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Capital Watch



November Students of the Month



Dot's Dashes



Let's Reminisce





We look forward to seeing you at Susan McGinn's program, "On the Poetry Shelf at Downton Abbey," 2:15, Feb. 1, 2014 at the Sherman Public Library. Susan will read poetry the characters in the series "Downton Abbey" might have enjoyed. After the program, at 3:00, you're welcome to stay and read your original poems during our open mic session. -Frances Neidhardt, vp



Concealed Handgun License Course

"I have a very strict gun control policy: if there's a gun around, I want to be in control of it.." Clint Eastwood

Are you interested in obtaining a Concealed Handgun License, but don't know where to begin? The Center for Workplace Learning at Grayson College now offers a CHL course for all eligible citizens. The six hour class will cover: use of force, non-violent dispute resolution, handgun use, and safe and proper storage of handguns and ammunition. The course content and length are set by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Grayson County Constable, Bob Douglas is the course instructor. With a vast knowledge of law enforcement and gun safety, Bob is adamant that citizens become educated if they choose to own and carry a firearm. He advises, "If a person is a CHL licensee, and he/she owns a firearm, they must accept the responsibility to guard against unauthorized access by people who do not need to have firearms. Also, one should review his/her legal representation needs before deciding to carry or not to carry a firearm for possible self defense versus the need for self protection, or the possible conflicting situations."

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety in 2013, 1,574 CHLs were issued in Grayson County. In September of 2013, Texas made several revisions to the CHL requirements allowing for a faster course and easier application process. The number of licenses issued is expected to increase with these changes.

The Concealed Handgun License Course is offered on the third Saturday of each month. The course is \$80.00 and runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Upon successful completion of the program, students are issued the state-required Handgun Proficiency Certificate (Form CHL-100). For more class information and registration, please visit www.cwlgcc.org or call 903-463-8765.

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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Speaker Announces Interim Charges for House Committees

One of the duties of the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives is to assign interim charges to legislative committees within the House. 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. Similarly, the Lieutenant Governor assigns interim charges in the Senate. Each committee will typically hold hearings in order to study the issues to which they were assigned and will conclude the studies with a report submitted to the Speaker prior to the legislative session.

Speaker Joe Straus recently announced the charges for House committees. This interim, there are thirty-one regular committees to which interim charges are assigned. This week's column will begin a series of *Capitol Watches* in which I will share the interim charges for the House committees. 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 AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK:

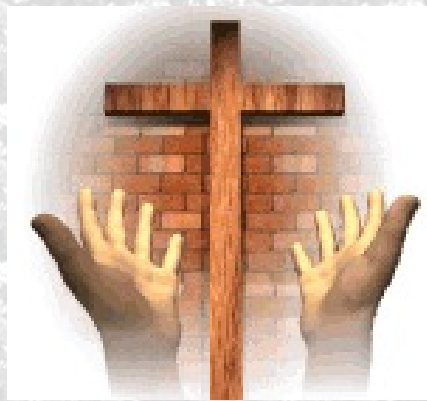
Evaluate actions by state agencies under the committee's jurisdiction to increase transparency, accountability, and efficiency. Consider cost-saving technologies such as the route optimization system used by the Texas Department of Agriculture to save funds in inspection activities. Identify and make recommendations to address gaps and to improve efficiency and access to user-friendly information while protecting appropriate data security.

Study the feasibility of the creation of a border agricultural inspection training program and the authority of Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) employees to augment federal inspectors at Texas border land ports of entry. Measure and estimate the increase in state revenue and secondary economic benefits that could be created from implementing the efficiency measures in HB 761 (83R) as a way to offset costs for additional state inspectors.

- Evaluate the Texas Right to Farm Act and determine if certain recommendations and updates to the law should be made in efforts to protect agricultural operations.
- Examine current statutes and rules to determine any necessary enhancements that can assist in the eradication of feral hogs by using practical solutions and effective eradication techniques. (Joint charge with the House Committee on Culture, Recreation and Tourism)
- Conduct legislative oversight and monitoring of the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 83rd Legislature. In conducting this oversight, the committee should: consider any reforms to state agencies to make them more responsive to Texas taxpayers and citizens; identify issues regarding the agency or its governance that may be appropriate to investigate, improve, remedy, or eliminate; determine whether an agency is operating in a transparent and efficient manner; and identify opportunities to streamline programs and services while maintaining the mission of the agency and its programs.

The House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock can be reached at 512-463-0762. 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.





