South Plains College Associate Dean of Workforce Development Rafael Aguilera lists some training options available for local businesses. The Brownfield Industrial Development Corporation and Texas Workforce Solutions of the South Plains teamed up to host a Skills for Small Businesses workshop at noon Thursday.

Brian Brisendine was recognized Monday afternoon for his service with the Brownfield Industrial Development Corporation. Brisendine is shown accepting the honor with BIDCorp. board President Jay Youngblood.

Business representatives learn hiring tips at seminar

Various programs through the state can help employers find and keep qualified staff, a group of small business representatives learned Thursday.

The Brownfield Industrial Development Corporation and Texas Workforce Solutions of the South Plains teamed up to host a Skills for Small Businesses workshop with plenty of advice.

Guest presenter Rafael Aguilera, the associate dean of workforce development at South Plains College, told a group of about 15 representatives of local companies about certain types of grants for employee training for which they can apply, and why they should consider applying for them.

"If we have employees that are well-trained and have a good skill set, they can be a real asset to your business," he said during the noon meeting in City Hall.

Aguilera listed examples of certain companies that had received funding through Texas Workforce Commission's Skills for Small Business training program, and specific types of training that were available.

"It's very customized to meet the needs of the business," he said. "We want to be a resource for you as you work for these grants."

For more information, visit www.workintexas.com.

Director of Economic Development David Partlow and Susan Lefevere, director of the local branch of Texas Workforce Commission, announced they will hold more similar presentations in the future. For listings of their dates and times, keep checking the *Brownfield News*.

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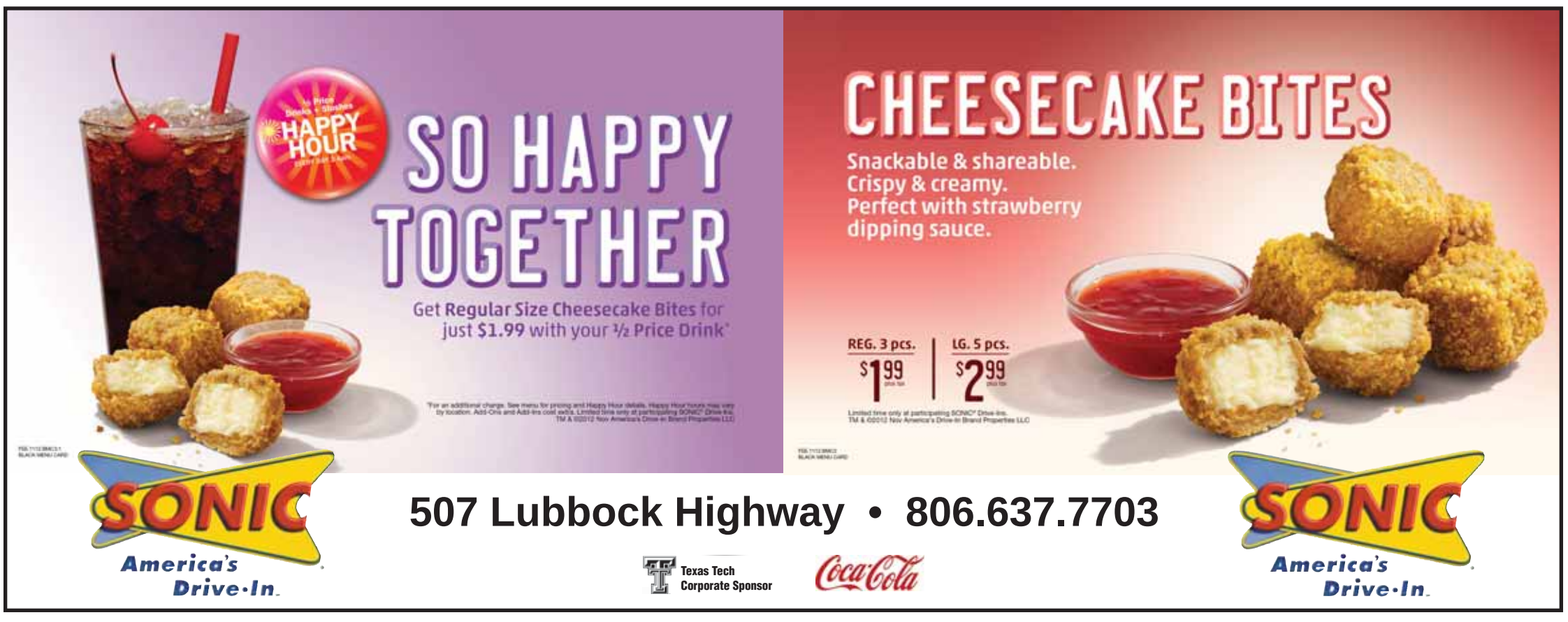
OPEN LETTER TO TERRY COUNTY VOTERS

Dear Terry County Voters:

By way of introduction, my name is G. Dwayne Pruitt and I served as County Attorney for Terry County from 1977 until retirement twenty-seven and a half years later. I served as President and Chairman of the Board of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, a statewide body of more than 5,800 members. Prior to retirement in 2002, the Texas State Bar and District and County Attorneys Association honored me with the "The Prosecutor of the Year" award. I feel I know something about serving the people as your elected prosecutor. I was asked by a friend at church to comment and recommend who I felt should be elected to the position of County Attorney. In Terry County, the prosecutor has responsibility for both misdemeanor and felony cases, everything from DWI to capital murder. It is not an 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. job and is not the place for on-the-job training.

Ramon Gallegos worked for me for over 9 years as an assistant, doing every phase of prosecution from trial to appeals, and did an excellent job. He has served as your elected prosecutor for 9 years, and he served as a private attorney for over 10 years. There is no substitute for experience. By contrast, his opponent has been licensed for 4 years and only recently tried her first felony jury trial by herself, according to the lawyers I have talked with. She and her relatives are all very fine folks and have always been very wonderful people in my eyes. However, this is too important of a position to be a popularity contest; therefore, I am endorsing Ramon Gallegos as your County Attorney and hope you cast your ballot for experience in this vital position for the County.

Sincerely Yours,

G. Dwayne Pruitt
Attorney at Law

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