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2008 Texas Election Update

s the old saying goes "in times of stress believe that exciting candidates lead to And strain, people will vote." That statement could not ring more clearly in the 2008 elections.

The Texas Primaries turned out the most voters in recent primary history. Over 4.2 million Texans voted in March with just over a million people voting in the Texas Republican Primary and almost 3 million voting in the Texas Democratic Primary.

Some political experts believe the cause of the dramatic increase in voter participation was because people were stressed by the mortgage crisis and financially strained by gas and food prices. Others believe it had to do with the chaos that took place last Session with Speaker politics. Still others excited voters. Whatever the reason voters turned out, changes are coming to the Texas Capitol.

The results of the 2008 Texas Primaries left nine incumbent House members without jobs in the Texas Legislature. Rep. Kevin Bailey, D-Houston, Rep. Juan Escobar, D-Kingsville, Rep. Borris Miles, D-Houston, Rep. Paul Moreno, D-El Paso, Rep. Pat



Haggerty, R-El Paso, Rep. Thomas Latham, R-Mesquite, Rep. Nathan Macias, R-Bulverde, Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale, R-Tomball, and Rep. Buddy West, R-Odessa will not be returning to the Pink Dome.

In addition to the nine above Texas House Members that will not be returning to the Capitol next session, eight additional incumbent Legislators did not seek reelection and thus will be missing from the Pink Dome as well. This list includes: Rep. Robby Cook, D-Eagle Lake; Rep. Rick Noriega, D-Houston; Rep. Robert Puente, D-San Antonio; Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple; Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson;

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CA's 10th Anniversary

By Amber Hausenfluck

was about 6 years old the first time I visited the Capitol. The American Subcontractors Association (ASA) of Texas was holding a meeting in Austin and my dad brought my sister and me along. I remember gathering in the hotel lobby with a bunch of ASA members and we all headed to the Capitol together to visit members of the legislature to discuss construction issues.

That was my first experience at the Capitol and my first experience working with construction issues. There was no way to know that I would end up back at the Capitol, 20 years later, discussing some of the same construction issues.

In high school, my dad made me work for his company, D&F Industries, a mechanical contracting company. answered phones, called in insurance

claims, made sure all the employees had valid social security numbers, etc. realized at that point, I did not want to work in the family business - construction was too hard!

About the same time I was busy complaining about working a "construction job," my dad was busy meeting with subcontractors and suppliers around the state. In the 1990s, many subcontractors and suppliers had become very concerned about the increasingly lopsided construction contracts they were being asked to sign. They also felt that the Texas laws were stacked against them. instance, in 1995 the Texas legislature passed House Bill 740, which made changes to the mechanic's lien law. Many in the construction industry felt that the changes were a step backward of both subcontractors' and suppliers' lien rights.

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Congratulations Al Hall!!

Chamberlin Roofing Superintendent, Al Hall was awarded The Roofing Industry Alliance for Progress' Most Valuable Player award, presented at the 121st Annual National All Hall (left) receiving his Roofing and Contractors Association Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. This award identifies and honors outstanding roofing industry workers. These individuals

serve as esteemed role models, as well as demonstrate higher work-related and personal goals to which their peers and others in the industry may aspire. "In my opinion," said Chamberlin Senior Project Manager Bill Lawson, "Al's devotion to his chosen craft and to Chamberlin over the past 17 years along with his strong character and leadership skills made him an ideal candidate for the NRCA MVP award. We are all very proud of him.





Darlene Aitken East of Holes Incorporated, Houston, Texas, took the office as 2008-2009 ASA Vice President on July 1st 2008

PHCC Texas Celebrates Grand Opening of New Training Facility

On August 22nd, PHCC President Ken Boen snipped the red ribbon for the Grand

Opening of the new PHCC Training and Office Facility located at 145 Trademark Drive, Buda, TX 78610. "This is a dream come true," said Mr. Boen, "something PHCC has always needed to build strong training programs in our industry." The 5,000 square foot building includes two large classrooms, six administrative offices, a conference room, and several amenities. A large outbuilding is designed for hands-on training, including medical gas certification, backflow certification, basic plumbing classes and apprentice training.



Charlie LeBlanc

The entire electrical contracting industry lost a tremendous ambassador and friend when Charles M."Charlie" LeBlanc



passed away on Thursday, August 21st. Charlie served admirably as the long time Governor of the Southeast Texas Chapter of NECA. He formed relationships at the local, state, and national level that were very instrumental in benefitting not only NECA, but all of our associated industry partners and friends. He understood the importance of political action, and was selected to serve on the NECA National Governmental Affairs Committee from 2000-2001, and again in 2008. Charlie applied his boundless energy, infinite patience, genuine caring and keen instincts to the service of his industry. Charlie LeBlanc will be missed by all who were privileged to know him.

Management Conference at Sea Presented by Texas Glass Association April 23-27, 2009

TGA would like to invite you to a Management Conference on Carnival Cruise where they will hold their annual meeting & awards ceremony. Featuring guest and management guru Dr. Bill Crawford speaking on "Feedback Skills for Managers" & "Golf from the Top of the Mind." This excursion offers the opportunity of * Four Fun-Filled Days * Land Event in Cozumel * 4 Dinners to Network * Golf in Cozumel * Low Registration Fee. Prices begin at \$310! For detailed information please contact TGA at 800*842*2762 or tganga@sbcglobal.net / www.texasglass.org



2008 Texas Election Update Continued...

Rep. Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock; Rep. Mike O'Day, R-Pearland; and Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena. Rep. Anna Mowery, R-Fort Worth will also not be returning next January. Rep. Mowery retired last summer and was replaced by Dan Barrett in a Special Election in 2007. Now, Rep. Barrett, D-Fort Worth, will face Republican Mark Shelton in the General Election.

