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92 Year-Old Great Grandmother And Son
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EDITORIAL

God Bless You Texas?

Recently, during a bucket list trip to my home state, Michigan, I had the opportunity to view Texas and Texans from afar. I reconnected with friends I haven't seen in many years. The well organized 50th high school class reunion left much time to simply chat and become reacquainted. While in Michigan, I also completed a bucket-list trip covering almost 1,100 miles.

I fielded many questions about the "violence" in Garland at the Culwell Center. When I said I live less than two miles from the Center and revealed I had reported on in the **VOICE** [Vol. 2, Num. 4, Page 2), the response, almost unilaterally was about the media reports of violence and their thoughts were that outsiders were responsible. My response? Garland citizens had "called the bullies bluff," and denied the perpetrators of their much desired press. The Garland Police Department handled the situation with calm and training. "The nonsense in Waco, however [the motorcyclist armed rumble], is another matter. Texans love their guns and with the loosening of regulations, including open-carry, the news would surely have many more stories of shootings and killings."

My strongest experience, however, was that the roads in Michigan — especially good old I-94, are in worse shape than the roads in Texas. The cities of Detroit and Ann Arbor are replete with road re-construction, the extent of which challenges the work on the LBJ — 635.

Back in the Lone Star State, the 83rd session of the Texas Legislature was almost at *sine die*. The most prevalent responses in the media and those around me was a gratitude they only meet every other year for five months. There is relief they had not done as much damage as predicted. Notorious among the bills passed is HB40 signed into law in May.

Gov. Greg Abbott on Monday signed a bill that prohibits local governments to pass oil and gas ordinances, like the fracking ban Denton voters approved in November.

"This bill is so incredibly important," [Gov.] Abbott said at the signing ceremony for House Bill 40, the so-called "Denton fracking bill."

"HB 40 does a profound job of helping to protect private property rights here in the state of Texas, ensuring those who own their own property will not have the heavy hand of local regulation deprive them of their rights," Abbott said.

<http://amarillo.com/news/local-news/2015-05-18/abbott-signs-bill-banning-fracking-bans>

Response? The "heavy hand" is located in Austin. Whose property rights are being protected? And from what? The citizen's of Denton voted a ban on fracking — a proven, poisonous polluter, spoiler of air, land and water. HB40 is not only bad, it is evil. This is only one of the anti-people bills passed by the legislature. .

Just now, reported by the media, teens attending a pool party at a public pool in McKinney, Texas (about 25 miles from my house), were subjected to racists' yelling by a local resident. When the teens called back to her, the McKinney police were called. The children, as many as could, ran away. Smart move! With guns out, the officers gathered those who did not run, and forced them to the ground while shouting obscenities at them. A fourteen-year old girl, dressed only in a bathing suit, was taken down to the ground and the officer had his knee in her back. Early reports say this officer has been suspended pending an investigation.

"About 20 people were handcuffed during the incident, Thomas estimated. McKinney Chief of Police Greg Conley said in a press conference that one arrest was made, according to *BuzzFeed News*."

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/06/07/texas-pool-party_n_7530502.html?ncid=fbklnkushpmsg00000013

One of heroes of this event is the youngster who took a cell phone video. While difficult to watch, the camera doesn't lie. There is no explanation of this blatant racism and profiling. With all the "defending" of 2nd Amendment rights, where are the rights of all the people? Where is, "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?" Not in Texas, for sure. *Sine die*, amen.

—Rachel Baker Ford, editor

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THE REST OF THE FRONT PAGE STORY

Citizens Vote NO! State says YES with HB40



DENTON, TX, TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015: Two Denton residents have blocked the entrance to the city's first active fracking operation since the passage of HB40, a state bill which strips local control of fracking from all cities across Texas. Violet Palmer, a 92 year-old great grandmother, and her son Theron Palmer, seated themselves in front of fracking trucks attempting to enter Vantage Energy's urban fracking site. Theron has locked himself to the gates of the site and both are refusing to leave.

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Denton's prohibition on hydraulic fracturing was supported by nearly 60 percent of voters last November; however, industry-sponsored state lawmakers responded with the passage of HB40, a law that effectively preempts all local control of oil and gas regulations statewide. Less than 48 hours after HB40 was signed into law, Colorado based Vantage Energy announced that it would bring fracking back to Denton at a site located directly across the street from a neighborhood and several businesses.

