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Question about lawyers' mental health ruled legal

The Texas Board of Law Examiners did not break the law by asking prospective lawyers about their mental health histories, said U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks last week in a 25-page ruling.

Sparks said the board would be "derelict in its duties" if it didn't ask question, according to a report in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Three applicants sued the board last year under the Americans With Disabilities Act, which went into effect in 1992.

Sparks' ruling, which drew national attention, is the first by a federal judge that such questions do not violate the disabilities act, said plaintiffs' lawyer Deborah Hiser, who pointed out that similar questions were ordered stricken from applications by Florida, Minnesota and New Jersey courts.

Chips, Checks for Congressmen
Investigators have confiscated

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

In a copyright story, the *Houston Post* said that it had documents relating to the federal investigation of Democratic Reps. Greg Laughlin of West Columbia, Bill Sarpalis of Amarillo, Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs and former Rep. Albert Bustamante of San Antonio, suggesting that:

• Each received a \$2,500 check for attending a 1989 convention in Las Vegas hosted by Sherwood president

Leslie Alfred Taber, although each reported receiving \$2,000, then the congressional honorarium limit.

• Each received more than \$1,000 worth of gambling chips at the convention but never reported it.

• Laughlin, Sarpalis and Phil Duncan, Sarpalis top assistant, paid less than full price on their moves by Sherwood from Texas to Washington D.C.

Taber was indicted by a San Antonio federal grand jury last month for allegedly illegally giving \$1,000 in Sherwood corporate funds to the four previously mentioned congressmen and five other Democratic House members.

According to the *Post*, one undisputed issue relating to the investigation is that Sherwood moved Laughlin, Sarpalis and Duncan from Texas to Washington.

Report Criticizes Racing Panel
The Texas Racing Commission will have only six years to get its act together, instead of the usual 12, if the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission accepts the recommendation made in a Sunset staff report.

The staff said the racing commission has failed to adequately monitor construction of the pari-mutuel horse and dog tracks, and has been reluctant to punish violators of racing commission rules.

If the Legislature fails to pass a bill continuing the agency after its sunset review, the agency will be dissolved. The Sunset Advisory Commission will consider staff recommendations at an Oct. 21 meeting.

BB: Health Issue a Low Blow

Republican nominee Tex Lizar is raising questions about Lt. Governor Bob Bullock's health, and has said voters have a right to know if the incumbent Democrat is "physically incapacitated."

Bullock, who underwent heart-bypass surgery in Sept., criticized Lizar's attempts to make his health an

issue. "I thought it was a low blow and a sorry kind of campaign tactic to use," Bullock told *The Dallas Morning News*.

Bullock said his doctors have assured him that he is on schedule to ward recovery, and that he plans to resume campaigning the first week of Nov.

Survey Colors Texans 'Green'

A random telephone survey of 400 Texans shows that 80% of those surveyed agreed that there is a "moral obligation to future generations to protect the diversity of wildlife from pollution and extinction."

The poll, commissioned by Public Citizen and conducted by Bannan Research of Washington, D.C., has a margin of error of plus or minus five percentage points.

Commenting on the poll, Tom Smith of Public Citizen told the Associated Press, "...Despite what a small group led by land speculators are saying, an overwhelming number of Texans want to preserve our natural heritage."

The poll was conducted when a property rights movement surged as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service considered designating 800,000 acres in parts of 33 Texas counties as habitat for the endangered golden-cheeked warbler. The federal agency aborted the consideration upon the request of Gov. Ann Richards.

Other Highlights

• Nine corrections employees were suspended last week after an inmate died and two others were injured in disturbances at the Terrell prison near Livingston. Unauthorized and excessive use of force may have been used by employees during inmates' attempts to overpower guards, said Andy Collins, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

• The Texas Department of Agriculture plans to sponsor a Tex-Mex menu at a Euro Disney hotel restaurant. The promotion at La Cantina in the Santa Fe Hotel began Oct. 13 and runs through the end of the month.

