

September 1, 2011

New Texas traffic, criminal laws set to go into effect September 1

Below is a list of selected changes to traffic and criminal statutes. Unless otherwise listed, all laws below take effect September 1, 2011. Please note that this is not a comprehensive list of all new laws passed by the Texas Legislature.

Criminal Laws

Certain synthetic compounds deceptively labeled as "bath salts" and synthetic marijuana products (K2 or spice) have been added to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act. (HB 2118, SB 331) Bath salts contain dangerous stimulants, and K2 mimics the effects of marijuana. Both have been sold in convenience stores and head shops, and have side effects that can be harmful and long-lasting.

The electronic transmission or possession of visual material depicting a minor engaging in sexual conduct ("sexting") has been added as an offense in the Penal Code. The penalty can range from a Class C misdemeanor to Class A misdemeanor, depending on the circumstances. This does not apply to minors involved in a dating relationship or spouses.

The possession or use of tire deflation devices, commonly known as caltrops, for any purpose other than law enforcement use or as an antique or curio is prohibited. Criminal organizations have increasingly used caltrops as they attempt to evade apprehension, resulting in damage to patrol vehicles and innocent vehicles on the road. (SB 1416)

Traffic Laws

Tow trucks have now been added to the slow down or move over laws, which require drivers to slow down 20 miles per hour below the speed limit, or to vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle that has emergency lights activated if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction. (HB 378)

Speed limits will now be the same during night and day driving, and separate speed limits for trucks have been eliminated. The maximum speed limit on state highways may be raised to 75 miles per hour if approved after a finding by TxDOT that the increased speed would be reasonable and safe following an engineering and traffic investigation. (HB 1353)

A driver may not allow a child under 18 to ride in a watercraft while it is being towed on a street or highway. This does not include watercraft being towed on a beach or in a parade. (HB 2981)

Driver License

Hardship driver licenses will be suspended if the holder is convicted of two or more moving violations during a 12-month period. DPS may no longer waive the driver education requirement to issue a 60-day hardship license. (HB 90)

Drivers subject to the Driver Responsibility Program will be able to pay the entire three-year amount of surcharges owed for a violation in advance, rather than paying across all three years. (HB 588)

Veterans will be exempt from the fee for a personal identification certificate if they can show honorable discharge and at least 60 percent service-related disability. Disabled veterans are exempted from driver license fees under current law. (HB 1148)

A veteran designation will be displayed on a driver license for applicants who provide proof of military service and honorable discharge. (HB 1514)

The Sunset Commission has been charged with reviewing the current oversight structure of driver education and driver safety schools, which are currently overseen by the Texas Education Agency, and determine if another state agency should have oversight. Providers of driver education courses, including DPS for the purposes of parent taught driver education, will be able to provide certificates of completion directly to those who have completed driver education courses. (HB 2678)

DPS will establish a deferral program for surcharges assessed under the Driver Responsibility Program to military personnel

actively deployed outside the U.S. for the duration of the individual's deployment. (HB 2851)

Voters will be required to present a driver license, personal identification certificate, military identification, election identification certificate, United States citizenship certificate passport, or concealed handgun license to participate in an election. DPS must create an election identification certificate to be issued by DPS for registered voters who do not have any of the other acceptable forms of photo identification. The election identification certificate will be distinguishable from a driver license or personal identification certificate, and will be issued free of charge to persons only if they do not hold any other acceptable form of identification, as listed in Election Code 63.0101. These forms of identification include a driver license, personal identification certificate, military identification, a United States citizenship certificate, passport, or concealed handgun license. (SB 14)

A four-hour driving safety course was approved for drivers under 25 years old. Drivers under 25 who are cited for a moving violation may be required to take this course. (SB 1330)

Applicants for a driver license or identification certificate must provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States. Applicants who are not U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, or admitted to the U.S. as refugees or asylees are considered temporary visitors. Driver license and identification certificates issued to temporary visitors expire concurrent with the end of the applicant's lawful presence, or after one year if the legal stay is indefinite. Driver license and identification certificates issued to temporary visitors are to be in the same format and contain the same information as those issued to U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents. (SB 1, 82nd 1st Called Session, effective September 28, 2011)

Weapons

A person may carry a handgun, knife, or club in a watercraft under the person's ownership or control. The handgun, knife, or club may not be in plain view, used while engaging in criminal activity, or carried by a member of a criminal street gang. (HB 25)

Employers may not prohibit employees with a concealed handgun license from having firearms or ammunition in their personal cars in the employer's parking lot. This does not apply to employees of public, private or charter schools, or employees of chemical manufacturers or oil and gas refiners. (SB 321) Crime Labs

Crime laboratories are required to preserve biological evidence used in the investigation or prosecution of a felony for at least 40 years, or until the applicable statute of limitations has expired if there is an un-apprehended actor associated with the offense. (SB 1616, effective June 17, 2011)

Law enforcement agencies are required to submit DNA evidence in active sexual assault cases to an accredited laboratory within 30 days of receipt. Once the evidence has been analyzed, the DNA must be compared by DPS to state and federal DNA databases. The bill requires law enforcement agencies to submit unanalyzed DNA evidence collected after September 1, 1996, to DPS for analysis. (SB 1636)

Miscellaneous

A new category of missing person alerts may now be issued for missing persons with intellectual disabilities. Activation of this alert includes a requirement of documentation of a qualifying intellectual disability. (HB 1075)

DPS must create a pass for expedited access to the state Capitol building. To be eligible, an applicant must meet the criteria to apply for a concealed handgun license, with the exception of handgun proficiency requirements. (HB 2131, effective May 30, 2011)

The Texas Fusion Center Policy Council was created to assist DPS in monitoring fusion center activities in Texas. The council is required to establish a privacy advisory group, recommend best practices for fusion centers in Texas and annually submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the council's progress. (HB 3324, effective June 17, 2011)

Texas Department of Public Safety



GCC presents "The Lone Star Truck Stop" on Sept. 10

Before "Wicked" became a hit Broadway musical breaking a slew of box-office records and garnering awards, it started as inauspiciously as any other play and musical - with a staged reading. That is the beginning for any new work, and it is critical to a production's continued development.