"To imply that the expertise to regulate oil and gas resides only within the confines of Austin, is a condescending slap at the intelligence and due diligence of our local citizenry," stated Theron Palmer. "We clearly expressed our community standards, now nullified and replaced by the very narrow interests of those economic elites who dominate oil and gas development and hence the Texas Legislature."

Over the course of the last two weeks, Denton residents have been taking direct action to enforce the city's fracking ban. In the first week since fracking operations returned to Denton, dozens of residents blocked the gates, resulting in seven arrests. Residents have also organized weekly events dubbed "Frack Free Fridays," promising to maintain a large presence at Vantage Energy's site until the operator respects Denton's vote and permanently ends all fracking within city limits.

"To paraphrase Edmund Burke, the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good women to do nothing. So I am doing something," said Violet Palmer.

Read more here: <http://bpringtide.org/june16/>

For Live Updates: Follow @BPRisingTide on Twitter, Blackland Prairie Rising Tide on Facebook.

For future updates and information: <http://bpringtide.org>

NOTE: Both Violet Palmer and her son Theron have been arrested. Please donate towards their legal fees and further organizing: <https://www.everribbon.com/defendtheban>



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ARTICLE

The Only Way Is Up and Texas Democrats Are On the Way

— *Willa B. Kulhavy*

Battleground Texas organized urban area Texas Democrats to contact more voters than ever before in heavily populated areas. Fortunately, Battleground kept us active with organized walks and phone banks. Unfortunately, the phone and walk lists we worked on didn't come with an effective message. The ones I worked with were more survey than a campaign, such as "are you voting, or not? and if voting; "are you voting all Democrats, some Democrats, or all Republicans?" I and probably most of my fellow volunteers hardly ever said anything to make someone care enough to vote for a Democrat. But we dutifully contacted voters and marked the answers we got. I assume I wasn't the only one who eventually made up my own script for anyone who didn't disappear after I asked the Battleground questions.

Usually my own script included Mike Collier who was the only CPA running for Texas Comptroller. That relevant fact and the info in his speech at the 2014 State Democratic Convention and on his website about how a Texas Comptroller's estimates of revenue and expenses can affect Texas Legislators' budget decisions made the Comptroller race very interesting to me. I hoped it would matter to voters.

Therefore, after the Convention, Collier was my best talking point for why someone should vote for Democrats. After the election, Collier's loss was an extra blow to me because I had gotten used to talking about him and I thought Collier was gone from politics forever.

Ok, no one will ever accuse me of being rational. Nor do I have good knowledge of politics. Nor did I know much about Mike Collier. All I knew was I wanted a CPA who was a Democrat who spoke as eloquently as Mike Collier for Texas Comptroller and that a Republican elected to that office would hurt.

I do know which way is up. And thanks to the Dallas Democratic Forum's May meeting featuring Mike Collier and Crystal Perkins, Executive Director of the Texas Democratic Party, I know Mike Collier is so not gone. If I had known more about Collier, I would have known he chose to run as a Democrat because, "The Texas Democratic Party stands for the things I stand for: integrity and intelligence in government and respect for individuals and individual freedom."

Mike Collier knows which way is up, and has been working to get Texas Democrats there. Since December of 2014, at the request of Gilberto Hinojosa, Chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, Collier has been conducting a listening tour around the State. His goal is to understand why the Democrats were clobbered at the polls by Republicans. Collier has already spent many hours and involved many Democrats in doing his 2014 research and is willing to keep himself and probably many more Democrats contributing to the creation of an effective Texas Democratic message and also the systems to tailor the message to particular issues, for various voters and candidates and to deliver a winning Democratic message to many voters.

Yep, Texas Democrats are on our way up.

Texas Omnibus Human Trafficking Act of 2015: Adding Teeth to Protect Victims and to Prosecute Crime

— Katherine Savers McGovern

On June 9, 2015, the Omnibus Human Trafficking Act (“OHTA”) became the law of Texas. The OHTA+ represents one shining example of bipartisanship continuing to flicker within the Texas Legislature. Texas House Representative Senfronia Thompson (D) lead the work in the House for the passage of HB 10 by 145 - 0. Senator Joan Huffman (R) became the Senate’s Sponsor and shepherded HB 10 through the Senate for passage with no opposing votes. Gov. Abbott (R) signed the OHTA into law without fanfare.

The Omnibus Human Trafficking Act is a hugely important bill amending the Texas Penal Code to, among other things, provide increased penalties for those who abuse trafficked children in the sex trade and removed the statute of limitations for prosecution of crimes under this new law.

