{enclose http://dev.ksco.got.net/podcasts/2013-03-02.mp3}

The following is a KSCO commentary. Here is Kay Zwerling:

My friend Michael Olson shared this with me. It is called "Catching Pigs", and it is thought provoking.

There is a chemistry professor in a large college that had some exchange students in the class.

One day while the class was in the lab the Professor noticed a young man (an exchange student) who kept rubbing his back. The professor asked the young man what was the matter, and the student told him that he had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist regime.

In the midst of his story, he looked at the professor and asked a strange question. He asked "Do you know how to catch wild pigs?"

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line. The young man said that it was no joke. "You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come everyday to eat the free corn. When they are used to coming everyday, you put a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence. They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side.

The pigs, who are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat that free corn again, you then slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd. Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to that, that they have forgotten how to forage

in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity. The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening to America. The government keeps pushing us toward communism and socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tax exemptions, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops, welfare, medicine, drugs, etc., while we continually lose our freedoms – just a little at a time.

One should always remember two truths:
1. There is no such thing as a free lunch, and
2. You can never hire someone to provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself.
If you see that all of this wonderful government 'help' is a problem confronting the future of democracy in America, you might want to send this on to your friends.
However, if you think the free ride is essential to your way of life, then you will probably delete this email, but God help us all when the gate slams shut!
Quote for the day: "The problems we face today are there because the people who work for a living are now outnumbered by those who vote for a living."
For KSCO, this is Kay Zwerling.
© copyright 2013

Transcription compliments and courtesy of: http://xcription.home.comcast.net or http://home

$\frac{.comcast.net/{\sim}xcription}{\text{I} \; \square \; \text{Referrals!}}$