

Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas
75459

November 14, , 2013



**GC theatre students
receive Excellence
Awards**



Howe Students of the Month



HHS Veterans Day Art Project



Jars of Clay Coming to Denison

Popular singing group Jars of Clay will be in Denison, Live at the Rialto on Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m. The contemporary Christian artists have won 15 Dove awards and 3 Grammy awards. They will be showcasing *Inland Christmas*, their new release.

Jars of Clay has 16 #1 songs including *Flood*, *I Need You*, and *Fly*. The group includes Dan Haseltine (lead vocals), Stephen Mason (bass, guitar, and vocals), Matt Odmark (guitar and vocals), and Charlie Lowell (synthesizer, organ, piano, and vocals). Their music has been in movies such as “*A Walk to Remember*” starring Mandy Moore and “*Long Kiss Goodnight*” starring Geena Davis.

Jars of Clay will have merchandise available for purchase at the Rialto. They will be promoting their *Blood:Water Mission*. Their goal is to raise awareness and funds to address HIV/AIDS and the water crisis in Africa. The concert will feature new songs, oldies, and Christmas music.

The night will begin with special guest John Mark McMillan and also features Lainey Wright. Tickets are on sale for \$25 reserved and \$45 VIP and can be purchased at the Rialto. VIP tickets include backstage passes and preferred seating.

The event is sponsored by the Denison Arts Council and is supported by the Denison City and Chamber. For more information, call 903-465-Show (7469). Information is also available at DenisonLive.com

Texas State Historian and Author at Van Alstyne Public Library

November 23, 2013 2:00 pm - November 23, 2013 4:00 pm

Event Venue

Van Alstyne Public Library

Description

Bill O'Neal, Texas State Historian, and author of the new book on Van Alstyne will speak and sign copies of his book at the Van Alstyne Public Library on November 23 at 2:00 pm. Some of the proceeds from the sale of the books at this event will benefit the Friends of the Library.

Texoma Patriots

Monday, **November 18th**, at 7 p.m.

BUCK SNORT BBQ in Van Alstyne, 224 E. Jefferson St.

We invite you to come and meet another gubernatorial candidate

On Monday, November 18th, we will be hosting Lisa Fritsch. Lisa is running for Texas Governor. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., but we invite you to come early and enjoy the barbeque buffet that Jim prepares - \$9.99 incl. beverage.

A seventh-generation Texan, Lisa hails from Tyler and currently resides in Austin. She has been working tirelessly to lend a voice to conservative values that aim to create opportunities for growth and advancement for individuals and families from all types of backgrounds.

As a broadcaster and political commentator, Lisa has been elevating the conversation around issues most important to Texans, including the need for school choice, keeping a strong and competitive local economy that competes globally and challenging the establishment that continues to make decisions favoring special interests. From her days working at the local Dairy Queen and Wal-Mart in Tyler to hosting on 590 KLBJ AM, Lisa has spent her entire life listening to and talking with Texans. Now, she wants an opportunity to serve her state with a focus on a transparent government that isn't influenced by special interests and with smart policymaking that doesn't leave anyone behind.

As a former small business owner, Lisa understands the importance of tax incentives that promote growth and sustainability while allowing business owners to create jobs in every local community. Her focus on building stronger local and regional economies empowers communities to prioritize and create pathways to success from an improved public education system to affordable living and access to good jobs.

As a writer, Lisa has been a contributor to several national news sites and has authored a book titled *Obama, Tea Parties and God: What It Means To Be An American, A Conservative and A Christian*. She is a much sought-after guest for nationally-syndicated programs and local news program across the country.

She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a baccalaureate in Japanese language and literature.

Lisa is the proud mother of two Texans and is married to Mike Fritsch.

Come meet Lisa and hear her stand on: life, transparency, taxes and spending, poverty, education, and immigration. Take a stand against special interests and fight for the *freedom and prosperity of all Texans*.



Civil Air Patrol Asking Public For Help In Remembering Veterans

DENISON, Texas (November 9) – The Civil Air Patrol’s Texoma Composite Squadron is asking the public for help in sponsoring its annual ceremony to remember and honor our country’s veterans during the Christmas holidays through the Wreaths Across America program.

Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to remember and honor the sacrifices of all veterans and their families. This is done through placing evergreen wreaths on veteran’s graves in a ceremony held each December. Working with Civil Air Patrol and other partners, WAA places hundreds of thousands of wreaths on graves at several hundred cemeteries across the country including Arlington National Cemetery, and at 24 overseas cemeteries including Normandy Beach, France.

Each year, squadron members take orders from individuals, families, and businesses to sponsor wreaths. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath, and all sponsored wreaths will be placed on veteran’s graves at Cedarlawn Memorial Park in Sherman. The wreath-laying ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 14th starting at 11:00am and is open to the public, especially local veterans and their families.

This year sponsorships have fallen off sharply, and the squadron is asking for help. “While we are honored to be the leading group to perform the annual ceremony, this is really an event that allows everyone to remember and honor our veterans,” said Squadron Commander Lt. Michael Bernier. “The more wreaths that are sponsored, the more we will have to place on graves. Our goal is to be able to place a wreath on every veteran’s grave at Cedarlawn, but we can’t do it without the public’s help.”

Wreath sponsorships may be purchased from any squadron member, by visiting the Wreaths Across America page on the squadron’s website, or by calling Wreaths Across America directly; when ordering online or by phone, specify the Group ID TXCAP262 so the wreaths will be delivered to Cedarlawn. Squadron members can take sponsorships through November 18th, while online and phone orders can be made through November 30th.

For more information about the ceremony or Texoma Composite Squadron, visit www.captexoma.org. For more information about Wreaths Across America, visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with nearly 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its unpaid professionals also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 26,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 72 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.



Austin College Concert Band Performs

SHERMAN, TEXAS—The Austin College Concert Band, directed by Bob Archer, will perform at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 20 in Wynne Chapel on the Austin College campus. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The performance is titled “What Sparks the Imagination?” and features five American composers with different sparks, according to Archer. The evening’s program will include “Fanfare Mid-America” by David R. Holsinger; “Three London Miniatures for a Band” by Mark Camphouse; “With Quiet Courage” by Larry Daehn; “Blue and Green Music” by Samuel R. Hazo; and “Culloden” by Julie Giroux.