Grayson County College theatre students are gaining first-hand experience with this process as they prepare to present a staged reading of "The Lone Star Truck Stop" on Sept. 10. Written by Gene Lenore with music and lyrics by Gil Nelson, both long-time residents of Grayson County, the musical is a collaboration between the college's Theatre Department and the local playwrights.

"It's a brand new musical that has never been presented," said Robin Robinson, GCC's theatre director and professor of theatre and speech. "Our students get to participate in the same process that everything that ends up on Broadway does. For them to gain exposure to this process while in college is a clear advantage, especially for those who intend to pursue professional theatre careers."

Staged readings can be as simple as actors gathered around a table to read the script. GCC's production is a bit more complex because it includes some lighting and the suggestion of costuming and set design. The college's presentation is not intended to be a polished piece; rather, it is more of an elaborate workshop production.

"All the choices we've made are intended to showcase the script," Robinson said. "There will be some technical direction and staging, but even that is geared to promoting the script itself. Everything we've chosen to do is designed to help the audience better experience the script and for us to see what works in front of a live audience and what doesn't."

The students have only had two weeks to prepare for the staged reading. This production is more complicated because, while it is a musical, there is no music on paper; the students are learning the songs from a sheet of guitar chords and a home-produced CD. "They are experiencing what it is to work on a production during its earliest, roughest stage," Robinson said.

Lenore and Nelson were on hand when the students met for the initial read-through. It was the first time they had ever heard their work read by others. Likewise, feedback from the playwright and composer is an invaluable learning opportunity for actors. For the playwrights, a staged reading is critical to the further development of their work. Often, it is the first time they've heard the dialog spoken and the songs sung by actors.

Another advantage for GCC students is that the choices made for the staged reading - such as costuming suggestions, assigning songs to specific characters, and a myriad of other decisions - could make their way into the final script. "Things our students do in the character roles they originate could very likely be incorporated by the playwright and composer in the production's final version," Robinson said.

While GCC theatre students and the playwrights are sure to benefit, they are not the only ones. Audience members also have a unique opportunity to be part of the production's development process by providing their input during a talk-back session after the show. It is possible their reaction may shape the final production as well.

"The playwright and composer learn a lot when they see and hear the audience's reaction during the staged reading. The talk-back session offers more information," said Robinson. "This feedback will help them further fine-tune the musical."

Audience enjoyment is the most important goal for everyone associated with the staged reading of "The Lone Star Truck Stop." It is a tip of the hat to a totally Texan story with totally identifiable characters that are near and dear to all things Texan. As the only living relative of her Texas uncle, Lady Belmont of England inherits her uncle's truck stop in tiny Possum Flats. A recent widow herself, Lady Belmont intends to sell the business to pay the back taxes on her husband's estate - but that's before she meets the quirky Texans who frequent the truck stop and the slick-talking lawyers from Big D.

"It's your basic Texas two-stepping comedy between loyalty and the almighty dollar," said Robinson.

Freshmen Whitney Bierilo of Ivanhoe and Blake Rice of Savoy lead the cast as Lady Eleanor Belmont and Sam Houston Crockett, respectively. Sophomore cast members include: Justin Roberts of Bells as the Rev. Albert Wilson; Calvin Douglas as R.J. Tatum and Albany Knight as Nell Black, both of Denison; Maggie Bergener of Denton as Narrator; Noah Scheibmeir of Sherman as Zeb Tucker; J.J. Battles of Tom Bean as Jay Ray Foley; Elizabeth Holland of Trenton as Bobbie Jo Walker; and Judson Wall of Whitewright as Chuckie Reed. Freshmen cast members include: Jose Gomez of Denison as L.P. Latham; Nathan Owens of Essex, England, as Nigel; Wes Hayes of Howe as Roy Potts; Dillon Wooten of Trenton as C.D. Higgins; Stephen Stimpson of Whitewright as Ed Earl Crane; and Antwan Howard of South Bend, Indiana, as R.W. Roberts.

In addition to Robinson, the production staff includes Tenna Matthews and Thea Albert, GCC professors of theatre and technical directors, and Pam Gauthier, a community volunteer who serves as musical director. Douglas also serves on the crew where he's responsible for set design. Other sophomore crew members are: Amber Patrick of Colbert and Skylar Fulton of Tom Bean, makeup design; Fabian Garcia of Community, light design; Lexi Lehberg of Frisco, music assistant and light board operator; Miranda Shell of Gainesville, stage manager; and Jessica Huffstetler of Whitesboro, assistant director. Freshmen crew members are: O.T. Mitchell of Denison, sound board operator; Levi Hardin of Denton, props; and Kassandra Poindexter of Whitewright, assistant stage manager.

The only presentation of "The Lone Star Truck Stop" is set for Sept. 10 at 7 pm in the Black Box Theatre of the Arts & Communications Center on GCC's Main Campus in Denison. The production is free. However, reservations are strongly recommended since the Black Box is configured to accommodate 96 audience members for this 105-minute production. For reservations or more information, contact the GCC Theatre Department at 903-463-8609 or <mailto:theatre@grayson.edu> theatre@grayson.edu .



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by Lana Rideout

Is global warming the fault of people who use petroleum products and dispose of empty water bottles into trash dumps?

Al Gore says that the science is settled; but there is no such thing as settled science.

Science is always trying to verify new data and discover new facts about the natural world.

Science does not opine about the supernatural world.

The con artists in warming who use the term "settled science" are distorting the term settled law and combining it with the political bandwagon effect and peer pressure to get agreement to nonsense.

And along with the settled science is the theory of evolution also being "settled science."