As the Texas House Committee Report states:

During the 81st Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature created the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force to create a statewide partnership between law enforcement agencies, social service providers, nongovernmental organizations, legal representatives, and state agencies that are fighting on the front line against human trafficking. The task force works to develop policies and procedures to fulfill that purpose and proposes legislative recommendations to better protect adult and child victims of human trafficking. HB10 seeks to prevent and ultimately eliminate human trafficking by enacting the recommendations made by the task force in the 2014 Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force Report.

The Texas House Research Organization's analysis of the Omnibus Human Trafficking Act states the Omnibus Human Trafficking Act would provide the following new protections against human trafficking by amending the Texas Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, Education Code, and Government Code statutes dealing with prostitution, the trafficking of persons, and other crimes, including:

- eliminating the statute of limitations for compelling prostitution of children;
- granting immunity for compelled evidence and testimony;
- amending the offenses of continuous trafficking and prostitution;

- adding prostitution-related offenses to the sex offender registry;
- creating the Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Unit;
- amending the composition and duties of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force and requiring inter-agency assistance;
- changing provisions that affect whether trafficking victims can receive payment under the Crime Victims’ Compensation Act;
- requiring inclusion of child trafficking in Texas Education Agency reporting; and
- adding human trafficking to the list of required judicial training and instruction.

The passage of OHTA in Texas brings our state criminal and civil laws more into conformity with the federal anti-trafficking laws, including the “Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015” (JVTA) signed by President Obama on June 15, 2015. Texas is second only to California as the largest hub for human trafficking in this country, and Dallas is second only to Houston as the largest center for human trafficking in Texas. The OHTA includes in the definition of “trafficking of persons,” for purposes of the Crime Victims’ Compensation Act, any offense that results in a person engaging in forced labor or services, including sexual conduct. The OHTA modifies the prior law which excluded most victims of trafficking from receiving compensation under the Crime Victims’ Compensation Act.

The fight against human trafficking is as hard to engage in as the fight against ISIL because of the attitude of the criminals who impose slavery upon children, women and men is to dehumanize and break their wills to conform to the “trade” which is imposed by the traffickers, and to severely punish and/or kill those who oppose or resist. The passage of OHTA, and the federal JVTA, are important actions which provide law enforcement, and those who work to help the victims, with needed tools. Importantly, OHTA and JVTA help remove the “catch 22” burden placed on victims which previously resulted in the denial of compensation from the Fund established some years ago to help provide support to victims. As Texans, we should feel proud that the Omnibus Human Trafficking Act is now the law of Texas.

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ARTICLES

The Mission Creep Gets Creepier

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

The August 2014 edition of the **GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE** featured a front page article on Mission Creep in Iraq. At the time, 275 advisors and 200 more United States troops were deployed in Iraq. The September issue reported, “1600 Military Families Have Sent Loved-Ones to Iraq.” Now, according to CNN, there are over 3000 troops in Iraq and the President is about to send an additional 450 Americans to train the Iraq army. To add salt to the wound, the President wants to build another military base in territory controlled by ISIS.

This is ludicrous. We also have about 9,800 troops in Afghanistan as advisors and trainers. How long does it take to train the Afghan and Iraqi security forces. Twelve to fourteen years isn't enough? Normally you train the trainers and they pass the training on to others. Short video clips on television show men lifting rifles high over their heads and firing shells aimlessly into the desert wasting ammunition and accomplishing nothing. If they think that is what they are supposed to do, their training has failed.

2358 fatalities Afghanistan and 4491 in Iraq are enough American sacrifices. President Obama should continue to pressure Iraq, Afghanistan and the neighboring countries to eradicate ISIS. Mission creep has to stop, now. We are following the playbook used in Vietnam. President Kennedy introduced advisors a few hundred at a time in multiple steps. President Johnson felt obligated to continue the escalation to prevent a fictitious domino effect of countries in Southeast Asia falling into communist hands. The military was prevented from attacking North Vietnam because it might draw the Chinese into the conflict. Today we tread lightly into Syria even though the ISIS command center is in Syria. Either amass a coalition military force like the President H. W. Bush did and overwhelm ISIS with no hold barred or get out of Iraq and let the countries in the area solve their own problem. Turkey Jordan, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia each have large well supplied militaries. It is time for them to get seriously involved. ISIS isn't likely to be satisfied with control of Iraq.

