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Guest Slot

The Gift That Keeps Giving

This month, people everywhere are packing the malls to buy presents. They have to make a decision with each purchase: Buy cheap and face the risk of the gift falling apart as soon as the wrapping papers off, or spend a little more on a quality product with a guarantee.

Whether to go the cheap vs. quality route is a decision fire departments face every day when they buy expensive toys for lifesaving work. I've seen low-ball purchases turn into disasters. The second day I was in the fire service, I heard the chief tell the local fire equipment guy that he needed to come up with a lower price if he wanted to get the chief's business. The salesman tried to tell the chief that good stuff costs more, but the chief said hose is hose.

In a few weeks we got exactly what the chief wanted: cheap hose. I'm not sure we ever put it in service. It didn't lie flat after being pressurized. We just put it on the rack and used the old stuff. We went through the same thing with turnouts, helmets, gloves, hoods and boots.

In search of good deals the chief may forget that innovation walks in the front door once a month in the form of the regional fire equipment company's sales representative. Our guy showed us the latest in air bags, nozzles, turnouts, hose, foam, blowers and more. We looked forward to his visits.

The chief liked the blower the salesman showed us so well that he decided to buy one. But to get a "better deal" he ordered it from out of state from someone we'd never heard of. Our local salesman was being used. He would show us, teach us, provide the literature and do all the work and then someone else would get the order.

The blower arrived eight weeks later. A little shower delivery than the local guy, who stocked the equipment and provided same-week shipping. The blower also came with a shipping bill. We never got that from the local salesman. It turns out the local guy's price would have been less when shipping was added in. What's more, it turns out that the blower arrived broken. So we called the factory, and they told us to send it to our local sales rep's store for warranty work. We boxed it up, shipped it and had to eat the freight bill.

Then the local guy sent the broken blower back with a freight bill. He wasn't allowed to fix a broken item from another region. So off it went to another repair center. The freight bill now exceeded the cost of the blower. In time, the local guy stopped coming around. Who could blame him?

Eventually, the chief moved on, and we started buying from the local guy. He came and measured everyone for turnouts. For the first time ever our gear fit. It cost more than any before, but it lasted longer, too. With the help of the salesman, we went from the Stone Age to high tech. If we had problems, he'd eat the freight and make us happy. Over the years a sense of trust resulted that allowed a true partnership.

We found that the lowest price wasn't what our boss at city hall was interested in, as the previous chief had preached. Instead of just asking for Storz hydrant fittings, we wrote a detailed spec requiring a swivel, powder coat finish, long handles, lugs that would line up with our make of hose, and complete compatibility with what we currently owned. It cost more than the model without a swivel, but it worked better.

Integrity, value, service and long-term relationships all came in one package: the local distributor's salesman. He had seen many of us progress through the ranks. We knew he was a tremendous source of information. He was a key to our department's success and future. When he told us, "I don't think I'd own that," we'd listen to him. If he didn't recommend buying an item even though he sold it, we didn't want anything to do with it.

We learned to always include the local distributor in specing equipment with the rig. In most cases the locals get better pricing than the apparatus folks. You get the local's service, and you can horse trade the equipment to keep up with change while you wait for the new rig.

One time we invited all the air pack folks to demonstrate their stuff so we could buy 50 packs and 50 bottles. Who showed up to demonstrate their wares for the \$110,000 sale? Only the local guy. After 30 years of using one make we changed to another. Later that year we spent another \$450,000 on loose equipment. That was more than we'd spent the first 90 years of the organization. The city council was clear: "You don't have to take low bid." We didn't.

And you shouldn't either. In the spirit of the holiday season, start giving yourself the gift of quality equipment. You and your department deserve it. The best person to get those serious toys from is your local fire equipment salesman. So remember, he knows who's been naughty and nice.

(From: Fire-Rescue Magazine, December, 1998.)

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TSTC President's Honor Roll For Fall 1998

The Admissions and Records Office of Texas State Technical College at Sweetwater just released the President's Honor Roll for the Fall 1998 Quarter. Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be recognized on the President's Honor Roll. The following students from Callahan County are

recognized for their academic excellence:

Matthew Walker from Baird, Automotive Technology; Michael Bell, from Clyde, Automotive Technology; Robert Boykin from Clyde, Computer Science Technology; and Brian Morris from Clyde, Computer Network Technology.

Texas Youth Hotline Initiated

Austin--On Tuesday, December 15th the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) initiated the new Texas Youth Hotline, according to Hotline Director, Jay Smith.

"The Texas Youth Hotline and the agency's Texas Runaway Hotline are answered 24 hours a day and provide prevention services to callers who are in need of a caring voice and a listening ear," Smith said. "Hotline counselors will talk with callers who face a variety of issues including family conflicts, delinquency, truancy, and abuse and neglect."

Smith said statewide television and radio ads, billboards, movie theater ads and 50,000 pieces of public awareness materials for schools, social service agencies, law enforcement and youth-related organizations are aimed at bringing the troubled youth problem to wider public attention and to make youth and parents more aware of the services available. The toll-free number is 1-800-210-2278.

The Senate Interim Committee on Gangs and Juvenile Justice recommended increased outreach to improve accessibility to intervention and prevention services.

Members of the committee include: Committee Chairman, Senator Royce West (Dallas); Senator Robert Duncan (Lubbock); Senator Chris Harris (Arlington); Senator Jon Lindsay (Houston); and Senator Mike Moncrief (Fort Worth).

