

# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

NEWS & INFORMATION FOR GARLAND AREA DEMOCRATS

January 14, 2011

Garland, Texas

Edition #17

## US Rep. Gabrielle Giffords Shot in Tucson, Arizona

**6 others, including a nine year old child killed, 14 injured**

Saturday morning, during a local, "Meet & Greet Congress on the Corner" Representative Gabrielle Giffords, D-AZ8th was seriously wounded. 19 other people were wounded; 6 of the wounded did not survive. Judge John Roll, Gabe Zimmerman, 30, a staffer, Christina Green, a 9 year old child, Phyllis Schneck, 79, Dowin Stoddard, who protected his wife by shielding her with his body and Dorothy Morris, 76, are those who did not survive. A young man, Jared Loughner, 22, with a known history of strange behavior, is the person subdued by the heroes. Mr. Loughner had legally purchased a 9mm hand gun and 3 extended clips, each containing 31 bullets. One clip was emptied, one failed as he was attempting to reload, and another was found on his person.

A number of the bystanders rendered immediate aid to the injured, including a woman and two men who subdued the assailant and wrestled the gun away from him. These persons are true heroes who prevented the terrible tragedy from compounding; even more devastating. Representative Giffords is making progress at the University of Arizona Hospital. Doctors report she is responding to simple commands and is able to breathe on her own [brain] impulse, though still intubated. On Monday, Mr. Loughner was arraigned on 5 Federal offenses, including attempted assassination of a Member of Congress, and the murder of a Federal Judge. State charges are still pending. The report today, 1/14/2011: Rep. Giffords is able to breathe on her own, her eyes are opening for as long as 15 minutes and she is able to sit up and dangle her legs (with assistance).

## Tom DeLay Sentenced to 3 Years in Prison

Tom DeLay was sentenced to three years in prison for his role in an illegal scheme to launder almost \$200,000.00 in corporate campaign donations. Mr. DeLay was convicted by a jury in November 2010 of conspiracy to launder money and illegally laundering money. This week's action was the punishment part of the trial. Rather than have the jury assign the sentence, Mr. DeLay choose Judge Pat Priest, who was named to the case by Supreme Court Justice Wallace Jefferson, to hand down the sentence. *[Austin American-Statesman, 01/07/11]* Immediately taken into custody, Mr. DeLay was released after posting a \$10,000 bond. "The Lone Star Project reported in December, 2010 a DeLay pardon was unlikely anytime soon. First, Governor Perry can't personally pardon DeLay; he can only make recommendations to the Pardon Board. Second, the Pardon Board can't act until the appeals process has run it's course."

"Tom DeLay is not going to jail because of his political beliefs or his ideological views. He is going to jail for breaking the laws of the State of Texas. He committed felony money laundering and was handed down a sentence commensurate with his crime." *[Lone Star Project, 1/10/11]*

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## EDITORIAL

The events in Arizona today have more than saddened me. I am angry. Angry with the, to use the Sheriff of Pima Co. words, vitriolic rhetoric. There is a long known fact one cannot [legally] yell, "Fire!" in at theater. One cannot [legally] incite to riot. Yet, it has been perfectly acceptable by many to, "target individuals." "Put them in the cross hairs!" To, "Kill the ...bill ... opposition," and so forth. Words can kill, as my Mother would say.

Today, in Tucson, Arizona, this was proven once again. A child and 5 adults were gunned down, 14 others were seriously injured on a grocery store sidewalk.

In 1987-88, I worked with the Global Peace Conference: *From Vision to Reality*, chaired by Vivian Castleberry, well known Dallas Peace Activist. One of the first areas where we received training was in personal freedom, especially in recognizing and removing violent language from our personal vocabulary. I confess, this is an on going process for me. Perfection certainly evades me. However, small changes do make a difference. I never, "hit" a key – on the computer; I "press" a key. Subtle, yes; profound, certainly. How many times have I not promoted, "hitting," in these 23 years? And this is just one word. Keith Olbermann during his show tonight (1/8/11) apologized for his use of vitriolic rhetoric and admonished his audience, especially those of us in the media to apologize as well and to stop participating in the hate. I apologize where I have participated in the vitriolic rhetoric, hate-filled, violent language. I ask each of you to participate in this journey.