Advances in microbiology since Darwin's time, reveal infinitely complex mechanisms requiring hundreds of parts working together at once -- complex cellular structures, DNA, blood-clotting mechanisms, molecules, and the cell's tiny flagellum and cilium.

Darwin's theory was that life on Earth began with single-celled life forms, which by random mutation, sex and death, would pass on the desirable mutations, and this process, over billions of years, would lead to the creation of new species.

A test Darwin set for his theory was this: "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."

Vegetable Confetti

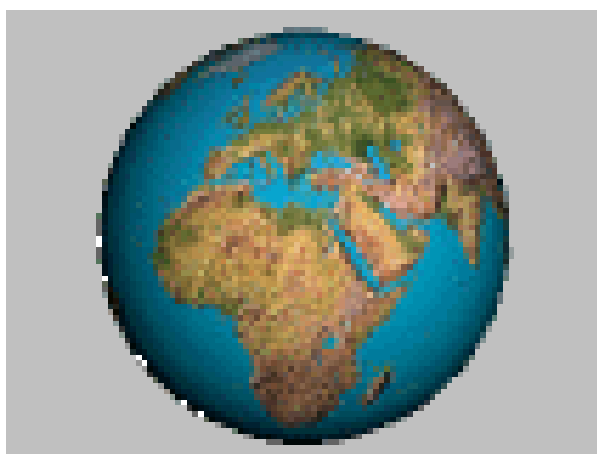
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 cups okra, rinsed, trimmed and sliced
- 2 cups fresh corn (cut from cob)
- 4 large ripe tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 slices crisp bacon, crumbled

Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat; add the olive oil.

Add the onion and sauté for a few minutes; then add the okra, corn, tomatoes, salt and pepper. Stir and cover. Lower heat and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Before serving, sprinkle with crumbled bacon.

Makes 6 or 8 servings.



Howe ES/MS Menus

Sept. 5-9

Breakfast -

Monday -Holiday

Tuesday - Cinnamon roll, cereal/toast, spiced apples, orange juice

Wednesday – Pancake on stick, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fresh grapes, grape juice

Thursday – Blueberry muffins/toast, orange halves, orange juice

Friday - Eggs/sausage, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, cantaloupe, orange juice

Lunch

Monday - Holiday

Tuesday – Hamburger or Frito pie, burger fixins, potato rounds, corn cobbette , diced pears, chocolate pudding

Wednesday – Hot dog, chili dog, or fish strips, steamed mixed vegetables, fresh grapes, macaroni & cheese, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday – Cheese pizza or ravioli casserole w/toast, tossed salad, carrots & celery sticks, orange halves, frozen fruit bar

Friday – Chicken crispeto or fajita quesadilla, garden salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail.



Photo: Troup leader Sondra Hash, Girl Scout Jessica Christensen, and library director Becky Hogenson.

Girl Scout project at the Howe Library

Jessica Christiansen recently earned her Girl Scout Gold Award through a project benefiting the Howe Community Library.

Jessica focused on making juvenile library books identifiable with the Accelerated Reader (AR) software used by the school district. This process involved pulling all of the juvenile fiction and nonfiction titles from the shelves, looking up Accelerated Reader information for each title and then writing the information inside.

Color coded labels were attached to the spine of each book before they were reshelfed. This was a very labor intensive project that required training and organizing numerous volunteers. Additionally, Jessica created a brochure that explains the AR process for students and parents. She also designed a PowerPoint presentation about AR. The presentation can be viewed on the library's website at www.howeisd.net (look for link to the library).

Miss Christiansen's project will benefit the students of Howe ISD and library patrons for many years to come. Students will now be able to easily locate library books for use in their reading classes.

The Friends of the Howe Community Library honored Jessica with a reception this summer. She was presented with a plaque noting her contribution. A matching plaque will be permanently displayed in the library.

In the summer of 2012, Jessica will have the opportunity to be recognized by Governor Perry at the state capital. The Gold Award is the highest honor to be achieved in Girl Scouts. Jessica is a member of Sherman Girl Scout troop #450. Troup leader is Sondra Hash.

Howe Football Schedule - 2011

Aug. 18 - Thur. S&S (Scrimmage) Home TBA

Aug. 26 -Collinsville Home 7:30

Sept. 2 - Oakridge of Arlington Home 7:30

Sept. 9 - **Valley View Home 7:30

Sept. 16 - Wolfe City Away 7:30

Sept. 23 - Honey Grove Away 7:30

Sept. 30 - Open Date

Oct. 7 - Paradise Home 7:30

Oct. 14 - *Boyd Away 7:30

Oct. 21 - *Ponder Home 7:30

Oct. 28 - *Pottsboro Away 7:30

Nov. 4 - #*Callisburg Home 7:30

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Howe wins against Collinsville

The Howe Bulldogs started the 2011 season with an 18-7 victory over the Collinsville Pirates on Thursday, Aug. 25.

In the first half, Collinsville prevailed forcing two fumbles and keeping the Bulldog's yardage low. The Pirates capitalized on a Howe fumble, setting the team up for a 3-yard TD run in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Zack Hill connected on a 39-yard pass to Alex Torres, pacing the ball inside the 20-yard line. The Pirates stopped the drive keeping Collinsville ahead at the half.

Howe set up a successful drive at Hill scored on a 3-yard run with 7:19 left in the third period. The extra point was blocked.

