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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Log on to www.TerryLowry.com and search the archives under "Disaster Preparedness" to hear Harris County Judge Ed Emmett discuss how you and your family can prepare for a disaster.

By Terry Lowry

Houston has seen several major storms in recent weeks with high water in some areas, trees and debris blocking roadways, and power knocked out all over the city. Now that hurricane season is in full swing, are you prepared not only for a hurricane, but wildfires and other disasters?

Would your teenage children know how to survive for 48-72 hours if you were stuck at work due to high water, out of control wildfires, or a terrorist attack? Have you worked out a plan with neighbors in case of an emergency when you cannot be reached?

Are You Ready?

Ed Emmett, Harris County Judge, says you must first prepare an emergency kit. Take your children with you to the store to buy the necessary food and supplies so they can be aware of what you have available.



In case of a disaster, let your family members know how vitally important it is that they ration food and water accordingly. It is a good idea to have at least 5 days worth of water and food for each family member. For a list of bare essentials, please see page 3.

"It is a good idea to fill a bathtub in the house full with water in case the water system is affected by a disaster," says Ed Emmett. You can use the water in the tub to flush toilets. "If you have empty gallon milk jugs, wash them, fill with water, and freeze," continues Judge Emmett. "These make excellent ice blocks to place in ice chests to keep medicine and milk cold in case the power is out for several days."

Plan with your Children

Talk with your children about different types of disasters and when to leave and when to stay put. The more children know ahead of time, the less traumatic the experience will be. Enlist the help of a neighbor in case you are unable to evacuate with your children.

Ed Emmett stresses the importance of discussing with teenagers where to go in case of a mandatory evacuation and you cannot make it home. Make sure children and teens know who is allowed to help them evacuate and who is NOT allowed. Even though someone is wearing a "uniform", instruct them to always ask for identification before leaving the area with someone.

Most teens have internet access on their cell phones. Instruct them to utilize the www.HarrisReady.org website during an emergency to receive updates on road closures, high water, and other important information.

Make sure older children have an emergency credit card or cash in case you are unable to be with them during the disaster. Also, check all vehicle gas tanks and maintenance. Judge Emmett says "it is a good idea to keep gas tanks at least half full at all times and maintain the vehicles tires and oil."

Don't Forget the Furry Guys

If you have a family pet(s), remember to include them in your emergency plan. Pets will need food and water too; it's a good idea to buy a small bag of food and several gallons of water to keep on hand.

This year, shelters and emergency evacuation services are allowing small house pets, such as cats and small/medium dogs, access to shelters so owners and pets will not be separated. "If

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How to Insult John Culberson, Ted Poe, Debbie Riddle and others.



By Terry Lowry
Editor of the *LINK Letter*
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Many candidates and elected officials have confessed to me how insulted they are when they are accused of buying the *LINK Letter* endorsement.

State Representative Debbie Riddle is a loved and well-respected member of the Northwest Houston community, a staunch pro-lifer, and Christian. Ask her if she ever attempted to buy the *LINK Letter* endorsement or bowed to extortion for an endorsement. Representative Riddle might quote you Bible verses and wash your mouth out with soap for even the suggestion!

Ask Congressman John Culberson, Congressman Mike McCaul, or Congressman Ted Poe if any of them ever offered a bribe in exchange for a *LINK Letter* endorsement.

Ask State Representatives Dan Huberty, Gary Elkins, Dwayne Bohac, or Bill Callegari if they ever bowed to extortion to earn the *LINK Letter* endorsement.

Ask District Attorney Pat Lykos if she offered the *LINK Letter* money in exchange for her endorsement during the run-off election in 2008. If I broke the law, where are my shackles? She's the DA!

How Does That Saying Go?

My grandmother told me: "If all you can do is tear someone down in an attempt to build yourself up, quit and go do something else." Most voters hate politics because of the constant, hateful personal attacks, which are usually untrue.

This past cycle, some candidates and their supporters became consumed with attacking the *LINK Letter* by accusing me of selling my endorsement to the highest bidder.



State Representative Debbie Riddle



Congressman John Culberson



Congressman Ted Poe



State Senator Dan Patrick

Contact any elected Republican official and ask them if they have ever given me a bribe or bowed to extortion. I can assure you that the answer will be "no".

Many on a realty board financially support Democrats, abortion providers, and homosexual marriage yet they say they are "conservative". Shame on them for fooling the voter.

Surprise. Surprise. Surprise.

Twenty years ago it was easy to vet candidates. Certain consultants only worked with pro-choice candidates. Certain donors only gave to pro-choice candidates. Certain clubs and newspapers only endorsed pro-choice candidates. Discovering this made making endorsements clear-cut.