Now in its 10th season, the Concert Band is a joint effort of Austin College and community musicians. The band’s members include Austin College students—music majors and non-music majors, Austin College faculty, area high school band directors, and community members. The band is open to those who have an instrumental background and wish to continue or renew their love of music, Archer said. Interested performers may contact Archer by email at barcher@austincollege.edu or call the Department of Music at 903.813.2251.

Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope’s influential book [*Colleges That Change Lives*](#).



Honor crew Dustin Meadows, Jasmine Shannon, Krystina Burns, Ginger Roberts



Blake Rice, Arron Hogue, and Brandon Langston are Irene Ryan nominees from Grayson College

GC theatre students receive Excellence Awards

Seven Grayson College students were recognized by the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) for their performance and behind-the-scenes roles in the college’s October production of “Black Snow.” The festival attracts theater departments from community colleges and four-year institutions across Texas and the United States.

After presenting the show to appreciative audiences Oct. 17-19 in Cruce Stark Auditorium on campus, the GC theatre troupe traveled to San Angelo, Texas, for KCACTF’s competition hosted by Angelo State University on Oct. 24-26. Students competed with five other colleges during the festival.

The GC troupe as a whole received an Excellence in Acting Ensemble Award, and three students were honored as Irene Ryan Acting Nominees, including: Arron Hogue, Anna sophomore; Brandon Langston, Denison freshman; and Blake Rice, Savoy sophomore. They will compete with a partner in an acting contest during the festival’s next phase at the KCACTF Region 6 Competition in Shreveport, La., in late February.

Four Grayson students were named to the festival’s Honor Crew. They are sophomores Taylor Ginger Roberts of Whitesboro and Jasmine Shannon of Rowlett, and freshmen Krystina Burns of Howe and Dustin Meadows of McKinney. Robin Robinson, GC theatre director and professor of theatre and speech, received Excellence Awards in both directing and sound design.

The GC production also was selected to be “held” for consideration for advancement to KCACTF’s Region 6 competition where six finalists will perform. To be held means that Grayson keeps the set, costumes and props intact until the finalist decision is made. Finalists will be announced in mid-December.

“It’s a huge honor for the students who were recognized for their craft and to have our show held,” said Robinson. “KCACTF is a wonderful opportunity for our theatre students to network with other schools and to be exposed to all genres of theatre. We are fortunate Grayson College supports this opportunity.”

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What's Happening?

November 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27 Chris Raisor	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

This calendar is new to the Texoma Enterprise. It is our intent to include National Holidays, local events, and birthdays/anniversaries. If you wish to include an event please let us know. Email lanarideout@cablone.net with your information.





Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



New Web Application for Ammonia Nitrate Storage Facilities

Last year, an explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas took 15 lives, and leveled much of the town located near the plant. In response to this tragedy, the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) was asked to identify all facilities storing more than 10,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate (AN). After these facilities were identified, SFMO staff inspected the 134 facilities. No serious violations were noted during any inspection.

The SFMO also created a web application to enable the public to search for any ammonium nitrate facilities within their zip code, called "Ammonium Nitrate in Texas." Citizens will be able to enter their zip code into the web application and discover whether there is a facility or facilities storing more than 10,000 pounds of AN within their zip code. If there is an AN facility within the zip code entered, an icon will appear on a map of the area. For security purposes, the map does not provide the exact location or address of the AN facility. If there is an AN facility within the citizen's zip code, they will be directed to the local fire department for questions.

The State Fire Marshal' Office is a division of the Texas Department of Insurance. The mission of the SFMO is to reduce the loss of life and property due to fire and related hazards through prevention and outreach, licensing and regulation, inspections, and investigations of fire-related incidents. Over the next year, the SFMO along with other state agencies will be conducting public outreach about best practices regarding ammonium nitrate, emergency preparedness, and fire and life safety.

The "Ammonium Nitrate in Texas" application can be accessed at www.tdi.texas.gov/fire/fman.html. If you have any questions regarding the website or any other matter of state government, please contact me by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us.



Psalm 39:1-13 (KJV)

- ¹ I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.
- ² I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was stirred.
- ³ My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: *then* spake I with my tongue,
- ⁴ LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is; that* I may know how frail I *am*.
- ⁵ Behold, thou hast made my days *as* an handbreadth; and mine age *is* as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state *is* altogether vanity. Selah.
- ⁶ Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
- ⁷ And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope *is* in thee.
- ⁸ Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.
- ⁹ I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst *it*.
- ¹⁰ Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.
- ¹¹ When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man *is* vanity. Selah.
- ¹² Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I *am* a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.
- ¹³ O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.



Christian Fellowship

Mike Ball will be leading worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Sunday mornings begin with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9:00a.m. followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

David Ellis leads praise and worship and dress is casual.

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

There is also a class for children from ages 2-10 called Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus. They learn memory verses, play games, have puppet shows and all kinds of fun things.

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

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

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

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

Area Churches

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

Dorchester

DORCHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH
Hwy. 902W, 903/476-5525

Gunter

COLLEGE HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST
304 E. College, 903/433-4835
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Pecan, 903/433-3335
GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Bruce Stinson
Brooks Plaza
Sundays - 9:30 AM Worship
www.thegbf.com
VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Howe

APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC
405 S. Collins Frwy,
Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166;
Sun. 10am & 6pm
NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP/AG,
912 S Denny St.
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd,
Weldon Hutson, pastor,
903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
903/815-1472 ; Kevin Bouse
CHURCH OF CHRIST
N. Collins Frwy,
903/532-6441;
Toby Socheting
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
100 E. Davis,903/532-5504;
Roger Tidwell, pastor
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
810 N. Denny, 903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister

Ida

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

Luella

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

Tom Bean

CHURCH OF CHRIST
903/546-6620
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
903/546-6231
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
903/546-6898
INSPIRATION POINT COWBOY CHURCH
FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean
Duane Peters,
903-815-2278

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How'd He Get Here?

The Omni William Penn Hotel is one of Pittsburgh's swankiest hotels. Imagine the surprise when some hotel guests checked into the Presidential Suite and found a homeless man sleeping on the couch!

When hotel security officers arrived on the scene, they woke him up, took him to their office, and called the police. Jeffrey Lennon Watson, 48, told police he was from Los Angeles and was passing through the city to return to California. He informed them that he had been in Pittsburgh for over a month and "sleeps wherever he can locate somewhere comfortable to rest his head."

