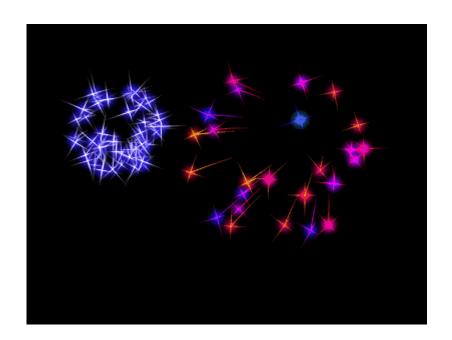
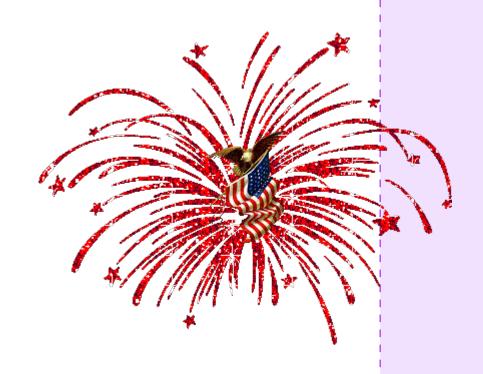
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#### GC offers summer cooking classes

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 D-A-S-H-E-S



#### By Dorothy N. Fowler

I spent the first nine days of 2013 as patient at WNJ, where I was getting morphine intravenously every six hours and a hefty dose of hydrocodone orally in between.

I could feel the morphine race across my chest and knock the breath out of me every time the nurse administered a dose, but the relief from the pain caused by cellulitis in my right leg was worth the temporary shock.

During that time and for six weeks after coming home from the hospital, I could walk only two or three steps. I was fundamentally flat on my back except for the two or three steps it took to get me into my bathroom once I got home.

My son-in-law, Noah Marshall, came twice a day to feed my dogs. My daughter, Lucinda Laro, suspended her piano studio and my granddaughter, a junior at Sherman High School, rescheduled activities to take care of me. For a time, a home health worker came once a week to change sheets and do other chores. A registered nurse came twice a week to change the dressing on my leg.

Friends came by with food and good wishes. If I had been able to think normally, I would have kept a guest register but I was too groggy from the hydrocodone to remember anything except that my illness was having a negative effect on so many people.

About the middle of the third week home, about 2 am, something began to wiggle in my right knee. It was not painful and didn't itch but I was alarmed at the thought that perhaps some critter had gotten into bed with me. I turned on the light, looked at my knee, and found three neon pink worms right under the surface. Each was about an inch long. Mostly they just lay there, occasionally swishing their tails.

When I pushed gently at them, they swayed a little, this way and that way and then settled back into the places I had first seen them.

My first thought is probably best not printed in a family newspaper, my next was "what now?" and the next one was "Go back to sleep and see what happens in the morning."



The worms were gone with the rising of the morning sun, disappeared into the ether from which they had sprung. "Did they move?" the home health nurse asked.

"Yes," said. "A little."

"You were hallucinating," she said. "The hydrocodone caused it. You need to get off as soon as you can stand it."

Tylenol can destroy your liver, aspirin can cause severe bleeding, and every other pain killer has some unpleasant side effect. "I can deal with neon pink worms," I said to myself and continued the hydrocodone.

Two or three nights later, I woke up to find critters marching by my bed. Their faces were obscured, but they were very humanesque, very quiet, and very persistent in their march, sort of brushing the edge of my mattress as they passed.

"Another hallucination," I thought, and if I could have turned over and gone back to sleep, I would have. Instead, I adjusted my pillows, booted my Kindle and read until the parade ended, just about the time the sun came up.

"Neon pink worms I can handle," I said to myself, "but a parade of anomalous critters is too much. No more narcotics, no more NSAIDs. Maybe lots more Kindle."

And that's the way it was. Or maybe that's the way it still is. After nearly seven months, there is a possibility that I will get the dressing off my leg by my birthday, July 13. And as soon as my physician says the magic words, "The wound is completely closed," I'm coming home to get into the shower.

That's a luxury I've had four times since all this started, each time wrapped up so the bandage on my lower leg would stay dry, which it mostly did. But you can't risk getting tap water into an open wound, and I've decided not to take any more chances this close to the finish line.

I know a lot more now about where I got the infection — pseudomonas — that caused it, more about cellulitis than I ever wanted to know and more about being a patient than I want to know again. What I don't know is why anyone who is not in excruciating physical pain would voluntarily take narcotics.

# Howe's That

Recipe



by Lana Rideout

Several years ago before our three children left the nest, we took a trip to California.

Our son had enlisted in the Marines and the rest of the family planned to be at his graduation.

All did not go as planned. Our son's graduation was postponed so we did not get to be there for it.

Our two daughters enjoyed going to a lot of fun places in Los Angeles. But as we were coming back to our home, our car went ca-put. We were in Arizona when it happened.

Our oldest daughter and I needed to get back to Howe for our newspaper and my daughter had to be at work.

The youngest daughter stayed with her dad and she helped him drive back home when the car was repaired. We found some people who were very kind to us.

Also while my oldest daughter and I were traveling on the bus, we had a chance to talk about a lot of things. Youngest daughter received a lot of good advice from her father.

Looking back I feel we benefited from that experience.

#### **Roasted Egg Plant**

- 1 large eggplant
- 4 small tomatoes
- 1 large onion
- 1 Tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 Tablespoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup onve on 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- thyme and coriander sprigs for garnish

Preheat oven to 500 degrees.

Cut the eggplant into 1-inch cubes, leaving skin on. Cut tomatoes into eighths; seed and core. Cut onion into eights; separate layers.

Place all the prepared vegetables in a large mixing bowl. Sprinkle garlic, coriander, thyme, pepper and salt on top. Gently toss.

Pour chicken broth, olive oil and red wine vinegar over the vegetable mixture. Toss gently until completely coated and well mixed.

Spoon vegetables into shallow 9x13-inch pan coated with vegetable oil spray.

