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Pre-Registration For Kindergarten To Be Held August 3rd & 4th

Pre-registration for kindergarten or any new student that will be attending Baird Elementary will be Tuesday, August 3rd & Wednesday, August 4th, 1999 in the Baird School Cafeteria from 8:30 a.m. through 10:30 a.m.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a student must be five years old on or before September 1, 1999. The parent must provide shot records, birth certificate and social security card. **If your child is currently in the Pre-Kindergarten Program, it will not be necessary to pre-register for Fall Kindergarten.**

All kindergarten children starting this year must have the following immunizations to be able to start to school.

- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
 - 4 doses of DTP
 - 4 doses of Polio
 - 2 doses of MMR
 - 1 dose Hib
- Effective 8-1-99, all

children born on or after 9-2-93, will be required to show proof of either:

1. 1 dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a parent or physician validates history of Varicella illness or serologic confirmation of Varicella immunity.

Effective 8-1-99, all children born on or after 9-2-87 but before 9-2-93, will be required to show proof of either:

1. One dose of Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) or illness or Serologic confirmation of validated history of Varicella by parent or physician.

Effective 8-1-99 children born on or after 9-2-87 but before 9-2-93, will be required at the time of their 12th birthday to provide proof of either:

- 1. 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine, or
- 2. Serologic confirmation in immunity to hepatitis B or serologic evidence of infection.

\$500 Drawing To Be Held Saturday

Entry Blanks will be available beginning Friday at participating Baird merchants for a \$500 drawing to be held this Saturday, July 17th.

Sponsored by Hanner Chevrolet-Pontiac-GMC in connection with the dealership's 25th Anniversary Celebration, the drawing will be held at 5:00 p.m. at Hanner's located at I-20 & FM 2047. The KEAN radio crew will be visiting with merchants and shoppers during a live remote broadcast from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Posters will be displayed indicating where entry blanks are available. Completed forms must be taken to the dealership for the drawing. Entrants must be at least 18 years of age, and only one entry per person is allowed.

Baird Boys Physicals August 15

Baird Junior High and High School Boys' Physicals will be held August 15 from 1-3 p.m. at the Field House. Cost is \$12.00 payable to Baird I.S.D.

Baird Girls Physicals August 22

Baird Junior High and High School Girls' Physicals will be held August 22 from 1-3 p.m. at the Field House.

Cost is \$12.00 payable to Baird I.S.D.

Cross Cut Reunion To Be Held July 18th

The annual Cross Cut Homecoming Reunion and luncheon will be held Sunday, July 18, 1999 at the Cross Plains Community Center.

As always, all Alumni, friends and family are invited to attend as we enjoy a covered dish lunch and silent auction followed by a business meeting. Lunch is at noon but the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction. Please call (254) 725-6836 for more information.

Read The
Classifieds

Hepatitis A Vaccination Required For School Enrollment In 32 Border Counties

Children in 32 border area counties of Texas must be vaccinated against Hepatitis A illness to attend public or private schools or child care facilities this school year. The requirement is effective August 1 and applies to children 2 and older who were born after September 2, 1992.

The 32 counties are Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culbertson, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata and Zavala.

Under Texas Department of Health (TDH) rules approved by the Texas Board of Health, 2 year olds in the 32 counties must have one dose of the two dose hepatitis A vaccination series to attend child care facilities. Children 3 and older must have two doses given at least six months apart and must have had the first dose before they can enroll in schools or child care facilities.

Children who have had hepatitis A infection are considered immune to the illness and

do not have to be vaccinated if proof of immunity or previous infection is provided.

Though the rules only apply to school enrollment, TDH recommends that all of the estimated 228,000 children ages 2 through 6 in the 32 counties be vaccinated against hepatitis A.

Studies indicate that 50 percent of the children in some of the 32 counties have been infected with hepatitis A by age 10. During the last 10 years there has been an average of 39 cases of hepatitis A infection per 100,000 population per year reported in the 32 county area. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends routine hepatitis A vaccinations be considered in areas with at least 10 cases per 100,000 population per year over a 10 year period.

Hepatitis A is a viral disease spread by the fecal-oral route through close personal contact or by consuming contaminated food or water. The disease affects the liver. Symptoms include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal discomfort, jaundice and dark urine.

Abilene District Director Of Operations Named Odessa District Engineer



Lauren Garduno

Lauren Garduno, Abilene district director of operations, has been selected as the Odessa district engineer effective July 1, 1999. Wes Heald, Texas Department of Transportation executive director, made the announcement.

Upon hearing of his selection, Garduno said, "Like most people faced with change, I leave with mixed

emotions. I have really enjoyed my experiences here in Abilene. The friendships and working relationships I've developed will be with me the rest of my career. However, I'm excited about the opportunity of becoming the district engineer in Odessa. Like Abilene, I hear there are good people in Odessa and I look forward to going out there and working with them."

Garduno began his TxDOT career in Borger, Texas, where he worked five summers in TxDOT's engineering office while earning a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech University. He joined the department full time in 1988 as an engineering assistant in the Abilene district design office. Garduno reviewed

plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E) for the 13 county district, as well as designed PS&E for farm-to-market roads in the Houston and Austin districts.

In 1990, he moved to the Abilene area office, where he gained additional experience in design and construction. During this time, he also earned a master's degree in management from Abilene Christian University.

Then, in 1992, he was accepted in the department's master's program and earned a master of science degree in civil engineering from Texas A & M University in 1994. Upon completion, he returned to Abilene as the district construction engineer. That same year, Garduno was promoted to district maintenance engineer and became the director of operations in 1997. He also served as the district's interim district engineer for approximately six months.

A native of Borger, Lauren and his wife, Ketta, have one daughter.

Vaccine Urged For All Counties

Statement By Hepatitis Foundation International Supporting Texas Pediatric Hepatitis A Vaccination Mandate

Hepatitis Foundation International (HFI) commends the State of Texas for its recent passage of a new law mandating hepatitis A vaccination in 32 counties for children ages 2 to 5 years of age who attend day care, and children born after September 1992 who attend public or private school.

This mandate follows a recommendation by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that children in Texas be routinely vaccinated against hepatitis A.

As Texas has one of the highest rates of hepatitis A in the country, with 16 cases per every 100,000 people, HFI also urges the Texas Department of Health to extend this mandate soon to encompass all counties throughout the state.

Nationwide, the highest incidence of hepatitis A is among children 5-14 years old, with almost 30 percent of reported cases occurring among children younger than 15 years of age.

