

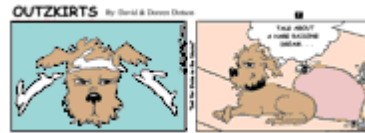
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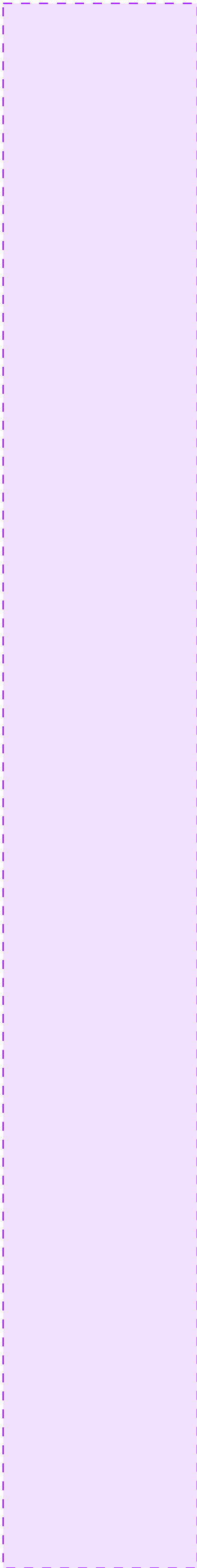
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Austin College Students Shave Heads for Cancer Research

SHERMAN, TEXAS-A large group of young men and women, all with shaved heads, likely will get some second looks and perhaps be asked some questions.

That's exactly the response a group of Austin College students hope to get.

Twenty-five students had their heads shaved at Rotaract's fourth annual St. Baldrick's event April 12 in support of children's cancer research. Volunteers sought donations individually in advance of the event and Rotaract also collected donations on campus. The group raised more than \$3,000. Local stylists Eric Mitchell Ross and Julia Anderson donated their time to shave the heads of the students.

Freshman Anika Nichols-Payne was the most successful fundraiser among the women. She took part on behalf of two children with cancer, Tracy and Ryan, whom she knows. Other student and faculty participants were David Aiello, Abdurrahman Allawala, Katy Allen, Lance Barton, James Benson, Jordan Benson, Thomas Boyanton, Christopher Burke, Brittney Connor, Matthew Coppola, Andrew Delgado, Andrea Hernandez, Edgar Hernandez, Paul Hess, Matt Johnstone, Katie Jolet, Christopher Joseph, Shruti Nabar, Tajin Perez, Anika Payne, Lety Pilar, Eric Ross, Igor Soares, and Anthony Tatar.

In addition to fundraising, the bald heads display solidarity with kids who are battling cancer-who usually don't have a choice about their hairstyles. Several of the Austin College participants had grown their hair out so that having their heads shaved benefitted two organizations-St. Baldrick's and one of various charities that accept hair donations to create and provide hairpieces to individuals who have lost their hair due to medical conditions.

All funds raised support the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government. Since 2000 when the organization began from within a group of friends, more than 183,000 volunteers-including over 16,400 women-have shaved their heads in solidarity with children with cancer at events in dozens of countries and every U.S. state. The volunteers have raised more than \$100 million.

Junior Bethanie Livernois of Coppell, Texas, was the Rotaract coordinator for the event. Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30.

Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope's influential book *Colleges That Change*



Photo: Anika Nichols-Payne after shaving her head for cancer research funding.

Austin College Concert Band Performs "Americana"

SHERMAN, TEXAS-The Austin College Concert Band, directed by Bob Archer, will perform "Americana" in its spring performance on Wednesday, April 25, at 7:30 pm in Wynne Chapel. The performance is free and open to the public.

"Americana is an amalgam of roots music formed by the confluence of the shared and varied traditions that make up the American musical ethos; specifically those sounds that are merged from folk, country, blues, rhythm and blues, rock and roll and other external influential styles," said Archer, an adjunct instructor in music at Austin College.

The concert program will include "American Folk Rhapsody" by Clare E. Grundman; "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" by Timothy Rea; "To Challenge the Sky and Heavens Above" by Robert W. Smith; "Second American Folk Rhapsody" by Clare E. Grundman; "La Madre de los Gatos" by Brian Beck; "Dusk" by Steven Bryant; and "See Rock City" by Brant Karrick.

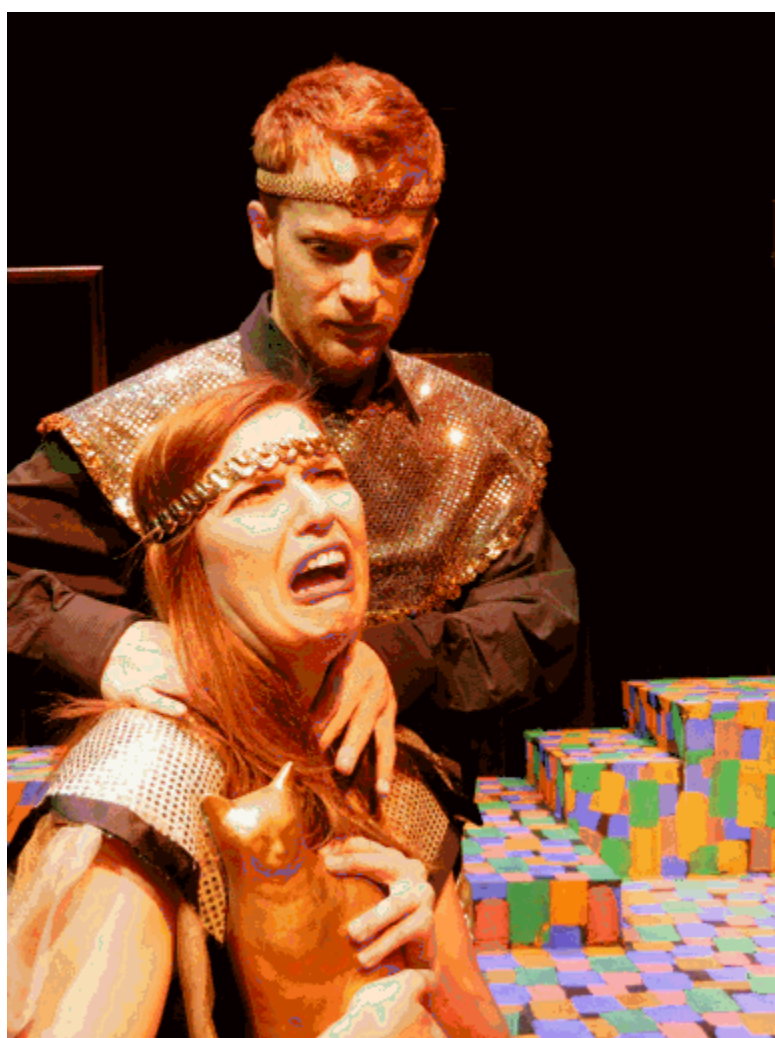
Archer said the Concert Band is dedicated to reading and performing traditional and contemporary band literature. Now in its ninth season, the band is a joint effort of Austin College and community musicians. Band members include Austin College students-music majors and non-music majors, Austin College faculty, area high school band directors, music professionals, and community members who enjoy playing music.



