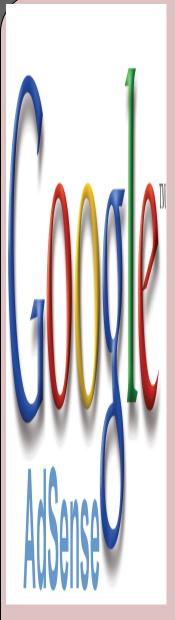
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HOWE MIDDLE SCHOOL Student Council visits With US Soldiers at DFW

by Steve Casey

January 22 will mark the 38th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the court decision that has resulted in the destruction of over fifty-five million unborn lives-the largest holocaust in the history of mankind.

Let's take a look at the two "hard questions" the pro-abortion crowd

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On Dec. 16, the Howe Middle School Student Council had the privilege again this year of visiting with many of our US soldiers, departing from DFW for tour duties around the world, mostly Iraq and Afghanistan.

The entire campus got involved in creating and writing thank you cards, and well wishes to give to these men and women, to show them our sincere appreciation for their service to our country on our behalf.

The student council representatives were able to greet and visit with many soldiers prior to their flight departures. To watch and be a part of that connection was very powerful.

The students and soldiers got a really big kick when the students formed a 'Victory Line' for the soldiers to walk through as they went to their boarding gates. The soldiers were very appreciative of all the cards and letters, and especially for the visit.





Dale & Lana Rideout



"Santa" Rideout



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

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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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

How is the new year treating you? Have you been remembering to put the correct date on the checks you write? I learned a tip several years ago to help you remember to put in the correct year – spell out the month which will cause you to think about putting 2011 instead of 2010.

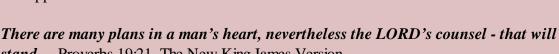
The last few years have been rough for many folks with bankruptcies, loss of jobs, hard times making ends meet. Even in hard times, we can count our many blessings. These blessings are not material possessions but are our family and friends.

We here at the Texoma Enterprise thought we had found a buyer for the newspaper, but circumstances were against that happening. We had to do something quickly and we decided to do a webpage and keep putting Howe and local news on the Internet so our area can have a news presence that knows the area and has a reputation for getting the news out to as many as we can. We are hoping to have some of advertisers stay with us ... the cost of ads will be dramatically lower than print ads. Contact us at 903-487-0525 or lanarideout@cableone.net for more information.

We also will be publishing a weekly flyer with some of the news and ads. You will find them at the Howe Community Library and the Howe Post Office on Wednesdays or Thursdays. We are looking for other places to put them.

Life is not given to us that we might live idly without work. No, our life is a struggle and a journey. Good should struggle with evil; truth should struggle with falsehood; freedom should struggle with slavery; love should struggle with hatred. Life is movement, a walk along the way of life to the fulfillment of those ideas which illuminate us, both in our intellect and in our hearts, with divine light. -Giuseppe Mazzini

stand. - Proverbs 19:21, The New King James Version



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U.S. TROOPS WARMED BY SOCK BRIGADE

Alpaca provides ideal fiber for harsh conditions

Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop help spread the word about the alpaca Sock Brigade!

by Lana Rideout

According to a news release, the project began when Barbara Coleman asked her son, Army Sergeant Micheal L. Coleman, what he would like in his next care package to Iraq in January 2007, his request was simple: alpaca socks.

Barbara and Randy Coleman own Wings & A Prayer Alpacas in Amity, Oregon, so the request was one she could easily fulfill. Mike went on to explain that since the troops were on their feet all day and had to withstand freezing temperatures at night, he would appreciate as many pairs of socks as she could send so that he could share the comfort of alpaca socks with his platoon.

Why Alpaca?

Because of its soft texture, alpaca fiber is sometimes compared to cashmere. Making the fiber even more coveted, it has the luster of silk. Alpaca is 1/3 the weight of wool, yet just as warm, ensuring warm feet for the soldiers during the cold desert nights.



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Containing no lanolin, alpaca fiber is also naturally hypoallergenic. Most people who are sensitive to wool find that they can wear alpaca without the itching or irritation they feel from wool because alpaca fiber is smooth. Additional performance characteristics include: stretch, water repellency, and odor reduction. For travelers, clothing made from alpaca is desirable because it is wrinkle-resistant.

These characteristics are what made alpaca socks ideal for troops in harsh climates.

The Colemans sent out a plea to alpaca farms across the country for the 24 necessary pairs of socks to provide a pair for each member of Micheal's platoon. In a short time, over 1,000 socks were donated.

This began the Sock Brigade.

Through the BentStar Project Ltd, a California non-profit corporation formed to further the education of the public to the efforts of recovering POW/MIAs, the Sock Brigade has shipped over 9,000 pairs of alpaca socks to our deployed troops, and that number continues to grow.

The Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (AOBA) has partnered with the Sock Brigade to help give soldiers warm feet, and more importantly, the reminder that they are not forgotten. Local alpaca farms are encouraging customers to donate a pair of socks to our soldiers during this holiday season.

To further promote this wonderful cause, Lamb Chop now serves as the official "spoke sock." Lamb Chop and Mallory Lewis, daughter of the late Shari Lewis, are helping spread the word that YOU can send socks... and comfoWhen I was a young teen back in the late 1950s, my sister and I were big fans of Shari Lewis and Lamb Chop. After Shari Lewis' death, her daughter Mallory took over performing all over the world with Lamb Chop.