Children are at high risk because they often come into close contact with other children in school and daycare settings.

Although hepatitis A infection in very young children can be mild or asymptomatic, the virus is easily transmitted to older children and adults who will likely develop severe symptoms.

Masonic Lodge To Hold Fund Raiser Saturday

The Baird Masonic Lodge will sponsor a fund raiser for the Baird Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, July 17, 1999 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The fund raiser

will be held in the Lodge Hall, located at 239 Market Street.

The menu is a BBQ Sandwich, drink and chips for \$3.00. Please support your local Fire Department.

Cottonwood Musical To Be Held Friday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their country and western musical on Friday, July 16, 1999. The musical will be held at the Cottonwood

Community Center. The musical will start at 6:30 p.m. The emcee for the evening will be Smokey Callaway. Everybody is invited to attend. Ya'll come!!!!

Commissioners Court News

The Callahan County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 1999 in the Callahan County Courthouse.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Shelley Dobbins and Will Evrard, representatives from Carr, explained the transportation services to the court. These services are for anyone needing a ride somewhere. They are funded by the Texas

Department of Transportation.

Jeanie Bohannon, Callahan County Clerk discussed the help situation in the County Clerk's Office. No action was taken.

The bids were open for the Rotary Broom. The bid from Howard-McAneer Equipment Company was accepted at \$23,085.60, with a trade in of \$2125.00, leaving a difference of \$20,960.60.

The bills were approved as presented.

1st Annual Golf Tournament To Be Held July 24th

Only a few days remain for golfers to take advantage of the early sign-up fee for the Baird Chamber of Commerce tourney slated Saturday, July 24th.

Chamber officials said the first 25 teams signing up are paying \$60 per player in the two-person scramble. There will be \$3,000 worth of cash and prizes, contingent on a full 30-team roster.

Tourney Chairman Rick Oliver said the winner in the closest to the hole contest will receive a year's worth of free gasoline from Allsup's. A long drive contest, as well as a silent auction offering some unique items, will also be held.

Oliver said, "We are trying to fill the

tournament roster a few days prior to the tournament in order to facilitate our plans. We have great prizes and teams entered from as far away as southeastern New Mexico." A complete list of prizes and sponsors will be announced next week.

Interested golfers should pick up an entry form at the Chamber Office or at Shady Oaks Country Club as soon as possible. Entries will be accepted at the Chamber Office from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or may be mailed with payment in full to Baird Chamber of Commerce, 100 Market Street, Baird TX 79504. For more information call 854-2003.

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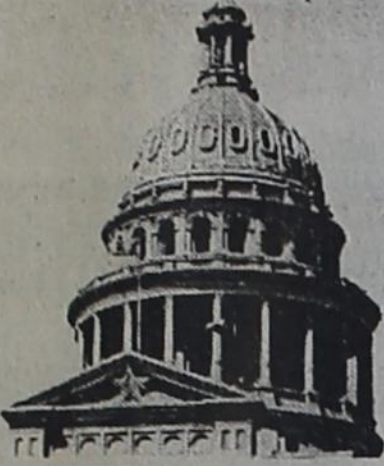
CLYDE-2nd Wednesday From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Community Resource Center North 1st Street
Wednesday, August 11th
Wednesday, September 8th
Wednesday, October 13th
Wednesday, November 10th
Wednesday, December 8th

CROSS PLAINS--3rd Thursday From 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Location: Multi Purpose Center
Thursday, August 19th
Thursday, October 21st
Thursday, December 16th

Anyone wanting the Varicella Vaccine should call the Health Department Office in Winters at (915) 754-4945. They do not routinely carry this vaccine with them, as it has to be refrigerated.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

Compiled by Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush once again has offered to free any Texas school district from state regulations.

Not one of the state's 1,040 school districts is expected to take the governor up on his offer, *The Dallas Morning News* reported last week.

Four years ago, Bush persuaded the Legislature to give school districts a way for maximum local control by becoming a "home rule" district. There were no takers then, either.

Linda Edwards, the governor's press secretary, suggested why the idea hasn't caught on.

"If school districts are choosing not to turn to home rule, it means the state has been successful in giving districts more freedom in teaching their students," she told *The News* last week. "Home rule is a protection against too much regulation by the state."

Edwards said it is important that the option remain available because it "keeps the state honest" when pledges to reduce regulations are made.

To achieve home rule status, a school district must have the approval of 25 percent of its voters.

Short of doing that, school districts have the option of requesting waivers of certain state regulations, such as limits on class size, the shortening of school calendars and more days for teacher training.

UT Plans to Improve Schools

The University of Texas System last week announced a plan to improve its own elementary and secondary teacher-preparation programs.

Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Ed Sharpe also told a panel of university regents he is creating a commission to find ways for UT's nine campuses to expand the system's reach into schools.

"This isn't a study commission. Our office is going to take this on as a primary initiative," Sharpe said in a report published by the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Data compiled by UT Chancellor William Cunningham show the portion of Texans between the ages of 18 and 34 attending four-year universities is 18 percent below the national average and Texas' per capita income is 12 percent lower than average for the 10 most populous states.

To improve education is to improve the economy, said Regent Charles Miller, a Houston businessman and chairman of the regents' academic affairs committee. "There are benefits all up and down the line," he said.

Guard Shortage Identified

Texas' highest security prison, the Estelle Unit near Huntsville, was short 31 guards when a convict escaped June 27 by scaling two fences and leaping over a third.

The governing board of the Texas prison system is investigating whether the job vacancies were a factor in the escape of Dallas murderer Clifford Dwayne Jones.

Jones was captured in a tree three miles from the prison, 49 hours after his escape.

"Anytime you operate at less than 100 percent you risk problems," prison board chairman Allan Polunsky said in a report published last week by the *Austin American-Statesman*.

The shortage of prison guards has increased in the past year, ac-

ording to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Starting pay for prison guards is about \$18,000 per year.

3 Measures Get Gov's Signature

Gov. Bush last week had a ceremonial signing for a new law requiring defendants to share their witness list with prosecutors.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, who sponsored the measure approved in May by the Texas Legislature, hailed the new law as a step to ensure victims' rights in a trial.

Lucio, D-Brownsville, said the new law also allows prosecutors time to prepare for expert testimony.

