

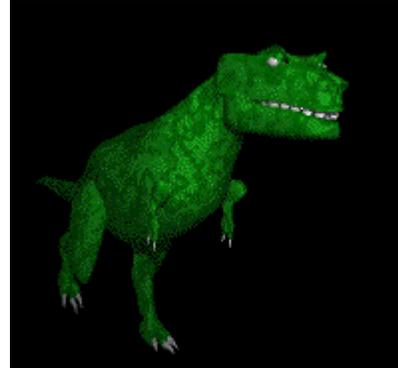
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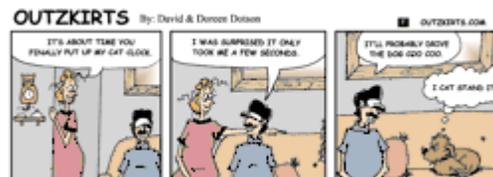


Dig Into Reading



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**Last Week
The Drowsy Chaperons**



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GC offers summer cooking classes

Grayson College's Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts Center is partnering with its Center for Workplace Learning to offer five recreational cooking classes in July and August. Open to the public, the two-hour classes take place at the Culinary Arts Center on GC's Main Campus in Denison, east of the Viking Dorm. Participants must be at least 16 years old to enroll in the classes, except where noted.

Taught by GC's chef instructors, courses provide hands-on training, demonstrations, and interactive learning in the college's state-of-the-art facility. Participants learn knife skills and explore cooking methods as they prepare and consume cuisine that ranges from the familiar to the unexpected



"Basic Knife Skills & Cooking Methods 1" focuses on roasting and braising. Rosemary roasted chicken and maple-glazed vegetables are prepared during this class on Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$29.

"Basic Knife Skills & Cooking Methods 2" emphasizes poaching and steaming during class on Thursday, July 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$29 for the course, which features potato chowder topped with sun-dried tomato pesto, poached gulf shrimp with cilantro-lime cocktail sauce and apple-celery root salad.

"Intermediate Knife Skills & Cooking Methods 3" concentrates on sautéing. Wild mushroom risotto cakes filled with smoked mozzarella, sautéed pork tenderloin medallions and gingered napa cabbage are on the menu. Cost is \$29 for the course, which meets Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

"Kids Kooking School" is designed for students who are 12 to 15 years old. Focusing on kitchen basics, the class features yogurt fruit smoothies, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, and a fun treat for dessert. They also learn about kitchen safety during the course on Thursday, July 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$19.

"Mom, I'm Hungry!" offers tips and tricks for high school- and college-aged students to eat healthy and well during those first years away from home. They learn to cook and enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner recipes such as fruit smoothies, omelets, chicken fajitas, and others. Cost is \$19. Class meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

For more information or to register, visit the GC Center for Workplace Learning website at www.cwlgcc.org. Registration may be completed online at www.cwlgcc.org, in person Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the CWL on the college's Main Campus in Denison, or by phone at 903-463-8765 if paying with MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit cards.



Dot's

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Dot's Dashes

By Dorothy N. Fowler

"I hate the dress code! I've got a right to express my individuality," a student dressed in jeans and gray sweatshirt intoned.

"You mean like the rest of the class?" I asked, pointing to 34 other students also clad in jeans and a sweatshirt, not all of them gray, but still sweatshirts.

"No government has the right to tell us what we can and can't wear," the student responded. "If we all dress alike, that's still our choice."

"But if you go to work across the street, in the telephone company office, you will have to abide by the dress code there," I said.

"That's different. They would be paying me money to be there."

"Does that mean that if the school were to pay you money to be here you would abide by a dress code without griping?" I asked.

Silence. Still longer silence. "Do you mean you would give up what you tell me you believe is an essential liberty -- the right to self-expression -- if someone paid you enough for it?"

Silence. Still more silence. "Awww, Ms. Fowler, you know what I mean."

"Indeed, I do know what you mean. Do you know what you mean? Can you explain it to me?"

Americans are now engaged in a similar uproar about government intrusion into their phone calls and e-mails. Those who oppose the government's gathering the phone numbers of those who make international phone calls and twitter -- or is it tweet -- write e-mail and blog screeds in Arabic and visit Websites that give instructions on building bombs say government is violating their right to privacy.

I agree with their position, but I also think this uproar is just short of stupid. There are several reasons for my position.

First, I've known government was collecting information from the Internet and from phone calls for years and years and years and I assumed everyone else knew it. I also knew from court cases involving wire-tapping that for government to use that information in any meaningful way, it has to get a search warrant issued by a judge who has some oversight responsibility.

Why did I make the assumption that government was gathering data about people based on phone and Internet communications? Because everyone I do business with does it. Wal-Mart sends me e-mails telling me what items I might be interested in based on what I've bought in the past. Amazon sends me lists of murder mysteries, most of them in a certain price range. Ford Motor Company keeps up with when the Freestyle's oil needs changing. Discover card notifies me if there is a charge out of the ordinary. Credit reporting agencies have a record of every credit transaction I've made for the last gazillion years (well, maybe not that many years.) Every insurance reporting agency in the country knows or can find out that I've been hospitalized three times since Jan. 31, 2013, for cellulitis, what physicians have treated me, what drugs I'm allergic to and whether I am a curmudgeonous old lady who can and will give 'em hell. And none of them had to get a court order.

It so happens that I don't like having my personal information "out there" for everyone to see, but that's the way the world is now, thanks to the technology that has, on the one hand, brought us closer together and on the other pushed us farther apart.

I am amazed at what people put on their Facebook pages and other places for the world to see, apparently not understanding or perhaps not caring that once it's "out there," it's there forever. There is no way to recall it. If you don't believe it, ask Anthony Weiner.

I personally am on the side of Benjamin Franklin, who said, "Those who would give up essential liberty for temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety," but in the interest of consistent thought, I wonder whether the essence of Franklin's statement should apply to my relationship with Wal-Mart as well as to my relationship with government.

By the way, this is still a free country, the evidence being that we are freely debating what the government thought was a top secret program, although it must not have been because I heard about it, probably from a lawyer friend, in 2007. My question is, why is everyone in such an uproar now?



Howe's That Recipe



by Lana Rideout

Do you know how your parents met? Do you know how your grandparents met?

I do. Several years my husband and I visited my aunt who lives in Childress. We were talking about how parents met and she did not know how her parents met. Being the last member of her generation of that family, she figured she would never know.

However, my Mom who is the same age as my aunt did know the story because my dad's parents and my mom's parents met the same way. While visiting his brother in Whitesboro, my grandfather Bullard met his wife to be. While visiting his brother in the Mt. Pleasant area, my grandfather Brown met his wife to be.

Another interesting note is that both of these sets of grandparents got married in February the same year a week apart.

My Gran Bullard and Gran Brown used to tease each other, saying "I don't know why you didn't come to my wedding." each had the perfect answer, "We did not know each other back then."

My parents met at church in Fort Worth. My mom's family moved to the Diamond Hill area of Ft. Worth and started going to the Diamond Hill Church of Christ where my dad and his family were members.

My kids know that my husband and I met while attending Abilene Christian University (it was College back then). We had a class together and we also rode a church bus across town to attend a congregation there.

Now if you enjoy family history, and don't know how your parents met, how about asking them. Family get-togethers can be a good time to learn family stories.

Toffee Imperial

1 cup fine quality margarine
1-1/2 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
2/3 cup coarsely chopped toasted almonds
4 (1-ounce) Hershey bars
1/2 cup finely chopped toasted almonds

Combine margarine and sugar in a heavy two-quart saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring, until mixture comes to a full boil. Do not burn. Continue to boil, stirring occasionally, until mixture reaches the hard-crack state or a candy thermometer registers 300 degrees. Remove from heat. Quickly stir in coarsely chopped almonds. Pour into a greased nine by thirteen-inch pan.

Let stand until set but still very warm. Place pieces of Hershey bars over the top as chocolate softens, spread evenly with a spatula. Immediately sprinkle with finely chopped almonds. Lightly press almonds into the chocolate. Cool until completely hardened. Break toffee into irregular pieces; store in a covered container.

