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NEWS & INFORMATION FOR GARLAND AREA DEMOCRATS

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Where Are the Jobs?

The Texas Legislature, nearing final adjournment for another two years, have passed or will pass an astounding number of bills limiting, invading the lives of Texans. Voter ID's requiring persons younger than 70 to show a picture ID - a procedure already being implemented in Early Voting at the Garland City Hall. Lawsuits are being limited by widening the rules for how and why a loser must pay the lawyers and costs of both sides. An amendment to a fiscal matters bill will allow concealed guns in college dorm rooms and a bill to end so-called, "Sanctuary Cities," even though Governor Perry and others could identify no sanctuary cities in Texas. Add to this list, the turn over to Big Oil the power of eminent domain, the loss of funding for Planned Parenthood, suspension of environmental rules and the butchering of the public schools through cuts in spending and implementing rewritten historical facts with so-called, "Christian Doctrine."

\$2,227,300,000 has been collected from Texans in special fees and taxes for worthwhile and specific programs. Of the total collected, \$636,000,000 (less than a third) of the money has gone to the assigned beneficiary like Utility Bill Assistance for the Elderly and Poor, Trauma and EMS services, State Parks and Clean Air. The other two thirds of the collected funds have been reassigned to make up for the budget shortfall. Reassigned to the budget which proclaims a balanced budget without raising taxes. This is only a few of the switches made by the Legislature under the guise of, "no new taxes." Chewing tobacco taxes, now repealed, was to assist rural doctors to pay back their student loans. Specialty licenses plate fees go directly to the general fund. HB 2187 gives tax breaks (as high as 99%) to owners of so called mega-yachts. A tax by any other name (like fee), is a tax.

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (updated 5/6/11) in January of 2011, 1,010,600 Texans were unemployed. In March of 2011, after the Legislature had been in session for 3 months, 995,800, 000 Texans were unemployed. During this same 3 months, 37,477 Texas homeowners were foreclosed upon by their lending institutions. 100,000 teachers are to be fired due to the budget crisis. Class sizes are being increased, regardless of counter information from education groups.

Not one jobs bill has been introduced into the Texas Legislature. Not one.

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EDITORIAL

The events of the past two weeks are truly historic. The birthers, for the most part, have finally been appeased. President Obama is a natural born citizen of the United States. (Just for the record, Mr. Obama's mother, a natural-born US citizen, gave birth to a natural born US citizen.) Both the US Congress and especially the Texas Legislature have furthered their assault on women and children and the environment. Over 200,000 new jobs have been added, but the jobless rate has gone to 9%. "Aha!" says the GOP, no sitting president has been re-elected with a jobless rate of 8%. President Obama has proven his foreign policy expertise: bin Laden is dead, and the Taliban is severely weakened. "So there!" counters Democrats, the President will have a shoo-in re-election.

My personal "take," if you will, is the release of the "full" birth certificate was timed wonderfully to draw off the media as the plans for "Geronimo" were put into operation. In the post-operation revelations, my thoughts turn to the first few months of the Obama presidency and his Nobel Peace Prize, given for his work in bringing countries together to solve our differences. A true man of peace, President Obama, with the assistance of his trusted staff, planned and carried out a very difficult mission with focus on the objective, the death of bin Laden.

This mission was not revenge. The objective was elimination of the known terrorist leader, Osama bin Laden, who was responsible for the deaths of many of his own followers, and also for the deaths of so many Americans, especially those of 9-11. The one woman who is said to have charged the soldiers, was subdued by a shot fired at her leg, rather than her heart. There was a back up helicopter for the one which failed. The team was able to gather computer hard drives and other materials which will aid in further disruption of this groups' murderous plots, the al-Qaeda. After certain and reliable certification of bin Laden's identity was made, his body was washed and prepared under Muslim traditions and buried at sea. The White House did not publish the photos of the dead bin Laden. These procedures prevent the possibility of a shrine to evil.

Meanwhile, back to the re-election of President Obama. *The Dallas Morning News* 05/09/11 proclaimed: "Obama to make a play for Texas!" The article downplayed any real election time involvement by the President in the Lone Star State due to the GOP strangle-hold on Texas. This is why we need you in Texas, Mr. Obama.

