

Late News - Added 1/24/11

Austin College Hosts Electronic Recycling Event

SHERMAN, TEXAS - Austin College will hold an "e-waste" recycling event open to the public on Saturday, January 29, 9 a. to noon. E-waste professionals will accept unwanted electrical equipment and materials at the old Sherman Wire Plant at 1300 East Pacific. The event is a part of the College's Thinking Green initiative.

The recycling is free, except for cathode ray tube (CRT) TVs and monitors (not flat screens), which require a disposal fee of \$7-\$15, depending on the size of the CRT. CRTs contain hazardous materials and are a breakage hazard so require special handling by recyclers. The College is working with EWaste Disposal to ensure proper processing.

All items operated by electricity or batteries will be collected, such as cameras, computer equipment, refrigerators, printers, microwaves, keyboards, monitors, household equipment. Coordinators said "if it has a plug or runs on batteries, it is acceptable." Hard drive sweeps, with a certification of completion provided, are \$15. Additional information is available at www.ewastegroup.com. For more information, contact biology lab coordinator Kim Snipes at ksnipes@austincollege.edu.

Austin College Thinking Green is part of the College's commitment to sustainability and responsible stewardship as part of the President's Climate Commitment. The program emphasizes lifestyle changes such as recycling.

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*.

James Clyde Burrow (1935-2011)



James Clyde Burrow went home to be with His Lord on Jan. 21, 2011. He was born on Aug. 20, 1935 in Whitewright to Jessie and Johnnie Burrow. He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Ronnie Burrow and Dickie Dean Burrow; one sister Barbara Donoho and one son, John Armstrong.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Patsy of Howe; daughter, Tammy Miller of Sherman, son Darrin Armstrong and wife Karen of Sherman; brothers Gary Kuhel of Canton, Billy Kuhel of Colorado Springs, and Johnnie Scoggins of Tioga. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Jean Wallis of Howe.

He has three grandsons, Chris Armstrong of Sherman, Josh Armstrong of Avery, and Jacob Purdum of Sherman. He has one granddaughter, Terra Maden of Melton, Fla., and three great-granddaughters, Maykila, Tiffany, and Paisley.

James worked for Burlington Industries for 20 years, Kraft Foods for 15 years, and Sherman Plastics for five years. James loved his family, to go camping and travel, and woodworking. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Sims, Brandon Reddick, Harold Turner, Brad Turner, Keith Housewright, and Terry Housewright. Officiating the services will be Andy Turner.

Services are under the direction of Flesher Funeral Home in Van Alstyne, and will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011 in the Flesher Funeral Chapel in Howe. Family visitation will be from 6 -8 pm on Monday at Flesher Funeral Chapel in Howe.

Online condolences are available at www.flesherfh.com and will be made available to the family.



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Let It Snow

CITY OF HOWE

Council holds regular meeting

by Lana Rideout

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Howe City Council approved Ordinance No. 704 which confirm and or changed the designation from “Town” of Howe to “City” of Howe; providing that the use of either “town” or “city” in any contract, agreement, ordinance or other document shall have the same meanings, to wit: the municipality of Howe, formerly known as the Town of Howe and now known as the City of Howe, Texas.

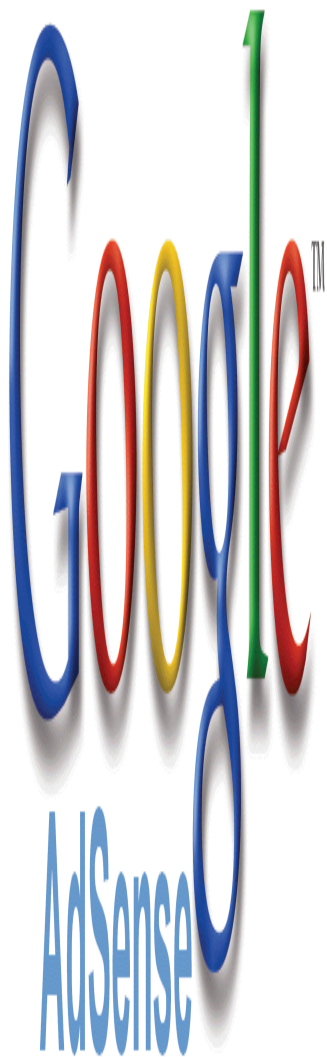
The four to zero vote in favor of the change was made by council members Sam Haigis, Jack Leavenworth, Georgia Richardson and Joey McMillion.

Other items included approval of the consent agenda (Finance statements – November and December 2010 and minutes of November 16, 2010 council meeting. No meeting was held in December.

The council also approved Resolution 11-001 supporting the Sherman Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization preferred ultimate configuration for the proposed Grayson County Toll Way.

The council rejected the Atmos Energy Franchise Agreement which would have collected additional money for the City. The city staff recommended that the council vote no as the amount of money collected would have been City small.