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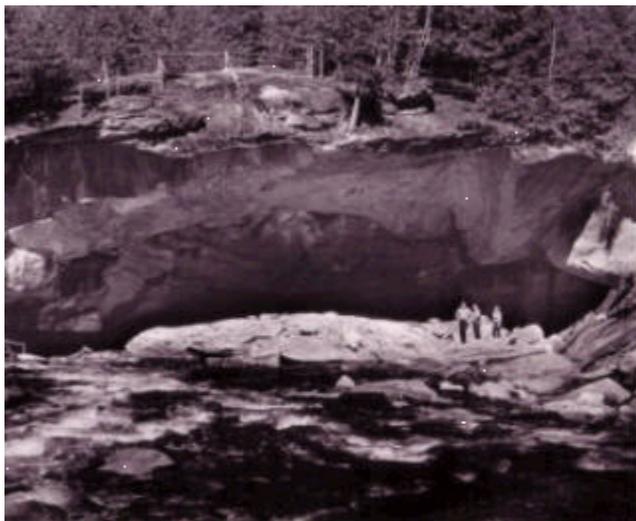
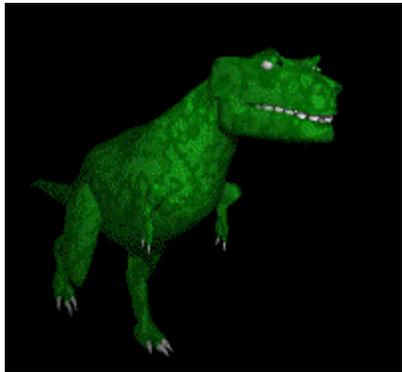


Dig into Reading at the Gunter Library

Keep your reading skills up this summer by participating in “Dig into Reading Texas Style” at the Gunter Library and Museum. Activities are planned every Saturday at 1 pm beginning June 1-July 20. Each activity relates to Texas.

On June 15, children heard about Texas dinosaurs at the story time, put together a model of a T-Rex, and build a model of a triceratops.. Check out some books about dinosaurs. As a follow up activity, parents are urged to take children to visit the dinosaur exhibit at the Sherman Museum on 301 S. Walnut St. Included in the exhibit is a 33 foot long casting of tyrannosaurus rex. The Sherman Museum is providing a 2 hour Dino Academy for ages 5-13 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 18-27 and July 9-18. There will also be a lecture on dinosaurs on Friday June 21.

Have you visited Carlsbad Caverns? Have you visited Sonora Caverns or Longhorn Cavern? On Saturday June 22, the Gunter Library invites children and adults to enjoy a talk and slide show by Texas cave explorer Bill Steele. The program will be held at the Community Center at 1:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about Texas caves from an internationally known caver. Bill Steele is a national-level director for Boy Scouts of America at their national headquarters in Irving, Texas. He has explored caves in China and Mexico and has written two books about cave exploration, “Yochib: The River Cave” and “Huatla: Thirty Years in One of the World's Deepest Caves.”



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Exceptional Behavior, 6th Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Aviana Acevedo, Hayden Brunner, Rian Cox, Colt Crane, Hali Howard, Isaiah Jaresh, Presley Quintero, Dallas Neyland, Wyatt Renfro, Kamry Snapp, Beau Stephens, Colton Tinker, Ariel Uriostegui, Andrew Crane, Olivia Dimayuga, Noah Fowler, Williams Fuhr, Eduardo Gonzalez, Kenzlee Jones, Anthony Lowder, Jaedyn Nance, Elijah Morrison, Gavin Rodgers, Hunter Shaw, Travis Watson, Elizabeth Word, Hayden Adkins, Parker Daniels, Nicole Garcia, Talan Haley, Nathan Hernandez, Garren Lankford, Bailey McDonough, Kiefer Phillips, Gracie Randall, Brynn Riley, Hunter Roberson, Garrett Rodgers, Presley Shockey, Harlee Shue, Alizabeth Banda, Stephanie Bastida, Ava Hodge, Emaleigh Sweeden, Devon Wallace

First Grade: Brayden Bahr, Camryn Boatman, Jacob Campbell, Ainsley Denham, Shianne Freeman-Williams, Caden Garner, Kayley Laubhan, Carter Layton, Lucas Mitchell, Zeb Montgomery, Sandra Nitchman, Autumn Owens, Jake Snodgrass, Matalee Stewart, Gage Troxtell, Riley Troxtell, Charlie Vera, Catelyn Armstrong, Britton Burt, Garrett Gibbs, Kendall Griffin, Lacy Hymel, Alex Jones, Mikaylah Komorowski, Brooklyn McCaleb, Cassie Morrison, Kade Murphy, Kolin Murphy, Rilyn Murphy, Cameron Pugh, Jenna Roper, Dakota Smith, Emery Snapp, Mahlon Walker, Mary Burris, Ryleigh Craven, Madilynn Douglas, Clayton Duree, Dax Foster, Kimberly Gonzalez, Jaycie Grisham, Emma Hitesman, Cooper Jones, Morghan Lamb, Zadrian Morris, Jade Neyland, Nita Olivarez, Jonathan Smith, Makayla Smith, Ashton Trevino, Isaac Vidales, Mia Wilson, Dakota Campbell, Jayde Harris, Jace Martin, Cheyenne Matthews, Gabby McMillen, Jacob Ortega, Haley Richardson, Noah Riley, Thomas Roberson, Jonathan Sanderson, Logan Smith, Payton Stapleton, Courtney White

Second Grade: Kaylyn Bryant, Mackenzie Bryant, Abby Earnhart, Henry Gill, Andrew Harper, Chesnee Lawson, Trey Phillips, James Richardson, Keira Robertson, Jeslie Toral, Gabrielle Vera, Korie Bouse, Angie Burris, Jaggart Courtney, Ethan Duer, Mikya Gurley, Austin Haley, Edith Hernandez, Jalie Hill, Cody McGill, Donna Mendoza, Christian Moody, Madison Morrow, Ariana Ross, Haley Spinks, Emma Sutherland, Dakota Tinker, Matthew Bearden, Jordan Brunner, Kelly Caballero, Jesus Garcia, Danielle Hargrove, Tate Harvey, Alex Huerta, Korben Kemp, Jacob McGill, Jana Nitchman, Taylor Reynolds, Kolby Smith, Teagan Stubblefield, Grace Morrison, Yair Ayala, Ayden Burris, Carson Daniels, Jentrie Doty, Luke Hardy, Ryan Hough, Andra Jones, Samantha Lowder, Audie Martin, Noah Miller, Caleb Otlewski, Sergio Rico, Linda Segura, Faith Stallings, Ethan Strunc, Stone Trevino

Third Grade: Michelle Caballero, Luke Catching, Caytie Coco, John Griffin, Jaryn Grisham, Ethan Lopez, Ricky Ramirez, Garrett Rudd, Chloe Scoggins, Avery Snapp, Eli Wilson, Kevin Bateman, Luis Gonzalez, Zoey Moore, Ramie Mosse, Brooke Potter, Kaleb Strong, Trinity Williams, Sabian Acevedo, J.C. Barrett, Harley Brockelman, Drew Cowin, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Paige Gifford, Colby Hopper, Skylar Petty, Cierra Brussow, Ethan Conrad, Zak DeFrange, Lindsey Hymel, Conner Record, Jordan Sanderson, Alyssa Sharp

Fourth Grade: Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Brett Burnett, Leah Butcher, Kayle Chapman, Katie Grogan, Cameron Lankford, Lizzy Robertson, Clay Barnett, Grace Brennan, Sierra Copeland, Kamryn Gardner, Kriston Harris, Kameron Hopper, Rebecca Reinecke, Chase Sellers, Reese Smiley, Rene Spinks, Regan Stephens, Austin Thurman, Crista Timmons, Laine Watson, Mariana Cano, Holly Cavender, Ruvy Enriquez, Karrah Gardner, Mikayla Hanson, Gabriel Hariman, Raul Hernandez, Luke Jackson, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Mason Moreau, Brooke Robinson, Ethan Sanders, Konnor Skaggs, Leah Trevino, Reagan Troxtell, Camryn Adams, Noah Campbell, Erin Catching, Hannah Dwyer, Jake Fabacher, Tatum Hartsfield, Alex Hernandez, Courtney Hopper, David Huerta, Joseph Hymel, Jonathan Meneses, Kaytee Roper, Gage Streetman

