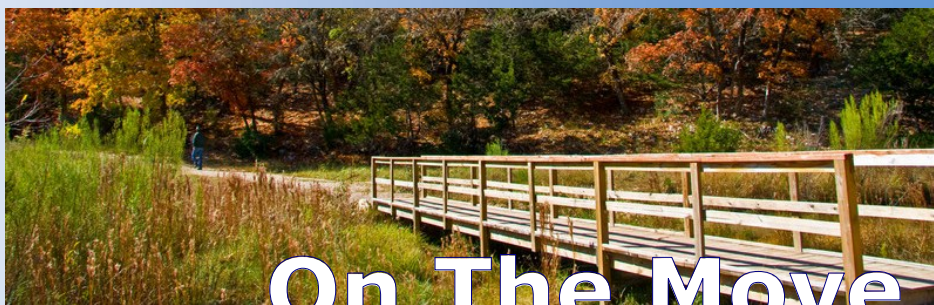




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# On The Move

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## A Word From the State Director Who Cares About Women?

The current question in our nation is, “Who cares about women?” With allegations of a war on women from one party, let’s look at some facts. The current fiscal status of both national and state budgets is increasingly limited. The issue of providing funding for health care for low-income women is where the battle is being waged. Here are the questions: Should tax dollars be spent on abortions, birth control, breast cancer screenings, and STD testing and treatment?

Monies have been appropriated through our State of Texas budget to provide medical treatment for low-income women for family planning services through the “Texas Women’s Health Program (TWHP).” **A woman is eligible to receive services through the TWHP if, among other things, she is between the ages of 18 and 44 (inclusive), is not pregnant or sterile, is a United States citizen or qualified alien, is a Texas resident, and has a countable income of 185% or less of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).**

These are not Medicare funds—funds that have been collected through Social Security taxes and these are not Social Security payments for the elderly or disabled. This is separate welfare funding. These state funds cover medical care for those who cannot pay. So the question is: Do Texas provisions provide adequately for low-income women in our state?

In over 300 centers in Texas the “Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) provide comprehensive health care services to underserved communities. Many of the Texans they serve are

indigent, uninsured and underserved. Some FQHCs offer additional services, such as dental, mental health or substance abuse treatment. FQHCs are community organizations with defined target populations and service areas. Services are provided to Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, Insured and Uninsured individuals. Patients may be eligible for services based on their family income and on a sliding fee schedule. FQHCs receive federal grant funds directly from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to support the operation and services of the health center.

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**“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I should do and, with the help of God, I will do.”**  
Edward Everett Hale  
Editor of the *Boston Daily* and Chaplain of the U.S. Senate

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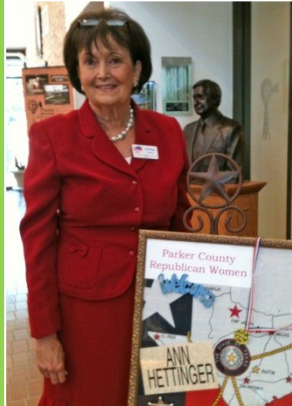
2012 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$11,170
2	15,130
3	19,090
4	23,050
5	27,010
6	30,970
7	34,930
8	38,890
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$3,960 for each additional person.	

## General Election Early Voting in Texas Begins

Monday, October 22, 2012

### *East Texas Area News*

#### The Constitutional Right to Bear Arms



CWA of Texas  
Educates the  
Parker County Republican  
Club on Human  
Trafficking

Human Trafficking was the subject of discussion at a recent Parker County Republican Club meeting in Weatherford, Texas. CWA State Director, Ann Hettinger, was the speaker. For many it was their introduction to the travesty of this crime that inflicts more than 18,000 Texas women and children each year.

Speakers are available all over Texas through CWA to address this issue. If you know of a group who would like information, please contact our state office at 972-658-4204.

Wow, what a month to talk national sovereignty issues. What better topic than gun control? I recently saw a quote on Facebook that I had never seen before, but I immediately loved it, "The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference - they deserve a place of honor with all that's good." George Washington. Something happens in the human mind for someone to be able to do what James Holmes set up in his mind to do on July 20, 2012. James Holmes decided in his mind to pick up a gun, walk into a movie theater, and kill innocent people. The guns did not pick themselves up, load themselves, and walk in to kill innocent life; James Holmes did.

Colorado has very harsh gun laws, and had there been anyone with a CHL license in that theater, they could have taken James Homes out with one shot. All the lives that were so senselessly taken could have been saved. See what those on the opposite side of this argument certainly do not understand is that if we take away a gun that is only taking away the rights of law-abiding citizens. Criminals are already not supposed to be in possession of weapons. Do you really believe taking away guns will ever stop a non-law abiding citizen from doing wrong? According to a

recent *Washington Post* article "Though it is one of the most popular rifles sold to civilians, the AR-15 is rarely used in crimes, presumably because it's not readily concealed.