The current session of the Texas Legislature has produced a bunch of new laws limiting, taking away many rights provided by the US Constitution like the Voter ID law. Simply put, a privilege has trumped a right. There is a new law for licence plates to be issued to promote, "Choose life," with proceeds going to anti-abortion group clinics. Planned Parenthood has been stripped of funds. So much for health care for women and children. Cuts to Education seek to further destroy Texas Education as poor as it is. For example, 2009 SAT scores show Texas 45th out of 50 states. 51% of those eligible to take the test scored: Reading: 486, Math: 506, Writing: 475 for a total score of 1468.

Stephanie Carter, 102 TX-R votes for Big Oil against known dangers to our air, water and land explained elsewhere in this Voice. Rep. Carter's vote for HS Bill 3105 repaid contributors by giving Big Oil control of eminent domain. This vote limits the authority of cities. Rep. Angie Chen Button, 112 TX-R voted for HB15, the Sonogram Bill, Eminent Domain (HB3105), "Choose Life" license plates, Voter ID, and HB274 Tort Reform permitting the Supreme Court to decide which lawsuits are, "frivolous." The Texas Legislature current session, nearing adjournment for 2 years, has not passed a *single* jobs bill.

The Ryan Budget passed by the US House is a travesty of personal rights, promoting the end of the middle class. The end of Medicare/Medicaid, under the guise of an ill-conceived voucher system, is being met with universal disdain. "Cutting spending on Medicare was endorsed by just 21 percent, with 78 percent opposed. Cutting Medicare, the federal program aiding the poor, was opposed by a 30-69 percent margin." "A second poll, the McClatchy/Marist survey, found that even Tea Party supporters, by a margin of 70 percent to 28 percent, oppose making cuts the Medicare and Medicaid." Our Garland Representatives: TX3rdR Sam Johnson (Ways and Means Committee: Social Security) and TX 5thR Jeb Hensarling, (Financial Services) voted for the Ryan Budget, which according to the surveys, they voted against the majority of their constituencies.

President Obama, do come to Texas to campaign. The GOP is and has been doing everything to destroy life as we should know it; destroying life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We need relief from the tyranny and oppression. Bring your voice of intelligence and peace to our drought, *Texas, Our Texas*.

Rachel Baker Ford, Editor
Garland, Texas

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Run for the Common Ground

—Willa Kulhavy

If a Tsunami is coming, run for high ground. If a tornado is coming, run for a hole in the ground. When the politicians in power are devastating society, run for the common ground.

The common ground for Democrats, Republicans, all races, all religions, all people is the need for air, water, food, and shelter. On the other hand, the shortest route to riches is unfettered exploitation of natural resources.

We (and by we I mean all the people on all sides of the issues) have been in an unusual frenzy of passing or opposing particular laws concerning human rights and benefits. A huge amount of money and propaganda from corporations has been spent to intensify these fights. Why? To create the perfect unfettered exploitation of resources?

C'mon! We're people; human resources to a corporation. Run, run, run to the common ground to care for us, the resources, before we allow a One Dollar – One Vote decision to be made by our Supreme Court.

We the people, have the numbers to control how much corporations can exploit air, water, and earth. No one serves dry tea leaves at a party without water and lemon.

Remember the Trans Texas Corridor? The TTC plan was reduced to an annoying jumble of public private partnership urban toll roads to the relief of a raucous coalition of liberals, conservationists, small town business leaders, and ranchers together and individually fighting to save their right to work and live on the ground, sell the harvest from the ground, and travel across ground. The numbers came together to beat the money that time.

The proposed tar sands pipeline from Canada to Houston matters to the very same landowners, land users, land lovers coalition which beat the Trans Texas Corridor. The air, water and ground pollution problems of fracturing rocks under the water table to release “clean, plentiful, safe” natural gas have already set water on fire near Weatherford and sickened people in Tarrant County.

After the Japanese nuclear plant disaster reminded us Chernobyl is still a deadly site, more human Texans are worrying about nuclear waste from 36 states being hauled through Texas to be stored *forever* in Andrews County in West Texas. (Debra Medina, the 2010 Republican Gubernatorial candidate, states rights and gun advocate who made Hutchison look bad, recently joined the group, Public Citizens, in warning expansion of the nuclear dump is too dangerous.)

Can you suggest a better way to defend benefits for human beings than saving human lives? What will this year's deficit mean to grandchildren on a toxic earth?

Senior Health Care Solution According to Maxine

You're over 65, Sick & No Nursing Home.



What to do:

Take handgun from your grandson's dorm room.
Commit a serious crime.
Be tried, go to jail.