Perfect Attendance, 6th Six Weeks

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Second Grade: Abby Earnhart, Daniel Gonzalez, Jeslie Toral, Korie Bouse, Jaggart Courtney, Kaden Dunn, Connor Gauntt, Mikya Gurley, Austin Haley, Cody McGill, Donna Mendoza, Christian Moody, Madison Morrow, Ariana Ross, Dakota Tinker, Kelly Caballero, Bryan Crees, Jesus Garcia, Tate Harvey, Alex Huerta, Korben Kemp, Landon Money, Jana Nitchman, Landon Oswalt, Taylor Reynolds, Kolby Smith, Teagan Stubblefield, Grace Morrison, Yair Ayala, Jentrie Doty, Colton Little, Samantha Lowder, Noah Miller, Linda Segura, Ethan Strunc

Third Grade: Luke Catching, Caytie Coco, Niko Longoria, Ethan Lopez, Ricky Ramirez, Chloe Scoggins, Eli Wilson, Jessica Bastida, Kevin Bateman, Stanley Bik, Emma Harvey, Brooke Potter, David Rocha, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Caleb Maddison, Ryan Murphy, Katie Parker, Skylar Petty, Caleb Wahrmond, Abby Alvarez, Cierra Brussow, Riley Griffith, Kailyn Ireland

Fourth Grade: Alex Blount, Brett Burnett, Kayle Chapman, Katie Grogan, Cameron Lankford, Korbyn Thompson, Destiny Wood, Grace Brennan, Kamryn Gardner, Kameron Hopper, Jason Ortega, Rebecca Reinecke, Reese Smiley, Crista Timmons, Laine Watson, Holly Cavender, Brooke Robinson, Reagan Troxtell, Jake Fabacher, Tatum Hartsfield

Math Blast 6th Six Weeks

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State Representative Larry Phillips congratulates three new Eagle Scouts from Howe. Left to right: Larry Phillips, Ben Olin, Sean Stephens, and Cody Welch.

Eagle Court of Honor held for three scouts

Ben Olin, Sean Stephens, Cody Welch

HOWE-- An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held June 7 for Cody Welch, Ben Olin and Sean Stephens, all of Troop 45 in Howe. The ceremony took place at the First United Methodist Church in Howe which sponsors the troop. Masters of ceremony were Tyler Olin and Garrett Wogan, both Eagle Scouts from Troop 45.

Each scout received an American flag which Congressman Ralph Hall had flown over the nation's capitol. State Rep. Larry Phillips also gave each scout a Texas flag which had been flown over the state capitol. On behalf of the Military Order of the World Wars, Col. Clifford D. Way (Ret. USAF) presented the scouts with a certificate and commemorative coin of excellence for dedication to the principles of the Boy Scouts of America.

Cody is the son of Lynn and Jerry Welch of Howe and Frankie and Brad Whatley of Wilson, Okla. His grandparents are Dick and Daisy Smithwick of Howe and Hattie Welch and the late T.J. Welch of Marietta, Okla. He has been involved in scouting since first grade and earned his Eagle on March 26 of this year. His Eagle project was building a 720-foot, five-strand, barbed wire fence with three braces for Hall Cemetery in Howe. His other scouting achievements include Arrow of Light, Troop Leadership Training, Oak Leaf Training, Order of the Arrow Ordeal, Mile Swim and Philmont Trek. He has held leadership positions as assistant patrol leader, quartermaster and patrol leader and has earned 30 merit badges since entering scouting.

Ben, age 14, is the son of Tim and Jennifer Olin. His grandparents are Dr. Jim and Sonora Olin, Graeme and Renee Caulfield and Bob and Barbara Boland. He entered scouting during second grade and has earned 23 merit badges since that time. He earned the Arrow of Light award as a Webelo in 2009, has completed Oak Leaf Training and the Mile Swim, and has held leadership positions within the troop including quartermaster and troop guide. For his Eagle project, he constructed two large "cat trees" and a cat walk for a local non-profit cat rescue/sanctuary operation. He plans to continue his scouting career and, this summer, will be attending Scout Camp Cris Dobbins in Colorado. He credits his scouting success to his faith in God, a supportive family and strong leadership role models.

Sean has earned 35 merit badges since beginning his scouting career. His Eagle project was to plan, prepare and construct an educational garden for the Howe Community Library. His other Scouting achievements include Arrow of Light, Troop Leadership Training, Oak Leaf Training, Order of the Arrow Ordeal, Mile Swim, Snorkeling BSA and Philmont Trek. Within his troop, he has held leadership positions of assistant patrol leader and patrol leader. He is the son of J. and Cindy Stephens of Van Alstyne and the grandson of Joe and Betty Stephens of Frisco.



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Van Alstyne Car Show

Annual Benefit Van Alstyne Library Car Show, Saturday, July 6, 2013.
Contact Bob at 903 815 8788 mobile



Gov. Perry Signs “Merry Christmas” Bill Into Law

Last week HB 308, the “Merry Christmas” Bill, was signed into law by Governor Rick Perry at a special ceremony at the Texas Capitol. The bill, which was authored by Rep. Dwayne Bohac and was carried in the Senate by Sen. Robert Nichols, received overwhelming bipartisan support in both the Texas House and Texas Senate. Designed to counter the growing War on Christmas, the bill makes clear that public school students and staff can legally teach and discuss Christmas. Christmas has been recognized as a federal holiday by the United States since the 1870s. Texas school districts have seen long and costly court cases over Christmas expressions in Plano and Katy, and Fort Worth was recently involved in a controversy over Santa Claus at a public school. Landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases have made it clear that such expressions and displays are permissible.

It is time to end the war on Christmas. This common sense legislation tracks Supreme Court precedent, providing a solid roadmap for public school officials to follow and should help school districts respect First Amendment rights and avoid costly litigation

Texas Values was proud to provide the main legal guidance and support for the legislation and to be a part of the bill signing ceremony. Join our ongoing efforts to protect religious freedom in Texas. Please consider making a contribution to Texas Values before June 30 to help us end our first fiscal year strong.



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**From Top to
Botton:
Darrah Dunn as
“Man in Chair”,
Harris Tooley as
“Adolpho”,
and Lynda Lewis as
“The Chaperone”.**

“The Drowsy Chaperone ready to open at The Finley”

Sherman Community Players Presents “The Drowsy Chaperone”

“...an Old fashioned New musical within a Comedy...”

Book by Bob Martin & Don McKellar. Music & Lyrics by Lisa Lambert & Greg Morrison

Directed by Anthony Nelson, Music Direction by Fred Freeman. Choreography by Amy Wallace

What: “Come back in time to the decadent roaring twenties, where the champagne flowed and all the world was a party, for the wealthy anyway” quips the narrator and main character, also known as “Man in Chair” of “The Drowsy Chaperone”; opening June 7th at the Historic Finley Theater in Sherman.

The play follows the story of a musical theatre aficionado who is held up in his NYC loft apartment; on this certain day, he feels ‘blue’ and gets the urge to play his favorite musical theater record from the twenties for the live captive audience, “The Drowsy Chaperone”. Magically, the play comes to life in the man’s apartment; and audience gets front row seats to the story of the famous Janet Van De Graff, and her inner struggle to end a successful theater career for true love. Filled with humor, tap dancing, and spectacular singing, the Sherman Community Players’ annual summer musical is promising to be a very hilarious romp through the history of Broadway.

When: Opening June 7th, 2013 at 8pm.

Playing: June 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30

Times: Evening Performances begin at 8pm, Sunday Matinees at 2pm.

Where: The Historic Finley Theater in Sherman, TX; 500 N. Elm Street.

