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'MY FIRST MOTHER'S DAY WITHOUT MY MOTHER'

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Today was the first Mother's Day in 63 years that I had only my mother's memory and tomb to contemplate. But you say, "You're only 62. Where did you come up with the 63 year figure?"

Well, my first Mother's Day was spent in a warm and comfortable fetal position deep inside my mother's womb, where I felt totally secure and without a care in the world. The subsequent years have been fraught with dealing with a world filled with a chaos of emotions, not all of which took me back to the warm comfort of no cares or worries.

My emotions today gravitate between rage and a desire to punish those who my mother believed harassed her into an early grave, and loving memories of the years that I did have with my mother as she attempted to guide me through the trials and tribulations of life on this planet.

Having watched her suffering as she was tormented by a huge and malicious power company intent on destroying her legacy to the people of Texas and America, I too believe that she would have been with my wife, children, and 97 year old father to be honored by her family on this special occasion were it not for the pain and suffering that she endured at the hands of Sam Houston Electric Power Cooperative and its allies in State Government.

My mother is not the only mother in the State of Texas who has been victimized and is being victimized by our current State Government, which is being manipulated by foreign, as well as multi-national corporate powers bent on profiting from the people of Texas with the proactive assistance of Governor Rick Perry and his band of paid hacks and henchmen.

Perry is obsessed with the so called Trans-Texas Corridor, which my mother called the "Highway to Hell", and which would destroy the lives of thousands of Texans by taking their farms, ranches, and even the graves of their ancestors in order to export hundreds of millions of our citizens' dollars to foreign investors.

As a tribute to my mother I produced an allegorical movie which was just released on Mother's Day, entitled "Long Pig". The movie delves into the evils and corruptions of the men and women who are cannibalizing our citizens and our planet in their lust for power and money. It is available as a free gift from The Universal Ethician Church Legal Defense Fund for a donation of \$30.00, of which \$28.00 is tax deductible.

Because I do not want any Texas family to have to endure the pain and suffering that we have had to endure at the hands of corrupt Texas State Agencies, including the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the State Office of Administrative Hearings, among others, I have decided to run for the office of Governor of the State of Texas.

We, as citizens of our great State cannot afford four additional years of Rick Perry's obsession with selling Texas to foreign powers. I will not run as either a Republican or a Democrat, as I believe that both parties have become infested with "political whores" who sell out to the highest corporate or other special interest bidder. We need to take Texas back for Texans and not for the profits of multi-national corporations or foreign investors.

I have always been a Populist, but since there is no viable "Populist Party" in the State of Texas, I will be running as an independent. I will refuse to take even one cent in corporate money and if I decide to take any campaign contributions at all, I will not take more than \$100.00 from any citizen of our great State and will return any donation from foreigners or special interest groups unless their interest is in the welfare of all Texans.

As governor, I would work feverously toward election reform to disallow the wholesale purchase of politicians by the millionaires and billionaires. The days of the mega-powerful contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars in order to own a politician in our great State should soon be over once and for all.

We need serious reform in our educational and penal system. We need to protect our farmers, ranchers, and other property owners from their lands being confiscated to line the pockets of foreign and other special interests. We need to protect the beauty of our State from rampant butchery from outside exploiters and we need to insure that every citizen of Texas has access to the best medical care in the world.

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NOTE: If you or a member of your staff would like to see the movie "Long Pig" in order to review it for publication in your newspaper, magazine, or other media, please forward your mailing address to "Long Pig Screener", 1401 19th Street, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

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Additional biographical information may be found in Who's Who in America, through Internet searches, and in other publications. Images of Mr. Russell suitable for downloading for publication may be found at www.salvationnetwork.org.