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Rachel Schroeder, Blake Rice and Andrew Steele take the stage in Grayson College's production of "Exhibit This! The Museum Comedies" for mature audiences. Performances are scheduled for April 26-28 at 7:30 p.m. and April 29 at 2:30 p.m.



Grayson College students Rodney Hudson and Jessica Huffstetler make museum items come to life in the Theatre Department production of "Exhibit This! The Museum Comedies" for mature audiences. Performances are scheduled for April 26-28 at 7:30 p.m. and April 29 at 2:30 p.m.

freshman; Knight; Leah Maxson, Denison freshman; Roberts; Wayne Ryan, Bells freshman; and Noah Scheibmeir, Sherman sophomore. Crew members are: Huffstetler, director; and Steele, light design.

"The Penitent Magdalen" is a monologue featuring Carter. Crew members are: Elizabeth Holland, Trenton sophomore, director; and Bergener, light design.

"The Curator" includes cast members: Mason Butler, Leonard freshman; and Wooten. Crew members are: Roberts, director; and Holland, light design.

"Fertility God Fugue" includes cast members: Bergener; Amber Patrick, Colbert sophomore; Hayes; Ryan; Schroeder; Stewart; and Wall. Crew members are: Huffstetler, director; and Steele, light design.

"Oh, Those Antiquities!" includes cast members: Butler; Rodney Hudson, Sherman sophomore; Huffstetler; and Scheibmeir. Crew members include: Battles, director; and Roberts, light design.

"The Self-Portrait" is a monologue featuring Wall. Crew members are Scheibmeir, director; and Garcia, light design.

"Hanging with the Tapestries" includes cast members: Maxson, Patrick, Rice, Roberts and Stewart. Crew members are Scheibmeir, director; and Steele, light design.

"The Drawing Room Guard's Big Lie" is a monologue featuring Wall. Crew members are: Robinson, director; and Huffstetler, light design.

"Misguided Tour" is a monologue featuring Huffstetler. Crew members are Robinson, director; and Garcia, light design.

"Framed" includes cast members: Rice and Scheibmeir. Crew members are Robinson, director; and Poindexter, light design.

Evening performances of "Exhibit This!" begin at 7:30 p.m. on April 26-28; a matinee performance on April 29 begins at 2:30 p.m. All performances are in the Black Box Theatre in GC's Arts & Communications Center on the college's Main Campus in Denison.

Tickets are \$3 or free with college ID for the 90-minute production, which includes mature content. Reservations are strongly recommended since the Black Box is configured to accommodate 90 audience members. For reservations or more information about "Exhibit This!" contact the GC Theatre Department at 903-463-8609 or theatre@grayson.edu .

GC Theatre Presents "Exhibit This!" April 26-29

One doesn't have to wait for closing hours to enjoy the antics of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art's inhabitants. Grayson College's theatre students help paintings, sculptures, antiquities, drawings and fertility gods emerge from their frames, molds and displays during "Exhibit This! The Museum Comedies" April 26-29.

Written by playwright Luigi Jannuzzi, the production is a fast-paced series of seven comedic plays and six monologues based on more than 50 works of art at the Met as well as the artists, guards, critics, lovers and curators who work with them. The comedy, which includes mature content, explores life from the perspective of the museum pieces as well as the impact they have on the people around them.

"It is art appreciation with a comedic twist, and the majority of 'Exhibit This!' is student-designed and student-directed," said Robin Robinson, GCC's theatre director and professor of theatre and speech. "The multiple sub-plays make this a challenging piece for our students, but it's fun to watch them grow creatively as they prepare to make this a production the audience will enjoy and remember."

While Robinson directed three of the sub-plays, most feature student directors. Tenna Matthews, GC professor of theatre and technical director, designed the set. Painted in an impressionist style but with more vivid colors familiar to works from the Renaissance era, the set also incorporates the various art pieces featured in each sub-play.

Costumes for the entire production were designed last fall by students in the costume class taught by Thea Albert, GC professor of theatre. J.J. Battles, Tom Bean sophomore, is costume design coordinator.

Other student production staff members include: Skylar Fulton, Tom Bean sophomore, make-up designer, master carpenter and projections designer; Fabian Garcia, Nevada sophomore, stage manager; Blake Rice, Savoy freshman, sound designer; and Justin Roberts, Bells sophomore, prop master. As lighting design coordinator, Cumby freshman Andrew Steele works with the sub-play lighting designers and Lexi Lehberg, Frisco sophomore, who is master electrician.

Most of the "Exhibit This!" cast and crew appear in more than one of the sub-plays. Cast and crew are listed by sub-play, and sub-plays are noted in order of presentation.

"1-555-HELP-ART" includes cast members: Judson Wall, Whitewright sophomore; Jessica Huffstetler, Whitesboro sophomore; and Dillon Wooten, Trenton freshman. Crew members are: Kasy Poindexter, Whitewright freshman, director; and Maggie Bergener, Denton sophomore, light designer.