"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness...for ourselves and our posterity." Only when we are all free, will any of us have freedom. Sew the blessings of our liberty one word at a time.

Saturday, January 8, 2011  
\*\*\*Rachel Baker Ford, Editor

### FROM THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS: Rick Perry: Man of the Year

#### **The Complete Texan:**

I regret to say that I agree with the Dallas Morning News' selection of Rick Perry as 2010 Texan of the Year.

Nothing says Texas like arrogant, greedy, powerful and photogenic.

Willa Kulhavy, Garland

#### **Remember the Time title:**

This choice for Texas of the Year reminds me of years ago when Time Magazine named the Ayatollah Khomeini as its Man of the Year.

Carol Isaacson, Plano

#### **It doesn't boggle the mind**

Rick Perry, Texan of the year. How obvious, predictable and unimaginative.

Julie Harris, Commerce

#### **How could you?**

What are you people smoking down there? Rick Perry, the Texas of the Year? The man who has made Texas and Texans look like hot-headed red necks all over the world?...

Larry Randolph, Dallas

#### **He's no leader...**

The naming of Rick Perry as Texan of the year is a travesty. The Dallas Morning News recommended his opponent, and he has become a laughing stock around the country. If he is such a great leader, why are we in the financial predicament we are in today? Your editorial board talks out of both sides of its mouth.

Ronald Paris, McKinney

#### **... no steward**

Rick, "I Primp for Mirrors" Perry, Texan of the Year?

I am sure the children who have no state-supported health care and the environment – so polluted by lax state regulation – are in a miasma of confusion.

Two of our most valuable resources have been neglected by this governor. If he were a parent to these, he would be charged with neglect and abuse.

Cynthia Stock, Garland

## On the Anniversary of The Rev. Martin Luther King's Birth January 17, 2010

“The end of violence or the aftermath of violence is bitterness. The aftermath of nonviolence is reconciliation and the creation of a beloved community. A boycott is never an end within itself. It is merely a means to awaken a sense of shame within the oppressor but the end is reconciliation, the end is redemption.” *[From Martin Luther King's - The Power of Nonviolence, 1957]*

The election of Barack Obama was followed by a surge in the power of the prejudice, an election of people who read the Constitution without noticing it prohibits the establishment of a national religion, and want to add a clause that States can band together to nullify Federal laws. We weren't prepared for that backlash.

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* decision struck down the principle of separate but equal schools and laid the cornerstone for the end of segregation in all public facilities. I don't know if civil rights workers expected the 10 years of strife it took to generally achieve school integration that followed *Brown v. Board of Education* but they were ready for it.

No parent could send an unprepared child to walk a gauntlet of screaming, spitting adults into a school unless that child was prepared. Remember Governor Faubus called out the National Guard to keep nine African-American students out of Little Rock High School after they had won a lawsuit to be admitted. President Eisenhower federalized the guard unit, ordered them to return to their barracks and sent Federal troops to get the student inside the school.

Nor could thousands of people find the resolve to follow their leaders in a march into police dog attacks, fire hoses and worse without weapons and armor without years of training in self control.

The Civil Rights Act was signed into law by President Johnson on July 2, 1964. How could the leaders of a peaceful 54 mile march to promote voter registration have organized a second march after having 600 people beaten with tear gas, billy clubs, barbed wire, and bull whips six blocks into the March 7, 1965 march to Selma? They wouldn't/couldn't have done it without having been taught history so they knew that each step matters but progress is only visible by looking back.

The Voting Rights Act became law in 1965.

“It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world. It is nonviolence or nonexistence.” {MLK}

Martin Luther King was shot on April 4, 1968.

The community, including the NAACP (est. 1909), which educated King and the civil rights workers of the 20th century never ceased to prepare children and leaders to face adversity and make progress .

We can learn from them to take the next purposeful step.