There are thirty-eight incumbent legislators who do not have a General Election opponent and thus will be heading back to the Capitol for the 81st Legislative Session. These legislators include three Senators and thirty-five House Members. Republican Senators Craig Estes, Wichita Falls, and Tommy Williams, The Woodlands, along with Democrat Senator Eddie Lucio, Brownsville, will hold office The list of returning House members include: Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa; Rep. Byron Cook, R-Corsicana; Rep. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe; Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands; Rep. Will Hartnett, R-Dallas; Rep. Charlie Howard, R-Sugar Land; Rep. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola; Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock; Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock; Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham; Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, R-Parker; Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria; Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown; Rep. Alma Allen, D-Houston; Rep. Roberto Alonzo, D-Dallas; Rep. Barbara Mallory Caraway, D-Dallas; Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio; Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso; Rep. Harold Dutton Jr., D-Houston; Rep. Kino Flores, D-Palmview; Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City; Rep. Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles, D-Alice; Rep. Tracy King, D-Batesville; Rep. Eddie Lucio III, D-Brownsville; Rep. Armando "Mando" Martinez, D-Weslaco; Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio; Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio; Rep. Eliott Naishtat, D-Austin; Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville; Rep. Aaron Pena, D-Edinburg; Rep. Joe Pickett, D-El Paso; Rep. Allen Ritter, D-Nederland; Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston; Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio.

Four races have already been decided and thus four new faces will enter the House Chamber in January. Marisa Marquez, Armando Walle, and Al Edwards were all victorious over the incumbents in the Primary Election. None of these winners face general election opponents and therefore will likely take office January 2009. Marisa Marquez defeated long-time House member Paul Moreno for House District 77 (El Paso). Armando Walle beat Rep. Kevin Bailey for House District 140

(north Houston area) after a very heated primary race. Former House Member, Al Edwards, defeated first term Rep. Borris Miles in the battle to represent House District 146 (south Houston). Representative Miles defeated Representative Edwards in 2004.

Roland Gutierrez took office in May 2008, by way of a Special Election, to fill HD 119 vacated by Rep. Puente, D-San Antonio. Rep. Gutierrez was the only candidate on the Special Election ballot and is the only candidate on the November General Election ballot. If all goes as anticipated, Rep. Gutierrez will serve out the remainder of Rep. Puente's term, which expires in January 2009, and then will continue to serve his own term as the HD 119's representative.

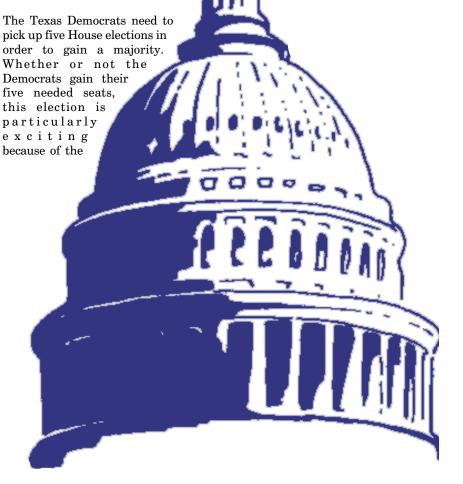
Political experts are now frantically trying to predict how the 2008 Texas General Election will turn out. Some experts are predicting that Barack Obama, the Democratic Presidential candidate, will bring in more votes for Democratic candidates through the state. Others predict that although some may be enticed to vote for Obama, not enough will do so to change the leadership in the Republican legislature.

chaos that occurred in the Texas House last session over Speaker politics. Depending on how the general election turns out, there could possibly be a new Speaker of the House. A new Speaker could appoint new chairmanships and possibly change the complete dynamic of the legislature.

This General Election is also particularly important because the legislature will likely redistrict this state in 2011. Some of the Texans elected at the polls in November will not face reelection until 2012 – a year after redistricting takes place. According to the U.S Census Bureau, Texas gained 2.7 million people since 2000. Most of this growth occurred in the metropolitan areas of Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, but significant growth also occurred on the U.S./Mexico border. Depending on the party in power, the lines could be substantially different in the next decade.

No matter what your voting preference, changes will take place in the Legislature during the 81st session.

The accompanying chart provides TCA's endorsed candidates taking place in the 2008 General Election.