"Love Among the Impressionists" includes cast members: Rebecca Carter, Sherman freshman; Rice; Rachel Schroeder, Denison freshman; and Steele. Crew members are: Levi Hardin, Denton freshman, director; and Lehberg, light design.

"Dating in the Planetarium" is a monologue featuring Lori Stewart, Whitesboro sophomore. Crew members are Albanie Knight, Denison sophomore, director; and Hardin, light design.

"The Forgery or Boating with the Spanish Singer, a Woman with a Parrot, and Manet" includes cast members: Wes Hayes, Howe

Howe's That

Recipe



by Lana Rideout

My all time favorite movie is *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. I watched this movie at the theater at least 25 times. Something about this movie brought back my childhood when my sister and I went to the movie theater on Saturdays. Along with a feature film, there was always a 15-20 minute serial that was continued to the next week. I don't think I ever saw a complete one of these stories. "Raiders" had the feel of those continued movies.

There are a lot of other movies that are at the top of my list.

John Wayne cowboy movies – especially *True Grit*, *The Sons of Katie Elder*, *The Searchers*, and *Red River*.

Other movies include:

The Lord of the Rings trilogy, *Star Wars* – Episodes 4, 5, and 6.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles is a movie that always makes me laugh; especially the scene where they are driving on the wrong side of the highway.

Apollo 13 (I always get nervous as the space capsule is nearing the earth as if I don't know what will happen. I even read the Astronaut Jim Lovell's book *Lost Moon*.)

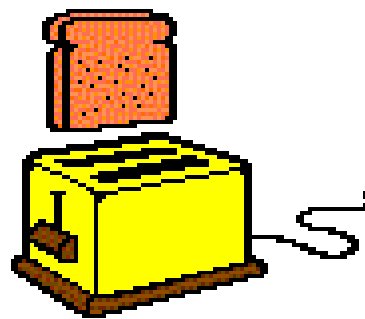
Also add *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Princess Bride*, *12 Angry Men*

Crispy French Toast

1 cup milk
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
3 Tablespoons sugar
6 1-inch slices sourdough or French bread
Cornflakes
Melted butter

Combine milk, eggs, vanilla, nutmeg and sugar. Dip bread slices in milk mixture and roll in crushed cornflakes. Put in buttered skillet over low heat and brown 5 minutes on each side.

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Council Approves Closing of 3 City Blocks For Founders Day

The Howe City Council met on Tuesday, April 17, and conducted the following business.

Howe Fire Chief Kevin Frantz presented the Fire Fighter of the Year award to Robert Maniet. Robert has been a member of the fire department for five years.

The Council took the following actions:

- *Named an Official newspaper
- *Approved Finance statements for March 2012 and minutes of March 20, 2012 council meeting
- *Approved closure of the 100 blocks of E. Haning, S. Hughes, and E. Davis on April 28, 2012 from 6 am through 3 p m for Howe Volunteer Fire Department car show and Founders day.
- *Sold retired police vehicles to the Grayson County Police Academy for \$2800.
- *Authorized City Administrator Joe Shephard to negotiate with Van Alstyne concerning sewer line.
- *LaFollett and Company, PLLC presented the audit for fiscal year 2010/2011; the council voted their approval.

Events coming up

Howe Founders Day

April 28, 8 am to 1:30 pm in downtown Howe. Includes the Fire Department Annual Car Show, food, booths and lots of fun for everyone.



The Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending April 13th are: Kolbe Lappin, Colton Thurman, Jackson Wilson, Kylie Hopper, Alex Hernandez, Paige Gifford, Jaicob Husband, Zak Defrange, Alyssa Sharp, Korben Kemp, Vel Chin, Connor Martin, Dakota Tinker, and Zen Montgomery, Rilyn Murphy, Emma Hitesman, and Gabby McMillian. Not pictured is Hannah Dwyer.



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School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, April 16, 2012. President, Jimmy Jones called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Steve Book led the invocation.

The minutes of March 19, 2012 along with the Financial Reports were approved as presented. The Quarterly Investment Report was presented along with a monthly report of our total revenue, expenditures, transfers, and investment accounts.

Student of the Month recognition and plaques were presented to the recipients from each campus. Teachers selected the candidates based on their attitude, behavior, and character. The recipients included: Ray Young (EL); Anna Battles (MS); and Mary Cogbill (HS).

Brandon McLain, received an All-State Academic plaque from Jimmy Jones. Brandon represents students across the State with high academic prowess as well as extra-curricular activities.

Each of the campus principals gave a report with the total enrollment, attendance, discipline, number of walk-through evaluations, number of teacher absences, newsletters, and current events for April and May.

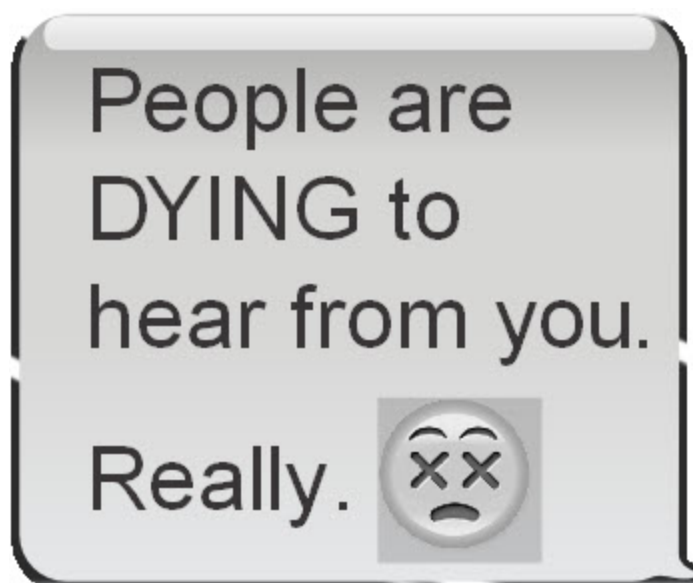
Torre Price, Athletic Director, gave a report of the District track results and standings for post-district competition in baseball and softball.

The order to cancel the May election was approved because of unopposed candidates. David Ellis was appointed by the board for a one year term board member beginning in May, 2012.

