

# Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas  
75459

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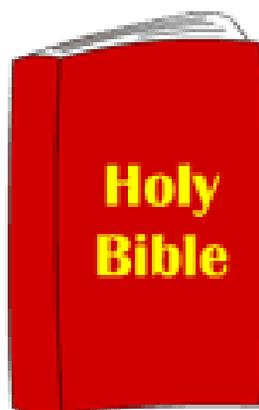
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## Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

“Bluegrass Day” this month is October 5<sup>th</sup>. A bluegrass jam begins at 5 pm on the first Saturday of the month. Donations will be accepted to defray expenses. For those staying for the show, we have scheduled an open mic at 6:30 pm. It is a good opportunity to get some stage experience. Our regular show will then begin at 7 pm.

We welcome Copper Canyon to our stage this month. Members of this band are Celesta Hughes, guitar and vocals, Jim Hughes, mandolin and vocals, Tom Smith, bass and vocals, and Joe Hood, banjo and vocals. This is an energetic band and they will play two sets. Don't miss it!

Admission for the 7 pm show is \$7 per adult with children under 12 accompanied by an adult admitted free.

The doors and concession area will be open at 6 pm, with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

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. Persons interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893 or <http://www.chrystalopryhouse.com>.

(“Like” us on face book--chrystalopryhouse and ([www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com](http://www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com)))



## Fall Food Plots for Wildlife

by Chuck Jones, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent

I don't know any nature lover or hunter who doesn't want to see more wildlife and do their part to provide for their needs. Providing seasonal food plots is one small way to provide important limiting resources for wildlife. So this article will discuss why, when, what, where, and the how to of food plots.

*Why food plots?* Primarily - to provide additional or supplemental food resources for wildlife when natural food sources are limiting or in low quality. Secondly - to increase incidental sightings of wildlife and to help hold them on a property. With that said, food plots are not a replacement for lacking native vegetation. A diverse native plant community is what you really want, but many of our habitats aren't there yet so food plots can help to fill in the gap.

*When to plant food plots?* – Spring and Fall. This article will focus on fall food plots. Fall food plots are typically put in September through October. The soil temperature is still warm enough to germinate seeds, extreme temperatures begin to wane, and of course the rains return.

*What do I plant in my fall food plots?* First, fertilizer. Fertilizing makes the difference. You must have adequate soil fertility to produce a thriving beneficial food plot. Soil test in advance to see what nutrients are needed to grow the crop you are wanting to plant. A soil test cost \$10 plus a little effort. It will let you know the soil's pH, the nutrient availability, and tell you the type and quantity of fertilizer you need to put out. Soil test forms are available at your local Extension office. Cool season forage choices are winter hardy oats, wheat, rye, turnips and mustards, iron clay peas, clovers, and winter peas. A great combination is oats, wheat, clover, and iron clay peas. The iron clay peas will freeze out but will be much enjoyed by the deer before the freeze event. The peas provide high quality food when other warm season native plants are going dormant and are lacking in crude protein levels. North Texas usually has its first frost in mid-November. When choosing a clover consult with your Extension agent because the choices are dependent upon soil pH and texture.

*Where do I plant food plots?* Plant food plots where you can get five to six hours of direct sun. Any less sunlight and your food plots will struggle. Plant food plots in nonerodible areas where slopes are zero to slight. Fall food plots should be planted close to cover. During the winter, trees and shrubs drop their leaves and cover and concealment become lacking. Deer will hang tight to the remaining cover to minimize exposure to hunters, predators, and extreme weather so it makes sense to plant close to cover. Fall food plots should also be smaller in size than summer plots and more of them. Get away from planting food plots in straight lines and rectangles. Make them twist and turn and be irregular in shape. Another good location for food plots is in areas where you want a firebreak. A firebreak is a gap in vegetation or other combustible materials that act as a barrier to slow or stop the progress of a wildfire/brushfire. When food plots are lush and green these strips won't burn and are a natural firebreak. When your food plot isn't in use, then keep it tilled/disked maintaining it as a firebreak. Food plots should compose no more than three to five percent of your total habitat.

*How to plant a food plot?* Everyone has different kinds of equipment or planting implements available for their use. Some just have a disk and a piece of cyclone fence for a drag and others have a seed planter, chain harrow, and cultipacker. So I'll just cover the basics. First, remove all the existing vegetation by spraying, mechanical removal, or both. Incorporate in the fertilizer (turn it into the soil) while breaking up the soil. Second, smooth out the soil and then firm it up. Soil can be firmed up with a cultipacker, roller, or by rainfall. Third, plant seeds. Might have to make two passes because bigger seeds like iron clay peas need to be planted deeper than the small clover, rye, oats or wheat seeds. Once you dragged in or covered the bigger seeds, come back and broadcast/plant the little seeds on top. Press the smaller seeds into the soil surface or *lightly* cover. Lastly, pray for rain. Another good thing to do is to build some kind of wire enclosure around a small section of your planted area. The enclosure could be a small three foot diameter circle four foot high that would keep deer, rabbits, cows, goats, and turkeys from getting to the food source. This is how you can monitor the grazing intensity on your food plots.

Ok, there is a little bit of information on fall food plots. Go out and have fun while at the same time knowing you are helping our native wildlife. If you need any assistance, call my office at 903-813-4202.

## *The Butler*

By Michael Reagan | Aug 22, 2013

There you go again, Hollywood.

You've taken a great story about a real person and real events and twisted it into a bunch of lies.

You took the true story of Eugene Allen, the White House butler who served eight presidents from 1952 to 1986, and turned it into a clichéd "message movie."

"Lee Daniels' *The Butler*" stars Forest Whitaker as Cecil Gaines, a fictional character supposedly based on Eugene Allen's real life.

But let's compare the two White House butlers.

Guess which one grew up in segregated Virginia, got a job at the White House and rose to become maître d'hôtel, the highest position in White House service?

Guess which one had a happy, quiet life and was married to the same woman for 65 years? And who had one son who served honorably in Vietnam and never made a peep of protest through the pre- and post-civil rights era?

Now guess which butler grew up on a Georgia farm, watched the boss rape his mother and then, when his father protested the rape, watched the boss put a bullet through his father's head?

Guess which butler feels the pain of America's racial injustices so deeply that he quits his White House job and joins his son in a protest movement?