TCA★ PAC Endorsements 2008 Texas General Election

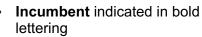
Senate						
District	Republican		Democrat		Libertarian	
6	Gilbert Pena	Houston	Mario Gallegos**	Houston	Susan Delgado	Houston
9	Chris Harris**	Arlin gton	Melvin Wilms	Grand Prairie	Carl Nulsen	Arlington
10	Kim Brimer**	Fort Worth	Wendy Davis	Fort Worth	Richard A. Cross	Arlington
11	Mike Jackson**	Pasadena	Joe Jaworski	Galveston	Cliff Messina	Houston
16	John Carona**	Dallas	Rain Minns	Dallas	Paul Osborn	Dallas
20			Juan Hinojosa**	McAllen	Billy "Bill" Parker	Bishop
21	Louis Bruni	Laredo	Judith Zaffirini**	Laredo	Barry L. Allison	San Antonio
23	Loaio Brain	Larodo	Royce West**	Dallas	Jim Renfro	Duncanville
24	Troy Fraser**		Noyee West	Horseshoe Bay	Bill Oliver	Temple
26 26	110y Flasei		Laticia Van da Butta**		Steve Lopez	
	Robert Duncan**		Leticia Van de Putte**	San Antonio		San Antonio
28	Robert Durican			Lubbock	M.J. Smith	Lubbock
31	Kel Seliger**			Amarillo	Lauren Poindexter	Odessa
House						
District	Republican		Democrat		Libertarian	
				• • •		
1	George Lavender	Texarkana	Stephen J. Frost**	Atlanta	Tim Eason	Texarkana
2	Dan Flynn**	Van			Michael A. French	Wills Point
3	Kirby Hollingsworth	Mount Vernon	Mark Homer**	Paris		
4	Betty Brown**	Terrell	Victor Morales	Crandall	James C. Yow	Scurry
3	Leo Berman**	Tyler			Gene Moody	Flint
7	Tommy Merritt**	Longview			Joey R. Stroman	Longview
9	Wavne Christian**	Center	Kenneth Franks	Pineland	Joe Allport	Garrison
10	Jim Pitts**	Waxahachie	TOTAL TOTAL		Phil Smart	Ferris
11	Brian K. Walker	Tatum	Chuck Hopson**	Jacksonville	Paul Bryan	Longview
12	Van Brookshire		Jim McReynolds**	Lufkin	1 dai Bryan	Longview
		Coldspring	Jili Wckeynous	Luikiii	Don Dorby	Dmion
14	Fred Brown**	College Station	. . – .	5 1	Ron Darby	Bryan
18	John Otto**	Dayton	Arlan Foster	Dayton		
19	Mike Hamilton**	Mauriceville	Larry Hunter	Vidor	Richard Ramsey	Ne wton
20	Dan Gattis**	Georgetown	Jim Dillon	Liberty Hill	Craig C. Weems	Ce dar Park
		Goo.goto		•	· ·	
22			Joe Deshotel**	Beaumont	Dean L. Tucker	Beaumont
23			Craig Eiland**	Galveston	Charles L. Earley	Galveston
24	Larry Taylor**	Friendswood			Rafael E. Ramos	League City
25	Dennis Bonnen**				Richard Cole	Freeport
27	Steve Host		Dora F. Olivo**	Richmond		
28	Jon Zerwas**	Houston	Dorothy Dottos	Hockley	M. Stephen Lucas	Katy
32	Todd Hunter**	Corpus Christi	Juan Garcia	Corpus Christi	Lenard Nelson	Rockport
33	Raul Torres	Corpus Christi	Soloman Ortiz, Jr.**	Corpus Christi	Justin R. Garrett	Corpus Christ
34	Connie Scott	Corpus Christi	Abel Herrero**	Corpus Christi		
		·				
41	Javier Villalobos	McAllen	Veronica Gonzales**	McAllen	Charles Snelling	McAllen
43 Escobar			Tara Rios Ybarra**	S. Padre Island	Richard Shuey	Raymondville
44	Edmund Kuempel**	Seguin			John Lynch	Ci bolo
45	Matt Young	Wimberley	Patrick Rose**	Dripping Springs	Tom Gleinser	Dripping Sprir
46	<u> </u>		Dawnna Dukes**	Austin	Allen Hacker	Pflugerville
47	Donna Keel	Spicewood	Valinda Bolton**	Austin	Alan Hultgren	Austin
48	Pam Waggoner	Austin	Donna Howard**	Austin	Ben Easton	Austin
		Austin	Mark Strama**	Austin		Austin
50	Jerry Mikus, Jr.	Austill			Jerry Chandler	
51	Haman, 1814, J., 44	I/ '''	Eddie Rodriguez**	Austin	Arthur DiBianca	Austin
53	Harvey Hilderbran**	Kerrville			Brian W. Holk	Tow
54	Jimmie Don Aycock**	Killeen			Nicolaas Kramer	Kempner
56	"Doc" Anderson**	Waco			David Meine	Waco
57			Jim Dunnam**	Waco	Neill Snider	Waco
58	Rob Orr**	Burleson	Greg Allen Kauffman	Crowley	Tom Stewart	Joshua
59	Sid Miller**	Dublin	Ernie Casbeer	Oglesby	Coy Reynolds	Glen Rose
60	Jim Keffer**	Eastland	David Shupp	Mineral Wells	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
61	Phil King**	Weatherford	Charles W. Randolph	Decatur	Richard Forsythe	Alvord
62	Larry Phillips **	Sherman	Pete Veeck	Denison	. Horiara i Oroy aro	
63	Tan Parker**	Flower Mound	Jesus Carrillo	Ponder	John Turner	Flower Mound
64		Denton				Denton
	Myra Crownover**		John McClelland	Little Elm	Jason Jordan	
65	Burt Solomons**	Carrolton			Lee Hooper	Lewisville
66	Brian McCall**	Plano			Benjamin Westfried	Plano
67	Jerry Madden**	Plano			Jeffrey Joyner	Richardson
68	Rick Hardcastle**	Vernon			Ryan Galloway	Bowie
69			David Farabee**	Wichita Falls	Richard Brown	Holliday
70	Ken Paxton**	McKinney			Robert R. Virasin	Frisco
71	Susan King**	Abilene			Michael Walton	Abilene
72	Drew Darby**	San Angelo			Dennis Higgins	San Angelo
73 Macias		New Braunfels	Daniel Boone	Canyon Lake	Shannon Beckett	Bandera
COLUMN TAN	Doug Miller**	INCW DIAUTHEIS	Daniel Doone	Carryon Lake	Shannon beckett	Danuela