The most recent FBI figures show just 358 of the 8,775 murders by firearm in 2010 involved rifles of any type. By comparison, 745 people were beaten to death with only hands that year, but no one has called for outlawing fists." What a sobering

thought to me that our friends on the left want us to do away with all guns; they will seize this tragedy to call for more gun-control laws. In the same *Washington Post* article they wrote, "Sen. Dianne Feinstein, California Democrat, author of the expired assault-weapons ban, said on Fox News Sunday that firearms like the AR-15 the Colorado shooter used are 'weapons of war' that 'are only going to be used to kill people in close combat. That's the purpose of that weapon.'"

Let us always remember to pray for these families in Colorado who have had their love ones taken away in such a horrific and senseless way. We must also remember that

guns don't kill people; people kill people. We live in a lost world that needs the love of Christ shown. There is a reason that our Constitution gives us the Second Amendment right. That reason is we all have a right to our life given to us by the grace of our Lord. I hope to never have to use a gun to take the life of another human being, but I also want that



right to carry a gun for protection in case someone decides to harm my life or my family. The public is not

well served by those who would use half-truths to take away our Second Amendment right to bear arms.

\*<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/jul/23/dispelling-gun-myths/>

*[CWA does not take a stand on the second amendment therefore this article is for informational purposes only.]*



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## Central Texas Area News

### Change at the Texas Education Agency

On August 26, 2012, Gov. Perry named Michael Williams of Arlington the State Commissioner of Education effective September 1, and announced that Lizzette González Reynolds will serve as Chief Deputy Commissioner. They will lead the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and oversee the state's 1,200 school districts and charter schools. Williams is a former general counsel to the Republican Party of Texas and has a long history of political involvement with the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administration, as well as with Gov. Bush in which Williams served for more than a decade on the Texas Railroad Commission. Lizzette Reynolds is a veteran of the TEA who is currently a deputy commissioner.

So what is the role of the Texas Education Commissioner? This person leads and oversees the TEA in the following duties (taken

- from the TEA website):
- ◆ Administers the distribution of state and federal funding to public schools;
  - ◆ Administers the statewide assessment program and accountability system;
  - ◆ Provides support to the State Board of Education (SBOE) in the development of the statewide curriculum;
  - ◆ Assists the SBOE in the instructional materials adoption process and managing the instructional materials distribution process;
  - ◆ Administers a data collection system on public school information;
  - ◆ Performs the administrative functions and services of the State Board for Educator Certification;
  - ◆ Supports agency operations, including carrying out duties related to the Permanent School Fund; and
  - ◆ Monitors for compliance

with certain federal and state guidelines.

The TEA operational costs are supported by both state and federal funds.

His appointment comes at a challenging time for the agency, which lost a large part of its workforce after budget cuts last year. The state is facing several lawsuits over the way it funds public schools and almost half of Texas public schools failed to meet yearly benchmarks under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Williams is no stranger to conservative options in education. In the late 1990s, he served on the board of the Center for New Black Leadership, a conservative think tank that opposed racial preferences in education and the workplace. While there, Williams spoke out against affirmative action policies and in favor of private school vouchers across the country.

And Peggy Venable, the state director of Americans for Prosperity's Texas branch, said in a prepared statement that he was "a no-nonsense administrator who would not hesitate to shut down bad charter schools," citing his background as a prosecutor and district attorney.

School choice and voucher programs, the subject of a recent state Senate education committee hearing will most likely be topics of intense discussion and debate during the upcoming legislative session. We need to begin praying for the new leadership at the TEA and certainly for the job our legislators will have this coming session 2013. The future of the children of Texas depends on it.



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## South Texas Area News

### Marriage - The Benefits

Recently CWA members were invited to purchase and review *Marriage Matters* by CWA's own Dr. Janice Shaw Crouse. I am about halfway through the book and want to alternately cheer or weep as I digest the data that so clearly shows what all Bible believing Christians know intuitively: a married couple of a man and a woman, totally committed to God, each other and their children is the best antidote to the problems that plague our nation. Here is the product description from the CWA website, and I encourage each of you to

purchase the book and submit a review. I bought mine from Amazon, so I could post the review on a site that is not a Christian-focused website:

In *Marriage Matters*, Janice Shaw Crouse argues that marriage is a critical element in a free society and that society's most vulnerable communities, especially minorities and the poor, suffer the most from the nation's retreat from marriage. Crouse writes that marriage advances the public interest, and we should

create laws and policies that support rather than undermine it. She demonstrates both the public and private importance of marriage and organizes her argument in a thoughtful and logical manner. Compared to other household arrangements, Crouse observes, marriage is by far the best for raising children and offers financial advantages as well. Writing about bullying, Crouse shows how the trend away from marriage has led to poor child-rearing and to some of the nation's worst



## Request an Application for a Ballot by Mail

To be eligible to vote early by mail in Texas, you must: be 65 years or older; be disabled; be out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance; or be confined in jail, but otherwise eligible.