I recently interviewed Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop over the phone.

Lamb Chop has become a 'Spoke Sock' for a project that is near and dear to her heart as well as well as to those of us who support the US Military personnel.

She is especially proud to promote this program of sending alpaca socks to military. After all, Lamb Chop is a wooly lamb and the Alpaca fiber is naturally hypoallergenic. It is 1/s3 the weight of wool, but is extremely warm for the feet of soldiers during the cold desert nights.

Mallory and Lamb Chop will be in Las Vegas Jan. 20-21 on behalf of the Sock Brigade and promoting this project. Mallory said that 10,000 feet have already received Alpaca socks. You can help too by going to www.alpacainfo.com. You can donate the money on line to provide socks for soldiers.

Lamb Chop and Mallory are proud to be part of this program because of the important work our Military personnel are doing for our country.

rt... to our troops!

For more information about how you can help, visit www.alpacainfo.com

Lamb Chop the official spoke sock for the Sock Brigade said, "Help keep our soldier's feetsie warm, donate to the Sock Brigade."

Dot's Dashes



by Dorothy N. Fowler

I dislike feeling cold and I absolutely hate snow. Some of my Yankee friends miss the abundant snow they experienced when they were children in New York, Pennsylvania or Illinois, but a greater number of them moved to the Southwest to get away from that frigid abundance. And at least one of my friends leaves Sherman the first week in January, destination South Padre Island, Texas, to escape the January and February weather of North Texas.

My friend and Permian High School principal, A. G. MacDonald frequently said that the only seasons of the year he enjoyed where spring and fall. "In the summer I worked in the fields all day, hot and sweaty and dusty. And there was no relief from the heat at night. My room was upstairs and unless the wind was blowing really hard, it was just sweltering. And in the winter, the only heat in the house was in the kitchen and my room never got any, so I was always cold. There weren't enough quilts in the world to keep me warm at night."

A.G.'s widow, Bess, was at my 55th high school reunion and she echoed his sentiments. She said it was so much better to be cooled by refrigerated air in the summer and central heat in the winter and that she couldn't understand why people were so enchanted with "the good old days."

Until I was well into my 40's, we lived in a house that was heated by gas space heaters. Our house, unlike many others, had gas outlets in every room and we had a heater in every room. The heaters my father bought were ceramic works of art. The bodies were made of marbled-looking ceramic. There was a metal shelf in the front and the whole thing sat on legs from three to five inches high. The radiants that sat inside the body, in front of the gas jets, were frequently ornate. They were fragile and we guarded them carefully because if one broke it was unlikely we could replace it with one that matched.

These appliances put out an amazing amount of heat, so much that we kept set them on decorative asbestos pads so the heat wouldn't scorch the floor or the carpet or worse, set the house on fire.

Because we had a healthy fear of asphyxiation, the stoves were never left lighted when we went to bed at night. What's more, I couldn't sleep unless I had a window open a crack. Even now, when I live in a house with central heat and air, it is hard for me to go to bed without opening a window just a little bit.

Cheesy Cheddar Potato Boats

4 medium baked potatoes, quartered lengthwise 1 cup Hidden Valley® Original Ranch® Dressing 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese Sliced green onions and/or bacon pieces, optional Preheat oven to 375°F.

Scoop the potato out of skins; coat inside of skins with the dressing. Place potato back into skins. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Garnish with green onions and/or bacon bits, if desired.

BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS The Origin of Blue Jeans

by Bob Bowman

A few friends and I were sitting around drinking coffee a few days ago, and the subject of blue jeans came up, and we starting comparing notes on how old our jeans were.

"I'm not sure how old my jeans are, but they're older than my kids," said Roy.

Then the origin of blue jeans came up. And, being the historian, I was assigned the duty of finding out who invented them.

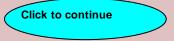
I found the answer in a neat little book, "The Best of the West," by a fellow historian and friend, Bill O'Neal of Carthage.

The inventor was Levi Strauss who was only 18 in 1847 when he came to America from his native Bavaria to work as a merchant in New York City. In 1853, he joined his brother-in-law David Stern in the dry goods business in San Francisco.

Leaving New York with a supply of cloth, Strauss sold almost all of it on the way to California, arriving in San Francisco with a single bolt of canvas tent cloth.







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Dot's Dashes, continued

During my teenage years, I assumed responsibility for lighting the fires each morning, going from room to room with a box of Strike Anywhere Matches, carefully striking the match on the striker on the side of the box and then turning on the gas, first at the wall and then at the stove.

It was absolutely glorious when I had lighted all of them and the heat began to radiate through every room and through the house.

Now, instead of a radiant fire to cuddle up to, I have a fireplace with a gas log. On the rare occasions when I light it, the flames are lovely and warm, and sitting with my back to it warms that spot between my

shoulders that seems to stay cold all winter. But I don't let the dogs stay in the den where the fireplace is and it doesn't seem right to leave them in the cooler sunroom while I warm my backside in the den. Moreover, using that gas log even for short periods runs the gas bill up to astronomical proportions.

I much prefer summer, when I can turn on the air conditioner and the ceiling fans and stay as cool as a proverbial and trite cucumber.

