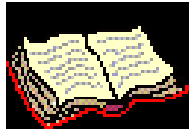


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Opinion: New system may delay textbooks

By Cliff Avery

Executive Director

Textbook Coordinators' Association of Texas

When little Jennifer goes back to school soon, something will be different.

It won't just be the new teacher or the new classroom or the new bulletin board. It's the way she gets her books and other instructional materials she needs to learn.

Between the time that school ended and the time it opens for the fall, the Texas Legislature completely overturned the way little Jennifer - and the 4.5 million other kids in Texas schools - gets instructional materials.

Texas has an historic commitment to providing instructional materials to its schoolchildren. A state constitutional provision, dating from the 19th Century, requires the State Board of Education to set aside enough money from the Permanent School Fund "to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State."

For years, that has meant that when the State of Texas bought books, it bought enough for every kid that enrolled for that course in school. Sometimes, to meet the budget, the books had to stay in school longer than some officials would have liked, but schools were pretty much assured that each kid got the materials they needed.

Under a new law, that has changed. Senate Bill 6, authored by Sen. Florence Shapiro of Plano and sponsored in the House by Rep. Rob Eissler of The Woodlands, passed June 27 and was signed by the governor July 19. It creates Instructional Materials Accounts (IMAs) for every school in the state.

Now, the State doesn't buy the books; the local districts buy the materials through their state-administered IMA. The State determines how much money the local schools get.

In effect, the Legislature gives a local district a pot of money and says, "Go shopping" in hopes that will introduce a measure of price-sensitivity - which has been long absent. Another assumption of the legislation is that schools will turn to (theoretically) less expensive, on-line materials rather than dead-tree books.

Along with that pot of money, the Legislature attached a long shopping list, and few districts will be able to order everything on the list. Here are just a few of the items they may order:

Materials to prepare students for the new end-of-course assessment exams.

Newly adopted English/Language Arts materials.

New on-line science resources that supplement existing materials.

Books and materials to add to previous inventories to account for enrollment growth.

Technological gear and salaries.

Previous Legislatures granted a Technology Allotment of about \$30 per student. This Legislature eliminated that money. To try to compensate for the loss, schools may use their IMA for technological equipment - iPads and Kindles, for example - that deliver instructional material to kids. They may also use their IMA to pay salaries of technology staff.

It's a completely new way of thinking about instructional materials for local districts.

The Legislature has given schools new freedom - given them the keys to the shopping mall - but along with freedom comes the freedom to make bad choices. Some districts may spend their day at the mall getting empty calories at the food court when they should have checked into the math boutique.

It's been difficult for the locals to make sense of the new system. School districts were not informed of the amount of their allotments until Aug. 3, as the state developed its IMA formulas. Districts were unable to order any materials through the state until the Texas Education Agency's on-line system opened Aug. 8. T.E.A. had to make software changes to conform with the new law.

As a result, some instructional materials - particularly books - may be late in arriving to the classroom.

Even though the start of school is rapidly approaching, our organization, the Textbook Coordinators' Association of Texas, has urged schools to take their time in placing orders, to understand the new system and make intelligent decisions about what to shop for. Once a district's biennial "pot of money" is spent or committed, there won't be any more from the state for a good long while.



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Austin College Recognized by Princeton Review

Sherman, Texas -For the second year in a row, Austin College has been ranked a "Best in the West" school in the Princeton Review. The College also ranked 14th for Most Popular Study Abroad, 15th for the Professors Get High Marks category, and is the 13th Easiest Campus to Get Around.

"While we don't rely on these kinds of rankings to set our goals, it is gratifying to see our achievements recognized," said Marjorie Hass, Austin College President. "This years' rankings are an affirmation of our commitment to accessible study abroad, close professor-student relationships, and a welcoming campus."

According to the Princeton Review: "From hundreds of institutions we reviewed in each region, we selected these colleges and universities primarily for their excellent academic programs. We also took into account what students attending the schools reported to us about their campus experiences at them on our student survey for this project. Our "regional best" colleges constitute only 25% of the nation's four-year colleges-a select group, indeed."

It is the second year Austin College has participated in the Princeton Review survey.

The full Princeton Review rankings are available at <http://www.princetonreview.com/best-regional-colleges.aspx>.

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 Lives<<http://www.ctcl.org/>>.



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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

During the summer vacation from school, Vacation Bible School is very popular in the South as well as other places. I remember one time when my dad took off work for a week so he could teach the teenagers' class our church's VBS.

I was in the class and we did a lot of memorizing of the scriptures. We even had a portion of our class time each day devoted to seeing who could memorize the most verses. I decided to be the best at this task.

The students were allowed to recite the same verses each day along with new ones that had been learned. And each verse was counted each time it was recited.

I don't remember how many points I received, but I do know that I surpassed my VBS classmates.

While memorizing the verses was worthy goal, knowing what the verses meant and how I would apply it to my life was a much better goal.

