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July 17th Program: Hector Uribe, Land Commissioner candidate

New Location: Luby's at Ingram Park Mall

Don't forget to attend our July 17th meeting when we will hear from Hector Uribe, candidate for Land Commissioner.

Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am at Luby's at Ingram Park Mall. We apologize for any inconvenience with moving to a new location again.

Special Projects: Stuff the Bus and Eckhert Road Clean-Up

Stuff the Bus kicks off at the Aug. meeting. Stuff the Bus is the annual collection to provide school supplies to needy families. Please bring **pens, pencils, filler paper, rulers, scissors, calculators, folders**....any kind of school supplies for this worthy cause. The supplies are distributed to families in need by the local schools. I noticed that Walgreen's already has many school supplies on sale at very cheap prices. The name "Stuff the Bus" comes about because the organizers will actually stuff a yellow school bus full of supplies.

The next clean up will take place after the July meeting. We look forward to seeing the regulars plus some new faces. It is good exercise and contributes to the beauty of our community!

We are recycling the cans and bottles collected to help save the Earth.

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A Few 'Joyce' Words

by Joyce Dorrycott

Much has happened since with our Bexar County United Democrats (BCUD) since our June Northwest Democrats meeting. First, all the Democratic organizations have joined together in this fall campaign effort. While our umbrella organization will last only through the election, I believe the unity of all the organizations in a common effort provides a great opportunity to strengthen Democrats for the future.

We were greatly excited to learn last week that a building has been supplied to the BCUD – and it is a REALLY big building. The building is located at 1101 Broadway, and it has a lot of free parking. Come by and check it out. Candidates in highly contested campaigns have been provided free offices and other advantages including free internet service.

Because we were all so excited about the building, we quickly planned a meeting with our candidates and elected officials (and the executive committees of each organization) for Tuesday evening, July 6th. Of course, that presented a real challenge to clean the main areas that will be the common areas of all who office there. But, it took the decorating and organizing experience of Verna Blackwell to create an inviting atmosphere for the meeting.

And, what a great meeting it was! More than ____ people attended, including almost all of our candidates as well as many of our elected officials. Christian Archer and Andres Gonzalez presented the plan by which BCUD will conduct the fall general election campaign. Never in my political experience have I seen such a comprehensive plan or so much enthusiasm this early in the campaign season.

Now for Northwest Democrats – Jacob and I have spent a lot of time looking for a building in the northwest area. This year we have had a difficult time finding anyone who wants to rent with a short term lease. Then, we were offered the opportunity to have offices in the Broadway building. We gave a lot of consideration to this issue, canvassing our executive committee for their views. As we worked through the pros and cons, we began to see the real advantages of being at the Broadway location.

We finally determined that we could be far more effective and efficient by being at the center of the BCUD activities. I think each of you will find the location (1101 Broadway; corner of Broadway and Jones) very accessible, and we will work very hard to see that anyone who needs a way to get to the office is provided transportation to participate.

On another subject, while going to and from Alabama on vacation, we stopped at two beaches threatened by the oil spill. The first was in Biloxi, MS – a beach that my family used to visit when we were stationed at Keesler AFB. Unlike the crowded, active beach we had been used to, we found an almost deserted beach even though the tar balls and oil sheen had not yet reached there. This was on June 23rd. Then, on June 28th, we visited the Pensacola beach where the tar balls were showing up. Only a few days later, signs went up telling people not to go in the water. What a change from this area where I grew up. And the thought persists – “How long, oh Lord, how long?” (a quote from a former Democratic keynote speaker at the national convention in the 1950’s)

Care for a Trim?

by Jacob Middleton

Earlier this year, Gov. Perry, Lite Gov David Dewhurst, and Speaker of the House Joe Straus sent around a letter asking for across-the-board cuts in state government of 5%. Aside from hair care products, I think the thing Perry loves the most is cuts. Cutting kids off CHIP, cutting Texas away from the rest of the county... While President Obama emphasizes jobs, jobs, jobs, Perry's matra seems to be cuts, cuts, cuts.

Turnabout is fair play though. To paraphrase a wise person, if Perry is going to live by the cuts, he's going to die by the cuts. Kudos to our Democratic members of Congress from Texas who decided to cut Perry out of the decision making on education funding. How does it feel Governor to be cut from something? At least with this cut, you're not running the risk of getting sicker, not being educated, or receiving no help at all eventhough you desperately need it.

If Perry cut his hair as much as he cuts state government, he could do ads as Mr. Clean.

It's fun to stand up in front of a podium and proclaim before everyone that you're cutting 5%. It's also amazing how the cuts are always government waste.

So what is 5%?

UT-Austin: \$29 million; Texas A&M: \$28 million; University of Houston: \$16 million; Texas Tech: \$14 million; UTHSC: \$13.9 million; and UTSA: \$8.7 million. The total for just the UT System: \$175 million.

In addition, Higher Education Coordinating Board proposed to (among other things) cut funding for new community college campuses; eliminate scholarships for students in career and technical fields in career colleges and schools; reduce funding for the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program; eliminate projects to increase participation in adult basic education; and scale back developmental education pilot projects.

Mental health statewide: \$134 million. Community mental health centers: \$80 million. Psychiatric hospitals: \$44 million (in other words 183 beds or 12% total capacity). Children with Special Health Care Needs: \$24 million. Overall state health services: \$246 million.

Rick Perry has been in state government since at least 1985 when he served in his first term as a state representative. To give you some idea of who he was serving with in the Legislature: current Congressmen Chet Edwards & Gene Green was a State Sen. and State Rep, respectively. Gib Lewis was just in his second term as Speaker. The delegation from Bexar County included State Senators Cyndi Krier and Glenn Kothmann; and State Reps. Tommy Adkisson, Orlando Garcia, Gregory Luna, Frank Madla, Dan Morales, Kae Patrick, George Pierce, Alan Schoolcraft, Lou Nelle Sutton, and Frank Tejada.

He moved up to Agriculture Commissioner in 1991. Then moved up to Lite Gov in 1999. And finally ascended to Governor in 2000. Rick Perry has been receiving a state paycheck for 25 years...a quarter of a century. In all those years, it seems the only thing Rick Perry hasn't cut is his hair.

Instead of Rick Perry asking us to cut state government, I think it's time for us to cut Rick Perry from state government.

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SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

Aug. 3rd - 6 pm - 9 pm, Omni Hotel
PAT MALONEY SR. ANNUAL DINNER
Honoring State Senator Joyce Dorrycott