It's 60 days too early to start looking for the mesquite blooms that herald the coming of spring and the summer that will follow, but it isn't too early to start thinking about it.

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BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued

Meeting a mine worker in the city, he designed for the man a pair of heavy canvas pants. Recognizing his opportunity, he bought large quantities of canvas sail cloth from ships standing in the harbor.

Within a year Strauss and Stern had become the largest pant makers after switching from canvas to heavyweight blue denim.

The pants with copper rivets quickly became known as "blue jeans" or "Levis." The pants quickly became popular with western workers because of their durability.

Levi Strauss & Company was incorporated in 1890 and the San Francisco plant employed 500 workers to meet the demand. Strauss, who now had the most famous name in the west, grossed one million dollars in 1902. He died in 1902, but his four nephews continued to produce Levi's.

At first, cowhands resisted the strong denim trousers, looking upon them as the uniform of miners and other workers the cowhands disdained.

In time, however, Levi's became regulation wear for cowboys.

Turned up cuffs on the trouser legs were used to hold horseshoe nails while shoeing horses and by the early 1900s Levis were often worn with shirts sporting snap buttons.

Rodeo cowboys, who sometimes were caught on saddle horns by unyielding shirt fronts, requested the snap buttons so they could quickly free themselves from a wild bronc.

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



HISD SCHOOL NEWS & NOTES

Technology II – At Howe Middle School, as part of the final project for the Technology II spreadsheet unit, students were given a large bag of skittles for a charting assignment. Shown above is Nick Roberts separating his colors to create the foundation of his chart. Students then compared their findings with their classmates to see if each bag contained the same number of skittles and the same number of each color. (Julie Murray, 7th/8th Grade Computer Applications)

AEIS Hearing Rescheduled - The Howe Middle School AEIS Hearing is rescheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 2:30 pm in the cafeteria due to the bad weather day on Jan. 10. This meeting will allow parents and community members to see the recent AEIS report of Howe Middle School for the 2009-10 school year.

Lady Bulldog Basketball – Howe (12-9, 4-2) defeated Callisburg, 57-52, in overtime on Jan. 11. Jennifer Vincent scored 5 of Howe's 8 overtime points. Vincent had a total of 13 points with 16 rebounds. Baileigh Southern scored 20 and Katy Courtney put in 12. Emily Taylor added 8 and Madison Kirby put in 4 points. The team will play at S&S Friday, Jan. 14.

Brittney Taylor (2007 HHS graduate) earned a bachelor of social work and religious studies with honors from the University of Texas at Austin. She is the daughter of Steve and Pam Taylor of Gunter.

HISD Menus

Jan. 17-21 Breakfast

Monday- Student holiday

Tuesday- Glazed donuts, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced pears, apple juice

Wednesday - Biscuit & sausage, cereal w/toast, spiced apples, orange

Thursday Pancake on a stick, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fresh grapes, grape juice

Friday Blueberry muffins, cereal w/toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice

MONDAY – student holiday

TUESDAY – Hamburger, Frito pie, burger fixins, potato rounds, corn cobbette, diced pears, apple juice, chocolate pudding

WEDNESDAY – Corn Dog St Fair, fish strips, steamed mixed vegetables, spiced apples, orange juice, Mac & cheese, chocolate chip cookie

THURSDAY – Cheese pizza, ravioli casserole/toast, garden salad, carrot sticks, fresh grapes, frozen fruit bar

FRIDAY-Chicken crispeto, fajita quesadillas, tossed salad, refried beans, orange juice, fruit cocktail, Spanish rice

Milk & juice served with all meals

Menu subject to change according to availability

Howe Bulldogs Basketball

Jan. 4 - Howe defeated Gunter 59-58 for their first district win of the year. Alex Torres hit a layup with 10 seconds left to put the Dogs ahead for only the second time during the game. Torres led Howe with 20 points followed by Clay Marable with 17, Ryan Haines 10, Colby Ake 5, Jacob Grislolia 4, and Casey Davis 3. Howe is now 7-7 overall and 1-1 in district.





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HOWE ELEMENTARY

Students of the Month

Row 1 - Kiera Robertson & Kai Brown; Row 2 - Erin Catching, Brett Burnett, Kaitlyn Fuhr and Caleb Wahrmund; Row 3 - Spencer Akins, Mikayla Doty, Lukas Peacock, Cassidy Anderson