Let's Look Back...
24 & 48 YEARS AGO

February 19, 1970

Richard Williams, Garwood FFA, exhibited the grand champion calf at the Garwood FFA Show and Sale last Saturday... City Secretary Lucille Perry announced Elmer A. Struss has filed for mayor and Lester E. Evers filed for a second council term...

Rev. Raymond Woodruff reports that First Baptist Church had donated \$1,000 to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital fund... W.L. Farris and Weldon Briscoe have filed for reelection to the Rice school board...

1970 Trail Ride Sweetheart Sheila Schneider, 69-70 Chapter Sweetheart

Sharon Crane and 68-69 Chapter Sweetheart Cathy Kallina helped in the Garwood FFA Show last week...

Major Robert Zbrank sent back pictures of the Korean orphans receiving Christmas presents sent from Eagle Lake...

Carol Jo Mendell of Garwood and Chester Rasmussen Jr. of El Campo are to wed in April... Texas Concrete Silo Company was saluted in a special section of *The Headlight* this week... John Franks of Rock Island passed away Feb. 12...

Last rites were held for Sister Pinkie Jimmerson at Greater Union Baptist Church in Mathews on Feb. (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

Political announcement...

Jim Deats, GOP candidate for congress to visit area

Jim Deats is the Republican candidate for the 14th Congressional District. He will be introduced to area citizens at a banquet Wednesday, Oct. 26, in Wharton.

Texas Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson will be the keynote speaker for the evening. An oil and gas entrepreneur from Midland, he is a dynamic speaker representing the powerful regulatory agency for oil, gas and trucking industries.

Dr. Frank Mann of Wharton announces the four-county reception and banquet in support of the Jim Deats campaign. Those counties include Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda and Wharton. This event will help introduce Deats to voters and raise funds to boost his campaign.

Dr. and Mrs. Mann will host the reception in their home on Old Lane City Road in Wharton at 6 p.m. Wednesday with the banquet to follow in the Wharton Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to both events. Admission for the reception is \$50 and for the banquet tickets are \$15. Student tickets are \$8. Reserved tables for eight are also available.

Deats, a fifth generation Texan, has a wealth of real world business experience. He graduated from Texas A&I University with a degree in business and has worked in the computer service division of Texaco, Inc. and USAA.

In 1981, Deats formed his own general contracting company for residential construction. In 1982, he formed an environmental services company at the request of Diamond Shamrock Inc. Within 24 months, Petrochemical Environmental Services was operating across Texas. Deats returned to his ranching business in 1990. He and his wife, Gail, now own and operate the High Point Ranch in Blanco County.

Jim and Gail Deats have been married over 18 years and have a 13 year old daughter, Taylor, and 11 year old son, Jacob.

(See Deats, Page 6)

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
WOMEN VERSUS SHOES

Most foot patients today are women. Women's feet are not genetically defective or more easily damaged than men's, but they are more tortured when it comes to what they are forced to wear. A survey of 356 women by the American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society found that 88 percent wore shoes at least one size too small. Nearly the same number complained of chronic sore feet and other problems such as calluses, hammer toes, bunions, and corns. The size discrepancy was most often found in the width rather than length of shoe. While most of the women said they wore B width shoes, they actually measured a C width. Foot specialists recommend shopping for shoes near the end of the day, when feet are slightly swollen; buying shoes with low, wide heels; and looking for insole padding in the heel and toe box.

