

OS Museum opens its Spring and Easter Exhibit

The OS Museum's Spring & Easter Exhibit opened earlier this month, featuring an extravaganza of beautiful eggs and sculpture from around the world, including Faberge, Waterford, Swarovski, Lalique and hand-decorated real eggs.

Some of the window displays include a Salute to the Olympics, a Life of Christ series and a season window designed to appeal to children. Works representing artists from around the world are featured, including those of local artist Earl Chapman.

Viewing hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.

Local candidates...

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are scheduled to be filled. Open positions include those currently held by Joey Basinger and Stanley Wheeler.

As of Tuesday afternoon, both incumbents had filed an application for a place on the ballot.

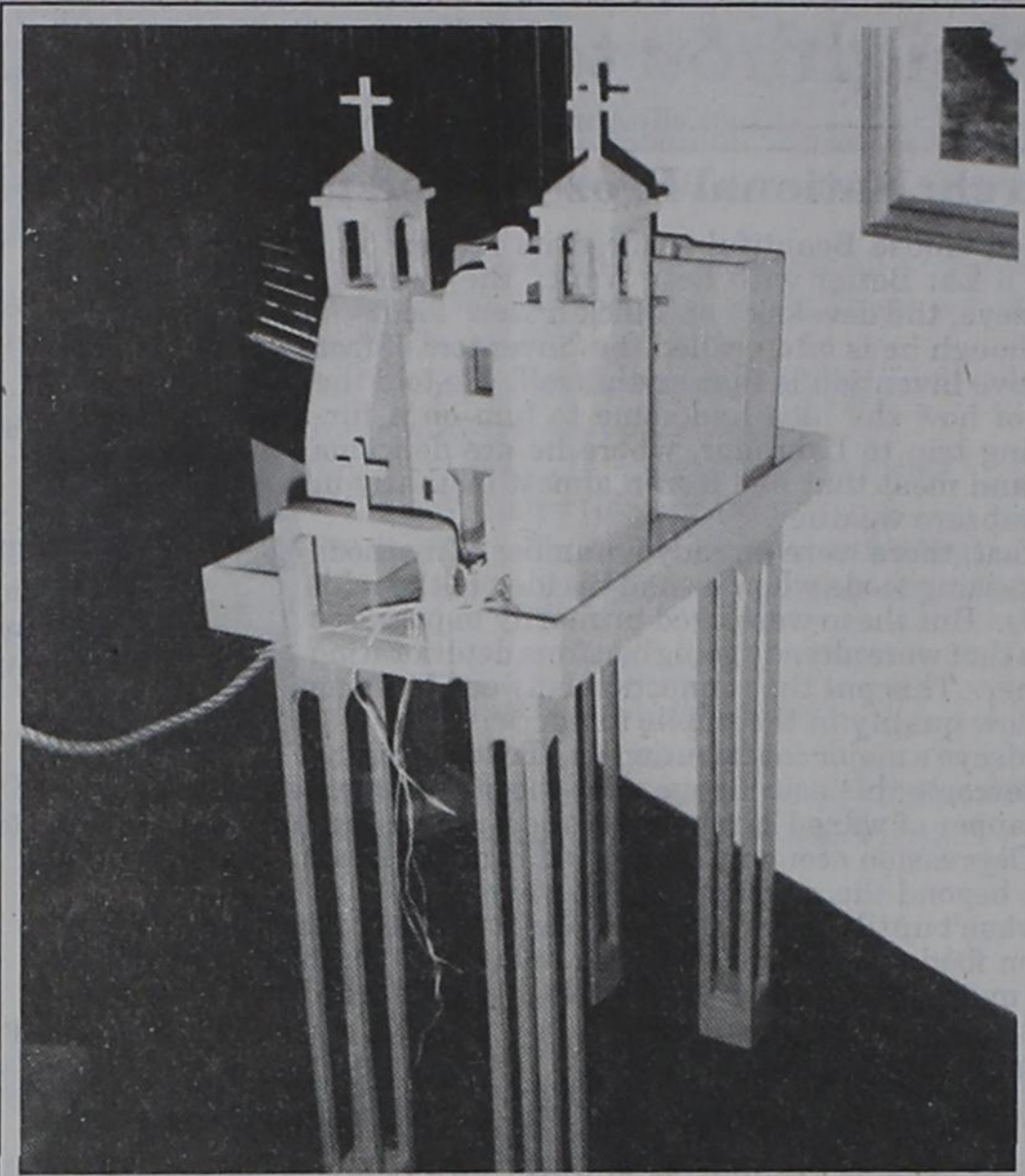
Deadline for filing is March 18.

Garza Hospital District

Two open posts are to be filled on the Garza Hospital District's board. Open positions include the seat currently held by David Tyler and a vacant position held by Becky Warren prior to her resignation a year ago. Both at-large positions to be filled are for full, two-year terms.

As of late Tuesday, Tyler had filed for a place on the ballot, as had Michael Travis.

Filing deadline for individuals interested in serving on the hospital district board of directors is 5 p.m. April 6.



A unique Spanish chapel art piece from the Earl Chapman collection on display at the OS Museum. (Photo by Sheri Lewis)

Assault charges...

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On March 6, a 33-year-old male was picked up for DWI commitment and a 53-year-old male was arrested for DWI (released the next day on \$1,500 bond). On March 7, a 37-year-old male was arrested on warrant, revocation of probation (released the same day on \$3,000 bond).