"We are talking about highly technical testimony with expert witnesses... and since jurors are not allowed to ask the questions, they must rely on the thorough questioning by the attorneys on both sides of the case," Lucio said in a report by the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Also at the ceremony, the governor signed two other new laws. One eliminates appeal bonds for people convicted of violent offenses or who receive sentences of 10 years or longer; the other increases the number of training hours child-care providers must

receive on what causes brain injuries in infants.

Other Highlights

■ The nearly 450,000 Texans who live overseas now can use a toll-free number (800-438-8683)

to call Secretary of State Elton Bomer's office for information on elections and absentee voting. The service is administered by the Department of Defense's Voting Information Center.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Gone fishing

The economic impact of anglers in Texas is more than \$6.3 billion. More than 2.6 million adult anglers spent \$2.8 billion in 1996 on various items ranging from trips and equipment to food, bait and fuel.

Fishing tips

- ✓ Sunscreen will kill live bait, so be sure to wash your hands before handling bait.
- ✓ Take an ice chest to ice down your catch as opposed to keeping fish in a live well, since the water can reach higher temperatures than the water the fish were caught out of.
- ✓ Add ice to the bait bucket to keep the temperature down and the bait lively. Your bait will last longer and be more productive catching fish.
- ✓ Wear polarized sunglasses to cut glare off the water and enable you to locate certain fish when sight casting.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

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Guest Slot

A Recipe for School Disaster

By Myriam Miedzian, Ph.D.
Take a very large bowl and mix in a few million teenage boys battered as children, or raised in homes where violence was encouraged as a normal response to insult or conflict. Add a few million who grew up without any close emotional contact with a non-violent, loving male. Stir in nine or 10 million boys suffering from attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity, learning disability, mild mental retardation, brain lesion and other biologically-based conditions that put them at above average risk of violent behavior. Add a few generous spoonfuls of boys born with strong temperamental tendencies toward anger, impulsivity and danger. Sprinkle these ingredients generously with guns, rifles and semi-automatics.

Fold in a large dollop of parents who are at work for nine or 10 hours a day, and mix with largely unregulated daycare centers staffed with untrained or undertrained workers paid the minimum wage -- thus ensuring a 50 percent turnover per year. Dot with a few million parents who can't find organized daycare and are forced to leave their children with almost anyone over the age of 12 willing to babysit.

When folding in parents, make sure that a large percentage have

no health insurance, or if they do, that minimal amounts are allotted for mental health, so that they will be unable to seek help in dealing with children who exhibit violent tendencies from an early age.

Add school budgets after carefully putting them through a sieve that will filter out funding for:

- a.school counselors
- b.conflict resolution, anti-bigotry and child-rearing programs
- c.afterschool programs -- sports, arts and crafts, music, study hall -- for children of working parents

The sieving will ensure that:

- a.students at high risk for violence will definitely not get any special care until after they have murdered or maimed one or more fellow students or teachers
- b.students with violent, racist tendencies will remain set in their ways, and the next generation of parents will contain just as many unprepared and untrained parents who believe that the only way to discipline a child is a good beating.

c.Children of working parents will have plenty of unsupervised time after school. You are now ready to stir in two packets of yeast. The first will consist of movies, videos, videogames, TV shows, professional wrestling matches, and song lyrics that celebrate violence, don't show its real life consequences. and

serve as highly effective desensitizing mechanisms.

The second will be made up of high school coaches who encourage a "winning is the only thing and anything goes in order to win" attitude, obtain special privileges for top athletes, and encourage them to look down on all but the best jocks.

Carefully place these ingredients in a cake pan and frost them with a thick layer of Internet, which will permit contact with racists and hatemongers from around the world, and will also provide recipes for side dishes of pipe bombs and other useful devices.

Turn on the oven and bake at a high temperature. Should the cake begin to fall apart, burn or just plain taste awful, bring in grievance counselors to help deal with the trauma, but make absolutely sure to never change the recipe or the oven temperature.

This recipe is guaranteed to produce a steady supply of school yard killings a la Pear, Miss., West Paducah, Ky.; Jonesboro, Ark.; Fayetteville, Tenn.; Springfield, Ore.; and Littleton, Colo.



By Jim Hightower
How to
Create More Jobs...
Abroad

The good news is that the United States at long last has a jobs program, creating well paying jobs in manufacturing.

The bad news is that those jobs are in Turkey, South Korea, Poland and elsewhere, not in the U.S. of A. The worst news is that these jobs are in the arms industry, manufacturing weapons that

(Myriam Miedzian, Ph.D., a New York-based researcher, is the author of "Boys Will Be Boys: Breaking the Link Between Masculinity and Violence" (Anchor Books).

ultimately could be used by dictators against their own people, their neighbors... or against us!

The same Bill Clinton who campaigned in 1992 on cutting the world trade in arms, has become the Music Man of international arms sales. He has required our embassies to shill for U.S. weapons makers, literally becoming sales agents for Lockheed and the rest. It worked. In his first year alone, U.S. arms sales doubled. Since he's been in office, the U.S. government has sold, arranged the sale, or given away some \$200 billion in weapons to nearly even nation on earth.

Also since Clinton has been in office, the U.S. weapons makers have cut some 800,000 American jobs. Odd, huh? More sales, fewer

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What's at work here is that U.S. policy is to promote arms sales by giving what are called "offsets" to the purchasing country. The "offset" is an incentive in the form of agreeing that our corporations will make some or all of the weapons in their country, hiring their people to do the job. Lockheed Martin, for example, in a deal to sell F-16s to Poland, is offering to build an assembly plant there where they would make all future F-16s to be sold in all of central Europe. So, Lockheed shareholders make a bundle, but U.S. workers don't get a dime -- indeed, they get the shaft. Of course, they can always join the air force and look forward to the next war when those foreign made F-



Wanda Lee Beck Skinner
The Reader who cares

A reporter once asked Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives at the time, "Mr. Speaker, you see at least one hundred people a day. You tell each one yes or no. You never seem to make notes on what you told them, but I have never heard of your forgetting anything you have promised them.

What is your secret?" Rayburn's eyes flashed as he

16s are shooting at them.

(Radio talk show host and author, Jim Hightower is the former Agricultural Commissioner of Texas.)

answered, "If you tell the truth the first time, you don't have anything to remember." Truth and honesty walk hand in hand. If you are honest in all your dealing, business and personal, you never have to remember whom you have cheated.


Speak positive truth about friends and you won't have to fear they will find out what you said about them. Give true impressions and you won't have to cover up.