Then, in about 1998, many candidates had an 'awakening'. Once pro-choice, they had a sudden change of heart and switched to the "pro-life, pro-family" spectrum. But, many were still "closet pro-choicers".

This does NOT mean candidates not endorsed by the *LINK Letter* are all Pro-choice. Oftentimes, more than one candidate for the same office is pro-life and pro-family.

Stick With What Works

As a Christ-follower, protecting the unborn and traditional marriage is of utmost importance to me. Some races have more than one pro-life/pro-family candidate. Hence, there are many other issues I consider when praying about which candidate to endorse.

This cycle, I met with over 80 candidates for coffee, breakfast, or lunch. We would discuss issues for an hour, sometimes longer, even having follow-up interviews, if needed.

For twenty years, I have used the same basic interview questions and criteria. For twenty years I have considered who their consultant is, who their contributors are, their stand on

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abortion, homosexuality, and their stand on key issues of the day. Viability is important.

If The Shoe Fits...

During the 2012 primary election, candidate for County Attorney Leslie Johnson and her workers were unpleasant and down-right vile towards many voters. I was contacted by many who shared horror stories concerning how she would shout at them: “Don’t use that *LINK Letter*” or “He just sells his endorsement” as they would approach a voting location. Her campaign workers were often more hateful than Leslie Johnson herself!

During the Primary, a “bag man” arranged a meeting at a local Houston restaurant and offered me \$20,000 from Commissioner Steve Radack, who wanted me to switch my endorsement to his friend Leslie Johnson.

She was NOT endorsed. Is this why Leslie Johnson was so vile in her attacks against the *LINK Letter*?

Hurricane Preparedness

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you are separated from your pet during a disaster, it’s much easier to reunite the owner and pet if there is a recent picture available,” says Ed Emmett. Also, make sure your pets have a collar with their name, your name, home address, and phone number on the tag.

Utilize 211 for Seniors and Low-Income Residents

Ed Emmett says there is a wonderful - **and free** - service available for senior citizens and low-income families. By calling 211 and placing their name on a list, seniors and low-income families can receive a free ride to a shelter or relatives house during a disaster.

Call 211 as soon as possible to ensure that your name or a relative’s name is placed on the list. Even if you have been on the list in previous years, make sure you call again, especially if you have moved or if your medical situation has worsened.

People who are on daily medication(s) need to make sure they have enough pills for a minimum of 5 days. **If your insurance carrier allows you to purchase extra pills in case of an emergency, take advantage of that policy.** If not, double check the amount of pills you have every few days so you don't get too low.

Most importantly, stay informed. Listen to the news and weather reports daily for updates - not only for hurricanes but droughts and other disasters as well. **Sign up for emergency messages from Harris County at www.HarrisReady.org**

The wildfires that hit Texas last year were catastrophic. Many people were not prepared for fire disaster. The loss of a home can be replaced, but a person cannot be.

Why Not Attack Everyone?

Senator Dan Patrick sells ads on his radio station. He also makes endorsements. Has anyone accused him of selling his endorsement?

Fun Fact: Senator Patrick values the *LINK Letter* so much that he sent Court Koenning to meet with me in 2010 with an attempt to buy the *LINK Letter*!

Pro-life organizations, such as Texas Alliance for Life, have expensive banquets to raise funds. Their directors often make political endorsements. Has anyone accused them of selling their endorsements in exchange for larger donations?

Republican clubs sell ads and table sponsorships for their fundraisers. Has anyone accused their officers of selling their endorsements in order to receive more contributions?

The rumor that I sell my endorsement is always from candidates not endorsed and/or from their supporters.

Are you accusing my friend President George W. Bush of giving me a bribe or bowing to extortion for the *LINK Letter* endorsement in 2000?

Basic Needs Survival Kit:

- Dried non-perishable food, such as beef jerky and canned meats and fruits, energy bars and shakes, nuts and raisins, instant coffee
- Water - enough for 1 gallon per family member per day for 5 days
- One week supply of diapers and formula for babies
- Manual can opener, toilet paper, paper towels, and garbage bags
- Paper plates and plastic utensils
- First-aid kit, including hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and extra medicine
- Travel-size soaps and extra clothing for several days
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Large packages of batteries for flashlights and radio
- Flashlights - one for each member of your family
- Battery operated radio
- State road maps and basic car care supplies
- Several gallons of gasoline
- Charcoal, lighter fluid, and water-proof lighter to cook on outside grill
- Store important documents in a water-proof bag, such as a gallon zip-lock
- **Don't forget your pets** - food, water, and medicine for at least 5 days, pet carrier, pet bed, and leash
- **Plenty of Cash** - ATM's and cash registers to buy groceries and gas may not be working

David Medina's Easy Ride And Sketchy Record

By Donna Garner

Former State Board of Education Member
Retired teacher and political activist

Interview with Terry Lowry archived at www.TerryLowry.com



The Texas Supreme Court (TSC) is comprised of one Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices who are elected in staggered six-year terms. All voters in Texas elect these Justices in partisan elections.

