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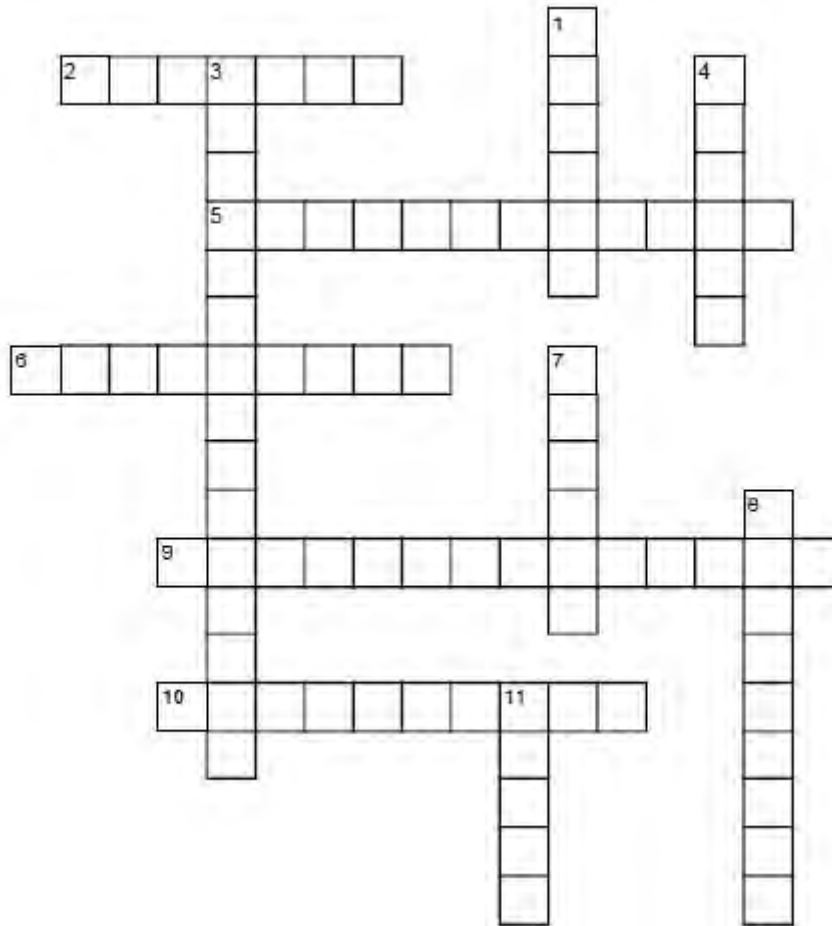
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Truth Be Told

A few Presidential adjectives.



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EDITORIAL

“Thou shalt not lie.”

Pledge of Allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Oath of Commissioned Officers:

I (Michael Flynn), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God. (Title 5 U.S. Code 3331, an individual, except the President, elected or appointed to an office of honor or profit in the civil service or uniformed services)

Retired General Michael Flynn stated he wasn't aware that lying to the FBI WAS WRONG. (As reported during the Stephanie Ruhle MSNBC broadcast on 12/12/18)

I am angry.

The prosecution has filed a document stating that because Gen. Flynn (ret.) has cooperated completely with investigators and provided truthful information about the doings in Washington, D.C. and especially the occupants of the White House, he should not go to prison for the crimes for which he has been judged guilty. Furthermore, his punishment will include probation and community service.

There has been no mention of Flynn forfeiting his military pension or any of the other benefits he enjoys as a retired Army General.

It's not a matter of an “eye for an eye,” or revenge. Mr. Flynn violated the trust of the American people. He has betrayed those Americans who served honorably, many who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives.

Flynn has spat upon humanity. To date, there has been no apology, no remorse, nor restitution.

It is my desire that Flynn look into the face of every member of the armed services, every veteran, their family members, spouses, children, their friends, and, indeed, to the American people, and admit his betrayal of his office, honor and his life.

This must be followed with a sincere apology.

After this occurs, he can go straight to the “Hot Place.”

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Rachel Baker Ford, editor

Words of Wisdom from Steve Love

— Charles E. Ford, Jr. and Stephen L. Love

In the November issue of the Garland Democratic Voice Volume 5 Number 10, Steve Love and I presented our points of view about the national debt of \$22 trillion. Love expanded his discussion as the November issue was going to press, presenting strong, valid points in support of the debt. The debt is borrowed money in the form of securities sold by the U.S. Treasury.