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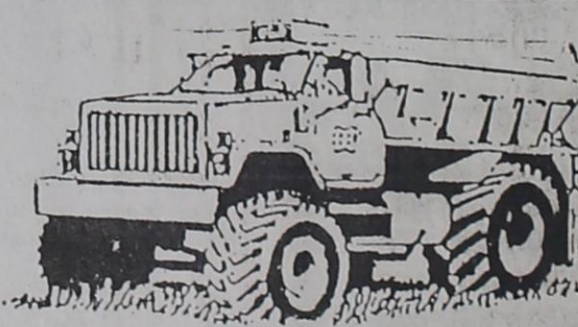
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More Travels With Saul

My First Trip to the Old City
By Saul Pullman
While I was in Israel I stayed with my cousin Joach Freimann who owns the oldest sandal store in Jerusalem. The name of his store is Freimann & Bein and their website if www.Fbshoes.co.il. You can visit this site for the latest information on sandals from the Holy Land, or even purchase your own by way of the Internet. He and his family live in a small town named Maccabim, which is about 30 miles from Jerusalem.

Every day I rode to Jerusalem with Joach as he went to work. The route goes through what is known as Israel occupied territory or Arab lands. The road was under construction, but all in all it's a pretty good road. The problem is much like in the U.S. too many vehicles and not enough lanes.

As you enter the occupied territory you pass through a checkpoint, which is manned by the Israel Army, and likewise when you arrive at Jerusalem you exit through another checkpoint. We were never stopped but depending upon the atmosphere of the country or occurrences of the day, I was told that they might stop and check the car or your I.D.

The drive through this territory was simple but yet beautiful. Looking out the window you could go back in time some 2000 years, not a lot has changed. The country is mostly rocky with many hills and valleys to cross.

Along the edge of the rocky hills the Arabs have constructed terraces and do all of their farming in these narrow plots. Some of these terraces were constructed over a thousand years ago and are used today. The farmers use crude implements and most of the power was furnished by themselves or their donkey. These small plots would grow Olive Trees, Grapevines and all kinds of vegetables.

The farmers would set up small roadside shops like in this country to sell their goods to the passing public. The most common mode of travel by these farmers is donkeys or on foot. You can see them in their traditional clothing either walking or riding a donkey. The principal livestock raised are goats and you would see the herdsmen (mostly children) riding their donkey's while tending to their goat herds.

I rode this route many times but it seemed like every time I would observe something new. There are many religious shrines we drove past and I was always looking at something interesting.

When we arrived at Jerusalem it is beautiful because you are now in rough rocky mountain territory. The buildings are all built of Jerusalem stone and the new and the old is a site to see stretching out as far as the eye can see.

We parked the car at a parking lot located in the center of town.

Freimann & Bein is located at 50 Jaffa Road. Now Jaffa Street is the main street in downtown Jerusalem. I was told to walk down Jaffa Street until I arrived at the Jaffa Gate to the Old City.

As I walked toward the Old City I stared at the different kinds of stores along the way. Also it was unusual to see the different dress of the many people walking the streets. You have the Orthodox Jews that wear a traditional black suit, black business hat and have beards.

You see the Arabs in their traditional dress, as well as people from all over the world. I wore shorts, T-shirt and Freimann & Bein (Nimrod) sandals. I would stop in one of the many pastry shops that had Turkish coffee and fresh baked pastry. I would eat a different kind everyday and all of it was good. They use lots of honey, dates, and other Far Eastern fruits.

I arrived at the City Hall and from there you could see the Old City in front of me. I was sort of on a hill and before me you could see the Walls as they extended around the city.

As I walked down the hill toward the Jaffa Gate I walked along side the Wall of the Old City. I could not keep from thinking about who had walked along this path and when. This is one place in the world that everyone thinks about sometime during their lives, and many take the journey to be at this the holiest place in the world.

(To be continued)

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Legislature Takes Historic Steps In Mental Health Treatment

By State Rep. Garnet F. Coleman
(Rep. Jim Keffer concurs on this announcement)

The Texas Legislature has put into motion a new strategy for treating mental illness that is as revolutionary as the landmark laws that reformed the state's mental health system nearly 50 years ago.

During that time, Governor Beauford Jester and Governor Allan Shivers championed major changes in the care of the mentally ill. Both governors worked diligently to take an aging system of asylums that virtually warehoused the mentally ill and establish a network of hospitals and support systems to provide care and treatment.

This past legislature session, Texas once again took a significant step in the care of those suffering from mental illness. As part of the state's budget for the next two years, the Texas Legislature approved \$101.6 million for the purchase of "new generation" medications and case management services for individuals suffering from severe brain disorders such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. These funds are expected to cover an estimated 10,000 additional Texans, nearly double the number currently receiving these drugs from the state.

It is hard to understate the human benefits of this new generation of drugs. Take for example a young man who testified in front of the House Appropriations Committee this session. As a college student in the mid-

1990s, he experienced a series of devastating psychotic breakdowns that required him to be placed on medication for schizophrenia. First picture this young man on the older generation of drugs. His head is straightened out, but he can't walk to class without his arms flapping around or his knees locking up—unfortunate severe side effects of drugs developed in the 1950s.

But instead of being put on the older drugs, the doctor prescribed a new generation drug that was made available through funding from the Legislature. Now picture this young man able to deal with his illness and not having to deal with the harsh side effects of older drugs. He was able to return to school and lead a normal college life. The young man went on to take a job as a computer engineer and is now focused on building a family.

There are thousands of success stories like this that are waiting to be told. Because of the Legislature's strong commitment to new generation medications, Texans with mental illness no longer have to settle for older and less effective drugs. No longer will individuals with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder have to cope with severe side effects that force them to stop taking their medicine, which ends up putting them in the hospital. And no longer will these diseases tear individuals away from their families, their jobs and their livelihood.

Make no mistake:

(HSUS) pushed hard for this bill. They deserve our congratulations and thanks as well.

It is a fact that people who abuse, torture and kill animals often become murderers of human beings. They are psychopaths—people with no conscience or remorse. Perhaps by giving them prison time for cruelty to animals, we can save some human lives in the process. Too often, animal cruelty is rewarded simply with a slap on the wrist.

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by Cleo & Brad Conrad

Kudos to the New York State legislature! They recently passed a bill that would require at least two years of prison time for people who abuse animals. Governor George Pataki is said to be in favor of this, so we await his signature to make this the law of the state.