Box Office: Opens June 7th and 8th for Main stage Season Members at 9am. Tickets for the General Public go on sale beginning June 9th at 10am. The Box office is located at 313 W. Mulberry St, Sherman TX, 75090. Box office phone: 903-892-8818. Visit scptheater.org for more details.

Season Sponsor: American Bank of Texas, Production Sponsor Ameristate Bank.

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Kids Entertaining Kids Fund-raising Committee met to make final preparations for the event to be held on Saturday, July 27, 2:00 p.m., Sherman Municipal Ballroom, 405 North Rusk, Sherman. From left to right is Marlene Tillman, Tammy Jaresh, Danita Harston, Ray Tillman and Linda Horton, ECI program director.



Kids Entertaining Kids Event Set

The fifth annual Kids Entertaining Kids events is scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2013, Sherman Municipal Ballroom, 405 North Rusk, Sherman. Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) will receive the funds raised from the event.

The event is being planned for the enjoyment of the whole family. It will give kids the opportunity to see other kids giving of their talents to improve the lives of other kids who have developmental delays. Area business will have the opportunity to become sponsors and donors to the event. Anyone wishing to receive more information about sponsorship or donating to the silent auction should call 903-957-4865. The funds raised from this event will help provide services and help families.

ECI provides services each year to almost 650 infants and children; who reside in Cooke, Fannin, Grayson, Delta, Lamar, and Hopkins counties; and are in age from birth to three years old. Texoma Community Center is the host agency for the program and the Early Childhood Intervention Division of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) provides its funding.

The family is the first source of strength and help for their child with developmental delays and ECI partners with the entire family through providing information, services, support, and hope. These children have varied problems and needs. The program is designed to encourage and assist parents with an infant or a child who appears to be slow in development or has medical conditions that usually result in developmental delay. The program provides developmental therapy and support services for infants, children, and their families. Services include: screening, assessment, and referral; providing developmental services in home and community-based settings; related services such as: occupational, speech, and/or physical therapy; family support and training; special equipment, toy, book, and video lending library; service coordination for the child and family; referral and transition services; other services specific to child and family needs.

The developmental therapy segment is a homebound and/or community-based training program. It is designed to help children who have poor learning skills, poor cognitive skills, delays in gross and/or fine motor abilities, delays in speech and language, hearing or sight impairment, poor social and emotional development, and certain medical conditions that are likely to result in developmental delay. Related services include, but not limited to: physical therapy, speech therapy, developmental services, nutritional services, behavioral intervention, guidance from the staff nurse, and development and use of adaptive equipment and clothing.

Parents are provided with education and guidance that helps them develop and maintain a positive attitude and learn coping skills. Basic parenting skills are taught as well as information on the special needs of their child.

Underwriting for the event has been funded through the Clara B. and W. Aubrey Smith Charitable Foundation. The Trinity River Chapter of Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans is providing a \$1,600 matching grant.



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Proper nutrition and hydration for student athletes will be discussed at the Sports Nutrition Conference July 18 in Corpus Christi. Shown is Tristyn Allen of Sealy in the triple jump event at a state track meet. (Photo courtesy of Ramona Ferguson)

Sports Nutrition Conference slated July 18 in Corpus Christi

Cowboys, Astros dieticians to speak

CORPUS CHRISTI -- Sports dieticians for the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Astros will be among the lineup of speakers addressing coaches and other professionals who influence student athletes at the Sports Nutrition Conference July 18 in Corpus Christi.

The conference, presented by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Corpus Christi - Emerald Beach, 1102 South Shoreline Drive.

The speakers include Roberta Anding, sports dietician for the Houston Texans, Houston Astros and the Rice Owls, and Amy Goodson, sports dietician for the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers and the Ben Hogan Sports Medicine Center.

“With so many of our youth participating in a variety of competitive sports activities, it’s important to make sure they are able to make sound nutrition and hydration decisions that will affect not only their performance, but their overall health and well-being,” said Dr. Elaine Fries, AgriLife Extension regional program director for family and consumer sciences in Corpus Christi.

Anding’s talk is titled, “Dietary supplements: Keeping your athletes clean, safe and legal; Pre- and post-game day nutrition.” Goodson’s talk is “Sports nutrition and the competitive edge.”

Other speakers and their topics include:

*Gloria Fernandez-VanZante, registered dietician, the relevance of nutrition in sports today.

*Dr. Jay Dawes, assistant professor, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi department of kinesiology, sports nutrition: the coaches’ role.

*Dr. Don Melrose, assistant professor, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s department of kinesiology, steroids and the Internet.

*Shelby Killion, registered dietician, eating out and shopping for nutrition.

A closing panel of speakers will include Darrell Andrus, athletic director and head coach at Flour Bluff High School.

The conference is sponsored by Prairie View A&M University’s Cooperative Extension Program, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s department of kinesiology and the Gatorade Sports Science Institute.

The fee prior to the early registration deadline June 17 is \$60 for educators and \$40 for students. Late registration is \$70 for educators and \$50 for students.

Registration and reservation information can be found at online at <http://agrilife.org/coastalbend/2013-sports-nutrition-conference/>

For more information, contact Fries at 361-265-9203.

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Republican State Senator Craig Estes Announces Reelection

Conservative businessman who authored landmark school safety legislation and tax cuts for businesses last session says he will continue to fight for common-sense conservative values

WICHITA FALLS, TX - State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) today announced his intent to seek reelection to the State Senate. Estes will again run in Senate District 30, which is unchanged from the maps used during the last election cycle. The map recently passed by the Texas Senate simply enacts the court ordered map and must now be passed by the House before the Special Session on Redistricting ends later this month. Despite the pending challenge, Estes is enthusiastic to run for another term.

“I look forward to once again earning the support of the citizens in Senate District 30 and continuing to fight for common-sense conservative values in the Texas Senate,” said Estes. “I plan to run a positive grassroots campaign across the entire district based on my proven record of conservative leadership.”

During the 2013 session, Senator Estes authored SB 1857, the school safety legislation that was signed into law by Governor Rick Perry. Estes also co-authored water infrastructure legislation, helped pass a balanced conservative state budget without raising taxes, passed “drone protection” reform, stronger border security initiatives and business tax cut legislation for critical telecommunications infrastructure in our state. This tax cut is expected to create 6,000 new jobs with \$250 million in annual salaries and generate \$1.4 billion in additional economic activity.

“My constituents made it clear they wanted us to pass a conservative legislative agenda, and I am proud of what we were able to accomplish,” said Estes. “When re-elected, I will continue listening to the families of District 30 to make sure our shared conservative values are well represented in the Texas Senate.”

The Senate map which enacts the court-ordered map for District 30 includes all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young Counties as well as large geographical portions of Collin and Denton Counties.

Senator Estes is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs and Homeland Security, and currently represents Senate District 30 covering Archer, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties



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Psalm 14:1-7 (KJV)

¹ The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good.
² The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.
³ They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.
⁴ Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.
⁵ There were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.
⁶ Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge.
⁷ Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

Christian Fellowship

Mike Ball will be leading the worship service this week. Join them for coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am Sunday morning and at 9:30 for Sunday school classes for all ages followed by worship service at 10:30.

David Ellis leads praise and worship each week and it's a contemporary style service. Also dress is casual.

The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each week during worship service.

ACF offers a class for the children ages 2-10, this class is called "Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus" and includes learning bible verses, games, skits, and puppet shows.

ACF will be having their Vacation Bible School July 22-26 from 6:30-8:30. This year's VBS theme is "Gotta Move" by Go Fish.

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

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-271-1870 or David Ellis at 903-815-1333.

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. 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.

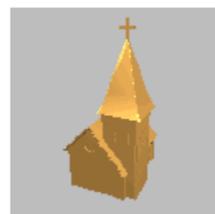
We have radio programs each Sunday at 7:30 am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8:00am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

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

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

VBS information:

Church name: A Christian Fellowship
VBS Theme: You Gotta Move
Date and Time: July 22-26 @ 6:30-8:30 pm
Ages: kindergarten-5th grade
Address of church: 150 Fellowship Lane, Hwy 11 Luella (I believe it's a Sherman address though)
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Arnold Baker, pastor



In My Affliction

It was in January of 2011 that I really began to get to know Charles McInvale. He had undergone open heart surgery, and I visited him in the hospital.