You may [open this form](#), print the application, fill in the information, sign and date it. You will then put it in an envelope, add postage, and mail to the [Early Voting Clerk](#) in your county.

**OR,** You may also [request an application for a Ballot by Mail online](#), and not later than the next working day, an application for ballot by mail will be mailed to you. **You must mail the application to early voting clerk of the authority conducting the election.**

The early voting clerk is the county clerk or elections administrator for your county. [A list of County Clerks is available on this website.](#)

For more information, please [read](#) the Early Voting in Texas pamphlet.



contemporary problems. In household arrangements with an absence of traditional fathers, the government has in some ways overtaken this role by creating social programs such as food stamps, Social Security, and Medicare. Social programs are but a small part of an effective solution. The groundwork for strong marriages and lasting relationships is examined in detail. Crouse then discusses the role of sex in marriages and the harmful influence of casual sex. The second half of the work shows how marriage matters to individuals (specifically to women and children) and depicts same-sex marriage as a threat to the institution.

Other public policy issues affecting marriage are also explored. [http://www.sho-pcwfa.org/product.asp?sku=2155\\_1412846072](http://www.sho-pcwfa.org/product.asp?sku=2155_1412846072).

As we work and wait in anticipation of change at the highest levels of government, we know that until society

quits ignoring the “elephant in the room” which is the breakdown of the family, no amount of money, no legislation and no change of leaders will solve our deepest problems. Growing up in a single parent home is the greatest threat to the health, well-being and future success of our young people. Across all ethnic, social and cultural strata the single most common feature among young men in prison is the absence of an involved father in their lives. Young women who grow up in a fatherless home are far more likely to look for love in “all the wrong places” and suffer the consequences of early sexual activity.

Teachers keep saying that more money is needed for our schools to succeed and yet as we pump more of our tax dollars into the education system we see no improvement in the outcome. The factor that most influences success in school is parental involvement in their

children’s education which is less likely to happen when the child lives with only one parent or the parent has a live-in partner who is not the child’s natural mother or father.

As the statistics and studies continue to point to the problems, society keeps moving in the wrong direction. I pray that our committed CWA members and others who are like-minded will continue to buck the trend toward a godless, anything goes society and return to the teachings of the Bible. God instituted marriage between one man and one woman, and we know that, despite the challenges, staying married for life is the best way for our nation to be whole and healthy.



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## North Texas Area News Roe v. Wade Recognizes the Unborn?!

**Something is so SIMPLE - why hasn't it been DONE?** This is the question I found myself pondering recently when I discovered a forgotten sentence from the *Roe v. Wade* decision. “If... personhood [for the unborn] is established, the appellant’s case, of course, collapses, for the fetus’ right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the [Fourteenth] Amendment...” (Roe v. Wade [410 US 113 at 156-7]). Seems the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution is very clear when it states that, “...nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person

within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law.” It furthermore states that, “Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.”

Put all that together with the undeniable and unarguable facts that our medical community have scientifically discovered and proven since the 1973 ruling that human life begins at conception and “BOOM” *Roe v. Wade* is overturned! Now Congress just has to do its part and legislate the appropriate provisions. A Life at Conception Act would do just that.

A Life at Conception Act would declare that unborn children are persons legally entitled to constitutional protection and would rescue millions of unborn children from murder by abortion-on-demand. Seems to me the answer to the question is quite simple; life begins at conception, therefore the growing person should be protected under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. It also seems appropriate that we should demand our Congress act quickly to ensure no other children, whom we now know to be “persons” scientifically, are killed.

It grieves me to think about how long this medical knowledge has been available yet ignored because of some political agenda! Please join with me in praying for such legislation and a Congress brave enough to pass it. The

Supreme Court itself admitted that if Congress declares unborn children “persons” under the law, the constitutional case for abortion-on-demand “collapses”. I long for that day to arrive quickly.

God is faithful so let us be faithful in prayer and in our actions until He comes.



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**CWA Promoted**

Kia Mutranowski, CWA of North Texas, tended the table at Cowboy Stadium in Arlington as Glenn Beck presented his conference on “Restoring Love.” More than 36,000 people attended the four-day event and hundreds visited the CWA table. More than 185 volunteers signed up to help get out our word across America.