Various animal organizations, such as the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the Humane Society of the United States

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Top Of The Charts

TOP TEN SINGLES

1. Pearl Jam "Last Kiss" (Epic) Last Week: No. 1
2. Whitney Houston "It's Not Right But It's Okay" (Arista) No. 5
3. Jennifer Lopez "If You Had My Love" (Work/ERG) No. 2
4. Ricky Martin "Livin' La Vida Loca" (C2 Album Cut) No. 3
5. Phil Collins "You'll Be In My Heart" (Walt Disney) New Entry
6. Backstreet Boys "I Want It That Way" (Jive Album Cut) No. 4
7. Will Smith Feat. Dru Hill & Kool Moe Dee "Wild Wild West" (Columbia) No. 6
8. 98 Degrees "The Hardest Thing" (Univeral) No. 7
9. Madonna "Beautiful Stranger" (Maverick Sountrack Cut/Warner Bros.) No. 8
10. 702 "Where My Girls At?" (Motown/Univeral) No. 9

TOP R&B/DANCE

1. Jennifer Lopez "If You Had My Love" (Work/ERG) Last Week: No. 1
2. Whitney Houston "It's Not Right, But It's Okay/Will Always Love You" (Arista) No. 2
3. Ricky Martin "Livin' La Vida Loca" (C2 Album Cut) No. 3
4. Lords of Acid "Am I Sexy?" (Antler Subway) New Entry
5. Eartha Kitt "I Wantcha Around" (BMG) No. 4
6. Destiny's Child "Bills, Bills, Bills" (Columbia Album Cut) No. 10
7. Vengaboys "We Like

- To Party" (Groovilius/Strictly Rhythm) No. 5
8. Cher "Strong Enough" (Warner) No. 7
 9. Elvis Crespo "Sauvagement" (Sony Disco) No. 8
 10. Slick Rick "The Art Of Storytelling" (Def Jam Mercury) No. 9

TOP C&W SINGLES

1. Martina McBride "Whatever You Say" (RCA) Last Week: No. 1
2. George Strait "Write This Down" (MCA Nashville Album Cut) No. 2
3. Lonestar "Amazed" (BNA) No. 3
4. Faith Hill "The Secret Of Life" (Warner Bros. Album Cut) No. 19
5. Jo Dee Messina "Lesson In Leavin'" (BNA) No. 4
6. Dixie Chicks "Tonight The Heartache's On Me" (Monument) No. 5
7. Lila McCann "With You" (Asylum) No. 6
8. Reba "One Honest Heart" (MCA Nashville) No. 7
9. Dwight Yoakam "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" (Reprise Album Cut) No. 8
10. Alabama "God Must Have Spent A Little More Time On You" (RCA) No. 10

TOP VIDEO RENTALS

1. Saving Private Ryan starring Tom Hanks (Dreamworks) Last Week: No. 1
2. Psycho Anne Heche (Univeral - R) New Entry
3. You've Got Mail Tom Hanks (Warner - PG) No. 2
4. The Siege Denzel Washington (FoxVideo - R) No. 3

TOP VIDEO SALES

1. Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (Warner - PG-13) \$19.98
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11th Court Of Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas:

Affirmed
Phillip Trammel v. State of Texas. Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice Dickenson. -- Howard

In re S.D.R. Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCloud. -- Dallas

Willard Denton, Jr. et al v. Big Spring Hospital Corporation d/b/a/ Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. -- Howard

Victor Hugo Lopez v. State of Texas. Opinion by Justice McCall. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. -- Taylor

Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed

Barbara Scott, Individually, and as Representative of the Estate of Roy Scott, Deceased, Phil Scott, Donna Rizutto, Connie Johnson and Tim Scott v. Kirk LeBlanc, M.D., Abilene Anesthesia Group, and Hendrick Medical Center. Agreed dismissal. Per Curiam Opinion. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. -- Taylor

Orders Not Disposing of Case

William Jarrell Hall v. State of Texas. Per Curiam Order. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. -- Taylor

William Jarrell Hall v. State of Texas. Per Curiam Order. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. -- Taylor

Motions Submitted & Granted

In re S.D.R. Appellant's motion of counsel to withdraw as attorney. -- Dallas

Roger Doyce Lyons v. State of Texas. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief. -- Taylor

George Moore v. State of Texas. State's motion for extension of time to file brief. -- Angelina

Travis Lee Stern v. State of Texas. Appellant's motion for permission to file late brief. -- Dallas

Jodie Kay Williamson v. State of Texas. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice McCall and Justice Dickenson. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief. -- Eastland

Renard McBride v. State of Texas. State's motion for permission to file late brief. -- Taylor

Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief. -- Taylor

Marcus W. Hight et al v. Dublin Veterinary Clinic, et al. Appellee's motion to withdraw appeal for want of jurisdiction. -- Erath

Motion Submitted & Granted In Part

Brian Wade ALeighly v. State of Texas. State's motion for extension of time to file brief. -- Jefferson

Randy Gabriel Martin v. State of Texas. Appellant's motion to withdraw as counsel. -- Dallas

Motions Submitted & Overruled

Kenneth Dow v. State of Texas. Appellant's pro se motion for access to records. -- Palo Pinto

Kenneth Dow v. State of Texas. Appellant's pro se motion for access to records. -- Palo Pinto

Paulo Delarosa v. State of Texas. Appellant's pro se objections to appellant's court-appointed appeal attorney's motion to withdraw as counsel of record and substitute David Chapman as counsel of record. -- Dallas

Paul Delarosa v. State of Texas. Appellant's pro se objections to appellant's court-appointed appeal attorney's motion to withdraw as counsel of record and substitute David Chapman as

counsel of record.

Dallas
Russell Don Johnson v. State of Texas. Appellant's pro se motion for reappointment of appellate counsel. -- Palo Pinto

Cases Submitted

Nancy Jane Bacon v. State of Texas. -- Taylor

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Sammy Lee Deckard v. State of Texas -- Jones

Richard Garcia Garay v. State of Texas -- Jones

William Denton Woods v. State of Texas -- Jones

David Allen Cross v. State of Texas -- Jones

Derek Paul Bowman v. State of Texas -- Jones

Ernesto Cibrian Mendoza v. State of Texas -- Jones

Certified Hunter Safety Education Course To Be Held July 3-Aug. 1

A Texas Parks and Wildlife Certified Hunter Safety Education Course will be held July 30-August 1 at Texas State Technical College, Breckenridge, in the Continuing Education Department. Registration deadline for this course is July 28.