Roast for 1 hour, stirring gently every 20 minutes. Garnish with thyme and coriander.



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# Texoma Enterprise

### Howe City Council, Regular Meeting, June 18, 2013

Mayor Jeff Stanley called a regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Bill French, Georgia Richardson, Debbie Lowery, Sam Haigis, and Dennis Bozeman.

INVOCATION - Sam Haigis gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO FLAGS - Mayor Stanley led the pledges to the United States of America and the Texas flags.

PUBLIC REQUEST - Amanda Stephens addressed the council on the barking dog ordinance and requested that it be updated.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Application by AP Hickory Limited Partnership for a zone change from C2 to Planned Development for property located at 1110 S Collins Freeway, Howe, TX, Parcel ID R203063 located approximately 200 feet south of the southwest corner of Hall Cemetery Road and South Collins Freeway, Howe, TX 75459, 5.05 acres.

Sean Brady of Rea Ventures answered questions regarding the zone change for the AP Hickory Limited Partnership zone change request.

Motion by Bill French, second by Sam Haigis to accept recommendation from P & Z to accept the proposed zone change request. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Bill French to approve the consent agenda which included financial reports from May 2013, minutes of May 21, 2013 and June 6, 2013 council meetings. The other two items were to approve Independent Bank of Howe as the official depository and to accept the inter-local agreement for Grayson County Multi-Jurisdicitional Emergency Notification System.

Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON CURFEW ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 724 - AN ORDINANCE READOPTING AND AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS THAT AMENDS CHAPTER 1, ENTITLED GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 27, ENTITLED CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR A MINOR TO VIOLATE CURFEW HOURS; PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE WITH A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$500.00 PER VIOLATION.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Discuss, consider and act on Ordianance No. 724, renewal of Curfew Ordinance. Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dennis Bozeman to pass Ordinance No. 724. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Discuss, consider and act upon addition of new council members and removal of previous council members on signature cards at Independent Bank. Motion by Bill French, second by Debbie Lowery to add the new council members on the signature cards as well as current council. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Discuss, consider and act upon election of Mayor Pro-tem. Motion by Debbie Lowery, second by Dennis Bozeman to reappoint Sam Haigis as Mayor Pro-tem. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Discuss, consider and act upon closing the Howe Police Reserve Account at Independent Bank and transferring the funds to the Pool Fund. Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Bill French to close the Howe Police Reserve Account and transfer the funds to the Pool Fund. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Discuss, consider and act upon reappointment of Municipal Judge, Larry Ashley, and Municipal Prosecutor, Laura Wheeler. Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Georgia Richardson to reappoint Larry Ashley and Laura Wheeler. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Discuss, consider and act upon entering into a contract with the Howe Volunteer Fire Department and providing a stipend for the Fire Chief. Motion by Bill French, second by Dennis Bozeman to accept the contract and giving Fire Chief Robert Maniet a stipend of \$400.00 per month. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Discuss, consider and take action to amend the 2012/2013 budget to reflect the following: Police Department line items to fund full-time police officer for remainder of fiscal year 2012/2013: Total increase of thirteen thousand, eight hundred forty-four dollars (\$13,844).

- a) Increase line item 01-003-70410 (salaries) from \$142,800 to \$153,600 (an increase of \$10,800);
- b) Increase line item 01-003-70310 (FICA) from \$10,924 to \$11,707 (an increase of \$783);
- c) Increase line item 01-00370400 (retirement) from \$8,340 to \$9,009 (an increase of \$669);
- d) Increase line item 01-003-70320 (insurance health) from \$18,000 to \$19,592 (an increase of \$1,592).

Motion by Bill French, second by Debbie Lowery to approve the budget amendment regarding the Police Department. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

#### **Howe School Board Meets**

On June 20, 2013, a Special Meeting including a Public Hearing of the Board of Education was held with the following members present:

Greg Akins, Pat Stewart, Brad Anderson, Bruce Dawsey, and Scott Renfro. Absent: Mark Abner and Leonard Huntsman.

Board President Greg Akins established a quorum and opened the meeting according to Texas Government Code Section 551 at 6 pm. The Invocation was given by Pat Stewart.

Public Forum: No one signed up for or participated in Public Forum.

The Public Hearing began at 6:02 pm. Kevin Wilson provided information concerning the 2013-2014 Proposed Budget and Tax rate including projected expenditures and revenues.

An opportunity was given for public comment and question. Greg Akins asked that increases in budget coincided with increases from the state. Mr. Wilson said that was correct. No one else had comments or questions.

The Public Hearing was concluded at 6:19 pm.

Reports: Superintendent Kevin Wilson reviewed Enrollment, Personnel, Legislative Updates, Policy Update 97, TASB Board of Directors, STAAR Results Comparison, Surplus Auction Information, and other information with the board.

#### Action Items:

A. Review and approval of Minutes of the May 16, 2013 Regular meeting. Kevin Wilson recommended the approval of the minutes as presented. Pat Stewart made the motion to approve Minutes of the May 16, 2013 Regular meeting and was seconded by Bruce Dawsey. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Julie Snapp reviewed May Financial Reports with the board. Kevin Wilson recommended the approval of the May Financial Report as presented. Scott Renfro made the motion to approve the May Financial Report as presented and was seconded by Brad Anderson.

The motion carried 5-0

C. Julie Snapp reviewed 2012-13 Budget Amendments. Kevin Wilson recommended the amendments. Brad Anderson made the motion to approve 2012-13 Budget Amendments as presented, seconded by Bruce Dawsey. Motion carried by 5-0

D. Kevin Wilson provided information on Employee Retention Stipends. Mr. Wilson recommended a retention stipend of \$750 for all certified full-time employees and \$300 stipend for noncertified full-time employees. The motion was made by Pat Stewart seconded by Brad Anderson. Motion carried by 5-0.

E. Kevin Wilson reviewed policy CDA (LOCAL) regarding the Annual Review of Investment Policy and Strategies. Kevin recommended the approval of the policy regarding the Annual Review of Investment Policy. The motion was made by Bruce Dawsey seconded by Scott Renfro.