According to the Associated Press, there aren't too many places more comfortable than Watson's chosen location. The 16th-floor suite features a 1,300-square-foot parlor plus three bedrooms, and includes crystal chandeliers, a dining room, grand piano, a full kitchenette, and sitting room, according to the hotel's website. The site doesn't state how much the room costs.

So how did he get in there? Police don't know how long Watson had been in the suite or how he got in. Hotel general manager Eric DeStefano offered the following explanation:

The parlor area of the Presidential suite is "a general-use area for receptions and small events. The door had been programmed to remain unlocked for an event earlier that day. As soon as the occupant was discovered, he was escorted off the property," DeStefano said.

Police took Watson to the Allegheny County Jail, where he remained Wednesday unable to post \$15,000 bond. He faces a preliminary hearing Nov. 19 on charges of criminal trespass and theft of services, according to online court records. *

God has promised that those who follow Him will live forever with Him in heaven (see 1 Peter 1:3-5). Contemplating the splendor of heaven (cf. 1 Corinthians 2:9) and the pristine holiness of God, one may feel as "out of place" as a homeless man in a ritzy hotel!

Imagine one angel saying to another concerning you or me: "How'd HE get in here?"

And the answer is: Jesus!

Although our SIN separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and can keep us out of heaven and destined for the second death (cf. Revelation 21:8), God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Jesus paid the price for our sins so that we can be saved and live eternally with Him in heaven (Hebrews 10:19-20)!

Jesus will save and give eternal life to those who accept His offer on His terms: place your faith and trust in Jesus (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). He will continually cleanse the sins of those who continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7).

And one day when, by the grace of God, we are in heaven and we're asked, "How'd YOU get in here?" We can answer with loving adoration and endless praise: "Jesus!"

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." – John 14:6

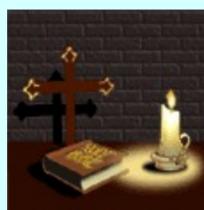
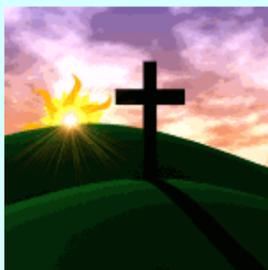
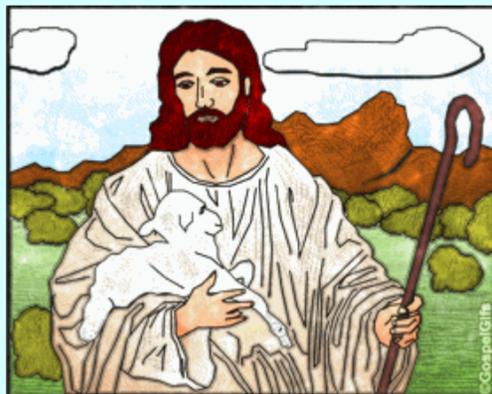
Won't YOU accept Jesus' offer on His terms?

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* Information gleaned from Joe Mandak of the Associated Press

Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and accessed from our website at:
www.creekwoodcc.org



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BAPTIST CHURCH**
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903/450-3708

**Sherman/Denison
THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST OF LATTER DAY
SAINTS**
1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.
**FRIENDSHIP UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450
**WESTERN HEIGHTS
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10
**CHURCH OF THE
NAZARENE,**
601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,
Rev. Mack Rogers
**RED RIVER
COWBOY CHURCH**
3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75);
Novice Northington, 903/463-5840

**Van Alstyne
COMMUNITY BIBLE
CHURCH**
Northwest corner Hwy 5 &
County Line Rd.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
105 Hopson,
Shannon Jackson, minister,
903/482-6033
**EAST SIDE
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
PO Box 141, Larry Shead,
minister; worship 11am
ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH
FM 121 W, Elmont;
Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356
FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH,
corner of Pearl & Nash,
Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
972/547-0243,
LIFE CHURCH,
201 W. Marshall,
Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker
903/433-8089
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
206 Waco, 903/482-5515,
Gary Gibbs, pastor
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CHURCH**
903/482-6646,
Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
301 S. Preston,
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister
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WORSHIP CENTER**
On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy
Queen, 903/482-6700;
Chris Jones, pastor
**HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father Stephen W. Bierschenk,
972/562-0752
**MORNING CHAPEL
CHRISTIAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL**
103 Bowen, 902/482-5431
SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH
702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev.
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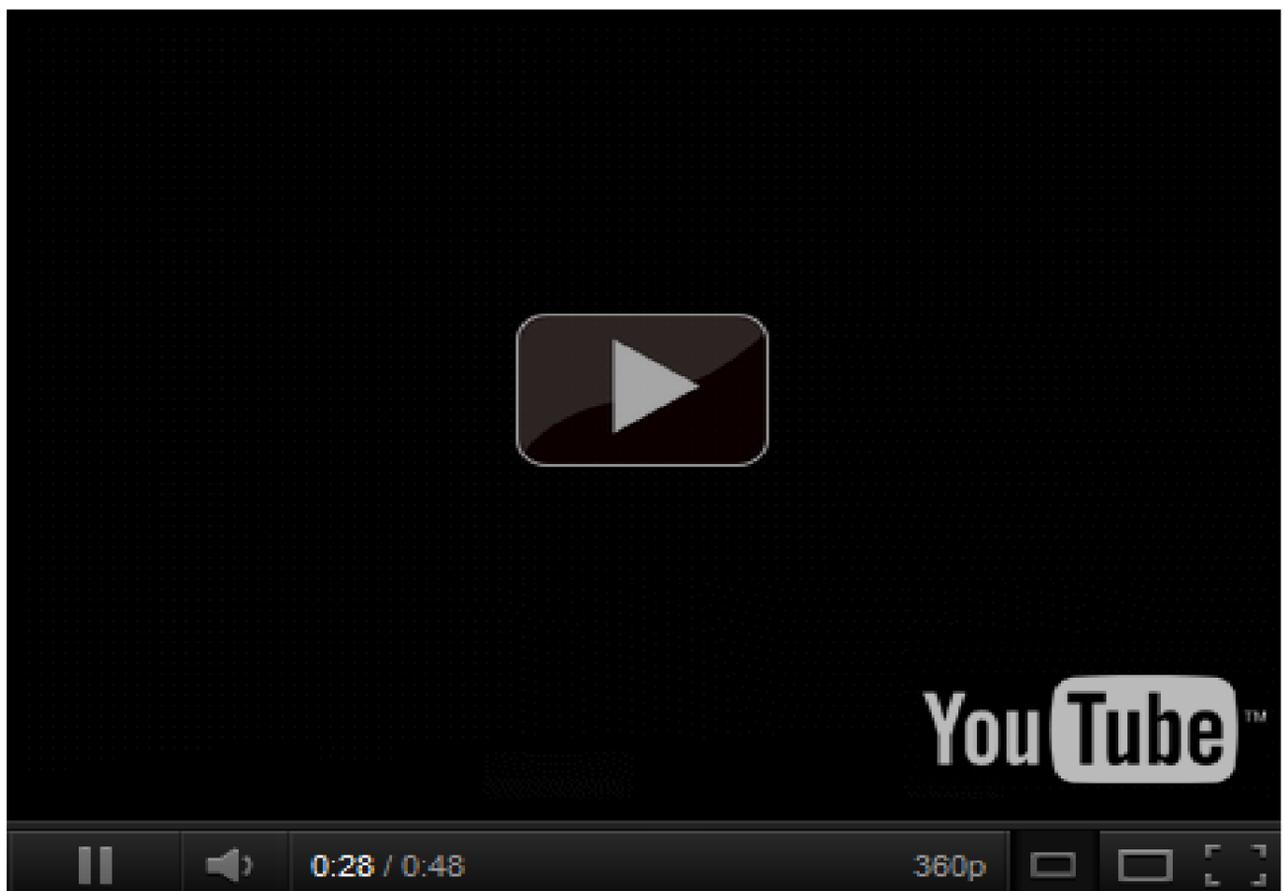
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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Step-grandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 23rd year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Grandkids singing at the Elves
Christmas Tree Farm, 2007