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## From our Elected Officials: Washington, D.C.

Information & Voting Records of those who represent Garland

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### US House Mr. Sam Johnson, TX3<sup>rd</sup> & Mr. Jeb Hensarling, TX5<sup>th</sup>



12/22/10 Vote 664: H R 847: James Zadroga 9/11 Health & Compensation Act	Not Voting	No
12/21/10 Vote 663: H R 6547: Protecting Students From Sexual & Violent Predators Act	Not Voting	No
12/21/10 Vote 662: H R 3082: Appropriations Military Construction, Dept of Vet Affairs, & Rel. Agencies Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/10	Not Voting	No
12/21/10 Vote 661: H R 2751: FDA Food Safety Modernization Act	Not Voting	No
12/21/10 Vote 660: H R 2142: GPRM Modernization Act of 2010	Not Voting	No
12/21/10 Vote 659: H R 5116: America Competes Reauthorization Act	Not Voting	No
12/21/10 Vote 658: H R 6540: Defense Level Playing Field Act	Not Voting	No
12/21/10 Vote 657: H RES 1771: Waiving a Requirement of Clause 6(a) of Rule XIII Respecting Consid. of Certain Resolutions Frm Rules Comm Providing for Consideration of Motions to Suspend the Rules	Not Voting	No
12/17/10 Vote 656: S 3874: Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act	Not Voting	No
12/17/10 Vote 655: H R 5510: Aiding Those Facing Foreclosure Act of 2010	Not Voting	No
12/17/10 Vote 654: H R 2142: Gov't Perf and Results Modernization Act of 2010	Not Voting	No
12/17/10 Vote 653: H RES 1776: Providing Consider. Joint Resolution (H.J.Res. 105) Making Further Continuing App'ns: Fiscal 2011, Other Purp	Not Voting	No
12/17/10 Vote 652: H CON RES 336: Prov. Sine Die Adjmt 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sess.111th Cong	Not Voting	No
12/17/10 Vote 651: H R 628: An Act to Est Pilot Prog in Cert. US Dist Courts to Encourage Enhancement of Expertise in Patent Cases amg. Dist Judges	Not Voting	Yes
12/17/10 Vote 650: H R 6523: Ike Skelton Nat'l Defense Authorization Act Fiscal 2011	Not Voting	Yes
12/17/10 Vote 649: H R 1107: An Act to Enact Certain Laws Relating to Public Contracts As Title 41, US Code, "Public Contracts"	Not Voting	Yes
12/17/10 Vote 648: H RES 1377: Honoring Accomplishments N.Y.Mineta, & Other	Not Voting	Yes
12/17/10 Vote 647: H R 4853: Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2010, Part Iii	Yes	Yes
12/16/10 Vote 646: H R 4853	No	No
12/16/10 Vote 645: S 987: To Protect Girls in Dev. Countries Through Prevention of Child Marriage, and for Other Purposes.	No	No

(Editor: Where were you, Mr. Johnson? & Are either of you concerned about the welfare of real folks - your constituents?)