Get:

3 meals a day
A bed & roof over your head.
Central Air & Heat
New Teeth, Glasses, Hip, Knees,
Kidney, Lungs, Heart, & Prescriptions

The same government who would not help get you into a nursing home will pay for all of this.
Is this a great country or what?

Water Wells Near Fracking Gas Wells Contain Up To 17 Times More Methane Congress Ignores Study by National Academy of Sciences, The University of Texas and Duke University

A new study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences reports the results of a systematic study of the chemical contamination of water wells located in the vicinity of gas wells created by hydrofracturing (fracking). The data confirms that the concentration of thermogenic methane increase as the distance between the water well and gas well decreases. Thermogenic methane is the signature of methane that has been trapped in the shale rock deep below the surface of the earth. The report is available at <http://www.pnas.org>.

Methane concentrations were detected in 51 of 60 drinking-water wells (85%) regardless of gas industry operations, but concentrations were substantially higher

closer to natural-gas wells (Fig. 1). Methane concentrations were 17-times higher on average in shallow wells from active drilling and extraction areas than in wells from inactive areas. The methane, coupled with methane -to-higher-chain hydrocarbons are consistent with deeper thermogenic methane sources such as the Marcellus and Utica shales.

The results show evidence for methane contamination of shallow drinking-water systems in at least three areas of the region and suggest important environmental risks accompanying shale-gas exploration worldwide.

Concerns for groundwater resources are based on (i) fluid (water and gas) flow and discharge to shallow aquifers due to the high pressure of the injected fracturing fluids in the gas wells; (ii) the toxicity and radioactivity of produced water from a mixture of fracturing fluids and deep saline formation waters that may discharge to the environment; (iii) the potential explosion and asphyxiation hazard of natural gas; and (iv) the large number of private wells in rural areas that rely on shallow groundwater for household and agricultural use. There are up to one million wells in Pennsylvania alone that are typically unregulated and untested

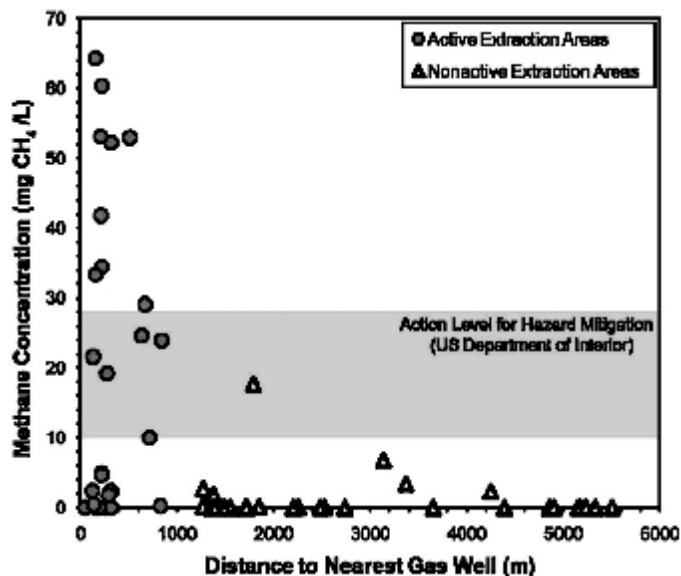
Dissolved methane in drinking water is not currently classified as a health hazard for ingestion, it is an asphyxiant in enclosed spaces such as the basement of a home and an explosion and fire hazard.

Long-term, coordinated sampling and monitoring of industry and private homeowners is needed. Compared to other forms of fossil-fuel extraction, hydraulic fracturing is poorly regulated at the federal level. Fracturing wastes are not regulated as a hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, fracturing wells are not covered under the Safe Drinking Water Act, and only recently has the Environmental Protection Agency asked fracturing firms to voluntarily report a list of the constituents in the fracturing fluids based on the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

Systematic and independent data on groundwater quality, including dissolved-gas concentrations and isotopic compositions, should be collected before drilling operations begin in a region, as is already done in some states. These data should be made available for public analysis. Such baseline data would improve environmental safety, scientific knowledge, and public confidence. Similarly, long-term monitoring of groundwater and surface methane emissions during and after extraction.

The study reported by PNAS is consistent with other testing performed in Colorado and Pennsylvania. The exact path of the methane from the shale to the aquifer is not known but the thermogenic methane is a common finding in each case. Methane is present in shallow water wells from a variety of sources but thermionic methane is known to come from gasses embedded in shale rock.

