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This image of JFK was published in my school yearbook (the *Quadrangle*) and thousands of other annuals across the nation.



This aerial view of Cole Junior/Senior High School is similar to what Kennedy must have seen as Air Force One buzzed Fort Sam Houston (from the *Quadrangle*, 1964)



Reflections on John F Kennedy by Don Mathis. Click on this box to read his article that goes with these photos.

Countdown to Eternity: JFK's Last Brooks AFB Visit on Space Exploration will be a lecture by Air Force historian on Saturday, November 9, 2013, 10 am at the San Antonio Central Library. This image is from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cShkfejrlUs>, which contains an audio recording of Kennedy's San Antonio speech.



Don Mathis stands in front of the Sixth Floor Museum, 2003.



Dealey Plaza as it appeared in November 2003.



Come meet some heroes on Veterans Day

Clyde W. Coper Texas State Veterans Home hosts Veterans Day Ceremony

AUSTIN — Residents at the Clyde W. Coper Texas State Veterans Home in Bonham invite the public to visit for a special Veterans Day Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11.

United States Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant Timothy Cortes will serve as the guest speaker. Cortes served for more than 30 years in the Marine Corps in roles ranging from consultant to the People's Republic of China Marine Corps, overseeing the counter improvised explosive device integration center in Iraq and training the Afghan National Army.

The veterans living at the Clyde W. Coper Texas State Veterans Home will be recognized during the ceremony. The public is invited and encouraged to come and spend the day with these real American heroes.

Texas State Veterans Homes provide affordable, long-term nursing care for Texas veterans, their spouses and Gold Star parents. Eight homes are conveniently located across Texas and each first-class facility is designed to enhance quality of life with a clean, caring and dignified setting appropriate to those men and women who have served our country with honor. If you are interested in learning more about our State Veterans homes, visit www.texasveterans.org call 1-800-252-VETS.

WHO: *Everyone who supports Texas Veterans*

WHAT: *Veterans Day Ceremony*

WHEN: *1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11*

WHERE: *Clyde W. Coper Texas State Veterans Home, 1300 Seven Oaks Road, Bonham*

TheTexasEconomy.org

Much information, statistics, and data is now conveniently available on the internet. Many state agencies use websites to share information with Texans on a wide range of topics. In 2012 the Office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts introduced a new online resource for Texas economic data, news and analysis. This website is www.TheTexasEconomy.org.

The Texas Economy features the latest news, trends and analysis on issues affecting the state's economy. In addition to state revenue and spending data, there are more than a dozen economic indicators and analysis on a wide variety of topics including: fast-growing Texas industries and jobs, education and training, the effect of natural resources and the drought on the state economy, health care, and other issues that impact Texas businesses and taxpayers. The purpose of the site is to make this economic information and data available to Texas taxpayers through the use of informational graphics, video interviews, tables and snapshots of key data.

Visitors to the site can see yearly state trends in home sales, sales tax collections, building permits and more; view employment growth by industry; explore public education spending; or read about the successes of Texas communities and businesses.

Each week the site is updated with the Comptroller's Weekly Economic Outlook, which includes the most recent indicators on Jobs, Housing, Consumer Confidence, Taxes, and the Oil & Natural Gas industry.

It would be impossible to list all of the information available at www.thetexaseconomy.org in this column. I encourage you to log on to TheTexasEconomy.Org and explore the site. You can 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.

What's Happening?

There's an election going on in Texas RIGHT NOW

9 Constitutional Amendment and City of Sherman Election (2 Council seats)

Election Day is Tuesday – November 5th.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Voters may vote at ANY of the Election Day Vote Centers

Early voting ended Friday, November 1st.

Photo ID is required for voting in Texas

Voters ages 65 and older and those with a disability may vote by mail for any election.

For additional information, go to VOTETEXAS.GOV or Grayson County website www.co.grayson.tx.us

There are nine constitutional amendments on the ballot, and there are thousands of opinions, pro and con, on each one. In the interest of helping to sort out and help Texas grassroots activists made heads or tails out of all of this, Grassroots Texans has collected opinions from various Texas conservative / pro-liberty groups and summarized them below.* The last column represents Grassroots Texans' "gut feel" as to the consensus--if any--among the groups. Propositions 2 and 6 were unanimous among the groups. For Propositions 3, 4 and 5, there was too much diversity of opinion to reasonably say there was a "consensus



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What's Happening?

| October 2013 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 National Night Out Jordan |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 <small>Columbus Day</small> Amber | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Howe Fall Festival |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <small>Halloween</small>  | | |

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



CAPITOL WATCH #561

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

This week's column will be the ninth and final installment in a series outlining the proposed constitutional amendments on which Texas voters will decide on November 5. These amendments were joint resolutions that were passed during the recent legislative session; however, because they change the Texas Constitution, they need state-wide voter approval before they can take effect. This information is taken from a report by the House Research Organization, a nonpartisan agency that provides information to the legislature.

