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Austin College Faculty Discuss Research and Teaching

SHERMAN, TEXAS- Randi Tanglen, Austin College assistant professor of English, will present "Captive, Canons, and the Classroom" on Tuesday, February 29, at 4:30 pm in Wright Campus Center, Room 231. The presentation is free and open to the public.

She will discuss the intersections of teaching and research in the context of the liberal arts mission of Austin College and address their specific applications to her scholarly interest in the white woman's narrative of Indian captivity.

Tanglen's is the first of three Faculty Research and Pedagogy Talks this spring, sponsored by the Robert and Joyce Johnson Center for Faculty Development and Excellence in Teaching. Additional speakers will include Michael Higgs, associate professor of mathematics and computer science on Tuesday, March 27, and Philip Barker, assistant professor of political science, on Wednesday, April 25. Both lectures will be held at 4:30 pm in Wright Campus Center, Room 231.

The Johnson Center for Faculty Development and Excellence in Teaching advances the mission of Austin College by encouraging the exploration of intellectual frontiers and by fostering intellectual dialogue within and across academic disciplines. The Center supports faculty initiatives that explore questions fundamental to the vitality of the liberal arts tradition at Austin College. The center also facilitates colloquia exploring questions vital to the liberal arts as well as interdisciplinary reading groups; faculty participation in regional, national, and international liberal arts conferences; and informal gatherings devoted to intellectual inquiry and exchange.

The director of the Johnson Center is Bernice Melvin, professor of French and a member of the Austin College faculty since 1980. Committee members include Lance Barton, associate professor of biology; Stephanie Gould, assistant professor of chemistry; Todd Penner, associate professor of religious studies; and Frank Rohmer, associate professor of political science.

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/>>.

Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Recipe



Did you know that the City of Howe used to have a traffic light?

Yes, it did at the intersection of Haning Ave. and Denny St.

The story goes that one of our neighboring cities had an old traffic light and gave it to Howe. Back in the 1970's I think, the traffic light needed to be replaced and when the Department of Highways checked their records, they found out that Howe wasn't authorized to have a traffic light.

On a different topic, I really appreciated video tapes when my first grandson was very young. I got to babysit Jordan on Thursdays and Fridays (I helped save my daughter some fees). He would go to the office downtown where I worked back then. About 10:30 or 11 am on Thursdays, I would take him home with me for the rest of the day until my daughter picked him up.

I had videotaped Thomas the Train. I put Jordan down to watch that show while I fixed us both something to eat. As soon as the show was over, Jordan demanded that I let him watch it again.

Fortunately, that was an option. From then on I taped the shows I thought he would want to watch more than one time.

Green Tomato Relish

6 red bell peppers
2 pounds green tomatoes
2 pounds sweet (yellow) onions
1 small head of cabbage
3 green bell peppers
1/4 cup pickling salt
3-1/2 cups sugar
2 cups apple cider vinegar
1 cup water
1 tablespoon mustard seed
1 tablespoon ground turmeric
2 teaspoon celery seed

Coarsely grind all vegetables in blender or food processor. Mix vegetables with salt. Cover and let stand 12 to 18 hours.

Drain vegetables and rinse. Mix vegetables and remaining ingredients. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 3 minutes.

Pack mixture in hot jars, leaving 1/4-inch head space; seal. Process 10 minutes in a boiling water bath.

Makes 5 or 6 pints.

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Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending February 17th are: Danaeja Harvey-Toney, Jacob Roper, Aaron Roulette, Sierra Copeland, Ramon Rocha, Autumn Bassett, Brooke Potter, Kaidence Varnell, Matthew Bearden, Connor Gauntt, Dakota Tinker, Casie Adams, Jonathon Smith, and Fatima Castro.

FUMC Easter Egg Hunt

First United Methodist Church will hold their annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 from 11 am to 1 pm at Howe High School.



Kids Craft Show hosted by Friends of the Howe Community Library

The Friends of the Howe Community Library are hosting a Kids Craft Show Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Howe Elementary and Middle School Cafeteria. The craft show runs from 11 am-2 pm.

This special craft show allows local kids the opportunity to showcase their unique talents. Over 30 vendors (ages 5-18) have reserved booth spaces for selling a variety of hand crafted items. Items for sale include jewelry, magnets, potholders, hair bows, cards, drawings, paintings, paper creations... and much more! The craft show is open to the public with free entrance.

The Friends group would like to invite everyone to come by the show and support our future creative minds. For additional information, please call the library at 903-532-3350. The school cafeteria is located at 300 Beatrice Street (near the Middle school gym).



Howe High School selects a teacher and students of the month for January

Receiving the teacher award was twelve year HHS Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and yearbook sponsor **Mary Claire Woodard**. Before moving to Texas, Mrs. Woodard retired from Louisiana after teaching there for 20 years. In Louisiana, she received a Bachelor's degree in Merchandising from Louisiana State University and a Master of Home Economics Education and a Masters +30 from Louisiana Tech University. During a brief period, she and her husband, Scott, lived in several states, so she actually holds teaching certificates from five different states: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and North and South Carolina. Mrs. Woodard has three sons and one daughter, two who graduated from LSU and one from UT. Her husband is retired from the dairy business and is very active in the Sherman Noon Lions club and volunteering. She enjoys reading, working with crafts, painting, and experimenting with recipes. HHS principal, Shawn Martin says of Mrs. Woodard, "She spends numerous hours working on the yearbook, and we appreciate all of her hard work and dedication for producing a excellent yearbook year after year. Congratulations to her for being voted teacher of the month. "

Representing the freshmen and sophomores is freshman **Tori Abner**, daughter of Mark and Dee Ann Abner. Tori has attended Howe since Kindergarten and is involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, and showing pigs and goats. Outside of school, her hobbies include sports and working with her animals. The junior-senior representative is junior **Olga Rodriguez**. The daughter of Mario and Rufina Rodriguez, Olga is a twelve year student of Howe schools. She participates in Student Council, PALS, yearbook, cross country, tennis, and basketball. In her spare time, Olga enjoys playing tennis with friends, running, listening to music, and drawing.