Colleges Cutting Costs

America Should Pay Attention

By Glenn Mollette

Lincoln College in central Illinois cut tuition costs by 24% two years ago. The tuition dropped from \$23,000 to \$17,500. This year Concordia in St. Paul, Minnesota cut their tuition \$10,000. Converse College in South Carolina has announced they will cut their tuition by 43%. Newburgh Theological Seminary College of Indiana announced October 1 a freeze on tuition costs and a \$500 reduction.

Lincoln College was experiencing a declining enrollment and trying to survive a sluggish economy. The decision was to make some adjustments in order to become more competitive with colleges across the nation.

Across the country higher education has become a buyers market. Colleges costing \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year have become out of reach for the average American. Prospective students have become reluctant to embrace a lifetime of debt when affordable education is out there with a little searching.

Neighboring colleges will be forced to pay attention. More Americans will have options. Education at a more affordable price could become a reality.

I hope the government will not notice this recent college cost cutting trend. They will figure out a way to mess it up. Currently there are multitudes of higher education options in America. Universities abound throughout our country. Many have maxed out their financial obligations. Competition will eventually make many of the schools cut some of their costs and offer better tuition rates.

Could our government learn something from this trend? What if we had 200 major medical insurance companies competing state to state? One big insurance company under the thumb of the government is a losing scenario for Americans. What if we only had one automaker? What if we had only one appliance maker? What if we had only one cable news network? What if we could only buy oil from Saudi Arabia? What if we only had coal and no natural gas? Or, what if we only had natural gas and no coal?

Whenever we are limited to one utility company, one gas station, one grocery store, one medical provider, one source of energy or just one of anything we are up the creek without a paddle.

Regardless, if it's college tuition or anything else, options and competition are good for America.

Glenn Mollette is an American columnist read in all fifty states. Contact him at GMollette@aol.com Like his facebook page at www.facebook.com/glennmollette
He is the author of *American Issues* and numerous other books.

Cornyn Demands Dismantling Of Obamacare Navigator Program

It is simply astounding that the Administration is urging the American people to give...sensitive personal information to people who have not been properly vetted'

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) called on President Obama to put an immediate end to the Obamacare navigators program in a speech on the Senate floor today.

“I think Secretary Sebelius surprised an awful lot of people when she admitted that people participating in the navigator program could possibly be convicted felons because there is simply no screening mechanism to bar them from participating in the process and no background check whatsoever.

“We’ve learned that navigators, including those in my home state of Texas, were actively encouraging people to break the law as a process of signing up for the Obamacare exchanges. It is simply astounding that the Administration is urging the American people to give their social security numbers and sensitive personal information to people who have not been properly vetted.

“We need to also dismantle the navigators program before it unleashes a wave of fraud and corruption.”

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

Cornyn: Hard-Working Texans Are Not the President’s Puppets

“Dismantle this law, so Americans can choose the insurance plan that works for them, not President Obama”

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, today issued the following statement in response to the President’s remarks on the Affordable Care Act:

“After several years of the worst economy since the Great Depression, millions have now had their health insurance cancelled. The President is attempting to pick and choose more winners and losers, but hard-working Texans are not the President’s personal puppets whose lives and livelihoods can be yanked around to satisfy his big government experiment.

“Enough with temporary fixes and deadline extensions. We should dismantle this law, so Americans can choose the insurance plan that works for them, not President Obama.”

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Sen. Cornyn Statement On National Adoption Month

Participates in "Adoptive Family Portrait Project"

to raise awareness about foster care adoption

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, today issued the following statement in observance of National Adoption Month (November):

“I salute the foster and adoptive parents who have opened their homes and their hearts to children in Texas and across the country and become not only their caregivers but also their heroes. In honor of National Adoption Month, I encourage those with the means to do so to consider adopting one of the 400,000 children in foster care today. There is no replacement for the role of concerned, caring parents in the life of a young person.”

Sen. Cornyn is partnering with "Voice for Adoption," a national advocacy organization, to feature the portrait and story of the Alcastromco family of El Paso in his Senate office throughout the month of November, in an effort to raise awareness and support for National Adoption Month.

The Alcastromcos officially became a family of six in September when parents Jackie and Mohammed's adoption of four siblings was formally completed. Jackie and Mohammed had cared for the foursome as foster parents and decided to apply to become their adoptive parents, feeling strongly that brothers and sisters who have endured upheaval and loss should not lose each other.

Mohammed said, “Half of our kids were classified as special needs, but the only special need they had was for two parents to love them and guide them in life (along with a lot of help from God up above!).” For a high-resolution photo of the Alcastromcos, please email Jessica_Sandlin@cornyn.senate.gov.