Dallas County Democratic Chair, Darlene Ewing, Stepping Down



Chair Darlene Ewing is stepping down after 10 long and very successful years as the head of our party. Under her leadership, Dallas County has turned blue and remained blue since 2006.

“In 2004, we elected Sheriff [Lupe] Valdez, Judge [Dennise] Garcia and Judge [Don] Adams. In 2002, Sally Montgomery had switched over and run as a Democrat. But nobody thought we could do it.

I would be lying if I said I took the job knowing we were going to sweep in '06 and do what we've accomplished. I was just kind of asked to do it. I thought it was a temporary thing where I would preside over a few meetings and turn it over to someone else and it just didn't turn out that way.”

On her future plans:

“I've announced that I'm going to run for the vacant 254th Family District Court in Dallas County. Judge [James] Martin unfortunately died in office, way early before his time. He was a good judge and I'd like to follow in his shoes.”

We are grateful for her years of service and leadership to the Dallas County Democratic Party and wish her well in all her endeavors.

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**Texas Great Despite Rick Perry
Not Because of Him**

Statement by *Lone Star Project* Director Matt Angle

“Texas is the greatest state in our nation, but that is despite Rick Perry and not because of him.

“In fact, perhaps the best evidence proving the resiliency of Texans is that we have withstood a failed and self-serving governor like Rick Perry.

“Rick Perry’s real legacy is one of looking out for himself and his political cronies. He created slush funds that gave away Texans’ tax dollars to his donors and friends. He promoted policies that doubled college costs here in Texas, and his illegal abuse of power has left him under criminal indictment.

“It’s no surprise that Rick Perry is anxious to look forward because if he looks in the rear-view mirror, he’ll see nothing but the damage he has done to Texans.”

Matt Angle is the Founder and Director of the Lone Star Project, a Democratic PAC.

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[ed: Also part of Slick Rick’s legacy: destruction of public education; destruction of women’s healthcare; defunding of Planned Parenthood via inaccurate facts; refusal to grant equal pay for equal work to women; refusal to accept the federal contribution of the Affordable Care Act leaving millions of Texans without healthcare insurance. We must not forget ole’ Slick Rick is under indictment for abuse of power - bullying. To name a few ...]

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE FROM THE INTERNET

Re: Recessive fratricidal gene in liberal psyche?

In a message dated 5/17/2015 2:09:14 A.M. Central Daylight Time, harriethewood@gmail.com writes to Steve Love:

HW: Obviously, the author of this email has not read any of the leaked chapters of the TPP.

SL: No, I haven't mainly because to do so would be irrelevant. I do not read any of the legislation that Congress debates, because this is a representative democracy, NOT a pure democracy. I have no vote on this matter and have to depend on our elected officials to do what is best for me ... and that starts with the President who is still the smartest bear in the woods as far as I am concerned. You will have to excuse me because I also "busted my ass to get him elected" — was a member of MoveOn maybe before you were in school — and would "bust my ass" to get him re-elected if there was no anti-FDR-inspired term limits amendment.

HW: Please get over yourself—we are not Obama haters.

SL: Well, if not, with Obama- respecters as represented by Warren and Sanders, who needs "Obama-haters?"

HW: We busted ass to get him elected. Why can't you get over your love affair enough to see that he is working for Wall St., not Main St.

SL: It is not a love affair. I support the President because his policies have been those I would have championed had I been elected either time I have run for Congress. And I would rather shoot myself as add credence to these charges that tea party members and the likes of Boehner, and Cruz have been making since day one.

HW: And if TPP is so darned progressive, as he says, why does he have to lobby so hard to Fast track it. The TPP is not about China writing the rules, its about the 500 corporations that have had unlimited access to the text while to everyone else the text is classified. Former U.S. Trade Rep, Ron Kirk is famously quoted as saying, "We have to get fast track because if we don't TPP won't pass because if the people see what's in it, they would oppose it."

SL: You Fast Track ANY agreement between multiple parties because if every party gets to amend the agreement it would NEVER be passed. If you and Ron Kirk had studied your history you would discover that the Constitutional Convention Fast Tracked the adoption of the Constitution. How? The state conventions were denied the right to amend the CC's draft of a Constitution. Why? Because, if you read the minutes of that convention, they knew that if any state was allowed to amend their work product, the amended version would then have to go back to the other states in what would be a never-ending series of amendments resulting in a STALEMATE and the continuation of life under the Articles of Confederation, which had been a disaster for the country.

