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# DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## NEWS & INFORMATION FOR GARLAND AREA DEMOCRATS

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## Round One: Shutdown Averted

Minutes before midnight on Friday, April 8, 2011, a government shutdown was averted by an agreement between (for the GOP) Speaker John Boehner and (for the Democrats) President Obama and Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid. The agreement passed on Friday night was only a stopgap measure to fund the government through Thursday. The measure to fund the government through September will be voted on Wednesday (4/13), according to the Associated Press report. This is the plan which will cut \$38,000,000,000 in government spending, but spares defunding of women's health care (No cuts to Title X funding, specifically Planned Parenthood. PBS or the EPA). *(Ding-Ding end of the round)*

## Round Two: Chaos Ensues

Passage of the spending agreement through September has brought out the GOP Right Wing Extremists in full force shouting: "No deal! The budget agreement will not be passed! No raising the debt ceiling! End entitlements!" Speaker Boehner, insists this course will not cause a shut down of the government. The Department of the Treasury can make cuts in existing programs to make up the differences. Congressman Tom Price, (GA-6R) stated on MSNBC 4/11/11, "We don't want to shut down the government. ... We must, "Cut up our credit cards... We are going to have a remarkable week which sets things straight."

## The Fix Is In

To set the record straight: the GOP announced cuts for through September are as follows:  
\$5,500,000,000 cuts to Labor, Health and Education  
\$12,000,000,000 in cuts to Transportation and Housing  
\$784,000,000 in Homeland Security  
*(Announced on MSNBC: 04/12/11 1:10 CDT)*

The cuts will come from Title X programs (Planned Parenthood etc.), Social Security, Medicare, PBS, EPA, National Health, including Infectious Disease Protection and Medical Research, and Education.

## However...

Even with these draconian cuts, to administer this budget, pay the bills the Debt Ceiling will have to be raised (now projected to be the middle of May). The GOP Right Wing Extremists have shouted loudly they will not vote to raise the debt ceiling. Without raising the debt ceiling, the Government will go into default - foreclosure.

"To not pass the debt ceiling means we will default on our debt, the results are catastrophic in all areas, job creation, interest rates, wall street." *(Steve Leisman: NBC Commentator 04/11/11.)*

The loss of our "gold-standard" bond rating in the world is far-reaching to every country, every person in the world.

**President Obama Enters the Ring - See Page 8**

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## EDITORIAL

### An Oxymoron World

I've been reading about the bills filed in the Texas Legislature and needed a way to describe the work of this body. Oxymoron is a perfect fit. 359 bills are displayed when I searched on the word, "Teacher" 2,756 were displayed on the word, "Education." 3,125 bills have been filed, seeking to add to and/or change regulations for education in Texas. At the same time, a full one third (about 100,000) teachers are being fired from Texas Schools. Who's going to implement and enforce these new regulations?

Teachers (or what's left of the profession) who will have 35+ students in their classrooms?

The current assault on Unions is nationwide. Politicians, conservatives are hellbent to "bust" the unions.

The unions are responsible for child labor laws, the 40 hour week in safe conditions, vacations, reasonable wages, health care benefits, retirement and so many more benefits. The GOP Right Wing Extremists, with corporate funding backing, supports the wealthy with tax cuts, condoning obscenely high salaries for CEOs, tax subsidies for Oil Companies, carte blanche for insurance companies, continuation and proliferation of war. Here's the oxymoron: We're breaking the unions to cut jobs and benefits while doing nothing to create jobs. And, the educated are blamed for taking, low cost unskilled jobs. The uneducated have no jobs at all and are enjoying existing unemployment benefits.

Congressman Ryan's Prosperity Plan is projected to increase the National Debt by \$14,000,000,000,000 (That's 14 Trillion Dollars) before the budget is balanced [supposedly] in 2030 ending Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Health Care, the department of Human Services in general, but increasing the Department of Defense. This assumes we don't start anymore wars and a lot of old fogies and children die, unable to afford healthcare - anything. Oxymoron: We fight wars but we can't care for ourselves.