Steve's position is as long as we pay the interest on the securities on time they will continue to buy them. Thus, we are operating on other people's money (OPM), which provides funds to expand our economy.

His words of wisdom are too valuable to ignore so we will present them here with his permission.

Steve:

At the end of WWII the national debt was 117 percent of GDP. It was not catastrophic *then* because we had a 3:1 (common purse: investors) tax code. We have a 1:3 tax code *now*. So, today, all we have to do is take a lesson from the 1930's and 40's ... something possible if we have a Congress more invested in the welfare of the public than the special interests. [Note: 1:3 tax code indicates the tax code favors the super rich. 3:1 favors the rest of us.]

During WWII, we bought War Bonds because it was the patriotic thing to do. It was also the smart thing to do, because unlike stocks or corporate bonds, you can buy and hold treasury securities and know that your money is safe.

The interest rate on government securities is set by a reverse auction. Government securities are sold in large amounts. A sample amount is posted on the Treasury site and people bid on that lot ... with the winner bidding the least interest rate — what taxpayers will be paying them for their loan — [the treasury is looking for who will give us, as taxpayers, the best deal]... and then all the other securities are sold at that rate. These securities cannot be traded on the private market. These are unsecured loans, which means, if Uncle Sam decided to not pay the interest due or refund the capital investment, the China or whoever, would have no recourse.

When we have offered to the world the opportunity to loan money to the U.S., we have never lacked for lenders! [we only borrow money when tax revenues are not enough to pay our bill, so, we would know if nobody bought our securities the government would shut down because our economy is a cash economy!]

Why lend us? Because we have a relatively stable economy, the dollar is good in most countries and we have yet to stiff a buyer of our securities." A recent posting on Facebook, was my commentary on how we can put a man on the moon but cannot fix the potholes in our streets.

Our infrastructure is rapidly becoming third world if not already there. I could go on listing instances of that but we would crash the Internet! :-). But I suggest we frame that \$22 trillion in more benevolent terms. Remember, that debt is spread over 30 years. If we never sold another security it would be 30 years before we would be "debt free."

Debt is how we use OPM — other people's money. Which do we want to do, tax or borrow ... tax our workers or borrow from the rest of the world? Corporations never use the stockholder's money. They have a revolving credit line to pay their operating costs. What is wrong with the taxpayers having a revolving line of credit with the world?

Our money or OPM? These are our dollars they are taking out of their economy and putting back in ours! Taxes are a way we distribute the new wealth created by our commercial enterprises. Today, 3 out of 4 of those new dollars goes to the top 1 percent. When we borrow from China — when they loan back to us the dollars, we sent them to pay for their imports to our country — the cost is 3 percent of our national budget in debt service, but everyone pays that 3 percent.

Bottom line, my friend: My considered and long-standing position is the debt issue is a conservative red herring designed to distract us from the tax code ... a tax code which has flipped from benefitting the "general welfare" in the post-WWII era to benefitting the "special interests." The tax code is where everyone but the 1 percent is skinned.

In addition:

Chuck: Steve, I am still wondering if there is a limit to the OPM approach as long as the Treasury can find buyers for the securities at an interest rate we can afford and do you view city, and school bonds the same way you view the Treasury securities?

Steve: I was responding to the issues surrounding the national debt and have tried to look at it from all angles and revisited from time to time since 1960.

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ALERT !

Garland City Bond Alert!

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

The City of Garland is preparing to ask the residents of Garland, Texas to approve a bond issue for approximately, and probably more than, \$1 BILLION, (\$1,000,000,000).

Why not? Dallas did it in 2017, so why can't Garland? Dallas broke their request up into 10 separate votes on the ballot but all were approved. The Garland vote will be in 2019, neither a presidential election year nor a midterm election year, so a low turnout of voters will be expected. For details go to https://www.garlandtx.gov/programs/2019_bond_program.asp

Although the city is early in the process there some disturbing issues already.

First, is the fact the city has chosen to put the bond issue on the ballot on a low turnout election. Current Mayor Lori Dodson was elected with 3,188 votes. **Second**, the amount is \$1 Billion. Coincidentally this is the same as the Dallas request in 2017. Garland is a nice place to live but it is not in the same category as Dallas whether you consider population area, or many other factors.