And guess which butler has a wife (Oprah Winfrey) who becomes an alcoholic and has a cheap affair with the guy next door? (I'm surprised it wasn't the vice president.)

After comparing Hollywood's absurd version of Eugene Allen's life story with the truth, you wonder why the producers didn't just call it "*The Butler from Another Planet*."

Screenwriter Danny Strong says he was trying to present a "backstage kind of view of the White House" that portrayed presidents and first ladies as they really were in everyday life.

Well, I was backstage at the White House -- a few hundred times. I met and knew the real butler, Mr. Allen, and I knew a little about my father.

Portraying Ronald Reagan as a racist because he was in favor of lifting economic sanctions against South Africa is simplistic and dishonest.

If you knew my father, you'd know he was the last person on Earth you would call a racist.

If Strong had gotten his "facts" from the Reagan biographies, he'd have learned that when my father was playing football at Eureka College one of his best friends was a black teammate.

Strong also would have learned that my father invited black players home for dinner and once, when two players were not allowed to stay in the local hotel, he invited them to stay overnight at his house.

Screenwriter Strong also might have found out that when my father was governor of California he appointed more blacks to positions of power than any of predecessors -- combined.

It's appalling to me that someone is trying to imply my father was a racist. He and Nancy and the rest of the Reagan family treated Mr. Allen with the utmost respect.

It was Nancy Reagan who invited the butler to dinner -- not to work but as guest. And it was my father who promoted Mr. Allen to maître d'hôtel.

The real story of the White House butler doesn't imply racism at all. It's simply Hollywood liberals wanting to believe something about my father that was never there.

My father's position on lifting the South African sanctions in the '80s had nothing to do with the narrow issue of race. It had to do with the geopolitics of the Cold War.

But facts don't matter to Hollywood's creative propagandists. Truth is too complicated and not dramatic enough for scriptwriters, who think in minute terms, not the big picture, when it comes to a conservative.

Despite what Hollywood's liberal hacks believe, my father didn't see people in colors. He saw them as individual Americans. If the liberals in Hollywood -- and Washington -- ever start looking at people the way he did, the country will be a lot better off.

**BOYCOTT "THE BUTLER"**

## Notice of Bluegrass Program

Masters of Bluegrass featuring Lou Reid and Carolina and The Byron Berline Band.

Saturday November 16, 2013. Doors open 5:30 PM, show at 6:00 PM.  
McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee St, McKinney.

All seats reserved at \$20. Order today for best available seats.  
tickets.mckinneyp performingartscenter.org 214-544-4630

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What's Happening?

September 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Sherman Arts Fest
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Dale's Birthday					

**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](mailto:lanarideout@cablone.net) with your information.**



## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### Amendment No. 6 (S.J.R. 1)

*The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.*

Senate Joint Resolution 1 proposes to amend the Texas Constitution by creating the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT) as special funds in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund to be administered, without further appropriation, by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and used for the purpose of implementing the state water plan adopted by the board. The proposed amendment authorizes the transfer or deposit of state revenue into each fund, but does not itself make a transfer or deposit of money into either fund.

The proposed amendment permits the legislature to authorize the TWDB to enter into bond enhancement agreements payable from the SWIFT to provide additional security for bonds used to finance state water plan projects. Repayment of an amount paid under a bond enhancement agreement may not cause general obligation bonds to be no longer self-supporting. The proposed amendment also permits the legislature to authorize the board to use the SWIFT to finance water projects by direct loan. A bond enhancement or loan agreement is subject to the approval of the Legislative Budget Board (LBB). The proposed amendment also permits the legislature to authorize the TWDB, with the approval of the LBB, to issue bonds and enter into related credit agreements that are payable from the SWIRFT.

The proposed amendment requires the TWDB to annually set aside from each fund amounts sufficient to make bond or bond enhancement agreement payments that become due from those funds during that year. It prohibits any dedication or appropriation of amounts in a fund from being modified in a way that would impair any outstanding bond or obligation under a bond enhancement agreement secured by a pledge of those amounts unless provisions have been made for a full discharge of the bond or bond enhancement agreement. The proposed amendment also provides that obligations payable from either fund are not considered general obligations of the state.

The enabling legislation for this amendment, H.B. 4, addresses in more detail the manner in which the proposed water funds are administered, prioritized for funding, and the portion of the money disbursed that is to be applied for various purposes. In addition, H.B. 1025, appropriates \$2 billion out of the economic stabilization fund to the SWIFT to be used by the TWDB to finance projects in the state water plan in accordance with H.B. 4. The relevant provisions of H.B. 4 and H.B. 1025 are contingent on the approval by the voters of the constitutional amendment proposed by S.J.R. 1.

Supporters say ensuring an adequate water supply is vital to the public health and continued economic well-being of the state. The current ongoing drought, coupled with the water needs of the state's growing population, has made it of paramount importance that the state invest in water infrastructure. If the state's growing water needs are not addressed, the state stands to suffer from the loss of over a million jobs, billions of dollars in lost income, reduced economic activity, and decreased tax revenues in the coming years.

The proposed amendment establishes the SWIFT and the SWIRFT, which are to be capitalized by a one-time appropriation of \$2 billion from the economic stabilization fund, for the purpose of financing water projects included in the state water plan. Using money from the economic stabilization fund for water infrastructure is an appropriate use of the fund, which was created as a savings account from which the legislature can appropriate funds as necessary to respond to emergencies such as the current drought, and will provide a better return on investment than if the money were left in the fund. Such a use of money from the fund will neither harm the state's credit rating nor hinder the state's ability to respond to an emergency.

Opponents have commented that the economic stabilization fund should not be used to capitalize the funds to be created by the proposed amendment. Instead, such funding should come from the general revenue fund. Drawing down funds from the economic stabilization fund may negatively affect the state's credit rating and leave the state inadequately equipped to respond to future emergencies.

These two new funds are unnecessary as there already exist two constitutionally dedicated water development funds as well as several financial assistance programs for water infrastructure administered by the TWDB. Through the two new funds, the state will act like an investment bank, and it is not the state's role to be in the commercial investment banking business. Financing for local water projects should be provided not by the state but by the users benefiting from those projects. Instead of funding new projects and initiatives, the state should ease regulatory burdens that currently hinder the development of an adequate available water supply in the state.

