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Macalik steps down as Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce president

A search is underway for a new president after the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center announced last week that its current president, Dana K Macalik, plans to resign her position effective Aug. 24 to pursue new opportunities.

Macalik said her resignation comes with a mix of excitement for the future, gratitude for the past and sadness at leaving an organization she loves, according to a chamber news release.

Macalik was elected during the May 2017 municipal election to serve on the Rockwall City Council, and will carry into the city government her marketing and real estate skills and relationships fostered during her time with the Chamber.

"I am so proud to have been a part of this extraordinary organization," Macalik said in the release. "It has been a true honor to work with our members, partners and our community as we collectively worked to promote and strengthen the Rockwall area by building prosperity through a healthy economy and a strong business sector. A lot of exciting and innovative work remains, and I know I am leaving the chamber in a position of strength to tackle the challenges ahead."

Macalik became president in 2011, according to the news release. Under her leadership, the chamber and Visitors Center has been recognized for efforts to foster a strong sense of community. In March, the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center was awarded 4-STAR Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for excellence in operations, joining 3 percent of all U.S. Chambers of Commerce.

According to the release, during Macalik's six years as president, the chamber implemented new programs including Young Professionals Rockwall, the Professional Women's Association, Investment Tiers, as well as the twice successful \$100,000 New Membership Event. The chamber also earned several awards for marketing, advertising and communication. Last month in League City, the chamber's Visitor and Relocation Guide earned first place from the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Macalik also has served on several boards of directors, including the Texas Association of Business, Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives and North Texas Chamber Executives.

She leaves the chamber to join the Keller Williams-Rockwall office as CEO/team leader, according to the release.

"We could not be more pleased with Mrs. Macalik's tenure," Brett Lee, chairman of the chamber board, said. "She accomplished an enormous amount during her time at the chamber and championed significant advances supporting the strategic plans to transform the chamber into one of the leading professional organizations in the area."

"Mrs. Macalik has proven to be a great asset to our chamber and to our community," Lee said. "Her dedication to her job and love of her community is reflected in the many successful programs connected to the chamber. We wish her nothing but success and happiness as she moves into her new role."

The task of hiring a new president will begin immediately, Lee said. The board of directors has formed a Search committee to oversee the selection process, with the collaborative efforts of the executive board, current and past board members, and community leaders to assist with identifying and evaluating candidates.

Darby Burkey, vice president of partner engagement, will serve as the interim president throughout the transition.

Constable Precinct 4 to 'roundup' arrest warrants

Rockwall County Constable Randy Parks, Precinct 4, announced a scheduled "round up" of arrest warrants, July 22 - 31, 2017.

Parks explained that if people are unsure if they have a traffic fine in Precinct 4, they may want to contact the Justice of the Peace office at 972-204-6710.

ARC blood drive set in Rockwall

The American Red Cross, facing a critical blood shortage in the area, has issued an emergency call for eligible blood donors of all blood types. A local blood drive has been scheduled as part of this campaign.

The local event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 22 at Half Price Books Rockwall, 959 I-30.

Blood donations have fallen short of projections for the past two months, according to an ARC Dallas news release, resulting in about 61,000 fewer donations than needed. The shortfall is the equivalent of the Red Cross not collecting any donations in more than four days.

"It's crucial that people donate now to meet the needs of patients every day and to be prepared for emergencies that require significant volumes of donated blood," Jan Hale, communications manager of the Southwest Blood Services Region, said. "Every day, blood donors can help save lives and right now these heroes are needed to give as soon as possible."

To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor app, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Giadolor student earns Presidential Scholar award

Rockwall-Heath High School student Christian Giadolor, pictured above, recently was presented with a Presidential Scholar medallion in Washington, D.C. He was recognized as a Presidential Scholar in the Arts and is one out of 161 nationwide and one out of eight from Texas chosen for this honor. Each honoree was presented with a customized medallion featuring their name and the president's signature. While in Washington, D.C., the scholars led a panel discussing critical issues, toured monuments and visited the White House, where they met the First Lady. He and the other art scholars had the opportunity to arrive a week early and create a 90-minute performance as a salute to the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars, showcasing their talents. The 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts and 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

RCISD hirers new middle school principal

Royse City ISD announced the hiring of Cathleen Petroff to serve as Assistant Principal for Royse City Middle School.

According to the ISD, Petroff's educational experience includes technology applications, instructional technologist and intervention coordinator.

Petroff will move into the new role during the summer, to replace Brooke McMaster.

McMaster will join Royse City High School next year as Assistant Principal.

Principal Jere Craighead said, "Royse City Middle School is fortunate to have Mrs. Petroff join our staff family. She is a proven educator and we look forward to 2017-18 with her on board."

In other news, the ISD



Cathleen Petroff

was named the 2017 Board of the Year for the region.

The Region 10 Educational Service Center attended the Royse City ISD Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017, to congratulate the board.

The board will advance to an opportunity to be named one of five Texas Honor Boards, to be chosen as Outstanding School Board for 2017.

2017-18 Board Members are Julie Stutts (President), Scott Muckensturn (Vice President), Christina Carrion (Secretary), Mike Anderson, Eric Fort, Bobby Summers and Brian Zator.

Royse City ISD was recently named the official Google for Education Reference District, according to Google.