The state textbooks were adopted for the 2012-2013 school year and the school calendar approved by the Board of Trustees was Calendar B. TASB will continue to provide supplemental employee benefits to TBISD.

Paul Wilson, teacher/coach, was approved as a Science/Theater Art's/OAP teacher only on a one year probationary contract

The Board of Trustees approved the employment of Brittany DeSpain, teacher/girls' coach on a one year dual probationary contract, and Jeff Brummett, Elementary teacher on a one year probationary contract.



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Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

VAN ALSTYNE - MJ Presley opened this week's Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Garrett Shaw gave the Word of the Day, revival- new beginnings, starting over!

Merrill Hazelton spoke on "Legends of Branding Irons." MJ Presley gave a speech entitled, "The Decision Is Yours."

Juanita Hazelton won Best Table Topics, which are short, impromptu speeches to develop impromptu speaking skills.

General Evaluator was Juanita Hazelton and evaluators were Bob Bishop and "round robin" evaluations.

Plan to attend the Frontier Division Table Topics & International Speech contests, Saturday, April 14, 2012, Intuit Corporation, 5601 Headquarters Drive, (@ Parkwood Blvd), Plano, TX 75024.

For more information on these contests, go to d50toastmasters.org MJ Presley and Dorothy Bishop will represent Van Alstyne Voices!



Community Volunteer To Speak At Ann's Haven VNA Luncheon May 8

Community volunteer Colette Yetka will speak on "Good That Came From Grief" at the May 8 hospice family luncheon hosted by Ann's Haven VNA.

The luncheon is from noon to 1 pm at the Denton Elks Lodge on 228 East Oak Street in Denton. There is no cost to attend the luncheon, but reservations are requested and can be made by calling Molly Harrison, Ann's Haven VNA bereavement coordinator, at (940) 349-5900.

Ann's Haven VNA hospice family luncheons offer supportive company from friendly and understanding people to individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Community volunteer Colette Yetka will be the featured speaker at the May 8 hospice family luncheon hosted by Ann's Haven VNA.



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16th Annual Denison Arts & Wine Renaissance

Denison's 16th annual Arts and Wine Renaissance will be celebrated April 26-28, 2012. Special activities are the Gala, a Briefcase Blues Brothers Show, and culinary delights with wine pairings. Shopping and movies will be a wonderful addition to the arts!

This annual event will commemorate the work of renowned viticulturist Thomas V. (T.V.) Munson and Denison's historic wine heritage with Texas wine, gourmet food, fine art, educational opportunities and festivities. One of the highlighted venues is "Vinita", the lovingly restored, classic, Italian Victorian home of T.V. Munson. It will be open for free tours on Saturday from 10-4 p.m.

Munson's invaluable contributions to the science of horticulture as well as the French wine industry has led to the noteworthy recognition of Cognac, France as Denison's sister city. This historic "French Connection" embodies the importance and appreciation of the flourishing Texas wine industry and the variety of savory wines that still use Munson's varieties of root stocks.

The festivities will kick off with an Evening Art and Wine Stroll, Thursday, April 26th. It includes wine tastings in a variety of downtown art spaces. Retail businesses will also be open with special activities, and this event that is free and open to the public. The art walk will showcase new venues that will host the galleries featuring some wine-specific art works and accessories. This is a perfect time to check out the best that the Denison Arts and Culture District has to offer. The galleries, boutiques, shops and restaurants make for an enjoyable & memorable evening. At 9:30 pm the movie, French Connection, will show at the Rialto.

"An Educated Evening" will be held on Friday April 27 at the historic home of T.V. Munson. The Grayson College Culinary Arts program will provide a five course meal with commentary and wine pairings presented by the Enology and Viticulture Department beginning at 6 PM. This is a ticketed event with limited availability. Tickets are \$75 and must be purchased by April 19.

Friday evening, the Briefcase Blues will present a tribute to the Blues Brothers Show at 8:30 p.m. at the Rialto. Tickets are only \$15 per person. BRIEFCASE BLUES(tm) is the number-one,

first and original tribute show-band and revue based on the "Blues Brothers" characters originally created by Saturday Night Live comedians Dan Akroyd and John Belushi. The show is complete with a full-sized professional band.

Saturday will feature food and wine demonstrations at 10:30 a.m., noon, and 1:15. The 10:30 demo will be led by Rusty Weatherly, Director of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts Program at Grayson. The noon demo will be led by Joanna Bryant, Head Chef in the Culinary Arts Program. Justin Scheiner, Viticulture and Enology Professor at Grayson, will lead a wine 101 seminar. Bottle Shock will show at the Rialto at 2:30p.m.

The main event is Saturday, April 28th at the Palazzo--another newly renovated building in Downtown Denison. This gala will feature Texas wines, local eateries, dancing exhibition, DJ music, silent auction and art. The art displayed at the gala will have a new twist this year with area artists working diligently to create mannequins and puppetry especially for the occasion. The evening also includes the Sister Cities' Cognac tasting booth. This is also a ticketed event with proceeds benefiting downtown revitalization. General admission tickets to the event are \$30, but VIP tickets and sponsorships are also available with additional benefits.

This year's art show will be featured in various galleries throughout the entire weekend. It promises to be a diverse exhibit of artworks from artists across the greater Texoma area. Student, amateur, and professional artists alike will be represented and styles ranging from traditional to contemporary will be on display. No matter what your preference, there will be something for everyone with mediums including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, mixed-media, and more. Many artworks in the exhibit will be for sale, and artworks will also be available for purchase at the silent auction held during the evening of April 28th.

Sponsorships and tickets for all events are available at Judy's Flowers. The Chamber and Main Street Mall has tickets for the Gala, and the Rialto has tickets for events they are hosting. Call (903) 464-4452 for more details or e-mail ddow@cityofdenison.com or ddow@cityofdenison.com. Visit www.downtowndenison.com or Denison Main Street's facebook page for the latest updates.





LET'S REMINISCE: KNOW ANY ECCENTRICS

By Jerry Lincecum

Where I grew up in Central Texas during the 1940s, there were quite a few eccentrics. My impression is that nowadays there are fewer of these interesting non-conformist types, or maybe we just don't know about them.