Proverbs 5:1-23 (KJV)

- ¹ My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding;
- ² That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge.
- ³ For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil:
- ⁴ But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.
- ⁵ Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
- ⁶ Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them*.
- ⁷ Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
- ⁸ Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:
- ⁹ Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:
- ¹⁰ Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger;
- ¹¹ And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
- ¹² And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
- ¹³ And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!
- ¹⁴ I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.
- ¹⁵ Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.
- ¹⁶ Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets.
- ¹⁷ Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.
- ¹⁸ Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.
- ¹⁹ *Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.
- ²⁰ And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?
- ²¹ For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.
- ²² His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.
- ²³ He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Christian Fellowship

Mike Ball will be leading worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship church in Luella. Come on out and join them for coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9:00am, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual. If your looking for a church family, come on out and join them cause you've found it.

Kids in Da Zone for Jesus is a class for the kids ages 2-10. They learn bible stories, memory verses, have puppet shows, etc. A good time for the kids to learn the bible. This takes place during worship service. The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each week during worship time.

Wednesday night begins at 6:30pm with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional. There is also a class for the children. 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 903-271-1870 or David Ellis at 903-815-1333.

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Our services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9:00 am and worship at 10:00 am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6:00 pm. The Lord Supper is given each Sunday. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7:00 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX..

We have radio programs each Sunday at 7:30 am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8:00 am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30 am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>. Their television program comes on CBS at 7:30am.

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

Area Churches

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903/482-6761
SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound

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

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304 E. College, 903/433-4835
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300 Pecan, 903/433-3335
GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Bruce Stinson
Brooks Plaza
Sundays - 9:30 AM Worship
www.thegbf.com
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Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166;
Sun. 10am & 6pm
NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP/AG,
912 S Denny St.
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd,
Weldon Hutson, pastor,
903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
903/815-1472 ; Kcvin Bouse
CHURCH OF CHRIST
N. Collins Frwy,
903/532-6441;
Toby Socheting
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
100 E. Davis,903/532-5504;
Roger Tidwell, pastor
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
810 N. Denny, 903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister

Ida

IDA BAPTIST CHURCH,
903/813- 3263. S- School
10 am, Worship 11 am
Charles Morris, pastor

Luella

LUELLA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
3162 St. Hwy. 11,
Harvey Patterson,
903/893-2252
A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,
150 Fellowship Ln, Luella
Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

Tom Bean

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
903/546-6231
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
903/546-6898
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South of Tom Bean
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More Church Page



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In Memory

A.R. "Ross" Gallaher and his family viewed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial while visiting the United States Capitol a few years ago. As they observed the Memorial, he also took note of three groups of people that also viewed the Memorial...

The first group casually viewed the Memorial. They seemed amazed at the vast number of names (58,272 names as of May 2011), but they did not take the time to take a closer look.

The second group took a closer look. They read through some of the list of names on at least one of the black granite walls, each wall measuring 247.75 feet in length. They looked to see if they recognized any of the names.

The third group comprised those who looked most intently at the Memorial. These were those who had lost loved ones in the conflict, either confirmed to be KIA (Killed in Action) or classified as MIA (Missing in Action). They not only found the name of their loved one, they touched – even caressed – those names engraved in the stone in a deliberate, thoughtful, and loving way. Some lit a candle or presented a flower at the base of the Memorial in memory of their loved one.

Although the original does not exist, many memorial replicas have been made of a CROSS.. that stood between two other crosses at a place called Golgotha outside Jerusalem in the 1st Century.

Those who consider that cross may be grouped similarly to those whom Gallaher viewed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial...

Some casually "view" the cross without considering its extreme and eternal relevance.

Others "take a closer look" and recognize it as a religious symbol that is often hung on a wall or worn as a necklace by those who profess to follow the One who died on the cross.

Some recognize the cross for what it truly was: an instrument of execution that in one particular case also portrayed the incredible love of God.

It was "wicked men" who cried out for the crucifixion of Jesus, the sinless Son of God. Yet Peter said that Jesus' death on the cross was also according to the "determined purpose and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23).

As Jesus hung on the cross – not for His sins but for OURS – God "made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). He died FOR US so that we might have salvation from sin and receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

God will save those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38). The atoning blood that Jesus shed in His death will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Don't ignore it or give it a passing thought. Consider the cross of Christ. Recognize it for what it is: God's judgment against sin and His provision for our salvation.

Won't YOU look to the cross and accept the salvation that it made available by submitting your life to the Savior on His terms?

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Austin College Presents Annual Allen-Head Lectures

SHERMAN, TEXAS—Austin College will host the annual Allen-Head Lectures February 20 on campus, with two presentations by Dr. Mark A. Chancey, professor of religious studies at Southern Methodist University. Both lectures are free and open to the public.