Howe City Elections

Howe City Council Meets

The Howe City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Council members present were Sam Haigis, Jack Leavenworth, Georgia Richardson, and Dale Rideout. Absent was Scott Harris.

Following a public hearing, the council approved Ordinance No. 713 - An ordinance allowing certain employees of the city, who performed or hereafter perform active service in the armed forces (or their reserves or auxiliaries) of the united states under honorable conditions, to apply and receive special credit with the Texas municipal retirement system for limited portions of such military service.

The council also approved the consent agenda - Finance statements – January 2012, Minutes of January 17, 2012 council meeting, Joint Election Agreement between the Howe Independent School District and the City of Howe. Appointment of Judy Kight as election judge and Linda Gouard as alternate election judge for the May 12, 2012, election, Hourly wage of \$12 for election judge and \$10 hourly wage for alternate election judge, and election clerks. Appointment of utility billing clerk to act in the City Secretary's place during the period of mandatory office hours March 23, 2012 through June 21, 2012.

The council also approved: Resolution No. 12-0002 suspending the proposed effective date of the proposed rate schedules of the Mid-Tex Division of Atmos Energy Corporation; transfer of twenty-five thousand, two-hundred one dollars and eighty eight cents (\$25,201.88) in bond proceeds to the utility fund to reimburse the utility fund for major, unexpected sewer repairs; transfer of ten thousand, seven hundred and eighteen dollars (\$10,718.00) in bond proceeds to the utility fund to upgrade water well; and authorized city staff to sell retired police vehicles at a fair market price.

Cities all across Texas are getting ready for May elections and incumbents and first time runners are deciding, "Do I want to run?" In City Halls, the staff are busy putting together the all important election packets, that includes everything that one would need to sign up for a place on a ballot.

The City of Howe is no exception to this rule. This May, council seats held by Sam Haigis, Scott Harris and Georgia Richardson are up for election. All three seats are two year terms. Election packets can be picked up at the City Hall office at 116 E. Haning in Howe or from the Secretary of State web site at www.sos.state.tx.us.



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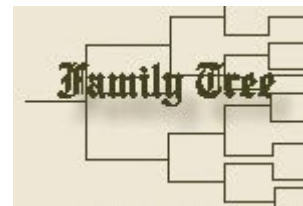
Join us at the Gunter Library and Museum on Tuesday, February 21 from 7-8 pm and Saturday, February 25 from 2-3 pm for a special showing of *For the Love of Liberty, the Story of America's Black Patriots*. The Library will show the abridged version of the film, which lasts for 45 minutes. The DVD which contains the entire four hour, two-part film will be available for check out after February 25.

Over 5,000 black soldiers fought in the American Revolution and though most were not recognized as citizens or even free men, more than 200,000 took up arms in the Civil War. Over 380,000 African-Americans served in World War I and more than 2,000,000 defended this country in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Yet most accounts of their valiant actions are absent from history books and contemporary film.

For Love of Liberty: the Story of America's Black Patriots has finally, and for all time, set the record straight. It is an unprecedented documentation of the African-American experience in the U.S. military. At the center of this multi-faceted initiative is a four-hour high definition, two-part documentary introduced by Colin Powell and hosted on-camera by Halle Berry. The film uses letters, diaries, speeches, journalistic accounts, historical text and military records to acknowledge the tremendous, unheralded accomplishments of African-American servicemen and women – from the earliest days of the Republic through our present conflict in Afghanistan. The documentary asks the question why these heroic men and women fought so valiantly for freedoms they themselves did not enjoy.

Join us on February 18, February 25, and March 3 for a three part session on Family Research and Genealogy taught by Dale Rideout. This seminar will help you get started on family research if you are a beginner, and help you find useful sources if you already have completed part of your search. There will be a \$10 charge for materials for participants. Class will meet from 10:30-12:30. Please register ahead of time so we can provide enough materials. To register, call 903-207-4527 or 903-271-5190.

New books added to the collection this week include John Grisham's *The Litigators*; J.A. Jance, *Left for Dead*; *Your Scottish Ancestry: a Guide for North Americans*, by Sherry Irvine; and *The Complete idiot's Guide to Genealogy* by Christine Rose.





BOOKSHELF

By Tracy E. Luscombe

The Book Discussion group met today and discussed *The Distant Hours* by Kate Morton. Set in several time periods between 1939 and 1992 in England, it is the story of 3 sisters who take in a child evacuated from London during WWII and how this changes that child's life. There are secrets and a murder and the fullness of each character isn't revealed until the very end. Next month's book is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchette. This one was Amazon's best book of the month for June 2011.

Here's their take on the book. "In *State of Wonder*, pharmaceutical researcher Dr. Marina Singh sets off into the Amazon jungle to find the remains and effects of a colleague who recently died under somewhat mysterious circumstances. But first she must locate Dr. Anneck Swenson, a renowned gynecologist who has spent years looking at the reproductive habits of a local tribe where women can conceive well into their middle ages and beyond. Eccentric and notoriously tough, Swenson is paid to find the key to this longstanding childbearing ability by the same company for which Dr. Singh works. Yet that isn't their only connection: both have an overlapping professional past that Dr. Singh has long tried to forget. In finding her former mentor, Dr. Singh must face her own disappointments and regrets, along with the jungle's unforgiving humidity and insects, making *State of Wonder* a multi-layered atmospheric novel that is hard to put down. Indeed, Patchett solidifies her well-deserved place as one of today's master storytellers. Emotional, vivid, and a work of literature that will surely resonate with readers in the weeks and months to come, *State of Wonder* truly is a thing of beauty and mystery, much like the Amazon jungle itself." --Jessica Schein

We are suspending our Family Bedtime Story on Thursday nights until further notice. Perhaps we can start it again in the summer.