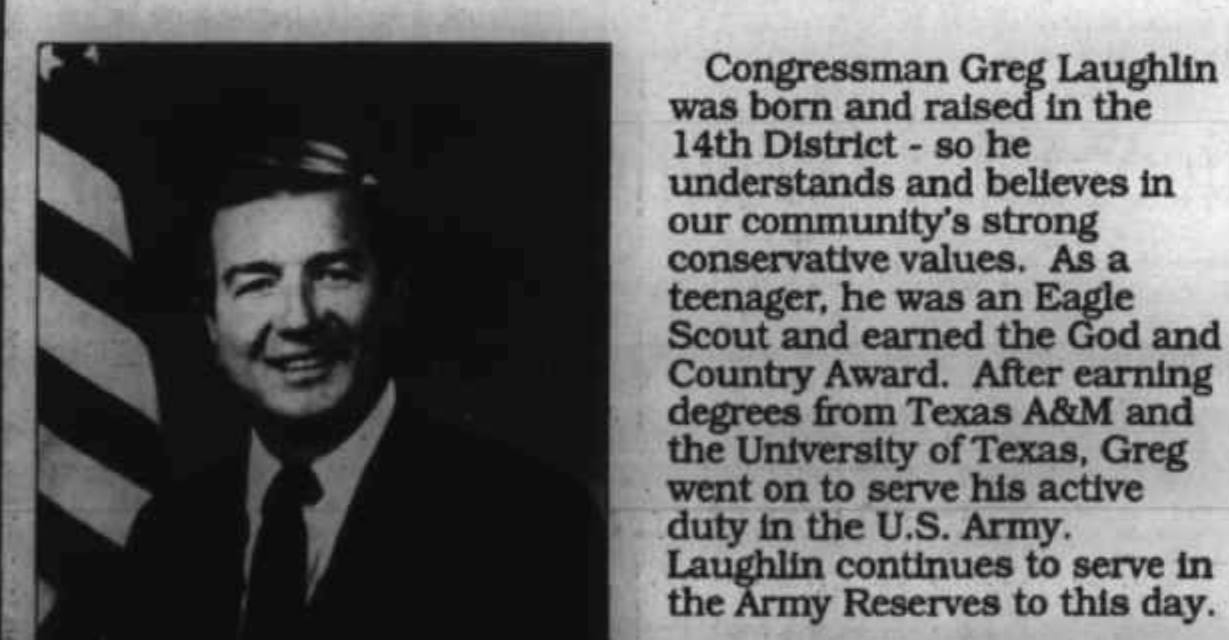
We are just as concerned about the reason for your discomfort as we are about the problem itself. This is because we'd rather prevent a problem from recurring than have you suffer with it. Whether your foot problem is shoe-related, hereditary, or caused by injury, disease or deformity, we invite you to consult with us at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Call us at 234-5571 to arrange an appointment for friendly, compassionate foot care for everyone in your family. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

P.S. Never, never let a salesperson convince you that a shoe that pinches will feel better after you break it in.

LAUGHLIN

★★★ U.S. CONGRESS ★★★

Congressman Greg Laughlin was born and raised in the 14th District - so he understands and believes in our community's strong conservative values. As a teenager, he was an Eagle Scout and earned the God and Country Award. After earning degrees from Texas A&M and the University of Texas, Greg went on to serve his active duty in the U.S. Army. Laughlin continues to serve in the Army Reserves to this day.



After his active Army duty, Greg Laughlin served Texas as an Assistant District Attorney, prosecuting criminals and putting them behind bars.

Congressman Greg Laughlin on the issues:

- Co-sponsored a Balance Federal Budget Amendment
- Co-sponsor of the Private Property Act of 1991
- Original co-sponsor of the Private Property Owners Bill of Rights of 1994
- Endorsed by Texas Farm Bureau

Laughlin is a fiscal conservative with a businessman's values. Protecting tax payer dollars is a precept of Greg Laughlin. He has kept his own office spending among the lowest of Texas Congressmen while providing responsible service to the people of the district.

Greg and his wife Ginger have two children, Mary and Brad. They are lifelong members of the West Columbia United Methodist Church.

Paid for by Greg Laughlin Campaign, Everett Kennamer, Treasurer, P.O. Box 2483, Victoria, TX 77902

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About Town...



"The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce and the community send thanks to Sunny Gerson for donning her umbrella this weekend to represent our community as Miss Eagle Lake in the Fayette Chamber of Commerce parade for the Lick-Skillet Days. The local float brought home the second place ribbon for the event in spite of the rains.