### US Senate Mr. John Cornyn & Mrs. Kay Bailey Hutchison

12/22/10 Vote 299: Nom Confirm Mary Helen Murgia, AZ: U.S. Circuit Judge	Yes	Yes
12/22/10 Vote 298: Ratif. Resolution: Advice & Consent Ratification As Amended (Treaty Doc. 111-5); Treaty betwn USA & Russian Fed on Measures for Further Reduction & Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol	No	No
12/21/10 Vote 297: H R 3082: Kyl Amdt. No. 4893; Provide Senate advice & consent to ratification of New START Treaty subject to understanding of non-use of covers by Russian Fed tend to interfere with Type 1 inspections & accurate warhead counting, subject to U.S. & Russian Fed reaching agreement regarding access & monitoring, subject to certification the Russian Fed has agreed it will not deny telemetric exchanges on new ballistic missile systems it deploys during duration of Treaty.	Yes	Yes
12/21/10 Vote 296: HR 3082: Kyl Amdt. No. 4860; Require certification the President has neg. legally binding side agreement with the Russian Fed the Russian Fed will not deploy significant # of nuclear-armed sea-launched cruise missiles during dur. of New START Treaty.	Yes	Yes
12/21/10 Vote 295: HR 3082: Wicker Amdt. No. 4895; Provide understanding provisions adopted in Bilateral Consultative Comm affecting substantive rights/obligations under Treaty are those creating new rights/obligations for U.S. & must be submitted to Sen advice & consent.	Yes	Yes
12/21/10 Vote 294: HR 3082: Motion to Table Risch Amdt. No. 4878; Provide condition regarding return of stolen US military equipment.	No	No
12/21/10 Vote 293:HR 3082:Ensign Amdt.# 4855; Amend Treaty provide clr def of rail-mobile missiles	Yes	Yes
12/21/10 Vote 292: On Cloture Motion to Invoke Cloture on Treaty Doc. 111-5 (START Treaty); Treaty betwn USA & Russian Fed.on Measures for Further Reduction & Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol	No	No
12/21/10 Vote 291: Nom Confirm: Wm J Martinez, of CO, to U. S. Dist Judge for CO	No	No
12/21/10 Vote 290: Nom Confirm: Benita Y Pearson, of OH to U.S. Dist Judge	No	No
12/21/10 Vote 289: Motion to Concur in House Amdt. to Senate Amdt. With Amdt. No. 4885 to H.R. 3082; Military Construction & Vet Affairs & Rel Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010	No	Yes
12/21/10 Vote 288: Cloture Motion to Invoke Cloture on House Amdt. to Sen. Amdt to H.R. 3082 With Amdt. No. 4885; Military Construction & Vet. Affairs & Rel Agencies App'ns Act, 2010	Yes	Yes
12/20/10 Vote 287: HR 2965: LeMieux Amdt. No. 4847; Amend Treaty: require negotiations to address disparity betwn tactical nuclear weapon stockpiles.	Yes	Yes
12/20/10 Vote 286: HR 2965: Thune Amdt. No. 4841; Modify deployed delivery vehicle limits of Treaty.	Yes	Yes
12/20/10 Vote 285: HR 2965: Inhofe Amdt. No. 4833; Increase number of Type 1 & Type 2 inspections allowed under Treaty.	Yes	Yes
12/19/10 Vote 284: Nomination confirm Raymond Joseph Lohier, Jr., of NY, to US Cir Judge	Yes	Yes
12/19/10 Vote 283: HR 2965: Risch Amdt. No. 4839; Amend Treaty preamble to acknowledge interrelationship between no-strategic & strategic offensive arms.	Yes	Yes
12/18/10 Vote 282: HR 2965: McCain Amdt. No 4814 to Treaty Doc. 111-5; Amend Treaty preamble o strike language regarding interrelationship bet'n strategic offensive & strategic defensive arms.	Yes	Yes
12/18/10 Vote 281: On the Motion	No	No
12/18/10 Vote 280: Nom Confirmation Ellen Lipton Hollander, of MD to US Dist Judge	Yes	No

(Source: The Washington Post: Congressional Votes Database 1/12/11 NOTE: Text abbreviated by the Editor, Rachel Baker Ford. Full text available on the Washington Post Web site: <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/members/> Make known any confusion or error and a correction is deeply regretted and will be made in the February GADC VOICE.)

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## From our Texas Elected Representatives: Austin

Information of those who represent Garland

### The Texas State Senate



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#### 82nd Legislature Regular Session: 12/13/2010 Senate Bills Filed

**SB 257:** Relating to the issuance of "Choose Life" license plates and creation of the Choose Life account in the general revenue fund. *(Watch: Constitutionality??)*

**SB 261:** Relating to the rule against perpetuities. *(Watch: What perpetuities?)*

**SB 262:** Relating to health benefit plan coverage for orally administered anticancer medications. *(Watch: What is the intent - add or remove coverage?)*

**SB 263:** Relating to revocation/suspension of the license of a physician placed on deferred adjudication, comm. supervision or arrested for certain offenses.