Don't forget the oxymoron words of Congressman Sam Johnson TX-3rdR:

We can get care at Parkland. We don't need healthcare insurance.

Texas, indeed the US, is giving a new depth to "oxymoron."

*Rachel Baker Ford, Editor  
Garland, Texas*

### Compromise On The Budget – A Personal Tragedy For Most Of Us



Everyone has their own special issue, dear to their heart, which was demolished in the unconscionable budget deal agreed to on Friday night. Here's mine – gray wolves will be stripped from the protection of the endangered species protection. This stealth attack was snuck in by a Republican Congressman, Mike Simpson, ID-2R and a Democratic Senator Jon Tester, MT-D. These two states are controlled by the NRA and powerful interests that will benefit financially from wolf hunts, even shooting from airplanes. Cubs will be left to die of starvation when their mothers are killed.

Even MORE tragically, this sets a terrifying precedent. Species are NOT de-listed by Congress. Congress has *NEVER* removed an animal from the endangered species list. This move strikes at the very heart of wildlife protection in America. The removal (delist) procedure of an endangered species process is lengthy and scientific. Any removal, delisting, of species must be done only after this thorough and sound scientific review – *NOT* at the whim of special interests groups or Congress.

My heart cries for the babies left alone and scared, with no hope of survival.

What a heartless people we are.

*Peggy Henger  
Garland, Texas*

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## Oxymoron In Action

### Voter ID Bill (SB14)

Texas Legislature passed SB 14, said to be the most restrictive Voter ID law in the nation. Under the plan, Texans will be required to show photographic ID before they vote. Thousands legally-registered Texas voters do not have a photo ID and these voters are disproportionately poor, minority, disabled or elderly. After six years of debate on this issue, supporters of this radical change have not found a single example of voter fraud combated by this new restriction.

Though it has passed both houses, the bill has not been sent to the Governor. Texas has a history of discrimination so the bill must be submitted to the Justice Department for review.

Wendy Weiser, director of Brennan Center's Democracy Program, expects Texas will have a tough time implementing the law. "Onerous ID requirements is something the [Justice] Department has looked at closely. I don't think this will be an easy pass through the pre-clearance process." (*TX Observer*, 04/08/11)



### The State of the State Texas voter ID Bill facts

**5**

forms of identification  
will be accepted  
(Senate version)

**77**

counties don't have a  
DPS Office to issue IDs

**34**

counties have only  
a part-time DPS Office

**46**

states had a higher voter  
turnout than Texas in 2008

#### Sources:

SB14, DPS testimony to the Texas  
Legislature & the United States  
Elections Project.  
From the TX Observer 04/08/11

### Letters to the Editor DALLAS MORNING NEWS

(Awaiting Publication)

**Subject: Presence is optional on voter ID**

To: letterstoeditor@dallasnews.com

Date: March 26, 2011

Voter ID was at the top of Perry's emergency list. Suspicions of voter fraud ran rampant in the Texas House. Apparently quite a few House members were so overcome by their enthusiasm for the voter ID bill they were unable to get to the Capitol. Their legislative friends punched the yes button for them. There ought to be a law requiring the people who campaigned to represent us to at least show up when they want to annoy us.

Willa Kulhavy

Editor: *The Dallas Morning News* published a report revealing a procedure in the Texas Legislature which allows elected representatives to vote for absent members.

### Texas Legislator Report: The Hon. Angie Chen Button

District: 112 Texas House (Richardson, Garland.)  
District Address: 1200 E. Executive Dr, Suite 130  
Richardson, TX 75081 Dist Phone: (972) 234-8980

#### Number of Bills: 37 Authored/ Co-Authored

**10 Bills** recognizing Richardson People & events

**1 Bill** recognizing RISD Blue Ribbon School  
(Dover Elementary School)

**0 Bills** recognizing GISD Blue Ribbon Schools

**1 Bill** naming Garland (Visit by City Council)

**7 Bills** recognizing individuals & events outside district:

- 1.) Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Taiwan,
- 2.) Honoring Turquoise Council of Amers & Eurasians for 2011 Turkic-Texan Friendship Reception & Awards
- 3.) Recognizing Asian-Pacific Heritage Month

