

# Sun City Democrats

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March 2010

## General Meeting:

The General Meeting is typically on the first Saturday of each month. The meetings are free and open to the public. For additional information on the Sun City Democrats, please contact President **Roe Mackey** at 864-7948.



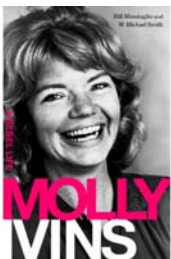
**Saturday, March 6, 2010**

**9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00 Speaker**

**Place:** Sun City Activity Center **Atrium**

**Program:** **Dr. Judy Jennings**

**Dr. Jennings** is a candidate for the Texas State **Board of Education** for District 10. She is a wife, mother and grandmother—and an expert in education policy. She earned her Ph.D. while working at the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Her current position is as Director of Assessment at [Resources for Learning](#). Judy has spent years working on the very issues for which the State Board of Education is responsible.



**Saturday, April 10, 2010**

**9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00 Speaker**

**Place:** Sun City Social Center **Ballroom**

**Program:** **W. Michael Smith**

**W. Michael Smith**, along with co-author **Bill Minutaglio**, has recently published a new book **Molly Ivins: A Rebel Life**. Until her death in 2007, Molly Ivins aimed her witty arrows at George W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, and the circus of Southern - particularly Texan - politics. This biography is based on select personal papers and positive recollections, written by close admirers: **Minutaglio** is a Texas journalism professor, **Smith** was a long-time researcher for Ivins.



Candidate for Governor Bill White at February Meeting

## Special Event:

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Place:** Sun City Social Center Ballroom

**\$20 Cabaret Seating, \$15 Auditorium Seating**

**Program:** **The Texcentric Radio Hour**, with cast members from **Esther's Follies**, is an original musical comedy with singing, dancing and old radio ad parodies. Music and dancing will follow the show.

**Seating is limited!** Cabaret seating (with tables) is \$20 per person; auditorium seating (chairs only) is \$15 per person. Bring your own beverages and snacks, soft drinks available for purchase, ice and water will be provided. ***NOTE: This event is SOLD OUT!***

Arrive together if you wish to sit together; or enclose all checks in one envelope to reserve a table of 10. Send checks (payable to **IMPACT**), names, and email addresses to **Don Lelong**, Treasurer, 101 Crosby Street, Georgetown, TX 78633. For more information call 869-1714.

This event is sponsored by **IMPACT**, a PAC of Sun City Democrats' Club.



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### Williamson County Democratic Party

**Richard Torres**, Chairman. Phone: 512-964-5054

### Williamson County Democratic Headquarters

[www.wilcodemocrats.org](http://www.wilcodemocrats.org)

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Bo in the Snow on the White House Lawn

## Please SUPPORT the Sun City Democrats

The **Sun City Democrats** provide many activities and services for members. We have educational meetings, provide speakers, social events, maintain a website, and a monthly newsletter. We exist only because of loyal volunteers. Please call any of the above officers to volunteer your time or to ask questions.

### Sun City Democrats Stimulus Package:

The Board voted to reduce our annual dues to **\$12** per member. You may pay at the sign-in table at the meetings or mail a check made out to **Sun City Democrats** to: **Sun City Democrats; 1530 Sun City Blvd, Suite 120; PMB #432; Georgetown TX 78633.**

## Please SUPPORT the Sun City Democrats ~ Political Action Committee

Our PAC is known as **IMPACT: Informed Members Political Action Committee of Texas**. **IMPACT** is the only way that the Sun City Democrats organization can legally contribute to candidates. **IMPACT's** goal is to raise **10 Grand By 2010**, just after the primaries. Send donations to **IMPACT** Treasurer, **Don Lelong**, 101 Crosby Street, Georgetown TX 78633.



Massive Global Warming Protest

# A Response to Sarah Palin & The Tea Partiers

~ Garrison Keillor

The tea partiers are enjoying their day in the sun, but coffee is the beverage preferred by most Americans, and we don't have time to gang up and holler and wave our arms. We prefer to sit quietly with coffee in hand and read a reliable newspaper and try to figure out what's going on in the world. Great heaps of dead bodies are moved by front-loaders and dumped, uncounted, unidentified, into open pits in a stricken country while people feast and walk treadmills on enormous cruise ships sailing a hundred miles off the coast on the way to the Bahamas and Jamaica. That's the real world, not the paranoid hallucinations of the right.

The problem for Democrats right now is that nobody can explain health-care reform in plain English, 50 words or less. It's all too murky. The price of building this web of compromises for the benefit of Republican senators (who then decided to quit the game and sit on their thumbs) is a bill with strange hair and ill-fitting clothes that you hesitate to bring home to Mother. Like all murky stuff, it is likely to strike people as dangerous or unreliable. And demagogues thrive in dim light.

