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“Recall ‘em All! Hope and Change? Not so much....

I have a solution to our nation’s beleaguering problems. When there is a problem there are two ways to address it. One, you can address the symptoms by dealing with the manifestations of the problems, or Two, you can eliminate the source of the problem. My solution is, and it is paramount to the success of our country that we get rid of every single legislator in this US of A, including and especially “Das Furor” Barry HUSSEIN, Barney’s Frank, Elvira “Queen of the Dark” Pelosi, Harry “Ars” Reid, and Christopher “Dud” Dodd. With all of the “tea parties” arising in our nation, I think we have a shot at this. We can petition the American people to simply fire every single lying, cheating, arrogant, unaccountable spenders, and call for a recall vote. I am talking recall every single one. It does not matter which side of the aisle they rest their worthless lemming-like corpses. Recalls are quite common in the municipalities. Lord knows Colleyville, up here in the “mini-bubble” (Highland Park is the big bubble) has worn out that process.

I have thought this through and I realize that there will be chaos and it will run rampant for a while, but that is a good thing. If the new crew is running around trying to figure out what the heck they are doing, then they won’t have time to screw anything else up for a while. They won’t know the procedures and old, worn out policies so passing new laws would cease for the near future. I ask you, why do we have to make new laws all of the time? Why can’t we just sit pat for a decade or so?

I spent some time with an educated gentleman from South Africa, when I was on a hunting trip there. I mentioned how oppressive the South African government seemed

to be and how the liberties of the people there must be minimal. He looked at me in complete shock. He said in his very interesting British accent, ***“What in hell are you talking about, man? You want to talk about liberties? You live in the most regulated country in the world!”*** I thought about it for a minute and I came to the same conclusion. He was right. **We are the most regulated country in the world.** We have laws on top of laws that put us in a position that our freedoms are being shrunk like the guy in the Disney movies. “Honey, I shrunk our freedom!” I don’t want my government to tell me, when I have a greater than minor medical condition, that I have to go see Dr. Allibaba Jihad Khaoudovisliisl (call me Al), who just quit his job at DELL Computer Customer Service to get this doctor gig. Or, if some body breaks in my house, I want to shoot them right between the eyebrows. I don’t want to have to go down a check list of ways to resolve disputes with burglars, like *“Wouldn’t it be less rude if you could you please come back to rob me after I wake up”*, or *“Are you having unemployment issues? Do you want to talk about it? I’m a good listener”*, or even, *“Are you experiencing self esteem issues with your peer group?”* No, I am going to make him/her look like a donut, then there will be no dispute to resolve because there will only be one side to the story.

This all came to my attention, when brother Ralph, the pride of Arlington State College Rebels (number 13 on your program, number 1 in your heart – that is right Ralph, you were number 13?) Brother Ralph, sent transcripts from many conversations a Washington DC airport ticket agent had with several of our legislators and their ilk.

1. I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman, Carol Shea-Porter, ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn’t get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)
2. I got a call from a Kansas Congressman’s (Moore) staffer, Howard Bauleke, who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, and then he interrupted me with, *“I’m not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts.”*

With out trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, *“Cape Cod is in Massachusetts, Capetown is in Africa.”* His response – click!

3. A senior Vermont Congressman (Bernie Sanders) called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando.

He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state.

He replied, *"Don't lie to me, I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state!"* (OMG)

4. I got a call from a lawmaker's wife (Landra Reid) who asked, *"Is it possible to see England from Canada?"* I said, *"No."*

She said, *"But they look so close on the map."* (OMG, again!)

5. An aid for a cabinet member (Janet Napolitano) once called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. I pulled up his reservation and noticed he had only a 1-hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he said, *"I heard Dallas was a big airport, and we will need a care to drive between gates to save time."* (Aghhhh)

6. An Illinois Congresswoman (Jan Schakowsky) called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:30 a.m., and got to Chicago at 8:33 a.m.