Third, some of the information available on the City of Garland website is misleading. On Page 9 of the Garland Bond Program update on 9/26/2018, there is an image of a chart titled:

How could a Bond Program impact property taxes?

(One section) Impact of 1 Cent Tax Rate Increase on Resident (Under 65)
Average Home Value, \$182,600 Average Impact, \$16.80.

Look closer.

To the left of the larger chart it says "\$100 Million Bond Program Projected to not impact tax rate. **This chart is not designed to tell the owner of the "average" \$182,600 home how much the taxes on that home will rise if a \$1 Billion home is approved. This is intentional.**

A nearly identical chart appears in the documentation for the Richardson Tax Ratification Election.

Upon reading the City of Garland documentation online, it is obvious the the city had an initial goal of at least \$1 Billion. The City then asked for suggestions for projects to justify the request.

Remember: The 2018-19 proposed budget includes debt payment of \$141 Million.

These questions must be answered!

1. What is the real property tax and real tax increase on the \$182,600 home in Garland?
2. What is the goal and what is the end product of the Billion dollar bond?
3. How will it benefit Garland residents?
4. Why now?

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DALLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATS

All Good Wishes In Your Retirement



Hon. Doug Skemp
Judge, Dallas County
Criminal Court No. 3



Hon. Elizabeth Crowder
Judge, Dallas County
Criminal Court No. 7



Hon. Tena Callahan
Judge, Dallas County
302nd Family District Court

Judge Doug Skemp, Judge Elizabeth Crowder and Judge Tena Callahan after long and outstanding legal careers, and as Dallas Judges are retiring. The jurists have an exemplary record of service to our citizens.

The judges will be missed, but we wish them a long and happy retirement.

Thank you for your commitment and service to the citizens of Dallas and Texas.

Welcome New Precinct Chairs

At the Dallas County Democratic Executive Quarterly Meeting, we welcomed 13 new precinct chairs.

Precinct	Name	House District
1310	Jesse Diaz	107
2027	Kelly Clark	114
2054	Katharine Gulyamova	114
3008	Kardal Coleman	108
3034	Audrie Mills	100
3038	Ezzeral Fininen	110
3055	Vivian Hill	111
3302	Kathryn Dressler	107
3318	Patricia Rainwater	113
3900	Marty Taylor	109
4036	Corwyn Davis	104
4604	Martin Saenz	105
4607	John DeLorme	103



Hon. Lettie Rainwater
“I’ve been working [for Democrats] for over 50 years! I remember paying a poll tax, just to vote.”

At the DCCP Executive Meeting, we honored Miss Lottie Rainwater, age 96. A life long Democrat, she has served our community for many years

With her were family members, Patricia Rainwater - sworn in as Precinct Chair of 3318 and Lettie Rainwater Searles current Precinct chair of 4025.

Thank you!

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BITS & PIECES

No Pass, No Fail – Indictment, Yes!

Professor Lawrence Tribe, on Lawrence O'Donnell's MSNBC show took a dim view of the DOJ memo giving the president a pass on indictment based on "being too busy to go to trial."

Pretty bogus reasoning. It is nice to have a Harvard law professor and Constitutional scholar take your side, a side seemingly being ignored by all those wrenching over a possible Trump impeachment.

Tribe's argument for immediate indictment is driven by the power to pardon. He cannot pardon himself, so, if he is impeached and Pence pardons him, he gets his freedom *and* gets to keep his ill gotten gains.

If indicted and convicted while in office, and Pence pardoned him *then*, he would risk being indicted for aiding and abetting a crime.

Tribe is clear that the Framers did not intend for the Executive of their new government to have the powers of a European monarch, which is what immunization of the president from immediate indictment does!

Facebook 12/11/18 Stephen L. Love

The Taxman Cometh ... Double Deduction

Out of curiosity, I duplicated our 2017 income tax information in the HR BLOCK 2018 software.

The primary difference is the standard deduction in 2018 is almost double the 2017 standard deduction but the individual exemption is gone.

Since we all have special cases the results in our case may not be typical but is presented to give you a glimmer of hope that you may fair better when you file your 2018 income tax in 2019.

Brief summary: married, filing jointly, both receiving Social Security, some additional income, standard deduction.

2017 Paid \$265.

Using the 2018 form with 2017 numbers: Refund: \$956. The difference is \$1,221.