The complete course is open to adults and youngsters and will include instruction in rifle, shotgun and bowhunting handling and safety. Students will also learn about hunting laws and regulations, conservation, outdoor ethnics, hunt-

ing traditions, wildlife identification, first aid and survival.

Billy Holt, Gary Doyle and Martha Fillingim, certified Hunter Safety Education instructors, are in charge of the classes.

A unique aspect of the hunter safety course is the walk through field course, which will allow the students the opportunity to experience some simulated hunting situations such as crossing fences, climbing tree stands and wildlife identification. Game Warden Ed Russell will also be on hand to answer questions.

Courses are offered whenever prospective students in reasonable numbers indicate their interest. Classes are available throughout the year, but schedules are based on availability of instructor's time. It is advisable to enroll in a course as early as possible, since classes prior to the hunting season fill up quickly.

More than 1.5 million Texans have already been certified as safe hunters through similar hunter safety education courses.

Effective September 1, 1989, hunters whose date of birth is on or after September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education course to hunt in the state of Texas or be in violation of the law. Don't wait until the season opens, enroll soon!

The course fee is \$10 per student to cover registration and materials. Quail Unlimited will pay the \$10 fee for students age 17 and younger. The course will meet at TSTC on Friday, July 30, from 6-10 p.m.; Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, August 1, from 1-5 p.m. Enrollment is limited and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Only the first 40 registrations will be accepted. No telephone enrollments are accepted.

For more information contact the

Cottonwood Musical

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will be having their country and western musical on Friday, July 16, at the Cottonwood Community Center. The musical will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The emcee for the evening will be Smokey Callaway.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Continuing Education Department of TSTC, 559-6556, or course instructor, Billy Holt, at 559-8010.

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Moran News

By Mrs. Luke Huskey

A very enjoyable and entertaining evening was had by the members of the Moran birthday club when the members met at the Trading Post Cafe in Moran. Dan Mouldin was the only member present who had a birthday in July and the Happy birthday song was sung to him. Reminiscing of past events was very comical. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mouldin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kays, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Snyder, Mildred Smith, Dorothy Tollefson and Elma May Haskey. The next meeting will be on August 12. Make plans to attend.

Remember the Moran Clean and Proud members will have a work day on July 17 and lunch will be served to the workers. The next meeting of the group will be Tuesday night at the Moran Community Center on July 27. Come and make plans to discuss ways to keep Moran Clean and Proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Skiles and family of Arlington spent the weekend with Maurine McCollum. Rita Gantham of Humble and Debra Freeman of

Katy spent a few days with their aunt, Mrs. J.R. Collinsworth and Mr. Collinsworth.

Moran and community was blessed with some much needed rain Saturday. About one and 7/10 of rain fell in town, but north of town much more fell and west of town only about one half fell. The rain was very beneficial and well received however it was not good for the feed that had been cut but not baled.

Mrs. Marvin Kays, Floyd Midkiff, Jim Butler, Wade Butler, Wade Roberts and Audrey Brooks, members of the Moran Amity Club attended a workshop meeting for the Clubs of the District in Merkel Saturday.

The regulars meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary and Legionnaires will be held Monday night, July 19. All members of the groups are urged to attend. The auxiliary members will have the meal at 6 p.m.

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Loss Dennis enjoyed a family reunion at the Moran Community Center, Sunday. A large crowd attended and much reminiscing of days past was enjoyed.

'Notting Hill' To Begin Friday At Majestic

In Universal's blithe romantic comedy "Notting Hill," famous American movie star Julia Roberts plays famous American movie star Anna Scott, and famous English movie star Hugh Grant plays unfamous bookseller William Thacker.

This new movie will open at the Majestic Theater in Eastland on Friday, July 16, and show at 7:30 nightly through Monday, July 19.

Admission will be \$3.50 at the box office, with balcony seats available at \$5 to adults only.

The movie is rated PG-13, and contains some brief strong language.

In the story, William Thacker (Grant) is an unassuming bookstore owner whose quiet life in his beloved London town of Notting Hill is turned upside down when mega-celebrity Anna Scott (Julia Roberts) walks into his modest shop.

William's witty quips don't quite hide his star-struck feelings, and Anna buys

her book and leaves.

But that's not the end of things. Moments later, William accidentally bumps into the woman who's left him so bedazzled, and spills orange juice all over her shirt. Conveniently they're steps away from his home, and she accepts his invitation to come inside and clean up.

He quickly falls head over heels, and to their surprise, so does she. But her glamorous life and its less than glamorous underpinnings threatened to undo the romance before it has even begun.

As their worlds collide, "Notting Hill" becomes the story of how a self-protective princess and a commoner attempt to cut through the debris of their lives and make a place for each other.

The title is a reference to the ethnically diverse London neighborhood in which William lives and works. It was notorious in the 1950's as a site of racial unrest, but is now a trendy melting pot.

Guest Slot By HVO

GOOD THINGS A Happening:

The Morgan Portable Building project to re-open north of Eastland is reported to be a "done deal" with announcements to be made. Eastland Economic Development Corp., Industrial Foundation and Chamber of Commerce All have been working hard to help make this come to pass.

Work has begun on removal of the hazardous materials from the interior of the Connellee Hotel, which is the first step toward bring that famous old back to life again. All are to be commended for the behind-the-scenes work that's bringing this to fruition after 10, these many years.

Our area won the benefits of a gigantic cooperative effort providing a truly exciting experience in the recent Pit Stop of the Great Race, even though Athens, Tn., was picked as the grand prize winner of the Pit Stop Bonus. We won in excitement.

SHOCKING, BUT understandable the recent national news that one fourth of all those confined in jails and penitentiaries are in fact mental patients. And in too many cases, the sad fact is that our present system is often not capable of dealing properly with these because of a major lack of understanding, facilities, professional supervision or all of the above. That fact was driven home recently when a local lawman of considerable responsibility in a news inquiry labeled an obviously ill individual as possibly being "worthless". Those lawmen who remain compassionate to the human conditions are the ones who deserve responsibilities.

SOME ARE wondering to us why more hasn't and isn't being done locally in connection with the recent and apparently continuing hepatitis epidemic. We're being asked why those who are in the know locally aren't more vocal about the problem, and making suggestions for overcoming it. Our article today is a press release from what appears to be a pharmacy company about the requirements in South Texas for inoculation for all schools starters and suggesting that it be required Statewide. We understand it's mandatory in Callahan County for the little folks. Will it become so here?

FRIENDS Send me packets of clippings; this one obviously from a women who's glad to be an adult.