In response to the need for greater focus on juvenile prevention and intervention services, TDPRS has initiated the new Texas Youth Hotline. Hotline staff and volunteers will provide callers with crisis intervention, telephone advocacy and referrals to local community services.

DPS Report

12-20-98 to 12-26-98
CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings--27
Complaints--85
ACCIDENTS

There were 17 accidents investigated during this time span.

Card Of Thanks

This is to express our sincere and deep appreciation for the numerous expressions of love, prayers, flowers, food, concern and words of comfort during the prolonged illness and loss of our husband, father, and Paw Paw. The precious love of friends and relatives has been overwhelming. God bless you all.

The R.L. "Cobby" Strickland family

PEOPLE ARRESTED ON OUTSTANDING WARRANTS
17 for a total of \$5,013.00 collected.

Scranton Musical To Be Held January 2nd

The Scranton Musical will be held on Saturday, January 2nd at the Scranton Community Center.

Mark Ray will emcee and invites all area musicians to come

play. The music will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m. and the ladies will have something good to offer.

Start your year off by enjoying this event in Scranton.

4-H Club Meeting Set For January 5th

The Baird 4-H Club will hold the January meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 at the Parker Funeral Home. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Skip Parker will be our speaker for this meeting. Information on the

upcoming livestock shows will be presented as well as other events.

4-H is open to anyone interested and between the age of 8 and 19. For more information contact, Vicki Fiedler at 854-2022 or Jan Windham at 854-1931.

Beware: Sweepstakes 'Winning' Scam Being Tried In This Area

A Cisco fireman reports that he was called by what was identified as a national magazine-selling sweepstakes firm that he had won a major prize, but that he had to do certain things to qualify for the big prize.

When asked for a credit card number and/or a bank deposit number, the fireman was smart enough to know that these should never be given in this fashion. He said "No thank you," and the

caller hung up. The fireman called the Cisco Police to report the incident and they suggested that the incident be publicized to protect others who might get such calls.

He advised this newspaper and asked that others be warned because there might be a calling pattern for this area, and the unsuspecting could suffer financial loss through such a scam. If called, citizens should notify their local police.

CJC Prepares For 1999 Spring Semester

Cisco Junior College is making preparations to begin its 1999 Spring Semester. Registration for night students and sophomores will be held on Monday, January 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Harrell Fine Arts Building. Registration for all freshman will be held Tuesday, January 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00

p.m.

All students who have not conferred with their advisor about their spring schedule of courses should do so prior to registration. First time entering freshman and transfer students should report to the Vocational-Technical I Building, Room 33, on Monday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m. (Continued Inside)

Baird Chamber of Commerce News

The Chamber Sweet Meet Cooking Contest/Sale attracted a large number of participants. Prize winners in each category were cakes, Betty Henson, first place; Karen Riddle, second place; Janice Grant, third place; pies, Melanie Gonzales, first place; Janice Grant, second place; Tommie Jones, third place; breads, Kim Vestal, first place; miscellaneous, Trish Duque, first place. All entries were appreciated. Thanks to helpers Pat Loyd, Laverne Rutherford, and Bucky Shouse; and judges, Wanda Shipp, Nora Oliver and Pauline Parsons. Special thanks to First National Bank for allowing us to use the lobby for the sale.

Recent donations to the Christmas Lighting Fund include Pat and

Tommy Holland in memory of Andy Mendez, and James and Janice Grant in memory of Leonard Ward (Nancy Turnbow's father).

Remember to return ballots for the Chamber Board of Directors. An excellent slate of six nominees to the board has been mailed to the membership. Three new directors will be chosen from the list which includes Janice Grant, Mark Hanner, Pat Loyd, Collene Miller, Rick Oliver and Joann Vestal. Ballots must be post-marked no later than Wednesday, January 6th. The votes will be tallied by an Election Audit Committee comprised of three chamber members not currently serving on the board. New directors will be notified prior to the January meeting.

Fatal Accident Occurs In Clyde

A 1996 Freightliner Truck Tractor-Trailer crashed early Tuesday morning, December 22, 1998 in Clyde.

At 4:25 a.m. Karim Yilla Abdul, 45, apparently fell asleep at the wheel and drove off of the overpass at IH-20 and Cherry Lane. The vehicle had been westbound prior to the wreck. The vehicle

caught fire causing some cosmetic damage to the overpass.

The driver was pronounced dead by Justice of Peace Eston Shelnuft of Clyde.

The crash was investigated by Texas Troopers Mike Thompson, assisted by Bill Russell, Sergeant John Land and Larry Brown.

Love Poems Sought For Contest

Love poems are being sought in a free poetry contest sponsored by the Reno Fine Arts Institute. Grand Prize is \$1,000, with 28 prizes in all, and the contest is open to everyone.

"We think love poems can inspire happiness," says Mark Mearns, the organization's Poetry Contest Director. "We're especially happy to inspire beginning poets and we think this competition will do just that. Texas has produced many sensitive poets over the years and we'd like to

discover new ones from among the Baird area grassroots poets."