House

TCA★PAC Endorsements 2008 Texas General Election

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District	Republican		Democrat		Libertarian	
74			Pete P. Gallego**	Alpine	Thomas Kincaid	Fort Stockton
75	Charlie Garza	El Paso	Chente Quintanilla**	Tornillo	Thomas Kindaid	1 OIL OLOCICO
81 West	Tryon D. Lewis**	Odessa	Oriente Quintannia	TOTTINO	Elmo Hockman	Odessa
32 32	Tom Craddick**	Midland	Bill Dingus	Midland	Sherry Phillips	Midland
35	Isaac M. Castro	Hamlin	Joe Heflin**	Crosbyton	Stierry i fillips	Midialid
36	John T. Smithee**	Amarillo	James Wood	Amarillo	Kevin Howell	Amarillo
87	David Swinford**	Dumas	James Wood	Amaniio	Blake Bailey	Amarillo
90	Larry Keilberg	Fort Worth	Lon Burnam**	Fort Worth	Біаке Бапеу	Amamo
	Kelly Hancock**				Paul Mastin	C4 \ \ \ /4 h
91	Todd Smith**	N. Richland Hills	Chris Utchell	Watauga	Paurwasun	Fort Worth
92 93		Bedford	Kalandra Wheeler	Euless	Calin F. Caucarda	Manafiald
	Bill Burch	Arlington	Paula Pierson**	Arlington	Colin F. Sewards	Mansfield
94	Diane Patrick**	Arlin gton	B# > // **	E and MAZ and b	Geoffrey A. Adams	Arlington
95	14/11: HB:HH 7 II 44		Marc Ve asey**	Fort Worth	Hy Siegel	Fort Worth
96	William "Bill" Zedler**	Arlin gton	Chris Turner	Arlington	Todd Litteken	Arlington
97	Mark Shelton	Fort Worth	Dan R. Barrett**	Fort Worth	Rodney Wingo	Fort Worth
98	Vicki Truitt**	Keller	Nancy Moffat	Southlake	Stephen M. Smith	Fort Worth
99	Charlie Geren**	Fort Worth	Sheila Ford	Fort Worth	Robin Chester	Fort Worth
100			Terri Hodge**	Dallas	Robert M. Pritchett	Dallas
102	Tony Goolsby**	Dallas	Carol Kent	Dallas		
103			Rafael Anchia**	Dallas	David R. Mason	Carrollton
105	Linda Harper-Brown**	Irving	Bob Romano	Irving	James G. Baird	Irving
106	Karen Wiegman	Grand Prairie	Kirk England**	Grand Prairie	Gene Freeman	Grand Prair
107	Bill Keffer	Dallas	Allen Vaught**	Dallas	Brandon Parsons	Dallas
108	Dan Branch**	Dallas	Emil Reichstadt	Dallas		
109			Helen Giddings**	Dallas	Kevin Jackson	Lancaster
111	Homer Fincannon	Duncanville	Yvonne Davis**	Dallas	Tim Miles	Dallas
112 Hill	Angie Chen Button**	Garland	Sandra Phuong Vule	Garland	Philip M. White	Richardson
113	Joe Driver**	Garland	Eric Anthony Brandler	Rowlett		
115	Jim Jackson**	Carrolton	,		Preston Poulter	Dallas
116			Trey M. Fischer**	San Antonio	William Armstrong	San Antonio
117	John Garza	San Antonio	David Leibowitz**	San Antonio	william rumbuong	Can Antonio
118	Don Green	Somerset	Joe Farias**	San Antonio	James Thompson	
121	Joe Straus**	San Antonio	000 1 41140	Jan Antonio	Arthur M. Thomas	San Antonio
122	Frank Corte**	San Antonio	Frances Carnot	San Antonio	Sally Baynton	Shavano Pa
126	Patricia Harless**		Chad Khan	Houston	Oscar J. Palma	Houston
127	Joe Crabb**	Spring Humble	Joe A. Montemayor		Justo Perez	Kingwood
127	John E. Davis**	Houston	Sherrie L. Matula	Crosby Houston	Jusio Perez	Kingwood
			Silerile L. Matula	Houston	William D. Cray In	Tomboll
130 Van Arsdale	Allen Fletcher**	Houston			William B. Gray, Jr.	Tomball
132	Bill Callegari**	Katy	12 · · · T1 · · ·		Phil Kutz	Houston
133	Jim Murphy**	Houston	Kristi Thibaut	Houston		
134	Joe Agris	Houston	Ellen Cohen**	Houston	Mhair Dekmezian	Houston
135	Gary Elkins**	Houston	Trey Fleming	Houston	Alfred Montestruc	Houston
136	Beverly Woolley**	Houston			Gerald LaFleur	Houston
137			Scott Hochberg**	Houston	Alex Cresswell	Houston
138	Dwayne Bohac**	Houston	Virginia McDavid	Houston		
141	Michael Bunch	Houston	Senfronia Thompson**	Houston	Richard Brown	Houston
143	Dorothy Olmos	Houston	Ana E. Hernandez**	Houston	Joe O. Marcom	Galena Parl
144 Talton	Ken Legler**	Houston	Joel Redmond	Pasadena		
147			Garnet F. Coleman**	Houston	Joe Tirado	Houston
148	Howard H. Gano, Jr.	Houston	Jessica Farrar**	Houston		
149	Greg Meyers	Houston	Hurbert Vo**	Alief		
150	Debbie Riddle**	Houston	Brad Neal	Spring	Ken Petty	Spring
100	Debble Riddle	Touston	Diau Neai	Opinig	Neil i etty	Spring



• ** Indicates TCA★PAC endorsed candidates



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE RACES YOU MAY WANT TO WATCH

Incumbents are you ready? Challengers are you ready? Well, ready or not, the campaigning has begun.