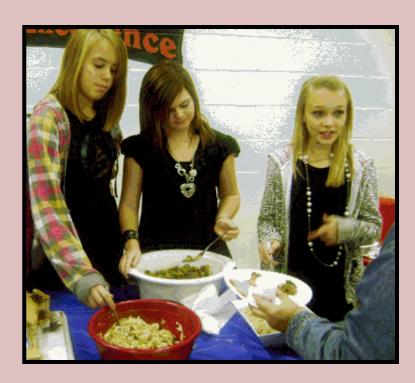


Howe ISD Calendar

January

- 13 Freshman Lady Bulldogs tournament cancelled
- 13 HMS Bulldog basketball, 4:30pm, @Howe
- 13 JVW Boys Bulldog basketball @Gunter, 7pm
- 14- Substitute teacher training, 9am
- 14 JV/V Lady Bulldog basketball @\$&S, 4:30pm
- 14-15 HMS/HHS Region Band Clinic/Concert @Pottsboro
- 15 Boys & Girls Powerlifting Meet @Anna, 8am
- 17 Staff development
- 17 Band Booster meeting
- 18 4th six weeks begins
- 18 JV/V Lady Bulldogs vs. Whitewright, @Howe, 4:30pm
- 18-19 6th & 7th grade abstinence program
- 19 Senior assembly workplace etiquette, 9:55am
- 20 7/8/JV boys @Tom Bean, 4:30pm
- 20 9th grade Lady Bulldogs vs. Lone Oak, 6pm, @Howe
- 20 JVW Boys Basketball @Tom Bean, 7pm
- 20 Howe ISD Board meeting, 6pm, Admin. Bldg.
- 21 HES AR Fun Day
- 21 Lady Bulldog basketball @Tom Bean, JV/V, 4:30pm
- 21-22 JV 11AA Tournament @Callisburg
- 22 Boys & Girls Powerlifting Meet@ Van Alstyne, 8am
- 22 HES Saturday School, 9-11am
- Go to howeisd.net for more school events and information

Tom Bean 7th Grade Celebrates Manzanar Night



The 7th grade reading class of Tom Bean Middle celebrated the culmination of four weeks of research over the novel, *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakasuki Houston and James D. Houston, Thursday night with an open house parent presentation.

The students had read the novel and then were assigned research topics over the World War II time period. Their research spanned the attack on Pearl Harbor and the war in Europe to the internment of Japanese- Americans through out the West Coast to camps as far east as Arkansas.

They completed individual projects over the internment camps and the Japanese-American culture. These projects along with a variety of Japanese cuisine were all on display Thursday night for the parent's viewing.

"This project always teaches the students so much. They learn about World War II and the holocaust in social studies but many know little about the war with Japan and its effect on our country" stated Mrs. Cummings. "This

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New Ag Barn

by Lana Rideout

The loss of the Tom Bean ag barn in a fire earlier this year seemed like a tragedy; but from it comes a positive result.

The school district and the students are reaping the benefits of a new completed ag barn with new equipment and more students taking advantage of the ag programs.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, the school district hosted an open house to show off their new building.

Drinking hot chocolate and munching on cookies, school personnel, students, parents, and area residents strolled along the stalls and visited with friends or watched the students working with their animals.

The Ag programs sometimes help students to earn college scholarships at various shows, plus it helps the students develop a sense of responsibility from being completely involved in caring for their animals.

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Congratulations Jessica Boren

I am very happy to announce to everyone that Jessica Boren has once again earned a spot in the ATSSB All-State Band! This is the second consecutive year that Jessica has earned this honor and we are extremely proud of her and this outstanding achievement. Please help us congratulate her and wish her good luck in the clinic and concert that will be held in conjunction with the TMEA Convention in San Antonio February 9-12. -- Jason Matherly, Director of Bands, Tom Bean ISD



Tom Bean 7th Grade Celebrates Manzanar Night - continued



allows the students to demonstrate what we have learned in a variety of venues and subject areas. They not only show what they have learned with their writing skills but this year they are using art, and music."

This parent night has become an annual event with the 7th grade. They use different novels each year, but they always do research and projects to explore what they learned.

"We have such great parent support. When you schedule something like this during the busiest time of the year and you have over a hundred parents turn out for it, that just speaks volumes about our community," said Mrs. Cummings.



New Ag Barn, continued

The new building contains 28 pens for pigs or other small animals line each side of the building. Each pen has a small door that opens to the outside pens; so the animals may enjoy being outside.

In addition to animal projects, the ag program offers shop welding, tractor mechanics, and floral design. A green house will be completed in the near future.

The district's cattle barn, located near the ag barn, has also benefited with some additions.

The students are responsible for cleaning the stalls and feeding their animals. They also walk the animals every day and see to any other needs of the animals.

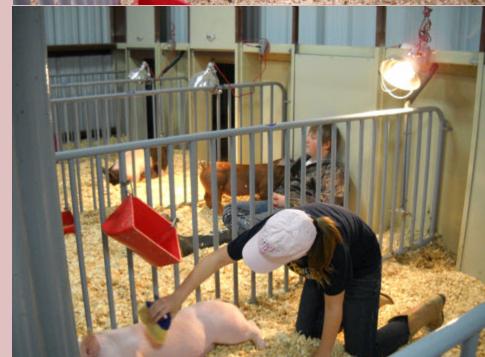
The first show they will be competing in this year is the annual Loy Lake Show held in April.

According to Ag teacher Rusty Turner, "The kids spend time here a lot more (at the ag building)."

About 150 Tom Bean students participate in the ag programs.

Supt. Kathy Garrison praised the school board and ag boosters for their work in making the building functional and pleasing to the eye.





Van Alstyne Library

by Juanita Hazelton

Having just enjoyed a white Book Reviews by Teen Council: material for a predicted cold spell. I've noticed that extreme weather lay in extra supplies and to the library for the same reason. It's nice to reading materials considered as important as food!

library last week to deliver the third volume of her research about the Scoggin Family. This volume is John recommends the book to any teen, Scoggin in Grayson County Texas. We very much book was 100% unique. It had a appreciate having this carefully Alstyne Library.

beginners as well as more Alstyne library. The workshop is free, but Mr. Rideout is requesting vampires kidnap his friend, so know you will benefit from his to the library by calling 903-482-5991. using his nose as a weapon.