The TSC is the last resort for cases that involve civil matters, including cases involving juvenile delinquency. The TSC settles Texas Constitutional disputes and other cases which involve homeschooling or the Texas Education Agency's purview over the Texas Board of Education.

Politically Motivated Appointment

David Medina, a candidate for Texas Supreme Court, Place 4, gained his current TSC position through a politically motivated appointment in 2004 by Governor Perry.

Suspicion of Drunk Driving

But why would Medina even be considered for this position when, in 2002, he was pulled over by a Harris County Constable on suspicion of drunk driving? During the traffic stop, Medina refused to identify himself, smelled of alcohol, could not walk steadily, failed an eye-movement test, and refused to take a breathalyzer test.

Medina hired Rusty Hardin, a high-priced lawyer, pled guilty to a lesser offense, and only had to pay a \$500 fine. The rich and powerful always got off, it seems.

Who Has First Lien?

Then, in June of 2006, the Medinas were sued by their home mortgage company because the family had missed five months of payments. The investigators soon learned that the Medinas also owed \$1,900 in fees to their homeowners' association.

What happened next shocked the political world and the Medina's quiet neighborhood in Spring, TX to the core.

Who Burned the House Down?

Mrs. Medina was accused of setting a blaze to their spacious home with an accelerant found in their garage. The fire caused nearly \$1 Million worth of damage to three homes in their neighborhood, including their own 5,000 sq. foot home.

Ironically, the losses from the fire were not covered because the Medina's homeowner's insurance policy had lapsed. After the fire, the Medinas sold their home in Spring and moved to Austin, Texas.

Both Medina's Indicted

In 2008, a grand jury returned felony indictments against Texas Supreme Court Justice David Medina and his wife. For the felony, Mrs. Medina's bail was set at \$20,000. Medina was indicted for tampering with evidence (a felony), and his bail was set at \$5,000.

To show how politically rotten this whole situation became, then-District Attorney Charles A. Rosenthal Jr. decided to dismiss the grand jury's indictments because of a "procedural" error made by the DA's office.

Again, The Rich and Powerful Get A Free Pass

Both the grand jury foreman and the assistant foreman (an experienced civil trial lawyer) said the DA's office had already decided beforehand to oppose the indictments against the Medinas. The foreman stated, "If this was David Medina, truck driver of Baytown, Texas, he would have been indicted three months ago."

Even though the grand jury had returned guilty indictments against both the Medinas, the DA's office managed to get the judge to void the grand jury's vote. To keep the grand jury members from telling their side, the prosecutor placed an injunction over them that gagged them from talking under threat of jail time.

David Medina Breaks Campaign Laws

In 2001, 2002, and 2003 David Medina chose not to comply with the campaign finance laws. In 2008, the Texas Ethics Commission brought ethics complaints against Medina because he improperly paid himself \$57,000 from campaign funds. He escaped with a fine of \$35,000.

In the last two years, Medina has given unlawful donations to PACs, used campaign funds for personal use, and failed to report a contribution of \$5,000 from Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

Bottom-line: Why would Texans even think about electing David Medina to the highest court in Texas when he has the kind of criminal and ethics record that would keep any average person from even being considered for office?

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Good News: Divine Candidate Available For Texas Supreme Court

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www.TerryLowry.com



The good news is that we have a great, conservative, committed, honest, ethical, intelligent, well-educated, and experienced candidate in Judge John Devine. John and his wife, Nubia, have been married for 23 years, live in Houston, and have seven children.

Look no further for the right candidate to put on the Texas Supreme Court bench. John Devine unpretentious, family oriented, clean-living, patriotic,

and is fully vetted having been admitted to the bar in the State of Texas, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Court, U. S. District Court (Southern District), District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and U. S. Tax Court.

Judge Devine has served our state well as District Judge (190th District Court), Special Judge (Harris Co. J. P. Courts), Harris County Juvenile Board, Harris County Juvenile Justice School Board, Board of Civil District Judges Mass Torts Comm., Board of Civil District Judges, Texas Association of State Judges, and American Judges Association.

The "Ten Commandments" Judge

John Devine received national recognition as a Judge when he refused to remove a painting of the Ten Commandments from his courtroom and defeated a related lawsuit by liberal activists and the ACLU.