**1 Bill** to limit Women's Rights (HB 816) Coverage by certain qualified health plans for abortions.

#### Number of Bills: 2 Co-Sponsored

SB14 Voter ID/ SB24 Conviction of Human Trafficking

#### Demographics of HD112: (2010 Census)

Total	Anglo	Black	Hisp	B+H	Other
148,911	74,195	18,090	34,377	51,740	22,976

#### Rep. Button: 3 Bills of Special Note

**HB 176** Jackson, Jim/Button  
Designating English as official language of Texas

**HB 177** Jackson, Jim/ Button  
Relating to the requirement of citizenship or lawful presence in the United States for issuance or renewal of certain occupational licenses, driver's licenses, and ID certificates.

**HB 178** Jackson, Jim/ Button  
Requiring governmental entities to participate in federal electronic verification of work authorization program (E-verify)

*Note: The new district maps show Mrs. Button's district will have much more of Garland and much less of Richardson in District 112.*

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## Beg No More – Texas Has Money

– Willa Kulhavy

Enough of teachers, policemen, supporters of Public Broadcasting, Planned Parenthood, and every worthwhile human right and public service group trekking to Austin to beg crumbs from the Texas Legislature. It is time to go for real money.

The greedy and unprincipled, led by our Governor conman Perry, have spent a profitable ten years tricking people like me into voting the wrong way on Constitutional Amendments like the one that I thought was to improve Hwy 35 and relieve traffic congestion with a modern freight rail system and instead almost gave us the Trans –Texas Corridor and did give us private public partnership toll roads out the wazoo. Then we old fools voted for a property tax break in 2006 and passed a constitutional amendment to create a deficit excuse to kill public schools, parks, jobs, highways, and people who depend on Medicare.

Dwell on that until you have enough righteous anger to sustain you while you study bills in the current legislature to see where the money we need can be found and to win the fight for it.

For your studying pleasure may I suggest?

**HB 354 by Lon Burnham (Ft Worth, House District 90 -D)** for a Texas Personal Income to begin at incomes over \$150,000, 3% on income between \$150,000 and \$250,000, 4% on the next \$100,000. At over a million, the tax would be \$38,000 plus 6% on income above a million.

**HB 2434 by Yvonne Davis (Dallas, House District 111-D)** repealing unnecessary rebates and exemptions for businesses like XTO, an Exxon subsidiary that saved \$113.2 million and Devon Energy with \$113.8 million savings in FYE 2010 via a gas tax exemption - all while turning record profits. Potential return of revenue to the General Fund for 2012 on passage of HB 2434 over \$22 billion.

For the ultimate thrill but unknown monetary value, please try:

**HB 465 by Lon Burnham (Ft Worth, House District 90 -D)** would abolish the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, the Pan American Games Trust Fund, the Olympic Games trust fund, and a Major Events Trust Fund, a Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund, and an Events Trust Fund for Sporting and Non-Sporting Events and send any recoverable money to the Texas General Fund.

*The Dallas Morning News*, in an ongoing investigation of the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, has reported since October 2010:

1. More than \$16 million from the tech fund had been awarded to companies with investors or officers who are large campaign donors to Gov. Rick Perry.
2. Gov. Perry approved a \$4.5 million award to a company founded by a major donor despite the company's failure to win the endorsement of a regional screening board. Convergen Lifesciences, founded by Perry contributor David G. Nance, was allowed to bypass a key part of the tech fund's extensive process for vetting applications.
3. A company run by the daughter of Nance was paid nearly \$70,000 to promote the tech fund.
4. The Texas Rangers last year investigated a stock deal between the fund's former director, Alan Kirchhoff, and a member of its advisory committee, William E. Morrow. The Travis County district attorney's office quietly closed the inquiry last September after its public integrity unit concluded that "no criminal offense was committed over which our office has jurisdiction and venue."