I explained that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she couldn't understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went fast, and she bought that.

6. A New York lawmaker, Jerrold Nadler, called and asked, *"Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?"* I said, *"No, why do you ask?"* He replied, *"Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that's very rude!"*

After putting him on hold for a minute, while I looked into it. (I was dying laughing). I came back and explained the city code for Fresno, California is (FAT – Fresno Air Terminal), and the airline was just putting a destination tag on his luggage.

8. A Senator John Kerry aide (Lindsay Ross) called to inquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, *“Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?”*

9. I just got off the phone with a freshman Congressman, Bobby Bright (D) from Alabama, who asked, *“How do I know which plane to get on?”*

I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, *“I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these planes have numbers on them.”*

10. Senator Diane Feinstein (D) called and said, *“I need to fly to **Pepsi-Cola, Florida**. Do I have to get on one of those little **computer planes?**”*

I asked if she meant fly to Pensacola, Florida on a commuter plane.

She said, *“Yeah, whatever, smarty!”*

11. Mary Landrieu (D) Louisiana Senator called and had a question about the documents she needed in order to fly to China. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded her that she needed a visa. *“Oh, no I don’t. I’ve been to China many times and never had to have on of those.”*

I double checked and sure enough, her stay required a visa. When I told her this she said, *“Look, I’ve been to China four times and every time they have accepted my American Express!”*

12. A New Jersey Congressman, John Alder, called to make reservations, *“I want to go from Chicago to Rhino, New York.”*

I was at a loss for words. Finally, I said, *“I’m sorry, sir, I’ve looked up every airport code in the country and can’t find a rhino anywhere.”*

The man retorted, *“Oh, don’t be silly! Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!”*

So I scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, *“You don’t mean Buffalo, do you?”*

The reply, *“Whatever! I knew it was a big animal.”*

Now you know why the Government is in the shape that it’s in! Could anyone be this DUMB? YES, THEY WALK AMONG US, ARE IN POLITICS, AND THEY CONTINUE TO BREED. You put them there, now get rid of them.

Building Section...

I’m still a victim of builder-stuff writers block (“victim” - sounds like a liberal, eh?) so I thought I would give you a list of builder/sub –contractor terms and definitions so, that you could better communicate in their vernacular during your next build/remodel project.

Go to Coffee – Eat Breakfast

Go to Dinner – Eat Lunch.

Go to Supper – Eat Dinner.

“It looks like he got a winder weight tied to his chin” – A look of sadness.

“You can thow a small dog thew it.” – This means the hole has to be fixed. It’s too big for the painter to caulk.

“He don’t speak no United States.” – This is usually referring to another worker, most likely of Hispanic decent.

“You wannar set up square with the world or square with the street?” – Many lots are not necessarily square and often the front curb runs at an angle, so setting up the foundation of a home square with the world means in line with all of the other houses, and square with the street means setting it up parallel with the curb.

“I’ll be on the job tomorrow for sure, if not, it’ll be the next day.” – You’re not seeing this guy for a week.

“Them sons a bitches can’t play no ball.” – Usually refers to the Dallas Cowboys in December.

Market News...

BUSINESS AND OFFICE PAGE

Of interest....

RANDALL GARRETT HOMES offers free estimates on all remodel projects. Remodel contractors can be of the “fly by night” nature quite often. Just because your neighbor’s remodel project was finished and “looked” okay does not automatically mean that you will get a good job, or even get your project completed. ***These are scary “contractor times”.*** ***It is quite common to bid the job cheap then nail you (no pun intended) on the “extras”.***

We have in the remodeling business during all of our 25 years in the home building industry.

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Help me help you!

Don't you want to be able to sleep at night knowing those guys in your house are good guys and they know what they are doing? Hmm, don't you?

