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By Mark Patterson

The voters of Texas deserve a horse laugh



The voters of the state of Texas got another chance to let their narrow-minded views be known this weekend at the polls. For the fourth time in 10 years the people of this great state of ours have denied citizens the joy of having a new sport come to the state.

Now I enjoy watching a variety of sports, ranging from polo to backgammon, but I don't think there is another pastime more enjoyable than watching a beautiful animal thundering around an oval track. Especially when my money is riding on the outcome of the race.

But the thing that makes me mad enough to chew horse-shoes is the thought that most of the people who voted against pari-mutuel betting for our state have probably never seen a horse race and enjoyed its pleasure.

Horsing around should be a part of this state's attractions for a multitude of reasons. Not only from the money point of view but just for the simple fact of letting people do something they want to without having to drive to one of the neighboring states to do it.

I think the most ridiculous reason presented by the forces opposing the adoption of the pari-mutuel issue in this state is that the horse-racing business is run by the underworld and its existence would promote underworld activity.

That's a lot of horse manure. The horse racing industry is one of the most regulated gambling outfits in the country. All wagers, money spent and winnings paid out are controlled and recorded by computers. There are no possible ways for the underworld to control the winners and losers of a race. That's up to the riders and horses themselves.

The controls placed upon the horse-racing industry ought to be extended to other facets of the sporting world. If you don't think there is gambling going on in the other legal sports of our state, you're as backward as your vote to disallow horse racing in Texas.

In this football-crazy state, need I point out the Paul Hornung case or the Alex Karras case to support the theory that gambling exists in football?

But just from the simple view of added revenue for the state, Texans' money ought to stay in Texas, not Louisiana, Arkansas or New

So, fellow racing fans, we can lay aside our dreams of ever seeing the Texas Derby being run for the yellow roses. And we can say goodbye to the companies that might have chosen our state to hold their annual conventions because there isn't enough excitement of entertainment. And we can say goodbye to our money that would have gone towards a reduction of state taxes. Now it will go to the people of the twentieth century and the twentieth century should be allowed.

So it's on to the post and you at the races. But, unfortunately, not in the state of Texas.

Commentary

Mexico. The projected figure of \$300 million would have been brought into the state if the referendum would have passed.

Going into this year's primary the professional horseracing people thought they had a good shot of having the bill approved by the voters. But again the rural backwoods people of the state said no.

"I really had only been thinking about victory plans," said Charles Hancock, secretary-treasurer of the Texas Horseracing Association, Inc. "I thought we had an outstanding chance to win it this time."

They would have if the Democrats and the country folk would have voted in support of the bill. The Republicans split in their support of the proposal while the urban voters were in support of legalization.

And the scapegoat for the losers, as they have been the last times the pari-mutuel betting bill has come before the voters of the state, are the Southern Baptists. Voting in a block the religious group has dictated what will transpire throughout the entire state.

The one thing that the bill had going for it this time was the option that the communities would have in allowing the betting to exist. It was to be each community's option to allow the horses in the area. Now it will be withheld from everyone.

The cost of a football game

By KEVIN PYLE

Try to remember, if you can or if you haven't blocked it out of your memory completely, the afternoon of Nov. 26, 1977. Can't remember? Well, that was the day when the Longhorns of Texas stampeded into Kyle Field and won a football game by a score of 57-28 over the Texas Aggies.

Many fans remember that particular game, but few have ever thought about how much it cost to stage the event.

According to Wally Groff, assistant athletic director of business affairs, the game cost the Texas A&M athletic department a total of \$15,662.44.

Most of the expenses went to pay people hired for the game. Of these people, the game officials got the most money. Many Aggie fans feel that the officials didn't really deserve to be paid, or were paid by Texas; however, the athletic department did pay \$2,193 to the Southwest Conference for their services. The conference then paid the officials an average salary of \$182.75.

A&M also had 80 hired people to handle the ushering services. The ushers got an average salary of \$13.10 with total salaries amounting to \$1,047.50.

For the 45 ticket grabbers at the gates, A&M paid a total of \$681.75, for an average salary of \$15.15 per person.

In addition, three ticket sellers received \$21 apiece, two elevator operators together earned \$67.25, an electrician got \$17.50 and a lost-and-found person got \$15.

The press box crew, who get a

free barbeque dinner after the game, got a total of \$64.

Then there was the scoreboard operator. He got \$40.

For the seven first aid people \$135 was spent and for two gate employees another \$27 was paid. Also, 14 regular employees, secretaries, ticket sellers and the field crew got a total of \$668.01.

For printing tickets for the game, \$2,185.40 was paid to printers Welton, Williams and Lick.

Because of the large crowd at the game, an additional 5,000 seats had to be rented. A&M spent \$2,900 for the sideline seats. This problem will be alleviated in 1979, however, as Texas A&M is adding more permanent seating to the stadium.

For security in the stands, Texas A&M paid \$1,190 to the City of Bryan police department. The College Station auxiliary police, used for traffic control, got \$355.

Kyle Field gate security and parking attendants got \$1,684.75, and the public address announcer received \$50 for his services.

Last but not least was the expense for cleaning up the stadium. For this A&M spent \$2,121.38.

As prices increase each year, so do the expenses for staging a football game in Kyle Field and the amount of people needed. The total cost for the 1975 Texas game at Kyle Field was \$13,274.40, which is \$388.04 less than the amount expended this year.

An expense comparison showed an increase of \$309 in paying game officials. The cost of chairs increased \$484 over the two year period. Ticket prices went up \$330.13. Wage employees got \$606.76 more,

Bryan police received \$345 more with College Station police getting a \$55 increase. The gate security and parking attendants total salaries increased by \$314.75.

Finally, showing that not all expenses go up, the clean-up of the stadium went down \$106.60. Groff said this was due to the condition of the stadium, so it seems when the Aggies win, as they did two years ago, their fans make more of a mess than when they lose.

The next time Texas plays at Kyle Field, in 1979, these expenses will have gone up, partly due to increasing prices and also because there will be three levels on each side of the stadium instead of two, which will mean more employees. Also, the Aggies will hope for a large clean-up expense.

Derby bets set record

United Press International

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Bettors at the Kentucky Derby Saturday poured more than \$10 million through the mutuel machines to set a new Derby record.

The 131,004 fans at Churchill Downs bet \$10,336,443 on races, breaking the old mark of \$8,811,486 wagered in 1977.

The total handle for the Run for the Roses, \$4,425,828, broke the old record of \$3,655,225 set last year when Seattle Slew won the Derby en route to the Triple Crown. Steve Caughen rode this year's winner, Affirmed, across the finish line.

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