As pointed out in the movie *Gasland*, investigators refused to drink the water they claimed was safe. Maybe we should send "drinking water" to our state legislators.

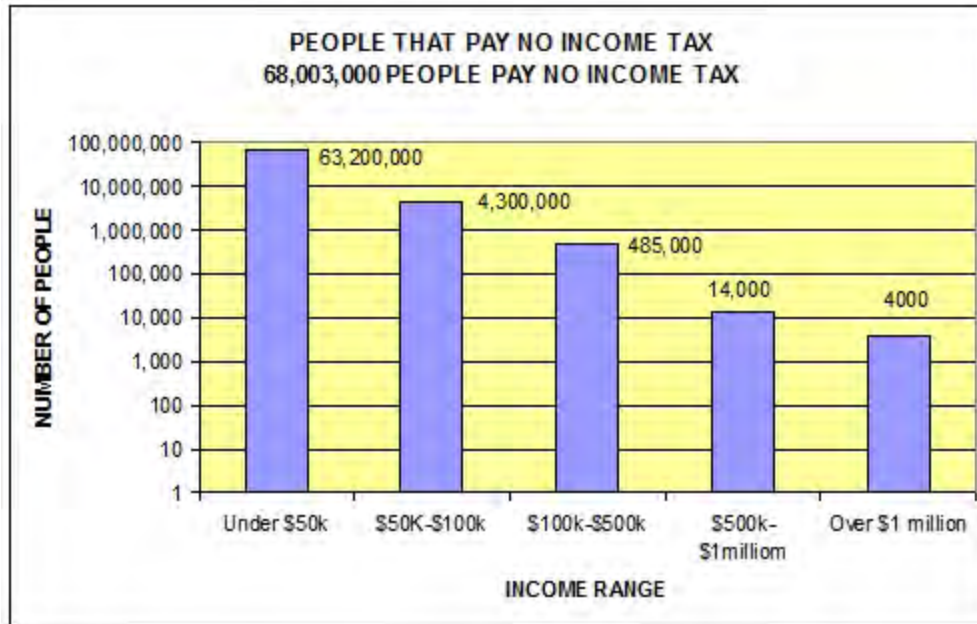


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Millionaires Pay No Income Tax

CNNMONEY reports that 4,000 millionaires and an additional 14,000 people with reported incomes between \$500,000 and \$1 million paid no income tax in 2010.

4,000 US Millionaires Paid NO Income Tax in 2010



The rest of the Story...

But the story doesn't end there. A total of 68 million Americans paid no income tax because their income was so low they had no tax liability or they had sufficient deductions to negate the income.

The top 5% of the tax payers pay over half of the income tax, but put away your handkerchief. When TV pundits and politicians discuss the top tax rate for the rich they gloss over the fact that wealthy people do not pay the maximum rate. The rich have income not subjected to the income tax and huge number and variety of tax loop holes available so they avoid paying income tax. They can spread out the income over years, they can invest in tax free municipal bonds, they can donate to charity, and they can invest in foreign countries with lower income tax rates. Return on investments that are considered capital gains are taxed at 15% not the income tax rate so the rich pay less on those incomes also. If a wealthy person pays any income tax these days, perhaps a change of Tax Preparers is in order.

Its true we cannot balance the budget or eliminate the Federal debt by raising the taxes on the rich and super rich like Bill Gates and Warren Buffet but we can rework the tax code to make it a little fairer for everyone.

Source: http://money.cnn.com/2011/05/09pf/taxes/millionaires_income_tax/index.htm?iid=H_PF_News

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Keystone Pipeline– High Pressure Poison

Charles E. Ford, Jr.



Corporations are playing with fire...

Montana The pipeline will cross the Missouri River, Yellowstone, and Lake Fort Peck tributaries

Nebraska The pipeline crosses Niobrara River where shale deposits are prone to fracture and sink making underground pipes especially risky.

Kansas TransCanada's 10 yr property tax exemption which could have reduced the tax levy by as much as 30%.

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Texas David Daniel asked questions when he discovered people on his property driving stakes in the ground. When he asked questions their response was "They (TransCanada) had the power of eminent domain."

Pt. Arthur & Houston The levels of known cancer-causing chemicals in the Houston air has been detected as high 20s times higher than other cities.