The basic question is simple: Should health care be a basic right or is it a privilege for those who can afford it? Rush says it's a privilege — pay or die — and for his colonoscopy, they use a golden probe with a diamond tip, but most Americans agree that health care is basic, like education or decent roads or clean water. Holy Scripture would seem to point us in that direction. And yet the churches, so far as I can see, have chosen to stay aloof from this issue. Churches that feed the hungry and house the homeless dare not offend the conservatives in their midst by suggesting that we also tend the sick. And the opposition has beaten on garbage cans and whooped and yelled and alarmed the populace, which they're quite good at. These people look at a clear blue sky and see a conspiracy.

Arousing alarm is easy; teaching is tough. It takes patience and discipline to teach; any bozo can drop a book on the floor and make people jump. This is true even in Massachusetts. And in Nevada, where Sen. Harry Reid is facing a tough challenge in the fall.

Reid is the gentlest and most patient soul in the U.S. Senate, and his presence there in a colony of bull walruses is a tribute to Nevada. He's a soft-spoken man from hardscrabble roots in the mining town of Searchlight who possesses Western honesty and openness and a degree of modesty startling for a senator, and if he goes down to defeat to some big bass drum, the Republic will be the poorer for it.

Sometimes you despair of common sense when you see an empty helmet like former Mayor Rudy Giuliani

strutting up to the lectern, or hear the Rev. Pat Robertson opine on the earthquake in Haiti, or the lunatic congressman from Michigan who intimated that the president is somehow responsible for the Fort Hood massacre — you just roll your eyes and hope these guys have friends who will take away the car keys.

Paranoia sells better in January than in November, however. And Sarah Palin was not elected vice president, and she is not in the West Wing advising President John McCain on foreign policy. It didn't happen. She is investing her windfall profits from the book about how the Eastern media beat up on her, but we the people decided she was not vice presidential material. We don't choose our family doctor based on his ability to yodel, and we don't elect a woman vice president because she's perky.

And your high school civics teacher would not have given you a high mark for saying, as the Rev. Robertson did, that the earthquake in Haiti was God's judgment on voodoo. God has tolerated voodoo in Washington for years and not seen fit to shake the city yet. Priests and mojo men dance around the Capitol every day, waving skulls on sticks, scattering their magic powders, trying to stop progress with a hex, and God is content to observe them.

So are we coffee drinkers. Government is in the hands of realists and in the end we shall prevail.





## Molly-isms

### ~ Quotes from Molly Ivins

- The first rule of holes: when you're in one, stop digging.
- I believe that ignorance is the root of all evil. And that no one knows the truth.
- You can't ignore politics, no matter how much you'd like to.
- It is possible to read the history of this country as one long struggle to extend the liberties established in our Constitution to everyone in America.
- Politics is not a picture on a wall or a television sitcom that you can decide you don't much care for.
- I believe in practicing prudence at least once every two or three years.
- It's hard to argue against cynics -- they always sound smarter than optimists because they have so much evidence on their side.
- Being slightly paranoid is like being slightly pregnant - it tends to get worse.
- I still believe in Hope - mostly because there's no such place as Fingers Crossed, Arkansas.
- It's like, duh. Just when you thought there wasn't a dime's worth of difference between the two parties, the Republicans go and prove you're wrong.
- Any nation that can survive what we have lately in the way of government, is on the high road to permanent glory.
- The United States of America is still run by its citizens. The government works for us. Rank imperialism and warmongering are not American traditions or values. We do not need to dominate the world. We want and need to work with other nations. We want to find solutions other than killing people. Not in our name, not with our money, not with our children's blood.
- In Texas, we do not hold high expectations for the [governor's] office; it's mostly been occupied by crooks, dorks and the comatose.
- Good thing we've still got politics in Texas ... finest form of free entertainment ever invented. Better than the zoo. Better than the circus.
- I dearly love the state of Texas, but I consider that a harmless perversion on my part, and discuss it only with consenting adults.
- It's a low-tax, low-service state ... so shoot us. The only depressing part is that, unlike Mississippi, we can afford to do better. We just don't.
- Texas' performance, or lack of it, on Medicaid is already the subject of one federal court order and is likely to attract another as we continue to lag in providing health insurance for poor kids.
- I know vegetarians don't like to hear this, but God made an awful lot of land that's good for nothing but grazing.
- I have been attacked by Rush Limbaugh on the air, an experience somewhat akin to being gummed by a newt. It doesn't actually hurt, but it leaves you with slimy stuff on your ankle.
- Next time I tell you someone from Texas should not be president of the United States, please pay attention.
- Everyone knows the man has no clue, but no one there has the courage to say it. I mean, good gawd, the man is as he always has been: barely adequate. [on George W. Bush]
- *from her last column, January 11, 2007:* We are the people who run this country. We are the deciders. And every single day, every single one of us needs to step outside and take some action to help stop this war. Raise hell. Think of something to make the ridiculous look ridiculous. Make our troops know we're for them and trying to get them out of there.