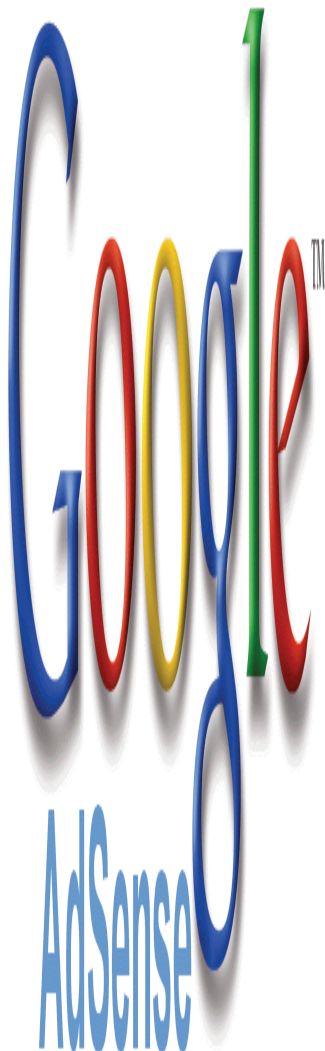
With 11:17 left on the clock, Collinsville intercepted the ball. The Pirates advanced on two first downs, but the ball was then fumbled to the Dogs. The ball exchanged hands for a second round with Howe coming up with the ball 5:14 left in the game.

Hill hit Watson for a 42-yard touchdown play with 2:41 left in the game. The two-point conversion failed putting the score at 12-7. Collinsville then opened up its passing game and with time running out the Pirate's pass was high, over the head of the receiver and into the possession of Bulldog Jacob Grisolia, who ran 65 yards for the touchdown to seal the 18-7 victory as the Howe fans cheered the team.



Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending August 26 are: Jade Cox, Bethany Van Deren, Jacob Roper, Riley Underwood, Alex Hernandez, Austin Thurman, Caytie Coco, Michelle Caballero, Avery Snapp, Caleb Madison, Teagan Stubblefield, Jana Nitchman, Korie Bouse, Breana Cole, Catelyn Armstrong, Jayce Martin, Dax Foster, and Zoey Bolen.

**Howe High School will be having
"Meet the Teacher Night" on
Tuesday Sept. 13
from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**



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Van Alstyne Voices

VAN ALSTYNE - Allison Presley opened this week's Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

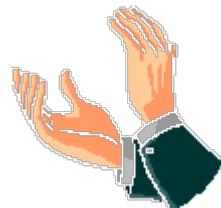
MJ Presley gave a presentation on "Toastmasters Organization, Mission and Goals."

Bob Bishop's talk was "Education--Are You Kidding!"

Allison Presley led Table Topics, with Ian Willis describing a summer book, Ashley Shaw described a children's book she would write, Garrett Shaw gave us a secret story. These were impromptu speeches to sharpen our extemporaneous speaking skills.

Winners for the evening were: Bob Bishop for Best Speaker. Ian Willis for Best Table Topic. Pam Shaw as Best Evaluator.

The September 12th session will be at 7 PM at Grayson County College South Campus in Van Alstyne. People interested in better speaking, better listening and better thinking are invited to visit.



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TOM BEAN 15 LINDSAY, 29

The Tomcats took the field Friday night for the first game of the year in Lindsay. I want to thank the people who showed up to support the Tomcats. The game was a very hard fought battle by both teams but in the end the Knights won 29-15.

I feel like we are headed in the right direction but we are very young in our offense and defense. We had many mistakes and turnovers that cost us the game. We were winning at halftime and played a pretty good first half. Lindsay is a very good football team and made fewer mistakes in the second half that helped them win. Cody Miller played a good game at quarterback and had 70 yards rushing. Trey Hodge had over a 100 yards rushing and Luke Parish, Cade Newell, and Trevor Masias added the rest. Defensively Travis Hill and Sam Ellis made most of the tackles as well as Brandon Bramer having a good game. Travis Hill also had an interception.

We travel to Valley View this Friday to take on the Eagles and we hope to see everyone there.

For the Tom Bean defense, Trevor Masias had several tackles while Travis Hill intercepted a ball and Parrish recovered a fumble.

Stats	Tom Bean	Lindsay
First downs	11	N/A
Rushing yds	46-250	N/A
Passing yds	0	N/A
C-A-I	0-7-1	N/A
Punts-avg.	0-0	N/A
Penalties-yds	9-104	N/A
Fumbles-lost	1-0	N/A

Individual stats:

Rushing -- Tom Bean- Trey Hodge 17-110, Cody Miller 18-72, Luke Parrish 6-43; Lindsay – N/A
Passing -- Tom Bean – Cody Miller 0-7 0; Lindsay – N/A
Receiving – Tom Bean, none; Lindsay, N/A

Tom Bean vs. Dodd City

Tom Bean- The Tom Bean Lady Cats volleyball team hung on to win a five game thriller against Dodd City on Friday night with scores of 15-25, 25-12, 25-15, 23-25 and 16-14. All the girls contributed as a team to lead Tom Bean to victory. There are no single standouts, just a solid team effort that put the right things together for the win.

Tom Bean JV Football

The Tom Bean JV Football team played their first game of the season Thursday, Aug. 25. It was a tough game with the Lindsay Knights that ended in an 8 - 8 tie.

The entire defense did a great job keeping the other team moving backwards most of the night.

Brennon Montgomery, Nathen Kennedy, and Andrew McBride lead the Tomcats on Defense. On offense Brock Shields lead the team in rushing. The scoring was done by a pass from Dylan Ashlock to Hunter Book followed by a two point conversion.

Tom Bean Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 13 (Sat) Anna (Scrimmage) Away 10:30am
Aug. 18 (Thur) Cooper (Scrimmage) Home 5 pm
Aug. 26 - Lindsay Away 7:30pmpm
Sept. 2 - Valley View Away 7:30pm
Sept. 9 - Sunnyvale Home 7:30pm
Sept. 16 - Collinsville Home 7:30pm
Sept. 23 - Pottsboro Home 7:30pm
Sept. 30 - Open
Oct. 7 - Gunter Away 7:30pm
Oct. 14 - Whitewright Away 7:30pm
Oct. 21 - S&S Homecoming Home 7:30pm
Oct. 28 - Bells Away 7:30pm
Nov. 4 - Leonard Home (Sr. Parents Night 7:30pm



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Hagerman Refuge Visitor Center Closed Temporarily

The Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center will be closed from Monday, August 22nd through Wednesday, Sept. 7, to complete construction and exhibit installation. The public is invited to join the Refuge as they celebrate the grand opening of the new facility at 10 am on Thursday, Sept. 8.