This Saturday is our Vegetable Gardening Program with Master Gardener Trudy West. Hope you'll join us 10:30-11:30.

Come check out these new titles recently added to our collection. *The Essential Phone Interview Handbook* by Paul J. Bailo, *Elizabeth the Queen* by Sally Bedell Smith, *One Perfect Word* by Debbie Macomber, *American Sniper: the autobiography of the most lethal sniper in American History* by Chris Kyle, *Child 44* by Tom Rob Smith.

Hope to see you around the Van Alstyne Public Library.





Tom Bean Students of the Month

Left upper Elementary - Breanna Crockett

Left Middle School - Michaela Burrough

Above High School - Austin DeBerry



Junior Class Donkey Basketball Game

A donkey basketball game show benefiting the Tom Bean High School junior class is set for Saturday, Feb. 25. Activities get underway at 7 pm in the high school gymnasium.

Four basketball teams atop live donkeys will be vying for the final championship game. Team members will include local residents and supporters.

The cost will be \$6 per person in advance or \$8 at the door. Pre-school children will be admitted free of charge. In addition, a hamburger meal deal will be available for \$6 but must be ordered in advance by contacting the high school.

Friend of Library BBQ

Tom Bean Friends of the Library will hold its fourth annual barbecue dinner fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 25, in the community room of the Tom Bean City Hall from 4:30 to 7 pm.

The menu will include barbecue beef (cooked by Eddie Hamilton), beans, coleslaw, rolls, homemade cookies and brownies. The meal is free, but donations are appreciated.

This is the group's largest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will go to the Lucile Teague Community Library in Tom Bean and will be used for computers, books, DSs, DVDs, and office supplies.

Recycling Fund-raiser

Spring is here and it is time to recycle and do that spring-cleaning. You can help a local organization with all those unwanted items in your garage, storage unit, home, etc. The items can be in any condition: damaged, obsolete, non-working, or fully operational. For your peace of mind, delete personal information from your computers and cell phones. The Volunteer Services Council (VSC) of Texoma Community Center (formerly Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma) is sponsoring a recycling fund-raiser on Saturday, March 3, 10 am-2 pm, at 315 West McLain, (east side parking lot) Sherman. Everyone donating will receive a tax donation form.

The VSC is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization as designated by the Internal Revenue Service and your donation may be tax deductible.

“Many questions have flooded the VSC office the last four years about this event. I would like to address some of the major questions. The number one question people have for the event is: Where is McLain Street? It is the first street to the north of where Travis and Lamberth cross. The number two question is: What do you do with the items taken to be recycled? We are working with a recycling company out of the metro-plex that has been in business for several years. The company will donate a set amount for every item the public donates. The company takes all the donated items and recycles what can be recycled. Many of the items can be resold. Parts out of other items may also be resold. Any unusable materials will be recycled in an eco-friendly way. The number three question: Is this is a garage sale?

None of the items will be for sale. This year we will be taking clothing, shoes, appliances, microwaves, television sets, etc.

Furniture will not be accepted. Question four is: Do you take paint and other hazardous materials? The answer is absolutely no,” says Harold Wright, Chairman of the VSC.

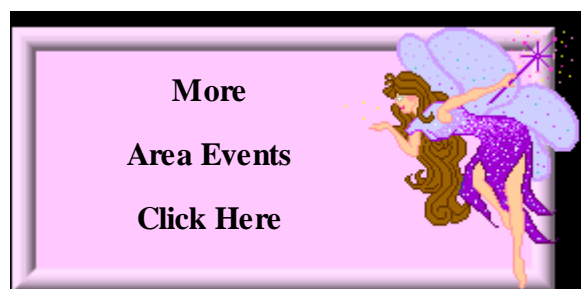
“For example, if someone donates a car, the car will be repaired, if possible, and sold. If the car cannot be repaired, the parts will be sold off. Anyone wishing to donate a car, boat, RV, etc. will need to supply the title and register on-line with BubbFundraising.com. Updated working computers will be sold. The recycling company also donates some computers to charitable organizations or the poor. If a computer does not work, the parts that can be recycled will be recycled,” continued Wright.

“The last three years the event has been a huge success due to the general public and businesses donating literally truck-loads of items. We hope it will be even more successful this time. Businesses and school districts that have a large amount of items can call 903-957-4865 and arrange a special pick-up. Individuals will need to bring their items the day of the event. We will not pick up items nor can we store them. Do not deliver items to our building before March 3,” ended Wright.

Collections will include the following items:

- Computer Equipment-desktops, laptops, servers, monitors, mice, speakers, and all other computer components
- Cameras-camcorders and all non-disposable film and digital cameras
- Office Equipment-fax machines, typewriters, inkjet cartridges, printers, scanners, routers, shredders, and copiers
- Entertainment Electronics-car and home audio equipment, satellite and cable boxes, VCRs, DVD players and recorders, headphones, and multimedia projectors
- Multimedia-DVD and VHS movies, audio books, and music CDs (All items must include original covers.)
- Portable electronics-cell phones, GPS devices, calculators, portable CD and DVD players, PDAs and MP3 players
- Video Games-video games, systems, and accessories
- Sporting Goods-golf clubs and bags, athletic helmets and pads, baseball bats and gloves, basketball shoes, cleats, hockey sticks, ice skates, roller blades, and fishing rods and reels
- Musical Instruments-guitars, percussion, strings, woodwinds, brass, and electronic keyboards
- Home and Garden-air purifiers, baby monitors, vacuum cleaners, power tools, electric razors, sewing machines, and medical equipment
- Non-Fiction Books-cookbooks, craft books, and textbooks
- Vehicles- cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, and RVs
- ATVs-dirt bikes, go-karts, 4 wheelers, 3 wheelers, and jet skis
- Collectibles-comics, figurines, trading cards, etc.
- Pottery, Cookware Glass, and Dinnerware-China, porcelain, art pottery, stoneware, etc.
- Jewelry-costume jewelry, watches, and hand-crafted jewelry
- Gold and Silver
- Clothing, Shoes, Purses
- Toys
- Large and Small Appliances, Microwaves, Televisions, etc.
- Scrap Metal

Texoma Community Center has provided services in Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties since 1974. The mission of the Center is to provide services that improve quality of life and support self-determination for persons with mental, intellectual, and developmental challenges.