"I'm thankful that I don't have to try out for cheerleader position, knowing that the other girls can do cartwheels and I can't."

I'm thankful that I'm not going to the junior high

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prom tonight, wondering if a boy will ask me to dance. I'm thankful that I didn't get out of bed this morning to find that a fresh crop of pimples has blossomed during the night.

I'm thankful that I don't have to race two other teenagers to the phone every time it rings. (I'm not in cross country condition).

I'm thankful I needn't wear waist long hair parted in the center, because the style never was becoming to me.

I'M thankful that I can be seen in something besides a ragged pair of jeans and shirts, for I enjoy looking neat and feminine.

I'm thankful, most of all, that I can "do my own thing," with no worry as to weather or not the other kids approve.

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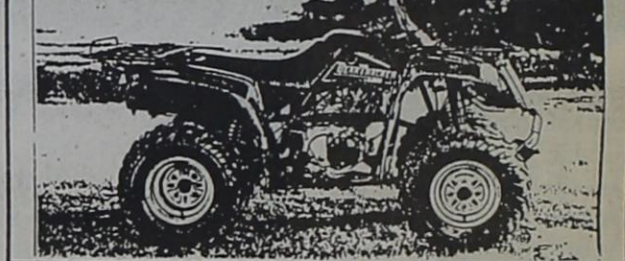
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If you are interested in participating in this program, or if you know of someone who might be, please contact Texas Folklife Resources for an application. Send a letter with your name, address and phone number, a description of the art form you practice and a paragraph on why you would be a good candidate for this program.

Send this letter to Texas Folklife Resources, 1317 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704.

The Apprenticeship in the Folk Arts program is sponsored by Texas Folklife Resources, a non-profit, statewide cultural organization, dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the traditional arts and culture of the Lone Star State.

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The sound of gun shots in a small Arkansas town continue to ring like a bell—a bell that tolls for four little girls and a dedicated teacher who put herself in mortal danger to shield a fifth child from a hail of bullets, unleashed, God help us, by a 13-year-old boy and his 11-year-old pal.

But the bell sounds not only for the innocent dead in Jonesboro. It also tolls for a nation that is turning its back on the moral law it once cherished—a law written on every human heart, yet unrecognized by many members of the younger generation who have never heard about it from their elders.

Are we surprised at the spectacle of children killing children? Are we shocked to open our newspapers, turn on our TVs and look into the faces of a couple of Opie and Beaver look-alikes charged with five counts of capital murder? Didn't we see it coming?

Are we surprised at the spectacle of children killing children?

We should have known... should have anticipated... that children who have watched thousands of murders on prime-time television, followed the deadly exploits of Dr. Kevorkian and been taught that there are no moral absolutes, might come to see little harm in gunning down their classmates.

Jonesboro marks a point of crisis, but one that is hardly new or unique. What happened in this small town in Arkansas symbolizes America in moral free fall, America on a rapidly descending spiral, America without God—an America that has forgotten what her founding fathers meant when they warned that only a virtuous people could remain free. If that statement is accurate, and history has consistently validated it, then we are living in the twilight of our liberty.

As always when a culture begins to unravel, it is the youngest members who are most wounded and disturbed. Consider the following reports of unspeakable crimes committed not by hardened thugs, but by lost children:

SEPTEMBER 1995: A family made a wrong turn down a street in Los Angeles and was subjected to a hail of gunfire that killed their little girl. Gang members poured bullets into the car for the sheer fun of it.¹

NOVEMBER 1996: A teenage girl delivered a child in a Delaware motel, then she and her boyfriend allegedly beat the child to death, placed it in a plastic bag and dropped it in a dumpster.²

JUNE 1997: A New Jersey teenager gave birth to her baby in a bathroom stall at her high school prom. She dropped the baby in the trash, then returned to the dance floor, where she asked the band to play her favorite song, "The Unforgiven."³

OCTOBER 1997: A 16-year-old boy in Pearl, Mississippi, allegedly slayed his mother, then went to school and shot nine students, killing two, including his former girlfriend.⁴

DECEMBER 1997: A young boy opened fire on a prayer meeting at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky, killing three and wounding five of his classmates.⁵

DECEMBER 1997: A 14-year-old boy in Stamps, Arkansas, allegedly fired sniper rounds outside his school, wounding two students.⁶

MARCH 1998: In Dallas, Texas, four teenagers claiming to be vampires went on a drug-crazed destruction spree, vandalizing dozens of cars and homes, spray-painting racial slurs and burning down the office and fellowship hall of Bethany Lutheran Church.⁷

APRIL 1998: In Yonkers, New York, a 15-year-old girl, upset that her teacher called her parents about her poor academic performance, attacked the pregnant instructor with a hammer. The teacher suffered multiple skull fractures.⁸

APRIL 1998: In Indianapolis, Indiana, police have begun random searches for weapons on school buses and in elementary schools after an 8-year-old boy allegedly pointed a gun at a female classmate who was teasing him about his ears.⁹

APRIL 1998: Four teenagers in Santa Cruz, California, were arrested on charges of drugging an 11-year-old girl

and raping her. The teens allegedly raped her in a parking lot, and then drove 10 miles to a wooded area where they smoked heroin and raped her again for several hours. The police said that the girl was so drugged that she could not fend off their attack. Assistant District Attorney Bob Lee said, "They took the child and did about everything they could. It's as egregious as it could possibly be."¹⁰

This chronicle of children who have committed horrible crimes is symptomatic of a culture in chaos. John Hazlewood, whose 14-year-old son Brandon attends the Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Arkansas, said it best: "This is not the kids' problem, it's the way we're raising them today. They only know what you teach 'em."¹¹

Where did we go wrong? At least some of the answers can be found in the radical notions that have emerged in the last 30 years. Judges, with the acquiescence of our legislators, have made it illegal for our schools to post the Ten Commandments. It is becoming increasingly difficult—and dangerous—for students to pray together on school campuses; meanwhile, it's easier for a man or woman to obtain a

divorce than to escape from an automobile lease agreement. The President of the United States embraces the radical homosexual movement which opposes the legal basis of marriage as a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman. States are prohibited from protecting innocent children, in the process of being born, from those who would puncture their skulls and suck out their brains. Those who oppose this infanticide are called "extremists" by our political leaders. Federal authorities decline to prosecute hard-core pornographers. The government spends billions to promote "safe sex" ideology in our schools, and officials hand out condoms and pills to kids who assume they're expected to use them. Laws protecting children from indecent material on the Internet are struck down by justices to protect the right of adults to market pornography. Video poker machines dot the landscape of a nation that was built on the principles of thrift and deferred gratification. The "entertainment" industry glorifies violence and sexual exploitation, while pop

music pays tribute to the killing of police and the raping of women. And the list goes on. How much carnage must we witness at our feet before we will raise our eyes to Heaven?