"If you have been looking up at the dark rain filled sky this past week, you have probably seen more than just clouds. The fall flight of geese is coming in and they make a beautiful sight with their vees in the sky.

"Hunting season is less than three weeks away, beginning Nov. 5. The *Headlight's* annual Hunting Guide will be published in the Thursday, Nov. 3, issue. Be sure to get your ads and hunting news in by Monday, Oct. 24, for that special issue.

"The Troy Noska family has recently purchased the J.W. Shaver ranch west of Eagle Lake. Noska commented that J.W. kept the ranch in mint condition. The family plans to build their new home on the ranch in the near future.

"Congratulations are in order for Bill Appelt and his new bride, Jean McDonald. They were married last Thursday in Hallettsville.

"Eagle Lake got a boost in the latest edition of *Houston Life* magazine in Sunday's *Houston Post*. Our town was listed among the places to look for "affordable dream" weekend homes... the Farris 1912 was also mentioned.

"To the "Sandy Creek Sage"... where are the moving parts? Sure, there's a hook, but no bait!

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More of the items offered at the Study Club Auction coming up Saturday at the Community Center



A crystal bowl by Mikasa donated by Louise Brunner, is displayed on a pastel placemat with coordinating napkin, one of the set of six placemat and napkins designed and donated by Mary Ballew and Ethel Cone. Also on the block will be this sunflower straw hat hanging donated by Brenda Corman and a one pound bag of wildflower seeds from Wildseed Farms.



Les and Mary Jo Evers donated this ladies Seiko watch to be auctioned Saturday. Librarian Charlene Rodgers tries on the watch as she looks over a few of the 10 books on tape donated by Rollin and Mary Baker. The tapes promise a suspense lover's delight. The Bakers also donated the Indian design apron with matching dish towel.



Trafco Inc. has donated an elegant 16x20 portrait, unframed, with sitting by Imperial Portrait for the Study Club to auction at their fund-raiser Saturday night. Owners Lesley Matthews, Lonnie Daley and Linda Daley, admire a sample of the portrait as well as other donations. Matthews holds two necklaces made of church bulletin beads by Laura Matthews while Linda Daley shows off a cream acrylic knit pillow donated by Catherine Clipson.



A Christian tone for the Study Club auction is set by this Precious Moments Children's Bible donated by Mary Lou Symanski. With it are a goldtone cross, wall plaques and porcelain figurine of Moses donated by Jimmie and Helen Hotz for the silent auction Saturday night. The little Jean pocket notepad and holder in front was made and donated by Peggy Byrn.

Headlight Photos By Susie Jackson

15th Annual Eagle Lake Study Club AUCTION

This Saturday

Silent Auction & Stew Supper Begin at 5 p.m.

Main Auction Begins at 7 p.m.

Joe Herbert McCreary, Auctioneer

Eagle Lake Community Center

Proceeds to benefit the Eula & David Wintermann Library

Main Auction Items...