Best of East Texas

Marie Whitehead of Rusk has received the Best of East Texas award for a lifetime of work on behalf of East Texas history.

The award was presented by Bob and Doris Bowman, owners of Best of East Texas Publishing Company, during the Chamber of Commerce banquet held recently in Rusk.

The publishing company's specialty is books about East Texas, and the award is uniquely East Texas. It is a replica water pump of the kind that was in use on East Texas farms a long time ago.

Just as farmers pumped water for the benefit of their families, this pump symbolizes the fact that historians and writers, have spent decades in pumping wonderful stories from the rich aquifer that is East Texas.

Previous winners of this award include Bill O'Neal of Carthage, Eliza Bishop of Crockett, Mattie Dellinger of Center, John and Betty Oglesbee of San Augustine, Wanda Bobbinger of Livingston, James Wilkins of Tyler, Max Lale of Marshall, Jean Ann Ables Flatt of Terrell, Jim Smallwood of Gainesville and Dan Utley of Austin.

Marie Whitehead has a vast knowledge of Cherokee County and has always been ready to help others learn more about local and regional history.

The *Rusk Cherokeean* published by Marie and her late husband, Emmett H. Whitehead, are direct lineal descendents of the *Cherokee Sentinel*, which was established in 1850 and today holds the title of Texas's oldest weekly newspaper.

The Whitehead family has been a contributing factor to this area's development for decades.

Mrs. Whitehead was born in New Waverly and graduated from Huntsville High School and Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches. She is the mother of two daughters, Terrie Lou and Wendee Ree.

Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

Our Gospel event is the fourth Saturday night at 7:00 pm. This

Saturday night, February 25th, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of the band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Mike Vaughan, drums, Tom Hackney, guitar and vocals, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Keith Francis, steel guitar, Jody Cofer, bass, Archie Shearer, lead guitar and vocals, Pat Shearer, vocals, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Doors will open at 6 pm and the program will begin at 7 o'clock. Admission for this program is \$6. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. A concession area with brisket sandwiches, hot dogs and refreshments is available.

The Chrystal Opry House is located one and a half miles west of Tom Bean (or 6 miles east of Howe) on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and no smoking is allowed inside the building. Contact Bill Hayes (903-546-6893) for more information.

Women's History Month Exhibit

100 Women, 100 Words

at McMurry University Has Taken On A New Meaning for West Texas Women

ABILENE, Texas –100 Women, 100 Words is a mixed media exhibit featuring the art and words of West Texas women (artists and non-artists). This exhibit is bringing together a group of West Texas women from all backgrounds and ages that probably would never have come together any other way.

100 Women, 100 Words will be on display from March 5 through March 31 in the Ryan Fine Arts Building on McMurry University's campus. Participants in the show include some well-known community leaders like State Representative Susan King, as well as area high school students, local professors, community leaders, military leaders, ministers, moms, nonprofit executives, artists and others.

100 Women, 100 Words started as an idea for a Women's History Month exhibit at McMurry University, however; since its inception it has grown into much more. Many women in the Abilene area seem to be jumping at the chance to tell their story through their own words and art. The interesting thing is most of the participants are NOT formally trained artists or writers.

"We thought this project would be difficult to accomplish. We thought many women would say "no" to us when they looked at the 6"X 6" canvas and set of instructions we provided. We were wrong. Women, no matter what their background or training seem to be accepting our challenge to share their experiences with us – to tell their story," said Dr. Christina Wilson, Dean of the School of Arts and Letters at McMurry. "What we will have when the project is completed is a unique historical snapshot of West Texas women's stories about women and womanhood – a testament to Women's History Month we will be celebrating. "

However, this is not the entire story. "During our journey to identify and attract women to our project we uncovered much more than we expected. Women immediately began talking about their ideas for their project to us and to each other. Fifteen minute appointments with prospective participants turned into forty-five minute appointments. Women we did not know began asking us if we needed additional participants. Immediately we began to hear about these women's lives," said Dr. Wilson.

For more information on 100 Women, 100 Words, please contact Dr. Christina Wilson at 325-793-4607 or by email at wilson.christina@mcm.edu<<mailto:wilson.christina@mcm.edu>>.





15 HOURS OF FREE FLAPJACKS AT IHOP FEBRUARY 28 National Pancake Day Returns To Benefit Shriners Hospitals For Children

WHAT: For the seventh consecutive year, IHOP restaurants nationwide will offer each guest a free short stack of its famous buttermilk pancakes on National Pancake Day in an effort to raise awareness and funds for Shriners Hospitals for Children and other local charities.

WHY: For every short stack of buttermilk pancakes served on National Pancake Day, IHOP guests are invited to make a voluntary donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children. IHOP hopes to raise \$2.7 million this year, with a goal to bring the total amount of funds raised to more than \$10 million. To find a local IHOP or to donate online, visit www.ihoppancakeday.com.

