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Opinion

If food stores operated like hospitals

A Local Column By John F. Fearing

The cost of operating a hospital, even under the non-profit structure of Eagle Lake Community Hospital, is expensive. Government regulation adds paperwork that increases costs, and the filing of Medicare and Medicaid claims is time consuming. The following article was printed in the recent issue of the "Texas Hospital Association Advisory," a bulletin service of the association.

To place the health care cost issue in a broader perspective and to illustrate the effect of regulations and legislation on hospitals, here is a light-hearted commentary originally broadcast by Paul Harvey.

"There is a way to make grocery store prices much higher than they are. As is, food is one of the consumer's best bargains. The cost-of-living would be much higher than it is except for comparatively reasonable food prices.

But there is a way to skyrocket those grocery store prices if you want to. If you want to multiply the prices of everything you buy at the grocery store, here's how:

Subject your grocer to the same regulations under which hospitals are required to operate. That means:

The grocer would have to keep a record of the total number of customers served, broken down by employee.

He would have to record the precise number of minutes each customer was in the store.

The record must show which customers purchased only meat and nothing else, which customers bought both meat and bread.

Separately the grocer's report must state which customers bought meat and milk. Also the number of customers who came in for one item and purchased more than one.

Further, the grocery store is required to give away \$50,000 worth of groceries each year and signs must be posted in the store in three languages telling customers that the store is required to do this. Records must be maintained on all customers and all groceries given away under this plan.

Further, for one half of the customers the store is not allowed to set prices. Government will determine those prices — and if those prices are arbitrarily held down to 'no more than last year's prices' then the store owner must pay his higher expenses by charging higher prices to the other half of his customers.

But for that half, the store cannot collect cash from the customer, but must send a bill to the customer's employer.

Further, the store manager is responsible for

Proposed amendments explained

Almost lost in the flurry of an indicted attorney general, debates over dwindling state revenues, and lawsuits against giant oil companies is the November 3 election, just around the corner.

In what is expected to be an off-year low turnout, voters will either approve or disapprove 11 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

The underlying theme of almost all the amendments is government revenues, either state or local, and

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 By Lyndell Williams
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 Deed, Carl Albert Milents et al to Veterans Land Board, 10 acres, Samuel M. Williams Survey, 10-3-83
 Deed, Veterans Land Board to Donald Loesch, 10 acres, Samuel M. Williams Survey, 10-26-83
 Deed, Carl F. Gulley Associates Inc. to Carl F. Gulley, 675.73 acres, Colorado County, 7-15-83
 Deed, Carl F. Gulley to Rio Segal Venture Partners, 675.73 acres, Colorado County, 7-15-83
 Deed, Rio Segal Venture Partners to Colorado Oaks Enterprises Inc., 675.73 acres, Colorado County, 7-15-83
 Deed, Bobby Joe Marshall et al to Billy Wayne McCage et al, lot 20 block 38, Town of Lissie, 9-30-83
 Deed, Sam H. Turner to Robert Lloyd Turner et al, ¼ acre, H. Austin Five League Survey, 8-31-83
 Deed, John M. Zwiagel et al to Zbrank Brothers, lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 9-30-83
 40, 41, 42, 43, & 44, French & Frazer Subdivision, 10-3-83
 Deed, Artis Young to Carrie Young et al undivided interest to-wit, 2.145 acres, H. Austin Five League, 6-83
 Deed, Leonard F. Bartos to James H. Boyd, 50 acres, John Dabney League, 10-11-83
 Gift deed, Bruce W. Waddell et ux to James M. Waddell, 5.68 acres, James Earl Survey, 10-10-83
 Gift deed, Ezella Ward to Dorothy Adams undivided interest, parcel of land in J. Bowie League, 8-29-83
 Deed, James E. Yearwood et ux to Terrence Sablatius, 5 acres, James Cummins Survey, 9-27-83
 Deed, Larry W. Messersmith et ux to Lar-Wan Incorporated, 26.626 acres, John Andrews Survey et al, 9-27-83
 Deed, William S. Cochran III to Dallas E. Gordon, 20 acres, Sandy Creek Development, 10-6-83
 Deed, Guy R. Botard et ux to Raymond L. Roeh, lot 17 block 29, Sheridan, 9-27-83
 Deed, J. E. Ryno et ux to Veterans Land Board, 25 acres, Ludwig Lindstrand Survey, 9-13-83
 Deed, Veterans Land Board to Charles W. Dawson, 25 acres, Ludwig Lindstrand Survey, 9-13-83
 Special Deed, Robert Gordon Ware Ind. Executor of Estate of Mabel Ware Deceased to Duane R. Austin et ux, 0.1996 acre, P. Reels Survey, 10-13-83
OIL GAS LEASES
 Herman L. Brownson to Ashland Exploration Inc., 183 acres, B. S. & F. Survey, 8-2-83
 James W. Brownson to Ashland Exploration Inc., 183 acres, B. S. & F. Survey, 8-2-83
 Richard Bates Brownson to Ashland Exploration Inc., 183 acres, B. S. & F. Survey, 8-2-83
 Neva Lou Hubenak to Ashland Exploration Inc., 80 acres, B. S. & F. Survey, 8-2-83
 Jack K. Hudson et al to Ashland Exploration Inc., 183 acres, B. S. & F. Survey, 8-2-83
 James Douglas Kalina to Ashland Exploration Inc., 80 acres, B. S. & F. Survey, 8-2-83
 Mattie Caldwell Mikesa to Ashland Exploration Inc., 80 acres, B. S. & F. Survey, 8-2-83
 Jim Ella Milligan to Ashland Exploration Inc., 80 acres, B. S. & F. Survey, 8-2-83
 Jonica C. Perry et al to Ashland Exploration Inc., 183 acres, B. S. & F. Survey, 8-2-83
 August K. Richter to Ashland Exploration Inc., 80 acres, B. S. & F. Survey, 8-2-83
 Bette Bernice Segler et vir to Haber Oil Co., 275.75 acres, John L. Whiteman Survey, 8-30-83
 Norma Ruth S. Barrow to Haber Oil Co., 213.28 acres, John L. Whiteman Survey, 8-30-83
 Rosanna Struss Ueckert et vir to Haber Oil Co., 197.56 acres, John L. Whiteman Survey, 8-30-83
 Robert A. Prihoda et ux to Randal R. Evans, 85 acres, James Miles Survey, 6-15-83
 Herman Weiss et al to Randal R. Evans, 170.7 acres, John Andrews Survey, 6-17-83
 Herman Weiss Jr. et ux to Randal R. Evans, 174.147 acres, John Andrews Survey, 6-23-83
 Ellis Rudy to Hamman Oil & Refining Co., 207 acres, George Singleton Survey, 9-6-83
 William Alfred Flourney et al to Jones Exploration Co., 133.17 acres, B. W. Hopson Survey, 6-16-83
 G N RR Co. Survey No. 67, 9-21-83
 Gus F. Obenhaus Jr. to Getty Oil Co., 98.4 acres, James Nelson Survey et al, 9-6-83
 Reginald Taylor to Getty Oil Co., 20 acres, Central Harvey Morey Survey, 9-14-83
 Gus F. Obenhaus Jr. to Getty Oil Co., 321 acres, John Hadden League, 9-6-83
 Harry Corlias et ux to Roger A. Soape, 97.59 acres, Samuel Kennelly Survey, 9-23-83
 A. A. Marik to George D. Artus III, 50 acres, John Dunlavy Survey, 9-23-83
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Sheriff's Report