The motion carried 5-0.

F. Kevin Wilson provided information on the 2013-14 Budget. Mr. Wilson recommended the General Fund budget of \$8,833,625, the Food Service Budget of 444, 571, the Debt Service Budget of \$980,322, and the Federal Funds Budget of 250,252. The total 2013-14 budget recommended is \$10,508,770. A motion was made by Brad Anderson and seconded by Scott Renfro to adopt the Budget for 2013-14 as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

### Texoma Enterprise

#### **TxDOT** to change speed limit

Texas Department of Transportation contractor, Massana Construction out of Frisco, Texas, will be changing 70 mph speed limit signs over to 75 mph in Grayson, Hunt, Delta, Rains, Fannin, Lamar, Franklin and Red River counties within the Paris District. Starting Tuesday, June 25, signs will be changed on highways 289, 82 and 75 in Grayson County, highways 19 and 24 in Lamar, Delta, Rains and Hunt Counties, highway 37 south of Bogata in Red River and Franklin Counties and highway 121 in Fannin County. Speed limits will remain the same in the construction zone of highway 82 in Grayson and Fannin Counties; once the new 4-lane divided highway is complete the signs will be changed. Work will be fast and new signs should be up within a couple of days, weather permitting.

Motorists are reminded that the speed limit does not go into effect until the new signs are installed; please do not increase speed if you do not see signs stating the new speed limit.

Observing speed limits means more than driving faster or slower than the posted speed: it means driving to conditions. When it's raining or foggy, when ice is on the road, when traffic is heavy or when road construction is ahead, adjust your speed accordingly.

TxDOT crews are working to improve conditions so that your future drive will be better.

### DPS Boosts DWI Patrols for July 4th Holiday

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols for a 10-day period that includes the July 4th holiday. From June 28 - July 7, DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"The Fourth of July is a time of celebration in our country, and we encourage Texans to enjoy and mark this holiday responsibly," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Impaired driving can quickly turn a time of celebration into a tragedy, so Texans should designate a sober driver or secure another form of transportation if they plan to drink alcohol. Our troopers will also be doing their part during the holiday by increasing their patrols to keep our roadways safe."

The increased patrols that target impaired driving are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). During the 2012 July 4th enforcement effort, DPS troopers made 1,294 DWI arrests, and 361 of those arrests were the direct result of the increased patrols. DPS enforcement also resulted in nearly 13,700 speeding citation, more than 2,200 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 750 fugitive arrests and 518 felony arrests during this period.

According to TxDOT, Independence Day traditionally ranks among the deadliest holiday periods on Texas highways as a result of alcohol-related crashes.

#### Cupid Versus the Grim Reaper - by Don Mathis, San Antonio

Mom and her parents, back before I was around, needed a place to stay when they came into town. They found a room to rent above the funeral home; a 'Roger Miller' Special - No pets, please, no phone. My future dad, home from the war, was staying with his brother, Uncle George, mortician, embalmer, and county coroner. Dan met Bernadine in the hallway and on the step. Romance in a mortuary? The story gets stranger yet. Cupid's arrows will defeat the Grim Reaper's scythe. Death's no match for Love! That's no idle myth. Dan and Dean made a date for the Friday evening show. The both got gussied up. It was almost time to go. Then Uncle George got a call. A corpse had just come in. Daniel couldn't leave; Uncle George needed all his men. Future Dad explained his best, "The movie will have to wait." But future Mom said, "Oh well, let's not break our date." So they got back in their work clothes and rolled up their sleeves and spent their first date together dressing up a body. They say that love is blind, but I didn't know its smell had died. for in this case, love overpowered the odor of formaldehyde.

#### Area Churches

#### Cannon

**CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH** RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor, 903/482-6761

SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

George Seevers, 903/364-2942

#### **Cherry Mound**

BAPTIST CHURCH, 6335 FM 1753, Denison Sun School 9:45; worship, 11,

evening 6; Wednesday, 7pm

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Hwy. 902W, 903/476-5525

#### Gunter

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

N. Collins Frwy, 903/532-6441;

**Toby Socheting** 

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 100 E. Davis,903/532-5504;

Roger Tidwell, pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST **CHURCH** 

810 N. Denny, 903/532-6718; Tom Medley, minister

Ida

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

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**CHURCH** 903/546-6898

### Church





#### Psalm 17:1-15 (KJV)

- <sup>1</sup> Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of
- <sup>2</sup> Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are
- <sup>3</sup> Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
- <sup>4</sup> Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.
- <sup>5</sup> Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps slip not.
- <sup>6</sup> I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.
- <sup>7</sup> Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.
- <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
- <sup>9</sup> From the wicked that oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about. <sup>10</sup> They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.
- <sup>11</sup> They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the
- <sup>12</sup>Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places. <sup>13</sup> Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is
- thy sword:
- <sup>14</sup> From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.
- <sup>15</sup> As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

#### Christian **Fellowship**

#### Hwy, 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon Bishop Kenneth Myers of the Church of the Resurrection, Angelican, in Sherman Texas will be their guest speaker this week. He will be leading A Christian Fellowship in a full Communion service. Come on out and join them at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship. Followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service with Bishop Myers will begin at 10:30.

David Ellis will be leading praise and worship and it is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

ACF offers a class for the kids from ages 2-10 called Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus. They learn bible verses have story time, watch videos, and puppet shows.

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

Wednesday nights begin at 6:30pm with a potluck 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 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 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 7:30am 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 am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30 am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found

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

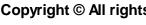
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Address of church: 150 Fellowship Lane, Hwy 11 Luella

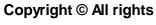
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Jim Poole, pastor, 903/482-6356

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corner of Pearl & Nash, Pastor Kenneth L. Price,

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201 W. Marshall,

Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Jimmy Tarrant, pastor

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 206 Waco, 903/482-5515,

Gary Giibbs, pastor

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor FIRST UNITED METHODIST

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#### To Face Him

Basketball fans will recognize the name Michael Jordan, one of the greatest basketball players to ever play the game.