WHEN: TUESDAY, February 28, 2012, 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. (15 full hours)

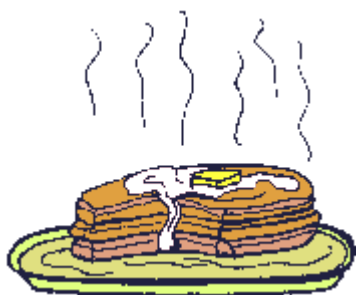
WHERE: Participating IHOP restaurants in the Howe area.

National Pancake Day Fun Facts:

- IHOP served four million free pancakes on National Pancake Day 2011 and pancake lovers donated more than \$2.5 million to children's charities, exceeding the fundraising goal of \$2.3 million.
- All of the free pancakes served on National Pancake Day 2011 would create a stack nearly 16 miles high.
- Since the inception of National Pancake Day in 2006, IHOP has raised nearly \$8 million and given away more than 14 million pancakes to support charities in the communities in which it operates.
- National Pancake Day 2011 was IHOP's largest one-day event in the company's 53-year history.

ABOUT IHOP

For 53 years, the IHOP family restaurant chain has served its world famous pancakes and a wide variety of breakfast, lunch and dinner items that are loved by people of all ages. IHOP offers its guests an affordable, everyday dining experience with warm and friendly service. As of September 30, 2011, there were 1,532 IHOPs in 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as in Canada, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Under the licensed name IHOP at HOME® consumers can also enjoy a line of premium breakfast products available at leading retailers. IHOP restaurants are franchised and operated by Glendale, Calif.-based International House of Pancakes, LLC and its affiliates. International House of Pancakes, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DineEquity, Inc. (NYSE: DIN).



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Centennial Of An Irony

By Bob Bowman

In Texas: heavyweight champ Jack Johnson's arrest for boxing in 1903 in Galveston.

Johnson, who was born in Galveston and honed his physical skills by lifting cotton bales as a youngster in the Newton County river port of Belgrade, became the heavyweight title in 1910 when he defeated Jim Jeffries.

But eight years earlier, Johnson was thrown in jail in Galveston for violating a state law banning boxing.

Johnson was born of poor black parents in 1878, the second of six children of former slave Henry Johnson and his wife Tiny.

He kicked around Texas picking up odd jobs as a dockworker, porter, and barber's helper. He began his boxing career as a sparring partner and participated in "battles royal" where black youths fought each other and white spectators threw money to the winner.

Johnson left Galveston shortly after his 1901 arrest and began wandering the U.S., fighting and gaining admiration for his toughness.

In 1903, he won the Negro heavyweight championship. Jeffries, the reigning white heavyweight champion, refused to cross the color line and meet Johnson in the ring.

When Johnson defeated Tommy Burns in Australia to technically win the heavyweight title, he wasn't officially recognized until he defeated Jeffries in Las Vegas in 1910.

Jeffries was the first in a series of recruited "white hopes" to fight Johnson.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

One of the first things I discovered when I moved to North Texas is that many people here do not speak English. For example, they didn't call a pump jack a pump jack; I don't remember what they did call the piece of equipment that sits on top of a completed oil well drill site pumping the oil into the attached pipe.

They argued -- unsuccessfully, I might add -- that they were right and I was wrong, but since I grew up in the middle of what at one time was the largest oil (properly pronounced "awl") field in the world, I thought I knew better than people whose experience was somewhat less than mine with "awl" field equipment.

Another thing I discovered was that people in North Texas think anything west of Dallas is strange, weird and hopelessly arid desert. The people who live west of Dallas, of course, also meet that criteria and probably are without redeeming intelligence. That may not include all the people who live in Ft. Worth, but does include most of the poor things.

At first I told my new acquaintances to wait a minute. The Odessa/Midland Petroplex has a population of about 250,000. Both cities have fine community colleges. Odessa College was established in 1947. Midland College was established after a fight over which city would be the site of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, sometime in the 1970's. Odessa won after Odessans got mad and decided to fight the \$400 a month millionaires in Midland. It was not a pretty fight, but most of the scars have healed.

Medical Center Hospital in Odessa houses the Texas Tech Medical School. The Midland/Odessa Symphony is one of the best in the nation. Midland/Odessa Regional Airport is an international port of entry.

And, the wind does not blow there all the time, any more than it does in North Texas, although people here assure me that it does because the wind was blowing when they drove through Midland/Odessa on their way to San Diego. But I soon gave



BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

In 1913 Johnson fled the U.S. after a contrived conviction for a violation of the Mann Act, which forbade the transportation white women interstate for the purpose of prostitution. Facing a prison term, Johnson toured Europe, Canada and Mexico. He lost his championship to white challenger Jess Willard in Cuba in 1915.

Johnson returned to the U.S. in 1920, was jailed in Leavenworth, and became the prison's athletic director. After his release, he returned to boxing, but his professional career was over.

For most of his life, Johnson was a non-conformist, turning to fast cars, white women, and expensive jewels. He often defied a hostile press which criticized his "golden smile and white wives."

Following three marriages, Johnson died in a North Carolina automobile accident in 1946.

While Johnson was one of Galveston's most famous athletes, the Island City has been reluctant to honor his life.

In the 1980s an artist erected a black-metal, modernistic sculpture in a city park to honor Johnson, but the sculpture became the target of racist attacks and salt air, and was removed.

(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

up because people with preconceived ideas did not want to confused by the facts.

But back to my first point about the language. I soon discovered that people in North Texas do not have any idea what a doomaflatchie is. Neither do they know what a thingbo is. What's worse, they say a thing that is somewhat whomper jawed is kitty cornered instead of catty cornered.


They don't know what it means to be so tired or so emotionally beat up that you feel like you've been dragged through a brush heap backward. They look at you like you are a snake with two heads when you say things like that.

I have finally learned to explain sayings like "He'll do to ride the river with," which admittedly is more obscure than describing someone as being as hungry as a mama wolf or dumb as a box of rocks.