**SB 315:** Relating to agencies & entities responsible for compiling & maintaining info. pertaining to criminal combinations & criminal street gangs.

**SB 319:** Relating to financing programs for low-income electric customers and certain other electric customers.

**SB 320:** Relating to the practice of psychological associates.

**SB 322:** Relating to requirements for reinsurance contracts covering title insurance policies issued in this state.

**SB 323:** Relating to applicability of certain laws governing corporations to limited liability companies.

**SB 328:** Relating to notice of a hospital lien.

**SB 342:** Relating to power of the office of the attorney general to make certain examinations & inquiries. *(Additional Primary Authors 1)*

**SB 178:** Relating to requirements to vote, inc. presenting proof of ID; providing criminal penalties. *(Authors: Fraser, Birdwell, Carona, Duncan, Estes, et al.)*

#### Mr. Bob Deuell – Senate District 2



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#### 82nd Legislature Regular Session: 12/13/2010 Senate Bills Filed

**SB 233:** Relating to creation of Rowlett Pecan Grove Management Dist.; providing authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment, & issue bonds.

**SB 234:** Relating to creation of Rowlett Downtown Management Dist.; providing authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment, and issue bonds.

**SB 235:** Relating to creation of Rowlett Waterfront Entertainment Management District; providing authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment, and issue bonds.

**SB 236:** Relating to creation of Hunt Co. Mun. Utility Dist. #1; providing authority to impose a tax & issue bonds; granting limited power of eminent domain.

*(Editor: Raises taxes)*

**SB 237:** Relating to regulation of raw milk & raw milk products.

## The Texas State House of Representatives

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112

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#### Bills Filed 1/13/11

**HB 507** Relating to notice for certain transactions involving local gov't entities.

**HB 508** Relating to lobbying by former members of legislature; creating an offense.

**HB 525** Relating to certification qualifications of person as a qualified business under enterprise zone program.

**HB 582** Relating to eligibility requirements for businesses to receipt of certain public subsidies.

*(Editor: The 4 are not related to assisting constituents - only businesses and lobbying by former members of the legislature)*

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#### Bills Filed 1/13/11

**HB 425:** Relating to creation of Rowlett Downtown Management Dist.; providing authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment, & issue bonds.

**HB 426:** Relating to creation of Rowlett Pecan Grove Management Dist; providing authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment, & issue bonds.

**HB 427:** Relating to creation of Rowlett Waterfront Entertainment Management Dist; authority to impose a tax, levy assessment, & issue bonds.

**HB 520:** Relating to law enforcement officers employment records, incl. procedures correcting employment termination repts; providing admin. penalty.

*(Editor: 3 of the 4 bills ask for a tax increase)*

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# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## The State of the State: The Texas Budget Debt

### Lots of Debt To Go Around

– Charles E. Ford, Jr.

The media has focused on the \$14,000,000,000,000 (\$14 trillion) National debt. That debt is bad enough, but in addition, the state of Texas has 2010-11 deficit of \$4,300,000 (\$4.3 billion) that is projected by Comptroller Susan Combs to balloon to \$15 billion dollars by 2013 at the current spending rate due to a severe reduction in the anticipated revenue. The 2010-11 deficit is in spite of \$6.6 billion dollars into the Texas economy by the Stimulus bill. That \$6.6 billion dollars will not be available in the 2012-13 budget.

That's not the end of the story. Local governments have also issued bond issues for parks, schools, golf courses, water systems, and other projects. The Texas debt clock (at [www.usdebtclock.org](http://www.usdebtclock.org)) estimates the Texas debt at \$285,327,650,513 or \$10,222 per person. This is in addition to the \$44,966 per person share of the national debt.

Details of the Comptroller's \$72 billion revenue prediction for 2012-13 are available at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxbud/bre2012/96-402\\_BRE\\_2012-13.pdf](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxbud/bre2012/96-402_BRE_2012-13.pdf). Texas also "stands to collect \$100.5 billion in federal receipts and other revenues dedicated for specific purposes and therefore unavailable for general-purpose spending."