Amendment No. 9 (S.J.R. 42)

The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

The Texas Constitution establishes the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which investigates allegations of misconduct against Texas judges. After its investigation, the commission has discretion to issue a private or public admonition, warning, or reprimand to a judge, as well as to require that the judge obtain additional training or education. If the commission deems it necessary, it may order formal hearings concerning the public censure, removal, or retirement of a judge or justice. The commission also may request that the Texas Supreme Court appoint certain judges or justices as masters to hear, take evidence, and report to the commission in these cases. If, after a formal hearing or having considered a report from a master, the commission finds good cause, the commission "shall issue an order of public censure or it shall recommend to a review tribunal the removal or retirement" of the judge or justice.

Proposition 9 would amend the Texas Constitution to expand the actions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct could take after formal proceedings into judicial misconduct or after considering the record and report of a master appointed to look into judicial misconduct. In addition to its current authority after a formal hearing to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge, the commission could issue a public admonition, warning, or reprimand or require that the judge or justice obtain training or education.

Supporters of the amendment say Proposition 9 would ensure that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct had adequate tools to respond to allegations of alleged judicial misconduct investigated by the commission through formal, public hearings. This would allow the commission to discipline judges appropriately after all types of investigations into judicial misconduct. Since Proposition 9 would expand the options available to the commission after a formal proceeding to include an admonition, warning, reprimand, or requirement that the judge or justice obtain training or education. This would give the commission a full range of options, allowing its decision to hold a formal or informal hearing to be based on the individual case, not on the penalties or sanctions available. The commission would have discretion in choosing whether to pursue formal proceedings, so only allegations that merited a public avenue would be subject to such proceedings. Further, supporters say, public information about investigations into alleged judicial misconduct could help Texans accurately assess the judiciary and judges and whether the process was fair and effective. The availability of more information would promote transparency and help the public understand the commission's decisions. It could enhance confidence in the judiciary and judges.

Opponents say current constitutional provisions limiting the options available to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct after a formal proceeding into alleged judicial misconduct should not be expanded. Provisions restricting potential actions by the commission after a formal proceeding are appropriate because they help ensure that formal proceedings are used only in the most serious cases of alleged judicial misconduct. This helps protect the confidentiality of judges and shields them from public exposure resulting from low-level or unwarranted allegations and from those unhappy with the results of a case or from political opponents. Under the proposed amendment, the use of formal proceedings could increase to include cases that warranted lower-level actions, such as admonitions and warnings, or cases that were unfair or unsubstantiated, which could diminish the public's confidence in the judiciary and unfairly harm individual judges. The commission could feel pressure from an accuser, the media, or the public to hold formal, public proceedings in cases that did not merit them. Formal proceedings that expose all information — both supporting and refuting an allegation — to the media and the public could harm the judiciary. Exposure and debate over allegations that may turn out to be unsubstantiated or minor could taint the public's perception of a judge and the judiciary as a whole.

You can view a complete list of the proposed constitutional amendments with analyses online at www.hro.house.state.tx.us. For more information regarding these propositions, you can contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

Voter Information

Over the last several weeks I have discussed the nine proposed constitutional amendments that appear on the general election ballot this year. This week's column will provide general information regarding the election dates and procedures.

Election day is November 5, 2013. On the ballot this year are nine proposed constitutional amendments which must be passed by voters in order to become law. A complete list of the amendments, including an explanation of the amendment and arguments for and against each amendment can be found on the House Research Organization's (HRO) website at www.hro.house.state.tx.us. The HRO is a nonpartisan independent department of the Texas House of Representatives that provides impartial information on legislation and other issues.

Early voting began on Monday, October 21, and runs through Friday, November 1. To find your polling place, contact your local county officials. In Delta County, contact the Elections Office at 903-395-4400 ext. 222; in Fannin County, contact the county clerk at 903-583-7486 or visit the website at http://www.co.fannin.tx.us/default.aspx?Fannin_County/Elections; and for Grayson County, contact the Elections Office at 903-893-8683 or visit the website at <http://www.co.grayson.tx.us/default.aspx?name=elec.home>.

In order to vote, voters must present a valid photo identification document. Accepted documents are: a Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); a Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS; a Texas personal identification card issued by DPS; a Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS; a United States military identification card containing the person's photograph; a United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph; or a United States passport. For more information on forms of identification or any other voting or election issue, visit the Secretary of the State of Texas' website at www.sos.state.tx.us.

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Psalm 37:1-20 (KJV)

- ¹ Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
- ² For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
- ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
- ⁴ Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
- ⁵ Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.
- ⁶ And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.
- ⁷ Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
- ⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
- ¹⁰ For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall not be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*.
- ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
- ¹² The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
- ¹³ The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.
- ¹⁴ The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay such as be of upright conversation.
- ¹⁵ Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
- ¹⁶ A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.
- ¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
- ¹⁸ The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.
- ¹⁹ They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
- ²⁰ But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.



Christian Fellowship

Palmer Miller will be leading worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship Church in Luella. Come join them each Sunday morning at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30, worship service at 10:30.