Saturday, November 23rd marks the 14th anniversary of National Adoption Day.

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Cornyn Statement on Veterans Day

HOUSTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement in honor of Veterans Day:

“This Veterans Day, I am reminded of so many Texas veterans who have served and sacrificed on our behalf.

“It is often said, ‘Texas defends America.’ Perhaps no other state has contributed as much to the defense of our nation over the course of American history. It is a legacy that Texans are deeply proud of, and it is an honor that we as Texans hold dear to support and care for our service members, our veterans and their families.

“This Veterans Day I hope we are each reminded to value the freedoms and way of life these brave Americans fought to secure. And I hope we can show our gratitude and support to our veterans and the greater military community, not just on Veterans Day, but on every day of the year.”

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Cornyn Op-Ed: We Can Do Better; American People Deserve Affordable Healthcare Plans

‘Such broken promises have shattered the President’s credibility. How can Texans trust anything he says about Obamacare, when so many of his past assurances have proven false?’

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) authored the following op-ed today on Breitbart.com:

We Can Do Better; American People Deserve Affordable Healthcare Plans

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, Breitbart.com, November 12, 2013

<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/11/11/Cornyn-American-People-Deserve-Affordable-Healthcare-Plans>

Whatever one thinks of Obamacare, it is now clear that the law was sold under false pretenses.

When Congress was debating health-care reform back in 2009 and 2010, President Obama and his Democratic allies repeatedly promised the American people that their plan would reduce costs and expand coverage without disrupting anyone's existing insurance—“period.” Had Americans known that Obamacare would actually raise premiums and cause millions of folks to lose their health policies, it never would have become law.

Texans feel deceived, and Americans everywhere share our frustration. At least 3.5 million people have already received cancellation notices because of Obamacare, and that number will only grow larger as we approach December 31. I've heard from plenty of angry Texans who are being asked to pay higher premiums for Washington-mandated coverage.

The Obama Administration knew this was coming: when Administration officials were drafting the Obamacare regulations in 2010, they projected that millions of Americans in the individual health-insurance market would have to purchase new policies in order to comply.

And yet, President Obama continued to insist—unequivocally—that nobody who liked their existing health plan would have to give it up. On June 28, 2012, the day the Supreme Court delivered its ruling on Obamacare, he said: “If you're one of the more than 250 million Americans who already have health insurance, you will keep your health insurance.”

Such broken promises have shattered the President's credibility. How can Texans trust anything he says about Obamacare, when so many of his past assurances have proven false?

The President is now urging Americans to contact their local Obamacare “navigators” if they need help enrolling. On Wednesday, he met with some of the Dallas-area navigators and thanked them for their service.

I'm confident that most of the (taxpayer-funded) navigators are decent, civic-minded Americans. Unfortunately, it only takes a few bad apples to commit major privacy violations such as identity theft, and the Obama Administration has not adopted the necessary safeguards.

Indeed, the Obamacare navigators reportedly include a woman who had an outstanding arrest warrant at the time of her hiring, along with former members of the corrupt left-wing advocacy group known as ACORN. At Wednesday's Senate Finance Committee hearing, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told me it is “possible” that certain navigators could be convicted felons. Remember: these folks will be collecting sensitive tax and medical information.

The failure to establish a proper vetting system for the Obamacare navigators reflects a broader failure to address safety concerns. Just look at the Obamacare website: according to CBS News, “A deadline for final security plans was delayed three times over the summer, and final top-to-bottom security tests never were finished before the launch.”

In other words, the Administration launched the online exchanges before it could protect Texans' personal data. So not only were the exchanges badly designed, they were also unsafe.

Republicans have said all along that Obamacare was poorly conceived and would prove unworkable. Now that our warnings have come true, we are reiterating our call for commonsense, patient-centered reforms that make both health care and health insurance more affordable and more accessible.

Members of both parties have expressed support for legislation that would allow all Americans to keep their pre-Obamacare coverage. That would be a good start, but we need to go much further.

If Congress dismantled Obamacare entirely, as I would strongly prefer, lawmakers could enact alternative reforms aimed at solving America's biggest health-care problems. These reforms could include revising the tax code to help individuals who buy their own health insurance; allowing people to purchase health coverage across state lines and form risk pools in the individual market; expanding tax-free Health Savings Accounts; making health-care price and quality information more transparent; cracking down on frivolous medical-malpractice lawsuits; using high-risk pools to insure folks with preexisting conditions; giving states more freedom to improve Medicaid; and using provider competition and consumer choice to bring down costs in Medicare.

Such reforms would give us a health-care system with much lower costs, much better coverage, and much greater access to quality care.

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Should You Prepare a Medicaid Application Yourself?

Whether you should prepare and file a Medicaid application by yourself or should hire help depends on answers to the following questions:

How old is the applicant?

How complicated is the applicant's financial situation?

Is the individual applying for community or nursing home benefits?

How much time do you have available?

How organized are you?

Medicaid is the health care program for individuals who do not have another form of insurance or whose insurance does not cover what they need, such as long-term care. Many people rely on Medicaid for assistance in paying for care at home or in nursing homes.

For people under age 65 and not in need of long-term care, eligibility is based largely on income and the application process is not very complicated. Most people can apply on their own without assistance.

Matters get a bit more complicated for applicants age 65 and above and especially for those of any age who need nursing home or other long-term care coverage. In these cases, availing yourself of the services of an attorney is practically essential.

Medicaid applicants over age 65 are limited to \$2,000 in countable assets (in most states). It's possible to transfer assets over this amount in order to become eligible, but seniors need to be careful in doing so because they may need the funds in the future and if they move to a nursing home, the transfer could make them ineligible for benefits for five years. Professional advice is also crucial because there is a confusing array of different Medicaid programs that may be of assistance in providing home care, each with its own rules.

All of that said, the application process itself is not so complicated for community benefits (care that takes place outside of an institutional setting, such as in the beneficiary's home). In short, those over 65 in many cases will need to consult with an elder law attorney for planning purposes, but they or their families may be able to prepare and submit the Medicaid application themselves.

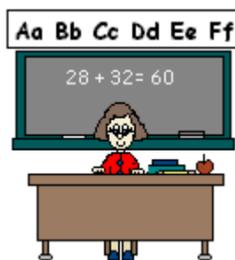
But submitting an application for nursing home benefits without an attorney's help is not a good idea. This is because Medicaid officials subject such applications to enhanced scrutiny, requiring up to five years of financial records and documentation of every fact. Any unexplained expense may be treated as a disqualifying transfer of assets, and many planning steps -- such as trusts, transfers to family members, and family care agreements -- are viewed as suspect unless properly explained. Finally, the process generally takes several months as Medicaid keeps asking questions and demanding further documentation for the answers provided.