The new building will provide approximately 3,200 square feet of administrative office space plus a 4,600 square foot visitor center that will include exhibits showcasing the important marshland and upland habitat for migrating and wintering waterfowl and native wildlife. In addition a 1,500 square foot multipurpose room will provide space for environmental-education programs and special events hosted by the refuge and Friends of Hagerman. Native plants and outdoor interpretive exhibits will also enhance the experience for all visitors. For more information, contact the Refuge at 903-786-2826.

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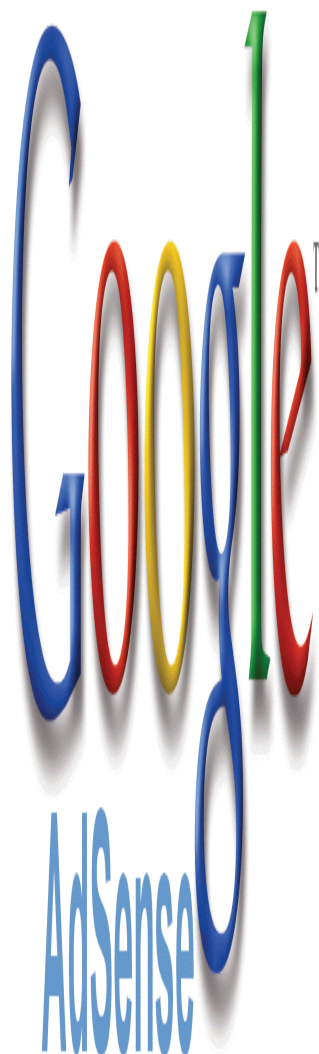
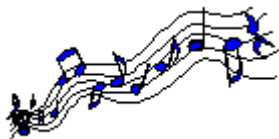
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Our first Saturday Bluegrass event will consist of a potluck on Saturday, September 3rd at 6:00 o'clock with a jam following. We will also have our regular jam on Thursday night, Sept. 1st at 7:00 o'clock. Get your fingers ready! Or maybe your listening ears. Singers are invited to jams also. Donations will be accepted to defray expenses.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided.



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Hardin's East Texas roots

By Bob Bowman

Most of us associate John Wesley Hardin -- the man often called Texas' most famous gunfighter -- with regions beyond East Texas, but the truth is that Hardin had deep roots in the pineywoods.

Born on May 26, 1853, at Bonham, Hardin was the son of John and Elizabeth Hardin. His father was a Methodist minister who named his son for the eighteenth century English religious leader, hoping that young John would belong a preacher, too.

In 1861, while living with his parents at Sumpter in Trinity County, nine-year-old John Wesley first saw a man killed when John Rulf pulled a Bowie knife and slashed the jugular of Turner Evans during a property dispute.

Hardin later wrote about the incident: "It you wish to be successful in life, be temperate and control your passions."

But, six years later in a Sumpter schoolyard, Hardin's own passions erupted when he stabbed a fellow student twice in the chest and back, claiming the boy had accused him of writing a line of doggerel about a female student.

A year later, Hardin's passions flared again during a fight with a black man named Mage at a sugar cane mill near Moscow. Onlookers broke up the fight, but Hardin later shot and killed Mage on a lonely road near Moscow.

Learning that soldiers from the post-Civil War reconstruction government were looking for him, Hardin decided to hunt down his accusers. He ambushed and killed three soldiers at a creek crossing in



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by Dorothy N. Fowler

I'm always looking and listening for words to live by. That's the reason I read the Bible and listen to sermons and talk with friends, foes and family. That's the reason I read books, magazines, newspapers -- even the backs of cereal boxes. A friend who knows that about me recently sent this to me. It ended with the suggestion that it be sent on to as many people as possible. I'm sharing it with you because most of these words are good words to live by.

Words To Live By

Birth Certificate shows that we were born. A Death Certificate shows that we died. Pictures show that we lived! Have a seat, Relax, And please, read this slowly.

I believe ... That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.

I believe... That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

I believe ... That no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

I believe... That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

I believe... That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

I believe... That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

I believe... That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

I believe... That you can keep going long after you think you can't.

I believe ... That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

I believe ... That either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I believe ... That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

I believe... That money is a lousy way of keeping score.

I believe... That my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

I believe... That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down, will be the ones to help you get back up.



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BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued

Dot's Dashes, continued

Trinity County. Thus, by the age of fifteen, Hardin had already killed four men.

In 1871 Hardin went up the Chisholm Trail as a cowboy and reportedly killed seven people on the trail and another three when he arrived in Abilene, Kansas. After allegedly backing down Wild Bill Hickok, Hardin returned to Texas.

Clinging to his East Texas roots, he came back to the pineywoods on numerous occasions.

On a visit to Polk County relatives, he and a cousin rode to Trinity County, where they got into a gambling argument. Hardin was badly wounded and his friends shuffled him around East Texas until they reached Redland, a community near Lufkin.

There, Hardin was to recover at a friend's house, but his stay was brief. Two lawmen surprised him and wounded him again, but he killed both men with a shotgun.

Hardin knew he could run no further and sent the word to Cherokee County Sheriff Richard Reagan, an old friend, that he would surrender only to the lawman.

The sheriff and four deputies arrived the next day. As Hardin gave up his pistol, Reagan's deputies thought he was drawing on the sheriff. A shot rang out and Hardin was wounded a third time. Reagan carried Hardin to his hotel in Rusk, where two weeks of nursing by the sheriff's family saved his life.

After killing a deputy sheriff in Brown County, Hardin was captured in Florida, tried for murder and sentenced to 25 years in prison.

In prison, he studied the law, read theological books, and was superintendent of the prison's Sunday School. When he was pardoned in 1894, he was admitted to practice law.