In addition the council voted not to approve the Oncor Rate Case. A spokesman for Oncor noted that Howe is one of seven cities in this area which retains the right to approve or reject rate cases. The rate cases are usually handled by the Public Utility Committee.



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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

Music and memories - I read last week that David Nelson died. Some of you may remember Ozzie and Harriet Nelson who had a long running TV show (the adventures of Ozzie and Harriet in the 1950's & 60's) with the family's two sons David and (the irrepressible) Ricky. We watched the sons grow up and Ricky had a pretty good career singing. David did some acting, but he mainly directed and produced a lot of shows.

David was 74 when he died last week. Ricky died in 1985 private airplane crash at DeKalb, Texas while on his way to a New Year's Eve concert in Dallas.

Ricky (who was the younger brother) was better known than David. David appeared in a number of films but was overshadowed by *the irrepressible Ricky*.

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Crockpot Meatloaf

2 beaten eggs

3/4 cup milk

2/3 cup seasoned bread crumbs

1 tsp. salt

2 T. grated onions

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp ground sage

1 1/2 lb. ground meat (1/3 lb. ground pork, 2/3 lb. ground beef can be used)

Mix all together in large bowl and place in crock pot. Cook for 5-6 hours on low. During last 15 minutes of cooking time add the sauce (recipe below) to the meatloaf.

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat, Jr.

Hello all you friends. Thanks for following me here to the website. I know it took me a couple of weeks to get here, but this electronic world is going a little fast for me. What's an old cat to do with everything changing so fast. At least I am here and it only took me three weeks.

Something else that has slowed me down is this cold weather and snow. I have never seen it last so long here in Texas. In the past I have seen bigger snow storms and much more ice, but we are now well into that second week of cold. Don't know if I can handle it.

The Old Man says it is nothing. Even his Lady who did live in Canada about three years admits that this is far from what they had there. But for me, if I didn't have this nice fur coat I would freeze.

I spend most of my time getting as close as I can to one of the heaters. I really like that warm, cozy feeling they give off. It reminds me of Mama. She was so warm and cozy when I was just a kitten.

Well, on to more stuff. Please notice several things here in the Old Man's website. There is a weather page that will give you up to date weather for Howe and the area. I updates itself automatically

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Howe's That, continued

At Christmas, I received a book of memories for me to fill out with stories from my past -- childhood memories, school memories, etc.

I remember that the first time my husband and I said "I love you" to each other was while listening to Ricky Nelson singing, "I could never be loved by anyone sweeter than you."

While going through my memories, I also began thinking about "our song." It had been so long since I thought about that, I almost forgot what it was.

I knew it was sung by Andy Williams. I finally recalled the name of the song, "Dear Heart."

Back in the mid 1960's Williams was one of my favorite singers.

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Sauce

1/4 cup ketchup
2 T. brown sugar
1 tsp dry mustard
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

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through out the day. It gives you a five day forecast and other information.

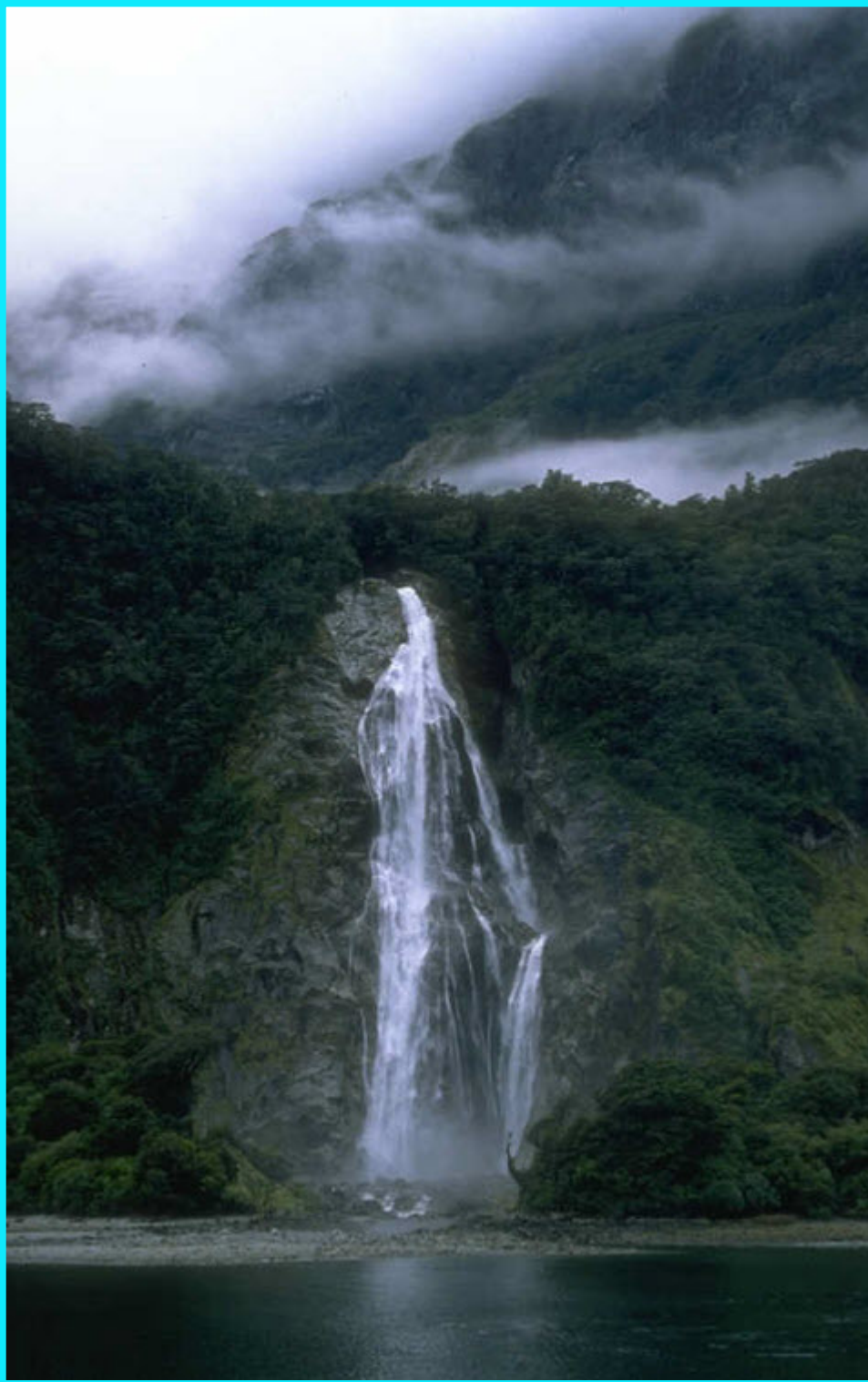
Next, there is a work in progress called LINKS. Here is a place that Old Man is organizing for you with research sites. As he finds information that has a wide appeal, he will link that site to this one page. I don't know if you will automatically come back to that page when you finish your research or not. With the weather page there is a button at the bottom of the page that brings you back to the website.