David Ellis leads the church in praise and worship and it is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

There is a program for the children ranging in ages 2-11 called Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus. The children learn Bible stories, have puppet shows and have fun learning all about the Bible. This takes place during morning worship service.

The church celebrates "The Lords Supper" each Sunday morning during worship service.

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

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

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

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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 ; Kcvin 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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About YOU

Keith Wishum reminds us, "What people say about you does not determine what you are."

"As a composer," declared the music teacher, "he is hopeless!" The student's name was Ludwig van Beethoven.

At 21, he got a job at a department store, but he wasn't allowed to wait on customers. The manager said he didn't have enough sense to know how to serve a customer. The clerk's name was F.W. Woolworth.

A young newspaper writer was fired by his editor who said the boy just had "no good ideas." The youngster was Walt Disney.

He got a "C" on his student project in his college business class. The professor said his proposal for an overnight delivery service wasn't feasible. The student was Fred Smith, founder of Federal Express.

What has been said about YOU?

You may have been told, "You'll never amount to anything!" Or, "You're just no good." Perhaps it has been in the form of a question that your failure has been predicted, "Can't you do anything right?" *

Consider... What has GOD said about you?

God says... you are His special creation. After all, every person was created in His image (Genesis 1:26-27).

God says... because of sin, that image has been marred. "For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Unless the problem is resolved, that sin will destroy you (Matthew 7:13-14).

God says... "I love you, and I want you to be my child." God loves you so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross to pay the price for your sins (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:7). Because of Jesus' atoning sacrifice, you can be forgiven of your sins and be born into God's family.

God will cleanse you by the blood of Jesus and add you to His family when you place your faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38). The blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse you as you continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

In the words of Wishum: "People may be telling you that you aren't worth much - that you can't make it. The person most likely to be telling you that is YOU!!

DON'T LISTEN..... God says otherwise."

"And HIS opinion of you is the ONLY one that matters."

Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and eternal life by surrendering your life to Him today?

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* Keith Wishum, "What People Say About You," in A Word from Williams Road, provided by the Williams Road Church of Christ, Americus, GA. See <http://www.williamsroadcoc.org/>

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

**PILOT GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
1271 Pilot Grove St.
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
**FIRST PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH**
903/482-6646,
Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
301 S. Preston,
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister
**GREYWOOD HEIGHTS
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.
Arnold Baker, pastor



Close to Kennedy – by Don Mathis

Every time I drive to or through Dallas, I glance over at Dealey Plaza. My eyes unconsciously drift towards the Book Depository, specifically the sixth floor window. And I think of what might have been.

My path has often crossed the streets and avenues that John F. Kennedy traveled on. I was a kid of 14 when my family moved to the suburbs of Washington, D.C. We visited Arlington, Virginia, in 1964 and I was astonished at the scene of Kennedy's grave. The mound of earth, covered with greenery, was as raw as the collective wound that still pained the nation.

Caps, faded and weather-beaten, of service members who attended his funeral, surrounded a small flame. I remember the caps; it just didn't seem fitting for a president's grave. But Jacqueline Kennedy made the right decision. She selected architect John Carl Warnecke to design a marble memorial for her husband and children. The caps are gone but the [eternal flame](#) is still a feature.

In the 1970s, I visited JFK's grave again to find his brother Robert buried nearby. And in the 1990s, I found the inscription for Jackie. Though the long lines of people paying respects have shortened, the Kennedy portion of Arlington National Cemetery is still one of the area's most visited sites.

Every visit to Washington, D.C., or Boston conjures memories of JFK for me. As does many parts of Dallas.

[Parkland Hospital](#) has a display commemorating the dark days of November, 1963. The leadership of the country was passed to LBJ when Kennedy was pronounced dead. Governor John Connally was treated there as well. The autopsy of Officer [J.D. Tippit](#), who was allegedly shot by Lee H. Oswald, was performed here. Two days later, Oswald himself was rolled into the emergency room.

I visited Dallas during the 40th anniversary of the assassination. [The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza](#) is visible from IH35 but it merits a closer look. Conspiracy theorists hawk their books and pamphlets up and down Elm Street. Although their make-shift tables and megaphones appear a bit tacky, there is nothing disrespectful about the museum itself.

The Sixth Floor Museum chronicles the life and death of the late president. Although it explores the facets of alternate shooters, the focus of its 40,000 items is on facts and history. This month would be a powerful time to visit the site, to learn more, to leave a flower, to release an emotion.

But the memory of the first time my path crossed with that of Kennedy is the strongest.

Fifty years ago, a plane flew low over my seventh-grade classroom at Cole Junior/Senior High School at Fort Sam Houston near San Antonio, Texas. The principal came on the public address system. "That was the president," he exclaimed. The kids in my class felt elated that we had been so close to the most famous person on Earth.

Twenty-four hours later, the principal came on the PA system again. And a shock set in, comparable to that of 9-11.

Kennedy gave his last speech at Brooks AFB on Nov. 21, 1963 (audio <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cShkfejrIU8>, text <http://kennedyatbrooks.blogspot.com/>), the day before he was assassinated. He spoke of a story from Frank O'Connor, the Irish writer.