In 1895, he moved to El Paso, but his old habits were hard to break. He took as his lover the wife of a client, Martin Morose. When Morose found out about the affair, Hardin hired several men, including Constable John Selman, to assassinate him.

On a hot August day in 1894, Selman, shot Hardin in the Acme Saloon because he was never paid for murdering Morose.

(Bob Bowman of Lufkin is the author of more than 50 books. He can be reached at bob-bowman.com)

I believe... That sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I believe... That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

I believe... That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

I believe... That no matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn't stop for your grief.

I believe... That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

I believe ... That you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life Forever.

I believe ... Two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

I believe... That your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.

I believe... That even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you --you will find the strength to help.

I believe... hat credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

I believe ... That the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.



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Capitol Watch
By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Constitutional Amendments Election

The Texas Constitution is one of the longest in the nation and is still growing. During odd-numbered years, Texas voters have the opportunity to accept or reject amendments to the Texas Constitution that are proposed and passed by the Texas Legislature during that year's legislative session. Unlike a regular bill, proposed amendments must receive a two-thirds vote from the members of both the Texas House and the Texas Senate. The governor cannot approve or veto a constitutional amendment; that right is left to the voters of the state. This process helps ensure that the basic core principles of the state which are laid out in its Constitution remain in the hands of those who choose to be governed by those principles. As of today, 643 proposed amendments have gone before Texas voters. Of these, 467 have been approved by the electorate and 176 have been defeated. Thus, the Texas Constitution has been amended 467 times since its adoption in 1876.

This year, voters will be asked to consider 10 constitutional amendments. The election will be held on November 8. The following is the order in which the amendments will appear on the ballot and in which I will discuss them in the following weeks:

PROPOSITION 1 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

PROPOSITION 2 "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

PROPOSITION 3 "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

PROPOSITION 4 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The

amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

PROPOSITION 5 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

PROPOSITION 6 "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

PROPOSITION 7 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

PROPOSITION 8 "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

PROPOSITION 9 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

PROPOSITION 10 "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

You can view a complete list of the proposed constitutional amendments with analyses online at www.tlc.state.tx.us <<http://www.tlc.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.



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Selected Sites

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

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

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If you're looking for a family oriented church home, you found it, with each Sunday morning beginning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classed for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service is led by Palmer Miller.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service, and dress is casual.

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

C R Men's Step Study Classes meet every Saturday night from 6-8 at the church. The church has home study groups throughout the week.

Each Wednesday night begins at 6:30pm 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 Mile Ball @ 903-870-0219



Tom Bean

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

Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

We have two radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>.



Drowning in Narcissism

By Willie Sofey

Narcissus, you remember from Greek mythology, was a beautiful young man who fell in love with his own image.

In John Milton's epic poem "Paradise Lost" (1667), he postulates that Eve, moments after her creation, becomes enraptured by an image reflected in the water of herself. Milton continues that God urges Eve to look away from her own beautiful image, which is also the object of Adam's desire, and that Eve should not delight upon her image in individual form.

A critique by Julie M. Walker states that Milton's hypothesis is that "Eve can know herself only in relation to Adam." Milton, a Bible scholar himself, believes that once the magnificently created Lucifer saw the reflection of his beauty (Ezekiel 28:12-19), and in the individual delight of his magnificence, he falsely claimed angels were "self-begot, thereby denying God's authority over them. Original sin of pride was born into the universe and to this day the heathen still claims credit for his "self-begot" accomplishments.

Milton's epic poem concerns the Christian story of the fall of man; the temptation by the fallen angel Satan; and the expulsion from Eden. Milton states in book 1 that he will try to "justify the ways of God to men." One of the themes of these twelve books centers on Milton's concept of what is "idolatrous." He criticizes man's focus of constructing edifices (e.g., altars, temples, and other buildings) to serve as places of worship. It seems, in Paradise Lost, Adam tries to atone for his sins by

Local Churches

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Drowning in Narcissism continued

offering to build altars to worship God. The angel Michael explains to Adam ..., physical objects are not necessary to experience the presence of God.

Milton felt that humans tend to turn to erected objects erroneously investing their faith. Milton may have been drawing his knowledge from Genesis chapters 10 & 11, wherein Noah's grandson Nimrod was in the construction business of the tower of Babel to compete with the deity worshipping Ziggurat Towers.

Satan's influence, through the serpent, was to perpetrate a narcissistic attitude of obsession into Eve's psyche, thereby creating a self-deification similar to Satan's own state of narcissism.

I will refer you to Ezekiel 28:12-19 in describing the beauty in which God created Lucifer..., and how he (Satan) was cast out of heaven, "Your (Satan) heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor" (vs. 17).

Milton even uses Solomon's temple as an example of how an artifact can begin as a God intended place of devotion and end up in an idolatrous state because of human nature. Jesus stated that man had turned God's House into a den of thieves.

I believe the world, and even America, is drowning in narcissism. It seems the world's attention is on an idol of the economy of their flesh, instead of the economies of God's spirit. "People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud,

abusive," (2 Tim 3:2-3, Paul describing the end times).

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world, If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15-16).

To adhere to the characteristics of our calling, we must put to death the characteristics of our fleshly nature and follow the lead of the Spirit of God to become sons of God, (Col. 3:5-8 and Rom. 8:12-15).



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903/892-9635, Sun. 10

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601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,

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RED RIVER

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Neighborhood Genealogist - In The Cemeteries

By Dale Rideout

In an earlier article I suggested that you should always be ready to do research. This means to have your list of names, places, etc. always with you in some form. You never know when the perfect opportunity will arise to do research.

This past weekend my wife and I took a short vacation. We stayed in a motel in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Our visit was not primarily to Mt. Pleasant, but that was just where we stopped. One morning we were "sight seeing" and stopped in the Mt. Pleasant library. They had an historical museum in their basement along with genealogy books.