The first lecture, “Rewriting History for a ‘Christian America’: The Texas Social Studies Controversy,” will begin at 11 a.m. in Sherman Hall’s Hoxie Thompson Auditorium. That evening at 7 p.m. in Wright Campus Center’s Mabee Hall, Chancey will present “Teaching about the Bible in the Shadow of Court Decisions: Bible Courses, Public Education, and the Changing Terrain of Church-State Relations in Texas.”

“Public education is a matter of both local and national concern, said Todd Penner, Austin College Gould and Marie Cloud Professor in Religion and coordinator of the lecture series. “It is a key component of a larger debate within the broader social and cultural ‘wars’ that we see played out front and center on the American scene day in and day out. How should we think about and engage public school curriculum in light of a ‘divided nation’?”

Penner said a critical juncture faces the U.S. as it forges ahead to become a more educationally robust nation. “Dr. Chancey brings to the forefront some of the major issues that have divided the public in Texas with respect to general school curriculum,” he said. “What we think and teach about history says as much about us as it does about the past. And wherever one lands in terms of the ‘political divide,’ we can all rest assured that the future of this country lies in thinking with each other over public curricula and engaging what is at stake in the controversies that seem to separate us. We might find, in the end, that we have much more in common than we might think.”

A member of the religion faculty in SMU’s Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences since 2000, Chancey has been named an Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor and has received the Golden Mustang Teaching Award, the Rotunda Outstanding Professor Award, and the Maguire Center Public Scholar Award.

In recent years he has devoted considerable attention to the constitutional, political, and academic issues raised by religion courses in public schools. His three reports on Bible courses for the Austin-based watchdog group Texas Freedom Network led to the drastic revision of a nationally used Bible curriculum and helped draw attention to whether Bible courses are used for the unconstitutional promotion of certain religious views over others in public school classrooms.

Chancey is the author of two books, *The Myth of a Gentile Galilee* (2002) and *Greco-Roman Culture and the Galilee of Jesus* (2005), and the co-author of *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible from Alexander to Constantine* (2012).

He earned a bachelor’s degree in political science with a minor in religion (1990) and a master’s degree in religion (1992) at the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. in New Testament and Early Judaism (1999) at Duke University. Chancey’s research interests range from the historical Jesus, archaeology and the Bible, and the political and social history of Roman-period Palestine to church-state issues and religion and contemporary public education.

Before joining the SMU faculty, he held visiting and adjunct faculty positions in religion at Duke University and Meredith College.

The Allen-Head Lecture Series was established by an endowment gift to Austin College in 1985 in memory and celebration of E.T. Allen, Sr., and Mary Bell Anderson Allen; Mr. & Mrs. E.T. Allen, Jr.; and Mr. & Mrs. R.B. Head, Jr., of Whitesboro. The lectures feature nationally prominent speakers in the areas of religion, philosophy, psychology, history, and literature.

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](#).



GC presents two plays this spring with diverse subject matter

Grayson College’s Theatre Department is preparing two very different plays for audiences this spring. Both productions are presented in the Arts & Communications Building’s state-of-the-art facilities on the college’s Main Campus in Denison.

David Mamet’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play, “Glengarry Glen Ross,” runs Feb. 20-22 in the Black Box Theatre. Set in the cut-throat world of real estate, the plot explores the journey of what men will take to make money. Rated NC-17 due to strong language, “Glengarry Glen Ross” features an all-male cast. Reservations are encouraged because seating is limited.

“Commedia Pinocchio” is a comedy designed for the whole family that younger audiences will particularly enjoy. Award-winning playwright Lane Riosley is known for plays with high energy and physical comedy. The plot follows the antics of a comedy troupe as it attempts to present the classic tale about the puppet-turned-real-boy. “Commedia Pinocchio” runs from April 30 to May 3 in the Cruce Stark Auditorium. Reservations are not necessary.

Tickets are free for “Glengarry Glen Ross” and \$1 for “Commedia Pinocchio” or free with college ID. For reservations or more information about either show, contact the GC Theatre Department at 903-463-8609 or theatre@grayson.edu.



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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 23rd year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Grandkids singing at the Elves Christmas Tree Farm, 2007



Dots Dashes

By Dorothy N. Fowler

In the bad old days before the Internet brought us Snopes.com, fact check, Wikipedia, and thousands of other reliable research sites, including those of major universities, there may have been a legitimate excuse for ignorance.

Even given the fact that Wikipedia is a people's encyclopedia, which means that articles are written by people who may not always be either completely honest or completely accurate, it is still a valuable source of information because people who are honest and accurate find errors and correct them quickly.