Major sources of income for the state for 2012-13 are the sales tax (\$42.9 billion), Franchise taxes (\$5.8 billion), and Motor fuel taxes (\$5.8 billion). The lottery contributes \$2.0 billion to the state General Fund. Other taxes, licenses, and fees account for the remainder of the \$72.2 billion in revenue for fiscal 2012-13.

The chart below presents the major categories for the last two biennial budgets. They will serve as starting points for the 2012-13 budget. The bottom line must be \$72 billion and that must include making up the \$4.3 billion deficit from 2010-11.

<b>ALL FUNCTIONS</b> <small>(Source: <a href="http://www.sunshinereview.org">www.sunshinereview.org</a>)</small>	<b>ESTIMATED/BUDGETED 2008–09</b> <b>(In Millions)</b>	<b>APPROPRIATED 2010–11</b> <b>(in Millions)</b>
General Government	\$2,242	\$2,442
Health and Human Services	21,776	24,413
Education	48,484	48,942
Public Education	35,762	35,219
Higher Education	12,721	13,723
The Judiciary	402	437
Public Safety and Criminal Justice	8,293	8,630
Natural Resources	755	875
Business and Economic Development	648	586
Regulatory	339	311
General Provisions	0	2.1
The Legislature	343	354
ARRA Funds (Federal Stimulus)	-1,647	-6,383
<b>TOTAL, ALL FUNCTIONS</b>	<b>\$81,639</b>	<b>\$80,614</b>

(Note: \$2,242: 2 thousand, 2 hundred forty two millions is: 2.242 billion )

# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## The State of the State: The Texas Budget Debt Lots of Debt To Go Around (*Continued*)

Governor Perry along with the House and Senate will present budgets next week. Major cuts are expected, and in fact required, to bring expenditures in line with receipts. The Governor has proposed across the board cuts. This is the lazy way out. The individual budget items must be evaluated and prioritized.

*The Dallas Morning News* (January 9, 2011) listed some potential cuts.

1. Close Sugar Land Prison and two youth lockups.
2. Close 2200 beds in private prisons and 625 beds in substance abuse wards.
3. Cap enrollment or stop covering aid medication for 15,000 people.
4. Remove classroom student limits and reduce the teaching staff by 12,000 teachers.
5. Reduce college financial aid. Aid reduction could affect 30,000 to 40,000 students.
6. Close two of 13 institutions for the mentally ill and disabled.
7. Reduce the funding for all agencies and eliminate some smaller ones.
8. Layoff more than 9,000 jobs.

Notice a common theme in the proposed reductions, “Kick ‘em while they’re down”. The list only impacts people with little or no representation; prisoners, Aids patients, students, mentally ill, disabled, and new teachers since layoffs are generally, “last in first out.” No where do you see a serious analysis of where the money is going, why it is allocated, or what the money is actually spent for. No where do you see an indication that anyone has done a serious search for duplicate or outdated programs. No where in the list do you see an indication the Governor, House, or Senate have seriously reviewed their own budgets for waste or reasonable reduction. Each of the major items listed in the chart above has tens if not hundreds of sub items that should be carefully reviewed. Where are the highway funds hidden? Can we live with the current highway system until the economy improves? Can we reduce the number of administrative positions in education system, public or higher education, instead of laying off teachers?

Can revenue be increased? Gambling has been suggested as a possible source of additional revenue. Another option is to increase the sales tax. A ½ percent increase would add \$3 billion to the state revenue. A third option is to use a portion of the money from the “Rainy Day Fund”. The fund is worth approximately \$9 billion, not enough to balance the budget but enough to reduce the burden. An income tax on the individual is a possibility but once this door is opened, we will never get it closed. There is also data showing states with an income tax have economies that are on the decline while those that do not have an income tax fair better in this economic climate.

Reducing the budget by \$15 billion dollars is not an easy job but that is not an excuse for the items listed in the *Dallas Morning News* or for not investigating alternatives to laying off teachers, police, and firefighters because that is a quick and easy way out. It is time for the elected officials in Austin to put some serious thought and effort into novel solutions that don’t punish the electorate.