As a boy, O'Connor and his friends would make their way across the countryside, and when they came to an orchard wall that seemed too high and too difficult to permit their voyage to continue, they took off their hats and tossed them over the wall – and then had no choice but to follow them.

"This nation has tossed its cap over the wall of space," Kennedy said to the audience in San Antonio, "and we have no choice but to follow it." Though he meant his metaphor to apply for aerospace exploration, the image serves to inspire other ideas.

As my path continues, I am reminded of Kennedy when I pass by memorials, high schools, and other buildings that bear his name. I am reminded of his youth and his vision of the future. I have hopes that such optimism will never die.



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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



Dot's D-A-S-H-E-S

By Dorothy N. Fowler

My mother usually sat at the back of the church where I preached. She said the back of the church was the place where she could “really see what is going on.”

Between the two of us, we had it covered. Nobody could get away with anything! She could see what was happening in the choir behind me and she could keep tabs on whether I was hanging on to the pulpit so it wouldn't get away. I could see who was napping (that was a sure sign that (1) the sermon was too long, (2) too pedantic or (3) just plain too awful), who was happy, who was sweating and who thought the roast she left in the oven might be burning.

One Sunday, a dog came to church. He got in because the day was hot and we had left the front door open, along with the windows, because we hadn't yet serviced the evaporative coolers. Mama saw him come in, but she couldn't get to him, “and besides,” she said, “I wanted to see what he would do and what you would do.”

The dog, whose name was Lucky, belonged to one of the families in the church and he had come looking for them. That he had a purpose for coming was more than could be said for some of the people who were there. The ones who came out of habit and expected neither to receive nor to give anything, for the most part, had their expectations met.

Lucky, on the other hand, expected to find his family. He could easily have come down the center aisle, but he chose to walk under the pews. Because he was a little too tall, he resembled someone playing Limbo as he wended his way down the left hand side of the church. Naturally, he couldn't avoid touching people as he went, brushing against their legs or their feet. People he touched had a tendency to jump and/or squeal a little. By the time he got all the way to the front, turned to the right hand side of the church, found his family and jumped into the pew beside them, the service was considerably disrupted.

I, of course, began to laugh when the first person jumped and squealed and laughed even more when Lucky finished licking his people and turned to sit on the pew and face the pulpit, tongue lolling out, smiling triumphantly.

I don't quite remember how we ended the service, probably with an impromptu benediction and some gloriously joyful hymn — maybe “Joy to the World,” since that's one of my favorites and our organist liked to play it.

The people who were there still remember the joy they felt in worship that day, not because the liturgy was perfect or because the prelude or postlude was awesome, or because the sermon was inspiring. They remember it because one of God's creatures came to church and found his family.

We should all be so Lucky!



Alamo will not go under UN control

Patterson responds to Internet gossip: Horse hockey

AUSTIN — Despite spectacular and erroneous reports to the contrary, the Alamo is not being turned over to the United Nations — or anyone else for that matter.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson today attempted once again to let Texans know that if the Alamo and the other Spanish missions in San Antonio are added to the UNESCO World Heritage List, the Alamo will remain entirely under the control of the state of Texas and the Texas General Land Office.

Responding to a media report that the UN flag will fly over the Alamo, Patterson responded bluntly: “Horse hockey.”

Patterson reiterated that a World Heritage Nomination will not change authority, jurisdiction or ownership of the Alamo or any of the other Spanish missions.

“Some folks might think that getting on this list means the UN has some sort of influence at the Alamo. Those folks must not be from around here,” Patterson said. “The people of Texas own the Alamo now and in the future. Nothing is going to change that.”

“My legal team at the Land Office has reviewed this. I have personally met with the National Park Service staff working on this nomination and I am absolutely satisfied that a World Heritage Nomination will have no affect on the Alamo other than a possible increase in foreign tourists.”

Patterson said the World Heritage Nomination is akin to the National Historic Landmark program operated by the National Parks System.

“Just because the Alamo is a National Historic Landmark does not mean the federal government owns the Alamo,” Patterson said. “It’s a tourism designation indicating it’s a place of historic significance. That is all. Same goes for the World Heritage List.”

Cornyn Bill to Protect Victims of Sexual Assault Passes Judiciary Committee

WASHINGTON —(Oct. 31) the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the *Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2013*. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas), is the lead Republican author of the bill.

“This bill provides law enforcement with the resources they need to protect victims of sexual assault and punish their assailants. I’m pleased the Judiciary Committee acted in a bipartisan manner to pass this bill, and I’m hopeful that Sen. Reid will bring it before the full Senate without delay.”

The *Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2013* reauthorizes the *Debbie Smith Act* and other major federal forensic science programs, and makes changes to the *Victims of Crime Act* (VOCA) fund to help ensure that it is not being raided for purposes unrelated to direct victims’ services.