You can view a complete list of the proposed constitutional amendments with analyses online at [www.hro.house.state.tx.us](http://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](mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us). My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.





## Psalm 33:1-22 (KJV)

- <sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.  
<sup>3</sup> Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.  
<sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.  
<sup>5</sup> He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.  
<sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.  
<sup>7</sup> He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.  
<sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.  
<sup>9</sup> For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.  
<sup>10</sup> The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.  
<sup>11</sup> The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.  
<sup>12</sup> Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.  
<sup>13</sup> The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.  
<sup>14</sup> From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.  
<sup>15</sup> He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.  
<sup>16</sup> There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.  
<sup>17</sup> An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.  
<sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;  
<sup>19</sup> To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.  
<sup>20</sup> Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup> For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.  
<sup>22</sup> Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.



## Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship begins each Sunday morning at 9:00am with coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes of all ages at 9:30. Worship is to begin 10:30. D'Anna Lodge will be leading worship service.

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

Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus is a class for all the kids from ages 2-10 years old. They meet each Sunday morning during worship time. The children learn Bible stories and take a journey on Rt 66 to learn the books of the bible.

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

The Lords Supper is celebrated each Sunday during worship service. The church is part of the "One Movement".

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 at our Fall Meeting October 6 - 11. This years theme is "The True Church" with guest speakers each night. /Services will begin each night at 7:30pm. Sunday services will begin at 9:00am with bible class for all ages and worship at 10:00am. The evening worship service begins at 7:30pm.

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

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

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>. Their television program comes on CBS at 7:30am. "A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on [www.PregnancyDecisions.org](http://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](http://www.thegbf.com)  
**VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

### Howe

**APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC**  
405 S. Collins Frwy,  
Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166;  
Sun. 10am & 6pm  
**NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP/AG,**  
912 S Denny St.  
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,  
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45  
**BETHEL BAPTIST**  
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd,  
Weldon Hutson, pastor,  
903/532-6032  
**SUMMIT CHURCH**  
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,  
903/815-1472 ; 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**  
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**INSPIRATION POINT COWBOY CHURCH**  
FM 2729, 2.5 miles  
South of Tom Bean  
Duane Peters,  
903-815-2278

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## LIVING WATER

An Outreach Publication of the Church of Christ

"Toddler Rules"

Have you seen this list compiled by Kevin McHugh?

Toddler Rules of Ownership and Sharing

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my hand, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm doing or building something, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it looks just like mine, it's mine.
8. If I saw it first, It's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, automatically it becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.
11. If it is broken, but you are having fun playing with the pieces, it's mine again.
12. If there is any doubt, it's mine.

Considering this list, Stan Mitchell mused: "We smile indulgently because these are, after all, toddlers... It's sad, however, when an adult exhibits this sort of selfishness." \*

But we do!

In fact, selfishness is at the root of all sin. Consider mankind's first sin in the Garden of Eden (see Genesis 3). The serpent (Satan) told Eve that despite what God had said, she would not die. Satan added: "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5).

"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it" (Genesis 3:6).

Satan tempted Eve with the lust of the flesh ("saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food"), the lust of the eyes ("pleasing to the eye"), and the pride of life ("desirable for gaining wisdom"). Cf. 1 John 2:15-17.

Yet all of these avenues of temptation appeal to our Self-ish-ness!

Selfishness leads to SIN, and sin leads to DEATH! "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23).

But God loves us so much that He wants to free us from the prison of self and sin. He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross to pay the price for our redemption (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:7).

He will save and give eternal life to those who submit to the Savior by placing their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). To those who continue to trust and follow Him, Jesus will give victory over self and sin!

"Mine, mine, mine!" We expect to hear that from children. But we need to realize that all things belong to God, who wants each of us to "get out of ourselves" and into His purposes for us that lead to salvation and life!

Won't YOU turn from self and trust and obey Him?

David Sargent, Minister  
davidsargent1@comcast.net

Church of Christ at Creekwood  
<http://www.creekwoodcc.org>  
Mobile, Alabama

\* Source: Stan Mitchell, "Toddler Rules of Ownership and Sharing." COLUMN: REALITY CHECK in Forthright Magazine, <http://forthright.net/2013/05/23/toddler-rules-of-ownership-and-sharing/>

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](http://www.creekwoodcc.org)

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BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1271 Pilot Grove St.  
903/450-3708

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST OF LATTER DAY  
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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  
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CHURCH**  
Northwest corner Hwy 5 &  
County Line Rd.  
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Shannon Jackson, minister,  
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CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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minister; worship 11am  
**ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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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  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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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  
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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



## Austin College Faculty Discuss Preparation for Future Scientists

SHERMAN, TEXAS—Austin College faculty **Lance Barton** and **Stephanie Gould** of the Science Division and **Peter DeLisle**, director of the Austin College Posey Leadership Institute, will discuss “STAR\* Academy: training future scientists to lead the exploration of new frontiers” (\*Science Teaching And Research) on Tuesday, September 24, at 11 a.m. in Wright Campus Center, Room 231. The presentation, the first of the Johnson Center Faculty Research and Pedagogy Talks of the year, is free and open to the public. A carry-your-tray luncheon at noon in Room 245 will allow continued discussion of the topic.

Barton, associate professor of biology, joined the Austin College faculty in 2003. Gould, who joined the faculty in 2008, is an associate professor of chemistry; and DeLisle, who joined the faculty in 2005, holds the Leslie B. Crane Chair in Leadership Studies.

“Future generations of scientists will be tasked with finding innovative solutions to problems that are greater in scale and magnitude than what we have ever faced,” Barton said. “A collaboration between the Posey Leadership Institute and faculty in the science s will create a curriculum that will develop the technical, interpersonal, and leadership skills to prepare our graduates to work on these new scientific frontiers. “

At the presentation, the faculty will discuss the vision for the program, report some early experiments in the classroom, and define the model for developing professionalism and leadership from within academic disciplines.

Austin College’s Robert and Joyce Johnson Center for Faculty Development and Excellence in Teaching, is directed by **Bernice Melvin**, Margaret Root Brown Chair of Foreign Languages and Literatures and professor of French. Within the mission of the center is the encouragement of “bold exploration of intellectual frontiers” and “fostering lively intellectual dialogue within and across academic disciplines.”