Research tools resided in the school library and the Ector County Library when I was teaching at Permian. School libraries are notoriously unavailable to students most of the time. That's because school libraries are usually open during school hours, when students are in math classes, English classes, computer literacy classes, science classes, art, music, drama, or whatever else is available; during those classes, teachers are somewhat reluctant to let their students miss instruction that might be related to the high stakes test that is always just over the academic horizon.

The county library was open until 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

At Permian, after much agitating from teachers (also known by the administration as "disgruntled employees"), the school library was opened on Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. That provided an opportunity not only for research, but also for students who needed to make up missed tests to get them out of the way. One teacher was assigned to give all the make-up tests in his or her classroom and return them to the subject matter teacher who gave them.

Teachers who worked in the library or as test-givers or tutors/research assistants were paid \$25 an hour for their time, which obviously was not part of the school day. There was never a surplus of teacher applicants for these positions. In fact, the program almost failed because so few teachers wanted to participate. They thought it was all a good idea, but they didn't want to do it.

It was during these Monday night sessions that I learned some little known facts about past and contemporary political figures.

"Ms. Fowler, did you know Alexander Hamilton was homosexual?"

"No, Johnny, I never heard that before. Did you know he was married and that he was involved in the very first sex scandal in American government? Hamilton's wife and the woman he had the affair with would have been surprised to know he was gay. He had to confess to the affair because he was accused of being involved in a bribery scheme, and the love letters he received from his lover absolved him of the bribery scandal."

"Ms. Fowler, did you know George McGovern was a draft dodger?"

"No, Everett, I never heard that before. It seems odd that he won the Distinguished Flying Cross for landing his disabled bomber and saving his crew. And the record shows he flew more than 40 bombing missions over German occupied Europe."

"Ms. Fowler, did you know Jimmy Carter never finished high school?"

"No, Susie. I do know he graduated from the United States Naval Academy and that they rarely let anyone in who didn't finish high school."

I demanded that my students find confirmation of what I told them. I wanted them to follow the first rule of good research and good journalism. To wit, "If your mama says she loves you, check it out."

It was harder then than it is now to fact-check. Then it might take hours poring over dust encrusted encyclopedias or spending several dollars calling local, state or national authorities to get the facts.

Now it may take several clicks of the computer and an hour or two to cross check sources, but the clicks and the hours are well spent. Taking the word of someone who "knows it's true because my hairdresser's wife has a sister whose neighbor says that her first cousin's postman witnessed it" will wind up making you look like a fool, or just plain willfully ignorant.

Plain, ordinary ignorance is forgivable. Willful ignorance is not.

Perhaps you ought to check to see that what I've told you about Hamilton, McGovern, and Carter is correct.

Have a good week.

Cornyn Encourages Energy Secretary To See Firsthand How Energy Renaissance In TX Is Creating Jobs

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement regarding U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz's visit today to Texas:

"I'd like to welcome Secretary Moniz to Texas, where an energy renaissance is alive and well and creating high-paying jobs across the state. As his boss continues to delay the Keystone pipeline and the thousands of jobs it is poised to generate, I hope the Secretary will see firsthand in Texas what can happen when the federal government is kept from interfering, and enterprising Americans are free to explore opportunities, make the most of our resources, and create jobs for their fellow man and woman."

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

Cornyn: President's Late Budget Highlights Disturbing Trend

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after President Obama failed to deliver his budget on time to Congress for the fifth time in six years.

"Less than a week after the President stood before Congress and demand action on his biggest priorities, the President failed to meet one of his most basic responsibilities – submit a budget to Congress.

"This continues a disturbing trend of the President failing to adhere to the laws that govern his office. Last year, I introduced a bill, 'No Budget, No OMB Pay,' and I urge the Majority Leader to take it up this week.

"The President might want to think twice about reprimanding Congress for its failure to act, if he is unwilling to meet his own responsibilities."

The "[No Budget, No OMB Pay Act](#)" would withhold the pay for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and other Senate-approved OMB officials for every day the President's budget is late.

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Cornyn: CBO Confirms Obamacare Making Economy Worse

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) spoke on the Senate floor today on the Congressional Budget Office's latest report showing Obamacare will result in 2 million fewer full-time workers.

"The Congressional Budget Office said the number of full-time workers will go down by two million in the coming years as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

"So in addition to people getting canceled policies or sticker shock and finding out that their health care costs didn't go down, they went up, or finding that if you like your doctor, you can't keep them, what we're finding is that these same people may find themselves out of work as a result of the policies of the Affordable Care Act.