Fast Tracking is not just for political matters. My daddy was a union negotiator and every labor-management agreement is Fast Tracked because no agreement would ever be adopted had any union member or manager been given the right to amend the agreement. Obama has read Madison's Notes on the Constitutional Convention. That's how he became a Constitutional scholar and why you and Kirk, it seems, are not.

HW: What we're saying is let us see it. Allow Congress full access so they can tell us what's in it. Debate TPP under the regular order. Fast Track would ensure, if passed that any trade bill for the next 5 years have limited debate, only an up or down vote, no amendments, and a simple majority-50+1 to pass instead of the Constitutionally mandated 2/3 with advice and consent. If Bush had done that we'd be all up in arms, but because your darling president does it, you trash us? Really?

SL: He is not "my darling President." My wife is "my darling" and you are demonstrating exactly the same kind of gross disrespect of the man and the office that make the tea party the scum of the earth. You either have not been listening to them or think that not enough people are disrespecting Obama on FOX cable and elsewhere.

HW: I care about democracy, I care about our judicial system, and I care that our corporate policies are driving survival migrations to our border. Its time we dealt with core reasons instead of always dealing with symptoms.

SL: Well, good for you. You want your gold star emailed or hand-delivered?

HW: I care about the real economy. Did you know they're offering up Medicare cuts as part of the deal? You should read more about why so many are opposed. Then you would understand.

SL: Well, caring about the "real economy" and knowing how it works on an international or domestic level is not something you pick up like a pizza on the way home from work. I have a library filled with books on this issue, all of which I have read, and have spent about 60 years of my life working to get my mind around economics.

I have lived — not read about — a good bit of this country's history. I have lived through some of our darkest days (Pearl Harbor and Bush's War on Iraq) and some of those I am most proud of: one of which was a November 4, my 75th birthday, when we elected a man of color to the office of President. And, with tears flowing down my cheeks, all those years of shame of being a southern man living in a racist society was washed away. Finally, we had begun to take serious making right 500+ years of white man's injustice to black men...and you want that story to end by me nitpicking a trade agreement with he who has borne the lashes of racism because you are arrogant enough to think that you or a small group of naysayers are smarter than he and to be more trusted with the future of the country than he? Really? You must really think I am a low-life!

You may want to abandon the Obama-ship but I'll stand by this certainly flawed-in-many-aspects President if only because the stench of the previous one is still in my nostrils. Go ahead! Join the tea party chorus and FOX NEWS talking heads but don't ask me to sing bass or nod my head in approval!

— Stephen L. Love

Do not forget Sandy Hook. If 9/11 is the symbol of all that is associated with terrorism, so should Sandy Hook be the symbol of all that is associated with our refusal to deal with guns in the same way we deal with all other threats to public health and safety

[Editor: This letter was posted on the Internet. The respondent: Steve Love is a regular contributor to the VOICE.]

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

2016 Declared Democratic Candidates for President



Hilary Rodham Clinton

Hilary Clinton has the most impressive resume for President ever presented.

1. Eight years in the U. S. Senate (NY-D)
2. Eight years as First Lady.
3. Four years as Secretary of State.
5. A lifetime as a practicing attorney.

For those worried about whether a woman can handle the job, I would like to point out men haven't done very well and world history tells us women can be very masterful. Golda Meir and Margaret Thatcher come instantly to mind.



Senator Bernie Sanders

1. Sixteen years in the U.S. House
 2. Eight years in the U.S. Senate(VT-I)
- Sen. Sanders' consistent message is:
- A. Rein in large corporations and make them pay their fair share in taxes.
 - B. Bring jobs back to America
 - C. Rebuild the middle class.



Lincoln Chafee

1. Eight years as U.S. Senator (RI-R)
 2. Four years as governor of Rhode Island.
- Combined experience as a Senator and a Governor are important entries on his resume.

1. Eight years as Mayor of Baltimore.
 2. Eight years as Governor of Maryland.
- As Governor he dealt with the opposition and learned how and when to compromise and when to stand strong.
3. Gov. O'Malley is pro-choice, supports stem cell research, same-sex marriage, public school choice, and gun control.



Martin O'Malley

Candidates must address the real issues not just the popular ones and present realistic solutions:

1. How do we eliminate the annual deficit in the Federal Budget without destroying lives or the economy?
2. How do we get Afghanistan and Iraq to stand on their own two feet and bring ALL U.S. troops home.
3. How do we create more jobs in America?
4. How do we enter into trade agreements that protect American jobs and at least break even financially?
5. How do we protect the right to vote and to vote in a reasonable time?
6. What can we do about gun control?