According to one source that may or may not be reliable, regional speech, which was supposed to disappear with the advent of radio and then television, has clung to life. It may even be stronger than ever, along with the regional accents that were supposed to disappear.

My own suspicion -- not proved by anything -- is that far from disappearing, regional speech is spreading because it is so descriptive and so much fun.



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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Interim Charges for House Committees

This week I will discuss the interim charges recently issued to the House Committee on Insurance and the House Committee on Land and Resource Management. Interim charges are the issues that the Speaker asks committees to study during the time between regular legislative sessions in order to make recommendations for legislation for the following legislative session. The charges are good indicators of what legislation the legislature will take up during the next session. Legislators rely on public input when crafting legislation, and it is important that they hear from people during the interim.

House Committee on Insurance

* Study whether Texas would benefit from allowing purchases of health insurance coverage across state lines. Examine the options available to facilitate such purchases, and include consideration of how to guarantee appropriate consumer protections.

* Examine the handling of third-party claims by automobile insurers. Consider whether any systemic claims-handling issues would be better addressed through new dispute resolution processes, case-by-case action by the Texas Department of Insurance, or a combination of both. Include in the review an analysis of practice in other states.

* Monitor implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, including any changes that may result from ongoing litigation or legislative modification or repeal. (Joint with the House Committee on Public Health)

* Monitor the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction, including the implementation of legislation regarding the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.

House Committee on Land & Resource Management

* Examine the Cabin Program managed by the General Land Office. Review the history of the program, the current fee structure, and the renewal process and whether the program is achieving the goals for which it was created. Make appropriate legislative recommendations.

* Monitor and examine the ongoing litigation of *Severance v. Patterson* and its impact on the Texas Open Beaches Act.

* Examine the effectiveness of the Texas Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act.

* Examine current regulatory authority available to municipalities in their extraterritorial jurisdiction. Make necessary legislative recommendations to ensure a proper balance between development activities and municipal regulations.

The House Committee on Insurance can be reached at 512-463-0788, and the House Committee on Land & Resource Management can be reached at 512-463-1623. For more information on these charges 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 (903) 891-7297.

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[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.

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¹ I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

² He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.

³ And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

⁴ Blessed *is* that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

⁵ Many, O Lord my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.

Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship church begins each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Praise and worship service begins at 10:30 and dress is casual. This week's service is led by Angie Howery. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday morning during worship service.

C. R. Men's Step Study class meets every Saturday night at the church building at 6:30pm. This program helps those struggling with alcohol and drug abuse or family issues. There is also a class called Celebrate Recovery that is held at the church on Thursday night from 6:30-9:00pm. Both classed are a Christ Centered Recovery Program based on the 12 steps and 8 recovery principals. This one helps to deal with Life's "Hurts habits and Hang Up's". Not just drugs and alcohol.

The church will also be having "Movie Night" once a month and the public is invited to attend. There will be a Christian based movie along with drinks, popcorn and candy. Everything is free, so come on out and join in a night of fun. New movie to be announced each month.

The church has home study groups throughout the week. Wednesday night begins at 6:30pm with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional. The church will have VBS July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30pm

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 your way. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219



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.

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How Much I Owe

One of the largest wildfires in California history is the Day fire in Los Padres National Forest in 2006. At that time, it was the sixth-largest fire in California history when measured by acreage. The Day fire started on Labor Day, September 4, 2006, at a campsite in Piru Canyon. It took thousands of firefighters 39 days to contain the blaze. The fire destroyed more than 162,700 acres of land, including eleven structures. Eighteen people were injured in the fire, but thankfully, no one was killed.

Investigations revealed that the fire was inadvertently started by Steven Butcher at his campsite. John Schelbe reported that on November 17, 2008, "U.S. District Judge Valerie Baker Fairbank sentenced Butcher to 45 months in prison and ordered the self-described nature lover to pay the \$101.6 million that it cost to fight the Day fire."

Mark Windsor, who represented Butcher in his trial, stated that the \$101.6 million fine had to be "one of the biggest monetary amounts ever levied against a person."

\$101.6 million is a lot of money, especially if you are homeless, mentally ill, and financially poor – as is Steven Butcher. In 2008, Butcher's only income was \$1,000 a month in Supplemental Security Income. He was ordered by Judge Fairbank to pay \$25 four times a year to Los Padres officials while in prison and \$50 a month after he's released. At this rate, Butcher will have to keep paying over 2 million years in order to pay the fine! *

But Steven Butcher is not the only one with an unthinkable debt. Nor is Steven Butcher the only one who has made some terrible mistakes.

YOU and I have amassed an unthinkable debt due to our sins. It's not because of mental illness, but it is due to wrong decisions that we have made – wrong decisions that have led to sin (see James 1:13-14).

Because of who God is and what He has done for us, you and I are "indebted" to God. We owe Him our love, our loyalty, and our very lives, but when we sin, we fail to meet our obligation. Thus, we are "in debt" to God. Sin is like an unpaid debt, and it is a debt that every one of us owes (Romans 3:23). The debt of sin is so great that none of us can be good enough or do

enough good to pay off the debt. We just do not have enough resources to remove the debt that we owe to God.

However, because of His love for us, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the debt for OUR sin. The Apostle Peter reminded some Christians of the price of their redemption from sin: "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The blood of Jesus removes the debt of those who will: place their faith and trust in God (Hebrews 11:6), repent of their sin (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). The blood of Jesus continues to keep one's record clean as he continues to live for the One who made His redemption possible (1 John 1:7)

We don't have enough resources or enough time to ever pay the debt that we owe to God, but God loved us so much that He paid our debt through the GIFT of His Son.

In order to have our debts paid, however, we must accept His offer on His terms.

Won't YOU?

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* Information gleaned from "Homeless Man's \$101.6 million fine for Day Fire Sends Message." The Ventura County Star --
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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.