The American people *know* we are in a moral crisis. According to a poll conducted by Luntz Research, 80 percent believe immorality is our greatest problem as a nation.¹² But our leaders don't seem to comprehend what is happening. It's time we all pulled together—Americans of every political party and religious faith—to recover a sense of what God wants us to do for our nation.

Let's begin by giving priority to our children. In days gone by, the culture acted to shield them from harmful images and exploitation. Now it's open season for even the youngest among us. Let's put the welfare of our boys and girls ahead of our own convenience and teach them the difference between right and wrong. They need to hear that God is the author of their rights and liberties. Let's teach them that *He* loves them and holds them to a high level of moral accountability.

Let's do everything in our power to reverse the blight of violence and lust that has become so pervasive across this land. Let's demand that the entertainment moguls stop producing moral pollutants. Let's recapture from the courts that system of self-rule that traditionally allowed Americans to debate their deepest differences openly and reach workable solutions together. Radical individualism is destroying us! The creed that proclaims, "If it feels good, do it!" has filled too many hospitals with drug overdosed teenagers, too many prison cells with fatherless youth, too many caskets with slain young people and caused too many tears for bewildered parents.

Let's vow together today to set for our children the highest standards of ethics and morality and to protect them, as much as possible, from evil and death. America can't be perfect, but it *can* be better—much better. To surrender to evil is to yield to the despair that leads to death. We must be bold enough to draw a line in the sand. We may have to endure some name-calling, harassment and lawsuits for it, but as the good people of Jonesboro know, that isn't the worst thing that can happen.

On May 7, America observed what the Congress of the United States has designated as the National Day of Prayer. That emphasis should occur not just once each spring, but throughout the year, as we ask the Father to intervene on our behalf. We must also pledge ourselves anew to the principles that have made this nation great: hard work, sexual restraint, a commitment to family, a rejection of violence and reliance upon the hand of Divine Providence.

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By this effort we can begin to atone for the blood of the innocents that stains our streets and neighborhoods. We can start to restore the qualities that prompted Abraham Lincoln to call us an "almost chosen people."¹³ We can approach again the throne of our Father, seek His face, humble ourselves and pray, and *know* that He will heal from Heaven and heal our land.

Let's make America a "shining city upon a hill" once more. If we fail, we need not ask for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for our beloved nation.



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by Tom Ivey

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Outpatient Care--Many of our Callahan County Veterans are using the Outpatient facilities in Abilene and Brownwood. A good portion of these Veterans are carried by VA as Priority Group 7 and have received a letter stating that VA may not be able to continue serving them after September 30, 1999. As Ann Landers says, "It's the money, honey!" VA fears that the Congress will reduce the VA budget. You can help continue Group 7 care by writing to Congressman Charles Stenholm, 1211 Longworth Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515 and to Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison, Room 703, Hart Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510-4301 and Phil Gramm, Room 370, Russell Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510-4302. Urge our representatives to stand up for our Veterans and fight against any reductions in VA appropriations.

Public Forum To Focus On Local Community Needs

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coordination of services "is dependent on an earnest assessment by citizens of how we are doing and how we can do better." The forum is one of 21 sessions to be held across the state during the Summer of 1999 to seek public comment on unmet health and human services needs. Brad Helbert, Executive Director of West Central Texas Council of Governments, the forum's facilitator, encourages the public to attend the morning session and stay as long as they want. He added, "We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to make recommendations for a new vision in the delivery of Human Services in our area. Commissioner Gilbert has said that local citizens should have input into the creation of new ways for services to be delivered. This your chance!"

Roundtable discussion on issues relating to delivery of services will take place during the morning session. Lunch will be on your own, or a fajita lunch will be available at the Civic Center for \$6.50. Please RSVP to the West Central Texas Council of Governments at 915-672-8544 or 800-928-2262 if you plan to attend and if you wish to make a reservation for lunch by Friday, July 16. If you require auxiliary aids, services such as sign language interpreters, or materials in alternate format, contact D'Anna Stewart at 512-424-6629, at least three working days prior to the meeting.

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 85 Olds Cutlass 4 dr. (brown)...\$795
 86 Ford F150 Super Cab, V8, (brown & white)...\$1550
 1 Ton Chevy Wrecker, very good cond...\$2950

AUTOS

89 Ford Taurus Station Wagon, good cond., cold air...\$1950
 88 Mercury Sable, good cond., cold air (silver)...\$1750
 88 Lincoln Continental Signature Series, fully loaded, low miles on new eng...\$2950
 85 Lincoln Town Car, good cond. (white)...\$1500
 88 Ford Tempo GLS, runs good, weak paint...\$375 down
 85 Thunderbird runs good, weak paint...\$375 down
 85 Thunderbird cold air, runs good (white)...\$375 down
 85 Buick Park Ave. 4 dr. runs good (burgandy)...\$375 down

TRUCKS - VANS

92 Ford F350 4 dr Crew Cab dually, 7.3 diesel, 5 sp, loaded w/chrome & alum., custom paint & interior, cold air, etc...\$8500
 91 Ford F150 V8, in good condition...\$3250
 86 Ford F250 Super Cab, 460 V8, very good cond., (red & white)...\$3250
 86 GMC Suburban, clean inside & out, cold air...\$650 down
 86 Ford Van, good condition...\$550 down
 84 Chevy 4x4 Diesel Pickup, looks & runs good...\$650 down
 86 Ford F150 Super Cab, new paint (lt. gray), looks, runs very good...\$850 down
 84 Ford F150 Super Cab, V8, runs & looks fair (blue-silver)...\$550 down
 86 Ford Ranger Super Cab...\$500 down
 81 Chevy Show Truck, 305, V8, high dollar tires & wheels, custom interior, super nice all over (red)...\$950 down

MISC.

Cabover pickup camper, cold air, good con., \$725., low miles, 302 H.O. V8 - Lots of Ford & Lincoln body parts - Ford & Chevy diesel transmissions - New lumber 1x8x20 ft. - Used LT 215/R16 tires \$10. up - 6.9 diesel eng. \$750.

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