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

Don’t Let Democrats Pack the D.C. Circuit

Instead of trying to fill judicial vacancies where the need is most urgent, President Obama and Senate Democrats are attempting to transform the D.C. Circuit into a rubber stamp for liberalism and big government’

It is one of the most important battles raging in Washington, a fight that will have far-reaching consequences for everything from health care and the regulatory state to gun rights and the war on terrorism. Yet most Americans have heard nothing about it.

I’m talking about Democratic efforts to pack the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D. C. Circuit.

America has 13 different federal appellate courts, but the D.C. Circuit stands out as the most powerful, especially on regulatory and constitutional matters. No other appellate court wields so much influence over hot-button national issues.

The D.C. Circuit currently has eight active judges and six senior judges (who are semi-retired). Based on its caseload, the court does not need more judges at the present time. For example: Between 2005 and 2013, its total number of written decisions per active judge declined by 27 percent, and the number of appeals filed with the court fell by 18 percent. The D.C. Circuit has already taken four months off this year. Meanwhile, other federal appellate courts genuinely are overburdened and do need more judges.

And yet, instead of trying to fill judicial vacancies where the need is most urgent, President Obama and Senate Democrats are attempting to transform the D.C. Circuit into a rubber stamp for liberalism and big government.

Their motivation is simple enough: In recent years, the D.C. Circuit has repeatedly pushed back against executive overreach. In 2011, it struck down the Securities and Exchange Commission’s “proxy access” rule, declaring that the agency failed to conduct a proper cost-benefit analysis before adopting the regulation. Last year, the court vacated the Environmental Protection Agency’s Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, noting that it would “impose massive emissions reduction requirements” on certain states, “without regard to the limits imposed by the statutory text.”

The D.C. Circuit has also rejected as unconstitutional a pair of appointments that President Obama made to the National Labor Relations Board in January 2012, ruling that the administration’s legal rationale for these appointments would “eviscerate the Constitution’s separation of powers.” More recently, on August 12, the court held that President Obama’s Nuclear Regulatory Commission was “simply flouting the law” by delaying a decision on whether to use Yucca Mountain as a nuclear-waste repository. “The president,” it said, “may not decline to follow a statutory mandate or prohibition simply because of policy objections.”

However, the D.C. Circuit has also ruled in favor of the Obama administration on many occasions. Just look at EPA: Since 2012, reports Jeremy Jacobs, the agency has won 60 percent of all D.C. Circuit cases involving “significant challenges” to its regulations, “a better performance than EPA had at the circuit during George W. Bush’s administration.” In particular, EPA has scored landmark victories on cases related to greenhouse-gas regulations, ethanol-blended gasoline, and mountaintop-removal coal mining.

Beyond energy and environmental issues, the D.C. Circuit upheld President Obama’s executive order regarding embryonic stem-cell research on two separate occasions, in April 2011 and August 2012. Additionally, the court upheld the Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. “Obamacare”) in November 2011, ruling that the individual health-insurance mandate was constitutional under the Commerce Clause.

In other words, despite the hyperbolic criticism leveled against it by left-wing activists, the D.C. Circuit remains an impartial judicial arbiter. I haven’t always agreed with its decisions, but I’ve always respected the integrity and professionalism of its members. As for partisanship, the court is currently split right down the middle: Four of its eight active members were appointed by a Republican president, and four were appointed by a Democratic president.

Unfortunately, top Democrats are now smearing the D.C. Circuit judges and vowing to do whatever it takes to shift the court in a more liberal direction. “They’ve done a lot of bad things,” Senator majority leader Harry Reid said in August, “so we’re focusing very intently on the D.C. Circuit. We need at least one more [judge]. There’s three vacancies, we need at least one more and that will switch the majority.”

Not only is Senator Reid attempting to pack the court with judicial liberals, he is threatening to use the so-called nuclear option unless Republicans cooperate. In simple terms: Democrats are prepared to violate Senate rules they have publicly supported in order to “flip” the D.C. Circuit and help the Obama administration impose its agenda. If these tactics succeed, the Senate will be weakened as an institution, and the nation’s “second-highest court” (to quote the president) will be transformed into a far more ideological judicial body.

Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa has offered a reasonable compromise that would allow several of President Obama’s appellate nominees to be approved for courts that actually need judges. As Carrie Severino of the Judicial Crisis Network has observed, the D.C. Circuit “already has the lowest caseload in the nation, and, if anything, trends show that their workload is decreasing.” Indeed, one D.C. Circuit judge recently told Senator Grassley: “If any more judges were added now, there wouldn’t be enough work to go around.”

For all these reasons and more, I hope that members of both parties can reach a sensible agreement before Democrats attempt a reckless power grab.

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: “Whatever” & “I Didn’t Know” Not The Answers The American People Deserve

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) today issued the following statement in response to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius’ testimony on Capitol Hill:

“‘Whatever’ is hardly a fitting response from a Cabinet-level official being asked legitimate questions about how hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars have been wasted on a botched product that not only doesn’t work but is also putting consumers’ personal information at risk,” Sen. Cornyn said. “Add ‘whatever’ to President Obama’s now-common ‘I didn’t know’ and it’s clear we have an Administration with utter disregard for the questions and concerns of the people they’re supposed to represent.”