We also have a number of advertisers on our pages. As we always asked in the printed edition, please visit these advertisers because they are paying a major part of the cost of this website. Some of the ads are from Google, but they do pay the Old Man to carry them if you will click on the ads to visit them. He gets nothing if you only look at his pages so click and visit the Google ads. As we grow there will be ads from others that offer a click to visit either a website or a page with more information about their business. Enjoy these ads because they will give you useful information.

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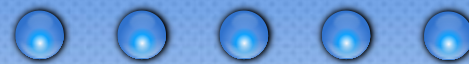
Dustn Clay Lovelady

Dustn Clay Lovelady, age 29 of Howe, TX passed away January 18, 2011 in Sherman, TX. He was born on April 4, 1981 in McKinney, TX to Rodger Clay and Margie (Coker) Lovelady. Dustn worked as an air traffic controller for the Navy and was a member of the Christian faith.

He is survived by his parents, Rodger and Margie Lovelady of Howe; brother, Michael Evans and wife, Laura of Frisco and Christy Mosier and husband, Michael of Howe; five nieces and nephews, Alisha Evans, Darin Evans, Bryce Mosier, Austin Poll and Madison Mosier; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Hall Cemetery in Howe with David Kautt officiating. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Friday at Flesher Funeral Home in Van Alstyne. You may sign the online registry at www.flesherfh.com.





BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS *A Frenchman at San Jacinto*

by *Bob Bowman*

In 1893, the Galveston Daily News printed a reporter's interview with Charles Cronea, a Jean Lafitte pirate who fought at the Battle of San Jacinto, where Texas won its independence from Mexico.

Cronea, a native of Marseilles, France, slipped aboard a French frigate, and came to America as a cabin boy and, after working on ships along the Gulf Coast, he joined a company of men and wound up at San Jacinto.

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Dot's Dashes



by *Dorothy N. Fowler*

Members and friends of the Van Alstyne Quilt Guild meet each Tuesday morning at Van Alstyne's First Christian Church to work on individual projects and to share each other's lives. The hours they spend together are both productive and an opportunity to build friendships and community.

When I arrived at one such gathering, along with my granddaughter Hannah, someone had brought me some ancient quilt blocks, a quilt top and some blocks extracted from a quilt that had been too well-used. Each of them was stitched with tiny, exact hand stitches.

I suspect that a good bit of the fabric came from flour and feed sacks sometime in the 1930's or early 1940's. Some of it is a little rough and more than one of the small squares in the blocks is pieced, an indication that the maker was more frugal than most of us care to be.

The origin of these historical materials is hazy. The most that anyone seems to know about them is that they were found in a quilt shop. Which quilt shop and when remains a mystery.

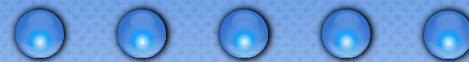
As I looked at the blocks, the top and the scraps from the quilt, I remembered the theme music from the musical *Quilters*. "Who," the song asks, "will count the stitches?"