In the Texas Senate there are three races to watch. The first takes place in the Fort Worth Area. Senator Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth, is being challenged by former Fort Worth City Council member, Wendy Davis. Senator Brimer is a long-time member, serving in the Texas House of Representatives for 14 years before joining the Senate three years ago. Senator Brimer currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Administration Committee and the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission. Davis is a lawyer who works for a title company and served five terms on the Fort Worth City Council.

Because of Brimer's incumbent status and experience, he already has 1.4 million dollars in his campaign account. Davis, however, is pulling her own weight in the fundraising efforts. As of June 30th, Davis had raised almost \$400.000.

Political experts predict this is a "race to watch" because the demographics of Senate District 10 is gradually changing. With the expected higher voter turnout during a presidential election year, this race is expected to be close.

Another interesting race is taking place in Senate District 11. Joe Jaworski is challenging Senator Mike Jackson, R-La Porte, for a chance to represent portions of Harris, Brazoria, and Galveston counties. If the name Joe Jaworski sounds familiar, it is because his grandfather, Leon Jaworski, was the special prosecutor appointed to investigate the Watergate incident in 1973 and was a founder of the law firm now known as Fulbright and Jaworski. Joe Jaworski is an attorney who served two terms as a Galveston City Council member.

Senator Jackson has represented Senate District 11 for nine years and currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Nominations Committee. Before serving in the Senate, Senator Jackson served ten years in the Texas House of Representatives. Senator Jackson is the president of his family's La Porte-based industrial construction and maintenance company, Force Corporation, and is a 35-year veteran of the construction industry.

Political experts are watching this race because of the money predicted to be raised during this campaign. Joe Jaworski raised over \$250,000 for the Democratic primary and is predicted to raise one million dollars before the General Election. Senator Jackson, however, is not in trouble when it comes to fundraising. As of late Summer, Senator Jackson already raised over 1.2 million dollars.

The last Senate race political people are watching closely does not involve an incumbent. Senator Kyle Janek, R-Houston, resigned in May leaving open a race for Senate District 17. The Senator elected in the November Special Election in SD-17 will serve the remaining two years of Sen. Janek's term. Three Republican candidates, Austen Furse, Grant Harpold, and Joan Huffman, have already announced their candidacies. Austen Furse is former director of White House policy planning under President George Bush and is now a business man in Houston. Grant Harpold is a Houston attorney and current GOP precinct chair. Joan Huffman is a former Harris County Criminal District Judge and prosecutor.

As of June 30th, both Furse and Huffman have raised over two hundred thousand dollars, while Harpold has raised a little over twenty thousand dollars.

Chris Bell, 2006 Democrat Gubernatorial Candidate, also announced his intention to run in the Special Election for SD-17. Political experts are keeping their eyes on this race because Bell has high name recognition in this district and some speculate that he will start the race with the same sort of name recognition an incumbent usually enjoys. Bell not only ran for Governor, but has also served on the Houston City Council and in Congress.

The Texas House also has some hot races of its own. In Corpus Christi, the race everyone is watching closely is between current Representative Juan Garcia, D-Corpus Christi, and former Representative Todd Hunter. Hunter represented HD 32, as a Democrat, for four terms in the 1990s. As a Representative, Hunter was active as a tort reform proponent. Now, Hunter is trying to regain his seat as a Republican

HD 32 is a Republican-leaning district which Representative Garcia was elected to represent after narrowly defeating the Republican incumbent in 2006. Representative Garcia is a lawyer, (his roommate in law school was U.S Presidential candidate Barack Obama), has served in the Navy, and was also a White House Fellow. Representative Garcia was deemed an "up and comer" in the Democratic Party, but Representative Hunter plans to stop Representative Garcia before he ever really gets started.

Hunter, who has worked as a lobbyist and attorney since leaving public office, has raised over three hundred thousand dollars as of June 30th. Representative Garcia has raised over four hundred thousand dollars.

Another former legislator is trying to regain his old seat. This race is taking place in House

District 107. Former Representative Bill Keffer is back for a rematch against Representative Allen Vaught, D-Dallas. In 2006, Representative Vaught defeated then-incumbent Rep. Bill Keffer in what seemed to be a Republican-leaning district. In the legislature, Rep. Keffer was a well-entrenched Republican whose brother, Jim, also serves in the Texas House. This race was one of 2006's biggest election upsets.

Thus far, Keffer has raised over a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, while Rep. Vaught has raised a little over a hundred thousand. Both men have campaign and legislative experience, so this may be an interesting rematch.

Another legislative district where demographics may be changing involves House District 96 where incumbent Representative Bill Zedler, R-Arlington, is being challenged by Democrat Chris Turner.

Representative Zedler has been involved in Republican politics for 30 years and was elected to the House in 2003. Representative Zedler currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the Public Education committee and also serves on the Business & Industry and House Administration committees.

His challenger, Chris Turner, has also been involved in politics for many years, but his political involvement has been in the Democratic Party. Until recently, Turner was employed as Congressman Chet Edwards', D-Waco, district director.

This race is interesting because of the increasing number of Democrats that have turned out to vote in recent elections. In 2006, Representative Zedler narrowly beat an underfunded Democratic candidate by less than 3,000 votes. In the March primary, over 16,000 more Democrats voted than Republicans.