Many elder law attorneys offer assistance with Medicaid applications as part of their services. This has several advantages, including expert advice on how best to qualify for benefits as early as possible, experience in dealing with the more difficult eligibility questions that often arise, and a high level of service through a long, grueling process. The one drawback of using an attorney rather than a lay service is that the fee is typically substantially higher. However, given the high cost of nursing homes, if the law firm's assistance can accelerate eligibility by even one month that will generally cover the fee. In addition, the payments to the attorney are generally with funds that would otherwise be paid to the nursing home -- in other words, the funds will have to be spent in any event, whether for nursing home or for legal fees.



Howe Elementary Students of the Month For November

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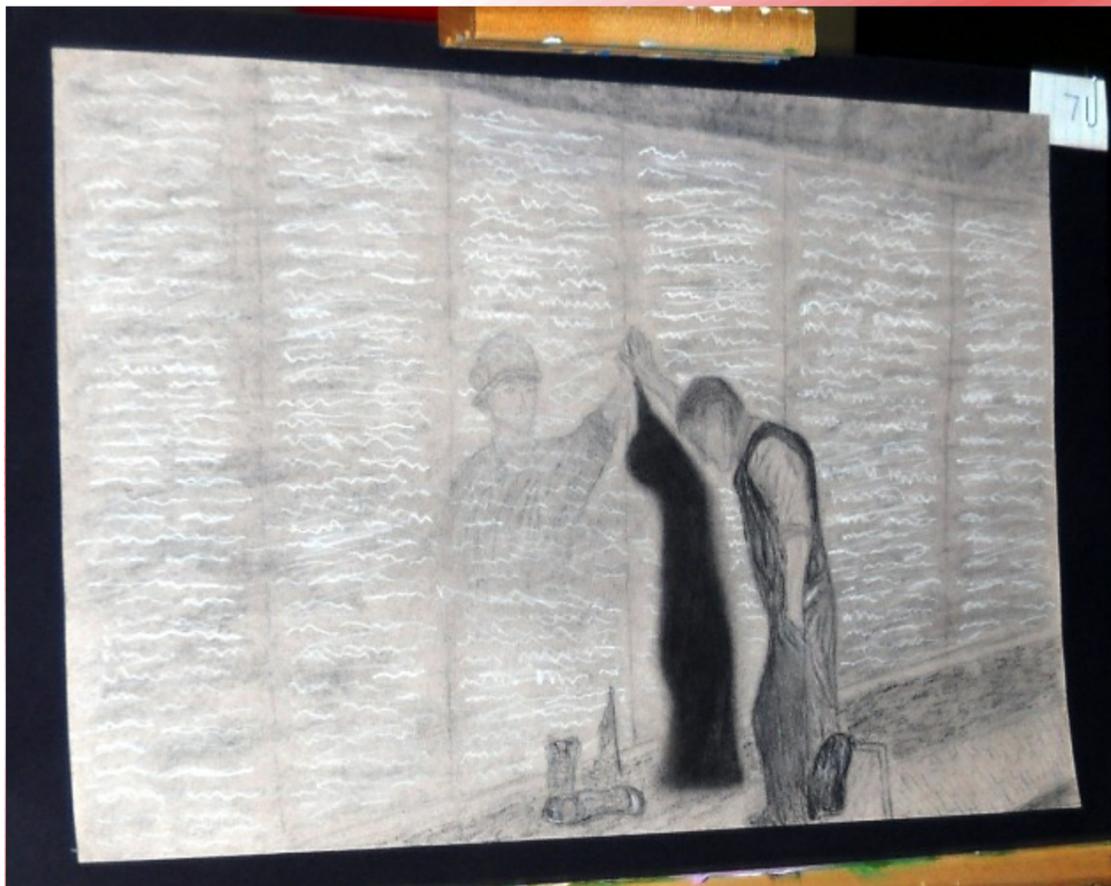


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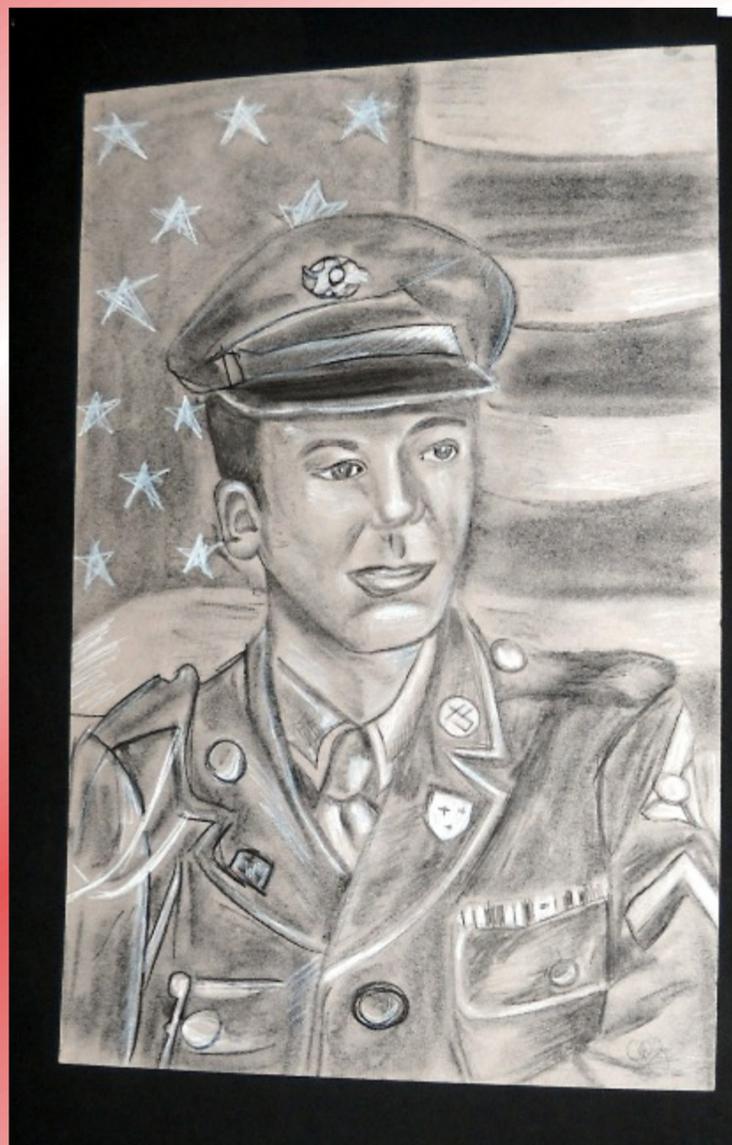
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More Sayings

