustainable, with features such as solar panels and rainwater harvesting systems. The facility will also be equipped with advanced safety and security features, ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents.

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HUDCO's project is expected to be completed by 2024, with the first residents moving in by 2025. The facility will be managed by a local non-profit organization, with HUDCO providing ongoing support and guidance.

HUDCO is committed to ensuring that the facility is accessible and affordable to all residents, regardless of income or background. The organization will work closely with local partners to ensure that the facility meets the needs of the community and provides a safe and welcoming environment for all its residents.

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Nugent advises producers to catch the wave

Even with the current economic downturn, Texas producers are hoping to catch the wave of increased demand for natural gas. As钻探new frontiers, producers are looking to expand their operations to meet the growing need for natural gas. nugent noted, "The demand for natural gas is increasing, and producers who are able to catch the wave will be in a strong position to succeed."

"We need to invest in the future of our industry," said nugent. "By expanding our operations and increasing our production, we can ensure that we are able to meet the growing demand for natural gas."

The wave of increased demand for natural gas is being driven by a variety of factors, including new technologies and increased efficiencies, as well as the need for more sustainable energy sources. nugent added, "The demand for natural gas is expected to continue to grow in the coming years, and we need to be prepared to meet this demand."

"We need to be ready to catch the wave," nugent concluded. "By investing in our operations and increasing our production, we can ensure that we are able to meet the growing demand for natural gas."
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OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF PANOLA COUNTY
Reference: The Panola Nursing Home

Approximately 6 weeks ago, a long-time friend who resides in the Del Ray Community, asked and asked my help in circulating a petition signed by 10% of the voters in the county to allow them to speak to the citizens of the county the privilege of voting on the nursing home issue. Five hundred eighty (580) registered voters signed the petition that I calculated, along with the help of many other workers, we were able to obtain more than the required signature number.

The court met and unanimously voted to place the matter on a ballot, thus allowing the county citizens to decide the issue of whether to sell Panola Nursing Home to a private investor or to keep the home owned & operated by the county.

On March 30th, when the court voted favorably on our petition, I thought at that time I would remain low-key on the issues, try to keep my mouth closed, and vote only 4th. However, after a couple of visits, it seemed that people have the real information would be the real issue. On the last day of the voting period, the local paper dated April 24 written by another friend Mr. Mason Blay, Sr., wherein the history of the nursing home was outlined (if you missed reading the article, and want to be more informed, I suggest you visit Mr. Blay's comments).

"We are losing more of our freedoms each day in our schools & our local government because we fail to take a stand!" I compiled this letter to open the public's eyes on behalf of the concerned citizens of Panola County.

I believe this because I am currently a resident of one of those 108 residents that Judge Conroy mentions in his article, page 5A Panola Post dated 4-28-81. The judge states that the nursing home serves "ONLY" 108 residents (just a wild guess). Well, I happen to believe that when God created these 108 human beings who are unfortunate enough to be residing in this nursing home, he made them in the image and likeness of himself, and so far as the things that happen to these 108 individuals have contributed very much to the public welfare, and pass judgment over them.

One of these 108 residents is a 99 year old man that I have for many years. He made many sacrifices for me when I was a child growing up. My mother was born in the Haywood Community Near Panola County in 1932. She reluctantly entered Panola Nursing Home approximately 8 years ago, up until then she was approximately 89 years of age and she lived alone in her own house. She had had a stroke, a broken hip, can't walk, can't talk enough, and go on. She has no relative, no friends, no family, no love, no one she has to feed, turn, diaper, and bathed. We feel that she gets reasonably good care, the people who assist her as a general rule are kind and compassionate. Best days when I visit her I find that she probably doesn't know me, but I love her just the same. She is more than just a number to me, she is my mother.

This leaves 107 more people to be as the numbers, but rather people who are loved, and are special to others.

Many of these patients are members of pioneer families who struggled back in the depression years in the cotton fields and other areas where they could earn a dollar, they related to work and build this country and nation to the point that it is today. We are who are related to the 108 (as they are referred to in the newspaper) because of the bond of love that exists between us, are thrifty that the level of care will be reduced to a lesser degree if the nursing home is sold to a private investor.

The documents that are available (acute care) in Panola Nursing Home are not available in some other homes, thus if the home went private, some local patients might be displaced. I am not saying that the hospitals are not caring for these patients, but I am saying that these patients are different and if they go private, the patients may not be able to find a bed.

We feel that the staff of Panola Nursing Home intended from the time of its beginning that the home would be an asset to the aged and less fortunate citizens of this county. It was not built with the idea of making a profit. I do feel that it should be operated in such a manner that would not require much tax money to operate the home. It should not have any trouble generating enough income that it would be self-sustaining. Each year it should be able to pay its way and put aside a small amount in a reserve account for such an emergency so as to continue operating with an emergency as it currently finds itself today.

This home is an asset to the residents of this county. From the first day of service (approximately 28 years ago) up until today Monday 4-28-81 the home has been a blessing to 1,000 people and their families, submitted the 108 that the Judge mentions, this leaves 977 patients, who have been in the nursing homes, who have been discharged for various reasons. This averages out to be 47.70 new patients per year for the past 26 years.

I have read a lot on the newspaper (also heard on the radio) whereby my friends Judge Conroy is concerned about the possibility of a petition being circulated by some notoriety group asking for a sale of the home. I think that doesn't exist and that there is a chance in a million chance of this coming to pass. I would not sign, nor will I imagine anyone who would sign something that would inhibit the operations of the county after the county has helped the nursing homes.

The tax rate for Panola County for 1980 was a little over 1.0 billion dollars, $1,189,844,500 minus value. $1,189,225,347 real estate. This is the tax rate for the 1980 tax rate. This would generate $300,000, which could be used for the home. This is a tax rate increase of 0.8% of a tax rate for the nursing home. The figures were checked and verified by Mr. C. D. Blay, who is an accountant at the courts. The Monday night, March 30th, that your county tax could possibly go up about $34 on $1,000 valuation.

Some has said the we have the 1,000 people in the home because we would never use the facility. I would just like to say that I pay county tax to support the Panola County Hospital, but I never use the hospital. There are people who own minerals in this country but live in other states, they pay county taxes that go toward the operation of the hospital, but they don't use the hospital. This is why Panola County property owners who pay school & county taxes and who have children. I live one mile out of the city of Carthage and buy my water from Rowrivie Water Supply Corp. A few years back the water co-op funds were low and there was a shortage of money to pay the countyCole of Education and the system went out. It was then the system was asked to pay an extra $500 a month to keep the system going. All of our numbers still this but one, and this one time we did not have the funds. I have now gone several years without any more problems. I shall not say that the story with you to say that the home does not make the county tax every time. The state rates were increased effective January 1981 to try to keep the home in this black.

About three months ago there was a story about nursing homes, wherein the Dallas Morning News carried our county nursing home in the top ten in the nation. Whereas there were 1,100 plus homes, and Panola County was an accomplishment.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to live in Panola County are blessed with ice, gas, light, water, and lots of good pastured land, let me realize that these are blessings and we have a duty to show it with gratitude. It is a privilege to live in this community, we should be thankful.

I am going to sign the petition to keep this home open in Panola County for my grandchildren and my grandchildren's grandchildren. I would love to live in this community, and I believe that I will have many years with my grandchildren. If your name is on the petition, you have a duty to vote and if you find that you are not going to have time to bring in your vote, please pass it to someone who will use it. It is important to vote and I hope that you will vote yes.

Respectfully yours,
Billy Langford
Area deaths

Kathy L. Brightwell
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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