John Devine has been a solid, pro-life

defender for years, even serving on boards at various crisis pregnancy centers and other pro-life organizations.

John Devine, a lifetime member of the NRA, is determined to protect our Second Amendment rights, the most basic individual right awarded to the American people.

Named "Texas Size Hero" by Dr. James Dobson

John has been endorsed by David Barton, Cathie Adams, Kelly Shackelford, and many other conservatives.

Judge John Devine will be on everyone's run-off ballot around the state on July 31, 2012. Let's elect him by a vast majority.

Please see John Devine's website to learn more about him:

www.devineforsupremecourt.com

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Your Vote Counts

537 Votes

2000 Presidential Race: Gore vs. Bush

It came down to Florida, and George W. Bush defeated Al Gore by 537 votes out of the more than 5.9 million cast in the state to win the presidency. In a controversial decision, the U.S. Supreme Court stopped the recount effort before it was completed.

133 Votes

2004 Gubernatorial Race: Gregoire vs. Rossi

Democrat Christine Gregoire defeated Republican Dino Rossi by 133 votes out of 2.8 million cast. The result was finalized after multiple recounts and lawsuits. Rossi challenged Gregoire again in 2008 and was defeated more handily.

312 Votes

2008 Minnesota Senate Race: Franken vs. Coleman

Al Franken defeated incumbent Republican Norm Coleman by 312 votes in the race for one of Minnesota's Senate seats. More than 2.4 million votes were cast in the election and Franken emerged victorious only after Coleman challenged the results in court and the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled in favor of Franken.

428 Votes

1998 Nevada Senate Race: Reid vs. Ensign

Democratic incumbent Harry Reid defeated Republican John Ensign by only 428 votes.

Au Revoir France

By Bob Beauprez

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In the recent French presidential election, Nicolas Sarkozy was narrowly defeated by Francois Hollande. Faced with an increasing financial crisis and raging unemployment, Sarkozy had championed cutbacks in government spending. But Hollande had promised even more government largesse: "Austerity can no longer be inevitable!" he declared in his victory speech.

I spoke at an international conference in Paris in 2003 and was told that 30% of the population under the age of 15 in France at that time was Arab Muslims. These new Muslims didn't come with any plans to assimilate into French culture. It was already a problem. It is still a problem. And it is an increasing problem.

This may be the end of France as we know it

Since 2003, the challenges created by the large foreign Muslim population have been evident on many occasions including the Paris riots in 2005, 2007, 2009, and again in 2011. I believe, and have stated on many occasions, that this may be the end of France as we know it.

Below is a photo of the Hollande victory celebration in La Bastille Plaza in Paris, historic site of the French Revolution.



The text that follows is not mine, but is from a trusted source, and includes a message from his French friend Maxime Lépante. Lépante's chilling, ominous analysis of the election results suggests that it was just manifested again.

French citizen Maxime Lépante: "This photo was taken at La Bastille Plaza in Paris, during the election celebration for the *comrade* socialist president Hollande. See any French flags? Anywhere? Actually, there is ONE towards the bottom right. The other flags are in order of appurtenance, Palestinian (2 flags top right and 1 center left), Algerian, Turkish (towards center), Syrian (towards left of picture and below Palestinian flag), Moroccan (west star in center), and European Union flag. The other flags I can't recognize, there are also Syndicates or Unions' flags. That's France in a nutshell."

Elected by Muslims

Hollande was elected by the Muslims - A survey of 10,000 Muslims shows that 93% of the Muslims voted for him.

Huge Voting Block

As 2 million Muslims participated in this election, Hollande got 1,720,000 Muslim votes more than Sarkozy did: $(0.93 - 0.07) \times 2,000,000 = 1,720,000$. But at the end, from the entire population, he got only 1,139,316 votes more than Sarkozy. **So, without the Muslims' votes, Sarkozy would have been re-elected.**

1,700 Cars Torched in Celebration

Criminal activity is already on the rise. The Muslims now feel empowered. They demonstrated this by burning 1,700 cars in France the first night.

Racist Hate Crimes

Muslims are screaming anti-French and anti-Jews watchwords in the streets.

Women are Rebelling Too

Veiled women, wearing the illegal burqa, are strolling in the streets.

Let Them ALL Vote!

And, as if this wasn't enough, Hollande wants to give to all the foreigners the right to vote in the elections!!

France will face a very hard situation, possibly a civil war in a few years. The rest of Europe is next. Then America. What will our children and grandchildren face during their lifetime?

Interview archived at www.TerryLowry.com

What Do Christians Do Now?

By Dr. Donald E. Wildom
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View the online version:
<http://www.afa.net/afajournal/1999/august/pres.htm>



In 1973 The Supreme Court said it was ok to kill unborn babies. Since then, we have killed more than the entire population of Canada. And it continues.