My guess is that the answer is "Nobody, not even other quilters," who for the most part will be more interested in color and pattern and whether the points meet. As long as the stitches aren't long enough that you could catch your big toe in them, most people won't pay any attention to them.

Having these treasures in my possession presented me with a real problem -- what to do with them. I don't think it's appropriate to do more with them than has already been done, but I don't have the means



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Dot's Dashes, continued

or the space to adequately preserve them. Moreover, I don't want my family to have to try to decide what to do with them after I am gone.

And I have now compounded the problem, for someone who knows my interest in quilts recently presented me with two complete quilt tops that need only to be quilted to become what they were originally created to be, a warm covering for a bed. To be honest, these tops are not great examples of the quilter's art. The person who gave them to me wanted more to be rid of the problem they presented to her than anything else.

But having these problems has served a good purpose. They have inspired me to finish my own unfinished projects, to get my orphan blocks into items that are usable and to divest myself of projects I've started and know I can't complete. In short, I've decided to reduce my inventory.

Maybe most of us should reduce our inventories, at least enough so that we can get our cars into our garages.

BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued

"It was fine fighting," he said, "and we gave the Mexicans hell. We just killed them until we got tired. We killed thirty greasers (Mexicans) around one cannon; they could fire it only once."

Santa Anna's men soon began crying out, "We no Alamo," referring to the battle in San Antonio that became the battle cry at San Jacinto.

One of the men in Cronea's company captured Santa Anna, who had hidden in a creek bed. "None of us recognized him, or we would have shot him right there. When some of the prisoners recognized him, we wanted to kill him, but the officers wouldn't let us"

Cronea said "if Santa Anna had not been a Mason, his hide wouldn't held shucks. But both Santa Anna and Sam Houston were both high Masons, and Houston and the other Masons got him off in a disguise."

Cronea said seven Texas soldiers followed Santa Anna from San Jacinto. "If we had overtaken him, he wouldn't have made it back to Mexico."

Following the brief battle at San Jacinto, Cronea went to Bolivar and began farming. He later moved to Plaquemine Parish in Louisiana, where he cast his first ballot for Andrew Jackson.

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Howe Elementary Star Students for the week ending January 14th are: Dylan Peacock, Riley Potter, Cameron Garner, Zoe Watson, Aaron Roulette, Dylan Cernero, Chistian Risinger, Abby Fesperman, Kobi Zolfaghari, Sabian Acevedo.

HISD Menus

Jan. 24-28

Breakfast

Monday- Cinnamon roll, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, pineapple, apple juice

Tuesday- Waffles, cereal w/toast, fresh apple, orange juice

Wednesday – Oatmeal w/cinnamon toast, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, applesauce, grape juice

Thursday Breakfast pizza, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced peaches, orange juice

Friday Eggs, toast & sausage, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, orange halves, orange juice

Lunch

MONDAY – Cheeseburger, stuffed potato/ham boat, potato rounds, burger fixins, ranch beans, pineapple, peach crisp

TUESDAY – Beef fingers, crispy chicken salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, gelatin jewels

WEDNESDAY – Chicken sandwich, ham & cheese wrap, burger fixins, chicken noodle soup, crackers, applesauce, wacky cake

THURSDAY – Cheese pizza, laid back lasagna/toast, garden salad, diced peaches, orange sherbet

FRIDAY-Soft beef tacos, chicken enchiladas, tossed salad, refried beans, orange halves, carrots & celery sticks

Milk & juice served with all meals

Menu subject to change according to availability

Hoops for Hope - Texas Style

The Gunter Tigers and Lady Tigers will be having a “Hoops for Hope - Texas Style” night on Friday, Jan. 28, when they host the Howe Bulldogs in District 11 AA Basketball.

For the last two years, the teams have participated in “Coaches vs. Cancer.” This year the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches is allowing schools to have fundraisers to benefit local needs.

We hope to raise money to benefit local families who are fighting cancer.

If anyone would like to participate, sponsor, or support this event in any way, please contact Coach Woody Young at Gunter High School (903) 433-1542 or any of the coaches at either school.





Tom Bean Planning and Zoning Board

The newly appointed Tom Bean Planning and Zoning Board met recently to appoint new officers for the upcoming year. They include David Harkness as Chairman, Rich Reynolds as Vice-Chairman and Michael Webster as Secretary. The other members of the board include Don Reed and Debbie Yates.

MISSION STATEMENT

Planning And Zoning Board of Tom Bean, Texas

Assist the City Council by understanding and effectively administering the Planning and Zoning ordinances in furtherance of the City's Master Plan.

DUTIES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD:

1. Become familiar with the Planning and Zoning ordinances and Master Plan.

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“Everyday Heroes” - Tom Bean Students Collect Coins For Cancer

Tom Bean High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) members are sponsoring a campaign called “Everyday Heroes” – a campaign to collect spare change to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS).