I remember learning back in the 50's that the Russian Premier Khrushchev had, as a boy, memorized the entire New Testament. He led Russia between 1953 and 1964. He was a ruthless man and leader.

Memorizing scripture does not necessarily mean that you will put it to work in your life. We must do more than just quote the scriptures, we need to put them in our hearts and in our way of life.

Recipe



Bean & Cornbread Casserole

This is a great, stick-to-your-ribs one-dish supper.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced or put through a press
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano (preferably Mexican oregano)
- 2 8-ounce cans tomato sauce
- 2/3 cup cooked pinto beans, drained
- 2/3 cup cooked black beans, drained
- 1 4.5-ounce can chopped green chiles, drained
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 cup cream-style corn
- 1-1/3 cups self-rising yellow cornmeal (not cornbread mix)

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Sauté the onion and garlic in the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the chili powder, cumin, sugar, oregano, tomato sauce, pinto beans, black beans, and chiles. Cover, reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer for 10 minutes.

Spray a 2-quart casserole dish with cooking spray. Pour the bean mixture into the dish, cover, and set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the buttermilk, egg and corn, stirring well. Add the self-rising cornmeal and stir, just to combine. Pour the cornmeal mixture over the bean mixture in an even layer.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the cornbread topping is lightly browned. Serve hot. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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Howe ISD Child Nutrition Department

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Howe ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.00**; lunch costs **\$2.05 for Elementary and \$2.55 for Middle and High School**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is **\$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch**.

- 1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete one application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. **Return the completed application to: Sally Abercrombie, Child Nutrition Director, 105 W. Tutt Street, Howe, Texas 75459.**
- 2. Who can get free meals?** Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or TANF can get free meals regardless of your income. Your benefit letter from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is your documentation for free meals. If you have not already received a letter from your school stating that your household is eligible for free meals, you may take your HHSC benefit letter to your child nutrition office to be certified for free meals. If a child in your household is directly certified due to receiving SNAP or TANF benefits, all children of your household are eligible for free meals. If a child in your household is not included on the Letter of Direct Certification, sent to you by the SFA, or if you have questions, call the school at **903-532-3346**.
- 3. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals?** In most cases no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **903-532-3346** if you have questions or a member of your household is not listed on the letter. If your household does not receive SNAP or TANF, your children may still be eligible to receive free meals if your household income is less than the amounts listed on the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Please complete the application and submit it to your child nutrition office. Head Start students and Even Start children and foster children also qualify for free meals.
- 4. Can homeless, runaway, foster and migrant children get free meals?** Yes. If you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call **Howe ISD, Kevin Wilson 903-532-3200** to see if your child(ren) qualify.
- 5. Who can get reduced-price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart.
- 6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.
- 7. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.
- 8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting SNAP, TANF or other benefits (such as unemployment benefits).
- 9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Kevin Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, 105 W. Tutt Street, Howe, Texas 75459 or call 903-532-3200.**
- 10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
- 11. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as children, grandparents, other relatives or friends).
- 12. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.
- 13. We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call **903-532-3346**. *Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 903-532-3346. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 903-532-3346.*

Sincerely,

Sally Abercrombie
Child Nutrition Director

FEDERAL INCOME CHART For School Year 2011-12			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,147	\$1,679	\$388
2	\$27,214	\$2,268	\$524
3	\$34,281	\$2,857	\$660
4	\$41,348	\$3,446	\$796
5	\$48,415	\$4,035	\$932
6	\$55,482	\$4,624	\$1,067
7	\$62,549	\$5,213	\$1,203
8	\$69,616	\$5,802	\$1,339
Each additional person:	\$7,067	\$589	\$136



MEET THE BULLDOGS

The Howe Athletic Booster Club is hosting a community pep rally at 7 pm Aug. 19. It's a chance to meet all the Howe Bulldogs, including those in peewee, middle school and high school football, the middle and high school cheerleaders, the high school volleyball and cross country teams and the band members. This will be held at the Bulldog Stadium on State Hwy 5.

Booster club spokesman Michael Mosier said this event will have a little bit of something fun for everyone. Refreshments will include snow cones and watermelon, and the football stadium concession stands will be open also. There will be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. During the evening Chance Cody & Spur 503 will provide music.

Mosier said, "Let's join as a community and support our Howe Bulldogs."



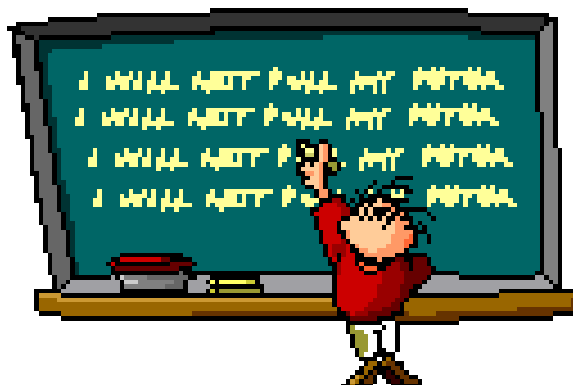
Reserved seating sale for the 2011 football season will begin on Aug. 15, 2011

Persons who had reserved seating from last year have until Aug. 12, 2011 to renew their seats. On Aug. 15, 2011 reserved seating will be open to the public for purchase. Reserved seating of \$25 per seat assures you of a designated seat for the varsity games for the six home games of the season. Game admission tickets are \$5 and must be purchased the week of the game (ticket prices are subject to change).