NOTE: The Keystone XL Pipeline will cross more than 70 rivers and streams including the Ogallala Aquifer, the Big Cypress Watershed, starting at Lake Cypress Springs to Caddo Lake (approx. 2,800 sq. miles of water). It also crisscrosses the Sulphur River, Big Sandy Creek, Angelina River, Neches River and Pine Island Bayou.

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Fifty years ago the main threat to civilization was a sky darkened with missiles and planes carrying nuclear weapons. Fortunately, this threat has diminished significantly. Little did we imagine the energy industry would have the potential to poison or kill a large population. We have seen the result of poor nuclear plant design coupled with a natural disaster in Japan. Safe disposal of nuclear waste has not been resolved. We have seen the catastrophic effects of faulty equipment and poor decisions in the Gulf of Mexico. We have seen the impact of a crude oil pipeline rupture and a million gallons of crude oil contamination of the Kalamazoo River in Michigan. The CFL light bulbs contain a poisonous chemical, most of which will end up in city dumps. Solar panels contain poisonous materials needing to be disposed of eventually. Oil and gas both contaminate the air and water supply during drilling and as pumping continues throughout the life of the wells. Oil, gas, coal, and gasoline pollute the air and contribute to global warming as they are consumed.

Water power is safe but places water is available and possible duplication of the Hoover dam are limited without disrupting the lives of a large group of people and changing the environment of a large land mass. Wind power is safe but the wind is not consistent enough in most places to be considered a reliable electrical energy source.

Now there is another concern. TransCanada has proposed building a pipeline to carry crude oil, known as tar-sand oil, from Alberta to refineries in Port Arthur and Houston Texas crossing six states and multiple aquifers supplying water for drinking water and irrigation for millions of people. TransCanada already owns and operates a pipeline that reaches as far south as Cushing, Oklahoma with a branch extended to Patoka, Illinois called the Keystone pipeline. The new pipeline is named Keystone XL.

Canada has the world's largest supply of bitumen. It is estimated that 4,400,000 barrels could be extracted every day for 200 years. Canada is already the largest supplier of crude oil to the United States. About 20% of our crude oil comes from Canada. In return Canada is expected to receive \$47 billion dollars this year.

The "crude oil" to be transported is not the same material as the crude oil from drilled oil wells. The Canadian oil is mined from tar sands as bitumen. Bitumen is a sticky tar-like material. The terms bitumen and asphalt are sometimes used interchangeably. Because it is so thick and mixed with sand and other materials it must be treated and heated before it can be pumped into the pipeline. The bitumen is mixed, 50% bitumen and 50% naphtha into a mixture called DilBit, short for diluted bitumen. Naphtha is a term for many variations of a petroleum distillate but is best known to the public as lighter fluid. Two tons of tar sands produce one barrel of oil.

Oil and gas pipelines have been around criss-crossing our country for many years with very few oil pipeline problems. But DilBit from the tar sands presents a unique problem. The DilBit is highly acidic and contains abrasive particulate matter which is not present in pipelines carrying oil from drilled wells. The abrasive materials and acidic chemicals attack and destroy the pipe much faster than oil from drilled wells. TransCanada has applied for permission to use a thinner pipe which would undoubtedly increase the risk of a rupture. The Keystone XL pipeline is expected to carry up to 900,000 barrels per day at pressures up to 1440 pounds per square inch, at temperatures up to 160 degrees Fahrenheit. These factors may explain why the pipeline in Alberta has four times more failures per mile than the entire U.S. pipeline system even though the U.S. system is much older, roughly forty years versus twenty years. Internal corrosion was the cause of 49% of the failures in the Alberta pipeline system. A DilBit pipe rupture is much more likely to explode and burn than a rupture of a pipeline carrying conventional crude oil.

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In **Nebraska**, the concern is the pipeline crosses Niobrara River where shale deposits are prone to fracture and sink making underground pipes especially risky.

In **Montana**, the pipeline will cross the Missouri River, Yellowstone, and Lake Fort Peck tributaries.

In **Kansas**, TransCanada was given a 10 year property tax exemption which could have reduced the tax levy by as much as 30%. Citizens are up in arms due to the lost tax revenue. There is no reasonable explanation given since similar tax relief has not been given in other states. Also in Kansas, TransCanada used eminent domain to obtain an easement through a 160 acre wheat and soybean farm.