Two arrests were made March 8, including that of a 35-year-old male picked up on a Crosby County warrant (turned over to Crosby County authorities that same day) and a 32-year-old male arrested for DWI (released the next day on \$1,500 bail bond).

Five arrests were made March 9. A 29-year-old male was arrested for traveling with an unrestrained child in a vehicle and driving without a driver's license (released the same day after paying fines and court costs); a 43-year-old male was picked up on a warrant; a 52-year-old female was arrested on a warrant, disorderly conduct (released the same day after paying fines); a 42-year-old male was picked up for commitment following a parole violation; and a 48-year-old male was placed in protective custody (transferred to custody of the Big Spring State Hospital the next day).

About 60 calls for service were recorded by local dispatchers during the past week. Some of those calls for services included, on March 4, a report of a grass fire in a ditch on U.S. 84 north about one mile south of FM 211 and a report of a theft of three cotton trailers at Close City.

Calls received on March 6 included a report of a door broken in the 400 block of South Avenue I (blank checks reported missing); criminal trespass at a Main Street business; and a minor automobile accident at 14th and Broadway.

Another minor automobile accident was reported on March 7, this one at a local convenience store. A request for an ambulance at a location on U.S. 84 north was also recorded, as was a report of criminal trespass in the 200 block of West 8th Street.

On March 8, two reports of criminal trespass were filed. The first occurred at the Southland community. The second occurred at a South Broadway business.

On March 9, the sheriff's department received a report concerning an automobile accident, a car in a ditch, on U.S. 84 south (no further details were noted).

Incoming calls on March 10 included a request for an ambulance in the 400 block of West 11th (transport made to UMC, Lubbock); a report of a burglary of a habitation in the 100 block of East 5th Street; and a theft at a county location (\$200 cellular phone reported missing.)

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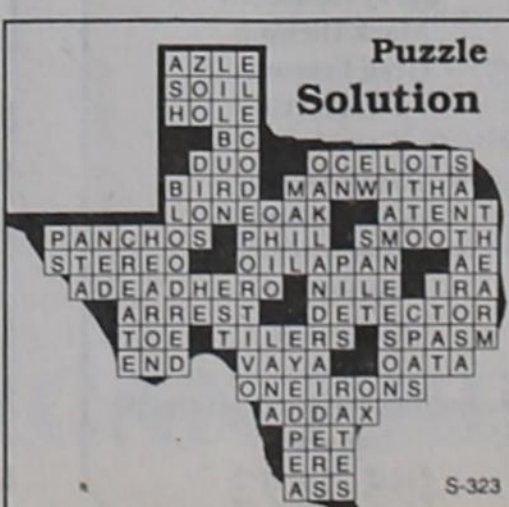
United Way campaign nets \$18,400

The 1997-98 Garza County United Way fund raising effort resulted in the collection of \$18,400, according to reports.

A total of \$17,545 is scheduled to be distributed to participating agencies this month. The balance of the monies collected will be used to cover United Way expenses for printing, office supplies and postage, as well as state and national United Way fees.

Participating agencies scheduled to receive monies from the local United Way chapter this year include Garza County Mental Health, Trailblazers, Boy Scouts, Garza County Child Welfare Board, Meals on Wheels, My Special Place, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Women's Protective Services, Post Industries, Post Girl Scouts, Post Junior Girls Basketball, Summer Baseball, Girls Slow Pitch Softball and MAD DADS.

The goal for this year's effort was \$22,250.



Sports

Cruse breaks her own school record at O'Donnell meet

Post High School's Sharla Cruse set a new school record with a discus throw of 113 feet, 4.5 inches at the O'Donnell track meet held Feb. 28.

Cruse's throw was also good enough for a first place finish in the event. Cruse also landed a first place finish in the shot put competition with a throw of 34 feet, 1.5 inches.

Other meet results were as follows:

400 meter relay — Stephanie Looney, Erica Gomez, Kendly Jefferson and Rhonda Thompson, first place, 55.14

800 meter run — Princess Garcia, fourth place, 3:10.42

100 m hurdles — Arimy Gradine, third place, 18.42; Kenda Looney, fourth place, 18.57; Brailey Fegin, sixth place, 26.0

100 m — Erica Gomez, fourth place, 13.6

800 meter relay — Camie Payne, Kendly Jefferson, Stephanie Looney and Erica Gomez, third place, 2:04.93

400 m — Selicia Hernandez, first place, 69.42; Davida Gregory, second place, 70.32; and Vondi Gradine, fourth place, 76.82

300 m hurdles — Kenda Looney, third place, 56.58; Arimy Gradine, fifth place, 62.43

200 m — Rhonda Thompson, first place, 28.25

1600 m — Princess Garcia, fifth place, 7:47.24

1600 m relay — Davida Gregory, Selicia Hernandez, Camie Payne and Rhonda Thompson, first place, 4:39.4

Triple jump — Erica Gomez, fifth place, 29 feet, 1/4 inch

Long jump — Rhonda Thompson, third place, 14 feet, three inches; Vondi Gradine, fifth place, 13 feet, nine inches; and Kenda Looney, sixth place, 13 feet, five inches.

Post Middle School boys compete at Snyder meet

The seventh and eighth grade boys from Post Middle School traveled to Snyder last week to participate in the Snyder Track Meet. The teams competed against 4A teams from Snyder, Levelland, Sweetwater, Frenship and Big Spring (two teams).