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Contest, 316 California Ave., Suite 626, Reno, Nevada 89509-1669, or enter online @ www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for entering is February 2, 1999. Poems may be written on the subject of love, using any style. Winners will be notified by the end of March and will be invited for free publication. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

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NEW FHA LOAN LIMITS ENABLE MORE TEXANS TO REALIZE AMERICAN DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP

AUSTIN — New, higher limits for mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) are in effect nationwide, which will help many Texas families obtain home financing, according to the Texas Association of Realtors.
Federal legislation signed into law Oct. 21 increases the range of FHA's mortgage insurance limits for single-family homes to \$109,032 (from \$86,317) in low-cost areas and \$197,620 (from \$170,362) in high-cost areas.
The new loan limits will particularly benefit first-time homebuyers, who received more than 80 percent of FHA-insured home loans during the past year.
"Higher FHA loan limits will open the door to homeownership for more Texans than ever before," said Charles McMillan, president of the statewide Realtors' organization.
In Texas, FHA's new loan limits affect consumers in all 254 counties. The Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University estimates that the new figures open up the FHA program to 336,000 households statewide.
"Now, these families can experience the pride of owning their own home and investing in something that builds equity and contributes to the Texas economy," McMillan said.
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Moran News

by Mrs. Luke Huskey

Mrs. Dennis is receiving treatment in Hendricks Hospital, due to a fall and breaking her leg.

Lula May Huskey spent a few days in Fort Worth and Burleson last week with her nephews and families, Bill, James R. and Fly Dunaway. She attended the annual Dunaway family Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dunaway.

Your correspondent wish that you all had a safe Christmas trip and

if you travel for the New Year's weekend, that you have a safe journey.

Dorothy Tollefson spent the Christmas weekend with her children Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hawkins and daughters and Dean Tollefson in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hargrave and children of Dripping Springs spent the holiday with her mother Juanita Boyett and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Butler spent the Christmas holiday in Lubbock with their son Gary Butler and family.

Guests of Mrs. Gladys Matthews for Christmas were from Abilene, Baird, Corpus Christi, Mineral Wells, Arlington.

Thomas Hayes of Kentucky was greeting friends in Moran, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis and son of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holiday of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Holiday of Fort Worth visited with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson during the Christmas holiday.

Guests of Floyd and Lorene Midkiff for dinner Saturday the 26th were John C. Crawley, H. Rand Grace, Dub and Delores Midkiff, J.C. and Tina Sanders, Jennifer and Brandi Sanders, Lisa Stark and Mark Atwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunaway and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunaway, Brandon and Robert visited with Elma May Huskey, Saturday afternoon. They live in Burleson.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Roberts for Christmas were their children, Mr. and Mrs. David Bridges and children of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. David Roberts and children of Clyde.

Gertrude White spent Monday in Breckenridge and visited with her niece, Mrs. Jerry Hitch and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kays spent Christmas in Fort Worth with their daughter, Mrs. Craig Dunbar and family.

Student Roster (Cafeteria) 1998-99 (Revised 12-8-98)

Pre-K
1. JJ Alexander, 2. Tori Curtis, 3. Cathrina Hobbs, 4. Christopher Hobbs, 5. Ashley Howard, 6. Clayton Hudson, 7. Brittany Lan-

caster, 8. Tiffany Lancaster, 9. Keagan Parker, 10. Zackery Parker, 11. Jackilynn Tabor, 12. Cody Williams, 13. Dennis Zempel

Kindergarten
1. Anthony Cooper, 2. Mercedes Coronado, 3. Justin Curtis, 4. Courtney Leonard, 5. Cody Smith

First
1. Torie Alexander, 2. Amber Hettinger, 3. Jimmy Hobbs, 4. Kasiah Parker, 5. Britney Sapetko, 6. Katy Walker

Second
1. Henry Branham, 2. Whitney Martin, 3. Aaron Martinez, 4. Brittany McCormick, 5. Michael Sanders, 6. Brawner Zempel

Third
1. Kayla Alexander, 2. Crystal Mark, 3. Courtney Sapetko, 4. Heather Ward, 5. Brooke White

Fourth
1. Landon Adams, 2. Joshua Brown, 3. Kody Brown, 4. Matthew Crow, 5. SharLee Dranon, 6. Kody Gilmore, 7. Jessica Parker, 8. Lambert Rhoudes, 9. David Walker

Fifth
1. Nicholas Dran-

non, 2. Amber Hebel, 3. Mitsy Schoen, 4. Courtney Stewart, 5. Blythe Zempel

Sixth
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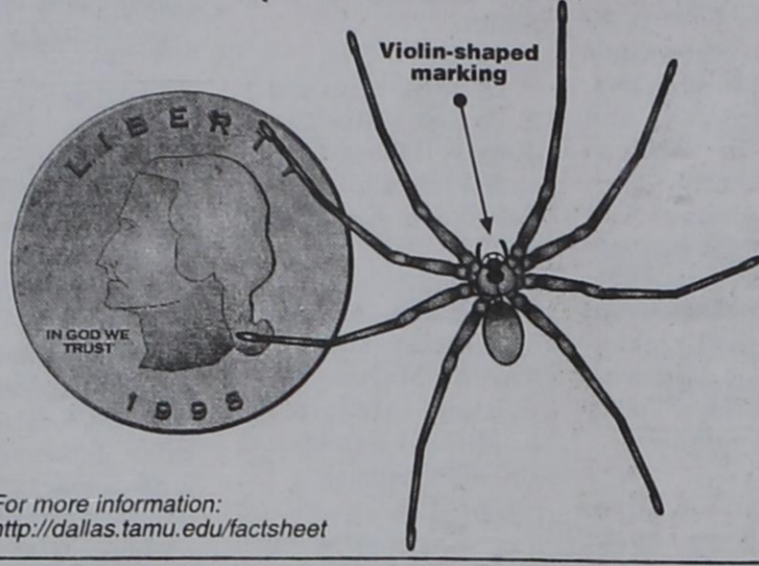
Sports Quiz by Aaron E. Tucker