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Sen. Ron Johnson Prepared to Sue 'Lawless' Obama Administration

Sen. Ron Johnson tells Newsmax TV he is prepared to sue the "lawless" Obama administration over its decision to grant members of Congress and their staff special treatment under Obamacare.

The Wisconsin Republican said Monday he was "highly concerned" that President Obama delayed the employer mandate by a year, despite having no legal authority to change the law.

"Across the board, in so many instances, this is pretty much a lawless administration, [considering] the unconstitutional recess appointments he made to the National Labor Relations Board and to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau," he said.

"This president seems to have no restraint in terms of the Constitution or laws that even he enacts. So I'm highly concerned about that. It's one of the reasons that I really do intend to pursue a lawsuit to overturn another unlawful ruling that grants members of Congress and their staff special treatment under Obamacare."

Solving Obamacare and Our Medical Insurance Crisis

By Glenn Mollette

Everybody needs medical insurance. Without it you are headed for the poor house or a shorter life.

Here is what our government should do:

Make Medicaid available for American citizens in poverty. Citizens receiving some type of monthly government check or making poverty wages should pay "something" for their medical insurance. The payment might be a small amount each month but medical insurance is worth some kind of effort. We can't afford free rides.

Make Medicaid available for the sick with preexisting conditions. When my wife was eliminated from medical insurance because of her multiple sclerosis we were living on about \$35,000 a year. The elimination of healthcare for the sickest member of our family was devastating. We would have scraped and skipped meals to pay almost any premium but it wasn't available. Let the sick with income pay for their Medicaid insurance coverage. They don't mind if they have jobs.

Let the rest of America buy health insurance through private companies. We've covered the poor and the sick in points one and two. Let's get the government out of the rest of our healthcare purchases. Healthy working Americans have to pay their car payments, house payments, utility bills, etc. We can pay our insurance premiums.

The real need is for government to eliminate the 48 billion dollars of medical provider fraud that we had last year in America. This is only the fraud that we know about. We have to bring the cost of medical care down. This will not happen unless our government cracks down on fraudulent Medicare/Medicaid charges. With increased enrollment, these fraudulent charges will skyrocket further.

Next, you and I must be involved in the process of bringing costs down. Negotiate with doctors. Make several calls and find how much they are charging for office visits, surgeries and other procedures. For example, one Washington Post article revealed that the Las Colinas Medical Center just outside Dallas billed Medicare, on average, \$160,832 for lower joint replacements. Five miles away and on the same street, Baylor Medical Center in Irving, Tex., billed the government an average fee of \$42,632 for the same procedures. In downtown New York City, two hospitals 63 blocks apart varied by 321% in the prices they charged to treat complicated cases of asthma or bronchitis. One charged an average of \$34,310; the other billed, on average, \$8,159.

Finally, every day we have to fight the battle of taking care of ourselves. We can't smoke our brains out, eat fat and a pound of sugar every day and be healthy. With our best efforts, health problems are inevitable, but we all must become responsible for our health.

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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 High School Band Going to State Competition

The "Pride of Howe" High School Marching Band qualified to compete in the UIL State Marching Contest to be held in San Antonio November 4. Qualifying bands were selected from this Saturday's Area B contest in Denton. Five Grayson County band made the finals (Howe, Whitesboro, Van Alstyne, Gunter, and Tom Bean). However, finals were canceled due to bad weather. The top four marching bands from the first round of competition earned spots to attend the State competition (3 Grayson County bands - Howe, Van Alstyne, Whitesboro and Holliday).

The Howe Band members are looking forward to the State Competition. The band is part of a long tradition having taking State 2A titles in 1995 and 1997. This week's contest will be the 20th time for the Howe Bulldog Band to compete.

Howe Band Director, Angie Cavendar-Liss, looks forward to the competition. She marched on the field as a student and has been the band director for several years.

Photos from Howe Band Saturday, Oct. 27 contest in Denton.



This video is from Rod Hawkins as posted on his Facebook page. Thank you Rod. This performance was the Area B contest in Denton.



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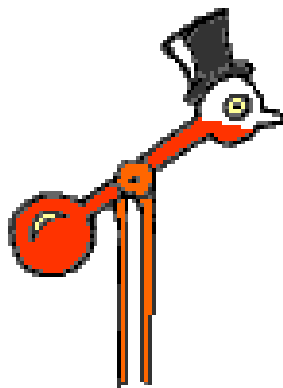
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He spoke with a certain what-is-it in his voice, and I could see that, if not actually disgruntled, he was far from being grunted – P.G. Wodehouse

Let me tell you about the very rich. They are different from you and me. – F. Scott Fitzgerald

The quarrel is a very pretty quarrel as it stands; we should only spoil it in trying to explain. – Richard Brinsley Sheridan

It has been said that the love of money is the root of all evil. The want of money is so quite as truly. – Samuel Butler

Don't give yourself airs. Do you think I can listen all day to such stuff? Be off, or I'll kick you downstairs! – Lewis Carroll