My mother had an aunt whose husband had abandoned her and her young son, leaving her penniless. By the time I knew Aunt Roxie, she lived alone in a small house with no electricity or running water. Most intriguing to me, she walked the roads wearing a pair of high-topped men's shoes. Getting to spend a night with her was fun.

There was also Mordecai Oakley, known to be very "windy" (for stretching the truth), who visited my family often and told entertaining tales. He claimed to have worked as a cook at a hotel in the spa town of Marlin, saying "I'd put a piece of popcorn under those silver dollar size pancakes, and they'd flip themselves."

Shoe-polish Smith was an elderly man known for his skill at hymn singing. Fancying himself a ladies man, he used liquid shoe polish to blacken his bushy gray moustache.

Later I learned that these interesting folks were penny-ante eccentrics. Upon arriving at Austin College in 1967 to begin my teaching career, I met some older professors whose antics were off the charts. Dean Foreman was a brilliant man whose mind operated so fast that he often forgot what he started out to do.

For example, when his wife called for him to pick her up, he drove the car downtown, passing her by with a wave, and returned home. Another time, he and a friend drove a lady home after a concert. Upon arriving, the friend, a gentleman of the old school, walked the lady to her door. He then turned around just in time to see the Foreman back out of the driveway and speed away by himself.

A history prof decided one day to wake up his class by dramatizing the history lecture. Clambering atop a table, he role-played a herald reporting on the casualties suffered in a disastrous battle. Unfortunately, when the bell rang to end class, he forgot he was on the table and stepped off, breaking an ankle.

Dr. Horton, an extremely intelligent physicist, could focus on a problem to the point of forgetting where she was. In class one day she filled several blackboards with a very complex equation. Suddenly she took notice of the students, exclaiming "None of you has the security clearance to see this!"

She erased the boards hurriedly and left the room. Later they were told that she was doing research for NASA and had just slipped into working a problem they had asked her to solve.

My generation of college profs did not produce anyone to match these extra-ordinary eccentrics. Conformity became the accepted rule, and normal was good. Do you have any stories of unusual people you have known? Send them to me by email:

jlincecum@me.com. I'd love to hear from you.

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Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who now teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any subject.



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The Chief's Sons

By Bob Bowman

It is a story that has been told and retold in Texas and Louisiana -- one that almost every school child has learned in the classroom.

Twin sons were born to an old Caddo Indian chief living on the banks of the Sabine River. Natchitoches was swarthy with black hair and flashing black eyes. Nacogdoches was fair with yellow hair and blue eyes.

As their father neared the end of his days, he called his sons into his presence to receive his final blessings.

He commanded that, upon his death, Natchitoches should gather his wife and children, turn his face to the rising sun, and after traveling three days he should build his home and rear a tribe.

Nacogdoches was instructed to face the setting sun, walk three days with his family, and establish a new home where he, too, would rear his children and his children's children.

Thus, the twin tribes of Nacogdoches and Natchitoches were born 100 miles apart--one in what would become Texas and one in the place we know today as Louisiana.

The two tribes were located a sufficient distance apart to prevent friction over their hunting grounds, so they remained on friendly terms as the decades passed.

The friendship and trade beat out a well-traveled path between the two tribes, a route that eventually became a highway known as El Camino Real by Spanish travelers.

The story is such an engaging tale that it has been printed, reprinted, told and retold in so many places that most of us have lost count.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

Turner Classic Movies had a Randolph Scott marathon last weekend. I didn't see every one of the movies and probably didn't see any one I started all the way through. But watching what I did see started me thinking, an activity that is frequently dangerous.

The Statler Brothers, in a tribute to old fashioned cowboys, produced a song called "Whatever Happened to Randolph Scott?" Many other western movie stars are mentioned in the song: Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Lash Larue, Tom Mix are among them. What they had in common and what makes them durable is that, at least for my generation, they taught us what honor and duty are. And since my generation were children during WWII, we grew up with the triumvirate of honor, duty, country.

I suspect that if you were to do a survey of most movies before the mid-1950's, you would find a clear cut hero or heroine or both and that those characters were mostly motivated by honor, duty, country.

My favorite movie of the WWII era is Casablanca, which was rushed into release in 1942 to take advantage of the publicity as a result of the invasion of N. Africa. It was Humphrey Bogart's first role as a romantic hero, but not his first role as a flawed hero. The movie starts with his character attempting to capitalize on the war, running an open bar and not-so-open gambling establishment where almost anything goes. It ends with his character walking into the fog with another flawed character, both having returned to themselves, amalgams of honor, duty, country.

The movie won three academy awards even though it wasn't much of a box office hit, but it has become an icon, even among the younger generation.

I was only six years old when Casablanca was released, so my experience with it came when I was in my late teens, when we got our first television set and our local station



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But the trouble is, the story isn't true.

It was apparently concocted in 1939 by historian R.B. Blake of Nacogdoches as part of a booklet produced by the Nacogdoches Historical Society.

There were, however, Indian tribes known as Nacogdoches and Natchitoches. And, yes, there are towns by the same name. And, of course, there is an El Camino Real.

While Nacogdoches has adhered to Blake's original story, Natchitoches uses a different twist. In its version, as reported by the Chamber of Commerce, the Indian chief banished his twin sons to the east and west.

The Chamber manager said the legend is so ingrained in Natchitoches' history that "folks around here would run me out of town if I said it wasn't true."

Regardless of the story's veracity, it will remain a beloved part of the fabric of East Texas.

(Bob Bowman of Lufkin is the author of more than 50 books about East Texas history and folklore. He can be reached at bob-bowman.com)

Dot's Dashes, continued

showed old movies. I've watched it at least once each year since.

Gene Autry, the first of the singing cowboys, was my favorite when I was a child going to the Rio or the Plaza or the Lyric Theater every Saturday afternoon. Which theater got my dime, later 12 cents, depended on which cowboy was the star that week or what serial was showing.

Those Saturday afternoon movies were where I learned all I needed to know about honor, duty, country. Coupled with my hard-working, tee-totaller, never-smoked-a-cigarette parents and their absolute insistence on honesty and loyalty, there was never any question about trying to do what was right.

