



Up The Enterprize™

A View from Below the Texas Health and Human Services Enterprize System

The

NOVEMBER 2014 ELECTION NIGHT

Guy in Wheelchair Wins Election!!

On this November day in the year of our lord 2014, *Up The Enterprize* salutes and honors an individual who, in centuries to come, will be honored as a great American.

Over the years, he scaled the towering heights of a myriad of public policy issues and skillfully navigated his way through countless political storms.

Because he's larger than life, we can all imagine him crossing the Delaware, planting the American flag atop Iwo Jima, or powering his own wheelchair to the top floor of a downtown Austin parking garage, sweat saturating his manly visage...one more level, one more, just one more. This American hero could overcome these and any other challenges because *obstacles become opportunities* for such a man.

On this November election day we commemorate the champion of the people, saviour of our economy and protector of our borders. Let us all remember and proudly celebrate the election of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on this day in 1932.

Unpublished Texas Sunset Commission Recommendations Discovered

Last Saturday morning, a gin-soaked napkin was discovered in the trash behind Scholz Garten in Austin, a popular hangout of legislative movers and shakers. The gin was top shelf as was the scrawling on the napkin which was deciphered to reveal un-published Texas Sunset Commission recommendations to consolidate the five-agency health and human services system into one mega agency. The official Sunset Commission report was released in late September, but for some reason these recommendations were not included in that report:

- Gut the west tower of the Winters Building and construct one big restroom for the thousands of HHS workers at the 51st Street Enterprize campus known as [Area 51](#). (This and other items were listed under the heading of "Get Your Shit Together.")
- Consolidate the operations of all State Supported Living Centers and the HHS Office of Inspector General in one building, blow it up, and start all over again. Don't forget to let the staff know beforehand.
- Consolidate all stakeholder groups and advisory councils into one entity to be designated the *Low-income Border Children and Old People on Medicaid with Autism Who are at High Risk for Ebola and also Need Food and a Bunch of Other Stuff Advisory Council*. It should be referred to as the LBCOPMAHREHFOS Advisory Council and will meet annually.

Ebola: Most Popular Baby Name for October

UpThe interviews the parents of three week-old Ebola Johnson and those of 75 other baby Ebolas.

Johnny Filbert presumed dead during a near-death experience.

Record sales soar.

Forget about that flu vaccination. Read this scary Ebola story!

Fall Fashions: The Enterprize Law Suit

It's the height of the fall fashion season and the right law suit can make the perfect statement on the social scene or in any corner office. Whether your taste inclines toward a shiny new [Xerox law suit](#) or perhaps the [M.D. v. Perry](#) class action lawsuit against DFPS Child Protective Services, there's legal action out there for you!



The [Steward v. Perry](#) law suit is a favorite among HHS Enterprize attorneys, not to mention individuals with intellectual disabilities who have languished for years in Texas nursing homes awaiting services to live the community. This Pashima and qiviuk-blended suit by UK designer Alexander Amosu is perfect for a 12-hour negotiation with Department of Justice attorneys who actually know something about providing community services.

For the lady barrister, it's the [Olmstead V. L. C.](#) law suit, a fashionable but conservative choice that will show the feds you mean business. So well-appointed in these burgundy pumps, you'll look smashing! As a bonus, the very act of wearing this creative ensemble will help you remember that there actually was an "Olmstead" law suit.



"Oh my gosh! More people locked in institutions against their will?? Repeated violations? People actually dying...*what will I wear?*"

Not to worry, both women and men will look stunning in this coordinated Neru Moi-Même creation! Imagine the confidence you'll feel just wearing this exquisite yet powerful Texas State Schools law suit, or as we like to call it in chambers, [United States of America v. the State of Texas!](#)

You'll find yourself casually stating "it wasn't our fault" and asking assertive, profound questions like, "how are we supposed to know what's going on all the time with all these non-verbal residents with intellectual disabilities who can't even tell us what's happening in there?"

When asked about his preference, Governor-elect Abbott said any law suit was fine with him as long as it went with his blue suede sovereign-immunity shoes.