Reserve your seating and be ready for Football 2011!

Howe Middle School
Fifth Grade Orientation
7 p.m., Aug. 18th
Cafeteria

Students may bring school supplies.
Parents and Students only please.



Howe ISD Upcoming Events

Substitute Orientation - Howe ISD will have substitute orientation: Thursday August 11, 2011 @ 9:00 am in the E.S. Science Lab. Please bring drivers license and social security card so we may make copies.

Aug. 15 - Freshman Orientation, 6:30 pm



HISD Calendar

August

15-19 - Staff Development
18 - School Board Meeting, 6 pm
22 - 8 am, School begins



Van Alstyne Voices

VAN ALSTYNE - Dorothy Bishop led this week's Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters contests and served as Contest Master. The session was opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Merrill Hazelton's Humorous speech was "Beat The Heat," followed by MJ Presley, "Going Fishing."

Juanita Hazelton's Tall Tale was "Old Nasty." Followed by MJ Presley, "Sitka."

Humorous and Tall Tales Contest Winners: MJ Presley and Juanita Hazelton

The Aug. 15, session will be at 7 PM at the Independent Bank in Van Alstyne.



Van Alstyne Library

By Tracy Luscombe

Fall Vegetable Gardening program is coming up next week. Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 pm at the Van Alstyne Public Library. Hope to see you there.

Here's a great book review by Caitlin Stroud.

Book: The Name of the Wind -- Author: Patrick Rothfuss

An infamous red-haired hero named, Kvothe tells his story, beginning from the time before the evil beings known as Chandrians killed his family and friends, to the time when he attends a university of both normal studies and magical at the age of 15. This is the youngest anyone has ever been admitted to the university. Kvothe quietly seeks revenge on the Chandrian, impressing his teachers, making enemies, playing his lute, falling in love, and slaying dragons along the way.

In reading this book she learned that "charcoal can soak up six tenths of any poisons you may have just swallowed before the charcoal."

She says she would recommend the book to teens and adults. She says the book is a "tearjerker at some parts and a I-can't-stop-grinning-like-an-idiot in other parts."



MJ Presley and Juanita Hazelton



Home-made ice cream competition

Do you have a recipe for great home-made ice cream? The First Christian Church in Van Alstyne is hosting a home-made ice cream competition from 1 - 3 pm on Saturday, August 27, 2010 at 274 South Waco Street.

The event is open to the public and will feature ice cream sampling, door prizes, as well as games and prizes for kids. Cash prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$20 will be awarded to the top three contestants, and the People's Choice winner will receive an ice cream maker. To enter call JD at 903/815-8211 or Lin at 972/733-5057 by August 20.

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From Tom Bean Mayor Sherry Howard:

Our grant writer informed me this week that they received the preliminary score on the city's grant application and it appears no grant will be awarded for 2011. There is a chance of award for 2012 IF the allocation of funding from HUD is high enough. We will know more on this next February or March.

His review of the scoring indicates a deficiency of points due to (1) the city property tax rate was lower than most other cities in the region, (2) the cost per low/mod beneficiary was high, (3) the city's poverty rate was low and the per capita income was high compared to other cities and (4) the local match pledged was less than an amount equal to the grant.

As we are working on the upcoming 2011-2012 budget, I am working with the county on alternative solutions to getting this street/or partial sections repaved for the coming year.

Tom Bean Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 13 (Sat) Anna (Scrimmage) Away 10:30am
Aug. 18 (Thur) Cooper (Scrimmage) Home 5 pm
Aug. 26 - Lindsay Away 7:30pmpm
Sept.2 - Valley View Away 7:30pm
Sept. 9 - Sunnyvale Home 7:30pm
Sept. 16 - Collinsville Home 7:30pm
Sept. 23 - Pottsboro Home 7:30pm
Sept. 30 - Open
Oct.7 - Gunter Away 7:30pm
Oct.14 - Whitewright Away 7:30pm
Oct.21- S&S Homecoming Home 7:30pm
Oct.28 - Bells Away 7:30pm
Nov. 4 - Leonard Home (Sr. Parents Night 7:30pm)



History of Sherman told through photographs

Local author pens new book on area's history

The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular Images of America series is Sherman from local author Linda Ashby. The book boasts more than 200 vintage images and memories of days gone by.