The seventh grade boys managed a fifth place team finish with 48 points scored.

Taking first place in the 100 m dash was Noah Gutierrez with a time of 12.34. Gutierrez took a second place medal in the shotput with a throw of 36 feet, three inches.

Daryl Dissinger took second in the 800 m run with a time of 2:31.3. The team of Brandon Bell, Noah Gutierrez, Cody Fox and Daryl Dissinger took a fourth place finish in the 1600 m relay with a time of 4:25.6.

Dissinger finished fourth in the high jump competition with a jump of four feet, 10 inches. Seth Redman finished fourth in the shotput contest with a toss of 34 feet, 3.5 inches.

The 400 m relay team of Luis Zubia, Brody Robertson, Brandon Bell and Noah Gutierrez placed fifth with a time of 52.6.

Two sixth place finishes were also earned by seventh grade team members. Seth Redman placed sixth in discus with a throw of 91 feet, one inch, and Rene Mendoza took sixth in the 1600 m run (time unavailable).

Eighth grade students earning places at the competition included Jose Saucedo, who took third place in the 1600 m run with a time of 5:43.1; Jorge Rivera, fifth place in the 800 m run with a time of 2:28.75; and Miguel Torres, sixth place in the 1600 m run with a time of 5:59.5.

"The competition was tough but our kids competed well," the coach said. "We are really proud of their effort."

Boy Scouts celebrate "Blue & Gold" Banquet

The Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet was conducted Friday, Feb. 20, at the Scout Center.

Cubmaster Bill Short gave the banquet's opening comments, delivering a history of Scouting, followed by a prayer given by Den 2 Leader Buddy Payne. After dinner, the boys put on a skit entitled "Happy Birthday." Den 1 Leader Gary Bilbo and Mike Holly, Webelos, conducted the drawings. Leaders were introduced by Bill Short and the closing was given by Assistant Cub Master Will Morrow.

Recognized as Tiger Cubs were Angel Duran, Jovanni Garay, Christian Garcia, Chris Gomez, Jamie Gomez, Timothy Gonzalez, Zachary Nava and Christopher Venegas.

Recognized as Wolf Cubs were Ethan Bilbo, Sadler Hair, Jay Josey, Zachery Kocurek, David Miller and Adrian Nava.

Bear Cubs recognized included Timothy Crenshaw, Edgar Garay, Jordan Payne, Zackary Perez, Steven

Short, Kamron Shumard, Lorenzo Soto, Levi Williams, Timothy Wilson and Zachary Witcher.

Recognized as Webelos were Ibrahim Baez, Christopher Cruse, DaJuan Hill, Mitch Holly, Adrian Lopez, Case Nelson, Frankie Orona, Eric Reyna, Ricky Reyna, Fernando Soto and Michael Williams.

The following local merchants provided door prizes given away during the banquet: Grassland Butane, Happiness Is, United, Post Auto Parts, Caprock Boots, Wallace Lumber, Jackson Brothers Meat, Higginbothams, La Posta, Danish Imports, Dee's Boot & Shoe Repair, And Etc., Pizza Hut, Holly's Drive In, Twins Fashions, Hotel Garza and the A-Lock Shop.