As we finished looking through the museum, I sat down at a table with an open book on it. This book was an index to the cemeteries of Titus County, Texas. My wife's great-grandparents had lived in Titus county, so we took time to research the book.

We found the family name and began to take notes on various family members and the cemeteries they were buried in. This is where we were not totally prepared. My wife's grandmother had many brothers and sisters. Of course the brothers last names were the same as the great-grand parents, but we could not remember the married names of all the sisters. Because of that we were limited in our research.

After making notes of all the "Landrums", we looked at the individual cemeteries for each name we found.

Now, let me explain something. These books were one of a kind. They were hand made and likely there was only one copy available anywhere. Books like this are difficult to find. Sometimes there will be handmade copies of these book in other libraries but there will not be hundreds of copies available in many different location. The main index told us the name of the individual, and the cemetery he was buried in. The second group of books gave an index by cemetery of the individual buried there, along with the birth and death dates from their marker, and name of spouse if both were buried in the same cemetery.

As I said, when we finished in the first book, we looked up all the other cemeteries to get the birth and death dates and spouse names and dates. This filled in a lot of information we did not have for those family members.

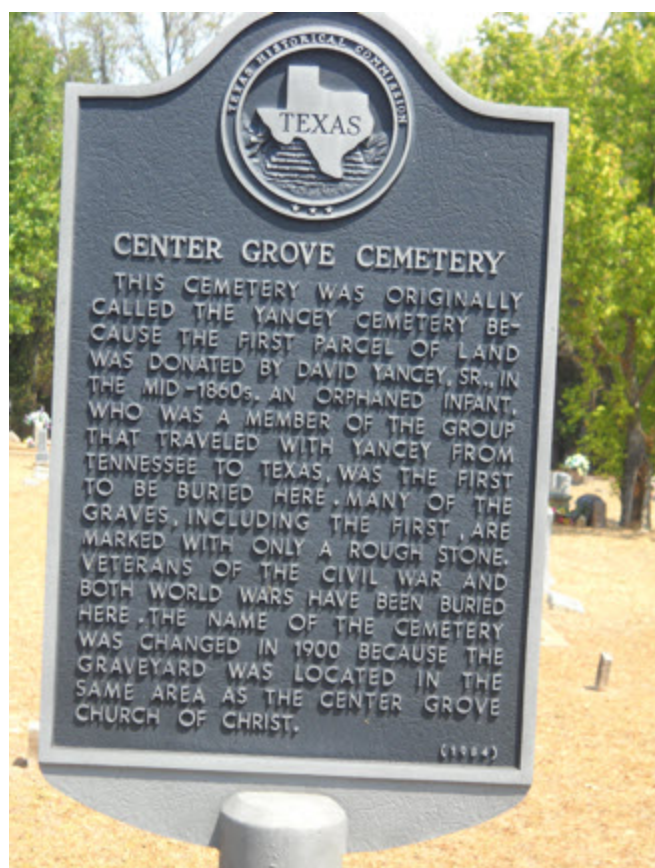
Now came the fun part. We chose the closest cemetery with the most family members buried there and visited that cemetery. The temperature was about 104 degrees. My wife took her umbrella for shade, and we began walking that cemetery looking for the markers, and photographing those of her family members. This gave us a good record of information necessary in completing your genealogy.

We had three extra surprises that we enjoyed. First, as we were walking, my wife saw a familiar name. It was the married name of the youngest sister. So we now had her information along with her husbands information, and a photo of the tombstone.

While back in the library reading about the cemeteries, I had read the name of the man who gave the land for a cemetery and church. Our second pleasant surprise was to find his family plot in this cemetery. We photographed that as well to add to our records.

Our third surprise was the church building we found. My wife's family history shows that many of her family were members of the Church of Christ. The cemetery was the Centergrove Cemetery. Across the street from the cemetery was the Centergrove Church of Christ. This was an old building with only the church name on it. There were no other signs. It was difficult to tell whether it was still in use. It was new enough to have air conditioning, and the yard area was mowed. The front door was locked with a chain and pad lock which is unusual for a building that is being used. The electric power lines were still connected, but we could not tell whether they were being used.

We feel that we found a real treasure of information. We also probably missed a lot because we did not know the married names of some of the women. We will have to make a trip back sometime after preparing better with a complete list of family names to look for.





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LEGAL TIPS:

Estate Planning & Resolutions

By Matt Sullivan, J.D., LL.M.

Attorney & Counselor at Law

Many people resolve to improve themselves for each New Year. For example, they promise to change their diet, lose weight, and avoid voting for liberal politicians. Shouldn't estate planning be on your list of resolutions?

First, what would happen to your kids if something happened to you? Have you taken the time to have your estate planning documents properly prepared and executed? Some of the most important documents to consider are a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, Medical Power of Attorney, HIPAA Release, and a Declaration of Guardian. Each document plays an important part in the overall plan. The Will can be used to dispose of your property upon your death. Within it, you can also establish trusts and appoint guardians for your kids. A Durable Power of Attorney will authorize someone to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The Directive to Physicians is also known as a Living Will and is your opportunity to state in writing how you want to be treated in an end-of-life situation. The Medical Power of Attorney will allow someone to make most medical decisions for you if you can't. The HIPAA Release will allow your representative to obtain your medical information. The Declaration of Guardian can be used to appoint or prevent someone from being appointed as your guardian and it can be used to appoint a guardian for your children. Second, when was the last time you reviewed the title to your assets or the beneficiary designations of assets you own? These can be extremely important issues in the event of a person's death. Assets that have properly filled out beneficiary designations will be paid to the beneficiary regardless of what is stated in the owner's Will. Such assets include life insurance, IRAs, and 401(k)s to name a few. Third, what would happen to your pets if you died or became disabled and weren't able to care for them? Pets are extremely important to many people and should be considered when preparing an estate plan.

While estate planning may not be the most fun or exciting undertaking, it can be extremely important and beneficial for your family.