On one occasion, Jordan returned to his beloved alma mater, the University of North Carolina, to watch a ball game. Arriving at the gymnasium with a friend, they noticed that the parking lot was full. The friend suggested that Jordan park his car in an empty spot reserved for those with handicaps.

Jordan refused the friend's suggestion and said, "Oh no, I couldn't do that. If Coach Smith (the UNC basketball coach) ever knew I parked in a handicapped parking zone, I wouldn't be able to face him."

Commenting on Jordan's words and actions, Neil Richey writes: "We all have people in our lives that, when thinking of making a decision we ask, 'What would so and so think if they found out?' We want their respect so much that we manage our behavior so as not to let certain individuals down." \*

Consider facing GOD in judgment... Recognize that He is omniscient: "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight; everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." - Hebrews 4:13

Because of our sin, we can't "face" Him and expect Him to bless us because of our own righteousness.

Because of our sin, the holy God cannot "look" upon us with divine favor. Habakkuk the prophet said of God, "You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness" (1:13). Isaiah said, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear." - Isaiah 59:1-2

The only Way that we can "face" God in judgment is to be clothed with Christ.

God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so

that we might be reconciled to Him (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21). "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." – 2 Corinthians 5:21

In Christ, we can "face" God and receive His favor, but not because of our own personal righteousness - because compared to His holiness, our righteousness is like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). In Christ, we can "face" God and receive His favor because when He looks upon us, He sees the righteousness of Christ, because the blood of Jesus cleanses the sins of one who is found in Christ.

To be found "in Christ," one must place his faith and trust in Christ (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ," wrote Paul to the Christians in Galatia. Then, as one continues to "walk in the light" of God's Word, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse him from sin (1 John 1:7).

As hard as we may try, we can't face God in judgment thinking that we can earn our way into His grace. But because of Jesus, we CAN face God and receive His grace. Because of His mercy and His grace, it should be our greatest desire to live the rest of our days in humble, grateful, and trusting obedience, never wanting to "let Him down."

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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 Stepgrandchildren. 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

#### Cornyn to Oppose Hoeven-Corker Amendment

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) announced he will oppose the amendment sponsored by Sens. John Hoeven (R-ND) and Bob Corker (R-TN) to S.744:

"Fixing our broken immigration system is an important issue, one that will affect millions of individuals and institutions across our country. I cannot support an amendment cobbled together at the eleventh hour that doubles the border patrol without knowing how much it will cost or whether it is even the right strategy.

"Unfortunately this measure still omits a real trigger or objective measure to see if the proposed strategy is working. At a time when the trust deficit with the federal government is so huge, we do not need more promises from the government - we need measureable results.

"The same tired approach of crafting a piece of legislation that does nothing more than throw money at the problem simply won't cut it. I believe a carefully-crafted effort like my RESULTS amendment, written based on the needs of law enforcement and requiring measureable results, is the right solution to finally securing our border."

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.

### Hall Statement On Supreme Court's Doma Rulings

WASHINGTON, DC . . . this week the Supreme Court ruled on two cases related to the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). In the first ruling, on United States v. Windsor, the Supreme Court struck down by a vote of 5-4 the federal provision under the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) that denied federal benefits to same-sex couples in states where same-sex marriage is legal. This was a win for same-sex marriage.

In the second ruling, on Hollingsworth v. Perry that challenged California's Proposition 8 ban on same-sex marriage, the Court determined by a vote of 5-4 that the defenders of Proposition 8 did not have the legal standing to do so. Consequently, same-sex marriages in California are allowed to continue.

Following the Supreme Court's rulings in favor of same-sex marriage, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) released the following statement:

"I am very disappointed by the Supreme Court's rulings that impact the traditional institution of marriage. However, given the President's two appointees to the Court in his first term, I am not surprised that the Court issued a liberal interpretation on current law.

"Congress passed and President Clinton signed into law the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, and the Court's decision strikes down a provision in a law that is still important to a majority of Americans – and especially to those in my district. This is a blow to traditional family values and another reason that we need a President who will stand up for those values."

### **Cornyn Responds to New Obama Climate Policies**

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement responding to the President's climate speech this week:

"At a time when U.S. carbon emissions are down, the President's insistence on pushing through more regulations and higher energy costs by executive order is especially puzzling.

"Rather than engage in a permanent war on America's energy producers, the President should look for bipartisan, commonsense solutions that will harness the power of our myriad resources right here at home."

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### **Senator Estes Improving Health Care For Women**

Austin - Senator Estes moved the previous question during the debate on Senate Bill 5 late Tuesday night to help end the Democratic filibuster of the pro-life bill designed to protect innocent life and improve health care for women.

Explaining his decision, Senator Estes said, "Moving the previous question to end debate is rarely done out of considerable respect for the voice of the minority in the Senate, but protecting innocent life is of greater importance than protecting the views of the minority. Because of abortion, there are 70,000 innocent unborn children in Texas each year that never will have a voice. Moving the previous question was for them."

Senate Bill 5 would have prohibited abortions 20 weeks after conception, required that all abortion clinic physicians have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the abortion clinic, called for each abortion clinic to meet the same standards as an ambulatory surgical center, and required that a physician be present for the administration of an RU 486 medically induced abortion.

Senator Estes praised the pro-life legislation and emphasized the importance of protecting innocent life and improving the health and safety of women.

Senator Estes continued, "Not only will SB 5 protect innocent life, but it will improve health care for women. It ensures that women who make the incredibly difficult decision to have an abortion receive the proper care they deserve in a safe, medically appropriate environment. I look forward to passing this important legislation in a future session."

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.



#### Has anyone else noticed?

#### By Vernie Glasson

Something is "bugging me," and I wonder if anyone else gets "bugged" as I do? That is, too many activist groups and so-called think tanks get the media's attention by being naysayers!

You know the type. They are mostly boisterous and, often times, just plain rude. They are regulars on TV and radio talk shows, contributors to newspaper editorial pages and Internet jockeys. They rant on everything from backrooms to boardrooms and bedrooms to emergency rooms. We've got them, right here in Texas.