Senator Zaffirini Announces Grant for College Disabilities Program

(AUSTIN) - Senator Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, announced on Feb. 16 that Texas A&M University will receive \$225,000 for the first year of a five-year grant from the Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) to develop an inclusive postsecondary education program for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“As Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee, I am delighted that persons with disabilities pursuing postsecondary education will benefit from this funding,” Zaffirini said. “Specifically, they will receive specialized support and services not usually offered at higher education institutions, including specialized assistive technology, communication and self-advocacy training.”

The new program will include rigorous academic courses and enrichment classes that will serve as a pathway to careers in human services. What’s more, it includes a full year of training and supervised, field-based experience leading to a certificate and job placement.

“This program is designed to help persons with disabilities pursue careers and live productive, fulfilling lives,” Senator Zaffirini said. “It is my hope that other higher education institutions will use the program as a model and look to its manual as a guide.”

TCDD is a 27-member board dedicated to improving the lives of more than 450,000 Texans with developmental disabilities. The Council provides a variety of activities, including grant projects, technical assistance, public awareness and leadership training, to enable people with disabilities to live, attend classes and work in the community.

More information on TCDD and its projects is available via <http://www.txddc.state.tx.us> or 800/262-0334.

SENATOR JUDITH ZAFFIRINI, D-Laredo, is Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee and a member of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Shown here with Regina Blye, Executive Director for the Texas State Independent Living Council (SILC), Senator Zaffirini champions legislation and funding that help persons with disabilities live healthy, productive lives.



Farm Bureau Letter from a Concerned Consumer

Dear Farmer,

As a loyal customer, I am grateful for you and the other Texas farmers and ranchers who grow the fruits, vegetables, meat and other products that I buy and serve to my family. Each week, I know the shelves at my local grocery store will be stocked with a large variety of products with plenty of price, flavor and nutrition choices.

I’ve come to rely on those many food options, and there are some things that I’ve just come to expect. I know that, compared to other countries, our food is fairly affordable. I expect that the food I buy in the grocery store and order in restaurants is safe. I am not concerned with the abundance of our food supply -- the food I want is always on the shelf when I go to buy it.

There are other issues, though, that I don’t hear you talk about much. I want to know more. And I want to talk to you -- the men and women in the fields -- about my concerns. Here are five things I want to talk about...

- Organic vs. Conventional Farming -- I’ve heard a lot recently about how organic food is a safer and healthier option. I want to feed my family nutritious food that is good for their current and future health.

- “Genetically Modified Organisms” -- If a seed has been mutated, how do I know it won’t do something strange to me? Should more research be done for us to feel safe eating these crops?

- Animal Welfare -- I care about animals, and I want to know that cattle, pigs and chickens are treated humanely. I don’t necessarily want to give up eating meat, but I do want to know that they are raised under good conditions.

- Chemicals & Pesticides -- Are the chemicals you spray on crops bad for the environment? Our food should be grown without harming our rivers, fields and wildlife. I also want to know if pesticides are harmful for people.

- Climate Change -- I’m concerned that the environment is being negatively affected by large industries, including agriculture. Should we switch to practices like grass-fed beef and free-range chickens to reduce our carbon footprint?

These are a few of the issues that concern me. I care about my food and want to know where it comes from. I want to see what life is like on a farm. I want to get to know you.

Can we start a conversation?

Sincerely, A Concerned Consumer

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Texas Senator Craig Estes:

Real-Time, Stop-Sale Technology Is Working For Texas

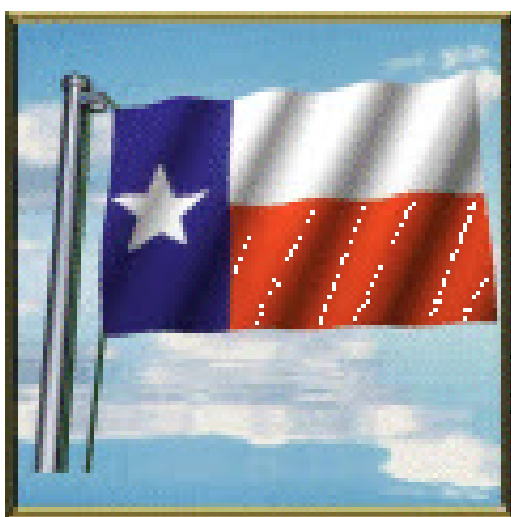
AUSTIN, TX - Texas State Senator Craig Estes released the following statement today after monthly data gathered by the National Precursor Law Exchange (NPLEx) was released. Senator Estes authored legislation that addresses Texas' methamphetamine problem without burdening responsible Texans with a prescription requirement for safe and effective medicines containing pseudoephedrine (PSE), such as Advil Cold & Sinus, Claritin-D and Sudafed.

According to January's data, Texas' real-time, stop-sale technology - in just one month - blocked the illegal sale of more than 16,800 boxes and over 40,000 grams of medicines containing PSE. (PSE is an ingredient used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.)

"As January's numbers clearly indicate, Texas' real-time, stop-sale technology is working," Estes said. "NPLEx empowers pharmacists with the ability to block illegal pseudoephedrine sales, provides law enforcement officials with a critical tool to fight meth crime, and protects law-abiding Texans' access to reliable and affordable over-the-counter medicines."

"Just as importantly, NPLEx protects responsible Texans' access to popular and reliable cold and allergy medicines containing pseudoephedrine. The legislation Representative Drew Darby and I passed last session put NPLEx to work for Texas and ensured that our efforts to crack down on meth use and production were aimed squarely at meth criminals, not law-abiding citizens."

Senator Estes is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and 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.



TELLING OUR STORIES

By Jerry Lincecum

In two decades of listening to elderwriters sharing reminiscences, I have noticed that the Christmas season has often been the setting for unforgettable childhood memories. They are as precious as gold nuggets or polished gems.