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It's 'Labor' Day, Not 'Union' Day

by Mark Mix, President,
National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation

Most Americans realize that Labor Day is about celebrating workers, not union bosses, but that won't stop Big Labor's apologists from stealing to spotlight to demand more power.

The fact is that modern unions are built on the legal privilege of compulsion. In 28 states without Right to Work laws, nonunion employees can be fired for refusing to pay union dues. Millions more nonunion workers have no choice but to accept union bargaining over their wages and working conditions.

What's more, union officials routinely funnel nonunion workers' dues into political campaigns aimed at defending or expanding their already extensive special privileges. As legislators from Wisconsin to Ohio can attest, this perverse cycle has made it extremely difficult to roll back union bosses' workplace powers. Big Labor thrives on a system of government-granted special privileges. But what do workers get out of this arrangement? According to union apologists, they'd be helpless without it. But the facts reveal a different story.

Compulsory unionism makes union bosses unaccountable to rank-and-file workers, whose financial support is absolutely mandatory. After all, why should union officials bother with the hard work of representing employees if they're sitting on a forced-dues revenue stream guaranteed by the government?

The flood of forced-dues cash also breeds extravagance, abuse, and corruption. Now that Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis has rescinded several modest union disclosure regulations, workers have even less insight into how their hard-earned dues are being spent. The results are utterly predictable: Union boss spending sprees and forced-dues funded political activism take precedence over protecting worker rights.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, AFSCME - the powerful government employee union - was the single largest political spender in the 2010 elections. And that's just the tip of Big Labor's \$1 billion mid-term spending spree. Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO hosted its annual conference at Miami's posh Fontainebleau

Hotel in the depths of the 2009 recession. In 2008, *The Chicago Sun-Times* reported that over \$25 million from five union pension funds had been diverted to all sorts of unsavory activities, including strip clubs, horse farms, and a lavish Las Vegas getaway.

Union operatives aren't above resorting to intimidation to protect their forced-dues fiefdom. Just ask workers at Boeing's Charleston Dreamliner plant, whose jobs are at risk because International Association of Machinist union bosses can't stand the thought of any of the aerospace giant's employees escaping their forced-dues clutches.

Instead of building Dreamliners at their unionized Seattle facilities, Boeing chose to locate production in South Carolina, a state whose popular Right to Work law ensures that no worker can be forced to pay union dues as a condition of employment.

IAM lawyers responded by filing a spurious complaint with the National Labor Relations Board to force Boeing to move production to Washington State, where any new employees would have to pay union dues.

Never mind the fact that over a thousand Charleston jobs are at risk if IAM lawyers shut down production. For union bosses, protecting their special privileges is the only thing that matters.

In nearly 200 cases nationwide, the National Right to Work Foundation is helping employees stand up for their rights in the face of union operatives' intimidation, coercion, and even violence. These cases underscore the extreme lengths to which union bosses will go to retaliate against anyone who refuses to toe Big Labor's line.

Voluntary organizations - from the workplace to your local neighborhood - are quintessentially American. But Big Labor has strayed from its traditions of voluntarism. Instead of persuading workers to join up and pay dues of their own free will, union bosses increasingly rely on coercion to protect their privileged position.

If union officials really want to celebrate Labor Day, they'd renounce their special privileges and free hard-working Americans from compulsory unionism. Otherwise, their talk of "workers' rights" rings awfully hollow.

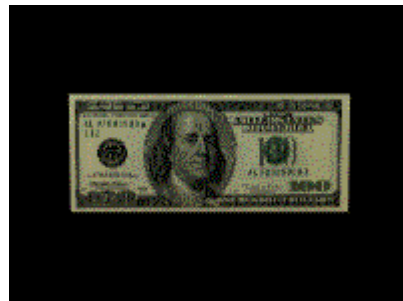


Budget Cuts

Salary of retired US Presidents\$180,000 FOR LIFE
Salary of House/Senate\$174,000 FOR LIFE
Salary of Speaker of the House\$223,500 FOR LIFE
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I think we found where the cuts should be made!

Steve Casey, Louisiana



It's Soooo Hot....

- The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.
- The trees are whistling for the dogs.
- The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- Hot water now comes out of both taps.
- You can make sun tea instantly.
- You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.
- The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.
- You discover that in July it only takes 2 fingers to steer your car.
- You discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.
- You actually burn your hand opening the car door.
- You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 am.
- Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"
- You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.
- The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper. and of course sour cream, diced onions and a few serving spoons of chili.
- Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.
- The cows are giving evaporated milk.

STAY COOL!



OUTZKIRTS

By: David & Doreen Dotson



Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

Getting out more -

Welcome back to my little epistle. Just wanted you to know that the Old Man is doing much better. He has been getting out and going places and doing things. It has been a dull Summer for me because I usually go with him, but since most of his Summer he has not gone anywhere neither have I.

Let's see...we went to a 4-H banquet a few nights ago. Old Man got to visit with several friends he has not seen in quite a while. One of the young men he visited used to sing with Old Man in the barbershop chorus. The young man had a beautiful tenor voice. He is now doing graduate work in college. How the time flies.

Another family at the banquet has three daughter. They have all taken part in 4-H activities. Over the years it was the two oldest girls who were always winning awards for their work and the youngest was just there to help honour her older sisters. Well, this time the oldest girl was not at the banquet. The middle girl was there to honour her youngest sister, and the baby we have watched won many awards. It is now her time to star in the show.

Now to change the subject a little. I just noticed something. The software we use to write and edit these pages is from England. We like it because it is very economical (about 1/10 what the same would cost from the US.) and does a very good job. I just found a little problem and will let you watch to see if you can catch when it happens. I just ran a "spell check" on something I have written. It came back with a correction. It changed the spelling from American English to British English. As an example, in American English the word "neighbor" is spelled without the extra "u" while in British English it is spelled "neighbour." So now, without telling you, see if you can find where I accepted the British spelling over the American. Now prizes, just fun.

See you next time. Bye for now.



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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