The latest blast from the know-it-all crowd is condemnation of our Texas Legislature for the budget that just passed. Now, I support limited government, low taxes and restrained spending, just like the large majority of Texans. Whether we support all of our state's government spending or not, much of it is necessary. We cannot simply wish it to go away or ignore the responsibilities cast upon state government.

With Texas growing by more than 1,000 people moving here from other states each and every day -- 365 days a year -- our population growth places huge demands on education, indigent health care, public safety, prisons, roads and other necessities that must be paid for.

Fortunately, our Texas economy is strong, and our state leadership deserves huge credit for all that has been done to make it so. Governor Perry, Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst, House Speaker Straus and the hard-working members of the legislature have done what is necessary to make the state in excellent fiscal shape.

Texas' strong economy is providing ample revenue for the state. This, coupled with an impressive reserve we call the "Rainy Day Fund," allows for Texas to carefully and methodically fund critical areas to meet the needs of our citizens.

That is exactly what our state representatives and state senators just did during their regular 140-day session, which ended in May. The naysayers on the state budget fail to recognize that the legislature is comprised of 181 men and women, diverse in every way imaginable -- representing an even more diverse Texas population of some 26 million people -- all Texans by birth, by choice or by happenstance.

What "bugs me" is that there are way too many to quickly criticize and condemn political leaders when they honestly and openly work together to reach a compromise on important matters such as the budget. Instead, our Texas legislators and other state leaders should not only be complimented, but also commended for what they have done.

Vernie Glasson serves as executive director of the Texas Farm Bureau.

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#### The LBJ The Nation Seldom Saw

By Bob Hardesty

On Sept. 23, 1966, 150 Democratic candidates for Congress sat in the State Dining Room of the White House and waited for a military aide to announce, "Ladies and Gentlemen, the President of the United States."

The candidates were there for a campaign workshop. In strode the President, his long legs propelling him across the room. Wherever Lyndon Johnson went, he was in a hurry. But he spoke slowly and quietly.

As he warmed up, he came alive - so did his audience.

The candidates were caught in a whirlwind of rhetoric. Lyndon Johnson was in control and ad-libbing in a vintage LBJ performance. He was presidential, partisan, hilarious, compassionate, outrageous, and reflective.

He talked about politicians always being against change. "We used to have folks like that in Johnson City. When they put the railroad in, an old man said, 'They'll never get the damn thing started.' It started going about 20 miles an hour and he said, 'They'll never get the damn thing stopped."

LBJ cited his domestic agenda as a response to the needs of people: "P-E-E-P-U-L, not the special interests, not corporations, but for folks." He spoke of basic goals. "... to put food in peoples' stomachs and clothes on their backs...all the education their minds can take...and all the health their bodies can get from modern knowledge." There wasn't a sound in the room.

When he spoke of the new minimum wage bill he would sign the next day, he said: "It doesn't take care of Rockefellers or Duponts or Melons; it takes care of 8 million people.

"Some reporter asked me recently, -- do I consider myself a president in trouble. They kind of hoped I was. And I said, "Well, what do you think a President's for?"

"A president not only has to fight domestic problems, and foreign problems, and the weather, and the Viet Nams, but a good portion of his own folks – he has to carry them on his back, too. And anybody who criticizes the President always gets attention."

Afterward, one of the candidates said to me, "I'm totally drained. I've never witnessed a performance like that. Why doesn't he do it more often?"

But to White House staff, a Johnson tour de force was almost a daily occurrence. He was one of the funniest, most spellbinding, outrageous, captivating, persuasive speakers to ever occupy the Presidency.

And the question was asked again and again: "Why doesn't he come across like that to the nation?

Why did one of the great story tellers come across as stiff, humorless, not particularly likable? But often LBJ did rise to great oratorical heights.

His voting rights speech to a Joint Session of Congress in 1965 -- in the aftermath of the bloody Selma, Ala., incident -- was one. When, speaking on the need to overcome the "crippling legacy of bigotry and injustice, he leaned toward the senators and representatives and said in a slow, deliberate voice: "And...we....shall overcome."

His somber, ringing, "Let us Continue" address to Congress – five days after Jack Kennedy's assassination – had a profound healing effect on the nation and spurred Congress to action.

His first State of the Union Address made it clear he was going to force us to look at poverty, injustice, illiteracy, hunger.

"I do not believe that the Great Society is the ordered, changeless and sterile battalion of ants. It is the excitement of becoming – always becoming, trying, probing, falling, resting, trying again and always gaining."

LBJ succeeded a most eloquent president. Following the lilting New England tones of JFK, Johnson's flat, Southwest dialect disappointed some who tended not to think he was not sophisticated and, hearing the accent -- wrote him off without listening to what he had to say.

But people didn't "hear" LBJ's accent when they were in his presence – when his charm and magnetism overpowered everything.

And many Americans didn't want to focus on the poor and minorities.

And he had difficulty "being himself." He had a notion to be "presidential" and the result was that he was stiff, formal and sermonizing. But he needed to touch people, to interact with them. When he told a funny story, he needed to hear people laugh. When he talked about the poor or sick or elderly, he needed to see tears.

In effect, he was a stage actor not at home in front of a camera and could not make the transitions from Broadway to Hollywood. Being easy to work for was also not one of his traits. It started for me in 1965 with a call from Bill Moyers at the White House. Would I be interested in writing speeches for the President? He warned that LBJ was difficult to write for. "You know," he later said, "John Steinbeck tried writing speeches for LBJ in the '64 campaign. It was a disaster."

If Moyers had told me that earlier, I'd have gone back to the Post Office Department. In due course, I was summoned to the Oval Office for the "Johnson treatment."

"You have to have a passion for anonymity. Keep out of the newspapers" he said. "If you are going to write speeches for me, you've got to stay close to me."

And LBJ had opinions about speeches: "Four-letter words, 4-word sentences, 4-sentence paragraphs."

He told one writer his work was "the worst anyone ever wrote for me." "Why?" the writer asked. "You filled it with words I can't pronounce, like 'eons,' " replied LBJ.