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Texas Legislature Online <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>

Watch Your Assets Texans for Public Justice <http://info.tpj.org/watchyourassets/enterprise2/index>

Perry's tech fund aided firms with ties to his donors at dallasnews.com October 3, 2010

[http://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/state-politics/20101003-perry\\_s-tech-fund-aided-firms-with-ties-to-his-donors.ece](http://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/state-politics/20101003-perry_s-tech-fund-aided-firms-with-ties-to-his-donors.ece)

## **Fracking**

### **What Exactly Is Fracturing?**

Hydraulic fracturing, fracking, is performed by pumping fluid into a well at very high pressure and a rapid flow rate to fracture the rock formation and release the oil, gas, or water. The American Petroleum Institute (API) defines the fluid as 90% water, 9.5% proppant, the remaining 0.5% is chemical additives. Proppant is a carefully sized particulate such as sifted sand preventing fractures from closing but permitting the gas or oil to flow toward the well bore. The 0.5% creates most concern. Fracking increases the production of the well.

The industry has tried to keep the list of chemicals in the fracking fluid secret by declaring the composition of the fluid a trade secret. The EPA convinced Haliburton to identify the chemicals but the list was not complete. The EPA's list of chemicals in the fracking fluid includes numerous carcinogens including benzene, toluene, xylene and naphthalene. Not all fracking fluids have the same components.

A steel pipe called the surface casing extends beyond the ground water and is sealed with cement. Water is located about 1000 feet below the surface, oil and gas are typically at 5,000 or 6,000 feet where the high pressure fluid is injected to induce fractures in the rock formation. About 80% of the fluid is pumped back out.

The process of drilling and bringing a well into production takes several months during which a large number of tank trucks bring as much as a million gallons of fresh water and equipment. Later the contaminated water may be trucked away. During the fracking operation a massive pump capable of pumping several hundred gallons of fracking fluid per minute at pressures as high as 15,000 PSI operates continuously. Both noise and atmospheric pollution from compressors and are problematic when the well is located near residential areas. When the well is in production compressors are operating to pump the gas out and feed into the pipeline or storage facility. In Wyoming, smog from the compressors has been reported to be as bad as the smog in Los Angeles. The fracking operation may take place several times during the life of the well – anticipated to be 20 to 30 years.

Fracking is not new or a recent invention. Fracking technology can be traced back to the 1860's and has been used for improving the flow from water wells and separating granite from rocks as well as releasing natural gas and oil from entrapment in rock formations. Hydraulic fracturing was introduced in the United States in 1947 and has been used in more than a million wells according to API. Fracking adds 7 billion barrels of oil and 600 trillion cubic feet of gas to the U.S. inventory. 7 billion barrels which could not have been captured economically by conventional drilling techniques. API credits the 5000 square miles of Barnett shale here in Texas with 6% of the U.S. natural gas.

A plentiful, inexpensive gas supply could entice energy hungry industries like the steel industry to remain or return to the United States resulting in more jobs and a larger tax base. API estimates that developing the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania and New York would generate 300,000 new jobs and contribute \$6 billion in federal, state, and local taxes by 2020.

### **Fracking Fluid Is Wastewater**

The fracking fluid, called wastewater when it is pumped from the well, contains the chemical additives in the fracking fluid and chemicals released from the rock formation. The chemicals added in the well include methane, radium, a radioactive element, and barium. About 80% of the fracking fluid is recovered as wastewater so disposing of the wastewater is expensive.

Wastewater is handled differently at different wells and different locations depending upon applicable regulations and the drilling company attitude toward environmental considerations, liability, and cost. Wastewater may be purified or partially purified at the well site, trucked to a nearby community water purification facility, pumped into a depleted well, pumped into a pond where the water will evaporate and leave a contaminated sludge behind, or it can be reused for another well. *(Continued on next page)*

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### What is Fracking?