Charles E. Ford Jr.  
Garland, TX

# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE OUT & ABOUT

## Memorial Service in Tucson



“The loss of these wonderful people should make every one of us strive to be better. To be better in our private lives, to be better friends and neighbors and coworkers and parents. And if, as has been discussed in recent days, their death helps usher in more civility in our public discourse, let us remember it is not because a simple lack of civility caused this tragedy -- it did not -- but rather because only a more civil and honest public discourse can help us face up to the challenges of our nation in a way that would make them proud.

We should be civil because we want to live up to the example of public servants like John Roll and Gabby Giffords, who knew first and foremost that we are all Americans, and that we can question each other’s ideas without questioning each other’s love of country and that our task, working together, is to constantly widen the circle of our concern so that we bequeath the American Dream to future generations.

They believed -- they believed, and I believe that we can be better. Those who died here, those who saved life here -- they help me believe. We may not be able to stop all evil in the world, but I know that how we treat one another, that’s entirely up to us.

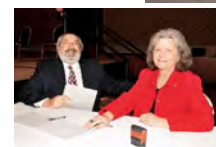
And I believe that for all our imperfections, we are full of decency and goodness, and that the forces that divide us are not as strong as those that unite us. And here on this Earth -- here on this Earth, we place our hands over our hearts, and we commit ourselves as Americans to forging a country that is forever worthy of her

*[Christina Taylor Green]* gentle, happy spirit.

May God bless and keep those we’ve lost in restful and eternal peace. May He love and watch over the survivors. And may He bless the United States of America. ”

President Barack Obama  
January 12, 2011

## Judges Swearing in Ceremony Dallas County Democratic Party January 1, 2010





# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## GADC CLUB CORNER BULLETIN BOARD

### Garland Area Democratic Club Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:00 pm  
Regular Meeting  
All are welcome, bring a friend.  
Garland Women's Activities Building:  
713 Austin Street Garland  
Contact: Fran Donnell 972-414-8822  
[frandonnell@verizon.net](mailto:frandonnell@verizon.net)

### MLK Parade, Garland

The GADC is participating in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade.  
Saturday, January 15, 2011 8:45 am Unit #67  
Meet at Dairy Road @ Garden Drive (Near Embree Park. Ends at Granville Arts Center, 330 N. 5th Street, Garland. Come early to help decorate the truck/ float. Contact: Fran Donnell 972-414-8822  
[frandonnell@verizon.net](mailto:frandonnell@verizon.net)

### Garland Democratic Woman's Club

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 11:30 am  
DCDP Chair, Darlene Ewing:  
Topic: Co updates & our participation.  
2011 Officers: Pres. Martha Crump, VP Patricia Seehorn, Sec. Hon. Elizabeth Crowder, Treas. Billie Adrian, Sergeant-At-Arms Jimmie Smith, GFC Rep. Arlene Beasley  
All are welcome, bring a friend. Pay 2011 dues!  
Siciliano's Taste of Italy, 2210 W Buckingham Garland, TX. For info: 972-226-3387

### HD112 Democratic Activists

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 6:30 pm  
Jeff Dalton: 2010 Coordinated Campaign.  
Thomas Howery will also be in attendance.  
Please RSVP for restaurant head count.  
Siciliano's Taste of Italy, 2210 W Buckingham Garland, TX. For info: 972-226-3387  
Contact Ed Miller [limonoids@yahoo.com](mailto:limonoids@yahoo.com),  
or Peggy Henger: [pjhenger@tx.rr.com](mailto:pjhenger@tx.rr.com),

### TDWCC Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2011 6:45 pm  
Regular Meeting: All are welcome, bring a friend.  
Collin College - Frisco: 148 Founders Hall  
Contact: Barb Walters, TDWCC President  
214-477-5183 [www.tdwc.org](http://www.tdwc.org)

### The Dallas County East Democrats (DACED)

Wednesday, January 26, 2011  
Martinez Restaurant 901 Gross Rd, Mesquite 75149  
Networking 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM  
Sergio Garcia, Pres. (DACED) 214-440-7561  
[Sergio@mesquitelion.com](mailto:Sergio@mesquitelion.com)



### **JOHN LINGENFELDER** **2010 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR** **U.S. CONGRESS**

MY SINCERE THANKS TO  
EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF GARLAND'S OWN  
**GARLAND AREA DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

So many people with GADC did so much for my campaign; I cannot say Thank You enough and do look forward to the future with excitement and sharing it with all of my friends.