Neither a borrower nor a lender be. – Shakespeare

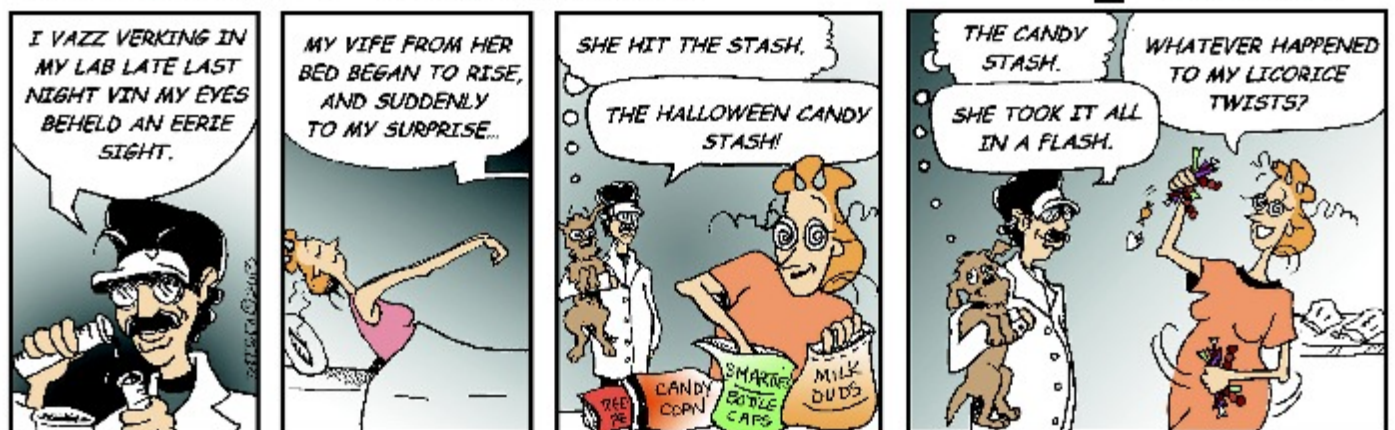
The meek shall inherit the earth but not the mineral rights – J. Paul Getty

I'll risk forty dollars that he can outjump any frog in Calaveras country. – Mark Twain

It makes a difference whose ox is gored. – Martin Luther

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Lee's New Article

Excited to share my new article on TH. It's been 4 years since my last TH piece.

Here are the Cliff Notes concerning my 5-year hiatus:

In an effort to keep my finger on the pulse of public education for my writing, I looked in to returning to teaching HS English and coaching wrestling part-time. It turned in to a major investment in to the lives of some kids with some pretty messed up lives.

The last school I was at was close to 90% black. I became a substitute father for more young men than I can count on two hands. I recently resumed writing after one of my kids was shot four times in a drug deal about the time the media was trying to portray a little hoodlum named Trayvon Martin as the poster child for black youth.

So, here I am. I hope you like this. Thank you for reading my previous work! I hope you will like and support my new journey. I would greatly appreciate your taking the time to comment on this piece @ TH. If you recommend it, that would be cool, too!

Very sincerely, Lee Culpepper





LET'S REMINISCE: TECHNOLOGY CHANGES HISTORY AND BEHAVIOR

By Jerry Lincecum

Anyone who doubts that technology causes major changes in human history should go to YouTube and watch the short documentary film entitled "The Plow that Broke the Plains." Completed in 1936 as a WPA project, it shows what happened to the Great Plains region of the US and Canada after the steel plow triggered uncontrolled agricultural farming, resulting in the Dust Bowl of the 1930s.

In 1837, a man named John Deere developed and manufactured the first commercially successful cast-steel plow. It was ideal for the tough soil of the Midwest and by 1841 Deere was manufacturing 75-100 plows a year. Plows of this type made it possible to farm vast acreage that was previously untillable.

Then the rapid mechanization of agriculture in the 20th century resulted in the displacement of deep-rooted grasses that normally held on to soil and moisture even during times of drought and high winds. By the 1930s that loose soil began turning to dust that the winds blew away in huge clouds that blackened the sky.

Some of you have personal memories of the "dirty 30s" and those born in the 40s and 50s heard stories from family members who were there. Now we are in the 21st century and a more sophisticated technology has fundamentally changed not only our awareness but also our sense of duty to others.

Entranced by the glowing screens in front of us rather than with the people around us, many people don't notice what is going on. For example, a recent attack on a blind man walking down the street in broad daylight in Philadelphia illustrates the problem. Security camera footage later revealed that many passersby ignored the assault and never called 911. Commenting to a local radio station, Philadelphia's chief of police Charles Ramsay said that this lack of response was becoming "more and more common." He also noted that people are more likely to use their cellphones to record assaults than to call the police.

Adding to the problem is the ease with which we can record and send images, which encourages those who are paying attention to document emergencies rather than deal with them. If you think the fascination with capturing images of violence is new, just Google the name "Weegee" to read about his infamous photographs of bloody crime scenes from the early 20th century.