1. What coach of the Dallas Cowboys signed a record 10-year contract extension in 1964?
 2. What sport was played in a 1993 match between John Hacker and T.J. Shank?
 3. Who became the world's youngest world champion figure skater since Sonja Henie, in 1993?
 4. What gold medal skier angered Olympics Committee Chairman Avery Brundage by displaying brand-name skis in 1968?
 5. What is the only private school in the Big Ten conference?
 6. What new name did the Decatur Staley's get the year after George Halas took over?
 7. What tennis star won eight Grand Slam finals in her first 14 tries?
 8. What 44-year-old pitcher was surprised to hear he might be named Rookie of the Year?
 9. What major league baseball team has teal blue uniforms?
 10. What running back led the AFC in rushing four times during the 1970s?
 11. Who said he switches golf balls every hole because a ball needs 10 minutes to get its shape back after being hit?
 12. What boxer helped shave heads when the Houston Rockets staged a Charles Barkley look-a-like contest in 1993?
 13. What new pro football league kicked off its first season in 1991?
 14. What boxer said: "They must all fall - In the round I call!"
 15. What was the first country banned from the modern Olympics since they began in 1896?
 16. What Olympic decathlon winner began his film career with the disco flop, "Can't Stop the Music"?
 17. What score is a birdie on a par-4 golf hole?
 18. What Gillette razor debuted on TV's Super Bowl 1990, with 21 million sold by year's end?
 19. What New York Met's legend began June 17, 1962 when he hit a sure two-run triple only to be called out for missing first base?
 20. What Big Ten team hammered Stanford 49-0 in the first New Year's Day football game played in Pasadena?
 21. What tennis player won the most U.S. Open singles titles during the 1970s?
 22. What's known as a PAT to football statistics fans?
 23. What was the first year a trophy was given to the winner of the World Series?
 24. Who became the first jockey since Willie Shoemaker to win over 8,000 races?
 25. What did the town of Ismay, Montana change its name to in honor of a famous NFL player?
- Sports Quiz Answers**
 1. Tom Landry; 2. golf; 3. Oksana Baiul; 4. Jean-Claude Killy; 5. Northwestern University; 6. the Chicago Bears; 7. Monica Seles; 8. Satchel Paige; 9. the Florida Marlins; 10. O.J. Simpson; 11. Jack Nicklaus; 12. George Foreman; 13. the World League of American Football; 14. Muhammad Ali; 15. South Africa; 16. Bruce Jenner; 17. three; 18. the Gillette Sensor; 19. Marv Throneberry's; 20. the University of Michigan; 21. Chris Evert; 22. point-after-touchdown; 23. 1967; 24. Laffit Pincay, Jr.; 25. Joe, Montana
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Trivia Test
 by Aaron E. Tucker

1. What ventriloquist's dummy was often invited to high society parties in New York during the 1930s?
2. What costume is worn by the title character in *Die Fledermaus*?
3. What country switched from the pound to the dollar on February 14, 1966?
4. What learning disability afflicted Lee Harvey Oswald?
5. What is the only sea that has shores on the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa?
6. What political party was legal in the United States until 1949?
7. What did ICBM mean to military buffs during the Cold War 1950s?
8. What author's centennial celebration reunited Buster Crabbe, James Pierce, Jock Mahoney and Johnny Weissmuller?

Trivia Test Answers

1. Charlie McCarthy; 2. a bat; 3. Australia; 4. dyslexia; 5. the Mediterranean; 6. Communist Party; 7. intercontinental ballistic missile; 8. Edgar Rice Burroughs
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Thompson Is Recipient Of Dallas Peterbilt Check



Larry Thompson

Waco-American Truck-Source's vice president of Service Sales & Quality, Revis Parkison, believes that actions speak louder than words. And his recent actions sounded like a multi-speaker

sound system when he brought Dallas Peterbilt's support to Texas State Technical College and the Diesel Mechanics (DSM) program.

Parkison visited the college to present 10 students with \$200 scholarship checks. Dallas Peterbilt, a division of American Truck-Source, donated a total of \$5,000 in another of many similar showings of support for the college and its students. "We've just had fantastic experience with TSTC," Parkison explained. TSTC will use the remaining \$3,000 to provide more Diesel Mechanics scholarships in the coming quarters.

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Dramatic Help Is Available If Legislature Okays Funds

The president of NAMI Texas said Friday, Dec. 4, that the organization's top legislative goal in 1999 is to seek increased state funding for a group of newly developed drugs to treat schizophrenia.

Joe Lovelace of Dallas, who is president of the over 3,000 member organization, said thousands of Texas children and adults with serious mental illness have been helped dramatically with the breakthrough antipsychotic drugs.

"Persons diagnosed with schizophrenia have been banished to the back wards of state hospitals or left to overburdened community facilities. Now there is hope that new medications can reduce costs of society and improve the well being of many Texans," Lovelace said.

The Texas Department of Mental Health-Mental Retardation is asking the Legislature to approve \$150 million for the two year budget cycle for new medication and support services.

Lovelace estimated that more than 11,700 Texans are receiving the new drugs, but an estimated 34,000 more could benefit from them.

"It's time to close the gap and at the same time reduce demands on inpatient services, hospitals, law enforcement services and the welfare system," Lovelace said.

