

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

On a recent walk through the woods near our home, I marveled at a turtle making its way along the underbrush. I was pleasantly taken back to the days of my youth in the 1960s when we often played with turtles, and even painted school insignias on their backs and had races to the cheers of our neighborhood friends. Turtles, frogs, lizards and hamsters were common pets then; often kept in aquariums and cages in the home.

Today we are more aware of the potential of becoming sick after handling these beloved critters and their habitats. Salmonella is a bacteria that, if ingested, can cause severe abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, headache and fever. A small child can become dangerously dehydrated quite rapidly. Turtles, frogs and

lizards have been implicated as chronic carriers of salmonella.

In 2009, Texas had an increase in reported cases of Salmonellosis and it is estimated that the number of infections may actually be much higher. When cleaning aquariums and pet cages, always go outdoors. Never clean these habitats in kitchen or bathroom sinks or tubs. Wash your hands and arms thoroughly with soap and water after all handling of these pets and their homes.

Teach your children to regularly wash their hands after feeding or handling any animals or pets.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website is a great resource for safety tips and keeping our families well in 2010.

Healthy families make healthy communities.

Carrie Self, RN, BSN  
Fairfield

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Dear Editor:

Mr. Willie Ward, brother of Luke Ward, Sr. the County Commissioner of Precinct 1, has implied that I, Charles Morgan, am the only person concerned about our air quality in Freestone county. Where was Mr. Willie Ward when the court house was packed to standing room only with people from all over the county that are concerned about our air quality?

He makes statements as if he is an expert on air quality. Yet, he has never offered to come forth previously, state his credentials nor present a credible case for not having an air monitor in Freestone county.

It is a done deal, funded

and approved. Let's get on with the installation expeditiously.

Mr Luke Ward, Sr. continues to have persons placed on the commissioners' court agenda to try to stop the air monitor installation. Does he represent the people in his precinct or Big Brown which is in his precinct? It seems to be the latter.

As for any bullying, Mr. Luke Ward, Sr. has continuously tried to bully me every time I attend a Commissioners' Court meeting. His personal attacks against me must stop. He needs to act in accordance with that of someone in the position which he holds.

We do not need to continue rehashing the issues and discussing the air monitor approval. We need to discuss its installation schedule and tasking someone to be responsible for getting it installed.

Let's get on with the program!

Charles E. Morgan, P.E.,  
Inactive

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Dear Editor:

Who would have thought the air monitor would be making the headlines after two years? Good intentioned, well meaning people on both sides of this argument have valid points. I have complete confidence in the commissioners and county judge to what's best for the county.

The truth is, if TXU had kept their promises we would not be arguing over an air monitor.

Remember the big meeting at the courthouse about

three years ago when the TXU entourage, Dallas Mayor Laura Miller and the big city media descended on Fairfield? Courtroom and lobby packed; speeches went on and on.

The head man from TXU got up and told how they had been here 30 years and were planning another 30-year phase. How TXU had partnered with Freestone county and provided everything from jobs, to aid to civic clubs, to sponsoring Little League baseball teams. We were not just partners, we were like family! He said, be patient, we want to protect the environment, too. Give us a little time and we will put scrubbers on the smoke stacks at Big Brown so the air will be cleaner.

I thought, this man has solved all our concerns in less than five minutes! What a deal! No doubt TXU would do what they said, they had put scrubbers on other coal plants they owned.

By the way, have you heard about the new scrubbers being installed on the Big Brown smoke stacks. No, me neither, not a word.

Since that day they have changed their name to Luminant. I wonder if they think that lets them off the hook for the promises made in that packed courthouse? We're still waiting.

Frank Bonner (NLT)  
Fairfield

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Dear Editor:

I was hoping I would not have to write this letter, but our organization has been up and running going on two years and the help we thought would come has not. New Leash on Life Fund is working on year number two and if it hadn't been for Judge Linda Grant and the county commissioners and a handful of Freestone county residents, we could not have lasted this long.

The time, however, has come for the governmental agencies of Fairfield, Teague and Streetman, and the citizens of Freestone county to step up to help us, NLOL, help the stray and abandoned puppies, kittens, dogs and cats of our county. NLOL has four officers and approximately 4-6 active members out of a county of approximately 18,000 citizens, and has had to hire two part-time workers.

We are at our limit of around 100 dogs/puppies

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WORTHAM STUDENTS SHOWING art at a show in Austin are: front l-r, Rowan Miller and Allie Johns; back l-r, Caitlin Lewis, Johnny Shockley and Kara Lodes.



EIGHT PIECES OF ART created by Devyn Lopez of Wortham have been submitted for judging in a New York show.

## Art sent to shows

Artwork created by six Wortham students is being submitted to a pair of judged competitions.

The work of five students is submitted to the Austin Rodeo Youth Art Competition, and if a piece places the student could get education funds through an auction.

Last year a Wortham student placed at the Austin show. Entered this year are Caitlin Lewis, Johnny

Shockley, Kara Lodes, Rowan Miller and Allie Johns.

An 8-piece portfolio by senior student Devyn Lopez is being submitted to the New York for the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, the the portfolio for graduating seniors category.

Miss Lopez' work had to pass through a series of preliminary judging before it was considered for the show.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

- Fr. month
- Sinbad's bird
- S. Afr. dialect
- Forest ox
- Fiddler crab genus
- Scientific name (suf.)
- Sacred image
- Daughters of the American Revolution (abbr.)
- Gain
- Tenant
- Attic
- Sound perception
- Office of Economic Development (abbr.)
- One of the Seven Hills of Rome
- Joint part
- Father of

**Jehoshaphat**

- Science class
- Presidential nickname
- Stair post
- Fire basket (torch)
- Month abbr.
- Last Queen of Spain
- Wading bird
- Suitcase
- Firstborn of Benjamin
- Yale student
- Design
- Elbe tributary
- Female ruff
- Death (pref.)
- Eucalyptus secretion
- Row
- Starch (pref.)

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

W	B	N	A	M	O	A	B	A		
B	I	L	E	R	A	S	F	I	L	E
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A	N	C	P	A	S	F	E	E		

**DOWN**

- Metal suit
- Quality (suf.)
- Ger. landscape painter
- Jap. Amer.
- Waste growth
- Wood sorrel
- Lead
- Fencing guard position
- City in Judah
- Rhine tributary
- Penitential season
- Belonging to (suf.)
- At the age of (Lat.)
- Foremost part
- Honshu bay
- Stomach
- Resin
- Nose (pref.)
- Laconian clan group
- Ensnare
- Type size
- Ditchside fortification
- Shelter
- Allonso's queen
- Sail pond
- Wing (pref.)
- Brother of Cain
- Blue star
- Olive genus
- Same (Lat.)
- Secretary (abbr.)
- Male noble
- Pasture

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