“We want to make a difference to victims of leukemia, lymphoma and other blood cancers by helping fund research, education and patient support services”, said Mrs. Sharon Stephens, FCCLA sponsor. “This cause is especially dear to our hearts, as two of our FCCLA members, Cheyene Guedea-Mills and Sara Vincent, are Honored Heroes [survivors of leukemia].”

Cheyene Guedea-Mills, Cheyenne Arrington, and Taylor Jordan are spearheading the campaign on the high school campus, while the middle school SADD chapter is collaborating on the Middle School campus. Tom Bean Elementary School will be participating in a campaign later in the Spring.

“Blood cancers affect more children and young adults under the age of 20 than any other type of cancer,” said Guedea-Mills. “I know first-hand how important this effort is. Our goal is to help the North Texas chapter of LLS raise \$675, 000.”

“Another big part of our project is making fleece “security blankets” for patients at the Children’s Medical Center in Dallas,” said Arrington. Students are encouraged to either buy fleece fabric to donate so FCCLA members can make the blankets, or to make a blanket themselves to donate.

“We want to emphasize that everyone can be a hero, by giving of their money and talents”, said Jordan.

To recognize the students on each campus that raise the most money, Sherman’s Olive Garden restaurant will offer a pasta party.

Tom Bean ISD

January Board Briefs

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011 at 7 pm. President, Brian Trentman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Jimmy Jones led the invocation.

The minutes of December 13, 2010 along with the Financial Reports were approved as presented.

Student of the Month recognition and plaques were presented to the recipients from each campus. Teachers selected the candidates based on their attitude, behavior, and character. The recipients included: Emily Pennell (EL); Karlie LeDane (MS); and Brandon McLain (HS).

Each of the campus principals gave a report with the total enrollment, attendance, discipline, number of walk-through evaluations, number of teacher absences, newsletters, and current events for January. Mr. Tal Sanders, Athletic Director, gave a report to the board concerning athletics.

January, 2011 marked School Board Appreciation Month. The Tom Bean ISD Board of Trustees received several cards, gift

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TOM BEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Boys Powerlifting

Anna - The Tom Bean boy’s powerlifting team started the year off right Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Anna Invitational Powerlifting Competition.

Though the Cats had only 4 boys competing in the meet, they all managed to lift well and took 7th out of 17 in team standings. Sophomore Luke Parrish led the way by bringing home the silver medal in the 148 lb. class. Junior David Lawson captured bronze in the 242 lb. class, and freshman Tristan Bannister followed suit in his powerlifting debut with a bronze in the 114 lb. class as well. Sophomore Brandon Bramer also finished 6th in the 165 lb. class out of 17 lifters in his first-ever powerlifting experience. All the hard work the boys have put into the weight room certainly showed in the outing.

The Tomcat powerlifting team will be back in action on January 29, at the S&S Invitational meet.

Submitted by Paul Wilson, Boys Powerlifting Coach

TOM BEAN

Girls Powerlifting Results

Anna - The Tom Bean girl’s powerlifting team got off to a good start Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Anna Invitational Powerlifting Competition, placing sixth in the team standings.

The Tom Bean girls were paced by several veterans of the program and were glad to welcome some fresh faces. The returning Lady Cats were led by seniors Samantha Langford and Miranda Fulmer with first and third place medals, respectively. Langford also had a best in class lift in the bench press for the lightweight platforms at 135 pounds.

Returning to the Lady Cats for a personal best lift of 495 pounds was sophomore Kristian Miller, finishing seventh overall in the 148 pound class.

The Lady Cats welcomed freshman Maggie Lutringer to the platforms where she finished sixth with a total lift of 435 pounds in the 132 pound class. The Lady Cat powerlifting team will be back in action on January 27 at the S&S Invitational meet. - *Submitted by Karen S. Hodgdon, Women’s Volleyball / Powerlifting, Tom Bean High School*





January Board Briefs, continued

baskets, and their name on the school marquee, along with a meal for their dedication to the students, staff, and community. Our school board works very hard representing our District with knowledge, pride, and commitment.

The Superintendent gave a report to the Board explaining the Notice of Election worksheet for the upcoming Board members in May. There are three incumbents who include: Steve Book, Brian Trentman, and Stan Woodruff. The last board training for our members will be Monday, Jan. 24, 2011 at 6 pm in the HS library. Included under the informational items were the projected enrollment for Tom Bean from 2011-2016, three legislative bills that will be filed in Austin, and the results of our Financial Audit for 2009-2010 from the Texas Education Agency. Mr. Trentman presented the Board with the number of training hours they have completed for the 2010-2011 school year.

Kathy Garrison, Superintendent of Tom Bean ISD, was given an extension to her contract. Mrs. Garrison discussed with the board members at-will employee resignations and re-assignments.