Sherman was founded in 1846, but because of a lack of wood and water, the town moved east to its present location in 1948. The county seat of Grayson County, Sherman was named for Gen. Sidney Sherman, a hero of the Texas Revolution. From the beginning Sherman was known as an educational center and was nicknamed "The Athens of Texas." The home of Kidd-Key Conservatory of Music, Mary Nash College, North Texas Male and Female Academy, Car-Burdette College and today the prestigious Austin College, Sherman has long been an educational mecca.

Sherman was incorporated in 1858, the same year the Butterfield Overland Stage arrived. The stage line was the first mail route

TxDOT to hold Elderly & Disabled Transportation Program Workshop

Paris, Texas -A workshop regarding TxDOT's Elderly Persons & Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program is scheduled for August 23, 2011 in the TxDOT Paris District Training Room, 1365 N. Main Street, in Paris, Texas beginning at 10 am.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide public involvement in the identification of transportation barriers, restrictions and unmet needs as it pertains to the elderly and those persons with disabilities who reside in the nine counties served by TxDot's Paris District. The Stakeholders will evaluate the current year's activities, review plans and goals for the next two years, and to select projects for FY 2012.

Anyone who is aware of transportation related needs, services or solutions for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities living in

west of the Mississippi and covered a distance of 2,798 miles from St. Louis to San Francisco. As Sherman progressed industry became a mainstay of the community which continues to thrive today through companies such as Texas Instruments, GlobiTech, Sunny Delight, Progress Rail, Tyson Foods, Fischer Controls, Kaiser Aluminum and Certain Teed D Corporation.

Highlights of Sherman include:

- *The Birth of Commerce
- *A Town Becomes a City
- *The Passage of Time
- *The Athens of Texas
- *Industry Moves to Town

Available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com or (888) 313-2665.

Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, Rains and Red River counties are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

The presentation will be conducted in English, and will include handouts which will be projected onto a screen. Persons with language interpreters, disabilities, or who will require special accommodation needs and plan to attend this meeting should contact David Merritt, at (903) 737-9372, on or before Friday August 19, 2011. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

More information regarding the 5310 Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program is available on the TxDOT webpage located at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/grants/programs.htm>



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Questions? Call Kim Teel at 903-415-2506 or Matt Sullivan at 903-482-0099





Explore Texas in 1835 with Dr. Gideon Lincecum

The Second Saturday program at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge for the month of August will be something a little different: a Chautauqua-style lecture in which Dr. Jerry Lincecum role-plays his ancestor, Dr. Gideon Lincecum. Gideon Lincecum was an American pioneer, historian, physician and prominent naturalist in Texas. Gideon will be introduced by Dr. Peggy Redshaw. The free program will be held in the meeting room of the new Visitor Center at the Refuge, which is located at 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, 75092, at 10 am on August 13. Second Saturday nature programs are open to the public.

Jerry Lincecum, a sixth-generation Texan, is an Emeritus Professor of English at Austin College. He has a BA from Texas A&M and the MA and Ph.D. from Duke University. Jerry is a great-great-great grandson of Gideon.

Peggy Redshaw, a native of central Illinois, is Professor of Biology at Austin College. She holds a BS from Quincy College and a Ph.D. from Illinois State University.

Along with their colleague, the late Dr. Edward Hake Phillips, Jerry and Peggy have published several scholarly books and papers drawn from the Gideon Lincecum Papers, including *Adventures of a Frontier Naturalist* (1994), *Science on the Texas Frontier* (1997), and *Gideon Lincecum's Sword: Civil War Letters from the Texas Home Front* (2001).

Coffee will be served in the Friends Building from 9 - 10 am on August 13, and Second Saturday for Youth will begin in the Friends Classroom at 10 am. The youth's topic is All About Owls. This free program is for ages 4 - 10, with children age 6 and under to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Reservations are required for the youth program; please call the Refuge, 903 786 2826.



Music by Kevin McCloud

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Pure Gospel

By Bob Bowman

Throughout East Texas are hundreds of gospel music venues where people gather on weekends to hear songs that you'll hear only in churches.

In recent weeks, Doris and I have sat in pews in places like Lala Hill in southern Angelina County, Chireno in Nacogdoches County, Shelbyville in Shelby County, Athens in Henderson County and other places where the old gospel songs are still cherished with the same appreciation as a good apple pie.

In most of the venues, the sole musical instrument is a piano, but guitars, fiddles, banjos and a few saxophones are showing up with increasingly frequency, likely because gospel music is attracting new converts like young people.

It's a welcome trend, too. The gospel songs are getting better.



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Dot's

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

My granddaughter, who will be a sophomore at Sherman High School, has worked all summer on an English assignment that will be due on the first day of school. The assignment involved reading a book and analyzing various components in the book, e.g. literary devices, character development, etc.

In order to complete the assignment to her satisfaction, she re-read the book. "You wouldn't believe the details I found the second time I read it," she told me. "It's amazing what you find the second time around."