Randall Garrett Homes, Inc, - For Sale

Keller, Bourland Oaks Community (www.bourlandoaks.com):

816 Gentle Wind - 4 Beds, 4.5 Baths, Study, Game, Media, 3 car (4,189 sf)

Cool Feature - "Pottery Barn" Styling **\$579,000**

New Price

400 Settlers Ridge - 4 Beds, 4.5 Baths, Study, Game, Media, 3 car (4,596 sf)

Cool Feature - Pond view/best price per sf in B Oaks **\$550,000**

New Price

Hurst, Glade Pointe Court (randallgarrethomes.com):

3209 Glade Pointe Ct. - 3 Beds, 2.5 Baths, Study, Game, Loft, Upper Balcony, exercise room 2 car (3,569 sf)

Cool Feature - It's like living in a mountain chalet with a Low maintenance, wooded lot that backs up to a creek. It's like a bird sanctuary. Mallard ducks cup their wings and land in your back yard during the winter. **\$479,000**

Newly On the Market in Granbury – Josiah Estates. Gated Community with lots of mature pecan trees.

1402 Joshua Way - 3 Beds, 2.5 + .5 Baths, Study, Upper Media, Out door fireplace, 3 car garage (3,131 sf)

Cool Feature – Quiet Granbury with quick access to shopping on a large lot with large mature pecan trees.

\$399,000

1404 Joshua Way - 3 Beds, 2.5 + .5 Baths, Study, 3 car garage (2,717 sf)
Cool Feature – Quiet Granbury with quick access to shopping on a large lot with large mature pecan trees and His and Her Master Closet.
\$359,000

Over 40 lots available in this community

Classified Section...

***Advertise here – 3 months for only \$50
Over 500 Readers
(Yeah, well you're no Adolf Coors, Golden Colorado either.)***

Restaurant Furnishings for Sale!! The lovely and talented Ana Garrett closed down her restaurant in Frisco, so we here is what we have left:

Many, many wrought iron chairs.....\$25/each or 4 for \$75
Great for indoor or outdoor use.

I have one (I think its 9 or 10 feet long by 3' tall, by 3' deep) stainless, horizontal electric cooler. They used to keep white wine and beer in it.....\$500.00
Great for lake house, deer lease, or man cave

***Sold all of the tables
Study long, study wrong!***

**For Information on the above Call me
817.475.4644.**

In My Opinion (that and \$5 will get you .50 of coffee at Starbucks).....By Randall Garrett

Hillary Clinton (Nurse Ratchett) in Africa, When Asked About What Her Husband Thought – RRRRREEEOOOOWWWW!! Her old cankles must have been giving her trouble that day.

Comrade Barry HUSSEIN Obama Update – His Heinous has dispatched union thugs and ACORN members, like the Black Panthers, to town hall meetings to intimidate citizens opposing the health care discussions.

Cash for Clunkers – First it was going to be a Billion dollars. Now, the Feds are upping the ante \$2 Billion for a total of \$3 Billion (with a B). Do you realize only 3% of the car dealers have been reimbursed. One car dealer has fronted \$3 Million in clunkers and has not received a dime yet. Yikes!!

Interesting Facts:

- 1 Each “clunker” actually costs US, the taxpayers \$27,000. Of that the administration cost is about 30%.
- 2 Only 2 American made cars made the “**top ten most traded for cars**”. Ford Focus and Ford Escape. The most popular is the Toyota Corolla with the rest being made in Japan and South Korea. No GM or Chrysler cars. **Good job Comrade!**

Government Controlled Healthcare – It is not about healthcare stupid, it’s about control!!!!!!!!!! Once the government controls your health, then they control everything. I am not accusing His Heinous of being a Nazi, calm down, but if you will read the history books, you will find that when Adolf Hitler gained control of Germany, he first nationalized healthcare.

Obama Voters – Aren’t you glad you voted for him. You voted for Socialist Healthcare so you can get rid of those pesky old parents and get your inheritance now. Wait. I think he’s going to take the inheritance too. Bummer dude!