For more information, call Dale Rideout at 903-487-0525.

Christmas in Tennessee, I was glad Bailey Smith read Uglies by Scott to see the white flakes feathering Westerfield. In answer to the down on Sunday afternoon here in question did you like the book? She Grayson County. The cold weather says: "Yes, I even bought the has brought many customers out to complete series. Can't wait to get the Van Alstyne Library, stocking up started on the next one!" She says on reading, listening, and viewing the book is about "a community that has a social problem between ugly people and pretty people. So to sends people to the grocery store to resolve the issue they come up with a surgery people are required to get when they turn 16 but some people don't want to be pretty. Uglies is a super dramatic book and has a major twist in the end." Bailey learned Nelda Scoggin Reynolds visited the "that it's not ok to be judgmental. It can really hurt people and cause major social diversities." Bailey especially teen girls. She says the great moral and taught its moral in a researched volume placed in the Van very interesting and captivating way.'

All of you family researchers, Aaron Emdy reviewed Pinocchio: Vampire Slayer by Van Jenson and experienced, mark your calendars Dusty Higgins. In the book, for Saturday, Jan. 29. Dale Rideout, "Geppetto was killed by a vampire so an experienced family researcher Pinocchio begins to go out at night to from Howe, Texas will begin a four slay them; his nose is his weapon. part genealogy workshop at the Van The town will not listen to his warnings about vampires. \$15 to cover the cost of materials for he goes to save her, finds that each participant. Materials include a Geppetto was turned into a vampire, CD and numerous handouts. We accidently kills him, and then swears

kill all vampires." information about online resources, recommends the book to anyone using research tools, working with who likes a twist on a classic story. census records, and saving and The unique thing about the book was organizing your research. Register at Pinocchio being a vampire slaver and

TEXAS FARM BUREAU TFB applauds Governor Perry for listing eminent domain reform an emergency item

(WACO) – (Jan.11) The president of the state's largest farm organization is applauding Governor Rick Perry today after the governor called for eminent domain reform to be listed as an emergency item for the 82nd Legislature.

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) President Kenneth Dierschke wasted no time in thanking Governor Perry for his dedication to strengthening private property rights in Texas.

"We are most grateful for this action and appreciate the governor's comments about Senator Estes' and Representative Geren's proposals on this important issue," Dierschke said. "We pledge the full support of Texas Farm Bureau in accomplishing this task. We will work diligently to get this legislation to the governor's desk as soon as possible."

Governor Perry made the announcement while addressing the Texas House and Senate in separate speeches. Tuesday marked the first day of the 2011 legislative session.

As the population in Texas is expected to double over the next 50 years, TFB has worked diligently to strengthen the state's private property rights. In 2009, TFB, along with Governor Perry, backed Proposition 11 that ended the taking of private property for economic development.

Texas voters passed the proposition by an overwhelming margin in the 2009 November election. Now TFB will work to finish the job by helping pass Senate Bill 18, authored by Senators Craig Estes and Robert Duncan. It will give Texas some of the strongest private property rights in the nation.

"Marking the bill as an emergency item should ensure quick passage," Dierschke said. "With the passage of meaningful eminent domain reform, Texans can say with pride that our state's property rights are as strong as any state's."





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HAGERMAN NWR

Laurie Snidow

January Photographer of the Month at Hagerman NWR

A Cedar Hill resident who has been visiting Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge for several years has been named January, 2011, Photographer of the Month by the Friends of Hagerman. Laurie Snidow will have a virtual album of twelve photos taken at the Refuge featured on the Friends website, www.friendsofhagerman.com , this month.

Snidow says, "I've been going to Hagerman for 4 or 5 years now and what I really enjoy about it, what makes it one of my favorite places to shoot is the diversity of wildlife, birds and insects, and also how much the area changes from season to season. I love that I can plan an early morning shoot or an evening shoot and I'll never see the same thing."

For Snidow the marriage of photography and the natural world is a strong one and a driving passion. Originally she trained to be a professional photographer but dropped out for many years. The advent of the digital camera brought about a renewed interest and that coupled with her love of animals, started her on a new path in photography. Today she continues to work toward developing a professional career as a nature photographer and has been privileged to be published and carried by some of the top stock agencies.

Snidow is a member of NANPA (North American Nature Photographers Association) which works towards conservation of the natural world, ethics in nature photography and the protection of photographers' rights. She is currently the vice president of the Heard Nature Photographers club. More of Laurie's work can be seen at her web site www.SnidowPhotography.com. She includes the following photographic equipment in her bag: Canon 1DMK3, 600mm lens, 100-400mm lens, 400mm lens, 100 Macro, 1.4X extender, 2X extender, extension tubes, flash, tripod.

The Photographer of the Month program is coordinated by the Friends of Hagerman Nature Photo Club, which meets bimonthly at the Refuge and sponsors photo shoots and other activities. The next meeting will be at 12:30 pm, on Saturday, March 12, in the Audio Visual Classroom at Hagerman NWR, located at 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman 75092. Activities are open to all photographers interested in nature photography, regardless of type of equipment or level of experience. For more information, send a request to fohphotoclub@gmail.com.