When a fellow says it hain't the money but the principle o' the thing, it's the money. – Abe Martin

How cheerful he seems to grin,
How neatly spreads his claws,
And welcomes little fishes in,
With gently smiling jaws. – Lewis Carroll

A large income is the best recipe for happiness I heard of. – Jane Austen

Money is a singular thing. It ranks with love as man's greatest source of joy. And with his death as his greatest source of anxiety. – John Kenneth Galbraith

There are only two families in the world, my old grandmother used to say, the Haves and the Have-nots. Cervantes

“My face is my fortune, sir,” she said. – Nursery rhyme

In my very own self, I am part of my family. – David Herbert Lawrence

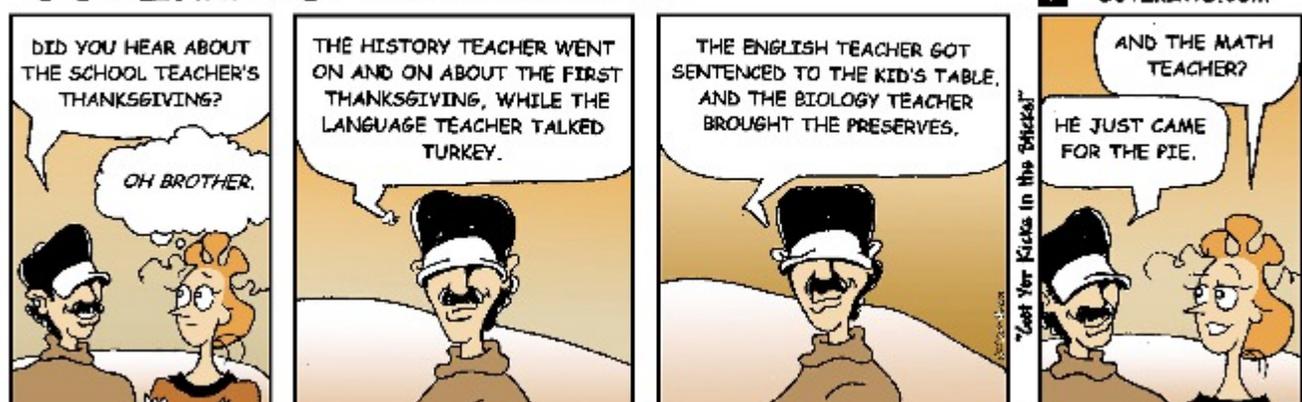
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A POX ON OUR PATHETIC PARADE OF PROCESSIONARY POLS

by Joe Klock, Sr., CRB, CRS

There is an undeniable, albeit regrettable, similarity between our elected reprehensibles (sic) in Congress and Thaumetopoea Procestonea in the larval stage, better known to the well-informed likes of you as Processionary Caterpillars; let's call them PCs for short.

Just in case you're not familiar with these creepy critters, PCs are characterized by an inbred instinct to doggedly follow the caterpillars directly in front of them, with neither question, nor hesitation, nor reservation about the direction in which they are being led.

ASIDE - The "PC" acronym used here also denotes "Political Correctness," an accidental coincidence, but descriptive of a legitimately intimate relationship.

Only that coincidence, and the aforementioned instinct, can explain the frequency - make that the nearabout certainty - with which both sides of the Congressional aisle tend to move in lockstep behind their respective leaders. (Theirs not to reason why, theirs but to rigidly comply.)

For proof of this proclivity, check out the "rubberstamp" roll calls on C-SPAN, the next time you have next-to-nothing to do.

Just like fledgling politicians, Processionary Caterpillars begin their occupational lives by ranging far and wide in search of food to satisfy their voracious appetites.

In doing so, they encounter ttheir competitors and other obstacles standing between them and their goals.

Through trial and error, they learn that the path of least resistance is attaching themselves in long head-to-tail processions, mindlessly following the crowd.

When the hunting is good and the leadership is skillful, they usually survive.

However, as reported in an earlier column, French naturalist John Henry Fabre (1823-1915) conducted an unusual and revealing experiment, which might be frighteningly applicable to our current procedure in Congress.

He filled a flower pot nearly to the rim with the pine needles which represented the PCs' staple diet, then induced one insect to start circling the rim of the pot. The others instinctively followed suit, ultimately forming a tight circle, in which the roles of leader and follower soon became blurred.

Instead of getting frustrated by this unproductive activity, the caterpillars, through force of habit, pursued their foodless trek for an extended period, before falling dead from exhaustion and starvation - this, mind you, with an abundance of sustenance mere inches away.

They were, in tragic fact, victims of the pattern of behavior into which they had fallen, and upon which they blindly relied for results, while accomplishing nothing other than foolishly working themselves to death.

Okay, if I haven't lost you by now, it's time to make the comparisons which have, most likely, already occurred to you, but which merit a hammering-home.

The constantly changing needs of their constituents should require that legislators adjust their positions and strategies accordingly, rather than blindly blabbering the talking points and following the system-serving orders of party leadership.

It is difficult - nay, impossible - to accept the notion that independently-thinking elected officials can unanimously come to the same conclusions, and back the same strategies, as their partisan colleagues and respective team leaders.

But this is exactly what they do, repeatedly, unswervingly and predictably leading to nothing more productive than reciprocal finger-pointing and unbreakable gridlock.

Changing conditions, such as those faced by Congress, demand flexible and independent thinking, always guided by the best interests of the electorate, rather than the dictates of partisan leadership.

The fact that this guidance is lacking needs no more evidence than the processionary procedures currently witnessed in almost every roll call in the highest echelons of American governance.

There, sadly, compromise is a detestable four-letter word and what is best for those governed takes a back seat to the narrow objectives and narrower minds of those governing.

