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**CONSULTANT
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["Decline Curves"](#)

By: Dr. Steven W. Poston



Keith Grimes, CEO

Hi Again Friends,

Welcome to our second installment of the newsletter – thanks for reading!

I did receive some feedback on the last newsletter as did Claude. We appreciate the comments and welcome them.

As an update on where our company is going strategically, I have been out of the country practically since we sent the last newsletter. The purpose of the trip was to begin looking at taking our capability outside of the USA - to extend our reach. We hope to accomplish two things with this effort - the first is to give our consultants an expanded potential for work opportunities and the second is to help alleviate our dependence on the US oil and gas market activity which as we all know is very volatile. I had some very good meetings with potential partners, clients, competitors, etc. The good news is that there is still plenty of demand for oil and gas technical personnel around the world. The not-so-good news of course is that this demand will be slowed somewhat by the economic cycle and its effects on energy prices. Nevertheless, we will move forward for the building of our capabilities and geographic extent and I will be sure to update you on our progress from time to time.

Thanks again, see you next month.

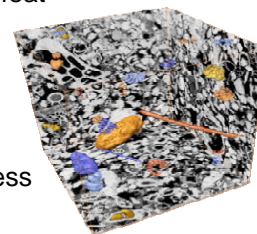
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Just Something Fun by Claude Thorp

On the weekend of the Shell Houston Open's greatest playing field ever, my wife surprised me with a bed and breakfast trip to Fredericksburg, TX. I have never seen Greg Norman in person, but what the heck, I've never stayed at a bed and breakfast either.

Surprise!! This was the greatest weekend trip ever. We stayed at an old carriage house called [Amore Dulce](#) that was wonderfully refurbished. There were no other couples, breakfast was at local restaurants and the bath included a wonderful Jacuzzi tub. There are an amazing number of B&B's in and around town that can be researched through [Absolute Charm](#) and [Fredericksburg Lodging](#).

We also enjoyed an all-day wine tour that included 5 wineries and a nice lunch. Great fun, loved our tour guide, as well as, our fellow tourists and new found friends. Reservations were through [Fredericksburg Lodging](#) for \$159 per person, covering the tasting fees and lunch. Our favorite winery was [Grape Creek Vineyards](#), described as Tuscany in Texas, which features a two-bedroom bed and breakfast on the grounds.

Live music was everywhere! Our favorite was the outdoor hall at [Hondo's on Main](#) founded by Hondo Crouch's daughter. Hondo was Willie Nelson and Jerry Jeff Walker's buddy who owned and was the self-proclaimed mayor of Luckenbach, TX.

Last tip, comes straight from Bill Phillpotts, our wine guide. “If you have a special anniversary or birthday or if you find yourself in such deep trouble at home that you don't know how to get out of it, try the [Rose Hill Manor](#) B&B.” Wonder if Greg Norman and Chris Evert might go there?

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