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## To THE EDITOR & YOU

### 'Ignorance and intelligence are mortal enemies'

If a man is ignorant, and surrounds himself with ignorant people, and an intelligent man comes to him with the solution to his problems, he will think the intelligent man is crazy, because he surrounds himself with ignorance... that is all he knows.

Now, if a man is intelligent, he will surround himself with intelligent

people and if an ignorant man comes to him, he recognizes the man is ignorant, so helps him with his problem.

If he cannot find the solution to the problem, he has a multitude of resources from which he can attain the information.

Submitted by  
The Evolution Center

## Bible Verse of the Week

"For in Him we live, and move, and have our being." — Acts 17:28

Submitted by  
Neddy Phillips



## Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist  
WEARING HIGH HEELS

High heels are often blamed for a variety of foot ailments, including corns and calluses, pinched nerves (neuromas), Achilles tendon pain, and a burning sensation on the soles of the feet. While daily wear of high heels will almost always lead to problems, alternating high heels with shoes that have a one-inch heel may help prevent pain. An aching Achilles tendon can develop from excessive high heel use, since high heels shorten the muscles in the legs and heels. If muscles are chronically shortened, restricted mobility and shooting pains in the foot and ankle may be experienced. Elevation and ice combined with switching shoes can help alleviate mild heel pain. If pain is severe, see a podiatrist for treatment.

Switching shoes may not always be the best solution to correcting foot problems, but wearing appropriate foot wear can prevent some problems from ever happening or alleviate others from continuing. As your foot care specialist, we can diagnose and recommend a course of treatment that may include a change in footwear, regular general care, medications, physical therapy, orthotics, and surgery. If your feet are tired of ill-fitting shoes, or if you're just tired of feet that hurt, we welcome your call at 234-5571, at Rice Medical Center. I am there every Tuesday.

P.S. Avoid switching between high heels and flats, as this can shock the Achilles tendon and trigger more pain.

## Texas now second most populated state

Our children and grandchildren may be saddled someday with a Texas brag that will cut into their elbow-room.

Texas could be the most populous state in the nation by 2065, the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank reports in the latest edition of its publication Southwest Economics.

That would mean more people in Texas than California, the current largest state in population.

Texas' 3.9 million population growth in the 1990s pushed it past New York as the second most populated state in the country.

While being No. 1 in population is down the road, here's an interesting piece of reality: Of the state's 254 counties, 61 of them have six or fewer residents per square mile.

In the 19th century, that low of a population density fit the federal definition of a frontier area.

### Spelling police bust TxDOT

Given the unusual traffic congestion, most motorists driving south on I-35 in downtown Austin have other things on their mind than spelling.

But an observant motorist recently spotted a spelling boo-boo that resulted in some red faces in the nearby headquarters of the state agency charged with maintaining and improving the movement of people and goods in Texas.

Approaching the 11th Street exit, the exit someone would take if they were going to work at Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) main office, a driver noted that the large white letters on the large green sign said "Capital Exit".

For most people that sign probably made perfect sense, but if they took it literally, it would mean that the exit led to the very seat of Texas government, not the building from which that government is run.

Certainly not a capital offense, but the sign was wrong. The large pink



## State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox  
Texas Press Association

granite building at the head of Congress Avenue is the "capitol." Austin is the "capital" of the state.

Apprised of the spelling error, TxDOT changed the "a" on the sign to "o."

While the agency declined to name the engineer whose watch the spelling mistake occurred on, a spokesman did say that steps would be

taken to make sure the agency's employees took more pains with their spelling in the future.

### Dove bag limits changed

For the first time in years, the Parks and Wildlife Commission has changed the bag limit for mourning dove in two of the state's three hunting zones.

The central and south hunting zones will have a 12-bird bag limit, down from a 15-bird limit last season. But the hunting season in these two zones has been extended from 60 to 70 days.

The bag limit for the north zones remains at 15 birds, and the season

stays at 60 days.

The zones are separated by Interstate 30, 20 and 10. Best bet is to make sure you know what zone you're in before you start shooting. If you have any doubt, check the Parks and Wildlife website at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us).

Not knowing the correct bag limit can be costly. Fines for having too many birds range from \$25 to \$500, plus a restitution fee per bird that varies from \$25 to \$50.

Last year nearly 400,000 Texas dove hunters spent 1.2 million days in the field, taking an estimated 4.5 million birds.

## Let's Look Back...

## 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Sept. 1, 1977

Relatives and friends learned with great sadness of the death of William M. Thomas Sr. long time resident of this area and a prominent rice farmer and rancher. He passed away Aug. 23 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

The Rice High School Raider varsity unit will open its 1977 against Columbus. Members of the squad include Michael Thomas, Preston Jenkins, Lenard Sims, Carl Kruse, Larry Munoz, Michael Cotton, Keith Sommerlatte, James Perry, Clayton Smith, James Moore, Kenneth Danklefs, Jack Mann, John Grammer, Bryan Johnson, Arthur Rhodes, Lonnie Bluntson, David Guy, Gregory Bubela, Russell Scott, Clarence Davis, Madison Smith, Lewis Tillman, David Henderson and Gerald Hurd.

A pretty quintet, which includes Lori Mahalic, Kathleen Hamilton, Sharon Hoffman, Carolyn Pavlu and Zina Zbrank, will lead the Rice High School Band its performances in 1977-78...