The list goes on!

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ENDORSEMENT



Two candidates are running for Dallas County Democratic Party Chair, Carol Donovan and George “Tex” Quesada, one of whom will be chosen by a majority of current precinct chairs in a special election to be held on June 27, 2015. The election will be held at the Hall of State Auditorium in Fair Park. Should a quorum not be present (168 precinct chairs out of 334 total chairs), the election of Party Chair will take place in July.

The foot soldiers of the party are the precinct chairs. These are individuals who are tasked with getting election information to neighbors and friends. Many precinct chairs also serve as election judges, alternate judges and clerks, as well as deputy election registrars. We serve, volunteers all, to promote Democratic views and principals, and to get out an informed populous to vote.

Carol has been a precinct chair and has first-hand knowledge of our needs. In a recent position paper letter to precinct chairs, Carol spelled out exactly where she stands.

- “1. I'm taking the transparency pledge.
2. The local Party must remain independent because it is one of the last remaining forums of American politics, where ordinary people can have a voice.
3. To be unified county-wide, our local Party must be diverse in its staffing and organization.
4. Running a local Party requires a healthy fundraising operation. I know how to raise money. I raised more than \$200,000 for my own campaign for HD107.
5. My campaign’s full commitment to the Party’s Coordinated Campaign was well placed.
6. Including young leaders ensures that our Party will be vital in the future.”

These positions are Carol’s tenets of which I have personally been privy to in the 20 years I have known her. In the past month, I have met with Carol many times. She opened her home to us and eagerly discussed her plans as Party Chair. She has visited many groups over all the county, always talking of her vision for the Dallas County Democratic Party. Carol meets us on a personal level, face to face, with clarity and proven facts and achievements.

All I have received from Quesada are phone calls, many of them robo-calls, asking for support and votes. Quesada attended the DCDP Advisory Committee and stated several times he wouldn’t take much time. Never having been a precinct chair, or for that matter very present in the DCDP, how can he know and support the foot soldiers of our party?

Without reservation, as precinct chair of 2700 and as editor of the **GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE**, **I endorse Carol Donovan for Dallas County Democratic Party Chair. Rachel Baker Ford**

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In Memoriam

Betty Yeater

1/12/1925 - 6/8/ 2015

We mark the passing of Betty Yeater, mother of Marsha Leyden, active Garland precinct chair and member of the Garland Area Democratic Club after a long illness.

Mrs. Yeater lived a long and productive life filled with family, home and community. Memorials may be made to the in Betty's name to Alzheimer's Association:

<http://www.alz.org/>

She is missed.

Joyce Ann Brown

1947 - 2015

Joyce Ann Brown, a longtime advocate for people who are wrongly imprisoned has died. Her daughter, Koquice Spencer, said her mother had suffered a massive heart attack and stroke on Tuesday. Brown was being treated at Methodist Charlton Medical Center in Dallas. She was 68.



Brown spent more than nine years in prison on an aggravated robbery conviction that was later overturned and eventually erased from her record.

She founded the prisoner advocacy group MASS, Mothers/Fathers for the Advancement of Social Systems. She was an assistant for and friend of Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price. She also wrote a book called Justice Denied and was profiled by the television show 60 Minutes.

"She talked about good journalism and good journalists," Smith said.

In addition to her daughter, Brown is survived by a son, Mygeish Dennis of Dallas; her mother, Ruby Kelley of Dallas; seven sisters; seven brothers; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Joyce Ann will be missed.

Ann Hubener

10/6/1946 - 6/4/ 2015

**Passionate,
Progressive
Activist Loses
Battle with Cancer**



We are saddened to learn of the passing of Ann Hubener, mother of Katy Hubener, Duncanville Justice of the Peace this past week from cancer.

Ann Hubener was passionate about things that mattered. She worked to right the wrongs where there was an injustice. Some causes to which Ann lent her voice include clean air, gun control, smoking, and city politics, to name a few — these things made a difference in Ann's life.

Ann will be missed.

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Recently we had a lightning strike at the offices of the **GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE**. We lost a computer with a Raid Drive and a second hard drive. Of course, our backup was more than a year old.

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This is the second time **Data Recovery Services** have helped us with crashed hard drives. Unfortunately for us, the first time the drive was damaged beyond repair. In this case, we were not charged for the diagnostic work.

Chuck and I heartily recommend **Data Recovery Services** in the event of hard drive failure.

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