Unfortunately, the widespread use of camera-enabled cellphones has shifted the boundaries of acceptable behavior in these situations. Consider an event from December 2012, when a man was pushed onto the subway tracks in New York City. Trying mightily to heave himself onto the platform, he turned, in his final seconds, to see the train hurtling down on him.

We know this because a freelance photographer who happened to be on the platform took a picture of the awful episode and sold it to the *New York Post*. When the photo appeared on their front page the next day, there was public outrage about profiting from a man's death. However, the photographer noted that others on the platform closer to the man made no effort to rescue him; instead they quickly pulled out their phones to capture images of his dead body.

Remember the parable Jesus taught about the Good Samaritan? Our technology has made them extinct.

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Too many knocks on the door

By Glenn Mollette

It seems that America is living in perpetual Halloween. It's like Bill Murray's movie Groundhog Day. We constantly relive Halloween and we're not laughing. The same monsters keep coming and coming to America's door but they want more than candy. The monsters come in the form of the Afghanistan war, Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid.

The average American doesn't mind what we spend on defense. We rejoice in our freedom and want to support our troops. Most of us believe our military earns their money and deserve more. The rub comes in the fact that we are sick and tired of Afghanistan. In the middle of our budget crisis we were severely reminded by the death of more American troops that the Afghanistan war is very alive.

The loss of more life is a cruel visit by the ugliest monster of all. The knock on the door that one of our children has been killed is the greatest of all nightmares. Mr. President, give the command, get us out of Afghanistan. This would save our country approximately 100 billion dollars a year. We could use this money to do a few things at home but most importantly we could avoid more senseless loss of life.

Social Security is America's frequent treat or trickster. Fifty-eight million Americans are glad and can hardly wait each month. Every month the social security check or deposit is welcomed. Unfortunately the trick is the growing bite the government wants back in taxes. Plus, we are incurring more and more debt to keep the system going. We need 816 billion dollars this year to keep the checks rolling. This amount is only going to grow. The system will not sustain itself and all of us must be willing to be a part of the solution.

Medicare and Medicaid have the biggest and deepest sack of all. This is no little monster. It stands at the door totally unsatisfied for one treat but keeps nodding and shaking the bag for more and more. We will spend over 732 billion dollars on Medicare and Medicaid this year. The projections for the next ten years are scarier. At the forefront of this hungry monster are medical providers who bill our government excessive costs. One physician told me he always bills Medicare or the insurance company three times the amount that he expects to be paid. This same physician would never give me a cash price for a treatment I was personally seeking. He asked me to change insurance companies because my current company would not pay him what he wanted. If our government is going to continue to pay the hospitals, nursing homes and doctors it must get control of the excessive, abusive and fraudulent charges made by many providers. Once we get sick they show up at our doors and stay there until they have financially and emotionally drained us.

We could survive Halloween once a year. For most Americans there are too many knocks on the door from the same monsters and we're tired of them.

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Pawsitively Passionately Pink

Tom Bean ISD students will be participating in the first Pawsitively Passionately Pink Rally for the cure this Friday, October 25th. We will start our rally with a few facts and words, followed by some motivation! We will then conclude with a mile PINK parade walk around the track to raise awareness and to acknowledge those who are fighting or have been through the fight.

Students and classes will be walking with banners and chain links to show their support for all of those, not only battling breast cancer, but all forms of cancer. Students and faculty have also accepted the challenge to see who can wear the most PINK for the event.

Tom Bean High School is also taking donations for the event, with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. With your donation, you will receive a Passionately Pink pin to show your support. Donations may be made in the TBHS office.

Please contact Lorry Royal, TBHS Counselor, for additional information regarding the event.

Breast Cancer Awareness - Facts & Tips

Every 2 minutes, there is a new breast cancer diagnosis.

Every 14 minutes, a life is lost to the disease.

Over 40,000 people will die this year; about 400 of them will be men.

85% of all diagnoses have no family history.

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women between ages 40 and 55.

<http://www.womenrockinc.org/>

For additional information, please visit <http://www.breastcancerawareness.com/education.php> or <http://ww5.komen.org/>



Howe's That

Lana Rideout

A couple of weeks ago Dale and I went to the annual Gilmer Yamboree. I told you recently about the Gospel singing that we enjoyed listening.

As another part of the Yamboree contains earning ribbons for the creativeness of carving and/or decorating yams. We enjoyed looking at the many uses of the Yam which were carved and decorated. Many students and adults won ribbons for their creativeness.

What's Cooking

Tamale Soup

1 lb. hamburger
1 onion, diced
1 green pepper, diced
1 can beef broth
1 can Ro-tel tomatoes
2 cans cream style corn
2 cans beans with jalapeno
½ tsp. cumin seed
1 Tbsp. chili powder
¼ tsp. Garlic powder
Salt to taste
Add latter 1 Tbsp and 1 large can drained tamales
Brown meet, onion, and pepper; add other ingredients and simmer for ½ hour. Just before serving add tamales, cut in 1 inch pieces, and cornstarch to thicken..




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