As of June 30th, Representative Zedler

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Legislative Races continued...

had over a hundred and fifty thousand dollars on hand, while Turner had over a hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

Other interesting races to watch include some districts where there is no incumbent to compete against. In House District 17, Representative Robby Cook, D-Eagle Lake, retired leaving open a heated election. In 2006, Rep. Cook narrowly defeated Republican Tim Kleinschmidt with 50.5 percent of the vote. Kleinschmidt is back in the race in 2008, but this time he will go up against Democrat Donnie Dippel. This district has been trending Republican in the last few years, but Rep. Cook has been able to hold his seat as a Democrat. Now, without an incumbent in the race, will the Democrats be able to hold on to this rural seat, or will the Republicans take it?

The same sort of challenge is taking place in House District 52, except that the Republicans have a seat to lose and the Democrats are trying hard to gain it. Rep. Mike Krusse, R-Round Rock, is not seeking re-election after spending 16 years in office. Rep. Krusee eked out a victory over his Democratic challenger in 2006. Some political experts believe this will be a challenging district for a Republican to win again. With soaring property rates in Austin, some Travis County residents have been forced to move north to Williamson County - bringing with them their Democratic voting tendencies. In this election, Democrat Diana Maldonado and Republican Bryan Daniel are battling for this open seat.

A final "incumbent free" race is taking place in District 112 which includes parts of Richardson and Garland. This district has increasingly seen a growth in its minority population in which Asian-Americans account for roughly 12% of the population. The interesting part of this race is that two Asian-American women are running to replace long-time representative Fred Hill, R-Richardson, who retired.

Republican Angie Chen Button and Democrat Sandra VuLe will duke it out in November's election. The winner will be the only Asian-American woman in the Texas House of Representatives.

This election cycle promises to be exciting for political spectators. So, voters are you ready? On your mark. Get set. Vote.

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And this bill followed one that passed a few associations throughout the state. vears earlier which was considered by many a major weakening of lien rights.

My dad, and others, were displeased with the lien law, as well as payment issues, and decided it was time for subcontractors to be better represented in Austin. And thus. with the help of so many around the state, the Texas Construction Association was formed in July 1998.

Fast forward 3 years. I was just about to begin my sophomore year in college when my dad called me. I really will never forget this phone call. I was sitting in the parking lot in the brand new car my dad had bought me that summer. He said, "Amber, I'm going to call my friend Raymond over at TCA and see if he has something you can help him with. You need a job." I didn't get to argue, or ask any questions; I knew I was soon going to be working at TCA. Sure enough a few minutes later Raymond called me and asked me when I could begin. And well, the rest is history. Okay, not really.

I worked with Raymond and Harold part time from 2001 until I graduated in 2004. I sat in the storage room downstairs right next to the water cooler. My job consisted mostly of sending out golf fliers and entering member information in the database. There were some days when I left work, I swore I would never return, but as you can probably tell by now, I always did.

I moved to San Antonio in the summer of 2004 to attend law school. I returned in the summer of 2005 to help Raymond clean up his office after a busy Session. I took a law firm job in the summer of 2006 and quickly realized my time at TCA was not so bad. Practicing law was not for me. I got bit by the political bug and the only way I knew how to satisfy the "itch" was to come back to TCA. So here I am again, but this time I sit in the upstairs storage closet.

All kidding aside, the Texas Construction Association is dear to my heart. In my opinion, the work that is accomplished by TCA staff far beats the work of most

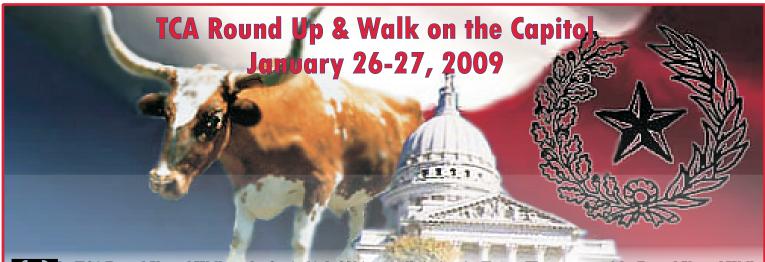
In the past 10 years, TCA has grown to represent over 2,200 member subcontractor and supplier companies, primarily through TCA's 16 Member Associations. It has taken the lead in lobbying for passage of legislation beneficial to Texas subcontractors and suppliers and has worked to defeat legislation harmful to the interests of its members. TCA has advocated for the passage of legislation concerning prompt payment; banning certain indemnification clauses; lien law reform; surety issues; retainage; the elimination of reverse auctions for construction; workers' compensation reform; setting standards for consolidated insurance programs; and contingent payment clauses. Recently, TCA actively participated in the legislation that revised the franchise tax by submitting an amendment which provided a huge benefit for many of its members.

All of TCA's accomplishments could not have been completed without the help of the following individuals:

Raymond Risk - The heart and soul of TCA, and one of the brightest men I know. Raymond saw a need for subcontractors to have a voice at the State Capitol and stepped up to provide that voice. He has been with TCA from its inception and not only serves as the CEO of TCA, but also as TCA's handy man. If you have a problem, any problem, Raymond will have a solution. Raymond is our resident insurance expert and knows the ins and outs of the construction world. TCA members count on Raymond to run the association, write and promote legislation, and advocate for our members at the Capitol and throughout the state. He excels at all he does.

