

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Things you may not have known about your birds:

I thought it was time I talked about some of the unique qualities of the feathered friends we see every-day here in the Illinois Valley. I’m always asked question about birds and odd things, so let’s talk about some of these things.

Did you know the House Finch (Carpodacus Mexiacanus) as its Latin name implies, is originally found in the Southwest and Mexico? In the 1940s, they were brought to the east coast and sold as “Hollywood Finches”. As time went by, they were released and we have them from coast to coast.

The House Sparrow had a similar start in the U.S.A. They came from England in 1851 and were sold in Brooklyn. Later, they were sold in San Francisco and Salt Lake City.

The Blue Jay, like Flickers, sometimes groom themselves by combing through their feathers with live ants, which may help kill lice and other parasites. I lost my hair 20 years ago; I wonder if that would have helped?

The Blue Jay has an average lifespan of 7-8 years in the wild. That individual Blue Jay you see at your feeder today, may be the same one you’ve seen for many years. The frustrating thing about the Blue Jay

is they all look alike and sound alike. I haven’t figured out how to spot last year’s Blue Jay.

The Wild Turkey didn’t come from Turkey. They came from North America. The Conquistadores took them back to Europe and North Africa in the early 1500s. They reached England by way of Turkey in the 1520s, and thus the name. For a long time the Turkeys that come back with the English were smaller than the North American Turkey. Over time this difference has gone away.

The Sharp-shinned or Cooper’s Hawks don’t kill their pray by biting it or by the

impact of its strike. Cooper’s and Sharp-shinned Hawks use their feet to squeeze their victims to death. YUCK!

Rufous Hummingbirds breed as far north as the Yukon and winter in Mexico. That makes its migration the longest migration of any bird when measured by body length.

Did you know that the female Mallard Duck are the ones that quack? The males only grunt or whistle. Now, that sounds just like

my household. Oops, sorry dear.

I have my Saturday morning breakfast at My Place Cafe in Cave Junction. I usually eat around 8:30 a.m. and I would love to meet you and talk about birds from your backyard. You can email me with any questions you have about your birds at birdwatching@frontiernet.net

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America should not go Greek in the bathroom:

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Houston Lesbian Mayor Flexes Muscles

I’ve been to Athens, Greece. It’s an interesting place. There are a lot of ancient buildings and lots of history. A lot of Christianity can be studied in Greece.

There was one thing that bugged me in Greece and that was adjusting to the bathroom situation. When our group was traveling and eating in different restaurants women would be doing their business in the men’s restroom. My wife went into her restroom and there was a man sitting on a toilet. In the men’s restroom women would come in and find a stall without regard to the men lined up at urinals. Or, a man would come in, flip his hair back and pull up his skirt. I don’t mean to sound discriminating but I thought that was weird.

I’m for equal rights but I am not for stupid. I don’t think any man who can’t determine which gender he is on a given day should be

using the women’s restroom. This is the way it is in Greece. I don’t like it. Greece is one of the nastiest places I’ve ever been.

A woman should never have to be in the bathroom where one or a dozen men are doing their business. Or adult men should not be intermingling in shower rooms with women and girls. The scenarios can only grow. I don’t want to be in a bathroom with one or a dozen women. Let the men have their own public restrooms and let the women have theirs. Many businesses of course have one restroom and people of the opposite sex take turns and lock the doors when utilizing the facility.

The Mayor of Houston, Texas wants her city to go Greek. This is not a joke. Mayor Annise Parker, a lesbian who has been open about her sexuality, helped push this law through in May. The ordinance bans discrimination against LGBT people in housing, in employment and in public spaces. The new law is called the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance or HERO. A controversial part of the law would allow transgender

people to file a complaint if they are prevented from using the bathroom of their choice. The law has yet to be implemented. Thousands of signatures have been gathered against the new law. City pastors, priests and leaders of most all faith groups have cried out against it. Five pastors have even had their sermons/speeches subpoenaed. They’ve been suspected of making speeches against the new law or saying things that might be anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Mayor Parker is paranoid that these pastors may be speaking negatively about HERO or even her. She believes she can punish them if her attorneys can find statements in their speeches that are unflattering to her or the new law.

Is this woman crazy? Do I even need to ask?

Preachers and most all clergy have been voicing their opinions from the pulpits for a long time. Millions of people have been persuaded on how to conduct their lives ever since men and women started talking publically. I

will admit that not all ministerial sermons have led people in the right way. However, People have the right in this country to express their opinions either pro or con about anything. We must protect free speech 110%. LGBT people, evangelicals and all the Houston pastors have a say. However, as for me, if any of the preachers in Houston are publically saying they think men and women should not be using the same bathroom at the same time then I’m going to say “Amen!”

You can read more about this story at: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/15/houston-pastor-sermon_n_5992044.html or <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2014/10/14/city-houston-demands-pastors-turn-over-sermons/>

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“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” *John 3:16*

The world is in turmoil; so much negative news is assaulting us every day. It is hard to keep up with all that is taking place. In *Luke 21:26*, the Bible talks about a time when “men’s hearts will fail them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth.” Sometimes I think we are getting close to that condition in this old world. The Bible addresses the turmoil of the world

in any age. Look at *Psalms 2*, “Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, ‘Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.’ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision, then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure.” *Isaiah 40:15* says, “Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales; look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor its beasts sufficient for

a burnt offering. All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.” To the Lord God of the universe, the strivings of the nations and their leaders is a small thing, it is dust. But we individuals are not a small thing. The ultimate price was paid for our redemption from sin, and God would freely give that gift to all who would believe. See *Romans 10:9, 10*. According to *John 3:16*, God loves the people of the world. Do you know Jesus?

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Pastor Dave**

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Finally Free from Guilt (*John 8:31-36*)

Jesus said: “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.” Or as *Proverbs 5:22* tells us “evil deeds... ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast.”

The Bible teaches us that sin has a terrible ability to dominate our lives: To drag us down... to destroy us. *Titus 3:3* tells us, “At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.”

Or as *Romans 6:17* puts it: “...you used to be slaves to sin...”

Notice... “you used to be”. That implies that something has changed. Something is different. But what?

Jesus said– “... if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” That is the promise of Christ. That’s our birthright as Christians. But as real as that promise is and as faithful as Jesus will be in keeping it, it’s a reality that many Christians (even those who understand the promise Jesus gave that day) still struggle with guilt and shame.

They may have believed, repented, confessed Jesus as their Lord and been baptized into Christ, but there’s something they’ve done

that has tripped them up; something they believe God would never forgive them for. Or perhaps they’re struggling with a sin that they just can’t quite handle. They believe that they’ve gone over the edge – and they’ll never make it back into God’s graces.

For many Christians there is always that nagging question: “How could God ever forgive me? I’ve really messed up as a Christian. How could He ever forgive me? How could He ever forget what I’ve done?”

God will forgive us our sins – not because we deserve it, or have done enough good to outweigh our sins. God will forgive us for only one

reason: He loves us.

Do you need proof of that? *Romans 8:32* tells us: “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all— how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

God has already proven His love for us. He gave us His son to die for our sins even though we were His enemies; even while we were still sinners! He loves us so much He was willing to forgive us for all our past sins. Don’t you think He’d be willing to continue to forgive us because of that same love?

Places of Worship

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