I didn't do the grandma/teacher thing and tell her she would find a whole lot more if she read the book a third or fourth time. To tell the truth, there are not hours in the day for a high school student who is in the band and taking honors classes to do much re-reading. Another truth is that many students find themselves learning almost absolutely independently because their teachers have to spend so much time doing what college professors euphemistically call "class management," a ten dollar term for keeping order.

Teachers and academically ambitious students would like to have time for actual instruction to occur, but until or unless parents and schools get control of student behavior, that isn't likely to happen.

My daughter ran across a Website the other night that claimed we were having so much trouble with students because we are making too much of questionable behavior. The example the author gave was that schools were committing a crime against a child who stole things from a teacher's purse by turning the kid over to the police. Schools are "criminalizing" such mischief the author claimed.

In the absence of being able to take a kid who is stealing from the teacher's purse to the office and giving him or her three good swats with a good stout paddle, I don't know what you do with the little thief. Oops! Sorry! Wasn't supposed to characterize the kid's action as theft. Instead, what the kid did was make "a bad choice."

The discipline movement now sweeping the country has got some fancy name that I don't recall right now. It is predicated on the idea that a student is misbehaving simply because he/she doesn't know any better and that it is the school's job to model the desired behavior and to convince the students they are making bad choices when they misbehave.

It sounds to me a little like Assertive Discipline, which was supposed to work as follows:

Coach walks down the hall outside the social studies workroom one morning and sees a boy and girl kissing passionately.



BOB BOWMAN'S
EAST TEXAS, continued

Dot's Dashes, continued

In the older and traditional country churches, the gospel songs come from the songbooks you'll find in each pew. Here are a few of the most popular gospel renditions:

- Where could I go but to the Lord.
- Bringing in the Sheaves.
- Revive us again.
- On Higher Ground.
- Heavenly Sunlight.
- Love Lifted Me
- Onward Christian Soldiers.
- Standing on the Promises.
- When the Saints Go Marching In.
- I'll Fly Away
- I Love to Tell the Story.

There is little formality at a gospel singing. Men show up in overalls and blue jeans, kids come in their play clothes, and women arrive in simple house dresses.

But they all have one thing in common: they love to sing.

At Lala Hill, one of the younger musicians said a teacher offered to give him voice lessons, but he added: "I wanted to hunt coons instead."

I keep hoping that someone will put together a directory of gospel singings in East Texas so that gospel-lovers will know when and where the singings take place. (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)

"What are you doing?" he asks, following the script given in the assertive discipline workshop.

"Kissing my girl," boy answers.

"Do you think that's appropriate?" coach asks.

"Yes," boy answers. "I work at night."

Coach, defeated, comes into workroom, tells story. Department chairperson rolls up a newspaper, walks across the hall, says, "Get your butts to class right this minute and don't stop on your way there," swatting the boy on the rear while he is turning to go.

Kids go to class. End of story. That's assertive discipline.

Now I know I have told that story before. I'm like the preacher who went to a new church and preached the same sermon six times in a row. When the deacons came to ask him whether he didn't have another sermon, he said, "Yes, and I'll preach it as soon as I see the congregation act on this one."

Parents, grandparents and other adults, if you want your kids to learn something at school, let them know they are expected to follow school rules, respect adults and act in ways that will not embarrass their families. And if they won't do that, bust their bottoms when you get them home.




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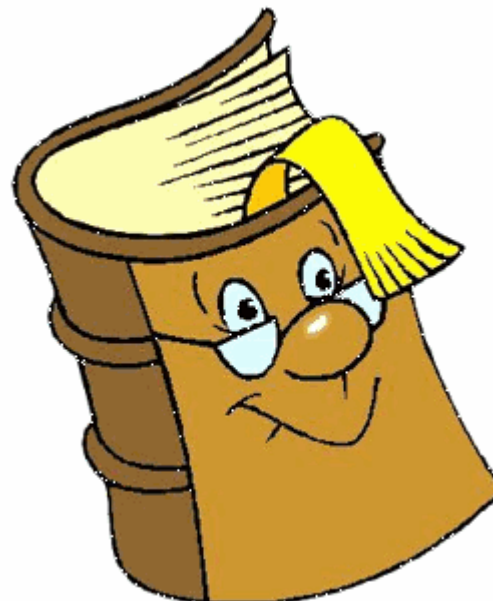
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State Senator Craig Estes Announces He Will Seek Re-Election *Calls on Governor Rick Perry to run for President*

Wichita Falls, Texas, Monday, August 8, 2011 -- Republican State Senator Craig Estes announced that he will seek re-election to the Texas State Senate in the newly redrawn District 30.

Estes is a businessman and life-long Wichita Falls resident who was first elected to the State Senate in 2001. During this time he has worked for his constituents with the philosophy of being a guardian for our shared common-sense conservative values.

"It is important that Texas Legislators have the desire to work hard to provide real results for their constituents," said Estes.