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WASHINGTON, DC

Congressman Hall Statement On Convening of 112th Congress

"The American people have given Republicans an historic opportunity to help restore fiscal responsibility and create an economic environment in which all Americans can prosper. I am honored to continue to represent the Fourth Congressional District and will do my best to promote the good values and common-sense views of the folks back home.

"Our nation faces many challenges at home and abroad. We are engaged in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have almost double-digit unemployment. We have the largest federal debt since World War II. We have run-away federal spending and an unprecedented expansion of federal government that must end.

"Speaker Boehner and the Republican Caucus made a Pledge to America that we will end the culture of business as usual in Washington, and today(Jan. 5), on the first day of the 112th Congress, we adopted Rules for the House of Representatives that will help us achieve that goal. Our rules promote open debate, make it easier to cut spending, and provide more transparency by requiring bills to be printed three days in advance for the public to see. We also plan to cut the Congressional budget by 5 percent this year and will immediately begin working to cut funding of unnecessary and duplicative federal programs.

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Senator Estes Files Senate Bill 18 To Reform Eminent Domain

Austin - State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) has re-filed the bill to reform the process of eminent domain in the state of Texas. The bill was initially pre-filed as Senate Bill 180 back in November 2010.

"I am grateful to Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst for designating this bill as a priority item. I believe one of the most important functions of government is the protection of private property and the interests of property owners," said Estes. "Our ability to own and profit from private property is fundamental to not just our economic liberty, but also our personal liberty".





Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Pre-Filed Bills

Tuesday, January 11. However, program is a federal program legislators were able to begin designed to more effectively pre-filing bills in November, and determine whether a person over the last few weeks I have applying for a job is in this been giving an overview of country legally or not. some of those bills. This week, I will continue to talk about a HB 183 would require a law few of the bills that have been enforcement agency to verify pre-filed by other legislators the immigration status of an from around the state for the arrested person. Not later than upcoming legislative session.

HB 177 would require an is released on bond, the law applicant occupational and commercial required to have the person's drivers' licenses to provide immigration status verified by: a proof of citizenship or lawful peace officer or other law presence in the United States. A enforcement officer of this state person who is not a citizen of who is authorized under federal the United States would be law to verify a person's required to present to the immigration status; or a federal licensing documentation issued by the verification reveals that the United States government that person is not a citizen or authorizes the applicant to be in national of the United States and the United States, such as a is here illegally, visa. If a non-citizen applicant enforcement agency would be does not provide adequate required to notify United States documentation to the licensing Immigration division, the application for the Enforcement. license would be denied or not renewed. This law would go For more information on these into effect on September 1, 2011.

HB 178 would entities governmental also known as e-verify. A emailing include the state or a political My subdivision of the state, such as number is (903) 891-7297. a municipality, a county, or any

The Texas legislature began kind of district. The e-verify

48 hours after a person is arrested and before the person certain enforcement agency would be department law enforcement officer. If the and Customs

bills, or to review all of the legislation that has been filed, visit the website please require www.capitol.state.tx.ushttp:// to www.capitol.state.tx.us>. You participate in the federal can contact my office by electronic verification of work writing to P.O. Box 2910, authorization program, which is Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by governmental entity would larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. district office phone

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Congressman Hall Statement, continued

"As the Chairman of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, I look forward to working with my Committee to provide effective oversight, eliminate wasteful spending, and help ensure America's leadership in innovation.

Advancements in science and technology will create jobs, keep the U.S. at the forefront of innovation, drive economic growth and give Americans a greater standard of living.

"We have a tremendous responsibility to address the challenges facing America, and it is important that our Members continue to listen to the concerns and priorities of the American people. Our nation's strength derives from our people, and I look forward to representing my district and our nation in the People's House."

Senator Estes Files Senate Bill 18, continued

Senate Bill 18 reforms the practice of eminent domain by redefining "public use" and creating a "Truth in Condemnation Act", requiring a bona fide offer and good faith negotiations with compensation for economic loss including diminished access, and ending the practice of government land speculation.

In 2009, the Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 18 by Senator Estes which provided key reforms to the state's current eminent domain laws. The bill failed to make it out of the Texas House of Representatives.

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.

Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship begins each Sunday morning with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9:00am, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service is led by Mike Ball. Dress is casual.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service.

The congregation celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service. Each Wednesday night begins with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional lesson.

The church offers home study groups throughout the week.

For more information about church events contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219.

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Pastor Bruce Stinson

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903/532-6828; Roger Roper,

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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 Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX

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

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at

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Texoma Republican Star The Separation Myth Roe vs Wade

By Steve Casey

In the 1947 "Everson versus Board of Education" case, the Supreme Court created a myth. The myth (lie) was the idea that the Founding Fathers wanted government to be devoid of any influence of religion. By stating words of Thomas Jefferson out of context, the Supreme Court called this myth "Separation of Church and State."

Dr. William James, the father of modern psychology, stated, "There is nothing so absurd but if you repeat it often enough people will believe it."

The present day belief as to what the Founding Fathers intended in the First Amendment fits Dr. James' statement. The writers of The Bill of Rights believed that government and Christianity were the best of friends, not the worst of enemies, as is now falsely being taught.

The First Amendment simply states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...."

The phrase "separation of church and state" is not found in any of the Founding Documents of our nation nor is it found in any of the Congressional Records during the time of the writing of the Constitution or the Bill of Rights.