The Johnson Center schedules a number of events throughout the year, with presentations by Austin College faculty and guest lecturers.

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



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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-I-S-I-E-S

By Dorothy N. Fowler

Quiltingboard.com puts quilters all over the world in touch with each other. Members, and anyone can become a member, ask about quilting problems, post pictures of their latest projects, chit chat about non-quilting matters, share recipes, swap/sell/buy fabric and other supplies and private message each other as needed.

As happens in any group, occasionally someone gets bent out of shape and says something unkind, but it doesn't take long for the members to put a stop to unkindness. It just isn't tolerated as members of the group are quick to remind the person who is out of line. It would be easy to say that we just don't put up with mean girls, but since there are a significant number of men who quilt, either with their wives or girlfriends or individually, it is safer to say we just don't put up with meanness.

One of the things I have really enjoyed about the quilting board is the people who have cats and dogs, often referred to as fur babies, who are part of the quilting process. They frequently complicate life for a quilter by scattering fabric pieces that have been cut and arranged and are ready to be made into a block. Cats sometimes jump into laps of those who are sewing or onto the sewing machine to try to discover what the machinery is doing, and they all seem to love to inspect quilt tops ready for the quilter and finished quilts. These animals are called "quilt inspectors" and most seem to love their work. Dogs are not quite as troublesome, although there are those who love to chew fabric while they are lying on partially or totally finished products.

Wookie Doodle and Booger, my irrepressible Yorkies, like to lie on the quilt when I am whipping the binding into place. My cats prefer the finished product, seeking out the tallest pile of quilts and taking their naps there. This, of course, creates a hair problem, because unless a cat is one of the breeds that is hairless, they shed.

One of the things all quilters are agreed on is that if they have pets in the house, a quilt made as a gift has to be washed and dried before it goes to the recipient.

Now if you are wondering why I have chosen this week to provide information that most people probably have no interest in, it's because I don't want to get involved in a discussion of Tea Party politics, which both fascinates and repels me.

My question for Tea Partiers and others who are so angry with the United States government, is simple: "What are you so angry about?"

Unless you have been jailed unjustly—and a lot of that goes on in Texas because our law enforcement and judicial officers don't follow the rules that most other states follow—it's hard for me to understand the anger.

It seems to me that very few of the people who are angry and politically active are homeless, hungry, or sick. They are mostly upper middle income and upper income folks who are driving Cadillacs or Lexus and living in houses whose main attraction is room "to entertain," whatever that means.

Their anger results in inflammatory and frequently false statements and, unlike the occasional angry person on the quilting board, there does not seem to be a way to calm them, to reassure them.

They remind me of the Iraqi man who was filmed driving a truck away from a site where the truck had been loaded with sacks of food bearing the USDA stamp. "Death to America!" he yelled as he drove away.

Ah! But I have departed from quilting and the quilting board and its basic harmony, which I wish could be replicated in American politics right now.



## Cornyn Calls on Senate Democrats to Defund Obamacare

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement on his support for the House-passed continuing resolution (CR) that defunds Obamacare:

**“Nearly four years ago the Democrat elite rammed through the President’s \$2.6 trillion, 2,000 plus page takeover of health care under the cover of night with the help of special sweetheart deals like the Cornhusker Kickback and the Louisiana Purchase.**

**“Now that they know what’s in it and it’s clear the law is an utter disaster for American families, I call on all my Democrat colleagues, especially those from Arkansas, Louisiana, Alaska, and North Carolina, to join Republicans in defunding Obamacare.”**

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: Only Way to Effectively Stop Obamacare is to Dismantle it Entirely

*Voices Support for House-Passed CR that Defunds Obamacare*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) today outlined his support for the House-passed Continuing Resolution (CR) that defunds Obamacare and the reasons this flawed law must be completely dismantled and defunded to save Texans and Americans across the country from its detrimental impact:

**“During the health care debate in 2009 and 2010, President Obama did not seek any kind of genuine compromise with Republicans, but instead he chose to ram it through on a controversial party-line vote, which has generated nothing but division and bitterness since this legislation was first passed. Four and a half years later Obamacare is more unpopular than ever.**

**“The only way to effectively stop Obamacare is to dismantle it entirely. That’s why I strongly support the House bill that would defund Obamacare and save the American people from this public policy train wreck.**

**“My colleagues and I stand ready to work with the president on smart, patient-centered health care reforms that will actually reduce costs and improve access. But we refuse to help him salvage a law that has proven to be so unaffordable, unworkable and so completely at odds with what the American people were told the law would do when this bill was passed.”**

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## Cornyn Op-Ed: For Democrats, Defund or Double-Down on Obamacare?

*‘This is a unique and rare opportunity  
to defund Obamacare with a simple majority - 51 votes.’*

### **Bipartisan Legislation is the Best Way to Defeat Obamacare**

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

*Houston Chronicle*

On the morning of Christmas Eve, 2009, I cast my vote against Obamacare on the floor of the Senate.

In the years since, I have introduced and co-sponsored 27 bills to repeal or defund Obamacare and have voted to do so at every opportunity.

Last week, thanks to the support of conservatives in the House of Representatives, that chamber passed a bill that funds the government while defunding Obamacare. I support this measure, and that is why I voted to bring it before the Senate for an up-or-down vote.

This isn’t a show vote. This is a unique and rare opportunity to defund Obamacare with a simple majority - 51 votes. That means Harry Reid can lose, at most, four members of his caucus and still succeed in funding Obamacare. If he loses five, Obamacare is defunded. I want to have that vote.

In my view, filibustering and blocking a bill that defunds Obamacare is not the best strategy to defund Obamacare. The only thing it guarantees is a government shutdown, during which Obamacare would still be funded.

History has taught us that Republicans would unduly shoulder the blame in such a scenario. This would weaken our party, hurt us at the polls and remove us even further from our goal of defunding Obamacare.

An up-or-down vote, on the other hand, forces vulnerable, red-state Democrats to either double-down on Obamacare or move to defund it. We need to convince five to take the latter approach.

In my view, passing bipartisan House and Senate defunding bills is a better strategy than no vote at all.