"I've had great success in passing conservative legislation, and it has only made me more eager to continue to serve the people of District 30. I will seek re-election to the Texas State Senate in 2012."

During the 2011 session, Senator Estes was the author of SB 18, the landmark property rights legislation that protects Texas homeowners from abuse in eminent domain proceedings.

Senator Estes also co-authored legislation to require persons to show a photo identification in order to vote in Texas elections.

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Estes helped write a budget that closed an estimated \$24 billion shortfall without raising taxes while still saving \$4 billion in the state Rainy Day Fund.

"We faced stiff opposition in our efforts to pass a budget that did not raise taxes, requiring photo ID for voters, and protecting the rights of property owners, but in the end the conservative ideals of Texans won out," commented Estes. "My constituents were very clear about their desire for the passage of these three measures, and I am proud to say that we were successful in implementing a conservative agenda for Texans."

During the last session, the legislature also took up the constitutional required task of redrawing state office districts, including State Senate districts. As a consequence of the rapidly growing population in Collin and Denton counties, District 30 will no longer include five counties (Baylor, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wilbarger) and will gain one county (Erath).

"It's been a pleasure serving the people of Baylor, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton and Wilbarger counties, and I'm disappointed that I will no longer be their State Senator beginning in 2013," said Estes. "Conversely, I'm looking forward to meeting the folks in Erath County".

District 30 will continue to include all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Parker, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Wise, and Young Counties as well as large geographical portions of Collin and Denton Counties.

In addition to announcing he will seek re-election, Senator Estes publicly called on Texas Governor Rick Perry to run for President of the United States. "Governor Rick Perry has a clear record of cutting government spending, reducing government intrusion into private business, and cutting taxes in order to encourage economic development and job creation in Texas," said Estes. "I know Rick Perry will allow those same principles to guide him as our nation's President during this economic crisis. I publicly call upon Rick Perry to run for President of the United States of America."

Senator Estes currently serves as the Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and as Vice-Chairman of the Natural Resource Committee, Business and Commerce Committee, Finance Committee, the Select Committee on Redistricting and Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee.



Shoppers Can Save During Sales Tax Holiday

For many Texas parents the upcoming month of August means time to start getting the kids ready to head back to school for a new year. Those making trips to local stores to purchase school supplies and clothing will benefit from the annual Sales Tax Holiday weekend. The state's tax holiday will take place on August 19, 20, and 21.

As in years past, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which means shoppers save about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. While the August tax holiday is aimed at helping parents save money on back-to-school items, anyone can take advantage of the tax-free weekend. The exemption applies to eligible items that sell for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer. For example, if a customer purchases two shirts for \$80 each, then both items qualify for the exemption, even though the customer's total purchase price (\$160) exceeds \$99.99. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

Backpacks and book bags under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

Additionally, items used primarily for athletic activity, such as football uniforms, are excluded from the exemption. However, tennis shoes, sweatshirts, and swimsuits, which are commonly worn for purposes other than athletic activity, qualify for the exemption. Other excluded items include accessories, jewelry, and handbags. You can find a detailed list of what is exempted and what is not exempted during the tax free weekend on the internet at

www.texastaxholiday.org

The comptroller estimates that shoppers will save more than \$60 million over the weekend. The Sales Tax Holiday has been in effect since 1999, over which time shoppers have saved more than \$564,800 million.

You can 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 (903) 891-7297.



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[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.

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Christian Fellowship

Each Sunday morning begins with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 Oam followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service will be led by Mike Ball.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual, so come on out to a family oriented place of worship. Each Sunday morning the church family celebrates The Lord's Supper during worship service.

The church will be having "movie night" Friday night August 12 @ 7 pm at the church, the public is invited to attend. The movie to be shown is "Faith like Potatoes".

Each Wednesday night begins at 6:30pm with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional. The church has home study groups throughout the week.

The 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.

For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219



Tom Bean

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.

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



A Lion Among the Nations *Micah 5:8 700's B.C.*

By Willie Sofey

In the beginning, not of eternity, but of the creation of the world as described in Genesis Chapter 1, which marks the first break in the past of an endless eternity, God created the heavens, earth, creatures, and a spiritual mankind (Adam and Eve) in "Our image, in our likeness," the Triune God (Gen. 1:26-27).

Spiritual mankind was created as an immortal being never to die. All the provisions of this utopian life were provided conditioned on being obedient and not eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and possibly the tree of life (Gen. 2:8).

Genesis chapter 3 describes the temptation, fall, and judgments related to the disobedience of Adam and Eve. This one seed of sin sown in the Garden of Eden began a harvest of tribulation of incalculable portions that continues throughout mankind's history to this day, (and will continue to the end of this age till Christ returns with His millennium earthly kingdom).

God did not give up on mankind but chose Godly men who were instruments of instruction to mankind. These were the prophets, judges, kings, descendants of the Godly patriarchs, and ultimate instructor and God / King Jesus Christ (God's only son).