DSHS Novel-writing Pilot Project Unveiled

On the heels of research indicating that 68 percent of Enterprize employees don't have enough work to do, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will conduct a pilot project allowing personnel to work on their own novels for up to 3.5 hours/day. To be eligible for the program, employees must submit detailed information on the plot, characters and thematic structure, and why they so yearn to express themselves.

Dr. David Lakey, DSHS Commissioner, [childhood television star](#) and the aspiring author of an unfinished trilogy about something very interesting we're sure, initiated the pilot project on behalf of the people of Texas. When asked for an interview to discuss the project, he said he was busy every morning between 8:00 and 11:30 a.m. but after lunch would be great.

Up The Enterprize (UpThe) is published bi-monthly and employs these very clever acronyms: HHSC – Health and Human Services Commission; EC – Texas Health and Human Services Enterprize Executive Commissioner; DFPS – Department of Family and Protective Services; RP – Rick's Pony; DSHS – Department of State Health Services; HM – His Majesty; DADS - Department of Aging and Disability Services and, oh yeah, DARS – Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services. UpThe is a friend to re-tweeters, those who still rock Halloween as Darth Vader, and central Texas gun-toting ranchers. Please forward all inquiries and requests to Y.Y. Redates at editor@uptheenterprize.com. All Rights Reserved. Copyright

It's Story Time With the Commish!!

It was fun for all at the latest *It's Story Time with the Commish*, as Executive Commissioner Janek invited several not-too-disabled children on Medicaid and their families to have refreshments and listen to a nice little story.

"One score and three years ago," he began, sitting cross-legged on the floor among the children, "the all-knowing LegeHead decreed that there would be a mighty Commission -- an Enterprize! -- to oversee twelve powerful lords."

"These lords ruled over vast lands of gold and services without which the people could not live, but they could not see that their own days were numbered."

"Ooooo," said a wide-eyed little boy clutching the arm of his mother, who came to the event hoping for advice on how she could possibly spend all \$12/day she receives in food stamp assistance for her family.

"The LegeHead laid in wait until that fateful day in 2003 when ...BOOM!... the twelve mighty rulers were slaughtered and replaced by five pitiful pretenders who brought with them wizards and consultants promising to conjure an endless bounty of cost savings." E.C. Janek clearly loved this part of the story.

What the hell you talkin' bout?" asked one mother, "you're scaring my kid!"

"But alas, they failed," the E.C. continued, "and thrust the kingdom into ten long years of hanky-panky and deep doo-doo."

"But now!" the E.C. proclaimed with a Moses at-the-edge-of-the-Red Sea arm gesture. "I have been anointed by the all-powerful *Commission del Sol y la Luna* to lead our people away from the darkness!!" He stood up, towering over the children.

"I, yes, I will now vanquish the pretenders and establish here unto a dynasty of one!" he shouted. "I will rule the Enterprize because the LegeHead is giving me \$59 billion next session!! Bwaa-ha-ha--ha-ha!!!"

As the weeping children were escorted from the room, an HHSC press officer indicated there might be a clarification of the Executive Commissioner's remarks distributed later.

Don't get us wrong.

We'll still love you if you don't follow UpThe on Twitter, but you may no longer be our favorite child.

UpThe Fun Facts

- All of our newly-elected legislative representatives did *not* lie enough to *not* get elected.
- Most of them...
 - say they will try not to watch a bunch of porno on the floor of the House,
 - are so intelligent they won't have to read a bill before voting on it, and
 - are a little afraid of smart, black women legislators.
- This is François-Marie Arouet, one of the UpThe gang.



State Employee Charitable Campaign Events Raise Funds

October witnessed another successful HHS Enterprize State Employee Charitable Campaign, increasing contributions by ten percent over 2013. Creative state employees across the Enterprize went all out this year staging new events to encouraged donations from fellow state workers. The top fundraising events included:

- **We Have Your Puppy** featured the kidnapping of puppies from co-workers homes; for a small ransom donation, the worker could actually save the puppy! This year, \$50,000 was raised and 37% of the puppies were saved!
- **Blindfolded Rooftop Soccer** is a favorite among un-married, 40-something, nearsighted IT contractors who have a little trouble “meeting girls.” Making \$90/hour, they don’t mind paying the \$300 entry fee if that means a chance to impress the ladies down below waiting to see who runs off the edge of the building first.
GOOOOOOAAAAAALLLLL!!!
- **Swedish Message from a Naked Clown** features your choice of several clowns, oils and background music. It’s not for everyone, but one satisfied customer commented afterwards, “I’ve never seen shoes that big!”