It’s no secret that Obamacare is crumbling under its own weight. The fact that the country is still debating it three-and-a-half years after it was signed into law is a testament to how ill-conceived, unpopular and damaging it is.

Examples of its failures abound: Insurance premiums are rising, doctors are taking fewer Medicare patients and businesses are cutting jobs and reducing hours. All this, and the law hasn’t even been fully implemented yet.

Second chances in life are rare. For the Democratic senators who voted for Obamacare in 2009 - and those who were elected after it became law - this is their second chance.

With the benefit of hindsight and pressure from the American people, they now have the opportunity to recant their support with dignity.

And for those Democrats who insist on riding this train wreck of a law over the cliff, they will have to stand in front of their constituents and explain why it is worth spending more borrowed money on.

Republicans are united against Obamacare. In approaching this vote, we must be united in pressuring our Democratic colleagues to stop listening to President Barack Obama’s 2008 campaign rhetoric and start listening to their constituents.

If they truly do this - if they use their vote in the U.S. Senate to honestly reflect the will of their constituents - I have little doubt that a vote to defund Obamacare will prevail.



## Cornyn Statement on POW/MIA Recognition Day

AUSTIN – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement in observance of POW/MIA Recognition Day:

**“As we honor and remember those Americans who have spent time as Prisoners of War and those who remain Missing in Action, I extend my deepest gratitude for our military personnel and veterans.**

“As the son of a World War II pilot who spent time as a Prisoner of War, I am especially grateful for the sacrifices made. My prayers continue to be with the families of those who are missing, and I pray for them and their loved ones.

**“Texans and our nation are in debt to their service, and I thank them for all that they do.”**

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: No Obamacare

### Exemptions For Federal Employees

#### Introduces Legislation to Move All Federal Employees onto Obamacare

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) cosponsored an amendment by Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) to the continuing resolution (CR) that would make all federal government employees subject to Obamacare:

**“Congress should never exempt itself or the federal government from a law it forces onto the American people. Obamacare is bad for everyone in the country, which is why I have fought it tooth and nail for the better part of four years to see that every American is exempt. But until we can defund, repeal or replace it, everyone in the country ought to be treated exactly the same and there should be no special deals for anyone.”**

Sen. Paul’s amendment would amend the President’s healthcare law to require all federal government employees to receive insurance through the Obamacare health exchanges. These federal employees would not be eligible for any subsidy more generous than the American public receives.

Earlier this month, Sen. Cornyn introduced his [“Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013”](#) as an amendment on the Senate floor. The bill would prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury, or any delegate, including the IRS, from enforcing Obamacare and was passed by the House earlier this year.

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## House Texas GOP Congressional Delegation Stands United

WASHINGTON, D.C – The Texas Republican delegation of the U.S. House of Representatives sent a letter today to every member of the United States Senate, urging senators to unite with them in the effort to defund Obamacare through the continuing resolution.

“The Republicans in the House have stood up for the health and well-being of the American people and sent a clear message to President Obama: Obamacare is destroying jobs, reducing full-time jobs to part-time jobs, ending health insurance policies that people want to keep, and forcing doctors that patients loved to leave the practice of medicine.

Obamacare is causing insurance rates and healthcare costs to skyrocket. Real people are being told they will not get the procedures or medical devices they need. Doctors and patients need to make these life-and-death decisions, not Obamacare bureaucrats, especially when the consequences could be fatal.

The House has voted 41 times to defund, delay and repeal this flawed law, and we have successfully repealed seven hurtful, abusive and wasteful Obamacare programs. Today we passed a continuing resolution to ensure that no more taxpayer dollars are wasted on Obamacare.

Now, it is up to the Republicans and like-minded Democrats in the Senate to continue the charge to defend the American people from this disaster to their health and finances. We urge you to use all of the legislative tools at your disposal, including the filibuster, to protect America from this train wreck.

Now is the time for the Senate to stand up for all those constituents who spoke so passionately at our town hall meetings about the irreparable harm Obamacare is causing. They did not want it passed; it is worse than they thought; so now they want it stopped. We urge you to stand with us.”



## *Raising Red Flags Over America*

*By: John Horvat II*

The Naval Shipyard shooting has reignited the controversy over guns in society. Once again, people are pondering over what went wrong. Many have asked why the behavior of this shooter and others has failed to raise red flags that might have alerted authorities and prevented the tragedies.

The shooting incidents should indeed raise red flags but not from troubled individuals but over America in general. Something is terribly wrong with a nation which produces these crazed people who so wantonly take innocent life. Something needs to be done.

But to put all the responsibility on the authorities doesn't make sense. The sad reality is that there are far too many Americans with mental problems that no authority can possibly keep tabs on them. Even if the red flags went up before such incidents, it is unclear what steps could be taken. Most of these individuals had not broken the law prior to their outbursts and cannot be arrested. They still manage to function in society so that cannot be committed to asylums. Many times the future shooters are off the social radar all together. They are out in society, schools and public places like ticking time bombs waiting to go off.

But one thing is certain. The present strategy of dealing with problem is clearly not working. When the red flags of crisis go up, we raise the white flags of surrender. We yield to every possible excuse including the most common one of blaming the weapon the murderer wields and not the hand that wields it. We blame the lack of medication and not the illnesses. As we keep locking these deranged people up, our society is increasingly lock down as we try to find safety in security systems and monitors resembling those of prisons.

Rather than isolating these individuals who seem to multiply with time, we should address the root cause of such madness. It is no secret that all the shooters share certain characteristics. They are all the products, (not the victims) of a broken and violent culture. They are culpable for their acts even as society tells them acts have no consequences.

And so we might begin to address the problem by condemning the instruction manuals that show us how to commit these crimes in all their gory details. There are the Hollywood movies that feature or glorify serial murderers and senseless violence. There are the violent video games where players shot and kill with reckless and bloody abandon. These are literal how-to manuals that teach viewers to commit these crimes. This is something that should raise a red flag. Raising yet another flag is the lack of concern on the part of liberal media which decry gun violence in real life yet ignore it on the big or little screen.