In one speech he was suspicious of, he actually counted the

words. I've had difficulty since conjuring up the image of the

most powerful man in the world going through his night reading and counting words.

A White House speech writer has to be an investigative reporter, to find out what is going on in the bureaucracy.

Finding new ideas for a presidential speech can give birth to a

new program costing millions of new dollars. But LBJ could

launch some far reaching programs himself.

When he named Robert Lafollette Bennett in 1966 as the first full blooded Indian to head the Indian Affairs Bureau in nearly a hundred years, he delivered a speech suggesting we were going to make amends for wrongs done to American

Indian.

"Let's write laws so we can remove the blush of shame that comes to our cheeks when we look at what we have done to the first Americans," he began. The audience cheered as he ticked off wrongs to be righted.

Jim Dusenberry of the Council of Economic Advisers, rushed over and said, "Holly God, someone run over to the Budget Bureau and get Charlie Schultze. Lyndon's going to give the country back to the Indians."

In 1966, I was called to write remarks accepting the Robert H. Goddard Space Trophy. He shot my draft back with a note, "no news lead." If he wanted a lead, by God, I will give him one, I thought. Though we'd been careful to not say we'd get to the Moon before Russia, I did insert: "We intend to land the first man on the surface of the moon and we intend to do it in this decade." I thought he'd kill the line.

When I turned on the news at 1 pm, I heard, "President Johnson has announced for the first time the U.S. will beat the Russians to the moon." Hair stood up on the back of my neck.

Had he delivered the speech without reading it? I decided he had. Then I got a call from the chairman of the National Space Council. Did I know I had thrown the space program into chaos?

I decided the safest course was to stay out of sight. But as I was leaving at 7 pm Jack Valenti called me to his office next to LBJ's. "This is it," I thought. But Jack wanted to talk about next day's schedule.

As I left, I sighted a tall figure in the doorway of the Oval Office. I hurried toward the elevator. But I had been seen.

"Robert," came the booming voice. This was it. "Aren't you even going to stop along enough to shake hands with your President?" I walked toward him, he grinned and said, "Now that's what I call a news lead."

He knew what he was doing all along. That "news lead" was his way of re-energizing our space effort, of building a fire under the bureaucrats.

One day speech writer Will Sparks and I were called to the Oval Office to meet a new staffer: "I wanted you to meet Bob and Will because they are the best speech writers any president could ever have."

I thought to myself, "Well, he finally recognized the eloquence of my prose and the brilliance of my ideas." Then he continued.

"They're not temperamental. They don't miss deadlines and they don't get drunk the night before a major speech."

In retrospect, I wouldn't mind having that on my tombstone. If nothing else, I would be remembered as a professional – who worked for one of the greatest professionals of them all."

Edited and condensed by Bob Mann

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#### **Paternity Testing Can Save Lives**

I read about the Dallas man who was sentenced to prison for shooting a woman after learning he wasn't father of her twins. Regardless if he deserved 38 years, there are other lessons here. This is a good argument for mandatory paternity testing of all newborns.

Walter Moore is suffering remorse that he almost killed the woman he once loved. Even if he had not shot Shiva Daniels, he suffered tremendously. He was upset that she would not let him see the kids he had bonded with. He was upset when he found out he was not the birth father. The prosecutors even admitted that the mother had not been letting him see the girls -- and they tried to use that against him.

Mr. Moore is the victim of the worst type of fraud imaginable. His identity as father and mate has been crushed. His faith in human relationships has been destroyed. These facts should have been considered when viewing his subsequent action.

There are other victims to Ms. Daniels' deplorable actions. The biologic father is out there somewhere. And there's a good chance he will be upset when he learns he was cheated out of the first two years of his little girls' lives. (He will be more depressed when he learns that current law permits the mother to collect two years of child support even though he never knew the kids existed.)

And the two-year-old twins? They will miss the man they called dad for their first two years of life. They will have to forge a new relationship with a new father figure. And now, they will have to deal with their mother's recovery from a near-fatal shooting.

Yes, let's give sympathy for the mother -- the victim of violence. But what if there was a penalty for the type of treachery she perpetrated? Would such a punishment prevent the next case of paternity fraud?

It would be political suicide for any office seeker to consider punishing a mother. So rather than chastise a woman who tricks her lover into rearing another man's children, we should act to prevent it. Truth may be a dangerous thing, but it would have prevented the shooting of Shiva Daniels.

Our legislators should consider paternity testing for all newborns. Children, men, and women would benefit. Don Mathis, San Antonio

Re story -- Dallas man gets 38 years in prison for shooting woman outside Dallas jail after learning he wasn't father of her twins

By Julie Fancherjfancher@dallasnews.com

A critically injured Shiva Daniels used what she thought would be her final breaths to name her attacker. "I've been shot," she told a 911 dispatcher after last year's attack outside Dawson State Jail in Dallas. "Walter Moore. I'm dying, I'm dying, please help me."

Daniels survived the Jan. 10, 2012, attack, and on Friday her estranged boyfriend was found guilty of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury and domestic violence. He was sentenced to 38 years in prison.

Moore, armed with a shotgun, ambushed Daniels in the parking lot of the jail where she worked, shooting her twice in the neck and shoulder as she sat in her minivan. He fled but turned himself in to police the next morning.

Moore, 30, and Daniels, 27, were involved in a custody dispute over her 2-year old twin daughters. However, just a week before the shooting, a paternity test revealed he was not the biological father of the girls.

Moore's attorney, Dan Montalvo, said that after learning the children were not his, his client became depressed and withdrawn and acted "out of character" when he attacked Daniels. The defense never disputed that he shot Daniels, only that he was not in his right mind when he did.

Prosecutors argued that Moore knew exactly what he was doing when he shot Daniels and was angry that she had not been letting him see the girls.

Last Thursday the prosecution presented Davis' surgeon, first responders and detectives who all testified that Daniels, who almost died from her injuries, had positively identified Moore as her shooter.

The defense presented Moore's friends and families who testified that although they knew he had shot Daniels, they were concerned about his mental state at the time.