While some events were big fundraisers, others failed to raise any funds at all and will be discontinued immediately, including a chance to win:

- Legal Advice from Enterprize Attorneys!
- A Fabulous Week in Lufkin!
- An Evening with Your Commissioner!



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DADS in Compliance with Federal Aging Rules

With the departure of 42 year-old Domingo Ochoa from the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS), the agency is now in compliance with a federal law requiring that the average age of employees working for a state agency serving Medicare recipients must be 68 years or less.

“Domingo was a nice boy,” said 83 year-old Eleanor Purvil, “but he didn’t really fit in.”

You’re tellin’ me,” yelled Mr. Ochoa’s 79 year-old manager, adjusting his hearing aide. “I couldn’t understand a word he said. He was always staring at that phone thing of his and running around with those young chickadees.” Records indicate that Mr. Ochoa’s 47 year-old wife visited him at his office on two occasions last year.

While a statement released by the U.S. Administration on Serving Seniors (ASS) congratulated DADS on its accomplishment, it also announced that DADS would not receive grant funding requested to construct an on-site nursing facility and crematorium.

“Competition for these grants is pretty stiff,” said a spokesperson. “Unfortunately DADS did not meet the big ASS requirements.”

Don’t Miss These Mom-approved Issues of Up The Enterprize

[*Inaugural Issue-Collector’s Edition, May 2014*](#)

[*Hot & Sexy Summer Fun Issue, July 2014*](#)

[*Carefree Pre-Ebola-in-Dallas Issue, September 2014*](#)

In-depth analysis: Size and speed matter when it comes to Ebola task forces

“Theirs is probably no bigger than nine or ten. Ours is a good 17!” said Governor Perry at his October 6 press conference referring to the number of members on his new special infectious disease task force aimed at stopping the spread of Ebola throughout Texas. And with that one statement, Perry had slam-dunked President Ebolabama by creating his Texas task force a full 11 days before the president named his Ebola czar. Boom!



Governor Rick Perry, his mom, and the Texas team of Ebola killers all sporting fashionable red ties.

Then, on October 17, Gov. Perry cut short his European economic development trip and returned to Texas because of Ebola concerns. Take that Barackobola!

But the president countered with several cancelled campaign stops so he could rush to Washington to meet with his new czar! Things were going the president's way until New Hampshire Senate candidate Scott Brown tweeted "Mitt would've managed Ebola crisis much better than incompetent amateur Obama." Devastating.

And now, after three weeks of fearlessly fighting the Ebola outbreak in Texas, Mr. Perry must now make one of the most important decisions of his storied political career: What will I name the leader of my Ebola taskforce? Texas Ebola Wrangler? Ebola Wizard? The governor needs your help at this moment in history. Please [email your suggestions](#) ASAP.

Oh yeah, in other news, over 4900 people somewhere else have died of Ebola.

Commissioners Make the Halloween After-hours Party Scene

Some of our favorite commissioners were spotted at Halloween parties all over Austin and they went all out! Can you tell who's who? The answers are in the scrolling pics at upthenterprize.com!



Governor-elect Abbott hurls accusations at Up The Enterprize. That's right, hurls!

On the heels of the Texas Sunset Commission's recommendation to consolidate the five-agency health and human services system into one mega commission, Governor-elect Greg Abbott has launched an investigation into allegations that Up The Enterprize (UpThe) knew about the pending abolishment of DADS well before the Commission's report was released last week.

Harissa Clowney, UpThe founder and publisher, denied Mr. Abbot's accusation and warned that if her publication was prosecuted she would be forced to plead insanity based on indignant sovereign immunity.



The allegations stem from UpThe's publication of a [July 2014 story](#) that the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) was about to adopt the logo of a sinking ship. Meanwhile there are reports that **all** HHS agencies will now adopt the DADS logo immediately and use it until they all disappear in 2015.