The delegate to Congress who gave us the primary wording for the First Amendment was Fisher Ames of Massachusetts. Ames never spoke of separation of church and state. In fact, Ames, the very author of the First Amendment, wrote a treatise explaining why the Bible should always remain the primary text in our public schools.

There are only two signatures on the Bill of Rights, that of Frederick Muhlenberg, The Speaker of the House and that of Charles Thomson, the Secretary of Congress. Frederick Muhlenberg was a Lutheran minister who, after having his church destroyed by the British during the Revolutionary War, became an officer in the Revolutionary Army and later served in Congress. Charles Thomson gave us our first American translation of the Bible.

The first Bible published in America was published by Robert Aitken by order of Congress "to be used in schools."

by Steve Casey

January 22 will mark the 38th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the court decision that has resulted in the destruction of over fifty-five million unborn lives-the largest holocaust in the history of mankind.

Let's take a look at the two "hard questions" the pro-abortion crowd hurls at the pro-life crowd to justify the multimillion-dollar industry of abortion: What about saving the life of the mother? And, what about cases of rape?

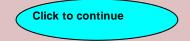
There are cases where a child has to be delivered early for the sake of the mother's health. But in ALL of these cases the effort can be made to save both lives. Medical science has developed far past the days when killing the child for the sake of the mother is necessary. There are some extreme cases such as toxic infections where the child cannot be saved. But, that doesn't mean that the child must be deliberately killed. Every effort to save the life of the child can be made. Plus the mother will be much safer in the care of a life-saving hospital team than she would be at an abortion clinic.

Rape is a horrible crime. The punishment for rapists should be severe. We should give great compassion and support to the victims of rape. But, in the cases where pregnancy occurs, does this include abortion?

You cannot answer this question honestly without considering the humanity of the unborn child. Genetic science has shown us the absolute uniqueness of every human embryo at even its earliest stages. Even though this child's conception came as the result of a crime, the child is not the criminal. Does this child deserve the death penalty because of the crime of its father?

The victim of rape has severe emotional pain to deal with. Is adding the guilt of destroying another innocent victim the solution or does it add even more anguish to the situation?

Steve Casey lives in Stonewall, LA. He is a frequent contributor to the *Enterprise*.





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The Separation Myth, continued

The first reference in American history to the phrase "separation of church for governmental purposes and, on Sundays, it would be used as a church. and state" is found in a letter by President Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury When Jefferson became President in January of 1801, he began attending Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut in 1801. The Danbury Baptists church in the U. S. Capitol. Jefferson thought that the music needed some had heard a rumor that Connecticut was going to establish a state church. improvement so, by executive order, he commissioned the Military Band to They wrote to President Jefferson about this. In answering their letter, play for these worship services. Jefferson assured them that all Christian religions would always be equally accepted, that freedom to practice their beliefs openly would never be denied, of other churches. He assured them that "The First Amendment has erected a wall of separation between church and state." The First Amendment would protect the church from government control. There always would be open and free religious expression of all orthodox religious practices, for true religious duties would never threaten the purpose of government.

The present-day myth of separation of church and state is a very recent development in American government and does not have any foundations in the Constitution or the intentions of the Founding Fathers.

Prior to the creation of the "Separation Myth" 1947, Thomas Jefferson had only been quoted one time in a Federal Court Case. Since that time Jefferson has been misquoted over 3,000 times as the primary authority on the Constitution. It is very strange that Jefferson is considered the primary authority on the Constitution since he was not involved in either the writing of the Constitution or the Bill of Rights. At the time of their writing, Jefferson was serving as our ambassador to France and was therefore not present for any of the deliberations over these documents. When looking for a Constitutional authority, our courts have not chosen any of the 55 signers of the Constitution or any of the 96 men involved in the writing of the Bill of Rights. The courts have chosen to quote a secondary, "hearsay" witness who was not present during the writing of these documents.

But even if we look to Jefferson for the intent of the Founding Fathers on the idea of the involvement of government and religion, we would get a radically different view from that which is portrayed today.

Only a few weeks before Jefferson became President, Congress moved into the newly built Capitol Building. Among their early proceedings in December of 1800, it was decided that the new Capitol would be used six days a week

During the snowy winters, when riding horseback to the Capital was often and that there would never be a state church that would restrict the freedom very difficult, Jefferson authorized church services to be held in his two other executive buildings — the War Department and the Treasury Department. He attended services in all three government buildings. This is well documented by the Washington D. C. Historical Society.

> While president of the nation, Jefferson was made the president of the school board for Washington, D.C. public schools and authored its original plan of education in which he made the Bible and Watts' Hymnal the two primary reading texts.

> As President, Jefferson authored three treaties with the American Indians. In all three of these treaties, he arranged for government money to be used to send missionaries to evangelize these tribes. He even constructed what he referred to as a "wee little book" entitled The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth, which he hoped would be used in instructing the Indians in the teachings of Jesus. He went through his own Bible, cut out all of the words of Jesus and pasted them in this booklet in order that they could be studied together. This volume has ludicrously been called "The Jefferson Bible" and it is stated that his purpose was to cut out everything that he didn't agree with. That is something that Jefferson never said. He wrote letters about this work to his friends Benjamin Rush and Charles Thomson. In these letters, he only talks about his purposes in what he included - the teachings of Jesus. He never mentioned anything about the things he did not include.