A woman's choice? Half of those who have died in their mothers' wombs have been women. They didn't have a choice. It is called abortion.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.

First, it was in dingy, dirty theaters. Then, convenience stores. Then, grocery stores. Then on television. Now it is in the homes of millions via the Internet. It is called pornography.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.

They call it no-fault. Why should we blame anyone when something so tragic happens. Haven't they already suffered enough? Half of the marriages in America end this way. The children suffered. The family broke down. It is called divorce.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.

At one time it was a perversion. We kept it secret. We secured help and hope for those who practiced it. Now it is praised. We have parades celebrating it, and elected officials give it their blessing. Now it is endowed with special privileges and protected by special laws. Even some Christian leaders and denominations praise it. It is called homosexuality.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.

It used to be an embarrassment. A shame. Now a third of all births are to mothers who aren't married. Two-thirds of all African-American children are born into a home without a father. The state usually pays the tab. That is why we pay our

taxes, so that government can take the place of parents. After all, government bureaucrats know much better how to raise children than parents do. It is called illegitimacy.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.

At one time it was wrong. But then the state decided to legalize it, promote it and tax it. It has ripped apart families and destroyed lives. But just look at all the money the state has raised. No longer do we have to teach our children to study and work hard. Now we teach them they can get something for nothing. We spend millions encouraging people to join the fun and excitement. Just look at the big sums that people are winning. They will never have to work again! It is called gambling.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.

Not long ago, Christians were the good guys. But now any positive image of Christians in movies or on TV is gone. We are now depicted as the bad guys - greedy, narrow-minded hypocrites. The teacher can't have a Bible on her desk, but can have Playboy. We don't have Christmas and Easter holidays - just winter and spring break. We can't pray in school, but can use foul language. It's called being tolerant.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.

Yes, all these things came to pass within 30 years. Where were the Christians? Why, they were in church. All these things are for someone else to deal with. Times have changed. Involvement has been replaced with apathy.

But don't blame me. I didn't do anything. I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.

No More Feeding The Poor In "Rich Areas"

By Michael Kubosh

www.FreeToGiveHouston.org

Interview with Terry Lowry archived at www.TerryLowry.com

No more driving through your favorite fast-food restaurant and picking up something for the homeless person on the corner in some of the richest parts of Houston. No more being a Good Samaritan. The 'Law is Watching' and you can become a criminal for following Jesus' example.

The City of Houston passed a new ordinance criminalizing feeding the poor in certain 'rich areas'. Oh, don't get me wrong. You can still get your church or volunteer group together, cook some lasagna, make some salads, and bake some desserts. Just don't give it to the poor or homeless downtown.

Obtain Permit First – Or Become a Criminal

To feed the poor or homeless, first apply for a permit, pay a fee, detail the nutritional information, wait for a response, in some cases apply for a permit again, wait some more, and maybe the 'All Knowing Powers Downtown' will grant you permission.

But by then, maybe the poor and homeless will have gone somewhere else. Or is this their intent: force the homeless to just move on for lack of food!

The Proposed Law is Sketchy at Best.

Even after its passage, what's in it? Not much! Many voiced objection before the Houston City Council because of its vagueness.

- The ordinance did not outline a fee schedule, so they can charge whatever they want.
- The ordinance did NOT detail the necessary application process.
- Feed The Poor In Houston And Become A Criminal

The ordinance allows police officers to fine anyone feeding the homeless - even an individual offering a sandwich to a homeless person on the corner. How much is this fine? \$500! Feed someone on the wrong corner and become a criminal!

Declaring A Public Emergency – Hog Wash

When drafting the proposed ban on feeding the homeless, writers declared a "public emergency" existed that prompted them to protect the homeless from Good Samaritans. Surprise, surprise, surprise: details of the "public emergency" have not been made public. Maybe the "details of this pressing public emergency" are in Attorney General Holder's files and that is why he and Obama do not want to release any more documents!



What Will the Homeless Do Without Food

With the downturn of the economy in the last five years, entire families have been evicted from their homes and are traveling from place to place. Sometimes families are lucky enough to find a shelter with a few empty beds for a few nights. Many nights, mamas sleep on the concrete ground cradling their babies close and daddies stay up wondering what tomorrow will bring. Will his kids go hungry?

Succumbing to the great commission and wanting to feed the hungry, the downtrodden, the homeless, will make Good Samaritans choose: do I obey God's call and feed the homeless, or do I break the law?

What are the City Leaders Trying to Prove?