When he recovered from his surgery, he and his wife, Shelby, began attending church services at Creekwood with their daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Mike.

Charles said to me, “We need to get together!” So we did. We met several times at the church building. We studied the Scriptures together. Charles wanted to be in a right relationship with God. He told me that he had made some bad mistakes in his life, and he wanted to be forgiven. We studied together from the Scriptures about how God loves us and wants to forgive us of our sins (Romans 5:6-10). God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). We studied from the Scriptures about how to receive the salvation that Jesus made possible through an obedient faith.

On March 17, 2012, Charles McInvale confessed his faith in Jesus and was baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of his sins. He was elated! His family and his new church family were, too! In fact, God and the angels were also rejoicing (Luke 15:7,10)!

Charles knew that following Jesus wouldn’t exempt him from challenges and problems in this life. After all, Jesus told His disciples: “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation [or trouble]; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Charles did experience some more troubles with his health.

Charles was diagnosed with cancer in the Fall of 2012. He underwent some difficult cancer treatments, and his cancer was declared to be in remission, for a while. Charles had been told by his oncologist that the cancer could return. It did. When he began to struggle with his health, he returned to the doctor and was told on May 21, 2013 that his cancer had returned. Eighteen days later, he passed from this life on June 7, 2013.

I wanted to tell all of you about how Charles became a Christian, and the circumstances surrounding his conversion to Christ. Charles told me that it was because of his heart attack and his open heart surgery that he became vitally interested in spiritual matters, especially his own relationship with God. He wanted to be saved and to know that he was going to heaven when he died.

Psalm 119:71 says, “It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.”

Out of his own affliction, Charles McInvale learned more about God and became a Christian. I believe he would tell us that it was good for him to have struggles with his health in that it caused him to turn to the Lord and seek his salvation. He placed his faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turned from his sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessed Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and was baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

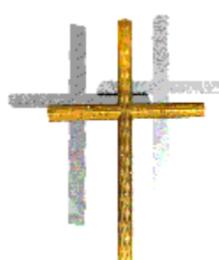
Perhaps YOU are undergoing some type of struggle today. Use this opportunity to seek God. Study His Word. Ask for His help in your struggle. Seek to know and to do His will. Accept His offer of salvation through Jesus in order to have forgiveness of sins and the hope of a better tomorrow – eternal life with Him in heaven when your time on earth is done.

Won’t YOU?

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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Step-grandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 20 year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Dale & Lana Rideout



Lana, Dominique, Rachel, Briana, Amber, "Santa" Jordan, Caleb, Chris



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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Hall Introduces Drought Monitoring Bill

WASHINGTON, DC . . . This week Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX) introduced H.R. 2431, legislation to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS). Cosponsoring the bill are Reps. Lamar Smith (R-TX) and Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM). NIDIS was established in 2006 by legislation introduced by Hall. This bill extends authorization of this critical program through 2018.

“Drought is a continuing challenge that affects most regions of our country,” Hall said. “Currently 53 percent of the U.S. is experiencing abnormally dry to exceptional drought conditions. The National Integrated Drought Information System has been a highly effective program that provides the best available information and tools to monitor and predict droughts, assess the potential impacts, and better prepare for and mitigate the effects of droughts.”

The NIDIS program established the U.S. Drought Portal, www.drought.gov, a website dedicated to a range of services related to drought. Resources include current data from climate observations, early warnings about emerging and potential droughts, decision support services for managing droughts, and a forum for stakeholders. The online resource supports a collaborative framework between federal, state, and academic partners rather than creating a new government bureaucracy.

“NIDIS has been a valuable resource for decision makers at the federal, state, and local levels, farmers, businesses and individuals,” Hall added. “The reauthorization bill continues this vital program, encourages further development of regional early warning systems and calls for a thorough analysis of the program. Continued development and identification of research, monitoring and forecasting needs can improve early warnings. Enhanced prediction tools can provide earlier information for water supply and demand planning, helping to mitigate the harmful impacts of drought.”

NIDIS is administered in the Climate Program Office within the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Hall Supports Safety Of Women And Unborn Children

WASHINGTON, DC . . . This week, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) voted in support of H.R. 1797, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, of which he is an original co-sponsor. The bill passed the House 228-196.

“I have always supported and respected the sanctity of life through the support of pro-life legislation, and today’s bill takes important steps to protect women and children from unsafe and dangerous acts from people who would put them at serious risk by performing late-term abortions,” said Hall.

Medical evidence shows that at 20 weeks – the beginning of the sixth month – the unborn can feel intense pain. Late-term abortions conducted after 20 weeks also put mothers at significantly higher risk.

“Dangerous late-term abortions are not rare occurrences, but present a relevant and serious problem that must be addressed,” Hall continued. A Guttmacher study from 2005 found at least 15,600 late-term abortions were performed in the U.S. that year, and last month Dr. Kermit Gosnell – who murdered both live babies during late-term abortions and women through unsafe medical practices – was convicted of three counts of murder, one count of involuntary manslaughter, and was sentenced to life in prison.

“Today’s bill would protect women and children from unsafe, unethical late-term abortion procedures and from criminals who would do them severe harm,” Hall added.

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act prohibits abortions of the unborn who are twenty weeks past fertilization or later. The bill provides exceptions for when the life of the mother is in danger, or for pregnancies resulting from rape and/or incest if the crime is reported.

Hall Supports Defense Authorization

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Last week Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) voted in favor of H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014, which passed the House by a vote of 315 – 108.

“The security of all Americans depends on the sacrifices of our brave servicemen and women. We must ensure a strong defense to keep our citizens safe, and we must provide our troops with the necessary equipment, training, and resources to perform their duties with as much protection as possible as they are placed in harm’s way,” said Hall.

“Particularly important to the 4th District is a section in the bill that would prohibit the Department of Defense from proposing, planning, or initiating another Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC). The Red River Army Depot in Texarkana is a valuable asset to the community and to our defense interests, and I will continue to work to protect the good work that is being done there.”

The defense authorization bill also would:

- * Ensure that troops deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world have the necessary equipment, resources, and training to successfully complete their missions and return home;
- * Maintain the annual pay increase of 1.8% for troops;
- * Protect victims of sexual assault in the military and work to prevent future assaults;
- * Protect America’s closest ally, Israel, through cooperative anti-missile programs;
- * Strengthen East Coast missile defense capabilities;
- * Provide religious conscience protections for service members and chaplains; and
- * Improve cyber-attack prevention, among other measures.

Oversight and cost reductions included provisions to prohibit the use of funds to release prisoners at Guantánamo Bay, require a report on U.S. forces’ security requirements during troop withdrawal, and reports related to Benghazi in order to prevent such an occurrence in the future.

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A Conservative Budget

By Craig Estes

Texas is the 14th largest economy in the world and is roughly the same size as the economy of Australia. With such a large economy, the hard-working people of our great state expect their leaders in Austin to provide for the critical infrastructure needed to keep our economy strong, such as water, transportation, and public education, while balancing the budget and without raising taxes. I am proud to say the budget enacted by the 83rd Texas Legislature does all of that in a responsible, reasonable and conservative way. It addresses the needs of our fast-growing population, which has grown by 1,176 people per day every day from 2000 to 2010.

It stands to reason that as more than 1,000 people move to Texas every day because it is a great place to live, work, and raise a family, the more we will need to spend on roads, water and schools. Consequently, we increased funding for public education, roads and water infrastructure. Funding for public education was increased by \$4 billion, transportation by \$850 million, and for the first time ever the legislature acted to fund the state water plan that, if approved by the voters, would appropriate \$2 billion from the Rainy Day fund to a loan program that would allow water districts and cities in North Texas and all over the state to finance desperately needed water projects. The overall budget, however, increased at a rate not exceeding population growth and inflation. This budget keeps Texas on top, and is neither wasteful nor reckless.