Harold Freeman - Harold is TCA's Director of Government Relations and resident Texas history buff. Harold knows more about the workings of the Capitol than most Legislators themselves. Harold joined TCA in 2001, after working as a

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he TCA Round-Up and Walk on the Capitol is held bi-annually in <mark>Austi</mark>n, Texas. The purpose of <mark>the Round-Up and Walk</mark> on the Capitol is to meet with others who are in the construction industry and to voice the conc<mark>erns of the construction</mark> industry to our elected representatives.

On Monday, January 26, 2009, TCA will have its TCAPAC Roundup. Late afternoon that day, TCA will have a VIP program. That evening, TCA members will host a reception for all members of the Texas legislature.

The Walk on the Capitol will be on Tuesday, January 27,2009. $\,$ TCA will get members started with breakfast at the Doubletree Guest Suites - Austin, followed by a briefing on TCA issues, and then TCA members will be off to the Capitol to brief their Senators and Representatives on TCA issues.

Hotel room reservations in the TCA room block for the special rate of \$189 for a suite room, or \$269 for a two bedroom suite, may be made by contacting the Doubletree at 512-478-7000 or online at the TCA website (www.texcon.org) by clicking the button entitled Events and then the link entitled Doubletree Guest Suites Austin. Hotel space during the legislative session is tight. Reserve early!

Texas Construction Association PAC

Q: What is a Political Action Committee (PAC)?

A: A political action committee is the name given to a group organized to combine the contributions of many individuals and make contributions to elect or defeat candidates for public office.

Q: What does the Texas Construction Association PAC (TCA

A: The Texas Construction Association PAC is organized primarily to make contributions to individuals running for the Texas Legislature. Contributions are also made to Texas statewide races such as those for governor, lieutenant governor, and comptroller.

Q: Why do subcontractors and suppliers need a PAC?

A: The Texas Legislature is involved in your business. Its decisions affect the way you do your business every day. It passes or defeats laws involving your taxes, your tort liability, your contracts, your insurance protection, the roads you travel, the education of your workforce, and a myriad of other issues. In order to have a say in these issues, you have to be involved and your association must have the ability to make contributions to candidates who are sympathetic to your viewpoint. If only your opponents have a PAC, you are at a disadvantage.

Q: Who decides where the TCA PAC money goes?

A: The TCA staff provides information about the candidates to the TCA PAC Board. The board is made up of subcontractors and suppliers and ultimately determines which candidates to support or oppose. Factors considered include a candidate's position on construction issues, support by local subcontractors and suppliers, and the candidate's ability to win.

Q: Why should I contribute to the TCA PAC when I already make contributions to candidates?

A: The TCA PAC is able to pool the resources of numerous subcontractors to have a greater impact than a single individual. Individual contributions are important, and TCA members are encouraged to continue making individual contributions, but the combined dollars of the PAC has a greater impact on more races.

Q: If I contribute to the TCA PAC, do I have a say as to where the dollars go?

A: All contributors to the TCA PAC can inform the TCA PAC Board which candidates the contributor supports or opposes. Input from members is strongly considered when making decisions to support or oppose.

Texas 78701. For more information on the TCA PAC or to volunteer to be on a local TCA PAC board, contact TCA at 512-473-3773.

Q: Are there limits on how much I can contribute?

A: There are no limits to how much an individual can contribute to the PAC. The only limitation is that corporate funds cannot be used as contributions to candidates for the Legislature and statewide offices in Texas. The TCA PAC contributions to the candidates must be non-corporate dollars. Thus, the funds contributed to the TCA PAC should be non-corporate funds.

Q: When should I make a contribution?

A: Right now! Contributions to the PAC can be made throughout the year.

Q: How do I become involved with TCA PAC?

A: Easy. Contact the Texas Construction Association if you want to become involved. To contribute monetarily, complete the form provided and return to Texas Construction Association PAC at 602 W. 13th, Austin, 78701

Texas Construction Association PAC

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TCA PAC

Now joining the TCA PAC is faster and easier than ever before! A TCA PAC membership allows you to have 3 payment options. You can make your contribution by check, a one time charge to your credit card, or a monthly charge to your Discover, VISA, MasterCard, or American Express account. Monthly contributions will be conveniently charged as you direct until you make changes or cancel the service.

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TCA Career Center Up and Running

As construction projects continue in Texas, so does the need to employ talented workers. TCA members can use the TCA Career Center to post jobs on the TCA website and search a collection of resumes stored in a resume database. The TCA Career center is free to all job seekers and allows potential employees to search job postings and apply directly online.

Here are the answers to some common questions regarding the TCACareer Center:

Why Use the TCA Career Center Over Other Mass Market Approaches? Unlike other major commercial job boards, the TCA Career Center provides a forum specifically targeted toward the construction industry and thus provides resumes of candidates interested in the construction field. So although you may find fewer applicants than those who apply to mass-market job boards like Monster or Career Builder, those who use the TCA Career Center will much more likely match your requirements.

What Are Some Other Benefits of Using the TCA Career Center? TCA Career Center users will be provided reports that show how

Single 30-day Online Job Posting Package

Introductory offer to Members	\$100
Members	\$200
Non Members	\$350

Three 30-day Online Job Posting Package

Introductory offer to Members	\$270
Members	\$540
Non Members	\$975

many individuals have viewed their job posting, applied online and even how many times a company's job posting has been "emailed to a friend." A company can also set the criteria for an "ideal job candidate" and our system will email you when new resumes match your specified criteria.

What Does It Cost to Use the TCA Career Center? TCA members get a great discount when using the TCA Career Center. Most mass-market job boards charge between \$400 and \$500 for the most basic job posting. The TCA Career Center is much more competitively priced and allows its users to list their position under as many categories as they would like for the same price.