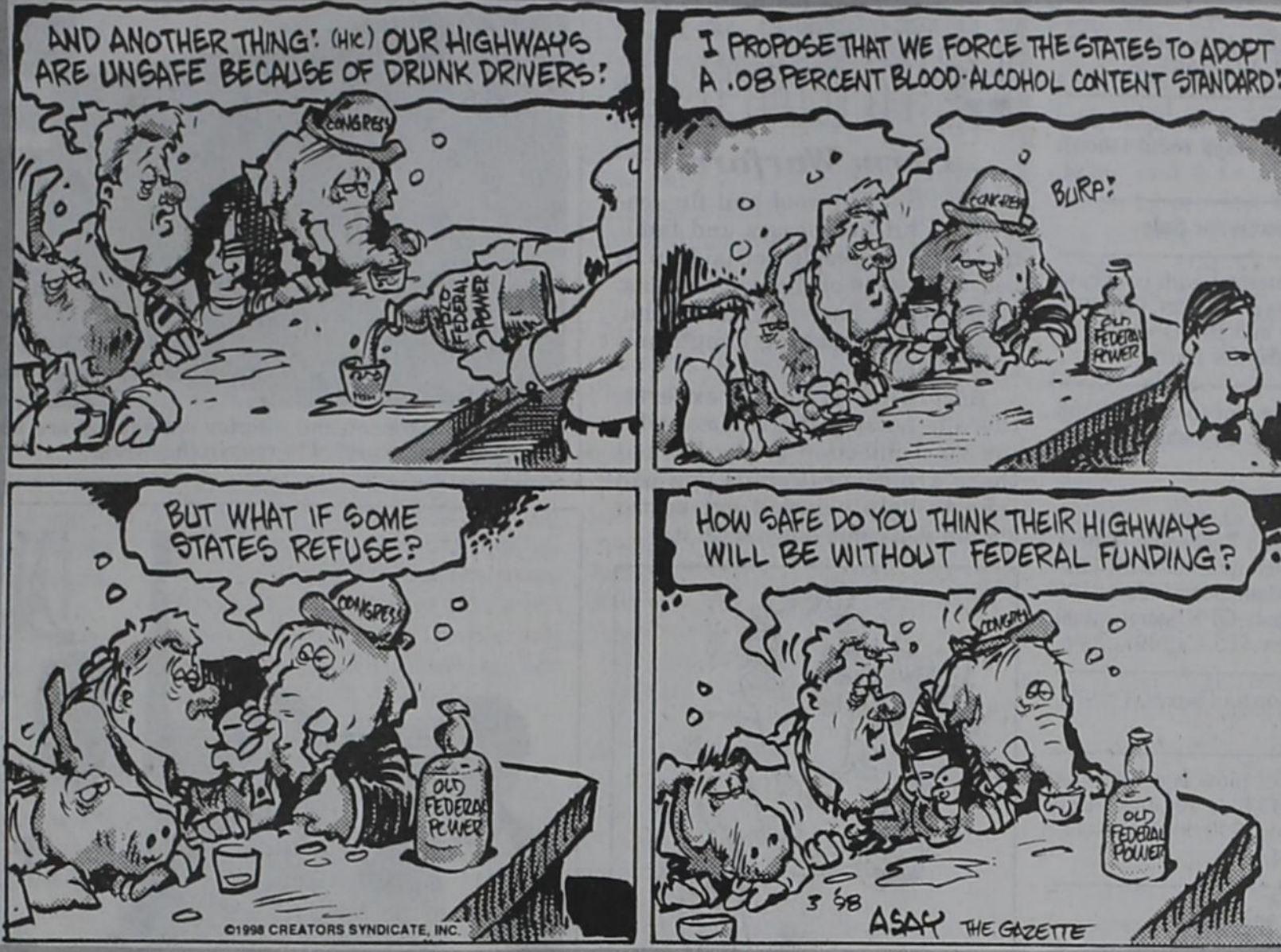
Also, Rosie's Restaurant, Sonic, Vibes, El Matamoros, Fashion Cleaners, A&T Feed, Subway, Hudman Greenhouse, Town & Country, Country Carousel, Post Dispatch, Kathy Nelson, Family Dollar, Denece Bilbo and the Garza Theatre.



Bo Jackson puts the finishing touches to the new curbs and sidewalks on East Main Street. The project is part of the City's continuing effort to upgrade curbs. Sidewalk repairs are being paid for by property owners.

Opinions

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Crowded jail solution

by Wesley W. Burnett
 There's been a lot of talk recently about how to solve the overcrowded conditions at the Garza County jail... including spending thousands of dollars on expanding the current facility.
 Perhaps a closer look at who is in jail might shed some light on ways to alleviate the crowded conditions.
 We conducted a recent survey of the jail population (when it was labeled as the most overcrowded jail in Texas) and found that a vast majority of the people incarcerated here were being held on non-violent non-threatening charges.
 Of the 14 inmates at the jail, only three were being held on charges related to acts against another person: one for burglary, one for assault and one for murder. Those people obviously need to be behind bars.
 The other 11 were being held for either possession of "controlled substance" or DWI. None of those were involved in injuring anyone else or damaging anyone else's property.
 In the eagerness to control other people's behavior, we are creating a problem which didn't exist five, 10 or 20 years ago. It's time to get serious about real criminals, and quit harassing innocent people who have harmed no one else.

Homeschoolers: 'Public education has failed us'

by Vin Suprynowicz



A dozen years ago, most folks would have dismissed home schooling—if they'd heard of it at all—as a fringe activity practiced by a few extremists either of the libertarian left (public schools teach kids herd-like obedience to arbitrary government authority, marching them around to the sound of bells and indoctrinating them to turn in their own parents for marijuana use) or of the religious right (public schools have "evicted God" and prayer, school nurses hand out condoms to the kids, and—yes—it's all a plot to breed support for the Godless welfare state.)
 They would have been largely correct.

No more. The number of home-schooled students in Clark County, Nevada for example, surged from 671 to 1,040 in the autumn of 1993, and to 1,466 in the fall of 1995. Today, Clark County parents home-school more than 1,700 students—nearly half of the officially registered 4,000 home-school students in Nevada.

And today, "It's mostly because of the violence," Comeau reports. "They come in and say the schools are so violent, the gangs, my kids are afraid. That and—with the gifted students—they say their kids are just not being challenged."

The boom in Nevada home-schooling only tracks a national trend. Although other sources estimate the number of American kids being home schooled at 500,000 to 750,000, the National Home Education Research Institute, headed by Ed. Dr. Brian D. Ray in Salem, Oregon, from 1994 to 1996 conducted a massive survey of more than 5,000 home school students—and their major curriculum distributors—and concluded 1.2 million American students are now schooled at home—more students than attend public schools in Hawaii, Montana, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Alaska, North Dakota, Delaware, Vermont and Wyoming... combined.

And those numbers are beginning to translate into political power. In 1996, when a proposal surfaced in Congress to require homeschool parents to obtain teaching certificates, homeschoolers swamped Capitol Hill switchboards. The measure failed, 424-to-1.

Testing requirement dropped

What is homeschooling? The U.S. Department of Education, speaking plain English for once, defines the practice as "education of school-aged children at home rather than at school." The modern movement is generally traced to the research of professional educators Raymond and Dorothy Moore, who in their 1980s books "Home Grown Kids" and "Home-Spun Schools" attributed such development problems as hyperactivity, nearsightedness, and dyslexia to prematurely taxing a child's nervous system and mind with continuous academic tasks, like reading and writing. Their research convinced the Moores that formal schooling should be delayed until age 8 or 10... or even as late as 12.