#### **Fracking Fluid Is Wastewater** *(continued from last page)*

Most water purification facilities are not equipped to remove the contaminants in the wastewater. Upgrading the purification equipment is expensive and may be a burden on local residences if arrangements are not made with the drilling company. In some locations, including Texas, the waste water may be pumped into a reservoir where the water evaporates and the chemical additives are left behind or are pumped into a depleted well and assumed to be safely isolated from the ground water thousands of feet above. There are alternatives. Some drillers reuse the fracking fluid on another well.

The wastewater is so salty that it is used in some locations to de-ice the roads. The runoff which contains chemicals from the fracking can end up in the drinking water. Problems accompanying wells using fracking include health, air pollution, and noise problems for those living nearby.

#### **Garfield County, Colorado**

In Garfield County, Colorado officials investigating well contamination using scientific methods to identify the methane as matching the methane in the shale layer a mile and a half underground where fracking takes place. Methane from the shale rock formations are “thermogenic”.

In Dimock, Pennsylvania residents complained of contaminated wells. When you can light the water from your faucet on fire you know something is wrong! The investigation determined the wells were polluted with methane. The methane concentration was so high a well house exploded when the pump started. (Solutions? One homeowner was told to open a window when he took a bath.) Scientists checked the molecular composition and determined that the methane was thermogenic and came from the Devonian layer thousands of feet below the water aquifer. While this finding does not rule out the possibility the path from the Devonian shale to the water aquifer is from a natural cause, the water quality degraded measurably after the drilling started. Dimock was also the site of two wastewater spills within three days which flowed into the river. Cabot Oil and Gas, a well drilling company, was sited for not properly protecting the aquifer.

#### **Problems In Other Areas**

1. In Ohio, a house exploded due to gas in the water well. The Department of Natural Resources identified the cause as a faulty concrete seal in the gas well.
2. Also in Ohio, a spark ignited the gas built up in the basement of a home. The drilling company working nearby failed to properly seal the well and protect the aquifer.
3. In Pavillion, Wyoming the EPA found benzene, metals, naphthalene, phenols, and methane in the water and warned people not to drink the water. The chemicals found in the water are found in fracking fluid.
4. In Caddo Parish, Louisiana the gas couldn't be contained and polluted the aquifer. The methane content was so high people were evacuated from their homes. Caddo Parish was also the site where 16 cattle died after coming in contact with drilling fluid.
5. The smog created by the natural gas wells near Pinedale, Wyoming is so bad it is compared to the smog in Los Angeles.

#### **Difficulties in Identifying a Direct Link**

Often it is difficult to identify a direct link between contaminated water or health problems and the fracking. This is especially true with common symptoms like dizziness, rashes, or high blood pressure. In fact, there may not be a direct link. The quality of the water may degrade from natural causes, a consequence of a seismic event caused by the fracking, or because the fracking created a path between a contamination source and the well.

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### US Congress

Congress, in 2005 exempted fracking from the clean water act. An exemption coupled with inadequate state regulations allowed drillers in Pennsylvania to dump waste water into rivers and streams. *The New York Times* reported rivers in Pennsylvania were contaminated with radioactive materials brought to the surface by the drilling activity. Pennsylvania has since stopped dumping wastewater into the streams.

Companion bills introduced in the U.S. Senate (S.587.IS) and the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R.1084.IH) repeal the exemption for hydraulic fracturing in the Safe Drinking Water Act. The bills also require the person conducting hydraulic fracturing to disclose, to the state, a list of the chemicals intended for underground injection. The chemicals are to be published on the internet. The industry claims the FRAC Act is unnecessary because the states have adequate regulations now and those regulations are supplemented by industry guidelines. The obvious response to that argument is if the statement is correct the FRAC act will do no harm but will ensure consistency from well to well.

These bills do little to protect the public or the aquifer.  
What they do is tell you is what poison you drank after the fact.