Interestingly, although the popularity rating of Congress is hovering perilously near the level of jock itch and urinary tract infections, the turnover rate on Capitol Hill is notably low.

This strongly suggests that, although we are profoundly unhappy with what they do, we are stubbornly reluctant to deprive our reprehensibles of their power to continue doing it.

SECOND ASIDE: Insanity has more than occasionally been defined as doing the same things repeatedly and expecting different results; but that seems to be the present game plan of we, the people (sheeple, maybe?).

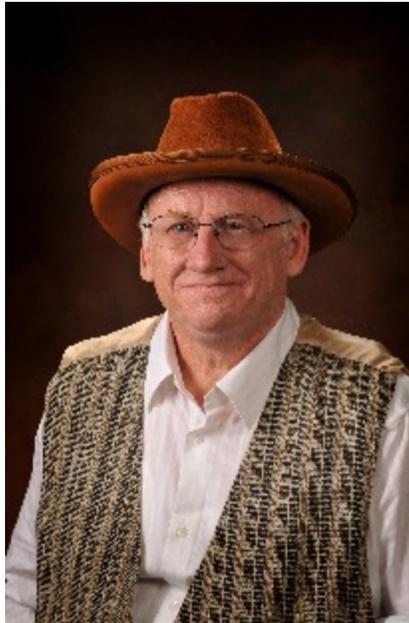
All of this might strongly suggest that the time has come (maybe passed) for a thorough House-and-Senate-cleaning before the entrenched mice, lice and vermin bring our governmental house of cards tumbling down into a heap of historical rubble.

Past control seems to have failed, so maybe pest-control is the answer.

tarting, one hastens to add, with the ones representing - or misrepresenting - your own most cherished interests.

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LET'S REMINISCE: CHAIN LETTERS

By Jerry Lincecum

Did you ever receive a chain letter? I'm talking about the old-fashioned kind delivered by the US Post Office, not some trivial email that was FORWARDED to you instructions to pass it on to dozens of your "friends." Great emphasis was always placed on NOT breaking the chain of letters.

A typical chain letter consists of a message that tries to convince the recipient to make a number of copies of the letter and then send them to numerous recipients. Common methods used in chain letters include emotional appeals, get-rich-quick pyramid schemes and invoking superstitions to threaten the recipient with bad luck or even physical violence and death if he or she breaks the chain by refusing to adhere to the conditions specified in the letter.

Although chain letters from hundreds of years ago have been found, the most notorious US example (according to Wikipedia) was the "Send-a-Dime" letter of 1935. It started in Denver, Colorado, and in a few days the Denver post office was overwhelmed with hundreds of thousands of letters containing dimes. In fact, after the craze had ended, the Denver postmaster was left with over 100,000 "dead letters" (because of faulty addresses) to store away.

There are two main types of chain letters. The Denver Dime letter is a good example of a hoax, intended to trick or defraud:

This charm was started in the hope of bringing prosperity to you. Within three days, make six copies of this letter, leaving off the top name and address and adding your name address at the bottom of the list, and mail the six copies to six of your friends to whom you wish prosperity to come.

In omitting the top name, send that person a dime wrapped in paper as a charity donation. In turn, as your name reaches the top you will receive 15,625 letters with donations amounting to \$1,562.50.

Now, is it worth a dime to you? Have the faith your friend had in sending you this letter, and this charm will not be broken.

The second type of chain letter contains urban legends designed to be passed on. Typically it warns the readers of a threat or claims to be notifying them of important information. One that I received last week from the internet warns that President Obama has directed the US Post Office to issue a Muslim Christmas stamp, and it even includes a picture of it.

However, the stamp shown has nothing to do with a Muslim holiday; instead it is merely part of a new series of stamps showing flowers. Chain letters of this type are merely malicious attempts to stir up anger or hatred.

There are two websites you can use to check the accuracy of information you receive. Go to "Snopes.com" or "TruthOrFiction.com" and put in a keyword, such as "new Christmas stamp" and you will get a reliable answer as to the validity of the claim. Falsehoods of this type, as well as doctored photos, keep going around the internet as long as gullible people forward them.

Back to the Denver Dime letter. It inspired some funny parodies, such as "Send a pint of whiskey to the person you leave off the list, and you will receive 1,962 gallons of whiskey. Is this worth a pint of whiskey to you? Don't break the chain!"

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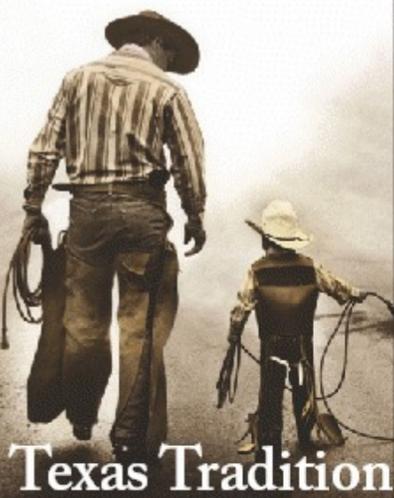
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TB Senior signs Letter of Intent

I would like to announce that Tom Bean Senior, Ashley Selman, will be signing a letter of intent to play volleyball for Maryville University in St. Louis, MO beginning in the Fall of 2014. A brief ceremony beginning at the Tom Bean High School Library on Wednesday.

Jeff W. Harvey, Principal, Tom Bean High School

TB Middle School Boys Basketball

The Tom Bean middle school boys basketball season got underway last night at Callisburg. The 7th B team went ahead early and hung on to a narrow margin until the final seconds. The Wildcats scored in the final minute to take an 11-10 victory. Nick Valecilla led the Tomcats with four points and several rebounds. Chris Garrison ran the offense from the point most of the night and added 2 points. Parker Steele and Jonisun Comola added a bucket each. Ethan Ramey played really good defense, while Cade Higgins collected a lot of rebounds in the loss. Their season record is 0-1, but they have a chance to even it up next Monday against Bells. The 8th B team dug themselves a large hole to start the game before storming back to take a late lead. Neither regulation nor an overtime period were enough to determine the winner, as the game ended in a 16-16 tie. Hunter Knight led all scorers with 8 points. Tristan Punzel and Dakota Griffith added 4 points each. Andy Mancillas played crazy defense in the comeback. Max Allen and Kakana Puana contributed with several rebounds and steals in the eventual tie. Their record stands at 0-0-1. Be sure to congratulate them on two hard fought games and come out and support us next Monday as we host Bells.