Perhaps our fearless city leaders believe they will receive more government funds for city shelters and government-run food banks. Or maybe they are hoping the city streets will be safer and cleaner by forcing the homeless to leave downtown. Maybe it's simply a blatant disregard for their fellow Americans who need a helping hand.

Whatever the reason, it's the wrong reason.

Lend A Hand And Sign The Petition.

If you agree and are a registered voter in the City of Houston, please log onto www.FreeToGiveHouston.org and fill out a petition. Click on the Petition Link on the menu bar to print a petition.

Talk to your family members, friends, co-workers and encourage them to sign. Please follow the directions on the petition, returning the petition by mail by July 31.

What would Jesus Do?

Homelessness: How Government Policy Makes It Worse

By Dr. Tracy C. Miller
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Interview with Terry Lowry archived at
www.TerryLowry.com

During a recent trip to Chicago, I couldn't help but notice the large number of homeless people in the downtown area, including one homeless man pushing a child in a stroller. Homelessness was frequently discussed during the 1980's, but receives less media attention now, even though the problem is nearly twice as expansive.

Homelessness, like any other social problem, is influenced by incentives. Unfortunately, government policy may actually be making the problem worse, particularly government-subsidized housing for the poor.

Government Policy Enabling More Homelessness

Many cities have constructed homeless shelters to provide a place for the homeless to stay out of the cold. By the late 1980's, governments had created a network of shelters and soup kitchens to feed and house between 200,000 and 300,000 people per day. By 1996, roughly 607,000 beds were available as part of the homeless service system in the United States.

While advocates for the homeless recognize that there is little evidence to suggest that government-provided shelter has in any way solved or even reduced the problem of homelessness, many believe that providing other forms of government assistance, such as food-stamps or a welfare check, will help people avoid homelessness or escape it. In truth, lack of affordable housing is not the main reason that people become homeless, although it may be a contributing factor in some cities.

Oftentimes, providing government-funded services to the homeless with no strings attached only makes it easier for some of them to continue their bad habits. Christopher Jencks, the Malcolm Wiener Professor of Social Policy in the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, argues that shelters made homelessness less painful; meaning that the homeless

were "less willing to sacrifice their pride, their self-respect, or their cocaine fix" to avoid homelessness.

Homelessness and the A.D.M. Syndrome

People sometimes become homeless due to habits or addictions that lead to mismanagement of their finances, unstable family relationships, and the inability to keep a regular job. According to Martha Burt of the Urban Institute, three quarters of those who are homeless report having problems with alcohol, drug abuse, or mental illness – the A.D.M. Syndrome.

For many people, the availability of shelters seems to increase the incentive to become homeless rather than (if possible) choosing to live with a relative or friend. Many single-parent families would like to move into government-subsidized housing, but must wait years for a subsidized apartment to open up. By becoming homeless, a family who was living in someone else's home can move to the front of the line for government-subsidized housing.



Government Programs Are Ineffective

Government programs that try to provide people with skills and treatment to overcome addictions are equally problematic, expensive, and have low rates of success. The success rate of private programs is much higher than government programs - as high as 85 percent. Successful private programs usually continue to attract donors and volunteers, including former homeless people who themselves have been helped.

It is only natural to feel sympathy for the plight of the homeless. The solution to homelessness, however, is not more handouts from government. Homelessness can be prevented or overcome when a caring community helps those at risk to develop self-discipline and a good work ethic. This is not easy to do, but some private organizations are already doing good work in this area. Private organizations would be much more effective if government programs were scaled back or eliminated.

— Dr. Tracy C. Miller is an associate professor of economics at Grove City College and contributing scholar with The Center for Vision & Values.

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The Conservative Choice for United States Congress, District 36 TRADITIONAL AMERICAN VALUES

Stephen Takach believes in the values that made our nation great. As your Congressman, he will work to uphold our shared traditional conservative values:

- ★ **THE SANCTITY OF LIFE:** Stephen believes life begins at conception and will be an outspoken defender of the unborn including supporting the Right to Life Amendment and overturning Roe v Wade
- ★ **SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS:** Stephen is member of the NRA and will be a strong defender of our rights guaranteed under the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. He is "A" rated by the NRA.
- ★ **SYMBOLS OF AMERICAN HERITAGE:** Stephen believes in the right to display 10 Commandments and other faith-based symbols of our American heritage in both private and public spaces.
- ★ **PROTECTING FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS:** Stephen will fight the liberal establishment's war against faith-based institutions including mandates that conflict with an institution's core values and principles.
- ★ **TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE:** Stephen believes in traditional marriage between a man and a woman and will fight efforts to alter the definition, strength and status of traditional marriage.
- ★ **BORDER SECURITY:** Stephen understands that border security is both an economic issue and one of national security and favors a coordinated and comprehensive strategy to secure our borders with personnel, technology and physical barriers.
- ★ **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION:** Stephen believes in a four-step process to combat illegal immigration—1. Secure our borders; 2. Enforce existing laws including empowerment of non-federal law enforcement agencies; 3. Removal of financial incentive to immigrate/remain illegally including use of eVerify as a condition of employment and denial of taxpayer funded services for those in violation of US immigration laws and; 4. Improve tracking of temporary visitors.
- ★ **WELFARE ACCOUNTABILITY:** Stephen supports drug testing for welfare recipients as a condition of receiving public assistance.
- ★ **AGENDA 21:** Stephen opposes any further implementation of Agenda 21 and other so-called "sustainable development" policies that infringe upon individual/private property rights. Stephen would additionally work to repeal any such policies already enacted.
- ★ **FEDERAL BUDGET:** Stephen favors a cut/cap/balance approach that includes:
 1. Immediately freezing all federal spending;
 2. Identifying/eliminating waste, fraud and abuse;
 3. implementing cuts in discretionary spending including elimination of foreign aid that is not directly related to US interests; and
 4. Passage of a Balanced Budget Amendment.

I'm running for Congress because our government is no longer listening to 'We the People.' Government spending and entitlements are out of control and now threaten the 'American Dream' for future generations. If something is not done quickly to rein in the spending, our children and grandchildren will not have the opportunities we had growing up in this great country.

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CRADDICK
FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

To ensure the Texas economy continues to grow and create jobs, conservatives must lead the way. Texans must unite around our shared principles of limited government, individual liberties, free enterprise and traditional values, and stand against Washington's overreaching regulations that are stifling business growth.

Texans know that our country's recovery can only be built by individual responsibility and hard work. The future of the country must not be left up to Washington bureaucrats. I look forward to working with you to secure a more prosperous future for Texas energy.

Christi Craddick

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Rebuilding a Stronger Economy:

- ✓ Fight against President Obama's job-killing EPA
- ✓ Eliminate overregulation to increase Texas oil and gas production
- ✓ Encourage private sector job growth in the oil and gas industry
- ✓ Protect individual private property and water rights

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Barry Smitherman wants to continue to fight the Obama administration and lead us to energy independence.

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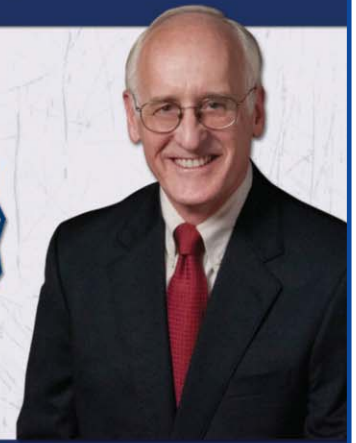
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- Harris County Courtroom Observers
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July 23 - July 27: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Inside Loop 610

1. Main Office

Harris County Admin. Bldg.
1001 Preston, 1st Floor, 77002

2. Moody Park

Moody Park Recreation Center
3725 Fulton, 77009

3. Kashmere

Kashmere Multi-Service Center
4802 Lockwood Dr., 77026

4. Downtown-East:

Ripley House
4410 Navigation Blvd., 77011

5. Southeast Houston

HCCS Southeast College, Learning Hub
6815 Rustic, Bldg. D, 77087

6. Palm Center

Justice of the Peace/Constable Entry
5300 Griggs Road, 77021

7. Astrodome Area

Fiesta Mart, Inc.
8130 Kirby Drive, 77054

8. Neartown

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray, 77019

Outside Loop 610

9. Northeast Multi-Service Center

9720 Spaulding St., Bldg #4, 77016

10. Galena Park

Galena Park City Hall
2000 Clinton, Galena Park, 77547

11. Hobby Area

IBEW Hall #66
4345 Allen Genoa Road, Pasadena, 77504

12. Sunnyside

Sunnyside Multi-Purpose Center
4605 Wilmington, 77051

13. South Houston Area

Greater Saint Matthew Baptist Church
14919 S. Main, 77035

14. Southwest Houston Area

Bayland Park Community Center
6400 Bissonnet (near Hillcroft), 77074

15. Near West Side

Tracey Gee Community Center
3599 Westcenter Drive, 77042
(One block east of the Sam Houston Tollway)