In its 1997 report, "Strengths of Their Own: Home Schoolers Across America," Dr. Ray's NHERI ranked Nevada as one of the 14 most highly-regulated states when it comes to state supervision of home-school parents, defined as states that "require parents to send notification of achievement test scores and/or professional evaluation, plus other requirements, (e.g. curriculum approval by the state. ...)" By comparison, the eight "low

regulation" states—including Idaho, Texas, Illinois and Michigan—have "no state requirement for parents to initiate any contact with the state."

The 9th graders return

In recent surveys, there appears to be a sharp drop in home-schooling at the 9th grade level, which has at least three explanations.

First, many students by that age are anxious to participate in team sports, choir and band, or other extracurricular activities which are harder to duplicate outside a large school system. Science students may also have trouble gaining access to the kind of chemistry labs available in the public schools.

The second most frequently-stated reason why more than 50 percent of 9th grade home-schoolers return to the public schools is that parents may feel "out of their depth" when it comes to teaching their own children calculus, or chemistry and physics—though the home-school support groups do provide a network for locating tutors or specialized video materials.

But finally, there is the fact that a home school student who does not return by 9th grade cannot possibly earn the 22 credits required to receive a public high school diploma (which varies state to state). That means home-schoolers seeking college admission must depend on either the GED and a personalized portfolio of their work, or an alternative diploma from one of the approved correspondence courses—courses that can cost \$400 to \$1,200 per year.

Eliminating racial, income disparities

In general, as the government schools demand more and more tax money but can offer only an endless list of excuses for their collapsing academic and social results, homeschooling seems to be a trend whose time has come. In a Jan. 7 policy paper for the Washington-based Cato Institute, Isabel Lyman—a longtime home-schooling parent and co-director of the Harkness Road High School of Amherst, Mass.—concludes homeschooling has "snowballed into a grassroots revolution" now growing at a rate of 15 to 40 percent per year.

The victory of homeschooled 13-year-old Rebecca Sealton in the 1997 National Spelling Bee brought national attention to a movement which has also produced 15-year-old country singer LeAnn Rimes, Army Specialist Michael New (the decorated U.S. Army medic who was recently court-martialed for refusing to don a United Nations uniform as a matter of principle), and Barnaby Marsh, who after being homeschooled in the Alaskan wilderness went on the graduate Cornell University and become one of the 32 Rhodes Scholars selected in 1996.

The Orlando Sentinel was prompted to run a major feature on home-schooling this winter when home-schooled Orlando 17-year-old Erin Toelcke scored a perfect 1600 on her SATs. Florida home-schoolers have grown by 83 percent in the past five years, to 25,900.

Dr. Ray's research indicates that home-schooling produces test scores averaging in the 80th to 90th percentiles regardless of factors which can affect performance in the public schools. While math achievement of public school students falls from the 63rd percentile for the children of college graduates, to the 40th percentile for the children of high school graduates, to the miserable 28th percentile for the children of parents who never completed high school, that slippage is reduced, among home-schoolers, to a mere five points: Home-schoolers whose parents completed college score

in the 88th percentile, while those whose parents never finished high school still score in the 83rd percentile.

(This result is doubly amazing, given that in the government schools, students of all backgrounds presumably share the same degree, professional teacher, while in home schooling, the high school dropout in question generally is the teacher.)

Similarly, white and minority home-schoolers score in the same 87th percentile in reading, while in the public schools minority students are allowed to slip to the 49th percentile, while white students' average performance places them in the 61st percentile.

With one exception, the biggest differences Dr. Ray's study could find between public-schooled and home-schooled children (other than those test results) lie in the areas of computer use—83 percent of home-schooled students use a computer at home, as opposed to only 26 percent of all American families—and television viewing.

While the most common remaining criticism of home-schooling is a failure to "socialize" children, only 6 percent of home-schooled children watch television or videotapes three or more hours a day. By comparison, among public school students, Dr. Ray found a whopping 62 percent watch television or videotapes more than three hours a day—despite the fact they're supposedly so much better "socialized" to group and team activities.

The single largest difference between home-schooling and public schooling? The public schools turn out an average 50th percentile student at an average cost of \$5,325 per student per year, excluding the capital costs of bonding and building the schools themselves, according to U.S. Department of Education statistics for the 1993-94 school year. Average annual cost to produce an average 85th percentile home-schooled student? \$546... plus the sacrifice of a potential second income, of course, by a family which is still taxed to support government schools it does not use.

'Values' education

"Usually the biggest beef is their social skills, which is a joke," says Carri Benson of the Home School Advisory Council, who homeschools her own children—Jeremy, 15; Logan, 14; and Candice, 12—in a modest white house set amidst the horse properties of Elkhorn Road, in the far north of the Vegas Valley, Nevada. "These kids are very much into scouting, church, gymnastics, they have home-schooling friends. There's nothing socially inept about them."

"In our home school group, we'd get together every week, and it was very interesting to watch our older kids interacting with the 5- and 6-year-olds and the 8-year-olds. There was no age gap. The age gap is created in the schools, not outside. You've got brothers and sisters who can't associate because one is in 5th grade and one is in 3rd grade. Does that make sense? When you go to work, you don't work with all 20-year-olds, or all 60-year-olds."