Jumping through history some 3300 years since creation, I will address my title "A Lion Among the Nations". The prophet Micah ministered from 750 B.C. to 687 B.C. during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz,

Local Churches

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A Lion Among the Nations , continued

and Hezekiah preaching to the common people of Judah.

In Chapter 5 of Micah, the prophet delivers extensive prophetic Godly messages. Ephrathah was the ancient name for Bethlehem, which was the birthplace of King David (1 Sam. 16:1) as well as Jesus Christ.

Micah 5:2 refers to Christ's preincarnate appearances to man, before His birth "from days of old" or "from eternity." Israel will be abandoned till Messiah comes and reunites Israel on into the future descendants and through the church age until His second coming (verses 4-5). Micah 5:7-8 speaks of the re-gathered descendants of Israel being strong as "a lion."

From the time of ancient Israel's captivity to the present, the Jews alone have never fulfilled this prophesy. From the 1800's A.D., America and Britain (Jacob's descendents through Joseph and the blessings of his father Jacob to Ephraim and Manasseh – did become "a lion" among the

nations (Gen. 48:17-20), Britain becoming the descendants of Ephraim and America becoming the descendants of Manasseh.

Earlier, in Genesis 22:17-18, God promised Abraham He would greatly multiply his seed, "as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gates of their enemies."

As I mentioned earlier, some 1300 years later the prophet Micah further substantiated this prophecy (Micah 5:7-8). And indeed this prophecy came about in the powerful nations of Great Britain and America in the "latter days".

Democracy and free-markets did not make Britain and America great, God did!!!!

Micah 5:10-15 describes a time for these powerful countries as a time of catastrophic portions because of their national sins. Modern Jacob's power is on the precipice of being broken.

Deuteronomy 28:20 seems to be describing a time the nations are experiencing presently "confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, because of the evil you have done in forsaking Him" (the Lord). Micah 5:10-15 describes a time of economic, agriculture, manufacturing, and military demise for these "latter days" descendants of Israel. This economic and eventual military decline will lead to The Great Tribulation spoken by Jesus Christ in Matthew 24:21.

The hope of the church can be found in the "Ezekiel warning" (Ez. 3:17-19) of repentance and the "good news" of Christ's return as King of kings (Matt. 24:14).

Humbling ourselves before Almighty God is paramount in these times, because "the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1John 2:17).



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Neighborhood Genealogist - How to Preserve Records

by Dale Rideout

By now you have started to gather a fair bit of information. You have many names with their relationship to you along with birth and death dates and places. You have marriages and children and with some luck you are beginning to gather family stories. This is all your history and important to you and your family. How do we keep it all in order.

The most obvious choice is with a computer. There are many computer programs that are designed specifically for genealogy. Most of them range from about \$30 to over \$100. They all do about the same thing, but each one will have its own bells and whistles. Let me suggest that you not buy any one until you know which would suit your needs best. Do a lot of study about each one and just what you want your computer program to do for you. Check the bells and whistles so that you learn just what you want most in your program before purchasing any of them.

In the meantime, you can download Personal Ancestry File from FamilySearch.org. Got to the website. Click on "Go to Previous version." on the right-hand side about 1/2 way down the screen. When the new page opens, look on the right hand side for "Free PAF Family History Software." Near the bottom of the paragraph click on the words, "download PAF." Answer the questions and register for FamilySearch.org. You will download the software free and can begin your lifelong quest.

You should also keep a paper copy of everything you collect. I suggest using a simple three ring notebook with dividers. All of your Family Group Sheets, and Ancestry Sheets can be punched with a three hole punch and saved in that notebook. You will also have a minimum of eight sections for family names (surnames.) I suggest eight because that will take you back through your great-grandparents. As you have

success with your research, you can add more dividers for more surnames.

Choose you own method of organizing the records as you find out which information you most easily can acquire. You may want to file them by last name, alphabetically and then by year of birth with the newest records first and oldest ones last. This is all just a matter of choice and you may change it as you gain more information over the years.

When your binder gets full, then simply add another one, dividing the information between them. You can continue to add binders almost forever. One thing I would suggest is that you invest in some acid free paper, and pens designed for long lasting images. As you are doing your research you will find pages that have faded and the paper and ink have a lot to do with this fading.

Another thing to keep in mind is to "back-up" your work. I have my family history on four computers and several websites. I must admit that I have not made extra copies of my paper files. Do as I say not as I do. Keep a set of the files as well as your computer records at some location away from where you keep your research. I do not wish to scare folks, but a house fire could wipe out all your work. While some things can be replaced, your photos and records cannot, unless you have duplicates somewhere else.

As for your computer, let me tell you a little story. I have a friend who was working on her doctorate degree. She had all her information on her computer, including her dissertation. None of it was backed up and none of it was in paper form. One day a thief broke in and stole her computer. It was easy to get a new computer, but there was months of work in the research and writing of her dissertation. It all had to be done over. Back up your files. See you next month with more ideas about genealogy.