The same thing was true with most of my classmates. Our parents were about as heroic as the heroes in the movies.

I'm afraid that too many of today's children don't have heroic parents and they almost certainly don't have very many movie heroes, at least not of the Randolph Scott, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Lash LaRue, Tom Mix varieties.

I am certain that they are looking for that kind of hero or heroine -- for someone who is honorable, who can be depended on to do his or her duty, and who puts obligation to serve God and country first. Those kinds of folks make them feel safe and give them something to aspire to. I am also certain that adults must begin to do a better job of providing those heroes or we will find our whole society coming apart at the seams.



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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Texas Department of Insurance

Over the next few weeks, I will be writing about the duties of various departments within the Texas Department of Insurance. The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) not only regulates insurance, it also contains the Office of the State Fire Marshall, Workers' Compensation Division, the Office of the Injured Employee Counsel, and the Office of Public Insurance Counsel.

The Department's functions and services are aimed at regulating insurers fairly and protecting consumers. Services include assisting and educating consumers and the public; resolving insurance-related complaints; conducting windstorm inspections; licensing insurance agents/agencies and adjusters; licensing insurance companies and HMOs; certifying utilization review agents (URAs), independent review organizations (IROs), workers' compensation networks and assigning requests to IROs; registering viatical and life settlement entities; financial monitoring and intervention; assuring fair and efficient regulation; enforcing insurance laws; combating insurance fraud; fire prevention, fire safety, and fire industry regulation; and regulating and administering the Texas workers' compensation system and preventing occupational injuries and illnesses.

The Department's website, www.tdi.texas.gov, contains useful information for consumers, including price comparisons for auto and home insurance. The website also provides contact information for the companies listed, a financial rating, and a complaint index. The site also has information for licensed insurance agents and adjusters, and information for those seeking to get licensed.

For more information on the Texas Department of insurance or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is

We believe that your local news provided should provide you with news, information, facts, and sources to further study that information. Here are some websites that are providing those facts, at least at the time of their listing on our page. If you know of others that our readers would enjoy send them to us. Or if some of these are no longer working let us know.

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Class Tools - for classroom use - games, tests, timer, tools.

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Selected Sites

[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

[Library of Texas](#): Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.

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BAPTIST CHURCH
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

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Dennis Stewart, pastor,
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday,
7pm

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CHURCH Hwy. 902W,
903/476-5525

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COLLEGE HILL
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304 E. College, 903/433-4835
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300 Pecan, 903/433-3335

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903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
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10 am, Worship 11 am
Charles Morris, pastor

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INSPIRATION POINT

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South of Tom Bean

Psalms 91:1-8 (KJV)

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Christian Fellowship

Each Sunday morning A Christian Fellowship starts the morning with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am followed by Sunday School classes for all ages from the cradle to adult classes at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service is led by Denis Gray. Dress is casual.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Each Sunday morning the congregation celebrates The Lord's Supper during the worship service.

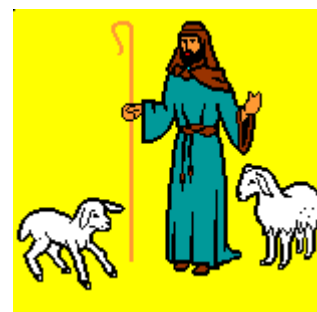
The church host's a "movie night" every month. This "free" event includes free hot buttered popcorn, candy, and drinks. The movie this month will be this Friday April 20@6:30, and the movie will be "Courageous". Join them for a great movie and also included is free hotdogs and all the fixins'. Bring your family out for a free night of fellowship and fun.

C R Men's Step Study group has been put on hold for now. This class is for recovering alcoholics that would like to reconnect with God. Please contact Cathy Hossle @903-814-5381 if you have an interest.

Wednesday night begins at 6:30 pm with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

The church will be hosting VBS July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30 pm. So mark your calendar for this event.

For more information about any event please contact myself, Cathy Hossle @903-814-5381 or Mike Ball @903-870-0219. Our church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you.



Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

We have two radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn.

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on www.PregnancyDecisions.org.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>.

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minister; worship 11am
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Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356
FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH, corner of Pearl & Nash,
Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
972/547-0243,
LIFE CHURCH,
201 W. Marshall,
Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker
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Jimmy Tarrant, pastor
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
206 Waco, 903/482-5515,
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Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor
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On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen, 903/482-6700;
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Your Purpose in Life

Josh McDowell has related the following incident:

An executive hirer, a “headhunter” who goes out and hires corporation executives for other firms, once told me, “When I get an executive that I’m trying to hire for someone else, I like to disarm him. I offer him a drink, take my coat off, then my vest, undo my tie, throw up my feet and talk about baseball, football, family, whatever, until he’s all relaxed. Then, when I think I’ve got him relaxed, I lean over, look him square in the eye and say, ‘What’s your purpose in life?’ It’s amazing how top executives fall apart at that question.”

Well, I was interviewing this fellow the other day, had him all disarmed, with my feet up on his desk, talking about football. Then I leaned up and said, ‘What’s your purpose in life, Bob?’ And he said, without blinking an eye, ‘To go to heaven and take as many people with me as I can.’ For the first time in my career I was speechless.”

In light of this conversation, Brett Petrillo challenges us: “Put yourself in this interview for a minute. What would you have said to this executive headhunter? Would you have an answer or would you fumble around trying to think about the right thing to say?” *

What is YOUR purpose in life?

For too many, life will simply END without them ever knowing why it began....

Some have made prosperity their purpose in life. These will “spend” their lives making money to “spend” upon material possessions. Jesus warned, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses” (Luke 12:15).

For others, their purpose in life is the pursuit of knowledge. To seek to grow in knowledge is worthwhile, but we must be sure to seek the right kind of knowledge. The lives of many today are characterized in the Scriptures as those who are “always learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 3:7).

Some pursue worldly pleasure as the sole reason for their existence. Some continue to live by the Epicurean philosophy of old: “Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die.” Again the scriptures warn of many who are “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:4).

Others seek position, power, popularity, and the list goes on and on.

Consider again Bob’s answer to the question, “What is your purpose in life?” “To go to heaven and take as many people with me as I can.”