**Please partner with us** as we continue to **educate, inspire and activate Texans to pray and take action on the** issues that matter most.

Send us a tax-deductible gift large or small of \$10, \$20, \$50 or more to **join the team!** Your contribution is vital to all that we do.

Send it to: Concerned Women for America of Texas at P.O. Box 1746, Rockwall, TX 75087 today!

*Thank you in advance for your kindness!*

**Texas Biennial Budget**

Concerned Women for America of Texas have been involved in the legislative process for more than two decades. Each session HB 1 is the budget bill. It should be of interest to every citizen to look at the Texas budget and realize what percentages of our tax dollars are being consumed by what service. The budget is divided into two sets of figures because it encompasses the biennial period. This information was taken from: [http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/Bill\\_82/GAA.pdf](http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/Bill_82/GAA.pdf):

Texas Budget	Department:	9/1/11-8/31/12	9/1/12-8/31/13	%
ARTICLE I	General Government	1,074,975,284	993,843,714	2.5
ARTICLE II	Health and Human Services	13,288,277,041	9,611,871,497	28.2
ARTICLE III	Agencies of Education	24,607,201,999	21,309,631,627	56.
ARTICLE IV	The Judiciary	191,055,487	190,207,926	.47
ARTICLE V	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	4,102,221,877	4,101,082,129	10.
ARTICLE VI	Natural Resources	319,626,093	318,779,507	.4
ARTICLE VII	Business and Economic Development	287,521,211	290,424,268	.7
ARTICLE VIII	Regulatory	131,627,241	132,731,871	.3
ARTICLE IX	General Provisions	0	0	
ARTICLE X	The Legislature	161,887,523	177,475,550	.4
GRAND TOTAL	General Revenue	44,164,393,756	37,126,048,089	
	Total:	For 2 years:	81,290,441,845	

## Who Cares About Women? - continued

Additionally, they receive cost-based (or enhanced) payment for services to Medicaid and Medicare patients, Federal Tort Claim coverage, 340b drug pricing, and can participate in the National Health Service Corps." A list of these centers can be accessed at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chpr/FQHCmain.shtm>. These centers offer TWHP services.

The battle has been engaged with Planned Parenthood because the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature enacted a provision that imposed a restriction against this funding going to providers who were affiliated with abortion providers. The federal government has withdrawn federal funding of Medicaid in Texas because of this.

The *Houston Chronicle* reports, "Health screenings and contraceptives for about 50,000 low-income women who have been relying on Planned Parenthood are on

the line after a federal appeals court said Texas can cut Women's Health Program funding to the group's health centers. Planned Parenthood served 43 percent of the program's clients in fiscal 2011." On August 22, 2012, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Texas. The ruling vacated a lower court's preliminary injunction and opened the way for Texas to sever money to clinics affiliated with Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion



provider. Gov. Rick Perry said, "Today's ruling affirms that Texas' Women's Health Program has no obligation

to fund organizations that promote abortion -- including Planned Parenthood," Perry said. "The 5th Circuit's decision is a win for Texas women, our rule of law and our state's priority to protect life."

In a current issue with Planned Parenthood, Alliance Defending Freedom Senior

Counsel Michael J. Norton said regarding Planned Parenthood of Illinois' agreement to pay \$367,000 to settle a lawsuit over alleged overbilling of Medicaid, "Americans deserve to know if their hard-earned tax money is being funneled to groups that are misusing it. The Illinois case is just the tip of the iceberg, as our lawsuits against Planned Parenthood in Texas and Iowa demonstrate. Planned Parenthood isn't entitled to any public funds, especially if it is defrauding Medicaid and the American taxpayer. People may hold different views about abortion, but everyone can agree that Planned Parenthood should play by the same rules as everyone else." Alliance Defending Freedom was not involved in the Illinois litigation, but is representing two former Planned Parenthood clinic managers in lawsuits in Texas (<http://www.adfmedia.org/News/PRDetail/5395>) and Iowa (<http://www.adfmedia.org/News/PRDetail/7505>) that allege similar Medicaid overbilling and fraud. Planned Parenthood is also currently under

investigation by Congress (<http://www.adfmedia.org/News/PRDetail/5325>).

The task of CWA of Texas is to actively spread information about the options for low-income women in Texas for family planning help. These Federally Qualified Health Centers are more available and have follow-up and follow-through with referrals. They offer professional services that can be undergirded with specialty and pharmaceutical services when necessary. Planned Parenthood in Texas cannot do mammograms because not even one of their clinics has a mammogram machine. They do testing for STD's but have limited treatment options. The best care for women in Texas is in the professional offices of a licensed physician.



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