When I Become President – I will make sure Obama, Harry Reid, Chris Dodd, Nancy Pelosi, and “My Boy Lollipop, Barney Frank, get a fair trial right before we air-lift them to Cuba. Probably Castro would not let us get very close, so we would have to fly towards Cuba at top speed, open the door, and bank a hard left to sling shot them out. Of course we worry about their safety so we would need some Kool-Aid drinkers donate some bed sheets for a softer landing. They would be among their own kind there. They could even be heroes, or better yet, members of the Cuban Congress. Oh, heck! Why not let Bill and Hillary in on the fun. They can go too. Now, the human Chia Pet, Joe Biden, he needs a little extra care. We have a room reserved for him at the “home” down in the Mexia State Hospital. Everybody, in their white coats, will be very nice and listen to his blubbering and tell him his ideas are “really good”. Joe it’s time for your medicine!

Senator Ted Kennedy, The Passing of A Great Man? – Let’s see.....

- * He was expelled from Harvard twice for cheating.
- * While expelled, he enlisted in the Army, but oops, he upped for 4 years instead of two. The old man, Joe Kennedy (US Ambassador to England) got it fixed back to 2 years and made sure he served in Europe instead of Korea where a war was waging. And charged W for getting preferential treatment.
- * While in the Army, he was assigned to Paris and never advanced beyond the rank of Private.
- * While attending University of Virginia, he was cited 4 times for driving recklessly, including being clocked at 90 mph through a residential neighborhood. Hmm. His license was never revoked.
- * We all know his running off the bridge at Chappaquiddick Island where Mary Jo Kopechne, a campaign worker was killed. He swam ashore, walked back to the party passing several houses and a fire station. He returned to the scene with friends, then went back to his hotel, called his lawyer and went to sleep. Miss Kopechne’s body was whisked out of state to her family before an autopsy could be performed. After pleading guilty to “leaving the scene of an accident”, he was given SUSPENDED SENTENCE.
- * After 40 years in the US Senate, his accomplishments were minimal.

Was the Honorable Senator from Chappaquiddick a great man?

Uh...Not so much.

Sports Section

Randall Garrett Gazette's National College Top Ten

- 1 Oklahoma Pom Squad** – The football team is struggling a little bit the Pom Squad is top rated the All-American Garrett girl starring.
- 1 Texas** – Colt McCoy is back with some gazelles to throw to, plus I think they have found a running back in Southlake's Tre Newton (Nate's kid).
- 2 Ole Miss** – Another Texas high school phenom, Jevon Sneed (Stephenville High) is leading another surprising program. Coach Nutt (that is seriously his name) nie of Arkansas can coach.
- 3 Florida** – Tim Tebow is a great quarterback for a linebacker and he has talent behind him.
- 4 USC** – Pete Carroll has obviously re-loaded and has a remarkable true freshman quarterback. They are still not the best yet.
- 5 Alabama** – Coach Saben has got a winning Southlake quarterback and he is coaching 'em up good. Look for Bama to be around in December.
- 6 BYU** – This team reminds me of a team led by Heisman winner Tye Detmer. They are a bunch of big tough white guys that can play.
- 7 California** – I don't know anything about this team, but all polls are ranking about here. So, I cheat off someone's paper. How do you think I got out of college?
- 8 Ohio State** - I am sick of listing them in the top 10 year after year, but I can't find another team that would fit here better.
- 9 Penn State** – See description for Ohio State.
- 10 TCU** – This just might be the year for Gary Patterson's wild frogs. Look for them in a BCS bowl for the first time.

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Of Interest....

Wine Tip of the Month....