Recently, however, a few people and special interest groups have suggested that the Texas budget is not as conservative as it should be. They claim the budget spends \$106 billion compared to \$84 billion from two years ago. They cite that this is whopping 26

percent increase of \$22 billion in just two years. They are just plain wrong. While they are entitled to their own opinion, they are not entitled to their own set of facts.

According to the non-partisan Legislative Budget Board, the "All Funds" appropriation (Texas dollars + federal dollars) for this budget is a modest 3.7 percent larger than the last budget. Additionally, when adjusted for inflation, population growth and local property tax relief, the Texas budget is actually 11.7 percent smaller than it was 10 years ago. The \$106 billion is an inflated number – its fuzzy math that counts nearly \$12.5 billion worth of spending that it shouldn't. They count supplemental funding to pay for Medicaid, wildfires and public school expenses from the last budget, tax and fee cuts, and reductions in fee diversions to promote budget transparency. They also count \$650 million that we didn't even spend!

We wrote a conservative budget which addresses the state's priorities in education, veterans' services, Medicaid fraud reduction and mental health services. Taxpayers and families are better served if people with serious mental health issues can seek proper treatment before they end up in our criminal justice system or worse. Clearly, those who claim Texas spending is way up are being selective in the numbers they use. Most conservative Texans understand this and support the new budget, like the Texas Association of Business and Governor Rick Perry. We live in a great and growing state and we have passed a state budget that is conservative, thoughtful, and frugal. I am proud to serve all of you in Senate District 30 and God Bless Texas!

Estes serves nearly 820,000 constituents across Senate District 30 which includes all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.

Dear editor,

Within the past two months, two MLB pitchers have been struck in the head by line drives hit back to the mound. You might call it a coincidence, but I see it as a problem. Pitchers are not required to wear helmets on the mound, as batters, catchers, and coaches do. They also are not required to wear a mask, like that of catchers and home plate umpires. What that tells me is that pitchers are extremely vulnerable to facial injury, if not the real possibility of death. The last thing Major League Baseball wants is for thousands of fans in a stadium and millions watching at home to witness a fatality take place. The time for them to protect all pitchers is not after something bad happens, but rather, it is now.

A.J. Chilson,
Princeton, Texas

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Cornyn: Failure to Secure America Is Real Poison Pill

'My amendment would guarantee...the results that Washington has long promised but never delivered.'

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) asked members of the Gang of Eight today on the Senate floor to adopt commonsense solutions to achieve agreed upon border security metrics. The full speech can be seen here<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79-DHqW5MWU>> and excerpts of his remarks are below:

“The Democratic Majority Leader, in an interview with the press, called my amendment a ‘poison pill’. But I thought that was unusual, and even curious, because we hadn’t shared the language of the amendment with him or anyone else at the time he gave it that characterization.

“If we don’t guarantee results on border security, if we don’t guarantee to the American people that we actually are going to get serious about stopping the flow of people illegally crossing our southwestern border, or the northern border for that matter, I think we guarantee the failure of bipartisan immigration reform. That is the real poison pill.

“And if in fact, by defeating sensible border security measures which guarantee implementation of border security, if by denying that, bipartisan immigration reform fails, then the opponents of these sensible border security measures will have no one to blame but themselves.

“It’s understandable, and I believe justified, for the American people to be skeptical about Congress when it makes promises without any means to implement guaranteed results.

“The federal government has always said the right things when it comes to reassuring the American people, but it’s never been able to translate those promises into results that are actually implemented.

“Members of the Gang of Eight, who I think have done the country a public service by bringing this matter to us, believe that our goal should be 100 percent situational awareness of the southern border and a 90 percent apprehension rate of illegal border crossers. This may surprise my colleagues, but I actually agree with those metrics and those standards. 100 percent situational awareness, 90 percent apprehension rate.

“Members of the Gang of Eight who brought us this legislation also believe we should implement a national E-verify system so that employers don’t have to play police and they can get a card they can swipe through a reader which will verify that a person who applies to work at their workplace is legally qualified to work in the United States. I think absolutely that’s a good requirement and I agree with the Gang of Eight’s proposal.

“So I wonder why it is, Mr. President, why can’t they take ‘yes’ for an answer? If we agree on the standards that they’ve set, why can’t we agree on sensible measures that will guarantee the implementation and the success of accomplishing the very goals that they themselves have set?

“My amendment demands results while the Gang of Eight bill is satisfied with just more promises, promises that historically have never been kept.

“Here’s the bottom line. Americans are tired of hearing endless border security promises without seeing any realistic mechanism for guaranteeing results. My amendment would guarantee such a mechanism and it would guarantee the results that Washington has long promised but never delivered.”

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

Why should we care about the farm bill?

By Jessica Domel

If you like food, you should support the farm bill.

The Senate voted for a new farm bill yesterday and action now shifts to the House. I’ve been keeping up with the farm bill’s progress in Washington, D.C., and I found myself asking others on our staff, “What does this mean for the typical American consumer?”

I have some answers for you.

The irony of the farm bill is that only about 20 percent of its funding is for farm-related programs. But that 20 percent is vital to American farmers. Without the funding provided through federally subsidized crop insurance, many farmers would probably have to leave the business.

Why do farmers need crop insurance? One word—risk.

What other business puts a seed in the ground and waits three to five months for a return. That farmer has seed costs, fertilizer costs, possibly pesticide costs if he has weed or bug problems, and some farmers have irrigation costs. And every crop can be challenged by Mother Nature in the form of drought, hail and floods. All of his investment can be wiped out in a minute.

But the farm bill is about more than farmers. It’s about food.

By helping with crop insurance, we ensure American farmers and ranchers stay in business so we don’t have to import foods from other countries—countries that may not have the strict food standards that we have in place.

We ensure that those in need have access to food as well through food assistance programs.

In this country, we decided long ago that we want children in our schools to be adequately fed and prepared to learn every day. The school lunch program is in the farm bill. The food stamp program is in the farm bill. The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is in the farm bill. These programs assist people who, for one reason or another, need help to provide food for their families.

The farm bill is also a jobs bill. Did you know 16 million American jobs are dependent upon agriculture? Those aren’t just people driving tractors and picking fruits and vegetables. Those are people driving trucks, stocking shelves, waiting tables and serving food. Those jobs are dependent upon the stability of U.S. agriculture, which is dependent upon this bill.

So why should we be for the farm bill? Because we like food. We like American farmers. We like having a safe, abundant food supply that is more affordable than any other country in the world.

So if you haven’t already, tell your representative in Washington, D.C. to vote yes for the farm bill.

Need help finding your legislator? The CapWiz Legislative Action Center can point you in the right direction.

Jessica Domel, Field Editor, Texas Farm Bureau
As a farmer’s daughter and granddaughter, I believe life is best experienced on the farm. I believe Texas agriculture is the backbone of our economy, and we should be proud to show our Texas roots.





Agricultural labor has no ‘one size fits all’ solution

By *Gene Hall*

I am a big fan of Dr. Thomas Sowell, a free market economist, except when he starts talking about agricultural labor and immigration reform.

Dr. Sowell’s support of the free market is something I appreciate most of the time. His latest article, however, challenging a “need” for workers in agriculture, has missed the target. He wrote that we don’t need immigration reform and a guest worker program for agriculture. In his opinion, paying more for labor will get you plenty of American workers.

Dr. Sowell missed the point and for the same reasons everyone else does. Farmers cannot raise their prices to cover increased costs. Unlike the guy with the price label gun moving down the aisles at the grocery store, farmers must take the prevailing price, or not sell at all. It’s a system with many sellers (farmers) and not that many buyers. If Farmer Jones is not willing to sell at the prevailing market price, then the buyer moves down the road to Farmer Smith or Farmer Brown, both of whom will sell. Of course, Farmer Jones knows this. He too will sell, or incur the costs of storing the grain until he gets his price. With operating loans and other bills to pay, many farmers must sell. Farmers have mechanized due to labor challenges, but not every crop lends itself to that.