New drugs to treat schizophrenia include Clozaril, Risperidone, Olanzapine and Quetiapine. All have been approved in recent

years by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Lovelace said the success rate of treating schizophrenia with these new antipsychotic drugs is about 60 percent -- considerably higher than the rates from common medication treatments, such as angioplasty which is successful 41 percent of the time.

Lovelace said community based groups and families would work directly with Texas lawmakers to gain approval of money for the new generation drugs.

New Dollars, New Medications, New Beginnings Effectiveness Of New Medications vs Old

Older medications have irreversible and debilitating side effects. (Tardive Dyskinesia, which include muscle rigidity, tremor, loss of associated movements, drooling and intense restlessness)

Older medications don't improve "negative" symptoms (lack of spontaneity, decreased motivation and flat affect) while newer medications improve the negative symptoms without producing Tardive Dyskinesia.

Older medications result in more treatment failures causing hospitalization and doctor visits averaging \$7,000+per episode

New medications result in better compliance leading to higher level of function, which reduces demand on costly inpatient ser-

vices (reduced contact with law enforcement/criminal justice and welfare dependency)

Limiting access to new medication shifts the cost elsewhere. When reimbursements for psychotropic drugs were limited, patient visits increased by over 43% and partial hospitalization days by over 35%. Soumerai, et al, New England Journal of Medicine (April 1997)

Use of the new medications results in savings of over \$3,000 a year per patient over the cost of treatment with the old medications. Clinical & Economic Impact..., Tarrant County MHR (1998)

Medications comprise a minor portion of the cost of schizophrenia treatment but have a major impact on the outcome of care. Glazer & Johnstone, Journal of Clinical Psychiatry (1997)

Use of new medications resulted in significant symptom reduction and functional improvements in both inpatient and outpatient treatment of persons with serious mental illness. TMAP Evaluation, Interim Progress report (October 1997)

New medications should be considered as a first line of therapy for schizophrenia due to enhanced treatment of psychosis, negative symptoms and reduced side effect profile. Sheitman, Lee, Strauss, and Lieberman, Sch-

izophrenia Bulletin, Vol. 23, No. 4 (1997)

Lack of proper treatment can be lethal. Currently, approximately 15% of persons whose depression remains untreated eventually take their own lives. More than 65% of those who receive proper treatment for their depression show significant improvement and return to productive lives.

Use of older medications because of a lack of funding creates an ethical dilemma for physicians and potentially liability for the state.

Scranton Musical Is January 2

The Scranton Musical will be Saturday, January 2, 1999.

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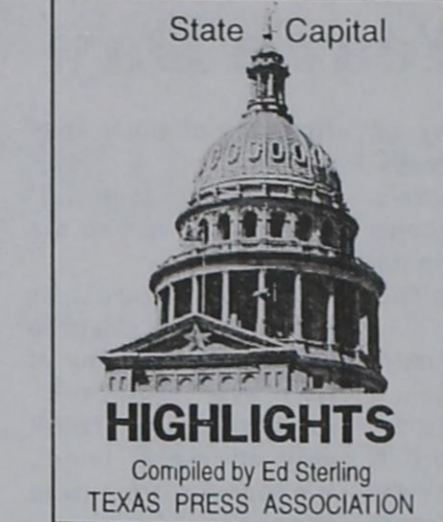


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AUSTIN — Texas' 122-year-old constitution has been rewritten by Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo.

The two lawmakers have filed their draft as House Joint Resolution 1, for consideration by the 76th Texas Legislature.

If adopted, the constitution would change how public officials are selected and would create a cabinet form of government giving the governor power to appoint the land commissioner, agriculture commissioner and railroad commissioner.

It also would give the governor power to appoint all district and appeals court judges and make their retention subject to approval by a vote of the people.

A new state constitution would have to win a two-thirds vote in the Legislature, and then election by Texas voters.

As good or bad as those changes sound, there's one thing upon which Texas Republican Party chief Susan Weddington and Texas Democratic Party chairwoman Molly Beth Malcolm agree, *The Dallas Morning News*

reported last week:

It's not time rewrite the 1876 Texas Constitution.

Departing Sharp Offers Advice

Texas Comptroller John Sharp last week made his final plug for fiscal responsibility in the new Legislature convening Jan. 12.

Sharp, who will leave elected office next month after losing his bid for lieutenant governor, has estimated that the state could have about a \$4 billion surplus when the biennial budget ends Aug. 31.

"They're not going to be thinking about paring back and storing their nuts for winter. Somebody's got to be the bad guy," he told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

The last installment of Sharp's ongoing audit of state government recommends changes that could save the state \$1.7 billion over five years.

After leaving office, Sharp will join the Dallas-based tax consulting firm of Ryan & Co. He will represent the company to businesses in Texas and nationally.

Bush Names Williams to RRC

Gov. George W. Bush last week named former federal prosecutor Michael Williams to the three-member Texas Railroad Commission.

Williams, a 45-year-old Arlington lawyer, will be the first African-American to serve on the 107-year-old board.

Next month, when Williams begins to fill the two years remaining on the term of comptroller-elect Carole Keeton Rylander, he will be the only African-American to hold a statewide office.

Williams said he intends to run for a full term in 2000.

DPS Predicts 60 Traffic Deaths

The Texas Department of Public Safety has predicted that as

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many as 60 people could die in traffic accidents during reporting periods between Christmas Eve and Jan. 3.

Eighty-eight traffic deaths were recorded during the holiday period last year.

This year's prediction of fewer deaths was made because Christmas and New Year's fall on Fridays, making for shorter holiday weekends. Last year, the holidays fell on Thursdays.