We should address the problem by looking at the family. All these shooters have major family problems. Broken families lead to broken lives. The devastation caused by the lack of a stable family life is irrefutable and has turned the home into a center of violence. We need to at least recognize it as a major contributing factor to the shootings. A red flag should go up causing national and religious leader to declare a crisis in the family and see what moral, religious or cultural influences might be brought to bear to shore up the family. Instead we see a resignation on the part of society and media which treat broken families and broken lives with an air of normality.

There is a final factor that should be considered in any analysis of the shootings. Such meaningless acts suggest individuals that find it difficult to discover meaning in life and thus they create their own fantasy worlds. A red flag should go up at the extreme individualism of our days. When people see themselves as the center of their own little worlds, it leads to situations in which some individuals will eventually accept no social restraints and freely gratify their fantasies. The bizarre nature of so many of these shooting incidents suggesting a disturbing failure on the part of so many to instill our youth with a sense of purpose that would allow them to look beyond their self-centeredness and toward the common good. It points to a lack of the stabilizing influences of family, community and faith that normal serve to anchor the individuals in reality and fill their lives with meaning.

There is no lack of red flags going up to warn us of the shootings. There are however many who cannot see the flags or interpret their message. What is needed is a return to order. Only then will the ticking time bombs of future crimes be defused and society find answers to why the killing continues.

*About John Horvat II*

John Horvat II is a scholar, researcher, educator, international speaker and author "Return to Order: From a Frenzied Economy to an Organic Christian Society – Where We've Been, How We Got Here and Where We Need to Go," ([www.returntoorder.org](http://www.returntoorder.org)). For more than two decades he has been researching and writing about the socio-economic crisis in the United States.

## *It's Just a Reflex*

By Robert Morrison

Even though daily the likelihood of U.S. military action in Syria seems to dwindle, President Obama, your recent address to the nation has stuck with me. In it, you painted a moving picture of the effects of chemical weapons and their use in Syria: "The images from this massacre are sickening: Men, women, children lying in rows, killed by poison gas. Others foaming at the mouth, gasping for breath. A father clutching his dead children, imploring them to get up and walk. On that terrible night, the world saw in gruesome detail the terrible nature of chemical weapons, and why the overwhelming majority of humanity has declared them off-limits - a crime against humanity, and a violation of the laws of war."

We Americans are not heartless. Nor are we inured to the sufferings of people far away. But it is astonishing, to say the least, that *you* of all our elected leaders should seek our support in going to war in a far away country over urgent humanitarian concerns when you have coldly dismissed such concerns here at home.

During your campaign for president, you told Rev. Rick Warren that the question of when unborn children come to enjoy human rights was "above my pay grade." For the past five years, there has been no higher pay grade than the one you hold. And yet, you have made the slaughter of innocents an entitlement under Obamacare.

Have you ever seen, Sir, images from the massacres that occur daily in our own country? Unborn children subjected to saline abortions thrash within their mothers' wombs, often for hours. They are delivered, sometimes alive, with their skin burned away. Their flesh is a candy apple red. Some who lived through this horrific experience - like Melissa Ohden and Gianna Jessen - survived to bear witness to the right to life.

When you were a state senator in Illinois, President Obama, you voted that such children should *not* be welcomed in life, should *not* be protected in law. Although they were born alive and ought to enjoy the protections of the Fourteenth Amendment, you voted to deny them any protection of law in Illinois.

Apparently, you disagree with Abraham Lincoln's view that "nothing stamped in the divine image was sent into the world to be trod upon." Lincoln was not talking about unborn children, but about the bondsman in that powerful argument. Still, modern science teaches us daily that the unborn child is fully human. It is only for us to accept this truth or to deny it.

Dr. Richard Selzer, in his classic book "Mortal Lessons" describes a prostaglandin abortion he witnessed: "By the end of the fifth month, the fetus weighs about one pound, is about twelve inches long. Hair is on the head. There are eyebrows, eyelashes. Pale pink nipples show on the chest. Nails are present at the fingertips, at the toes.

"At the beginning of the sixth month, the fetus can cry, can suck, can make a fist. He kicks, he punches. The mother can feel this, can see this. His eyelids, until now closed, can open.

"He may look up, down, sideways.

"His grip is very strong. He could support his own weight by holding with one hand."

Dr Selzer points to the needle inserted in the mother's belly.

"A reflex, the doctor says. I hear him. But I saw something in that mass of cells, understand that it must bob and butt. And I see it again!

"I have an impulse to shove to the table - it is just a step - seize the needle and pull it out. [In this operating room] we are not six. We are seven."

Mr. President, Dr. Selzer wrote this account almost 40 years ago, almost 56,000,000 such killings ago. In every one of the state laws on abortion overturned by the infamous *Roe v. Wade* ruling of 1973, the act until then prohibited was to be found in the states' homicide code. What did you learn about the human status of the unborn child that justified overruling the judgment of the hundreds of elected state lawmakers who put those protective laws on the books?

You believe that such homicides are strictly a matter of choice. You want us to violate our consciences and pay for the homicides you think should be constitutionally protected. Are we supposed to believe that sarin gas is bad but saline abortion is good?

You seemed almost angry during your speech, Sir. It's as if you were dealing with stubborn, uncomprehending students and you are our instructor in moral sensibility. I'm sorry we seem that way to you, Mr. President. It's nothing, really. It's just a reflex.

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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.



## Friends of Hagerman Nature Photography Club

Maggie Goodman of Southlake has been named September photographer of the month by Friends of Hagerman. A virtual album of 12 of her photographs taken at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge will be featured throughout September at [www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery).

Goodman is a sophomore at University of Alabama, majoring in chemical engineering, and has always been interested in photography.

"I used to chase my mother's cats around the back yard with a camera, telling them to give me 'cattitude.' Now I chase birds and other wildlife, with the addition of my other pets (horses, chickens, a dog, and, yes cats)," says Goodman.

Goodman began volunteering at the refuge with her mother as part of a program at her school called Success Scholars.

"I love the natural beauty of Hagerman and the peaceful serenity it offers, be it a drive or a hike," says Goodman who uses a Nikon D5000.

Photography is one of the most popular activities at Hagerman and the Friends offer a number of photo activities. Entries for the fourth annual Hagerman NWR photo contest are being accepted through September 6. The next bimonthly meeting of the Nature Photography club will be at 12:30 pm, September 14 in the audio visual classroom at the refuge. John Mead, Blue Lion Photography, will be the speaker for the meeting, which is open to anyone interested in nature photography.