16. Spring Branch

Trini Mendenhall Sosa Comm. Center
1414 Wirt Road, 77055

17. Acres Home

Acres Home Multi-Service Center
6719 West Montgomery Road, 77091

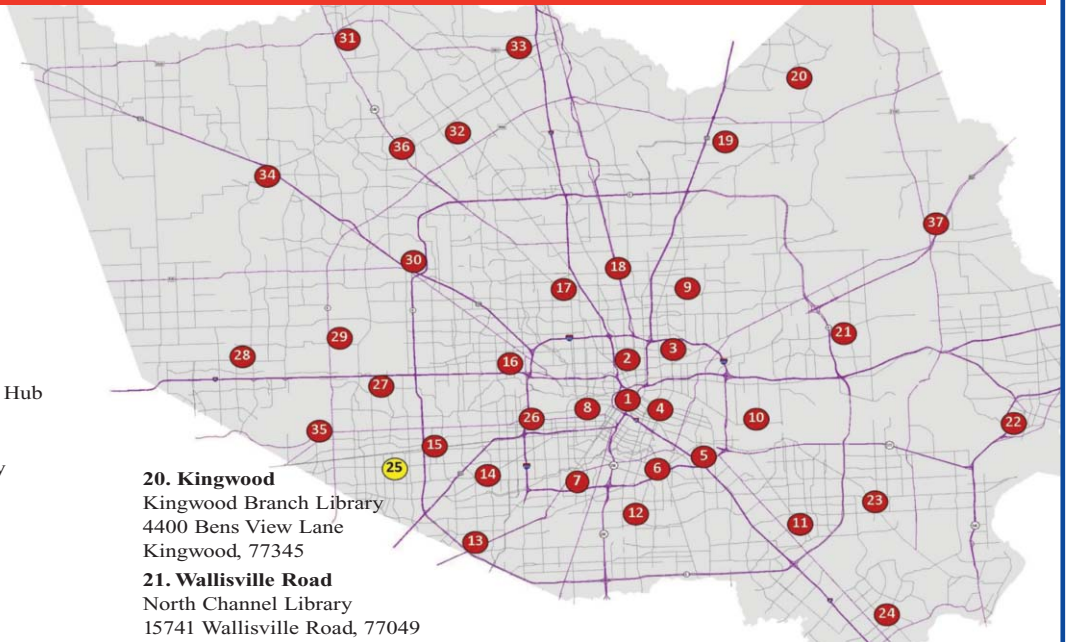
18. North

Hardy Senior Center
11901 West Hardy Road, 77076

Outside Beltway 8

19. Humble

Octavia Fields Branch Library
1503 South Houston Ave, Humble, 77338



20. Kingwood

Kingwood Branch Library
4400 Bens View Lane
Kingwood, 77345

21. Wallisville Road

North Channel Library
15741 Wallisville Road, 77049

22. Baytown

Baytown Community Center - Tejas Room
2407 Market Street, Baytown, 77520

23. Pasadena

Harris County Courthouse, Annex #25
7330 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, 77505

24. Clear Lake

Freeman Branch Library
16616 Diana Lane, Clear Lake, 77062

25. Alief

Vietnamese Civic Center
11360 Bellaire Blvd #800, 77072

26. Galleria

Harris County Public Health
Environmental Bldg.
2223 West Loop South, 77027

27. Far West Houston

Nottingham Park
926 Country Place Dr., 77079

28. Far West/Katy

Franz Road Storefront
19818 Franz Road, Katy, 77449

29. Bear Creek

Bear Creek Park Community Center
Bear Creek Drive at Patterson Rd., 77084

30. Jersey Village

City of Jersey Village-City Hall
16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, 77040

31. Tomball

Tomball Public Works Building
501 B. James, Tomball, 77375

32. Cypress Creek

Champion Forest Baptist Church
Multi-Purpose Building
15555 Stuebner-Airline Dr, 77069

33. Far North

Champion Life Centre
3031 FM 2920 Road, Spring, 77388

34. Cypress

Cypress Top Park
6026 Hempstead Highway, Cypress, 77429

35. George Bush Park

Glen Cheek Education Building
16002 Westheimer Parkway, 77082

36. Lone Star College

University Park - Visitors Center
20515 State Hwy 249, 77070

37. Crosby

Crosby ISD Administration Building
706 Runneburg Road, Crosby, 77532

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Name in red = Circled recommendations for the most conservative, Pro-Life, Pro-Family candidate.

United States Senator
Ted Cruz
David Dewhurst

U. S. Rep, District 36
 Stephen Takach
Steve Stockman

Railroad Commissioner,
 Christi Craddick
Warren Chisum

Railroad Commissioner,
Unexpired Term
 Barry Smitherman
Greg Parker


Justice, Supreme Court,
Place 4
David Medina
 John Devine *The Ten Commandments Judge*

District Judge
129th District
 Michael Landrum
Chris Gillett

District Judge
152nd District
 Janet Townsley
Don Self

County Sheriff
Carl Pittman
Louis Guthrie

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