

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



✓“None is more impoverished than one that has no gratitude. Gratitude is a currency that we can mint for ourselves and spend without fear of bankruptcy.” Fred DeWitt Van Amburgh

✓“In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.” Deitrich Bradley

✓“You can learn new things at any time in your life if you’re willing to be a beginner. If you actually learn to like being a beginner, the whole world opens up to you.” Barbara Sher

✓“The unfed mind devours itself.” Gore Vidal



American Update

We hope everyone enjoyed watching the Spirit of America Dancers in the **Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade™**! Thanks to **Cicci’s Dancewear** for creating the beautiful costumes again this year for both the Macy’s Parade as well as the **London New Year’s Day Parade**.

This week we have **75** dancers in the **Salado Christmas Parade** on Thursday then over **300** dancers in the pre-game performance of the **Brazos Valley Bowl** on Saturday at Kyle Field on the Texas A&M Campus. See the World Famous **Kilgore College Rangerettes** perform at halftime of the Brazos Valley Bowl. Game time is noon and tickets are \$5 each and students with a student ID are admitted free! Make sure to sign up for one of the **Rangerette Revelations** one day intensives on our web site.

We are at a record breaking level for contest registration going into the **2013 Contest Season** and look forward to seeing many of our friends and teams at contests to see your creative performances! Make sure to pre-register online soon as many competitions may reach capacity before the first of the year. If you need a login and password, please reply to this email. For more information on our American Competitions, visit us at **DanceADTS.com**



Inspiration of the Week

Bloom Where You Are Planted

By John C. Maxwell “*The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork*”

Rare are the people who begin their careers as stars. And those who do, sometimes find that their success is like that of some child actors; after a brief flash in the pan, they are never able to recapture the attention they got early on.

Most successful people go through an apprenticeship or period of seasoning. Look at quarterback Joe Montana, who was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 2000. He spent two years on the bench as a backup before being named the San Francisco 49ers starter. And as he was breaking records and leading his team to Super Bowls, the person who sat on the bench as a backup to him was Steve Young, another great quarterback.

Some talented team members are recognized early for their great potential and are groomed to succeed. Others labor in obscurity for years—learning, growing, and gaining experience. Then, after a decade of hard work, they become ‘overnight successes.’

Given the right encouragement, training, and opportunities, nearly anyone with desire has the potential to emerge as an impact player.

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