Most of the problems related to fracking have been caused by human error; not sealing the casing with cement adequately, leaving a valve open or spilling waste. ***However, fracking can never be guaranteed to be safe.*** Fracking has created minor earthquakes that register as high as 2.6 on the Richter scale. This force can open vertical fissures providing a path for contaminants to travel between the shale formation and the aquifer.

### Texas, Our Texas

Texas has 263,704 wells and 106 enforcement officers. The number of new wells in 2008 was 16,569 and the number has been increasing each year. Fort Worth has 1800 wells. With only 106 inspection officers, they cannot be counted on to police the wells and improve the situation.

### Things to watch for as drilling approaches Dallas:

1. What is the history and experience of the driller?
2. How many violations have they been received?
3. How were the violations corrected?
4. How can the seal between the well and the aquifer be verified *before* the fracking takes place?
5. How can the seal between the well and aquifer be verified *after* fracking?
6. Where is the fresh water going to come from for fracking?
7. How much water is going to be required?
8. How is the wastewater going to be handled?  
(Pumped into a depleted well? Pumped into a reservoir to evaporate?  
Trucked to a water treatment plant? Dumped into a river or stream?  
Recycled? How recycled? Where recycled?)
9. How is the water to be trucked in? Route?
10. Who will repair damage to the roads caused by the trucks?
11. What will be done to minimize noise?
12. What precautions will be taken to minimize air pollution?
13. How much of the fracking fluid will be removed from the well?
14. Will the driller furnish a complete list of the chemicals in the fracking fluid?
15. What is the expected lifetime of the proposed well?
16. What is the economic benefit expected to be for the city, for the residents?
17. If the aquifer is polluted, what is the planned corrective action?
18. What happens to the well when the gas stops flowing?
19. Landowners and residences nearby existing wells drilled by the same company should be surveyed for complaints and observations particularly about health issues, water quality, noise, truck traffic, financial arrangements, and the attitude of the company?

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### Acceptable Risks?

The decision that has to be made is: What level of risk is acceptable? None is probably not a reasonable option. However, there are safer ways to perform the fracking.

1. Eliminate the 0.5% of chemical additives and use only water and proppant.
2. Mandate use of environmentally safe fracking fluid. (Under development & experimental use)
3. Limit the pressure and flow rate of the hydraulic fluid.
4. Prohibit the use of diesel fueled fracking machinery
5. Mandate required Recycling of the water.

### Warning from Pennsylvania:

In Pennsylvania, oil and gas inspectors must get the approval of top officials before they can issue a Notice of Violation (NOV). This directive was sent to the inspectors three weeks after Governor Corbet appointed C. Allen Walker to a newly defined position with authority over environmental issues including gas drilling and wells. Walker, the CEO and owner of a coal mining company, contributed \$184,000 to the Governor's campaign. In 2002, Corbet decided not to treat the 173 million gallons of polluted water they produced each year because it was too expensive. A court order was required to convince him otherwise. We need to watch for similar shenanigans in Texas – with different names for the main actors.

If this isn't enough to think about, Scientific American has an article "Deteriorating Oil and Gas Wells Threaten Drinking Water Across the Country". Six states have already identified abandoned wells as the source of contamination of groundwater.

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## Breaking News: President Obama Delivers:



"That's not going to happen as long as I am president."

"We don't have to choose between a future of spiraling debt and one where we forfeit investments in our people and our country. To meet our fiscal challenge, we will need to make reforms. We will all need to make sacrifices. But we do not have to sacrifice the America we believe in. And as long as I'm President, we won't."