In **Texas**, David Daniel asked questions when he discovered people on his property driving stakes in the ground. When he asked questions their response was “They (TransCanada) had the power of eminent domain.” (<http://www.ketknbc.com/news/a-pipeline-slices-through-east-texas>) A corporation, given the power of eminent domain is almost as frightening as the potential for a pipeline burst and the resulting contamination. [editor: TX HB 3105 gives corporations power of eminent over cities. Button TX112R & Carter TX102R voted in favor of HB3105]

The additional refining activity in Port Arthur and Houston will aggravate an already poor situation. The levels of known cancer-causing chemicals in the Houston air has been detected as high as 20 times higher than in any other city.

McClatchy claims approving the pipeline will benefit the Koch brothers because their company controls 25% of all tar sands crude oil in the U.S. The article does not explain the direct connection. <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2011/02/13/108558/canada-pipeline-deal-too-costly.html#storylink=misearch>

Every barrel of oil produced requires 4 barrels of fresh water. The water from this process, contaminated with lead, arsenic, and mercury is pumped into large reservoirs. Communities downstream from tar sands mines in Canada report 500 times more bile duct cancer than reported for those who do not live near the mines. The BP Whiting refinery uses a loop hole in the permit to dump mercury, benzene, lead nickel, ammonia, and vanadium into Lake Michigan. The BP Refinery is the primary source of mercury in Lake Michigan. The gross amount of water required for the refining of the DilBit is a serious concern in arid parts of the country including Texas. http://www.sierraclub.org/dirtyfuels/downloads/2010-09-TarSands_factsheet.pdf

The EPA has issued two environmental reports environmentalists consider inadequate because they fail to address the issues mentioned here and do not adequately address other factors. The report made public in April 2011 contains a statement that is highly questionable. “The impacts from even large spills would likely be limited to localized ground water contamination that would not threaten the regional viability of the aquifer system.”

May 7, 2011: A new leak, number 10, is reported in the Keystone pipeline due to a failed fitting. 400 barrels of oil sprayed 70 feet in the air before TransCanada could shut down the pumping station in Sargent county North Dakota. (<http://tarsandspipeline.wordpress.com>)

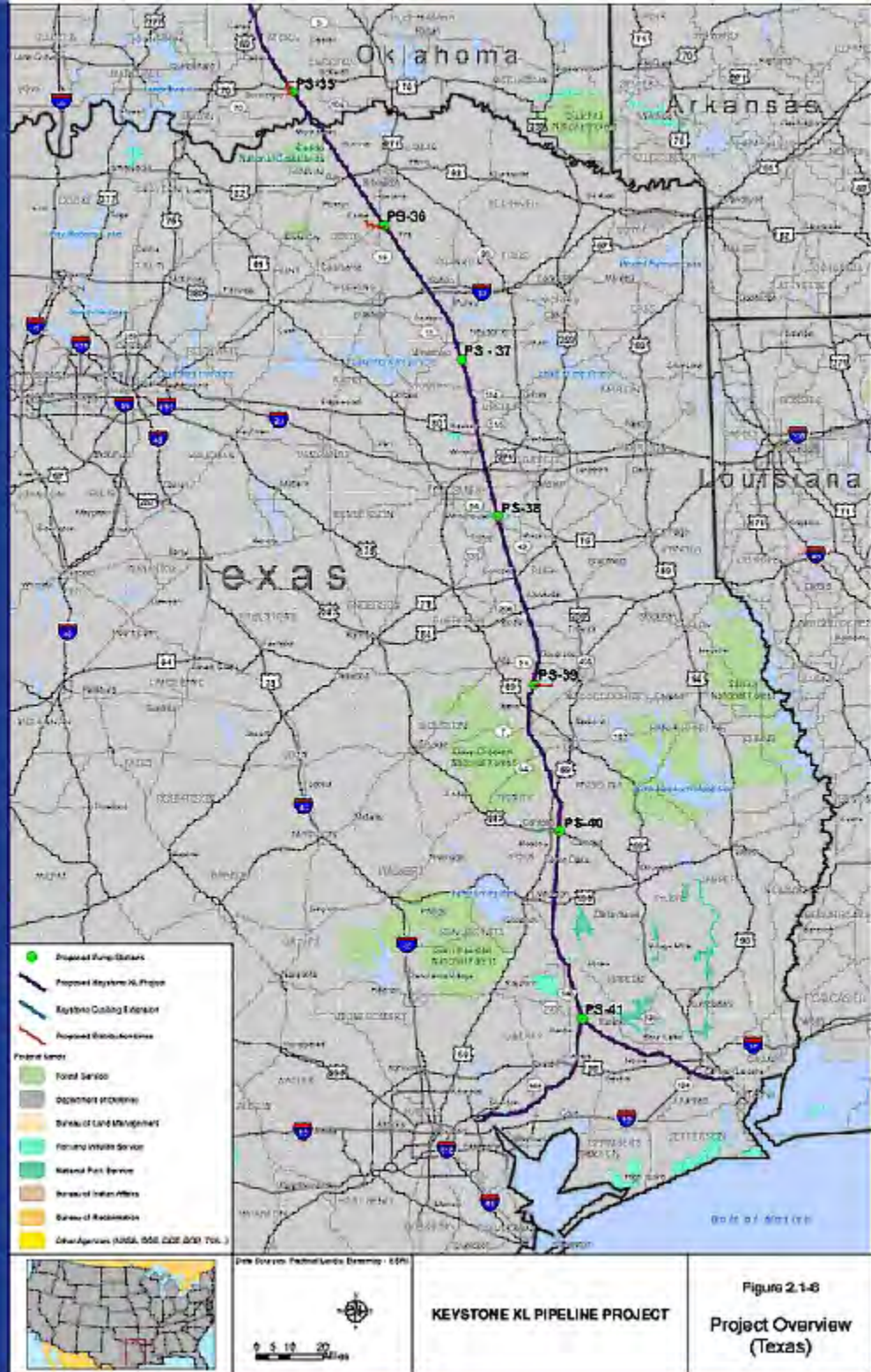
In reality, corporations are playing with fire. The potential for a major leak in the pipeline dumping carcinogens into the water supply for millions of people before it is detected is a reality. The risk is not worth the oil. We must go forward with conservation and alternative energy sources at a faster pace– wind, water and two not mentioned above, geothermal and capturing the energy of ocean waves.