One TOS writer who lived more than a century treasured a tiny cup and saucer set she had been given at a Christmas program around 1915. What made it special was her memory of getting there: her grandfather hitched his team of horses to a wagon, they all piled in and jostled their way to the country schoolhouse.

Others recall a tradition of celebrating Christmas by traveling to the home of the children's grandparents on Christmas Eve. Only when all children were asleep did adults put up the cedar tree and other decorations.

Can you imagine the magical feeling experienced by a child waking up on Christmas morning to find a beautiful tree that had appeared overnight, complete with gifts delivered by Santa Claus?

On the other hand, one gentleman remembers the unfortunate year when days of rain on muddy roads made the Christmas Eve journey very doubtful. Then Papa came up with a brilliant solution. He had a sled the horses could pull, and he placed the wagon box on top of it.

With warm lap-ropes to shelter them from the cold, the little family set off through the woods. Then Papa decided he wasn't sure he had securely locked up the corncrib. He was obliged to leave Mama and the children alone in the dark woods while he briskly walked back to make sure. It is no surprise that 80 years later his five-year-old son can revisit his anxiety on that Christmas Eve long ago.

Around 1930 two little girls discovered something amazing: new toys in the smokehouse. A quick-thinking mom advised them that she felt sure Elves from the North Pole had stashed them there. Moreover, this wise adult had heard that children who meddled in Santa's business would receive nothing good on Christmas morning. Mystery solved and lesson learned: stay away from that smokehouse.

Often a child was amazed to receive a gift that had been seen and coveted but seemed too expensive. Somehow a parent knew the child's desire and managed to find a way to pay for it. Mary Ann Wright of Sherman received a suede fringed jacket for Christmas in 1946, and she still remembers how much it cost.

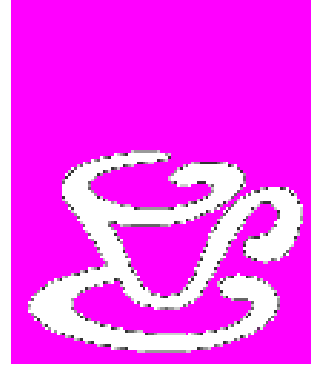
Coming from a large family, I have memories of a very orderly system of taking turns opening gifts. Then chaos ensued and almost inevitably some important tag or leaflet disappeared amid the wrapping paper.

At least one adult would lose patience as the trash had to be sorted a couple of times. Incidentally, these little episodes occurred after WWII, when wrapping paper was cheap and plentiful.

I'm sure you are already remembering your own little nuggets and gems of Christmas past. The scenes we can revisit at will with the mind's eye easily surpass all the digital photos and movies that will be made this holiday season.

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Where Did She Go?

An elderly woman in her nineties had a visitor from her church come to see her at the nursing home.

"How are you?" the visitor asked.

"Oh," said the elderly woman, "I'm just worried sick!"

"You look like you're in good health. They take good care of you here, don't they?"

"Oh, yes, they take good care of me here."

"Do you have any pain?" the visitor asked.

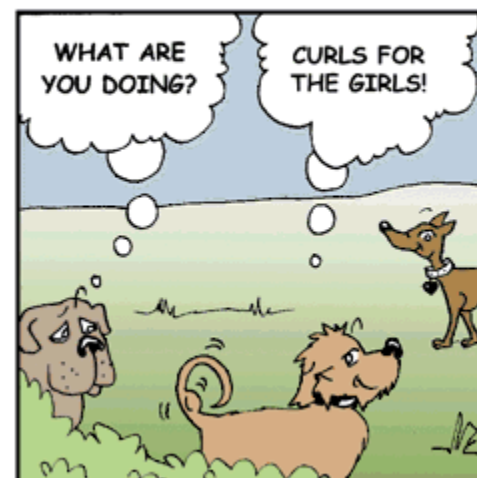
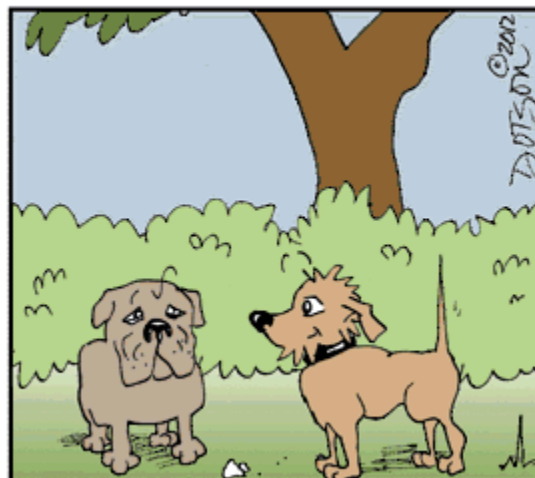
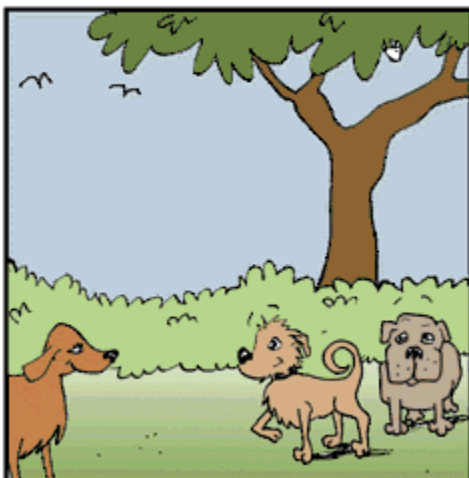
"No, I can't say I do," the elderly woman replied.

"Then what has you worried sick?" the visitor asked.

The elderly woman leaned in and explained, "All of my closest friends have already died and gone to heaven. I'm sure they are all wondering where I went!"

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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.



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007