The major points of the president's budget plan are:

1. Eliminate Tax Cuts for the Rich  
"I will refuse to renew them."
2. Reform the Tax Codes
3. Reform Health Care, Social Security, Medicare & Medicaid, End Health Care Waste
4. Cut Defense Spending

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## Out & About



Hon. Martin Hoffman,  
Discussing his court's Mortgage Program



**GADC Meeting March 2011**



Garland Area Democratic  
Woman's March 2011 Meeting



Judge Lewis, John & Jacob Ames



**Dallas County Democratic Party  
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Gracie Lewis & Fran Donnell



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Mr. & Mrs Tom Berry & friend



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## Garland Area Democratic Club Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2011 7:00 pm  
Program DAVID BRADLEY, SDEC 16 will tell us what he knows about Redistricting in Texas. Meet and hear the candidates running for the GISD positions and the Garland City Council. All are welcome, bring a friend.  
Garland Women's Activities Building:  
713 Austin Street Garland  
Contact: Fran at 972-414-8822  
frandonnell@verizon.net

## Garland Democratic Woman's Club

Wednesday, April 21, 2011 at 11:30 am  
Lenna Webb will report on the State TDW Convention and the North TX Women's Group.

Enjoy the fellowship of Democratic women over lunch! All are welcome, bring a friend  
Siciliano's Taste of Italy, 2210 W Buckingham  
Garland, TX. For info: 972-226-3387

## Dallas County Democratic Party 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Dallas Arboretum

Washington journalist, Eleanor Clift, McLaughlin Group & MSNBC Commentator, & Newsweek Editor, is the keynote speaker.  
Contact DCDP for tickets.

Email: [jjdiner@dallasdemocrats.org](mailto:jjdiner@dallasdemocrats.org)

Phone: 214-821-8331

## See the Movie: "Gaslands"

Learn more about the dangers of Fracking  
Sunday April 17, 2011 at 5:30 pm  
Refreshments will be served.  
Peggy Henger's House, 1405 McCallum Drive  
Garland, TX. RSVP: 972-276-5944

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## In Memoriam, Geraldine Ferraro

*(August 26, 1935 – March 26, 2011)*

Last week, a personal icon of mine died - Geraldine Ferraro. She died too soon, but left a lasting legacy and it was not just that she was the first female candidate for Vice President of a major political party. She fought for me long before she joined the Mondale ticket. In 1972, I was a young college freshman when I first became aware of the ERA. I was an ardent supporter of the constitutional amendment. Today, most people, including women, forget the battle that was waged to gain equality for women with a constitutional amendment. It is so simple, "equality of rights under the law shall not be abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex". In 1982, Geraldine Ferraro came to Austin to march along with Pat Schroeder, Jim Mattox, and Tom Harkin seeking ratification by the Texas legislature. Congress had passed the constitutional amendment in 1972 and 38 states were needed to ratify the amendment. It fell 3 states short. It has never been ratified.

But failure of the amendment did not stop Geraldine Ferraro. While a member of Congress; she continually fought for the ERA, for women's rights; defended Social Security and Medicare; and fought against Reagan budget cuts that targeted women, children and the poor. Raised by a single mother from the age of eight and gaining her education through scholarships and night school; she understood the economic bias against women, the struggle of the less fortunate, and the value of education.

In 1972 it was uncommon for women to be in Congress or a state legislature, or mayor of a city. It is not so uncommon today. But, the battle goes on. While women make up over 51% of the total population, they make up only 16.6% of Congress. We still have no woman Vice President or President. We are facing restrictions on a woman's right of choice; destruction of public education, slashing of mental health services, closing of nursing homes, elimination of public health programs; while we continue to fund the governor's slush fund, and find Congressional support for corporate subsidies and tax cuts for the wealthy. It is not a time to applaud history or stop fighting.

The war has not been won. Geraldine - we still need you.

*Darlene Ewing, Chair,  
Dallas County Democratic Party*

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- Showcase Article:** CD Rom (PC), Text and Photo submitted in separate files, Text in \*.wpd, \*.doc or ASCII format.  
Photos cropped & publication ready 300 dpi \*.JPG or TIF (preferred). Text & Photo file submitted on one disk.
- Advertisement Copy:** Camera Ready Files, \*.JPG OR \*.TIF format on CD Rom or DVD Disk, PC Platform (not MAC).  
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Charges for additional services, setup, mechanical, photos available upon request from Rachel Baker Ford, Editor.  
Content subject to approval by the Staff of The Garland Area Democratic Voice.

## Dates & Deadlines

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## Advertising Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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