Agricultural prices respond to supply and demand like everything else, but profit margins are almost always razor thin. Often, it’s difficult to raise wages high enough to lure Americans out of the air conditioning and into the fields. Law abiding farmers and ranchers find themselves in a jam. They can follow the strict letter of the law and fail to produce food the world needs or hire workers they can’t document and respond to their high calling of feeding their fellow man. We’ve got to stop this lose/lose scenario.

Both sides of our current political dysfunction have a tendency to reduce our problems to a “one size fits all” solution. Immigration reform and agricultural labor defy most attempts to shoehorn the issues into such a solution.

Gene Hall, Public Relations Director, Texas Farm Bureau -- I believe that the only hope for a food secure world is capitalism and reasonable profits for America’s farm and ranch families—that the first element of sustainability is economic survival.

Letter to the Editor:

China Buying U.S. Companies

Chinese companies spent \$6.5 billion to purchase U.S. companies in 2012, which broke the previous record of \$5.2 billion in 2010. It appears the Chinese acquisitions of U.S. companies could exceed \$10 billion in 2013.

In May 2013 Shuanghui International agreed to purchase Smithfield Foods. Smithfield is the world’s largest hog producer with 460 farms and contracts with 2,100 others across the U.S. Will the hog supply be diverted from the U.S. to feed China’s burgeoning population? Will China’s poor food safety record and the manufacture of low quality products impact Smithfield’s operations? Hopefully, Midwestern states will be able to block the sale with laws that prohibit foreign ownership of farmland.

A Chinese consortium purchased International Lease Finance Corp. (ILFC), which owns and leases over 1,000 aircraft and has relationships with many airlines. In 2012 Chinese companies purchased AMC Entertainment, one of the largest movie theater chains in the U.S.

The U.S. Committee on Foreign Investment should deny Chinese acquisitions if they impact our national security or our country’s economic well-being.

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Finding the Best Possible Nursing Home Care for a Loved One

PROVIDENCE, R.I.— When their mother became a nursing home escapee, her helicopter daughters wondered what the sweet 93-year-old widow was thinking. With her daughters hovering anxiously, she was quick to answer. “I wanted to pick up a few things to cook for your father tonight.”

The woman’s daughters gave a collective deep sigh. Their mother remained young at heart, but the memory thief of dementia turned her mind into an intermingling of long-term remembrances, short-term forgetfulness and delusional thinking. She was stuck in her married past unable to comprehend why she had to live in a room with no kitchen to cook pasta for her husband, who had actually died.

Her daughters realized that they could neither stop their mother’s mental deterioration nor prevent behavior one would expect from an impetuous teenager. But, what they could do was to find a nursing home where their mother would be safer and maybe happier, too.

Despite their hovering and search for the perfect nursing facility, their mother’s worsening dementia limited their choices. Questions to ask about quality ratings, activities and atmosphere as well as cultural sensitivity, patient rights, and physician availability may seem obvious.

However, even with all the guides designed to help families, getting answers is a challenge.

In addition to general manuals, such as the comprehensive 72-page *Your Guide To Choosing A Nursing Home* — Medicare.gov, getting a sense and feel of a home by visiting more than once may make the difference between sleepless nights and peace of mind.

Questions to admission directors are important, but observation is often a better predictor of how well a person will adjust to the new environment. Answers from staff may dramatically clash with the reality of a nursing home’s ratings, atmosphere, activities, patient rights and physician availability.

Things to Look for Onsite

Often a nursing home placement is made hastily because of a hospital’s “time’s up” policy. Patricia L. McGinnis, executive director of California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, [<http://www.canhr.org/>] said, “Contradictory to their role -- appropriate placement – discharge planners are often pressured to get patients out of the hospital because of billing issues.”

Atmosphere is important: With nursing homes, beautiful furniture and new curtains do not necessarily translate into good care. You may see a facility that has a four- or five-star rating, but the atmosphere or patient population may not be well suited for a potential resident.

Always look at dining rooms during lunchtime to see how many residents are there instead of eating alone in their rooms.

Ask to look at activity charts to determine how those requiring various levels of care may participate and benefit. While offering residents Wii Bowling sounds good on paper, residents with dementia will not be able to remember the steps involved for knocking down the pins. On the other hand, BINGO plays an important role in routine and socialization.

Music in nursing homes should be more than just recreation; it should be therapy, even for residents who are cognitively challenged. Some experts in aging say that making music can be a protective factor against the most difficult aspects of dementia.

For example, the documentary *Alive Inside*, explores how patients are transformed by listening to iPods. In a nursing home there can never be too much music.

Patient rights and physicians: From small issues to more substantive ones, patients’ rights versus the best interest of a patient is tricky. Be certain to ask about patient-choice issues. Important examples are:

Dining room seating -- Do new residents get assigned tables and is there flexibility to be able to move to another table? You want flexibility.

Room changes -- Residents may be shifted to different rooms merely for the convenience of the home. But sometimes roommates are not compatible. Ask how this is handled, and is the staff quick to make changes if problems arise?

Showers and changes of pull-ups or diapers -- To prevent urinary tract infections, or UTIs (a common health issue that can also worsen a senior’s mood), it is important that residents are changed and bathed frequently. Ask how often this takes place and how they handle a person who refuses. Hiding behind patient rights is not acceptable when a health issue is involved. Incontinent patients should be checked every few hours.

Make certain family caregivers are permitted to be involved with helping a person with dementia make appropriate choices.

Ask how a facility handles conflict. A well-trained staff can often coax even the most belligerent resident into complying with a health issue. Hydration and frequent diaper changes are key to preventing potentially debilitating UTIs.

In the elders, a UTI can create agitation and delirium that leads to preventable hospitalization. This is only one reason why having a full-time physician or nurse practitioners on staff makes good sense. Does the home have one?

Ombudsmen and Other Resources

Despite your best efforts, if nursing home issues concern you, contact the local long-term care ombudsman. These people, usually found through the state or local government department or commission on aging, are independent officials designated by the U.S. Older Americans Act, to monitor area nursing homes and assist residents. They usually can fill you on about a facility’s record.

However, keep in mind what Donna McCormick, managing attorney for the Elder, Health and Disability Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services—ombudsman programs are uneven around the country. She explained, “In theory all nursing homes should have ombudsmen, but the challenge takes place when they become so intertwined with management that they don’t always advocate effectively for residents.”

The other alternative is to find a different home. Physicians and researchers tell us that seniors can be more adaptable than we realize.

What is every family’s goal? Dr. James M. Ellison, a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, said, “Families need to know that their loved ones are being cared for by a kind staff in an atmosphere that stimulates them emotionally, socially and cognitively. It’s important to remember that even with a diagnosis of dementia people can find joy in the appropriate surroundings.”

As a result, families often find themselves in search of a different nursing home.

Here are some helpful resources keyed to quality of care, nursing staff, health inspections and safety issues.

* Medicare.gov - Nursing Home Overview;

* Nursing Home Compare - Medicare.gov directs one to state sites and phone numbers;

* America’s Best Nursing Homes - News - US News and World Report, is a star-rated overview;

* Nursing Home Inspect, makes nursing home inspection reports.

* California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform’s “Nursing Home Guide,” a national model for state searches.

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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Redistricting

On May 28th, the First Called Special Session of the 83rd Legislature began. The initial purpose of the special session called by the governor was to consider “legislation which ratifies and adopts the interim redistricting plans ordered by the federal district court as the permanent plans for districts used to elect members of the Texas House of Representatives, Texas Senate and United States House of Representatives.” This past week, the governor added additional items to the call, or list of topics which the legislature can consider. The additional items are: legislation relating to the funding of transportation infrastructure projects; legislation relating to the regulation of abortion procedures, providers and facilities; and legislation relating to establishing a mandatory sentence of life with parole for a capital felony committed by a 17-year-old offender.