"If you can get along at home with your own family, you can get away with anyone in the world... If my boys fail, I'm going to have my kids living with me in my golden years. So it's going to behoove me to see that they achieve. Nobody is going to care more for my children than I am. And if I fail it's not only going to reflect on me, but I will pay the price. If the public school fails my child, my child doesn't go to live with that teacher who failed him."

The Bensons' children (Carri's husband is a director of purchasing for a local home-builder) had completed kindergarten, second and third grades, respectively, when she pulled them out of the Nevada public schools seven years ago, after spending a year researching the home-schooling movement.

Benson read John Holt's book "How Children Fail" and remembers thinking, "No, that can't be happening with the curriculum in my school. But I went down and made an appointment with the principal and she showed me the curriculum and it was all there. They keep a journal, which is unconstitutional. Any journal has to be private, they can't be made to read out of it to the class. But every day the teacher would ask a question about their home life, and then they'd write their feelings in their journal. 'How did you feel the last time you were punished?' Well, I don't know any kids who felt ecstatic the last time they were punished. But I did not send my kids to school to have my parenting skills questioned."

"Go into the schools today. You won't see individual desks, they're all in groups. So if there's one who's achieving they all ride on his coattails, and they all look better. Well, I want my kids to be self-sufficient."

"The biggest complaint today is this values teaching. 'How do you feel?' Stuff other than the three R's," agrees Bill Hanlon of the state school board. "She's in her 20s now, but my daughter came home from the third or fourth grade and said if I spanked her that was child abuse and she'd call the police. I laugh now, but I'll tell you, I didn't think it was funny at the time. I was pretty well irked."

(Continued Next Week)

Campaign-finance reform charade

by Walter E. Williams



Last week, the McCain-Feingold bill couldn't muster enough votes to stop a mostly Republican filibuster. The bill would have banned unregulated "soft money" that flows by the millions to national political parties from corporations, labor unions and individuals. Even if the McCain-Feingold measure became law, it wouldn't mean much for Americans because it doesn't address the issue at the heart of campaign contributions.

One doesn't have to be a rocket scientist to discover why corporations and unions fork over millions of dollars to politicians. Politicians are in the position to grant corporations and unions special favors. My colleagues, in the Economics Department at George Mason University, use the unlikely term "rent-seeking" to describe this buying and selling of political favors that add to corporate and union bottom lines.

Rent-seeking abounds. Florida physicians obtain laws making it difficult for physicians from other states to practice there; U.S. automakers obtain quotas and tariffs on Japanese auto imports; dairymen and sugar producers seek to reduce foreign imports of dairy products and sugar; New York dairy producers seek to prevent or reduce New Jersey milk from entering the state; labor unions seek laws banning home work and employment of non-union workers in certain jobs.

What's the motivation behind all this? Again, no rocketry science: Sellers want to restrict the choices of buyers. Doing so allows them to charge higher prices and earn higher profits or wages. Using the legislative powers of Congress and state legislatures is one way to restrict buyer choices. But sellers can also use violence as a means to keep other sellers out of the market. That was Al Capone's tactic and the tactic of today's drug dealers. The difference is solely one of legality.

If Archer-Daniels-Midland's CEO used goons and violence against competitors, he'd risk a jail sentence. He accomplishes the same outcome by paying congressmen to pass restrictive laws. Whether it's goons or congressmen, the bottom-line enforcement mechanism is the same: intimidation, threats and coercion.

How much are unions and corporations willing to pay for special favors? Another easy answer. Say I'm a sugar producer. Restricting Caribbean sugar imports means that I can jack up my sugar prices and maybe earn a million dollars more in profits. Therefore, paying anything under a million dollars to politicians who deliver sugar-import restrictions results in a net gain to me. I can get help in buying off congressmen by going to the union leader at my plant and telling him that import restrictions also benefit sugar-workers through greater employment and higher wages, so do your part.

Some campaign "contributions" are not motivated by a desire to restrict competition. Instead, they are a result of congressional extortion. It's the bad cop-good cop sham. A congressman lets a CEO know there's a bill pending that's going to be very costly to his corporation. It could be environmental or worker-safety regulation, import restrictions, etc. The congressman tells the CEO that a campaign contribution will help him in his efforts to defeat the bill.

As long as we permit congressional extortion and special favors, justified by all manner of nonsense, there are going to be buyers. We Americans might not deserve decent statesmen-like politicians. We all want a special favor that comes at the expense of our fellow citizen, whether it's tax credits for our kids' college education or food stamps. It's only when Americans summon the moral courage to disavow congressional favors will we see an end to shady campaign practices and Washington sleaze.

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Local Government Meetings

Thursday, March 12

• Garza Hospital District board of directors, 7 a.m., in the district dining room.

Tuesday, March 17

• Post ISD board of trustees, 7:30 p.m. at the district administrative offices.

Monday, March 23

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health hints

Germ Warfare

(NAPS)—The cold and flu season can hit businesses and families hard, as people get laid up in bed with some of these symptoms: chills, fever, sneezing, headache, sore throat, hacking cough and chest pains.

According to health experts, there is no specific treatment for the viral infection of the flu, but there are several steps you can take to help yourself get better should you come down with it:



An alcohol-free cough suppressant can make the flu a little more bearable.