A Looney Tunes look at the budget showdown

By Mike Barnett

It's been strictly Looney Tunes in Washington the past few weeks as our elected leaders averted government shutdown in a last minute budget agreement.

Their actions were "deth-pic-able," as Daffy Duck would say.

So what if Bugs Bunny, Yosemite Sam, Foghorn Leghorn, Elmer Fudd and Daffy Duck had sat at the negotiating table? Would things be any different?

Imagine:

"Ain't this monotonous?" President Bugs Bunny asked as another endless budget meeting commenced. "Trouble with this world is that everybody's out to get everybody else. I mean, why can't people be more like me? I love everybody. 'Cept Republicons."

"Stop right there varmint," House Speaker Yosemite Sam said. "This here's one of them there train robbery holdups."

"Explain yourself," Vice President Foghorn Leghorn said. "Your tongue's a flappin' but there's no noise comin' outa yer big mouth."

"You wascally Demowabbits don't get it," Tea Party negotiator Elmer Fudd said. "The handwing of money is a gweat wesponsibiwity,"

"In other words, NO FREE HANDOUTS, VARMINT!" House Speaker Yosemite Sam roared.

"What an ultra-maroon," President Bugs Bunny replied. "Of course you know, this means war."

"I hate rabbits," House Speaker Yosemite Sam said.

"Mine, mine, mine. It's all mine," Senate Majority Leader Daffy Duck said. "More taxes. More money. Does anyone understand what this duck is saying?"

"No taxes. More budget cuts," House Speaker Yosemite Sam countered. "We're talking billions...35... 36... 37... Aw, now you've gone and made me lose count. Why it's getting so a man can't earn a dishonest living anymore. We going to gamble with a gubamint shutdown?"

"Place your bet--Ah say, place your bets, gentlemen," Vice President Foghorn Leghorn said. "Winner plays, loser stays. Everyone's a winner...well not everyone...like taxpayers."

"Ah, me public," President Bugs Bunny said. "Let's deal. You know, sometimes me conscious kind bothers me...but not this time!"

"Deal. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em," House Speaker Yosemite Sam agreed.

"Deal. Fwankly, ignowence is the best policy," Tea Party negotiator Elmer Fudd said.

"Deal. I'm not crazy. I just don't give a hoo-hoo," said Senate Majority Leader Daffy Duck.

Looney Tunes? No sillier than the real cartoons going on in Washington right now.

What did we get out of this budget fracas? A compromise that doesn't mean anything, a government that still doesn't function, a stock market crash, a downgrade in our nation's stellar credit rating and a delay in economic recovery.

As Porky Pig would say: "Th-th-th-th-that's all, folks!"

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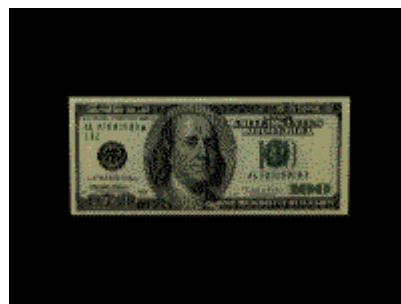


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I think we found where the cuts should be made!

Steve Casey, Louisiana



Historical Trivia

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig...' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' wore a tightly tied lace..

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades...' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck..'

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the phrase 'minding your 'P's and Q's'.

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

It is Hot?

Any of you who are living a distance from us are really missing the fun. We are having Hot, Hot, Hot weather.

You have heard of the play, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof?" All I know is the name. But here we have everything HOT. Well, it is not too bad. Old Man bought a new heating/air conditioning system a couple of years ago. It works great. But he is stingy. He sets the Air Conditioning on 80 degrees. That really seems to work OK for them, but I find it still HOT.

Of course the 80 degree temperature inside is not as bad as outside. Every day it seems we hit 104 or so. Some folks on Facebook have put pictures of their car dashboard with outside temperatures at 117 or 121 or even higher. I am not sure I believe them. But I do know that last week, Old Man and his lady headed south to McKinney. When they got in their car to go the gauge showed 111 outside. The car had been sitting in the driveway, under a tree, and kept shady all day. I wonder what it would have said if left sitting in the sun?

Needless to say, it is hot. We were told the other day that the Devil wants his weather back. Well, he can have it.

Along with the Hot we discuss the dry. Texas (and I am sure other areas, too) is really suffering for rain. We can talk about the jokes:

It was so hot the corn popped in the field and the mule thought it was snow and froze to death.

It got so dry, the sand filled the air and all the lightbulbs. We had to change them all because being full of sand they did not glow.

Well, you know the first liar doesn't have a chance and Texas is known for folks who stretch the truth. This all reminds me, in reverse, of the story, "The Cremation of Sam McGee." If I get much hotter, I'll have to pull that one off the shelf and read it again.

Well, folks, it has been nice talking to you. I'll get back again soon. Bye for now.



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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