This week, I will discuss redistricting as it currently stands. Last session the legislature passed new Texas House, Senate and Congressional maps, as required by law following the census. However, as a result of litigation over those maps, interim maps drawn by a three-judge federal court in San Antonio were enacted. These interim maps were used for the 2012 elections. During this special session, there is an effort to codify these interim maps to make them the permanent maps until after the next census in 2021. However, some groups are suggesting that Texas House maps and the Congressional maps be redrawn by the legislature.

The House Committee on Redistricting has held hearings on the maps on May 31 and June 1 in Austin, June 6 in Dallas, June 10 in San Antonio, and June 12 in Houston. The Senate Committee on Redistricting has held hearings in Austin on May 30 and June 6; in Corpus Christi on June 7; and in Houston on June 8. The Senate Redistricting Committee passed its redistricting maps on Wednesday, June 12, and debated and passed the maps for House, Senate and U.S. Congress on Friday, June 14. It is expected that the House will begin debating these bills over the next two weeks.

For more information on redistricting or any other state matter, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.



Golfing Toward Confession

A man went to the confessional. "Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned."

"What is your sin, my son?" the priest asked.

"Well," the man started, "I used some horrible language this week, and I feel absolutely terrible."

"When did you use this awful language?" asked the priest.

"I was golfing and hit an incredible drive that looked like it was going to go over 250 yards, but it struck a power line that was hanging over the fairway and fell straight down to the ground after going only about a hundred yards."

"Is that when you swore?"

"No, Father. After that, a squirrel ran out of the bushes and grabbed my ball in his mouth and began to run away."

"Is that when you swore?"

"Well, no. You see, as the squirrel was running, an eagle came down out of the sky, grabbed the squirrel in his talons, and flew away!"

"Is that when you swore?" asked the amazed priest.

"No, not yet. As the eagle carried the squirrel away in his claws, it flew toward the green. And as it passed over a bit of forest near the green, the squirrel dropped my ball."

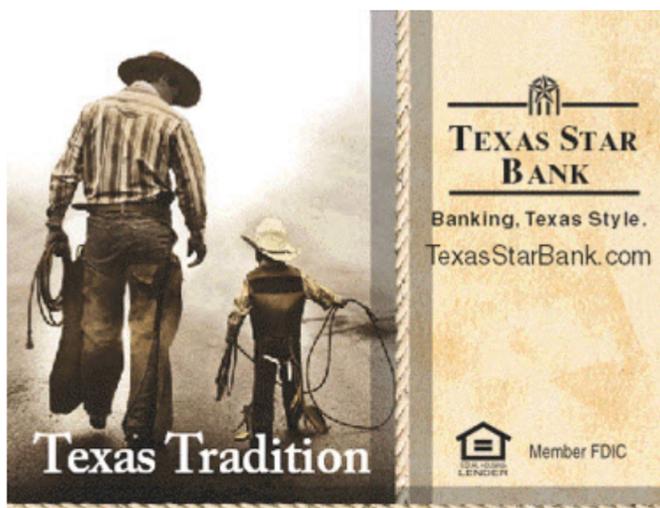
"Did you swear then?"

"No, because as the ball fell it struck a tree, bounced through some bushes, careened off a big rock, and rolled through a sand trap onto the green and stopped within six inches of the hole."

The priest signed, "You missed the putt, didn't you?"

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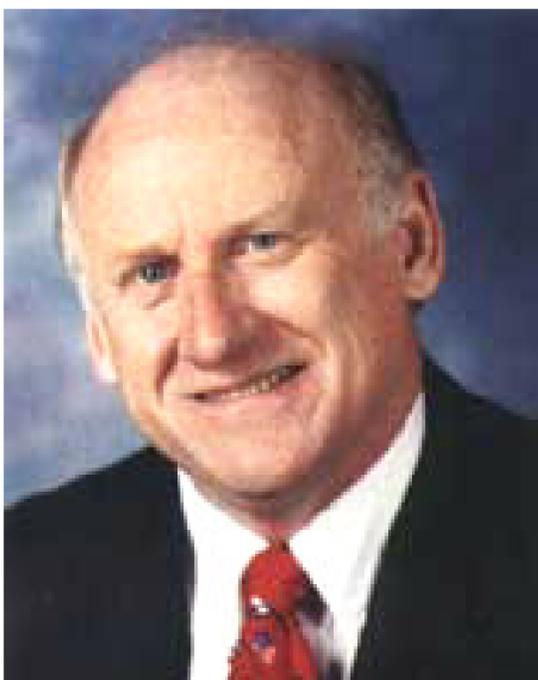
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[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

[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.

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

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Let's Reminisce: Curses And Spells

By Jerry Lincecum

From time to time I read about something from the distant past that would perhaps be nice to have today. The ancient Greeks and Romans made frequent use of a curse tablet or binding spell, in which someone would ask the gods to do harm to others. I'm not a vengeful person, but once or twice someone has ticked me off to the point where I felt he or she deserved harm.

In olden days the words were typically scratched on very thin sheets of lead in tiny letters, then often rolled, folded, or pierced with nails. These bound tablets were then usually placed beneath the ground: either buried in graves or tombs, thrown into wells or pools, placed in underground sanctuaries, or nailed to the walls of temples.

According to *National Geographic*, one tablet that was only recently translated attacks a veterinarian named Porcello. It begins by invoking a deity (maybe Hecate, queen of witches) with a drawing of her. Then it says "May all Porcello's body, limbs, entrails ... disintegrate, languish and collapse ... soul, heart, buttocks." It ended with a drawing of a bound figure representing the target.

Let me hasten to say that despite the fact that our dearly beloved dog, age 14, died last fall, I harbor no ill will toward the family vet. Let's move on to other examples.

Many of these tablets discovered at Athens refer to court cases and curse the opposing litigant, asking that he botch his performance in court, forget his words, become dizzy and so forth. One or more of my readers who have had bad experiences in court might wish they had known about this type of spell.

Even the smallest of gripes are sometimes reflected, suggesting that expressing one's anger or hostility in writing gave some relief. For example, at the site of one of the popular Roman baths in England, 130 curse tablets have been found seeking revenge for shoes and other items stolen while the owners were in the water. Some of these are signed, and many petition a deity to cause damage in the suspect's life.

Tablets were also used for love spells and in that case they were often placed inside the home of the desired target. Some were found along with small dolls or figurines, which apparently represented the target. Some love tablets have been discovered folded around human hair, probably to bind the spell itself.

Scholars who have studied these tablets in detail say they are documents of the everyday lives of common people, not the aristocrats. Not all tablets included a personal name, but it is clear especially in the Roman period, that tablets were sometimes prepared in advance, with space left for inserting the names provided by paying customers.

How much would you pay for a tablet or spell to bring harm to someone who has done you a grievous wrong?

-30- Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any subject: jlincecum@me.com





Othella Yonce

HOWE - Services for Othella Yonce, 89, of Howe was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at Scoggins Funeral Home Chapel in Van Alstyne. Burial followed in the Mulberry Cemetery. Ms. Yonce passed away Friday, June 14, 2013 at Meadowbrook Care Center in Van Alstyne.

She was born Sept. 6, 1923 in Ravenna to John and Alta Cain Rich. She married Willie Earl Yonce in San Marcos, Texas. Othella graduated from Howe High School in 1941. She worked on the Army Base in San Marcos during World War II. After the war, she and her husband, Yonce moved back to Howe where she worked for A.M. Ferguson of Howe, Foremost Dairies and Robert Sanford and Taylor in Sherman, and the Howe State Bank. She and Yonce owned and ran a grocery store in Howe for many years. Yonce, Othella and Gary were members of the Howe Methodist Church where Othella continued to attend services until her health declined.

She is survived by her son and his wife, Gary and Linda Yonce; two grandchildren, Ellen and Daniel Yonce; and a great-grandson, Micheal Yonce; sisters, Effie Rich and Judy Webb.

She was preceded in death by her husband, sisters, Merle Wisely and Mamie Gee, and brothers, Leonard, Earl and Clifford Rich.

Services are under the direction of Scoggins Funeral Home, 637 W. Van Alstyne Parkway, Van Alstyne. 903-482-5225. You may sign the online guest book at www.scogginsfuneralhome.com.



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