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Map of Tar Sands Pipeline through Texas

In Northeast Texas, above Hwy 80/1-20, the proposed pipeline route stretches across Fannin, Lamar, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, Wood and Upshur counties.

South of Hwy. 80, the pipeline would pass through Smith, Cherokee, Rusk, Macgouffee, Angelina, Polk, Liberty, Harris, and Hardin counties.



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Stop Nuclear Waste Dump in Andrews County

Put the Brakes on Radioactive Waste Rumbling Through Your Town!

Waste Control Specialists (WCS), headed by Dallas billionaire Harold Simmons, seeks to build a radioactive waste empire by dumping waste from around the country at their Andrews County Compact site. Texas taxpayers would bear the bulk of liability for accidents or radioactive contamination, while a private company would profit.

Hearings have been held on three related bills that are moving in the Texas Legislature: HB 2184 by Rep. Tryon Lewis; SB 1504 and SB 1605 by Senator Kel Seliger.

URGENT! WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW:

Ask Calendars Committee members to block HB 2184 from going to the House floor. Why?

- The bill fails to limit radioactive waste to that of the Compact party states- Texas and Vermont, opening the site up to waste from around the nation.
- Although waste could travel on major highways throughout the state, **there has been no analysis of transportation risks or emergency preparedness** of first responders who might have to deal with accidents involving radiation.

Please Contact:

Rep. Todd Hunter	512-463-0672	Todd.Hunter@house.state.tx.us (Committee Chair)
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Questions? www.NukeFreeTexas.org or www.TexasNuclearSafety.org or call Tom "Smitty" Smith at 512-477-1155, Trevor Lovell at 512-470-6572 or Karen Hadden at 512-797-8481 Bills can be read online www.capitol.state.tx.us.



Photo (right) - TCEQ Whistleblower Glenn Lewis, one of three employees who resigned in protest of licensing the radioactive waste dump Lewis and the entire radioactive waste staff recommended denying the license, citing concerns that water is likely to be contaminated and that groundwater is close to the bottom of waste trenches.