TOM BEAN Students of the Month for January

**Elementary School - Emily Pennell - top left
Middle School - Karli LeDane - left
High School - Brandon McLain- below**

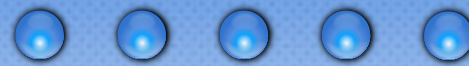
Tom Bean Planning and Zoning Board, continued

2. Help citizens identify, locate and interpret the Planning and Zoning requirements that may affect them.
3. Develop clear processes and guidelines to help stakeholders comply with Planning and Zoning requirements.
4. Recommend changes to Planning and Zoning ordinances and the Master Plan if such changes will benefit the public and support the objectives of the Master Plan.
5. Provide timely recommendations (in writing) to the City Council regarding any variance request. Recommendations in favor of a variance must meet the "hardship" standards defined in the ordinance.
6. Conduct official meetings in accordance with open meetings requirements.

The city is proud to have these volunteers onboard and are willing to assist with our plans for economic growth. Welcome P&Z Board members!
Submitted by Mayor Sherry E Howard



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Van Alstyne Library

BookShelf

by *Juanita Hazelton*

The Van Alstyne Library is working with the Special Collections Department of the James G. Gee Library at Texas A&M University-Commerce to digitize some historical materials in its collection. Library staff will have the opportunity to learn digital scanning procedures necessary to create digital libraries. The resulting material will be available on the World Wide Web. The intent of this project is to preserve valuable historical information and make it available for use by the general public. Local history assistant Amy Parrish will be the liaison with Michael Aday, Heirloom Archivist for the Gee Library. If members of the community have historical photographs or other documents they feel would be significant contributions to this project, they should contact Amy Parrish.

Friends of the Library and Library staff want you to mark your calendars for March 26 to attend the Library Open House, from 4- 7 pm. The Friends of the Library are now selling tickets for their annual Quilt Raffle, which will be a part of the Open House, as a fund raiser for the library. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each, or \$5 for 6 tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Open House. The throw size quilt is provided by Cindy Alford of Alford Inn and Quilt Shoppe at 120 E. Marshall Street, and uses the "Take 5" pattern. Visit the library to view the quilt and purchase tickets.

Did you know volunteers bring more to your nonprofit than the service they perform? Is your nonprofit really utilizing volunteers effectively? Have you considered why your volunteer program may be stagnant? These questions and more will be answered at a free workshop sponsored by TANO (Texas Association of Non-Profit Organizations) and the Northeast Texas Library System, hosted by the Van Alstyne Library. The workshop "The Four R's of Volunteer Management: Recruitment, Recognition, Retention = Revenue and More!" will be at the Van Alstyne Community Center on Tuesday Feb.15, from 9am -noon. This workshop is not just for Volunteer Managers/Coordinators but is designed for Executive Directors and staff who may not fully appreciate how volunteers can strengthen the effectiveness and sustainability of your nonprofit organization. If you are unable to attend the workshop on this date, you have five other opportunities: Jan. 25 at the Dallas Public Library, Jan. 27 at the Sulphur Springs Public Library, Feb. 10 at the Texarkana Public Library, March 8 at the Lindale Public Library, and March 10 at the Longview Public Library. MaryBeth Harrington, Director of Community Outreach for TANO will be the presenter.

Family researchers and genealogists, be sure to call the Van Alstyne Library to register for the four-part genealogy workshop taught by Dale Rideout beginning Saturday, Jan. 29. The session lasts from 10-11:30am and will meet Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, and Feb. 19. The workshop is free, but there is a \$15 charge for materials, including a CD and other handouts.

Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

MJ Presley was the Toastmaster of the evening at Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters Club Monday night, Jan. 17. Allison Presley introduced the word of the day, "succinct" for use by all speakers during the evening. Juanita Hazelton spoke on "Showcasing Van Alstyne Voices," and was evaluated by Jeff Hall. Bob Bishop spoke on "The Raspberry Twist," and was evaluated by Merrill Hazelton. Table Topics Master Sally Hall gave coins to Chuck Bardroff, Joy Cole, and Steve Smith and asked them to speak about events that happened the year the coin was minted. Dorothy Bishop was General Evaluator, Joy Cole was Timer, and Allison Presley was Grammarian/Ah Counter. Ribbons were awarded to Juanita Hazelton for Best Speaker, Jeff Hall for Best Evaluator, and there was a tie between Chuck Bardroff and Joy Cole for Best Table Topic. A short business meeting followed. The agenda for the Ja. 24 meeting was set, with Joy Cole as the Toastmaster.

Toastmasters International is a not-for-profit educational organization whose mission is to help people develop their communication skills. Toastmasters can help people build their self-confidence and develop speaking skills in a friendly, positive environment. Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters meets each Monday evening at 7 pm the Van Alstyne Library. Visitors are welcome. Call Public Relations Officer Juanita Hazelton at 903-482-5991 for more information.



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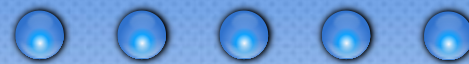
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Laurie Snidow

January Photographer of the Month at Hagerman

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.