1. Dog or Cat Grooming donated by Lynn Ellis.
2. Four 1995 Houston Astros Tickets donated by Mary Lou & Arthur Anderson and Becky & Mark Anderson.
3. "Turkey" Welcome Sign donated by Nellie & Walter Fmk.
4. One Hour Limousine Service donated by Austin's Limousine Service, Duane Austin.
5. One-half Page Ad donated by Eagle Lake Headlight.
6. Boneless Buffet Ham donated by Austin's Barbecue & Catering, Denise & Ron Janov.
7. Dinner for Four donated by The Barn Restaurant, John Perry.
8. Homemade Doll by Barbara Davidson.
9. Fishing Trip to Port O'Connor for Four donated by Clifton Tyler.
10. Dinner for Ten with Wine in the Pink Parlour (must be used during 94-95 Goose Season) donated by The Farris 1912, Helyn & Bill Farris.
11. 16" x 20" Imperial Portrait by Linda (valid until April 22, 1995; not framed) donated by Trafco Industries, Inc., Lesley Matthews & Lonnie Daley.
12. Mammogram donated by Eagle Lake Community Hospital.
13. Handmade Rocking Horse donated by Delbert's Wood Shop, Delbert Castleman.
14. Series of Shots plus worming for dog donated by Potter Veterinary Clinic, Columbus.
15. Four Place Mats & Four Napkins donated by Ethel Cone & Mary Ballew.
- Door Prize: 10-12 Lb. Turkey donated by Wilcox Foods IGA.
16. Cocktails & Gourmet Dinner for 8 with wines donated by Elfe & Ray Thomas, Robin & Russell Thomas.
17. Baby Quilt donated by Fair & Robert Wells.
18. Nolan Ryan Autographed Baseball donated by Betty & Bob Wilcox.
19. Four 1995 Houston Astros Tickets donated by Becky & Mark Anderson, Mary Lou & Arthur Anderson.
20. Homemade Rug from Mexico donated by Marian & George Burke.
21. Seiko Watch donated by K-D Jewelers, Mary Lou & Les Evers.
22. Knitted Pillow (off white) donated by Catherine Clipson.
23. Dental Exam, Cleaning and X-Rays donated by John Myres, DDS.
24. Rocking Chair donated by The Furniture Shoppe, Joyce & Melvin Stancik.
25. Facial, Manicure & Pedicure donated by The Diplomat, Wanda Rosario, owner.
26. Large Black Amish Tote with quilted inset donated by Virginia Reed.
27. Decorated Ladies Jacket donated by Eagle Trailer Parts, Connie & Willard Lange.
28. Coolant System Flush & New Coolant donated by J&L Automotive, John & Lisa Delgado.
- Door Prize: 10-12 Lb. Turkey donated by Wilcox Foods IGA.
29. "Hat" Decorated Hanging donated by Brenda Corman.
30. Quilted Vest made by Connie Lange donated by Xi Psi Psi Sorority.
31. Divinity on Decorated Plate donated by Gifts of Distinction, Liz Waddell.
32. Bridge Luncheon for 20 donated by Wednesday Bridge Club.
33. Amish Baby Quilt, white with blue hearts, donated by Virginia Reed.
34. Morning Duck & Goose Hunt for four (does not include food, lodging or picking) donated by Jimmy Reel Hunting Club, Bill Appelt.
35. Four Front Row Tickets for the 1995 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo donated by Judi & Jack Johnson.
36. Woven Cotton Afghan with flying ducks donated by Fair & Robert Wells.
37. Quartz Desk Clock with engraved brass plaque, if desired, donated by Laker Printing & Trophies, Jonna & Wayne Bowen.
38. "Dahlia" Quilt, queen size, donated by Canaris Nursery, Janette & Pete Canaris.
39. Dinner for 4 at Carrabba's, Sugarland, Hwy. 59 at Hwy. 6, donated by Carrabba's Restaurant, Michael Reitzlaff, managing partner.
40. Crocheted Afghan donated by Roxie Tigere.
41. Large Fall Door or Wall Hanging donated by Margi Harrison.
- Door Prize: 10-12 Lb. Turkey donated by Wilcox Foods IGA.
42. Thanksgiving Table Bouquet, Christmas Poinsettia & Easter Lily donated by Lake Crest Flowers, Pansy Poole, owner.
43. Amish Navy Tote, medium, with quilted inset, donated by Virginia Reed.
44. Delco DE610 Cellular Phone (must purchase GTE Mobinet activation through Lake Motors) donated by Lake Motors, Inc., Tom Reed, President.
45. Wreath by Penny Henske donated by Alpha Delta Phi Sorority.
46. Sitting Angel with Wreath donated by Terri Clippson.
47. Long-sleeved Black Shirt painted in Southwest theme, donated by Debbie Christ.
48. Large Fall Grapevine Wreath with Scarecrow Figure donated by This Old House, Judy & Harvey Cooper.
49. Complete Ultra Seal Kit donated by Lake Motors, Inc., Tom Reed, President.
50. Two-Burner Gas Cookstove donated by Johnny's Sport Shop, Mike Grigar.
51. Amish Baby Quilt, Bear's Paw Pattern, donated by Virginia Reed.
52. Divinity on Decorated Plate donated by Gifts of Distinction, Liz Waddell.
- Door Prize: 10-12 Lb. Turkey donated by Wilcox Foods IGA.