That’s a great answer! Why? Because everything associated with this world is temporary. “The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.” (1 John 2:17; see also Matthew 6:19-21).

To place our focus upon things of this world is SIN, and sin condemns us to eternal destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). But Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins and to give us the hope of eternal life in heaven (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:7).

Jesus has promised to give salvation and eternal life to those who will: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

To follow Jesus all the way to heaven and take as many people with us as we can IS the greatest purpose in life.

Won’t YOU accept this purpose for YOUR life?

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* “The Purpose in Life” by Brett Petrillo.
Daily Bread, Tuesday, 4/3/12. Daily Bread is an e-mail ministry of the Bear Valley church of Christ in Denver, CO.
See <http://www.bearvalleycofc.com/>

Please visit our Web site
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LEGAL TIPS:

Estate Planning & Resolutions

By Matt Sullivan, J.D., LL.M.
Attorney & Counselor at Law

Many people resolve to improve themselves for each New Year. For example, they promise to change their diet, lose weight, and avoid voting for liberal politicians. Shouldn't estate planning be on your list of resolutions?

First, what would happen to your kids if something happened to you? Have you taken the time to have your estate planning documents properly prepared and executed? Some of the most important documents to consider are a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, Medical Power of Attorney, HIPAA Release, and a Declaration of Guardian. Each document plays an important part in the overall plan.

The Will can be used to dispose of your property upon your death. Within it, you can also establish trusts and appoint guardians for your kids. A Durable Power of Attorney will authorize someone to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The Directive to Physicians is also known as a Living Will and is your opportunity to state in writing how you want to be treated in an end-of-life situation. The Medical Power of Attorney will allow someone to make most medical decisions for you if you can't. The HIPAA Release will allow your representative to obtain your medical information. The Declaration of Guardian can be used to appoint or prevent someone from being appointed as your guardian and it can be used to appoint a guardian for your children.

Second, when was the last time you reviewed the title to your assets or the beneficiary designations of assets you own? These can be extremely important issues in the event of a person's death. Assets that have properly filled out beneficiary designations will be paid to the beneficiary regardless of what is stated in the owner's Will. Such assets include life insurance, IRAs, and 401(k)s to name a few.

Third, what would happen to your pets if you died or became disabled and weren't able to care for them? Pets are extremely important to many people and should be considered when preparing an estate plan.

While estate planning may not be the most fun or exciting undertaking, it can be extremely important and beneficial for your family.

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This article is not intended as specific legal advice and you should consult with your own attorney.





Hyper sensitive about food

by Mike Barnet

Science should trump sensationalism when it comes to food.

I don't disagree. I'm just smart enough to know that doesn't happen. And it's not going to.

Americans enjoy the most abundant and affordable food supply in the world. But that message doesn't sell because we take food for granted. I've never seen an empty grocery shelf.

There are small groups of people, however, who want to change the way we eat. And they don't care much how they do it.

"Pink slime" anyone? Sensationalism ruled over common sense and facts and a safe, efficient and healthy product called Lean Finely Textured Beef (LFTB) was torpedoed.

It is the most recent reminder of the power of hype through traditional and social media. But it won't be the last product or agricultural practice affected.

Food activists know that fear sells. It makes rational people do irrational things. One disgusting phrase attached to some outrageous accusations and another practice or product bites the dust.

Consumers should step back beyond the headlines and make intelligent, informed decisions based on scientific facts. For many, that's unlikely.

We can stop a lot of this nonsense if farmers and ranchers will communicate about the way they grow food as intelligently as they actually grow it. Truth can win. But you have to be willing to step up and be honest and transparent about what you do.

Consumer opinion matters. Words have the power to change the way you farm.

You can choose to ignore. Just remember that perception, once established, doesn't go away.

But your product or practice may.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at www.texasfarmbureau.org.



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Senator Estes Supports Governor Perry's "Texas Budget Compact"

Wichita Falls - State Senator Craig Estes (R - Wichita Falls) supports Governor Rick Perry's Texas Budget Compact, which Perry announced today alongside other state leaders. The Governor called on legislators to support the below five key principles in preparation for the 2013 legislative session:

- * Practice Truth in Budgeting
- * Support a Constitutional limit of spending to the growth of population and inflation
- * Oppose any new taxes or tax increases, and make the small business tax exemption permanent
- * Preserve a strong Rainy Day Fund
- * Cut unnecessary and duplicative government programs and agencies

Senator Estes applauds Governor Perry for his continued leadership and is proud to reaffirm his continued commitment to govern according to the conservative principles in the Texas Budget Compact.

"Heading into the next legislative session Texas is facing a deficit of several billion dollars, and these principles are the type of prudent fiscal reforms that are necessary to keep Texas on the right track," said Estes. "I am eager to continue my support of these conservative principles and look forward to working with Governor Perry to ensure that Texans' tax dollars are being spent in a fiscally responsible manner, particularly in light of the out of control spending in Washington, DC."

For more information about the Texas Budget Compact, visit <http://www.governor.state.tx.us/initiatives/txbudgetcompact>.

Senator Estes represents Senate District 30 covering Archer, Baylor, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Grayson, Jack, Montague, Parker, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young counties.

Texas Association of Realtors endorses Craig Estes

Texas' most influential association pledges its support

April 4, 2012 – AUSTIN – The Texas Association of Realtors today announced its decision to endorse Craig Estes in his election to the Texas Senate to represent District 30. Making the statement last week, Chairman Joe Stewart applauded Estes' commitment to Texas homeowners.

"The next legislative session will be filled with difficult decisions," said Stewart. "That's why we need lawmakers like Estes who understand the critical role homeowners play in keeping our state prosperous, which is why we've pledged our full support."

Texas is leading the nation's economic recovery, due in large part to its strong real estate market. To maintain that momentum, Texas' lawmakers must understand homeowners' concerns and act to bolster homeownership in the state and supporting those efforts is the association's top priority this election season. As a member of the Texas Senate for more than 11 years, Craig Estes has been involved in the political process at all levels, promoting policies and supporting initiatives in the best interests of property rights and homeownership throughout the state.