The hunting season is approaching again and the possibility of having your guns stolen from vehicles will increase. We urge everyone to take precautions to prevent these thefts. If possible, lock your weapons in gun racks. If this is not possible, make certain all doors to your vehicle is locked when not attended. Above all, make sure you have the serial numbers recorded on your weapons in the event they become stolen or lost.

10-17-83: Worked school traffic in the morning and the afternoon. Checked on a disturbance in Alleyton. Issued 10 traffic citations and served six civil citations.

10-18-83: Checked on an attempted burglary in Garwood. Assisted at the scene of an accident near Altair. Worked school traffic in the morning and the afternoon. Had JP Court in the A.M. Issued 13 traffic citations and served seven civil citations.

10-19-83: Assisted the Columbus Police at the scene of an accident. Checked on a disturbance near Garwood. Checked on a disturbance west of Columbus. Checked on a prowler east of Columbus.

10-23-83: Assisted at the scene of an inquest in Alleyton. Checked on a suspicious subjects on 71 South. Investigated a reported burglary near Rock Island. Issued four traffic citations.

On October 22 at 10:35 a.m., Roscoe Johnson of Victoria, reported to the Sheriff's Department of a break-in at the Cedar Post Ranch, west of Garwood. Entry was gained to a mobile home by breaking the glass on the front door and reaching inside and unhooking the door.

Taken was a kitchen table, two wooden benches, a black and white television set, three lamps with shades, a night stand and an AM/FM alarm clock/radio. The Sheriff's officers are investigating a lead in the case at this time.

Sorority donates shirts

Alpha Delta Phi has given these t-shirts for newborns to Eagle Lake Community Hospital as a service project. Jack Harrell, left, hospital administrator, accepts the shirts from Jaclyn Ashby, service chairman, and Vicki Powers, sorority president. Each baby born at the hospital will be given a shirt.

By Mrs. J.F. Strusk
Garwood and Nada Community News
 Call 758-3352

Congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smidove who celebrated their second wedding anniversary recently.

The October 4 meeting of the Alpha Sigma Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was held at the American Rice growers office with Betty Schirring as hostess. Final arrangements for the Fair were made. The sorority will be selling balloons and operating a fish grab bag booth.

The club is also sponsoring Melina Engstrom as its representative in the Fair.

The Fair of the Fair Contest, Kim Cranek presented an interesting program on chlopien Christmas decorations.

Visiting the Lester Craneks last Sunday evening was Les Cranek and children, Kelly, Kara, and Kristofer of Louise, Mr. and Mrs. David Wright of Seguin visited relatives in Garwood and attended the Fair.

Mrs. Ella Struka left for Houston last Monday morning with Dana to attend a shower honoring Melanie Jablonsky, bride-elect of Jack Struka.

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