"The Congressional Budget Office looked primarily at how employers would respond to a new penalty for failing to offer insurance to employees that work more than 30 hours. That response would include cutting people's hours, hiring fewer workers and lowering wages for new jobs.

"The Budget Office does not see unemployment falling below 6% for the rest of President Obama's term. Six percent for the remainder of his term.

"Yet despite all of this, the President still won't get behind genuine pro-growth reforms, he won't support genuine reforms of our existing programs like Medicare and Social Security that would actually save them and put them on a fiscally sustainable path. He has no plan for controlling our national debt.

"So far the Majority Leader and the President have shown zero interest in trying to work with Republicans to solve our nation's most serious economic challenges which are having a direct impact on the American people."

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



February Students of the Month

1st row: Kamryn Robertson, Aidric Smith

2nd row: Jacob Ortega, Kendall Griffin, Hali Howard, & Garrett Rodgers

3rd row: Daniel Gonzales, Mackenzie Bryant, Ricky Ramirez, Rylee Smith



Humor

OUTZKIRTS By: David & Doreen Dotson



COOL DUDE

A cowboy was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced out of a dust cloud towards him.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leans out the window and asks the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?"

The cowboy looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, Why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite navigation system to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses a MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response. Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, Miniaturized HP LaserJet printer and finally turns to the cowboy and Says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says the Cowboy.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on amused as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then the cowboy says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a member of the House of Representatives for the United States government", says the cowboy.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered the cowboy.

"You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You tried to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about cows...this is a herd of sheep. Now give me back my dog."



LET'S REMINISCE: A BOTTLE OF SODAWATER

By Jerry Lincecum

As a country kid in the 1950s, I considered a bottle of cold sodawater, costing a nickel, to be a special treat. Royal Crown Cola was my favorite, although occasionally I would go for a more exotic flavor like Nehi strawberry. One time in Mississippi I tasted peach sodapop, a local favorite which didn't do anything for me.

A fellow named Tristan Donovan has written an interesting book on the soft drink industry entitled "Fizz: How Soda Shook Up the World." It taught me that the US Patent Office recognizes Dec. 1, 1885, as the first time Dr Pepper was served (in Waco, TX). That preceded the introduction of Coca-Cola by one year.

Remember how special a fountain Coke tasted, made from a squirt of syrup mixed with carbonated water by a "soda jerk"? There was no other way to distribute these cola drinks until American ingenuity figured out how to handle mechanized bottling. That invention enabled the soft drink makers to become packaged-goods companies, distributing their products at retail.

But it cost a lot of money to build bottling plants. Eventually the companies signed up franchised bottlers, a strategy that let them expand with other people's capital. That's why there were so many competing flavors of sodawater in the 1950s.

After several decades of mergers and bold marketing strategies, the industry matured into a trio of major players: Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and the Dr Pepper Snapple Group.

Since I grew up not far from Waco, Dr Pepper has always intrigued me. It was formulated by a pharmacist named Charles Alderton in Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store. To test his new drink, he first offered it to store owner Wade Morrison, who also found it to his liking. Patrons at Morrison's soda fountain soon learned of this tasty new drink and began ordering a "Waco." Alderton gave the formula to Morrison, who named it Dr Pepper.

Nobody knows for sure where the name came from. One conjecture is the "pep" refers to pepsin. In 2009, an old ledger book filled with formulas and recipes was discovered in an antique store in the Texas Panhandle. It contained some sheets and letterheads suggesting it had come from Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store. One recipe in the book had the title "D Peppers Pepsin Bitters." The term "bitters" was commonly used in the late 19th century to describe drinks with the sharp pungent taste of plant extracts.

Like many early sodas, the drink was marketed as a brain tonic and energizing pick-me-up, so another theory holds that it was named for the "pep" it supposedly gave to users. Others believe the drink was named after a real Dr. Pepper, and there were at least two men by that name known to Morrison.

To return to the present, I'm sure you have noticed how many energy drinks and flavored waters we have to choose from. As for me, I have substituted plain water for the fizzy and sugary kind. It has saved me money as well as calories, and I don't even miss the taste.

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CROCKPOT CANTONESE DINNER

- 1 1/2 lb pork steak 1/2" thick cut into strips
- 2 Tbsp oil
- 1 onion large, sliced
- 1 green pepper small cut into strips
- 1 4 oz mushroom, drained
- 1 8 oz tomato sauce can
- 3 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 1/2 Tbsp vinegar
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp worcestershire sauce

Directions:

Brown pork in oil in skillet. Drain on double paper towel. Place pork strips and all remaining ingr. into crock pot. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 Hr (high 4 hr) Serve over hot fluffy rice.

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