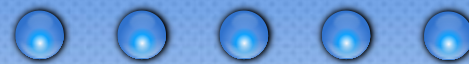
Snidow says, "I've been going to Hagerman for 4 or 5 years now and what I really enjoy about it, what makes it one of my favorite places to shoot is the diversity of wildlife, birds and insects, and also how much the area changes from season to season. I love that I can plan an early morning shoot or 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.





An Open Letter to the People of Texas

by US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

To my fellow Texans:

For the past 17 years, it has been my greatest honor to serve the people of Texas in the United States Senate. Working for the citizens and communities of our state is a privilege.

I am announcing that I will not be a candidate for re-election in 2012. That should give the people of Texas ample time to consider who my successor will be. In the next two years, you can be assured that I will pursue my duties, and my responsibilities to our state and people, with the same vigor that I have employed during my Senate service.



I have loved visiting all 254 counties in Texas. During my travels, I have been most touched by the constituents who have told me how my work in the Senate has personally impacted their lives. From the man in Dallas who thanked me for passing my Homemaker IRA legislation which allowed him and his wife to save more for their retirement; the teacher and sheriff's deputy in Houston who saved thousands each year because they knew I fought for my bill to relieve the marriage penalty tax; the military families who know I have been a champion of health care and housing for these heroes; and the many constituents that we have been privileged to assist with social security and veterans benefits. Knowing that I have been able to truly help my fellow Texans and make a positive difference in their lives is a public servant's greatest reward.

When my current term is up, I will have served Texas for 19 years in the United States Senate. I intended to leave this office long before now, but I was persuaded to continue in order to avoid

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Irresponsible environmental demands could end Texas dairy farming

by Mike Barnett

Cows poop. That's a fact of life. But cows also provide milk and meat and cheese and an untold number of other foodstuffs and products used by consumers. Yet irresponsible environmental demands by the City of Waco could end Texas dairy farming in the central part of the state.

Let's face it. What comes out of the backend of a cow doesn't smell like roses. It's dirty and messy and must be properly treated. Setting and enforcing regulations and processes to regulate poop to ensure our drinking water is safe and our air is clean are jobs for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), our state's environmental regulatory agency.

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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



82nd Legislative Session Convenes

Tuesday, Jan. 11, marked the opening day of the 82nd Legislative Session of the Texas Legislature. The House of Representatives is comprised of 150 members. This session, there are 38 new members of the House, two of which have previously served. This is the largest freshman class of legislators in 40 years. The partisan breakdown of the membership is 101 Republicans and 49 Democrats.

Following the swearing-in ceremony for the members, the first order of business for the House was to elect a Speaker of the House for the session. This year there was only one candidate nominated for the Speaker position, Joe Straus of San Antonio. This will be Speaker Straus's second term as House Speaker.

Other duties of the House during the first weeks of business include passing a Housekeeping Resolution and House Rules. The Housekeeping Resolution establishes the administrative functions and duties of offices and members of the House.

House Rules dictate procedural issues with regard to the House of Representatives. The rules establish committees, the bill and amendment process, House Floor procedure, and many other issues which provide the framework of daily activity for the House. Bills cannot be referred to committees until the House Rules are adopted. This week the House passed a Housekeeping Resolution, but will take up the House Rules next week.

The Texas Senate also convened this week. There are 31 senators; 19 Republicans and 12 Democrats. There is only one new member of the senate, Brian Birdwell of Granbury. Senator Birdwell was elected after Senator Kip Averitt decided not to seek reelection.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding any legislation that is important to you. You can contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.



An Open Letter to the People of Texas, continued

disadvantage to our state. The last two years have been particularly difficult, especially for my family, but I felt it would be wrong to leave the Senate during such a critical period. Instead of putting my seat into a special election, I felt it was my duty to use my experience to fight the massive spending that has increased our national debt; the government takeover of the our health care system; and the growth of the federal bureaucracy, which threatens our economy. I will continue that fight until the end of my term in 2012.

I will be forever grateful for the privilege of working for you in the United States Senate. I will now look forward to living full-time in Texas with my family, and to keep working for our state's interests as long as I live.

God bless America and God bless Texas,

Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senator, Texas

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Irresponsible environmental demands, continued

Dairy farmers readily agree because 1) they responsibly share the environment with consumers; and 2) it's a cost of producing milk.

The agency uses stringent scientific standards to ensure poop is properly treated so those downstream of where it's being pooped are not endangered. Those standards are explained to dairy farmers when they choose to seek a permit that allows them to milk or renew a permit which allows them to continue to milk. The farmers have a choice: They can either meet those strict standards or choose to quit milking.

Sometimes meeting those ever-changing, state-set standards is not enough. Sometimes a third party wants to raise the bar to impossible levels.

There's "crap" in the lake, a former mayor of Waco -- whose intent was to drive dairies out of the watershed that feeds the lake's drinking supply -- was fond of saying.