No, I can't file the 2017 income tax forms using the 2018 income tax forms.

Charles E. Ford, Jr.

Indian Child Welfare Act Remains In Force After Appeals Court Order



The Indian Child Welfare Act "remains the law of the land and applicable in all 50 states," says the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the National Congress of American Indians, Native American Rights Fund and the Association of American Indian Affairs in a statement on December 4, 2018.

Tribes, NCAI say it's 'welcome news' to preserve status quo despite Texas court ruling

A federal appeals court granted a stay requested by the four tribes on Monday to preserve the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act.

"The law is going to stay the same for now," said Dan Lewerenz, one of the attorneys working on the Brackeen v. Zinke case.

That means Native American families will stay together under the law.

News Maven

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"Where's there's smock, there's fire!"

Brian Williams

11th Hour Show, MSNBC 12/8/18

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Winter Holidays

December 2018

- 12/1 Honor Rosa Parks
- 12/2 Advent Sundays (Dec. 2,9,16,23)
- 12/3 Hanukkah (Dec. 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)
- 12/6 Feast of St Nicholas Day
- 12/6 Chuck Ford's Birthday
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 12/9 International Anti-Corruption Day
- 12/10 Human Rights Day
- 12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 12/13 National Guard Birthday
- 12/17 Pan American Aviation Day
- 12/17 Wright Brothers Day
- 12/17 International Mountain Day
- 12/18 International Migrants Day
- 12/20 International Human Solidarity Day
- 12/21 Winter Solstice
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/26 Kwanzaa
- 12/26 Boxing Day
- 12/31 New Year's Eve

January, 2019

- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/3 116th Congress will be sworn in
- 1/6 Epiphany
- 1/7 Orthodox Christmas Day
- 1/21 Civil Rights Day
- 1/27 World Holocaust Victims Remembrance Day

This is the season of holidays. Many are joyous, but some are somber.

We, here at the Garland Democratic Voice and in the Ford Mansion in Camelot, take this opportunity to wish all our families, friends, readers, associates a very joyous season and a wonderful 2019.

We trust this season will be one replete with peace and good will to all.

Thank you to our many volunteers, supporters, writers, proof readers, photographers and to all who contributed to the success of our publication.

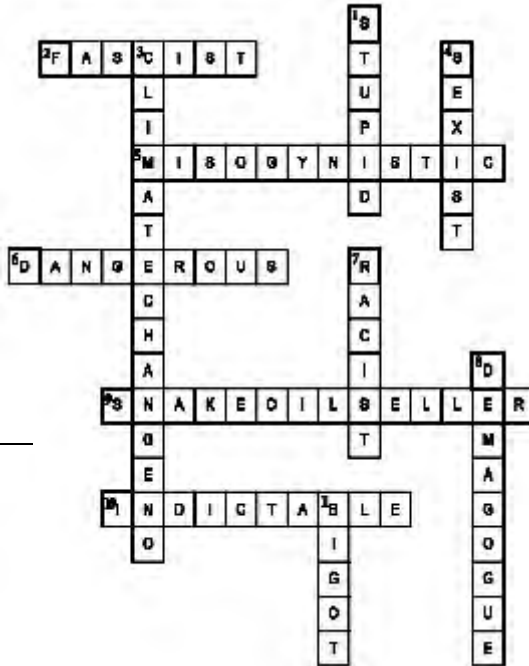
Thank you also to our many elected officials, all the candidates and election workers - many of whom are unsung heroes.

Rachel Baker Ford, editor

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ANSWER SHEET

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Jakelin Amei Rosmery
Caal Maquin

We remember Jakelin
This dear child's death, at the hands of the
dTrump and his Administration (A.K.A. minions),
is an evil shame.



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Newtown 12.14.12
Forever In Our Hearts

Six Years

Six years ago, we lost 20 first graders and six faculty members at Sandy Hook.

For six years we have felt the pain from Newtown, Sutherland Springs, Las Vegas, Orlando, Parkland, San Bernardino, Charleston, D.C., Santa Fe, and so many more.

For six years our Congress has done nothing to prevent more tragedies from happening.

Six years later, we continue to march because we the people are stronger than the NRA, and we continue fighting for comprehensive gun control reform at every level of government. (Published 12/14/18 Dallas County Democratic Party Website)

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