Other Capital Highlights

■ Texas Attorney General Dan Morales last week questioned the fairness of the state's system of administering the death penalty, particularly in regards to racial bias and clemency procedures. Morales, who did not seek re-election, will leave office in January after eight years as the state's top lawyer.

■ The Swiss firm of Herzog & de Mueron has been hired by the University of Texas at Austin to design the \$40 million Blanton Museum of Art, to open in 2002.

■ The Texas Transportation Commission is requesting \$220 million in new federal funding to be used in projects including the widening of Interstate 35 south of Austin and construction of Texas 130, a north-south loop that would allow traffic to bypass Austin.

■ State Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, have filed legislation that would ban homosexuals and bisexuals from serving as foster parents.

■ The Texas Department of Public Safety's Missing Persons Clearinghouse, which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is asking for help locating missing Texans. Runaways are being asked to call 1-800-346-3243.

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The holidays. If you're like singer Andy Williams, you probably think they are "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." However, if you are experiencing conflicts with family members, if you're bent on perfection or if you're running low on money, you probably don't.

While the holidays are portrayed by entertainers, the media and American culture in general as a happy and festive time when you're surrounded by the ones you love, many find the season to be a major cause of stress. According to Dr. Roberta Nutt, professor in the department of psychology and philosophy at Texas Women's University, that's because many people tend to set an unrealistic level of expectations this time of year.

"I think, in general, we tend to hype up the holidays as this wonderful time when you're surrounded by family and friends and there are no problems," Nutt says. "So, if your holidays don't turn out like that it can be a real downer."

Nutt says that many different kinds of expectations—if not met—can lead to stress.

"If you're cut off or estranged from your family, the expectations that society has of you can remind you of your problems. Or, if you're a married woman with children, you might feel as though you have

to make the holidays just perfect for your family," she says. "Both of those situations can be extremely stressful, as can not having the money to buy everyone gifts. The message you get from everybody around this time of year is: You're supposed to be happy—but, in reality, it can be quite stressful for a lot of people to try to live up to that (expectation)."

So what can a person do to avoid getting stressed out during the holidays? Dr. Don Rosen, director of counseling services at TWU, says the general rule of thumb is to plan ahead.

"Oftentimes, people plan to do way too much in too short an amount of time," he says, "so really think about how to best use your time. If you're a student who's been working hard at school all semester, it's not going to do you any good to turn around and start burning both ends of the candle. Be realistic about your expectations. Don't plan too much. Give yourself time to rest. Set realistic expectations for what's going to happen to you around other people."

Rosen and Nutt both suggest a variety of ways to deal in advance with a variety of other stress-inducing situations. These methods include: working out unresolved family issues before the holidays come; developing "surrogate families" if family estrangement is a factor; and prepar-

New Year's Day

There are many of you who have already made New year's Resolutions, but I hope you will take time to commit yourself to one more.

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ing personally for changes in environment that may occur this time of year.

You also might want to think about someone else's problems, Nutt says.

"Plan not only neat things for yourself, but also something that's 'giving' to another person, such as helping out at a shelter, taking part in a toy drive or working with a charity," she says. "Something like that can really get you in the spirit, because giving of yourself during the holidays just makes you feel good.

"Also, make sure to do a lot of self-caring and self-nurturing. That's probably the best thing you can do to avoid getting stressed out. And, most of all, remember that holiday depression is very common. You are definitely not alone."

For more information, contact Nutt in the TWU department of psychology and philosophy at (940) 898-2303 or Rosen in the TWU counseling center at (940) 898-3801.

first day of the rest of my life".

Keep your eyes wide open to those who are around you.

Bring another person a little closer to happiness. So many of us are so self-interested, we think only of "me & mine". It's time for America to change.

If we could put ourselves in another's place for just one hour of time, our words might be a little kinder, our prayers more out reaching, and our actions more helpful. Make the bets you can from today for we do not know what tomorrow holds.

Wanda Skinner, a concerned reader who cares.



Rameses (left) and Moses, his adopted brother, have fun with their chariots while growing up in an Egyptian palace.

'The Prince Of Egypt' Continues Showing At Eastland's Majestic

The Bible-based animated film "The Prince Of Egypt" brought crowds out to the Majestic Theatre last weekend. As planned, the picture is being held over through Jan. 1-4 so that all will have a chance to see it.

This is a new picture and has just opened all across the country. The Majestic Theatre showed it at the same time that Abilene and other cities presented the film.

"The Prince Of Egypt" is the story of

two men - one born a pagan Prince, and the other born a Hebrew slave. A lie made them brothers, and the truth destroyed a kingdom and forever separated them - in faith, heritage and destiny.

The film uses the voice talents of Val Kilmer and Ralph Fiennes respectively as Moses and Rameses. Also used is the vocal talents of Sandra Bullock, Danny Glover, Jeff Goldblum, Steve Martin, Helen Mirren, Michelle Pfeiffer and Patrick Stewart.

DreamWorks produced this film, and it took more than 350 animators, artists and technicians to recreate this picture of ancient Egypt. Award-winning musicians wrote six new songs and the score of the film.

Perhaps the most impressive things about this animated film are the beauty of the desert landscape, and the conflict of ideas and perception between the

A Moment In Time

By Lorraine Hickson Jobe

Stationery

A pretty box of stationery was a gift I had never dreamed of at nine years old. But now I had it, and couldn't wait to use a few pages. The letter must be written as best I could—a sharp pencil and exciting news to my niece. She was almost my age. She had given me the stationery for my birthday, and she must have the first letter on it.

