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Tax rollback to cost town over \$1 million

FORT WORTH (AP) - Voters in Granbury approved a school tax rollback which district officials said would cost them more than \$1 million, while a much smaller number in Carroll rejected a similar measure.

In Granbury, voters on Saturday by 2,497 to 2,106 decided to return school tax levies to last year's levels, rolling back a 26 percent increase.

The rollback will result in a \$1.4 million loss for the school district, superintendent Jerry Christian said. "It will be devastating to us," Christian said. "We'll have to make

dramatic cuts in every aspect. He said taxes went up initially be-

cause of losses in state aid and inflation. Also, a new elementary school for the fast-growing district south-west of Fort Worth is responsible for the tax increase.

Voters in the Carroll Indepen-dent School District, northeast of Fort Worth, rejected a rollback 847 to 735.

In Carroll, the rollback effort was prompted by a 19.7 percent prop-erty tax increase this year and could forced the district to cut \$714,000 from next year's spending.

Rollback elections can be called if a district raises taxes more than 8 percent above what is known as the effective tax rate.

"I seriously doubt if you'll see any more tax increases over 8 percent," said Carroll school board President Robert Powell. "I would never vote for another one except in a dire emergency. It's not worth putting the school at risk.

The Carroll school board opened itself to a rollback when taxes were raised from 72 cents to 87 cents per \$100 assess valuation.

School officials say they needed the increase to cover decreased state aid and additional costs caused by a growing enrollment.

A rollback proponent in Gran-bury, Loren Wilson, said the margin in that vote was narrower than he anticipated because of heavy spending by opponents of the rollback.

"Plus, they had more available manpower," Wilson said. "There are very few people who'll stand publicly for the rollback because they would appear to be against education." He said the rollback effort began

to protest bureaucrats giving themselves increases while everyone else is suffering decreases in salaries.

Don Weeks, who organized a committee that led the rollback drive in Carroll, said, "I'm a little disappointed, but the dollar-for-dollar we put into it, we gave them a good run.

Weeks said his group spent be-tween \$500 and \$600 campaigning on the theme of "runaway taxes."

What's Up

Monday

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB: Dr. Brian Stagner will speak at 7 p.m. in Rudder Towe Check the monitor screen for the room number. SIGMA IOTA EPSILON: D. Moore, assistant facility manager of Sbiss, m

p.m. in 105 Blocker MSC OPAS: will present music by the U.S. Air Force Chamber Players at 2pm

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN: will show the more "After the Promise" at 7 p.m. on the sixth floor of the Sterling C. Evans Litra The council also will meet with parents of handicapped children at 7 p.m.inte

TAMU JAZZ BAND: will rehearse at 7:30 p.m. in the west piano roo

AGGIE PARTNERS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS: will present inf how students can help with the Special Olympics at 7 p.m. in 267 G. Role

LE CLUB FRANCAIS: will meet at 3 p.m. at the Flying Tomato. CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will elect officers and discuss the upcom r at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

INTRAMURALS: Tennis doubles, pre-season softball and softball entries oper Contact P.J. Miller at 845-7826 for more information. DEER PARK HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m in 404 Rudder. MSC AGGIE CINEMA: will meet at 7 p.m. in 228 Rudder. AMA MARKETING SOCIETY: will present a marketing faculty symposium at a m in 150 Pleder.

p.m. in 150 Blocker. AGGIES FOR JACK KEMP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 231 MSC. CARE COMMITTEE: will present "Cinderella and Rambo: An Examination of the Challenges of Relationships in the '80s" at 7 p.m. in 201 MSC. CBA HONORS ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 704 Rudder.

Tuesday

PRE MED/PRE DENT SOCIETY: Representatives from Baylor College of Mai

cine will speak at 8 p.m. in 203 Harrington. CARE COMMITTEE: presents "Date Rape: The Hidden Threat," an examination of the university and community processes involved in proseculing we quaintance rape, at 7 p.m. in 201 MSC. WRITING OUTREACH: B. Collier-Foyt will speak on documentation and way quoted materials at 6:30 p.m. in 131 Blocker.

MSC ALL-NIGHT FAIR: will have the last general planning meeting at 8:30pm

THE BIG EVENT: will have a committee meeting at 7 p.m. in 205 MSC. ECONOMICS SOCIETY: will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudde. BRYAN HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 231 MSC. INTRAMURALS: Horseshoe doubles entries open and free-throw contest tries close.

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have information on exchange programs

studying in Denmark from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSC hallway. SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB: will meet at 5 p.m. in front of Kleberg Am and Food Science Center to take pictures for the Aggieland. Senior pictures follow in the Kleberg lounge. The club then will meet at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg AMA MARKETING SOCIETY: will have a faculty/student luncheon at nor

MSC OPAS: presents a performance by A&M dance organizations from 11am to 1 p.m. in the MSC main lounge. OPAS will also present a dance redially TAMU Dance Arts Society at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Admission for both per

formances is free. SPANISH CLUB: will have its first formal meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 155 Blocker. AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will have square-dance lessons in the Pavilon for 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. and then will have a club dance until 10 p.m. MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY: will have a mandatory meeting for all those per-ning to go on the Houston trip at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder. CLASS COUNCILS: will have general class meetings at 8:30 p.m. in the following rooms: Class of '88 in 110 Harrington, Class of '89 in 209 Harrington, Class of '90 in 108 Harrington and Class of '91 in 105 Harrington. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN: will have an important meeting a 8:30 p.m. in 146 MSC.

8:30 p.m. in 146 MSC. EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet to discuss the All-Night Fair and in have officer elections at 8:30 p.m. in 231 MSC. CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a discussion on brear relationships at 9 p.m. at All Faith's Chapel. FISH CLASS; will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington. AGGIE TOASTERS; will meet at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDask no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publis the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. Il you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Judgeship race turns into family feud

EL PASO (AP) — The race for the judgeship of the 41st District Court has developed into a family feud, with the children of Ludge John Ma



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1988 MSC ROOMS 226-230 9 AM - 4 PM RECRUITERS FOR 30 - 40 YOUTH CAMPS WILL INTERVIEW AGGIES FOR SUMMER JOBS (ALL MAJORS WELCOME)

with the children of Judge John Mc-

with the children of Judge John Mc-Kellips supporting his opponent in the March 8 primary. On Saturday, the six children of John and Lillian McKellips said the judge's professional behavior, to-gether with "his overall coercion of his formit." in fluore ed the id decider his family" influenced their decision.

"As a family, we have jointly de-cided to support Mary Anne Bramblett in the upcoming election for 41st District Court judge," they said in a

form of politics." Bramblett, an assistant El Paso

County attorney, did not embrace what she termed an unsolicited en-

dorsement. "I do not want to get involved in a fight between that family. I feel I'm pawn being used by these people,

Bramblett said. The children's action is the latest in a long family feud over property settlement and support for the three prepared statement. McKellips replied, "It makes me early 20s and have varying levels of

made it difficult for her mother hire a lawyer for representation

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divorce suit against the judge. John McKellips said his examinegative influence on the child caused the rift in the family. He

blamed his opponent in the prime "I'm horrified by this despire move on the part of Lillian and Ma Anne Bramblett," McKellips sad "After March 8, Mary Am Bramblett will be out of my life, the damage she has done to my fa ily will be permanent.'