Moore testified on his own behalf last week, saying he became suicidal just days before the shooting. He also expressed remorse for his actions

"If I could apologize to her I would," he said. "I was not a guy who harmed someone."

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#### **Obama's Green Rut**

By Robert L. Bradley Jr.

President Obama's budget was released last week. Unsurprisingly, it calls for massive new taxes on the oil and gas industry and yet more subsidies for "renewables" like wind, solar, and biofuels.

It rescinds \$4 billion in industry deductions and credits annually and takes approximately \$8 billion from taxpayers to artificially prop up trendy, "green" energy firms.

It's long past time for President Obama to rethink his commitment to politically correct, but economically incorrect, energies. The federal budget deficit remains unsustainably high, and energy cronyism is now winning over human-need spending.

My colleague Mary Hutzler recently updated Congress on the surge in federal subsidies for renewable energies that has wasted taxpayer money, shifted jobs from consumer-driven industries, and infested entrepreneurial capitalism with corporate welfare.

For companies that specialize in wind, solar, and biofuels (mainly ethanol for transportation), the 2007-10 period was nothing short of a bank heist. Subsidies to renewable energies nearly tripled during that time, jumping from \$5 billion to nearly \$15 billion.

Wind energy was by far the biggest taxpayer beneficiary, its subsidies increasing tenfold. Solar subsidies increased six-fold, while assistance for the biofuels industry jumped from \$4 billion to \$6.6 billion.

Despite this largess, renewables produced just 11 percent of the nation's energy in 2010. Fossil fuels, by contrast, provided 77 percent of U.S. energy. It is not hard to fathom which industries would do fine without special government favor, and which industries would contract and disappear.

A good deal of the legalized theft came with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which increased deficits (and outstanding debt) but did not bring recovery. In fact, ARRA stalled recovery by propping up politically dependent businesses at the expense of sustainable market-driven ones.

According to the Heritage Foundation, 34 "green" energy companies that received taxpayer subsidies have either failed or will soon. Solyndra captured the most headlines, but this list includes firms like Abound Solar, Raser Technologies, and Nordic Windpower, all of which have declared bankruptcy after receiving millions of dollars in federal assistance. They're all a testament to the simple fact that marketplace failures are likely to become taxpayer failures, too.

Such "job-shifting" from successful to failing industries is among the most destructive consequences of these subsidies. An analysis of Spain's experience with renewable energy subsidies conducted by the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos found that, for every job created by such assistance," the U.S. should expect a loss of at least 2.2 jobs on average, or about 9 jobs lost for every 4 created." Some of this is resources lost to the more efficient private sector. Another part is higher energy costs resulting from inferior technologies.

A constant stream of government assistance -- the kind offered to renewable energy firms -- creates precisely the environment in which crony capitalism thrives, Hutzler told Congress. More subsidies mean more and better lobbyists working hard to direct this money towards whatever client is on retainer -- regardless of whether or not that client has an economically viable idea.

Windpower and solar panels are not infant but mature industries. And they cannot compete with conventional energies after decades of outsized taxpayer support. In 1983, Congress was told by the Solar Energy Industries Association and the American Wind Energy Association that "improved solar and wind technologies ... will begin to become competitive and self-supporting on a national level by the end of the decade if assisted by tax credits and augmented by federally sponsored R&D." Thirty years later, with desired subsidies pocketed and more, the mirage continues.

The Obama Administration's obsession with losers is putting a drag on the energy sector and the general economy, not to mention adding to federal budget deficits. It is time to stop throwing good money after bad -- and get Washington's fiscal house in order.

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#### The Pillars of Smart Bipartisan Corporate Tax Reform By David Williams

Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) just announced plans to retire next year. The 71-year-old Montana Democrat has spent the twilight of his career working to fix America's broken tax code, and all signs indicate that he wants to make tax reform his legacy.

In terms of both politics and policy, he'd do well to focus on America's corporate tax system. Its flaws are seriously impeding business growth and choking off job creation.

That last major overhaul of corporate taxes occurred in the mid-1980s and the time is now for the corporate code -- a rickety, antiquated mess -- to catch up with the changing global economy. Currently, the inflated and overly complex corporate tax code is shunning capital away from our shores, an effect that can only grow more pronounced as other countries become more competitive by lowering their tax rates.

There are three simple provisions any comprehensive bill must include. Each will stimulate business growth at home and help American businesses compete abroad.

The first is to lower the corporate tax rate. Every major political figure -- from President Obama to House Speaker Boehner - has expressed support for such a move. At 39.1 percent, the American corporate tax rate is the highest in the Western world. It's a full 14 points above the average rate among Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries.

The American corporate rate hasn't been reduced since 1988 - in fact, it has increased twice. Meanwhile, 32 other OECD nations have cut corporate taxes by an average of 19 percentage points since then. The consequences of this disjunction have been devastating. Companies are doing business elsewhere, denying Americans new jobs and growth.

Lowering the corporate rate to fall in line with general OECD trends would stimulate business growth here. Research from Cornell and the University of London shows that just a one-percentage-point cut in U.S. corporate taxes could generate a 0.4 to 0.6 percent increase in GDP within a year. That would contribute to rising income for America's workers. That would also mean more capital for companies to expand and hire more people.

The second essential component of real corporate tax reform is simplification. The U.S. tax code now runs an astonishing 70,000 pages. It's been modified over 4,500 times in the past decade, with lawmakers routinely adding new wrinkles to benefit special interests. The result is a massively complex code that's expensive for businesses to navigate.

Money spent on accountants and tax lawyers is money that's not financing new plants and projects. Streamlining the corporate code would radically reduce the financial burden of compliance and free up capital for productive investment. And it would eliminate the countless tax carve-outs now granted to the politically connected

Finally, comprehensive corporate tax reform must bring an end to the antiquated and deeply destructive practice of double taxing profits earned by American companies in foreign markets.

The United States is alone among G-8 countries in seeking to tax the foreign earnings of its companies. Such businesses end up getting taxed twice -- once at the foreign rate, then again when earnings come back to the States.