I must say this month's tip is delicious. I have directed your pallets to the harvested fruit of this South American country before, so once again let's go down to the other Hemisphere's country of Chile. Chile produces scads of terrific wines at a reasonable price, which is a nice segway into this month's delectable red. **Veramonte Primus 2004**, is a blend of 47% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 23% Carmenere, and according to the wine maker's notes, *"...is a "racy blend f Carmenere (French accent mark over the middle "e"), Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon made from the highest quality grapes at the Veremonte Estate. It showcases the rare Carmenere (French accent again) variety, a distinctive grape that has found its home in Chile. Well structured with mature, ripe fruit that exhibits an eveolved complexity with a seamless blending of the three varietals. Velvety, with a medium body and smooth, yet powerful tannins. This wine placed #5 on the wine.com 100 of 2007.*

Chile claims the lost Bordeaux grape. Once again a widely planted variety in Bordeaux, Carmenere was all but forgotten after the phylloxera outbreak in the 1880's virtually wiped it off the European wine map. The happy news is that

They planted the noble vines from France and for over a century, thought that the high-vigor vine with pinkish leaves was a special clone of Merlot or Cabernet Franc.

After masquerading as Merlot for over a century in Chile, it wasn't until the 1990's that Chilean winegrowers determined the mystery vines are not Merlot but the lost Bordeaux grape, Carmenere. Since then, Chile has become synonymous with the lush and exotic wines made from Carmenere and is the only country producing Carmenere based wines. Salud!!

Tasting Notes. "Unusually ripe for a Casablanca red, this blend of merlot, cabernet sauvignon and carmenere has the texture of melted chocolate and ripe flavors of fig and blueberry. A powerful acidity keeps a refreshing tension."...Wines & Spirits

It does have a velvety texture with a real nice finish and for \$20 at Market Street, I thought it could pass for a much more expensive wine. I am going to have to award it the **Randall Garrett Gazette Yuuummmmmmyyyy award.** It is that good.

A Little Humor...

Barrack Obama was out jogging one morning along the parkway when he tripped, and fell over the bridge railing and landed in the creek below.

Before the Secret Service guys could get to him, 3 kids who were fishing pulled him out of the water. He was so grateful he offered the kids whatever they wanted.

The first kid said, *"I want to go to Disneyland."*

Barrack said, *"No problem, I'll take you there in Air Force One."*

The second kid said, *"I want a new pair of Nike Air Jordan shoes."*

Barrack, again, said, *"No problem, I get them for you and even have Michael Jordan sign them."*

The third kid said, *"I want a motorized wheelchair with a built in TV and stereo headset!"*

Barrack was a little perplexed by this and said, *"But you don't look like you're handicapped."*

The kid said, *"I will be after my dad finds out I saved your ars from drowning."*

Pa dum pum!

Parting Thought

"A Thank You Note to God"

Dear God (not used in vain this time),

You know, God, the other day I was having one of those days that You know I often have. Sometimes the weight of these hard times doesn't seem to be getting any lighter and it takes its toll on my confidence and generally fouls my attitude. Sometimes, Lord, I start feeling so low that I feel like I could walk under a snakes belly

with a top hat on. Then, as I often do, I started thinking about how my life, as a whole, has been pretty good. These last two years of real hard times are only 2 bad ones out of 54 plus pretty good ones. **I thank you for that.**

I started thinking how I got here, Father. I thought about my grandparents and how they were merely hard working people that went through much times tougher than these. My mother's folks did a little better than my fathers, but there you can't find any buildings are parks named after them, just a legacy of love that they left behind. **I thank you for that.** Grandpa Garrett could not read or write, but Sterling, "Buddy" Garrett could borrow money down at the bank by only marking his "X". He never borrowed much but everybody knew he was good for it. **I thank you for that.**

Naturally, Lord, I started thinking about my own parents. You know they were virtually kids when I came along. I would be scared to death for my girls to have kids at the age they did, but I guess you knew what You were doing. I know they probably felt like they made some mistakes with me along the way, but, the mistakes, if any, were never noticed. Oh, and God, by the way, you did forget to send the manual down with the Storks package when I was born. They taught me about You and about what to do when those times in life come along when the little devil sits on one shoulder and one of your angels sits on the other. Your angels won most of the time because Jim and Becky taught me the difference between right and wrong. That is not to say that little Lucifer did not get his shots in, but Your angels could be in the Hall of Fame with their batting average. **I thank you for that.**