I found a new pencil and asked Mama to sharpen it for me. She said she would "in just a minute." With eight in our family, she was busy in the kitchen always with lots of cooking, dishes and what she called the "milk things." She took great pride in her kitchen and made sure the churn, butter molds and milk pails were in top shape every day—twice a day. I knew her minutes were sometimes more than awhile.

I wanted the pencil to

Hebrew people of God and the leaders of a cruel Hedonistic Empire.

"The Prince Of Egypt" can be seen at the Majestic Theatre nightly at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 1 through Monday, Jan. 4. It is rated PG-13.

Admission is \$3.50 at the box office, with balcony seats available at \$5 to persons over 21. Majestic Manager Ed Allcorn reminds the public that the Theatre will accept tickets obtained from Wal Mart/Sam's Club in their promotional campaign for the film.

write with now. So, I opened Mama's trunk, took out Papa's straight razor, and took one big whack off the end of that pencil. I knew it was sharp, but I didn't know how sharp it really was. Mama came in just then and took the razor carefully out of my hand. I was glad to have a hand with all the fingers on it right then. I knew I was in trouble, too. Then Papa walked in the front door. He looked at Mama and said, "I need my shotgun. Myrick and the sherrif here to take my corn."

Without another word, Mama stood holding the razor in one hand and her apron to her eyes with the other saying, "Dear Lord, don't let Daniel shoot somebody." I really wasn't worried. Papa had never shot anyone that I'd known about.

Everything was moving so fast. I'll never know what punishment I'd have gotten if Mr. Myrick and the sheriff had not been in the wagon at the barn gate at that time of the morning.

Papa didn't have to shoot and he didn't have to give up his corn. We did have to look for another place to live when the year ended.

I've read and heard about the Great Depression of the thirties. It was often a nightmare to us who were born before 1925. We will remember beggars asking for food at the back doors of our kitchens and men selling fruit on corners and in street basements. Farmers sometimes shot sheriffs who came to foreclosure.

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TOMMIE J. HIGGS
Tommy J. Higgs, formerly of Baird and Clyde, died Christmas Eve morning, December 24, 1998 at a nursing home in Fort Worth where he lived for many years.
Funeral services were held Saturday, December 26, 1998 at Ridgcrest Baptist Church. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery directed by Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth.
Mr. Higgs was born on May 22, 1911 in Thurber, Texas. He retired from Texas and Pacific Railroad having been a railroad conductor for many years. He married Jean Terry of Clyde on April 2, 1938 in Abilene, Texas. Mr. Higgs was a longtime member of Ridgcrest Baptist Church and a member of Arlington Heights Masonic Lodge #1184 in Fort Worth.
Survivors include his wife Jean Higgs of Fort Worth; three sons, Terry Higgs of Fort Worth, Chaplain Gary Higgs of San Antonio, and Thomas Allen Higgs of Ennis; a sister, Georgia Bell Ragsdale of Fort Worth; a brother-in-law, H.B. Terry Jr. of Abilene; a sister-in-law, Rilla McHoney of Abilene; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

BENNIE T. NETTLES
Bennie T. Nettles, 77, of Putnam passed away Tuesday, December 29, 1998 in an Abilene hospital after a 14 month illness.
Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 1998 in the Putnam Cemetery with the Rev. G.W. Weeks officiating, directed by Parker Funeral Home.
Mr. Nettles was born January 1, 1921 in Putnam, Texas, where he lived all of his life. He was retired from the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation in the maintenance department. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married Adron "Red" Floyd in Abilene in 1946.
Survivors include his wife, Adron Nettles of Putnam; two sons, Lee Roy Nettles of Wylie, and Jerry Nettles of Fort Worth; three daughters, Bonnie Price of Crestview, Fla., Linda Sennett of Crestview, Fla., and Brenda Nettles of Abilene; one brother, J.W. Nettles of Ira; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

VIOLA KATHERINE PERDUE HINDS
Viola Katherine Perdue Hinds, 84, died Sunday, December 27, 1998 at a local nursing home.
Services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 29, 1998 at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ricky Carstensen officiating. Burial was in Ross Cemetery.
Mrs. Hinds was born near Cisco and moved to Baird in 1936. She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church and Order of Eastern Star, where she was Worthy Matron. She was Noble Grand with Rebekah Lodge. She married Edwin Gilbert Hinds in 1936 near Cisco; he preceded her in death.
Survivors include two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.
Memorials may be made to the Baird Volunteer Fire Department.

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The first day of class will be Wednesday, January 13, 1999.
Dormitories will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10. The cafeteria will open at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10.
Registration for the Abilene Center is scheduled for January 6, 7, & 8, 1999. On Wednesday, January 6 and Thursday, January 7, registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On Friday, January 8, registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
Students may go to the Administrative Offices at the Abilene Educational Center during office hours and pick up a registration permit for Spring 1999 Registration. This permit will allow the student to register for Spring 1999 classes at a pre-set time during regular registration. You will not be allowed to register without a permit. Permits are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Abilene Educational Center is located at 841 North Judge Ely Blvd. in Abilene.
Classes will begin January 13, at all locations, but late registration will continue through January 22, during regular office hours.
For more information, call Cisco at (254) 442-2567 or Abilene at (915) 673-4567. Offices will reopen on January 4.