Companies have responded to America's uniquely oppressive system in a perfectly predictable fashion -- they're keeping their money abroad. According to a report from J.P. Morgan, American companies are currently holding \$1.7 trillion in foreign earnings outside the United States. Ending double taxation would stimulate the repatriation of that capital and fuel additional growth in the domestic economy.

Sen. Baucus has a real opportunity to leave a lasting legacy: a serious overhaul of the American corporate tax code. There is political will for such a move. And smart reform would lead to lasting improvements for our economy.

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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."

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?

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Ask how a facility handles conflict. A well-trained staff can

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

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?

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.

Ombudsmen and Other Resources

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.

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.

Things to Look for Onsite

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."

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."

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

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 fivestar rating, but the atmosphere or patient population may not be well suited for a potential resident.

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."

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

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

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.

You want flexibility.

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

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

- \* Medicare.gov Nursing Home Overview;
- state sites and phone numbers;

World Report, is a star-rated overview;

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reports.

dementia.

\* Nursing Home Inspect, makes nursing home inspection

\* America's Best Nursing Homes - News - US News and

\* Nursing Home Compare - Medicare.gov directs one to

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.

\* California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform's

"Nursing Home Guide," a national model for state searches.

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:

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







#### **Bills Passed During the Regular Session**

Prior to each session, my office receives calls from many citizens regarding potential legislation that they would like to see enacted. This week, I will talk about two of these bills that I authored this session which were brought to me by constituents.

Under current law, juvenile records are sealed, with certain exceptions. When a person applies for enlistment into a branch of the United States armed forces, military personnel, usually the recruiter, requests a background check on an applicant. If the applicant has a juvenile record, the background check will be "flagged," but will not provide any information as to the nature of the juvenile's offense.

Currently, military personnel do not have the ability to access to a juvenile record, even with written consent of the applicant; nor does the applicant have access to their own records. An applicant with a minor, non-violent juvenile record can be denied entrance into the military because the recruiter cannot access the juvenile record. House Bill 694 allows, upon written consent of the applicant, military personnel to access the juvenile record of the applicant. This bill was signed by the governor on June 14, and took effect immediately.

House Bill 3838 establishes Malorie's Law to increase motorcycle safety. This bill is named in memory of Malorie Bullock, a resident of Grayson County and who was a passenger on a sport bike when she died 3 years ago. This bill will ensure that motorcycles are properly equipped to support passengers and that state motorcycle training courses will include information on how to safely carry passengers.

For more information on these bills 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.

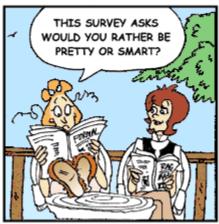
#### **Praying for a Parking Space**

A laywoman was driving down the street in a sweat because she had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking space. Looking up toward heaven, she said, "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I'll go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up drinking wine."

Miraculously, a parking space opened up right in front of her destination.

The woman looked up to heaven and said, "Never mind, Lord; I found one on my own."

#### **OUTZKIRTS** By: David & Doreen Dotson









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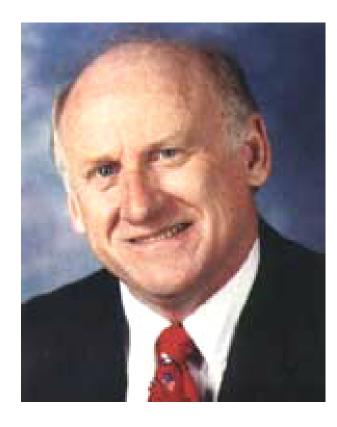
### Selected Sites

<u>Texas Records and Information Locator (TRAIL)</u> searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

<u>The Handbook of Texas Online</u> is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

<u>Texas Online</u>: The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

<u>Library of Texas</u>; Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.



**LET'S REMINISCE:** Gone Fishing *By Jerry Lincecum* 

As I listened to Bruce Hysmith, the biologist in charge of Lake Texoma fisheries since 1977, talk about recreational fishing, my mind wandered back to one of my earliest childhood memories.

I was no more than five when Daddy took me along to set a trotline on Steele's Creek in Robertson Co. What made it really memorable was our discovery next morning that we had caught a couple of nice catfish, which he cleaned and Mother fried for lunch.

Quite a contrast to monster catfish the size of a Volkswagen that swallow kids for a snack. That was the warning Hysmith's dad used to discourage his son from hanging over the bridge railings to look down into a river. Bruce stayed away from bridge railings.

Then at some time in the 1980s, a *Dallas News* reporter called Hysmith. She wanted to come up to Lake Texoma and have him show her some of those epic monster fish. She lost interest when he told her they wouldn't find any VW-sized fish to photograph.

Back to my memories. As a teenager, I again accompanied Daddy and some of our neighbors to fish on the Navasota River, near our home. This was men only, "rounding up," without benefit of swimsuits.

We moved from one fishing hole to another, stretching a long net to entrap the fish with several men positioned to make sure the sinkers touched bottom. Then the skilled "catchers" could get inside it and grab the big fish by hand.

Rounding up fish is completely different from noodling (crawling into holes under the bank), and we did not use electricity (telephoning) or anything like rotenone to stun the fish.

It was exciting to be in the muddy water, unable to see the critters that were hitting that net. We forgot about grabbing fish when an alligator gar used its sharp teeth to cut through the net and get loose. A few snakes made hasty exits as well.

After a couple of hours, we had a tow sack full of fish. The method of dividing up the catch was interesting. An experienced angler divided the fish into roughly equivalent piles, one for each household, taking into account the quality and difficulty of cleaning different kinds.

Then one person stood with his back to the group and responded to the question, "Whose pile is this?" as another man pointed. Soon everybody had a pile of fish and some trading took place.

My dad had more mouths to feed than most, so one of the single men (who didn't want to clean fish anyway) said, "Here Jack, I don't want all of these. Let me take that one yellow cat and you add the rest to your pile."

I'm not sure Daddy wanted that many fish, but we took them all home and cleaned the best of them. Once again, Mother got her cornmeal out and we had all the fish we could eat.

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



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