For more information, send an email to [fohphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:fohphotoclub@gmail.com).





## **Howe Elementary School Top Dogs for the week are:**

Gage Skaggs, Jalyn DeVore, Lauren Catching, Christian Beisel, AJ Banda, Jacob Ortega, Cody Richards, Sergio Rico, Zoey Bolen, Caytie Coco, Rylee Smith, Thomas Roberson, John Griffin, Austin Haley. Not pictured are Anthony Lowder, Sandra Nitchman, Harley Brockelman.

### **Howe Fall Festival**

**When: Oct. 19, 2013**

**Where: Howe Elementary/ Middle  
School Parking Lot**

**Time: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Outside vendors welcome. For more  
information contact Darla Williams  
at 903-532-3320.**



## Michael and Brooke Newland

Brooke Nicole Lemmons and Michael Scott Newland were married September 21, 2013 in the Performing Arts Center in McKinney, Texas. Reception followed at The Historic Flour Mill in McKinney, Texas.

The bride graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a minor in Visual Arts. She is employed by The Richards Group in Dallas, Texas. She was given in marriage by her mother and father, Damon and Felicia Salmon of Howe, Texas. Grandparents of the bride are Pat Hall of Howe, Texas, and Jerry and Teddie Salmon of Van Alstyne, Texas.

The groom has a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Oklahoma and a MBA from the University of Texas at Dallas. He is employed by Raytheon in Dallas, Texas. He is the son of Robert and Sandy Newland of Melissa, Texas. Grandparents of the groom are Kresten and Lenora Norholm of Yukon, Oklahoma, Jack and Jann Newland, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the late Anna Lou Black.

The wedding party consisted of Maid of Honor Heather Lemmons, sister of the bride, and Best Man Jeff Hart, friend of the groom. Bridesmaids were Kristen Newland, sister of the groom, Grace Espinoza, Kelly Gaudette, Jana Langhorne, and Veronica Reyna. Groomsmen were Heath Salmon, brother of the bride, Greg Bailey, Ryan Bose, Loubnan Khoury, and Adrian Ramirez. Julian Martins and Sebastian Silen served as ushers. The flower girl was Bradley Rose Henry, cousin of the groom, and the Ring Bearer was Mason Salmon, nephew of the bride, escorted by his mother Darby Salmon, sister-in-law of the bride.

Following a honeymoon in Europe, the couple will reside in Dallas, Texas.



## Humor

Los Angeles' full name is "El pueblo de Nuestra Sennora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula."

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Tigers have striped skin, just striped fur.

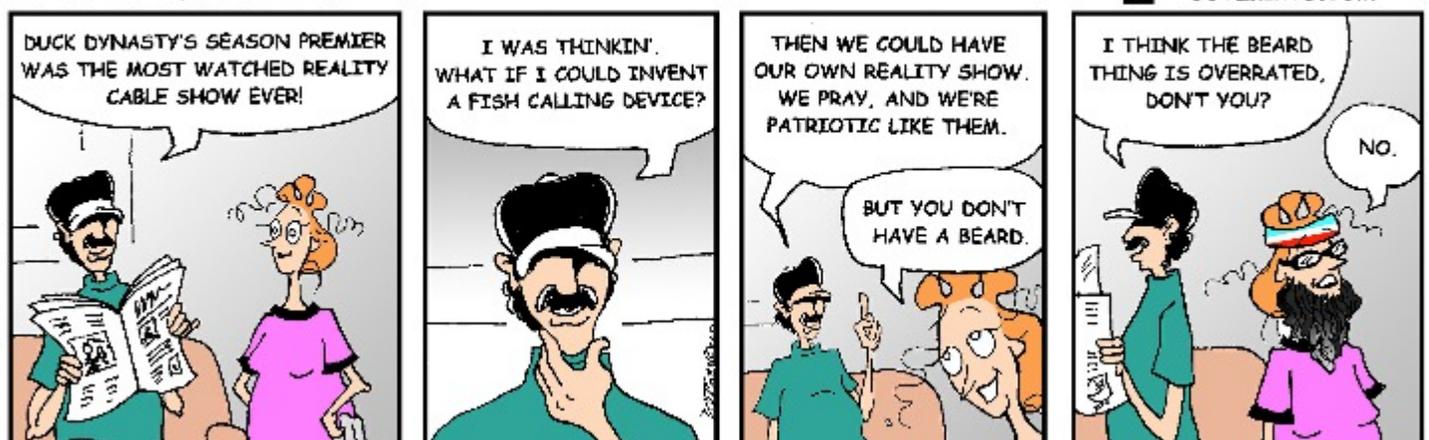
In most advertisements, the time is displayed on a watch is 10:10.

Al Capone's business card said he was a furniture dealer.

The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."

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## LET'S HEAR IT FOR A REVIVAL OF MERITOCRACY

By Joe Klock, Sr.

Just a wee bit before my time, Thomas Jefferson penned these lead lines for our Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Fast-forward to the present era, in which that ideal has been suppressed by nepotism, chauvinism, cronyism, and/or favoritism in most of the world - including, sadly, in the USA.

One might say - anyway, this one might - that what Jefferson had in mind was a meritocracy, since what we call a democracy far too often suffers from some of the aforementioned flaws.

Meritocracy is defined as a system within which advancement is based on individual ability and/or achievement, as opposed to a Nanny State wherein a "fair share" of just about everything achieves the status of a government guarantee.

One example of meritocracy is the world of sports, where superiority in achievement is rewarded - and no such reward is enjoyed by those who fall short of comparative excellence.

Just as this system is corrupted by such unfair factors as performance-enhancing drugs, so is meritocracy subverted when, metaphorically, there is no scoreboard on the playing field.

Getting to the point of this opusette, there is no "right" to a living wage, except for those who have had at least minimal training, and who offer minimal skills that are of value in the workplace and who contribute minimal efforts.

If those who fail to fit that profile are paid more than the "going" wage, the surplus must be regarded as either public welfare or private charity.

That is to say, higher-than-minimum wages can be expected only if the worker offers superior benefits to prospective employers.

A major problem arises if and when welfare pays more than the minimum wage, as it does these days in several States.

When this situation is prevalent, it is a major disincentive for people to pursue employment.