- Go to bed as soon as you begin to experience symptoms, and stay there until your temperature returns to normal.

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Military News

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During the deployment, Hill's ship participated in Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf, enforcing U.N. sanctions levied against Iraq after the Gulf War in 1991.

USS Nimitz will begin a 33 month reactor complex overhaul in Norfolk.

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The 1992 graduate of Post High School joined the Navy in April 1995.



New signs, exterior and interior remodeling are about finished at the Post Dairy Queen, expected to reopen this week.



Members of the Post 6797 VFW Ladies Auxiliary shared the annual trip to assist patients at the Big Spring hospital recently. Taking books and personal articles to patients were (left to right) Ruth Wall, Melvis Taylor, JoAnn Stelzer, Chuck Ratliff, Carol Jean Light and Carol Light.

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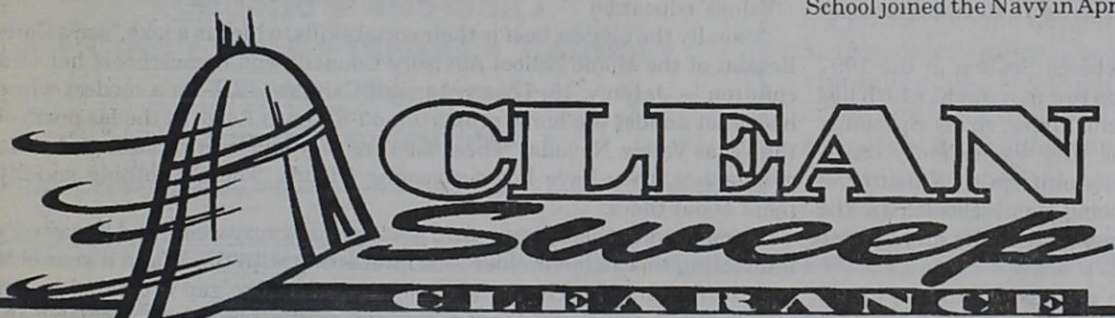
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Obituaries

Elvy Carpenter

Funeral services for Elvy Carpenter, 78 were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 1998 in Highland Hills Baptist Church with Rev. John McKay officiating. Interment followed in Mission Burial Park South under the direction of Mission Park Funeral Chapels South.

She died Wednesday, March 4, 1998 in San Antonio. Elvy was born in Akin on November 11, 1919. She was an active and faithful charter member of Highland Hills Baptist Church. She and her husband Ralph owned and operated R & E Cleaners for over 20 years.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Ralph; one daughter, Darlene Jeffrey and husband Donald; three sons, Gerald and wife Mary Ann, Ronnie and wife Jackie and Dennis and wife Amy; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

L. W. Sapp, Jr.

Funeral services for L. W. Sapp, Jr., 46 of Lubbock were held Monday, March 9, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Arthur Kelly, pastor of Pleasant Home Church officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mr Sapp died March 5, 1998 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He was born October 2, 1951 in Slaton to L.W. and Inez (Finch) Sapp Sr. in Slaton. He married Dorothy Scarlett on December 15, 1984 in Spur. He was a textile worker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy of Lubbock; his mother, Inez Greathouse of Post; three daughters, Ebony Sapp of Lubbock; Tara Hood of Tahoka and Sharla Martin who is in the U.S. Army; one son, Quentin Sapp of Lubbock; three brothers, W.C. Sapp, Lee Greathouse and R.J. Greathouse, all of Post; two sisters, Betty Crawford of Post and Peggy Manuel of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Alton Steele, J.R. Davis, Roy Sheppard, Alvin Taylor, Jesse Taylor and Elgin Taylor.

Paul Simpson

Funeral services for Paul Simpson, 81 of Post were held Wednesday, March 11, 1998 at 3 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Tom Pass, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr Simpson died Monday, March 9, 1998 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born September 24, 1916 in Big Spring to William Frank and Iva Myrtle (Wilcox) Simpson. He came to Garza County with his family to farm northeast of Post. He attended Post Schools and graduated from Post High School. He attended Abilene Christian College. He married Mildred LaHue on December 25, 1938 in Tahoka. He was a veteran of WWII serving with the United States Army. He was a Staff Sergeant with the 129th Tank Destroyer Battalion. After the service he returned to Post to work for Brown Brothers and also operated Merchants Freight Line with his brother, R.L. He retired from contract pumping in 1992. He was a Scout Master for Troop 16 for many years and was a life member of VFW John Miller Post 6796. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he was an elder.

Survivors include: two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Nancy Simpson of Stillwater, Oklahoma and Craig and Patricia Simpson of Lubbock; one daughter, Deborah Simpson of Lubbock; one brother, R.L. Simpson of Post; two grandsons, Matthew and Mark Simpson; longtime friend and companion, Julia Howard of Post.

Pallbearers were Robert Cox, E.J. Robinson, Ricky Little, Hans Hudman, Royce Josey and Timp Browning.

Leola Loney Gilmore

A graveside memorial service for Leola Loney Gilmore, 74 of Ft. Worth was held Monday, March 9, 1998 at 10 a.m. at the Carlsbad Cemetery with Rev. Bob Lewis officiating. Burial was under the direction of West Funeral Home, Inc.

She died on February 28, 1998 at Heritage Estate Nursing Home in Ft. Worth.

