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Group plans to lobby for new law allowing off-track horse betting

AUSTIN (AP) — An organization of Texas horsemen plans to lobby legislators next year for a law allowing off-track betting on pari-mutuel races and televised simulcasting of races across the state, it was reported Thursday.

The *Austin American-Statesman* said backers of the idea say the proposals would boost state revenues, purses and proceeds for tracks from gambling.

"The life and salvation of racing is simulcasting and off-track betting," said Loyd Miles of Fort Worth, regional chairman of the new Texas division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

Off-track betting would allow placing of wagers at locations other than tracks. Simulcasting allows bettors at various tracks to bet on major races at other tracks as they are televised.

The plan drew sharp criticism from anti-gambling forces. It also was called "dead on arrival" by a sponsor of the state racing law.

Sue Cox, a leader of the anti-racing Texans Who Care, said she had thought it would be at least two years before racing backers proposed off-track betting in Texas.

"I am truly shocked," Cox said. "I thought they would get up and running before they moved to simulcasting and off-track betting."

Pari-mutuel wagering on horse and dog races was approved on a local-option basis by voters in November. The still-organizing State Racing Commission has yet to write regulations or approve tracks. Races aren't expected before autumn, experts say.

Miles told the *American-Statesman* that the horsemen's association in Texas likely would propose off-track betting that six percent of all wagers at such facilities goes for owners of successful horses. One reason the group wants the law is so the additional revenue can be used to help fund pension and pension programs for men.

The state and track owners would collect a portion of the track betting proceeds under the proposal, Miles said.

According to Miles' simulcasting proposal, the state would get 82 percent and bettors 82 percent of the remaining money and the would be split evenly between tracks and tracks receiving the broadcast.

House Speaker Pro Tem Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, said he was prohibited by the state constitution from supporting the legislation. He said there would be way lawmakers would approve track betting because the speaker to regulate without it.

"It's dead, DOA," Berlanga said. "That's why we had the (proposal) in the legislation passed it."

Berlanga said simulcasting has a better chance of passing the future. "But now it's dead and we need to get (racing) and evaluate it before we begin contemplating any change."

Officials rescind ban against rock climbing at West Texas park

HUECO TANKS STATE HISTORICAL PARK (AP) — Hours after officials decided to reopen Hueco Tanks to rock climbers after a three-week moratorium, park rangers were fielding calls from people from as far away as Europe, a spokesman said Wednesday.

"Hueco Tanks is one of two good winter-climbing spots in the United States," David Cottom, spokesman for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said. "The world climbing community is tight-knit; you wouldn't believe how fast word gets around."

Officials closed the 860-acre park about 35 miles east of El Paso to climbers about three weeks ago after rangers discovered that a rash of rock bolts had been embedded in the rock in January, mostly by Europeans.

Some climbers had even used epoxy — a kind of strong adhesive — to create handholds and footholds on the sheer rock faces.

Rock climbers often embed bolts into rock to secure safety ropes. Most climbers use bolts only to halt falls and consider it cheating to use them as handholds or footholds.

"A lot of (bolts) are for safety, but these aren't for safety," said park ranger Bob Parker, pointing at three bolts in the face of a 30-foot-high boulder. "Bolt like these are for acrobatics. That's what we disagree with."

Because the park was established a decade ago to protect the ancient Indian rock paintings found in the area's nooks and crannies, rangers felt they had to institute the climbing moratorium to assess any damage.

Late last week, after deciding that none of the rock paintings were endangered, officials lifted the moratorium and began the task of installing 23 steel bolts and the handholds.

They plan to call a conference next month or possibly December which climbers will discuss what call the ethics of bolting a rock face. The topic is right now in climbing circles.

"We don't want any bolts here, but we realize the park is for safety and to prevent people from dying," Parker said. "Something like this is unacceptable."

He explained that the bolts could be "top-roped" — some could easily climb atop the bolt from the other side, tie a rope nearby tree and throw the rope the sheer climbing face, making use of bolts unnecessary.

He said two climbers from Munich, West Germany, drilled bolts to be able to perform gymnastic maneuvers.

After the bolts are pulled, the resulting holes are filled with epoxy to blend in with the rock face.

Drilling bolts is banned at Hueco Tanks, though rangers have not to remove bolts necessary for safety on the many established routes.

"There are routes that are established in the climbing guide," Parker said, referring to a paper book published by a pair of El Paso climbers. "There's 4,000 copies of them they're probably all over the place. People come out and expect the protection they find in the climbing guide."

Parker said he hoped the moratorium and the upcoming conference will be enough to get rangers to police themselves and prevent illegal bolting to park authorities.

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