In a sense, we shouldn't fault the recipients as much as the enabling system.

After the Second World War, returning veterans were offered membership in the "52-20 Club," whose enrollees were offered 20 bucks a week for 52 weeks (then enough to keep body and soul together while we sought employment for higher wages and, hopefully, enough income to finance that Jeffersonian "pursuit of happiness.")

Although a tad better than chicken feed, it was not a satisfactory destination for those of us whose postwar sights were set on dreams of homes, families, luxuries, security and, in many cases, the accumulation of wealth.

Thus, the handout was means to a higher end, rather than the end itself.

Recently, a young college graduate was seen on television in beach-bum attire, and festooned with tattoos which would have made the Sistine Chapel ceiling resemble a mere pencil sketch.

He unashamedly admitted that he had no job and no desire to find one, given the fact that Uncle Sam provided him with a free "electronic payment card, "renewable annually, which he could use in exactly the same manner as working stiff's used their credit cards.

He, however, did not suffer the inconvenience of later repaying what he received.

Why work, reasoned he, when "the government" enables him to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, all in abundance, with no obligation whatsoever to pony up for these privileges?

Why pay, queries this humble scribe, on behalf of his fellow taxpayers, to subsidize the libertine lifestyle of this irresponsible moocher?

Mind you, we who have more than we need to get by have a moral obligation to share with those who do not, assuming that they are doing all that they can to provide for themselves.

When charity falls short, government is equally obliged to fill in the gap.

That's called welfare, which is not one of the inalienable rights declared by Jefferson and his colleagues.

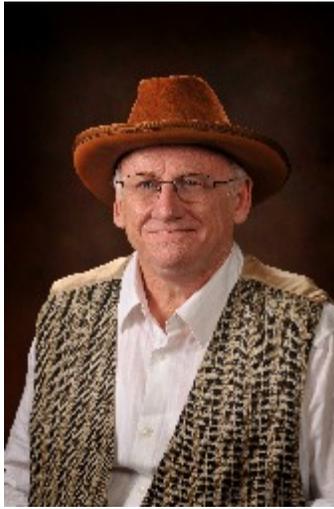
Mind you again: While poverty is not a personal disgrace, neither is it a badge of honor, especially if it is the result of an irresponsible unwillingness to pursue the aforementioned happiness.

America should reward meritocracy and provide appropriate support to the truly needy; but it should treat those who "game" the welfare system with the contempt and punishment they so richly deserve.

Words of warning: If and when welfare becomes more attractive and remunerative than workfare, hang a crepe on the doorpost of the traditional American dream!

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## LET'S REMINISCE: OLD FASHIONED COMEDY

By Jerry Lincecum

A few weeks ago I purchased a newly-released DVD entitled "The Jack Benny Program: Lost Episodes" and began viewing it. Immediately I was reminded of the difference between what is now called comedy in movies and TV versus what we old timers knew as comedy.

I am old enough to remember listening to Jack Benny on radio with my dad and also watching his TV show in the 1950s. This new dvd presents some of his early TV shows, and watching the first one brought to mind the kind of comedy which he and George Burns and Bob Hope immortalized.

Recognized as a leading American entertainer of the 20th century, Benny portrayed character roles as a miser, and someone who played the violin badly. In fact he was a talented musician and a generous man. In character, he would always claim to be 39 years of age, regardless of his actual age at the time. When he died the day after Christmas 1974, he was 80.

Benny was known for physical comedy and perfect timing—long, drawn out stares and grimaces—and the ability to create laughter with a pregnant pause or a simple expression, such as his signature exasperated "Well!"

His radio programs were popular for more than 20 years beginning in 1932, and he started a TV program in 1950 (overlapping with his radio show for several years). Critics observed that radio comedy lost something on TV, because listeners used their imagination when Benny opened his vault or cranked up his aged Maxwell car. Seeing those actions were not funny. To compensate, the TV show developed elaborate skits with guest stars, such as Gary Cooper, Red Skelton, and Bob Hope.

One of the "lost" episodes was built around Benny's agonized performance as a violin soloist in Carnegie Hall, with fellow comic Spike Jonz conducting the orchestra. As Benny sawed away at his violin, Jonz fought with several of the musicians and eventually pulled out a pistol, which he used to shoot down the soloist.

On the show poor old Benny seemed to ignore the noisy distractions, although with each shot by Jonz he sank lower, winding up on the floor while still playing his heart out. In reality, Benny played a sold-out concert at Carnegie Hall, raising \$50,000 to aid in its preservation.

One innovation in TV advertising pioneered by Benny was the "integrated commercial." While taking a nap just before he went on stage, he dreamed that the 19th century composer Mendelssohn came to his dressing room to praise his playing. However, the composer's great interest in a pack of Lucky Strike cigarettes enabled Benny to present the mid-show commercial without missing a beat.

The reason some of Benny's TV shows were "lost" is that in the 1950s network executives had no thought of "reruns" or syndication of comedy shows. The only copy kept was a kinescope, produced by using a movie camera to photograph a TV screen while the show was on the air. Converting those to quality video required a great deal of restoration work.

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## Tom Bean JV

The Junior Varsity Football team was back in action Thursday night against Blue Ridge. The Tomcats came in to the game trying to get back on track after their tough loss against Callisburg last week.

From the opening kickoff, it was abundantly clear that the Tomcats were focused and ready to win the game. Led by the three headed monster of Payton Jones, Keoni Puana, and Carter Khoury in the backfield, they marched up and down the field at will. Jordan Gardner was seen on multiple occasions blocking his man 20 yards down-field. Cam Robinson had a nice touchdown catch down in the red zone, and Ben Peebles added a touchdown run of his own.

Defensively, Tom Bean was dominant with outstanding pressure from the defensive line led by Austin Wilson and Garrett Gomez. Tyler Goff and Taylor Detzel had a fumble recovery and an interception, and Payton Jones scooped up a fumble and scored a defensive touchdown as well.

It was a huge win for the Tomcats who won by a score of 43-0. Play was stopped before the 2nd half started due to thunderstorms in the area. The coaching staff is very pleased with how this team bounced back from their first loss of the season last week. The team's record on the year is now 3-1.

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday night at home against Honey Grove.

-Coach Chapman