That opening round of cheap shots fired by the city at the beginning of this decade continue today. Gone in that decade are almost 90 dairy families and nearly 60,000 dairy cows. The dairy families that are left, ship poop in the form of compost out of the region. They build retention ponds capable of handling most any rain event. They irrigate pastureland out of these retention ponds. The dairy families practice responsible environmental stewardship -- under the guidance of TCEQ -- yet are still under attack.

And the City of Waco's chief complaint -- that the water tastes bad -- has not changed one bit. The water tasted bad before dairy cows appeared in the watershed. It tasted the same at the height of the dairy industry. It tastes the same now that half the cows are gone. It will taste the same if they successfully end family dairy traditions in the Bosque River watershed.

"We get economic benefits from the dairies being up there," city water official Tom Conry was quoted as saying recently in the local newspaper. "People from here sell feed to the dairies. All we want is to be able to receive the milk but not the rest of it."

In other words, it's okay to milk cows in the watershed as long as the cows don't poop.

Finding balance between the needs of humans and the realities of farm and ranch production is what modern agriculture is all about. That's something our state's environmental agency recognizes. Too bad the City of Waco doesn't.

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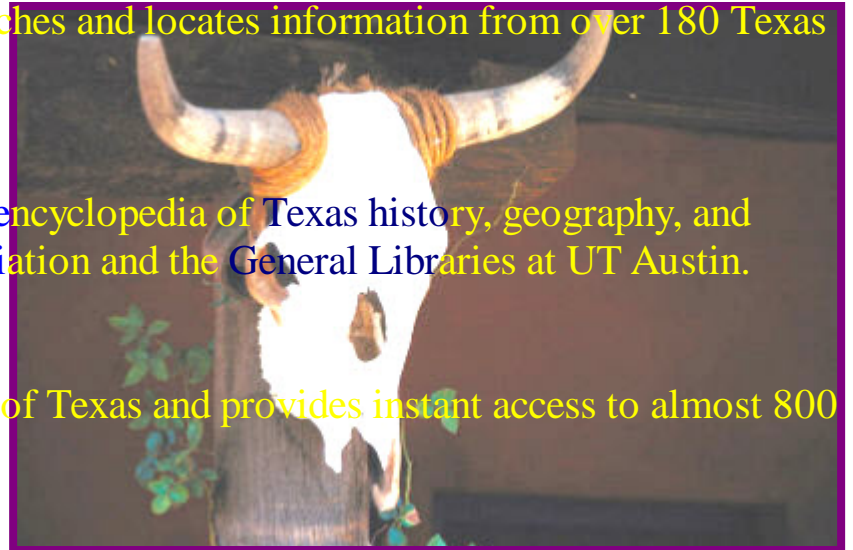
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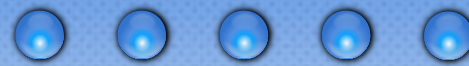
[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

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

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Christian Fellowship

If you are looking for a home like place to worship each week then A Christian Fellowship in Luella is where you want to be. They start each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Each and every person that attends will have an age appropriate class for them. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's speaker will be Palmer Miller. So come on out and join them.

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

The congregation celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship time, everyone is welcome to join in the celebration.

The church also has home study groups throughout the week.

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

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

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Dennis Stewart, pastor,
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APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC
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Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun. 10am & 6pm
NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP/AG,
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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.

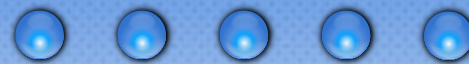
Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible 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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Rev. Mack Rogers

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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?

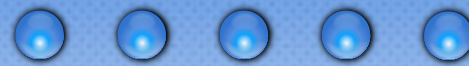
You cannot answer this question honestly without considering the humanity of the unborn child. Genetic science has shown us the absolute uniqueness of every human embryo at even its earliest stages. Even though this child’s conception came as the result of a crime, the child is not the criminal. Does 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 and state” is found in a letter by President Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut in 1801. The Danbury Baptists had heard a rumor that Connecticut was going to establish a state church. They wrote to President Jefferson about this. In answering their letter, Jefferson assured them that all Christian religions would always be equally accepted, that freedom to practice their beliefs openly would never be denied, and that there would never be a state church that would restrict the freedom 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

for governmental purposes and, on Sundays, it would be used as a church. When Jefferson became President in January of 1801, he began attending church in the U. S. Capitol. Jefferson thought that the music needed some improvement so, by executive order, he commissioned the Military Band to play for these worship services.

During the snowy winters, when riding horseback to the Capital was often 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.

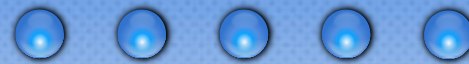
While president of the nation, Jefferson was made the president of the school board for Washington, D.C. public schools and authored its original plan of education in which he made the Bible and Watts’ Hymnal the two primary reading texts.

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*.)





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.



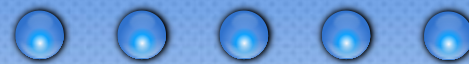
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