Card Of Thanks

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Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Calls For Entries In Statewide Education Program

Schools across Texas are invited to showcase their academics and earn cash awards in the process through the innovative Hooray for Excellence program from Ultramar Diamond Shamrock. Teachers, parents and students are expected to set their sights on the \$1,000 top prizes that will be awarded to 10 schools. However, the greatest benefit of Hooray for Excellence may be public recognition of academics.

"Publicity has played a key role in building the support enjoyed by athletics," says Roger Hemminghaus, chairman and chief executive officer of Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corporation. "We believe putting similar efforts into recognizing academics will result in a winning situation for schools and more importantly, for students. This is why we are proud to again offer students and teachers the chance to tell the public about their successes through Hooray for Excellence."

Essentially an adventure in marketing and public relations with a dash of show biz, Hooray for Excellence allows teachers to select an academic program and then share its merits during a one or two minute audio recording. Teachers usually involve students in producing and starring in their production.

Entries are submitted to Hooray for Excellence radio station partners that select tapes for on-air play and then designate local winners in three grade divisions; elementary, middle school, and high school.

Several radio partners serving diverse

areas of the state already are committed, and radio stations will be added throughout December and January. Schools in areas not served by participating radio stations can enter their tapes in the Hooray for Excellence at-large category.

According to Gene Smith, manager of jobber communications for Ultramar Diamond Shamrock, one of the big changes this year is the entry deadline. Smith says, "We have kicked off the 1999 program early to accommodate a window of entry that stretches from December 1998 through February 12, 1999. This is to encourage teachers to consider entering Hooray for Excellence as a first semester or second semester project, or both."

Every class submitting a Hooray for Excellence entry receives a certificate of participation. Local winners and at-large winners receive \$50 each for their schools and advance to regional competition. Each regional winner's school receives \$100 and advances to the final level of competition. The 10 schools selected as Hooray for Excellence state winners each are awarded \$1,000.

The final entry deadline is February 12, 1999. To request a Hooray for Excellence entry form or obtain additional information, call (800) 800-4HFX. The program also has a new web site at www.hoorayforexcellence.com.

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Baird School Menu

- WEEK OF JANUARY 5-8**
BREAKFAST
MONDAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY
 Donuts
 Juice
 Toast
 Milk
WEDNESDAY
 Cinnamon Toast
 Juice
 Milk
THURSDAY
 Hot Rolls w/Ham & Gravy
 Applesauce
 Milk
FRIDAY
 Pancakes
 Juice
 Milk
LUNCH
MONDAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY
 Vegetable Soup w/Meat
 Cheese Sticks
 Crackers
 Applecrisp
 Milk
WEDNESDAY
 Sliced Ham w/Gravy
 Mashed Potatoes
 Blackeye Peas
 Hot Rolls
 Jelly
 Milk
THURSDAY
 Lasagna
 Pinto Beans
 Cobbler
 Milk
FRIDAY
 Hamburgers w/Cheese
 French Fries
 Lettuce
 Tomatoes
 Pickles
 Cookies
 Milk

Poet's Corner
by Susie Wylie

Mothers love is to be treasured
 And not to be measure
 Donuts
 For she loves us all
 There's none can compare
 She is always there and so willing to share
 She is kind and loving
 And touch the hearts of all
 And so willing to comfort and console
 Now Mother is growing old
 We will miss her more each day
 But she deserves her heavenly rest
 She wouldn't want us to weep for her
 She would want us to carry on
 I can see her smile and say "Now children don't forget to pray"
 Let Jesus lead the way
 No one else can take her place
 She is so special
 In her own way
 I was standing by her side
 When the Lord said "Welcome child"
 Jesus said "Come take my hand, you have done so much for your fellow man. I built your mansion near the throne, now it's time for you to come home"
 I'll miss her each day
 But I can hear her say
 "Don't stand by my grave and weep. I'm not gone. I just went to sleep."

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Recipe Corner

Puffy Ham and Egg Holiday Casserole

- 2 cups Farmland Tradition Ham, chopped
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack Cheese
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Cheddar Cheese
- 12 eggs
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup small curd cottage cheese
- 2 cans (4 oz. each) green chilies, undrained
- 1/3 chopped sweet red pepper

Spread ham evenly over bottom of 13x9x2-inch baking pan coated with vegetable cooking spray. Top with Monterey Jack and Cheddar cheeses. In a large bowl, beat eggs; add flour, milk, baking powder and salt. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour egg mixture over ham and cheese. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes until puffy in center and lightly browned or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving. Yield: 12.

Restaurant-Style Italian Salad

- 1 bag (10 oz.) ready-to-eat romaine lettuce (6 cups)
 - 1 jar (6 to 6.5 oz.) marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
 - 1 jar (2 oz.) diced pimentos
 - 1/4 of a red onion, thinly sliced and separated into rings.
 - 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1/2 cup croutons, optional
 - 1/3 cup bottled balsamic vinaigrette dressing
- In large bowl, combine romaine, artichokes, pimentos, onion, cheese and croutons. Pour dressing over salad; toss to coat. Makes four to six servings.



Recipe Corner

- Gourmet Corn**
 1 package (16 oz.) frozen whole kernel corn
 2 oz. (1/4 cup) reduced fat cream cheese
 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
 2 tablespoons sliced green onion or chives
 In microwave-safe

bowl, microwave corn on HIGH power for 5 minutes or until hot, stirring halfway through. In small bowl, microwave cream cheese and butter on HIGH power for 1 minute; stir until smooth. Add to corn, stirring to combine. Stir in salt and pepper. Top with green onions. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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