She was born on July 7, 1923 to Lonnie L. and Edith C. Fulcher Gremillion in Dallas.

She came to Carlsbad when she was 10 years old and graduated Carlsbad High School in 1942. Mrs Gilmore became an O.B. Tech and Nurse's aide and worked at this for forty years, ten years of this was at Guadalupe Medical Center. She retired in 1986. She was a member of First Baptist Church. Mrs Gilmore married Troy Gilmore who preceded her in death in 1980.

Survivors include: four sons, Dickie J. Means and Dawsie Gremillion, both of Carlsbad; Troy Lee Gilmore of Brownwood and John C. Gilmore; one daughter, Colleen Elderfield of Newport, England; step-mother, Irma Gremillion of Carlsbad; one sister, Irma Phillips of Phoenix, Arizona; nine grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

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Shingles is the common term for the viral illness called Herpes Zoster. It is caused by the chicken pox virus (Varicella). It represents a reactivation of the virus after the initial infective episode. It is more common in people over 50, although may happen at any age.

After the initial exposure the varicella-zoster virus is dormant, deep in the nervous tissue of the body. It is unclear what activates it, but it is believed that stress like states may play a part. These can include illness, trauma or stress related to fatigue.

Symptoms usually start with intense, sharp pain in the area of the out break. This is followed by an area of redness at the location of the pain. Finally, small vesicles (blisters) appear that are filled with clear fluid and have a red base.

The hallmark of the out break is that the blisters are on one side of the body. They do not cross the midline and follow the dermatones which are imaginary lines that form the nerve distribution of the body.

Outbreaks of shingles last from one to two weeks and although uncomfortable usually resolve spontaneously and rarely return. There can, however, be serious complications associated with the virus. A secondary bacterial infection is always possible any time there is a break in the skin. Herpes Keratitis, which is spread of the virus to the eye, is a medical emergency. Postherpetic neuralgia, which is pain at the area of the outbreak after the blisters have healed develops in up to 50% of infected individuals.

If the person is immuno-compromised in any way the virus can spread extensively and cause many problems to almost all the body systems. During the period of active blisters the individual is contagious and can infect others with the chicken pox virus.

There is no cure for shingles, but there are medications that can shorten the length and severity of the outbreak. There are also treatments for the secondary problems associated with the virus. To get maximum benefit from medication, it is important to start treatment as soon as the symptoms present.

Herpes-Zoster is not a disease to be ashamed of. Anyone who has had the chicken-pox is a candidate for shingles. The potential for a secondary problem such as post herpetic neuralgia or potential eye problems makes a visit to your medical provider very important. The sooner the better, if you suspect shingles.
Michael Travis PA-C

Lunch Menus

Trail Blazer

Friday, Mar. 13, 1998
Taco salad/salsa, red beans, cottage cheese w/fruit, tortilla achars, cookies, beverage.

Monday, Mar. 16, 1998
Chicken pot pie, tossed salad w/ Ranch, wheat roll, plums, oatmeal cookies, beverage.

Tuesday, Mar. 17, 1998
Pork roast, potatoes O'Brien, carrots, hot roll, apricots, cake w/ green icing, beverage.

Wednesday, Mar. 18, 1998
Pizza, zucchini and tomatoes, cucumber salad, garlic bread, pear crisp, beverage.

Thursday, Mar. 19, 1998
Beef cubes w/mushroom gravy, creamed potatoes, beets, coleslaw, biscuit, banana, beverage.

Post ISD

Friday, Mar. 13, 1998
Spring Break

Monday, Mar. 16, 1998
Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Fajitas, onions and peppers, salad, refried beans, peaches, milk.

Tuesday, Mar. 17, 1998
Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, ham, fruit, orange juice, milk.
Lunch: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, Jello/w topping, milk.

Wednesday, Mar. 18, 1998
Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Sloppy Joe, pinto beans, slaw, cookie, milk.

Thursday, Mar. 19, 1998
Breakfast: Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Burrito w/sauce, salad, corn, cobbler, milk.

Hedrick honored with birthday party

Mrs Kay Bowman of Lubbock honored her mother, Mrs Paul Hedrick with a "75" Birthday party on Saturday in her home.

Those attending were Mr and Mrs Chester Morris of Post; Mrs Am Grovett of Houston; Mrs Judy Guy of Lubbock; Mr and Mrs Norman Jons of Lubbock; Mrs Myrtle Peel and Mrs Jimmy Byrd, both of Post; Mrs Beth Hooten of Lubbock; Johnny and Rhea James of Plainview; Mr and Mrs Lance Bowman and baby, Ryan of Lubbock.

Those unable to attend were Mr and Mrs Hal Jones Jr. of Jal. N.M.

Southland ISD

Monday, Mar. 16, 1998
Breakfast: Cheese toast, hashbrowns, juice, milk.

Lunch: Pigs-in-a-blanket, French fries, corn, cake, milk.

Tuesday, Mar. 17, 1998
Breakfast: Cream of wheat, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Baked chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, sugar cookies, milk.

Wednesday, Mar. 18, 1998
Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, juice,

milk.
Lunch: Bologna sandwich, chicken noodle soup, carrots, pineapple upside down cake, milk.

Thursday, Mar. 19, 1998
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, bacon, juice, milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

Friday, Mar. 20, 1998
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Pork rib sandwich, potato chips, pickle spear, milk.



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