Didner Hall was the setting for a lovely miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Mellicene Klump on Aug. 29. Miss Klump and Dave Kucherka will exchange wedding vows Sept. 3...

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church was the scene for a beautiful evening service uniting in marriage Miss Agnes Hengst and Edward Lester Lee on Aug. 20...

The University of Texas named 1,027 students to the 1977 spring semester honor roll in the College of Business Administration. The list included students from this area: Stephen Ashorn and Diane Brooks of Columbus; Eric Otto of East Bernard; and Carl Kallina of Garwood...

Funeral services for Rev. Coby Shorter Sr., 79, were held Aug. 20 from Sandridge Baptist Church...

Many relatives and friends gathered at the Eagle Lake Community Center Aug. 21 to extend congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. S.J. Williams on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary...

Hairdressers from Eagle Lake attended Zoto's Fall of 1977 Hair Surgeon Designer Seminar in Austin Aug. 28. Those attending were Jackie Laake, Inez Matura, Bea Mota, Debbie Brune and Linda Matura...

Miss Jane Hopkins, daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. James Hopkins of Garwood, has been named the dean of students at Brazos High School...

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Reed, and son, Tom Anselin Reed, were hosts at their home on Aug. 28 for a reunion of the Anselin-Reed families...

Thierry Hoffman, son of Mr. & Mrs. Meth Hoffman Jr. of Garwood, graduated from Texas State Technical Institute James Connally Campus in Waco on Aug. 18...

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Butler, residents here for a number of years, have moved to Pine Bluff, Ark. ...

Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Thomas returned from an enjoyable two week's vacation touring European countries with a Medical Association tour group.

Aug. 27, 1953

W.E. Shaw, formerly with the Liquor Control Board, is the new Chief of Police here...

John Cook is to head the youth-led revival at the Baptist Church, announced the Rev. A.J. Pate...

J.H. McCreary, G.M. Cason and Richard Clipson were named ASCS

community committeemen from Eagle Lake...

The Community Center Board set up a new rate schedule for air-conditioned building. Mrs. Frank Pidgeon is hostess...

Egg churning is noted in telephone strike here...

Forty-five plane loads of visitors attended the Rice Festival and toured local rice facilities...

Last rites were held for L.O. Clark of Chesterville...

Mrs. W.E. Lenhart and Mrs. R.H. Reese entertained at a luncheon...

"Buckeye" Twardowski pitched the Ashby to two straight wins for the softball title...

Mrs. W.C. Causey and Mrs. Cecil Beyette were hostesses as OES honored birthday members...

Johnny Struska of Garwood competed in a 6-man football All-Star classic...

\$9.23 a barrel was the high bid for Harold Thomas Bluebonnet rice here, while \$8.51 was the high for Wonder rice by Schiurring Bros. at Garwood.

## Post Oak GWD: How much will it cost?

Bob Pickens, Temporary Director, Post Oak GCD

This is the second of a series of articles that are written to provide a factual basis for public discussion at town-hall meetings to follow. The first article addressed the question of why you should want a groundwater conservation district (GCD).

I hope that after the first article you now are thinking: "OK, but how much is it going to cost me?"

At this time, neither the Groundwater Advisory Board nor the Temporary Directors can give you a final cost number because we are not the elected directors.

However, we can discuss some of the options that the elected directors will use in their deliberations. Before we can look at options of paying for a GCD hence what it might cost you, an estimated budget of operating cost should be constructed.

Budget estimates change through time as we increase our understanding of what technical needs are required to

reach the goals of the district. Estimates may also change because there may be a change in philosophy of what a district should do and how soon it needs to be done.

The Advisory Board has looked at perhaps five different budget estimates over the last year.

This article presents our latest budget estimate. An elected board would make final decisions on an official budget, which would have gone through a public hearing.

A budget estimate should contain: 1) start-up equipment costs; 2) a normal operating expense and; 3) a start up loan payments.

It will cost the estimated \$200,000 per year for the first three years if we borrow money from the state to operate the first year.

Subsequent years should cost an estimated \$135,000 per year.

Our estimates have all been developed with the goal of having an optimum functioning GCD that does the job that it is created to do - effective management of groundwater in our county.

Expenses possibly could be reduced by sharing the funding of technical studies with surrounding counties and even sharing the funding of a high quality technically experienced manager. These have been discussed with formers of Wharton and Matagorda GCD but any agreements will have to be explored after the districts are confirmed and boards elected.

Now we can look at how much it might cost us. As I wrote in a previous article, there are some options as to how to fund a district. If we fund the estimated budget by ad valorem tax only, the initial tax rate would be 2¢ per \$100 valuation for the first three years. Subsequent years would be 1.35¢ per \$100 valuation.

The following are examples of what this might mean to a property owner:

Property	2¢/\$100	1.35¢/\$100
Home:		
\$50,000	\$10/yr	\$6.75/yr
Agricultural land:		
500 acres row crop		
& orchard	\$284/ac	
	\$28.40/yr	\$19.17/yr
500 acres rice land	@ \$247/ac	
	\$24.70/yr	\$16.67/yr

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## SPORTSMAN'S RESTAURANT

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## Will Be Closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday

Sept. 1, 2 & 3

## For the Labor Day Weekend

Janie, Doug & their staff wish everyone a safe holiday!

They will reopen at 6 a.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 4