And remember... LIFE IS GOOD!

### Far North Dallas Democrats

Thursday, Jan 20, 2011 Meeting  
Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse  
1251 W. Campbell Road, Richardson.  
6:30 pm Socializing & dinner 7:00 pm Meeting  
Jeff Dalton will discuss coordinated campaign  
Janice Schwarz, Pres. 214-460-7283  
[janiceschwarz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janiceschwarz@sbcglobal.net)

### Rowlett Democrats

United for Truth, Equality, and Freedom  
Meeting: Saturday, January 29, 2011, 3pm  
Rowlett Public Library, Meeting RM  
3900 Main St Rowlett 75088  
Info: 972-475-1836

### Notes:

**Bob Bailey** is doing MUCH better at home.  
**John Kaiwi** has had another setback. Is home.  
Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers

# GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## An Open Letter to Parents Following the Tragedy in Tucson

First Lady, Michelle Obama

January 13, 2011

Dear Parents,

Like so many Americans all across the country, Barack and I were shocked and heartbroken by the horrific act of violence committed in Arizona this past weekend. Yesterday, we had the chance to attend a memorial service and meet with some of the families of those who lost their lives, and both of us were deeply moved by their strength and resilience in the face of such unspeakable tragedy.

As parents, an event like this hits home especially hard. It makes our hearts ache for those who lost loved ones. It makes us want to hug our own families a little tighter. And it makes us think about what an event like this says about the world we live in – and the world in which our children will grow up.

In the days and weeks ahead, as we struggle with these issues ourselves, many of us will find that our children are struggling with them as well. The questions my daughters have asked are the same ones that many of your children will have – and they don't lend themselves to easy answers. But they will provide an opportunity for us as parents to teach some valuable lessons – about the character of our country, about the values we hold dear, and about finding hope at a time when it seems far away.

We can teach our children that here in America, we embrace each other, and support each other, in times of crisis. And we can help them do that in their own small way – whether it's by sending a letter, or saying a prayer, or just keeping the victims and their families in their thoughts.

We can teach them the value of tolerance – the practice of assuming the best, rather than the worst, about those around us. We can teach them to give others the benefit of the doubt, particularly those with whom they disagree.

We can also teach our children about the tremendous sacrifices made by the men and women who serve our country and by their families. We can explain to them that although we might not always agree with those who represent us, anyone who enters public life does so because they love their country and want to serve it.

Christina Green felt that call. She was just nine years old when she lost her life. But she was at that store that day because she was passionate about serving others. She had just been elected to her school's student council, and she wanted to meet her Congresswoman and learn more about politics and public life.

And that's something else we can do for our children – we can tell them about Christina and about how much she wanted to give back. We can tell them about John Roll, a judge with a reputation for fairness; about Dorothy Morris, a devoted wife to her husband, her high school sweetheart, to whom she'd been married for 55 years; about Phyllis Schneck, a great-grandmother who sewed aprons for church fundraisers; about Dorwan Stoddard, a retired construction worker who helped neighbors down on their luck; and about Gabe Zimmerman, who did community outreach for Congresswoman Giffords, working tirelessly to help folks who were struggling, and was engaged to be married next year. We can tell them about the brave men and women who risked their lives that day to save others. And we can work together to honor their legacy by following their example – by embracing our fellow citizens; by standing up for what we believe is right; and by doing our part, however we can, to serve our communities and our country.

Sincerely,

Michelle Obama [signed ]

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