> Taking Godly influence out of government is a creation of 20th Century courts. It was never the intention of the Founding Fathers.

> (Steve Casey is a resident of Louisiana and a frequent contributor to the Texoma Enterprise.)



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There is More to the Story of The Tucson Shootings

By Jane M. Orient, M.D., http://www.aapsonline.org/

Tucsonans are grieved by the loss of family, friends, and neighbors, and shaken by the reminder of mortality. Standing in line to greet their congresswoman, or just going to the grocery store, they could be killed by a malcontent. They are not immune from the violence that is rampant in the world, bringing sudden death from bombs, incendiary devices, missiles, gunfire, or other means.

If the incident involves a gun, it will of course be used as another crisis to justify limiting Americans' right to self defense or free speech. Those who seek to disarm or gag Americans could try to recruit provocateurs to incite violence and trigger a government reaction. Or they could just wait for an incident.

Two of Tucson's victims were important public officials: a congresswoman and a judge. Many people know them and will immediately feel the effects of their loss, so unsurprisingly the press will focus attention on them. But the most truly newsworthy features of the story are what did not happen here. There was no riot. There were, to be sure, some 20 victims and 6 deaths, but not dozens. No one bled to death while people cowered and waited for a SWAT team from the sky. The agony did not go on for hours or days, but was ended quickly.

Aside from the names of the fallen, the names that should be remembered are those of the citizens who acted as Americans should, to protect and help themselves and their neighbors in the event of danger. Roger Salzgeber and 74-year-old retired Army National Guard Colonel Bill Badger, who was slightly injured, tackled the shooter. Joe Zamudio helped pin him to the ground. A 61-year old woman, Patricia Maisch, grabbed the magazine the shooter had dropped while trying to reload, and then knelt on his ankles. Daniel Hernandez, Jr., rushed to the side of his new boss, Congresswoman Giffords, applying pressure to her wound, and keeping her from choking on her own blood. Let us commend and thank all of them, and resolve to act as they did if we are ever in such a situation. Let us remember their names, and black out the shooter's.

Zamudio told MSNBC that he sprinted from a store toward the scene when he heard the shots. He has a concealed carry permit, and had his hand on his pistol, prepared to down the shooter if necessary. He said he was very glad that it proved to be unnecessary.

The actual shooting was over quickly, but the artillery of blame seems to be just beginning. Targets include the Tea Party, which didn't even exist when the shooter first became angry at Congresswoman Giffords; the "right wing," though Tucson is actually a very liberal town, and the shooter apparently a leftist; "vitriol," which to some means any criticism of the policies they prefer, disregarding the nastiness from their own side; and of course talk radio.

The shooter didn't acquire his bizarre thought patterns from a Tea Party event, if indeed he ever went to one. We know that he had a history of drug use, especially marijuana. Did he damage his brain or suppress his natural inhibitions with drugs? Was he on drugs at the time of the shooting, whether prescribed or illicit? Will the authorities ever reveal that?

According to a Jan 10 Mother Jones interview of a friend, the shooter holds a "nihilist" view of the world. He said that the world was really nothing—an illusion, and that "life means nothing." He didn't acquire that set of beliefs from the Tea Party. They are quite compatible, however, with the curriculum taught in the nation's government schools. These schools,

moreover, tend to discredit or deny the Founders' belief in a universal higher Law and Lawgiver, and ultimate accountability. Maybe he never saw or heard about precepts such as "thou shalt not murder"—or was taught to disrespect those who believe them.

The shooter, like everybody else these days, exists in a sea of messages that glorify and sensationalize violence, and promote permissiveness and immediate gratification—in television, movies, and video games. From the common media milieu, one might think that rootlessness, experimentation with drugs and sex and violence, and lack of responsibility for one's own actions are all acceptable. Family values, hard work, religious faith, belief in moral absolutes—the culture of most Tea Partiers—may be demeaned or actually condemned as out of date, discriminatory, or even crazy.

If we are to have peace in our communities, we need deep reflection, and a revival of the virtues that made America great. In this dangerous world, we need people who will rise to the occasion to help their neighbors, as many Tucsonans did. Our people also need the freedom to be able to do this—not more restrictions by a ruling class, which falsely promises security while making us ever more vulnerable to inevitable threats.



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Arizona College of Medicine. She received her undergraduate degrees in chemistry and mathematics from the University of Arizona, and her M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She is the author of Sapira's Art and Science of Bedside Diagnosis; the fourth edition has just been published by Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins. She also authored YOUR Doctor Is Not In: Healthy Skepticism about National Health Care, published by Crown. She is the executive director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, a voice for patients' and physicians' independence since 1943. Complete curriculum vitae posted at www.drjaneorient.com. Additional information on health-related issues: www.aapsonline.org and www.takebackmedicine.com. Dr. Orient's position on healthcare reform: "The Healthcare plan will increase

individual health insurance costs, and if the federal government puts price controls on the premiums, the companies will simply have to go out of business. Promises are made, but the Plan will deliver higher costs, more hassles, fewer choices, less innovation, and less patient care." Doctor Orient resides in Tucson, AZ and can be reached at (520) 323-3110 or jane@aapsonline.org.

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