

Letters for September 29 2009

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The Ignorance Of Our Nanny State Elitists

My wife and I chose to retire to Galveston for warm weather and freedom from government busybodies.

The smoking ban is a step in the direction of ever more intrusive government. The people who support such legislation aim to cosset us in regulations that promise a brave new world of restricted personal freedoms under done the banner of “protecting” us.

Do we not remember the disasters elitists have visited on us? They banned DDT (millions died of malaria); mandated smaller cars (thousands died); mandated ethanol (which must be trucked — more fiery crashes and higher food prices); mandated mortgages for those who couldn’t afford them (the banking system nearly collapsed); and spent the 1980s and ’90s pushing bottled water (now they claim it’s an environmental disaster).

The nanny state mindset eventually turns free self-regulating people into sheep directed by those arrogant enough to believe they are clever enough to organize the rest of us according to some liberal utopian plan. The record only confirms their ignorance.

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‘Formula’ Editorial Hit The Mark On Grants

Heber Taylor’s editorial “A formula to heap injury on injury” (The Daily News Sept. 23) was outstanding.

He brilliantly set forth the need to oppose the formula for distributing disaster community block grant funds.

We should note the word “disaster” in describing the funds. Under the proposed formula the more appropriate term for them is “Gov. Perry’s Get Me Re-Elected Community Development Block Grants.”

My thanks to Taylor for being an advocate for our community.

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