"Work Is A Necessity for Man.

Man invented The Alarm Clock."

- Pablo Picasso

Five 30-day Online Job Posting Package

Introductory offer to Members	\$400
Members	\$800
Non Members	\$1.495

Ten 30-day Online Job Posting Package

Introductory offer to Members	\$760
Members	\$1,520
Non Members	\$2,795

What Other Packages does the TCA Career Center offer? The TCA Career Center offers the Featured Employers option and the Featured Job option in addition to the Job Posting packages.

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lobbyist for the Texas Medical Association (TMA) for 15 years. Before his tenure at TMA, Harold worked as a Senate Staffer and an attorney. Whenever I mention Harold's name, Capitol staffers react the same way, "Harold, oh I love Harold!" Harold has great contacts at the Capitol and TCA is lucky to have him represent subcontractors.

Susan West – I'm not sure Susan knew exactly what she was getting into when she joined TCA in 2006. TCA was flourishing and Susan had to jump right in and take charge! She handles the pressure of TCA's Texas Mutual Workers' Compensation program with such ease. Always calm, cool, and collected, Susan is genuine. She is willing to help TCA in all facets and her expertise in art is especially helpful as TCA redesigns its website and newsletters. Susan's soothing voice and cheerful attitude ensures member satisfaction.

Of course, TCA could not function without the help and support of our two Richards – Richard Bruns and Richard Thomas.

Richard Bruns – Richard Bruns works part-time in TCA's Government Relations department. During Session you can always find Richard hustling around the Capitol making sure the legislators know how to vote on the bills important to subcontractors and suppliers. He has great experience dealing with people and his skills in leadership provide an asset to all TCA members.

Richard Thomas – Richard Thomas serves as TCA's General Counsel and trusted friend. He is a staple in this association and no doubt TCA would not have made it 10 years without his help. There may be no other lawyer in the state of Texas who knows construction law better than Richard. His depth of knowledge dealing in construction law is

necessary for TCA to pass any legislation. Richard helps write and negotiate legislation, and he also has the honor of testifying for many of TCA's endorsed legislation.

It would not be fair to commemorate TCA's 10 years of existents without also recognizing the hard work and dedication that the TCA Board puts into running this Association. The TCA Board Members over the last decade have provided guidance and financial support. They have cheered TCA's initiatives at the Capitol and have been equally vocal in opposing legislation that is harmful to our members. The TCA Board, past and present, is comprised of very smart individuals who want to see the success of all subcontractors throughout the state. They have given up countless hours working on legislation and persuading their own colleagues that TCA benefits the entire industry.

The Executive Directors of our member associations are dedicated professionals who do a great job running their individual associations. Without their leadership, TCA would not be able to flourish. Because of their hard work, TCA is able to get input and guidance from our members all over the State. And it is with this input, TCA can better represent ALL subcontractors and suppliers throughout Texas.

I will be leaving TCA in October to begin working in the Capitol for Senator Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio. I am proud to have been a part of TCA's success in its first decade, but there is still a lot of work to be accomplished.

TCA members must continue to make progress in the construction industry. And who knows, I may be back in a few years to join you!

New Workers' Compensation Group For TCA Suppliers

TCA has reached an agreement with Texas Mutual Insurance Company to establish a new workers' compensation insurance purchasing group for certain supplier members of TCA!

Enhanced Premium Discounts

Eligibility to Share in Group Dividends

The classification codes of the new group are:

8058 **Building Material Dealer**

Lumber Yard

Home Improvement Center

8106 Cement Lining of Tubular Goods

Iron or Steel Merchant Rebar Dealer

Building Material Dealer Concrete - Ready Mix Dealer

Door & Window Dealer Fence & Gate Dealer

Home Improvement Center

Insulation Dealer Lumber Yard

Wood Molding Dealer

Paneling & Plywood Dealer Railroad Tie Dealer

Concrete Forms, Overhead Doors Sand & Gravel Dealer Door & Sash Dealer

Scaffold Sale & Rental Dealer

Soil Dealer

Steel Building Dealer **Wood Preserving**

This new group is an addition to one of the existing Workers' Compensation Programs that TCA offers its members. TCA's existing Workers' Compensation Groups are:

TCA Purchasing group through Texas Mutual Insurance Company. program was developed by subcontractors to benefit subcontractors. Like the new supplier group, the program provides for lower premiums to its subcontractor members through its group purchasing power and also allows participants to receive an enhanced premium discount. In addition to participants being eligible for Texas Mutual Insurance Company's regular dividend, they are also entitled to the Special TCA group dividend. Coverage can be purchased through the members' insurance agent.

Texas Construction Trust. Sponsored by the Texas Construction Association, the Texas Construction Trust offers workers' compensation coverage to subcontractor members throughout Texas. The Trust is a self insured program which is member owned and is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the members participating in the Trust. The potential savings achieved through the Trust will be reflected in premium costs and dividends paid to the participating members rather than profits paid to an insurance company. The Texas Construction Trust is an exciting option for insurance savvy subcontractors. Coverage can be purchased through the members' insurance agent.

Sign up today and save money on your workers' compensation insurance!!!

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Subcontractors Association

DFW Drywall &
Acoustical Contractors

Fire Equipment
Distributors of Texas

Mechanical Contractors Association

National Electrical Contractors Association

Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Assn.

Southwest Specialty Contractors Association



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Southwest Terrazzo Association

Texas Association of Crane Owners

Texas Council Painting & Decorating Contractors

Texas Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association

> Texas Glass Association

Texas Iron Workers Employers' Association

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