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Accomplishments



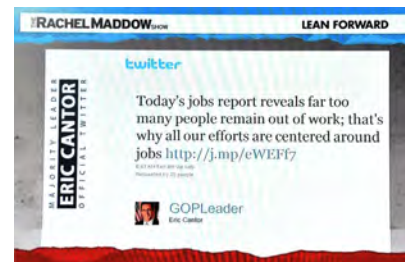
President Obama Achievements in the Economy & International Relations

- Economic stimulus package: rescued the world economy from collapse. Created 780,000+ Jobs
 - Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act (FERA), protection against mortgage fraud
 - Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure Act, protecting against excessive charges
 - Unemployment insurance up to 99 weeks for the unemployed. Modernized state UI programs covering more.
 - Large new investments in safety net, from food stamps (SNAP) to affordable housing to child care
 - Auto Industry Bail Out, saved tens of thousands of jobs & stabilized economies of Mich & other auto states
 - Billions in stimulus funding for broadband internet access
 - Signed the HIRE Act, providing incentives for small businesses & other measures fostering job creation.
- International Relations:
- End of bin Laden, No Amer. lives lost. • Withdrawal from Iraq on schedule, resources to Afghanistan-Pakistan
 - End of torture. Closure of CIA "black sites"
 - Transformation of relations with the Arab world. Reconnection with Latin America and other regions.
 - Restoration of the United States' ranking as the most admired country in the world
 - Nobel Peace Prize (donated the \$1.4 million to non-profits)

(Source: <http://obamaachievements.org/>)

Accomplishments of the GOP A Picture tells it all...

"If it costs jobs, SO BE IT!"
...Speaker John Boehner OH8R



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Out & About



Harold Johnson & Ricardo Rocha



Cindy Castanada



Voter ID Seminar:
Darlene Ewing, John Lingenfelder et al

April GADC Meeting



David Bradley



President Fran Donnell



Laurie Tranchin



John Lingenfelder et al



Peggy Henger & Students



Happy Birthday Joe Wells!



Theresa Daniels, David Bradley & Larry Duncan



Dallas Area Residents for Responsible Drilling
Molly Rooke et al



Garland Federation Meeting



Mayor Jones & Speaker from Preserve Old Downtown Garland

Eleanor Clift, Speaker gave a wonderful speech about her career, foreign affairs, and the current political climate, including the upcoming presidential primaries



Jefferson-Jackson Dinner 2011

Dallas County Democratic Party
Dallas Arboretum
April 27, 2011



Peggy Henger, Lenna Webb & Linda Brumbley



Judge Martin & Mickey Benesio



Larry Duncan & Ed Miller



Pat Sheehorn & David Clayton



Fred Talkington & Peggy Henger

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Garland Area Democratic Club Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 2011 7:00 pm

Program: Kelly Hart from Planned Parenthood is speaking on the state of Planned Parenthood, the political status and where we go from here. Don't forget to bring goods and supplies for the Mother's in the women's and children's shelters. They need everything. Garland Women's Activities Building: 713 Austin Street Garland

Contact: Fran at 972-414-8822 frandonnell@verizon.net

Garland Democratic Woman's Club

Wednesday, May 19, 2011 at 11:30 am

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

Election Day: Saturday, May 14, 2011

Garland Voters in City Council District 6
Vote for their city council member.

Garland: Precincts 2100, 2101 & 2102

Precincts 2100, 2101, & 2102 do vote on May 14th. We are in Richardson ISD. There is a bond issue on the ballot.

Polling Places On Election Day:

2100: Big Springs Elem School

2101: Big Sprgs Bap Chrch 6538 N Jupiter

2102 Miller Elem Sch 5651 Coventry Dr.

Richardson, TX 75082



Ed Miller Named Dallas County Democratic Volunteer of the Year!

At the Annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner our own Ed Miller was named Volunteer of the Year in recognition of his hours and hours of service to Democrats in HD112 and his own Precinct 1712 (Richardson).

Congratulations & Thank you, Ed!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fran Donnell, President




The month of May is a time to celebrate Mothers, Women and children. The GADC is collecting goods, clothing, grooming items, and supplies for the women and children in the women's shelters here in Garland. The donations are part of Planned Parenthood's May Mom's month when they gather useable items for moms and kids in shelters. These women come to the shelters with nothing. Any thing would be helpful. toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, soap, clothes, children's things, small toys, shoes, etc.

Kelly Hart from Planned Parenthood will tell us about the state of Planned Parenthood, the political status and where we go from here. Kelly will also cover information about Planned Parenthood funding.

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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).
All camera ready copy must include "Paid for by" statement. Submission of copyrighted materials prohibited. Payment must accompany submission disk. Checks only; make payable to **The Garland Area Democratic Club**.
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.

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Name: _____

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Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

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