Lord, you gave me a brother and a sister who often have to endure my enigmatic ways. They probably scoff at me under their breath, but they just let me be me and love me anyway. **I thank you for that.**

Father, if I ever get a crown, I know You know that the two sparkling jewels in that crown are Layne and Reece. They deserve two of my biggest "thank you's". They have brought sheer joy to my life watching them grow up and conquer life. They never gave their mother and me, any trouble to speak of, and I suspect they will both turn out to be great citizens. As parents, I think that is really all we can ask for. **I thank you for that.** Speaking of parents, Lord, although their mom and I did not, ultimately, see eye to eye, she was/is a good mom to them. She raised them to be smart, independent young ladies. I know I was around a lot too, but she deserves a lot more than half the credit. **I thank you for that.**

You kept sending this group of guys to make appearances throughout my life. These same buddies, I know that I could count on at any time for anything. Good friends are one of life's unrated blessings. I know, all of these guys believe in You which helps me keep following my blessed path down the right direction. **I thank you for that.**

You know, Lord, after realizing all of the people that have been blessings in my life, it leads to thoughts about me. I know I feel so low, sometimes, I could play handball on the curb, but then You always remind me of how bad I have NOT had it. You gave me a body that has been straight and strong for all of my years. Yes, age and gravity have weathered it a little, but over all, it has served me extremely well. **I thank you for that.**

I have lived a wonderful life. I have enjoyed many of the riches in life. I am a good person, but not a great one. I was a good athlete, but not a great one. I hope I was a good dad, but I know I wasn't a great one. I am a good builder, but the economy will tell you I wasn't great. I have been a good friend, but I have many people that I am blessed to call friends that are much greater than me. You know, It would be sad to be the guest of honor at a funeral and the room had an echo. I know at mine, at least I can fill up the first two rows. **I thank you for that.**

Father, do you remember that time when I had spent a lonely night out on the town, going from place to place to see if I could run into one of my buddies. Do you remember how, at the end of the night, I just sat in my truck and bawled because my life was so empty? I was divorced, carousing too much, missing Layne and Reece because it wasn't not my weekend. You will further recall, I asked You to please, please, not give up on me, because I thought someday, I would come around. Of course, as always, You did not give up on me. At the right time and place in my life you put the Lovely and Talented And Garrett right square in the middle of my emptiness. Suddenly my life made sense. I realized that all of those romances in the past that I thought were the "ones" were actually the ones shedding light on the path leading me up the "real one". When I knew she was the one, I knew at that exact moment, December 27th, 2006, at 9:47 pm. She has been such a blessing in my life. Together we faced and persevered these hard times and grown to be closer to You in this time, Lord. **I thank you for that.**

Oh, and Father, this recent little blessing you surprised us with. By the way, have You done the math? Do you know that I will be 75 when the kid is 20? Yea, I figured You had already computed that equation. I know it is all contained in Your Plan. **I thank you for that.** God, when you have a moment, could I take a look at "the Plan" to see what else you have coming my way? Just a peek, please. Lately, your surprises tend to raise my heart rate just a bit. By the way, Lord, although we were taking all of the precautions we thought we needed to, I will adding one more precaution so if You have anymore of this type of Blessings planned, it will be the "second coming". **I thank you for that.**

God, if I may, one last extra large "thank you" is in order. Thank you from the bottom of my soul for sending Your Son to die on the Cross for my sins. People tend to forget that Jesus **is** Your Son and that You were willing to suffer Him so that I may see You, Him, my grandparents, my parents, my family, my friends, my children, and their

children, when we are all called Home. I could not imagine letting one of my children suffer one second like Jesus did. That had to hurt, Father. **I thank you for that.**

***If you think about it, you probably
have plenty of material for a thank you
note, as well?***