Silent Auction Items...

1. Reversible Patchwork Vest (small) donated by Betty Wilcox.
2. Dog or Cat Grooming donated by Lynn Ellis.
3. Handmade Tissue Holder #1 donated by Mary Ballew.
4. Handmade Tissue Holder #2 donated by Mary Ballew.
5. Handmade Tissue Holder #3 donated by Mary Ballew.
6. Handmade Tissue Holder #4 donated by Mary Ballew.
7. Handmade Tissue Holder #5 donated by Mary Ballew.
8. 3 Gallons of Blue Bell Ice Cream donated by Dairy Delite, Loraine & TJ Smith.
9. "Open Window" Wood Shop donated by Virginia Reed.
10. Squirrel Feeder - two seater donated by Frank Broesche.
11. Cookbook: The Best of Food and Wine donated by Betty & Bob Wilcox.
12. "Gift" Ice Bucket & 4 Glasses donated by Prairie Edge Thrift Shop.
13. Video Certificate donated by Videos-2-Go.
14. Dinner for 2 donated by Blue Plate Cafe, Rene Al-Osadi, owner.
15. Dinner for 2 donated by Blue Plate Cafe, Rene Al-Osadi, owner.
16. Fragrant Hot Dish Mat donated by Betty & Bob Wilcox.
17. \$15.00 Gift Certificate donated by aR Grocery.
18. Tool Box donated by Lake Lumber.
19. Eight Christmas Napkins & Tree Rings donated by Ethel Cone & Mary Ballew.
20. "Open Window" Wooden Physician's Office donated by Virginia Reed.
21. One 1 lb. Package of Wildseed Mix donated by Wildseed Farms, Inc., Marilyn & John Thomas.
22. Wooden Picture Frame donated by Creative Expressions, Michelle Isenbower.
23. Cosmetic Case (large) donated by Creative Expressions, Michelle Isenbower.
24. Cosmetic Case (medium) donated by Creative Expressions, Michelle Isenbower.
25. Cosmetic Case with Brushes donated by Creative Expressions, Michelle Isenbower.
26. Video Certificate donated by Videos-2-Go.
27. Video Certificate donated by Videos-2-Go.
28. Mikasa Crystal Bowl donated by Louise Brunner.
29. Amish Tote (medium, black, with quilted inset) donated by Virginia Reed.
30. "Open Window" Wooden Church donated by Virginia Reed.
31. Decorated Sweatshirt (large) donated by Peggy Byrn.
32. Crocheted Hangers donated by Orlean & F.W. Leier.
33. Book on Tape #1 donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
34. Book on Tape #2 donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
35. Book on Tape #3 donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
36. Book on Tape #4 donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
37. Book on Tape #5 donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
38. Book on Tape #6 donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
39. Book on Tape #7 donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
40. Book on Tape #8 donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
41. Book on Tape #9 donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
42. Book on Tape #10 donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
43. Apron & Hand Towel donated by Mary & Rollin Baker.
44. Magnetic Denim Pocket for Pens donated by Peggy Byrn.
45. Church Bulletin Bead Necklace (blue) donated by Laura Matthews.
46. Church Bulletin Bead Necklace donated by Laura Matthews.
47. Blue Jean Apron Amie's Catering, Annie Broesche.
48. Blue Jean Apron Amie's Catering, Annie Broesche.
49. Precious Moments Children's Bible Mary Lou Symanski.
50. Crown Jimmie & Helen Hotz.
51. Plaque #1 Jimmie & Helen Hotz.
52. Plaque #2 Jimmie & Helen Hotz.
53. Statue of Moses Jimmie & Helen Hotz.
54. Crocheted Hangers Orlean & F.W. Leier.