"I am honored to have the endorsement of the Texas Association of Realtors," Estes said. "As small business owners, Texas Realtors make the dream of homeownership more affordable for all Texans and I will strive to help support this important goal."

As one of the largest and most influential trade associations in the state, the Texas Association of Realtors expects to be a considerable grassroots force for Craig Estes.

Texas Realtors have championed a number of legislative issues enhancing the lives of Texans, such as urging reforms to the property appraisal system in 2011 and 2009, preventing a tax of \$600 or more on the personal vehicles of independent Texans in 2007 and advocating for billions in property tax reductions in 2005. To learn more about Texas Realtors' legislative advocacy on behalf of its members and homeowners, visit TexasRealEstate.com.

About the Texas Association of REALTORS®

With approximately 80,000 members, the Texas Association of REALTORS® is a professional membership organization that represents all aspects of real estate in Texas. We advocate on behalf of Texas REALTORS® and private-property owners to keep homeownership affordable, protect private-property rights, and promote public policies that benefit homeowners. Visit exasRealEstate.com to learn more.



Freedom in science education

On April 20, 2012, an academic-freedom-in-science-education bill will become law in Tennessee. Louisiana was the first state to enact such popular legislation in 2008, and none of the shrill predictions of litigation over the law's constitutionality have materialized.

What this development will mean for Tennessee's public school students remains to be seen. Presumably, they will henceforth be able to discuss in biology class increasingly prevalent criticisms of Darwinian evolution, using supplemental material such as the mind-expanding addenda available free at www.textaddons.com. After all, Darwin himself devoted three of the fifteen chapters of his book, *Origin of Species* to discussing his theories weaknesses.

April 20 will also mark the fateful day that survivors of the 1999 Columbine High School murders will memorialize that tragedy. On that day disturbed teens Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 13 people before taking their own lives. People are still asking "Why?"

On his web page, Harris listed many things he hated, but Darwin's theory of evolution, particularly his suggestion of natural selection, stood in stark contrast. "YOU KNOW WHAT I LOVE???" Natural SELECTION!" he crowed. "It's the best thing that ever happened to the Earth. Getting rid of all the stupid and weak organisms, but it's all natural! YES!"

The day of the massacre, Eric Harris wore a white T-shirt with the inscription "Natural Selection" on the front. While that may be just a coroner's report footnote to some, here's insight from respected author and theologian Ravi Zacharias:

"When we have told our young people today that Naturalism is true - we have evolved from nothing more than some primordial slime; when we have told them objective moral values do not exist - you decide what is right and wrong for you; when we have told our young people that there is no ultimate destiny; when we have told them that man is the measure of all things, that there is no transcendent basis on which to find out what life is about and what life's goal is, why then are we surprised when we see the hell that is unleashed by that kind of philosophy?"

April also marks 100 years since the Titanic sank. Doug Phillips, founder of the Christian Boy's and Men's Titanic Society, notes, "The Titanic's sinking marked the darkest and brightest night in maritime history. Though more than 1,500 people died in this international tragedy, the Darwinian notion of the 'survival of the fittest' was rejected in favor of the age-old Christian doctrine that the 'strong sacrifice for the weak.'"

May God give grace to allow such a selfless, culture-preserving spirit to be awakened here in America on our watch.

Steve Casey
Stonewall, LA



Ahead of Push for New Rape Kit Backlog Bill, Cornyn Briefs Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

Justice for Victims Amendment Will Alleviate Rape Kit Backlogs, Toughen Sentencing for Sex Offenders

WASHINGTON-U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and former Texas Attorney General, met today with Annette Burrhus-Clay, Executive Director of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, to brief her on the Cornyn Justice for Victims Amendment:

"Annette and TAASA have worked tirelessly to raise awareness and give a face to so many Texas victims. I'm grateful for their support, and look forward to partnering with them in our effort to combat the unacceptably high backlogs of untested rape kits across Texas and the nation."

The legislation, which has been endorsed by both national and Texas victims-rights groups, will help alleviate the massive backlog of untested rape kits, as well as toughen sentencing for some of the worst sex offenders who commit crimes against women and children. Sen. Cornyn's effort comes in advance of National Crime Victims' Rights week, which runs from April 22 - 28, 2012.

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.



If College Students Wrote The Bible

The Last Supper would have been eaten the next morning -- cold.

The Ten Commandments would actually be only five -- double-spaced and written in a large font.

A new edition would be published every two years in order to limit reselling.

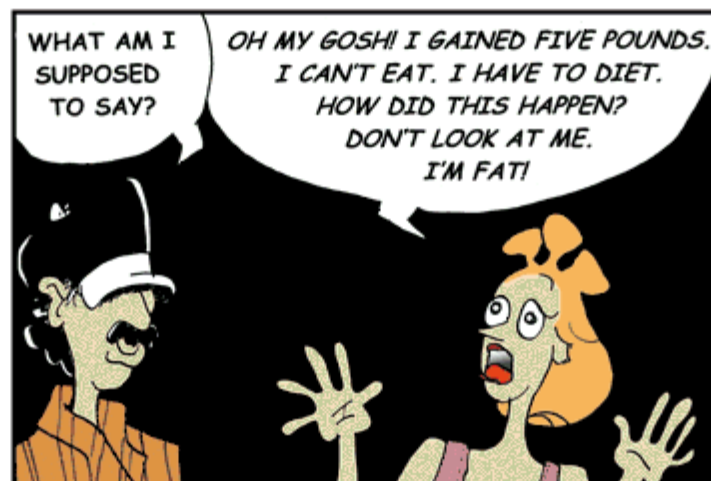
Forbidden fruit would have been eaten because it wasn't cafeteria food. Paul's letter to the Romans would become Paul's email to abuse@romans.gov.

Reason Cain killed Abel: they were roommates.

Reason why Moses and followers walked in the desert for 40 years: they didn't want to ask directions and look like freshmen.

Instead of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh, he would have put it off until the night before to get it done.

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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Step-grandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 20 year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Dale & Lana Rideout



"Santa", Amber, Dominique, Timothy, Jordan, Rachel, Caleb, Chris, Cassie, Brianna, Lana



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007