The award is for districts that use technology, including G Suite for Education and Chromebooks.

The Google for Education website will include a feature about RCISD.

The website is at edu.google.com.

According to the ISD, Chromebook laptops are offered to all Royse City High School students for home and school use. Middle school students may use similar devices at school, while younger students use tablet carts for studies on campus.

Teachers use Google Classroom to issue and collect assignments, and provide supplemental information to lessons. Students may access the information on nearly any device with wifi access.

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Farmers Market open in downtown Rockwall

The Downtown Farmers Market is open on the north side of the courthouse square on Kaufman Street from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays through Sept. 24. Locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh baked goods, organic and pasture-raised meats, seafood and honey and other items are available.

Local Democrats to meet July 15

Democrats are invited to participate in the monthly meeting of the Rockwall County Democratic Party beginning at 9 a.m. July 15 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Guest speaker will be Tom Tilleison, who has worked in healthcare administration. He recently was named administrator of the Rockwall Nursing Care Center and will address the relationship between Medicaid and long-term care. A continental breakfast will be served.

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Democratic Men to meet Aug. 5

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon beginning at noon on Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Mellow Mushroom, 550 E. I-30, Rockwall. Speaker for the month will be Jim Schermbeck with Downwinders at Risk. The Democratic Men's Group meets on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants.

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There is no fear in love.
But perfect love casts out fear.
1 John 4:18



Rockwall County Obituaries

Marcalynn Bradley

Services for Marcalynn Bradley, 47, of Fate will be conducted at a later date under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died June 30, 2017.
Survivors include her husband, Jonathan Bradley, and her daughter, Elizabeth Bradley.

James M. Tirey Butler

Services for James M. Tirey Butler of Rockwall were conducted on Saturday, July 8, 2017, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rockwall.

He died Friday, June 30.
He was born in Dallas to Michael and Lisa (Tirey) Butler on June 26, 1998. To learn more about him visit resthavenfuneral.com.



Melvin Robert Jones

Celebration of life services for Melvin Robert Jones of Fate will be conducted at later dates in Rockwall and Kingman, Arizona, under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died at 7:14 a.m. on July 3, 2017, at his home, surrounded by family members.

Born March 4, 1928, in Duncan, Oklahoma, he grew up in Duncan. He was half Choctaw and a member of the Choctaw Nation.

He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1946 where he served in World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1948. On March 3, 1949, he married Priscilla Brownie in Riverside, California, where he worked at Rohr Aircraft for 35 years. The couple raised five children. In 1981 they retired to Kingman, where he continued to work as a security officer at the Regency Hotel & Casino in Laughlin, Nevada, for 12 years. His wife died in 2000 and he moved to Dallas, where he lived with his daughters.

Survivors include his children, Jimmy (Diane), Patricia, Sue, Roberta (John) and Melvin Jr. (Angie); his grandchildren, Shawn (Vida), Jerol (Jennifer), Eric, Carrie, Micah (Becky), John David, Matthew, Robert, Marcy (Joe), Erin (Thomas) and Kelsey (Colt); his great-grandchildren, Shawn (Annalyse), Philicia, Sarah, Chase, Christopher, Bryce, Brittanee, Landin, Derek, Austin, Priscilla, Evelyn, Chadwick, Ronnie, Zady, Grayson, Logan, Jaylee, Caryssa, Colby and Carter; his great-great-grandchildren, Emma, Ana Lou, Jayden and Joslin; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Essie Jones; his father, Robert Melvin Jones; his wife; and his siblings, Paul, Margaret, Ruth, Josephine, Juanita, Ward (Carol), Harley, Shirley and Ray.

In lieu of flowers, his family has suggested donations may be made to Gonino Center for Healing, Tree of Life, in memory of Melvin Jones, 6720 Horizon Rd., Heath, TX 75032.



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Colton Brittain, of Rockwall, takes chase in the Calf Roping contest, Monday, July 10, 2017, during the 1st Round of the 25th Annual International Finals Youth Rodeo at Shawnee, Oklahoma. He also competed in Team Roping. Brittain will return, Thursday, 9:00 a.m., for another round of Team Roping, and Thursday 7:30 p.m. for Calf Roping. The rodeo may be viewed by livestream subscription at FloRodeo.com.

Photo courtesy of IFYR/RodeoBum.com/Rockwall County News

Schweers is Rockwall Chamber's Ambassador of the Month

Jared Schweers was recognized as the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador of the Month for June, according to a chamber news release.

Rockwall Chamber ambassadors welcome new chamber partners and help them become involved and engaged. Ambassadors are the face of the organization, promoting the chamber and community awareness. The ambassadors are measured on a point system based on the activity they generate, and the top point earner is determined at the end of the month.

Rockwall Art Commission seeks artists

Over the last few years, the face of Downtown Rockwall has been changing and there's a new project planned that will continue that transformation. The voter-approved 2012 Capital Improvement Project funded revitalization of Historic Downtown, including the

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Schweers and his wife, Kristen, reside in Rockwall and have three children - Carter, 5, Cole, 2½, and Cason, two months. His passion is helping people both through business and in service opportunities. The Schweers both have served on several mission trips to Africa, Peru, Mexico and in cities throughout the U.S. He also enjoys sports and outdoor activities.

Schweers owns Key Element Media in Rockwall.

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Brothers in Glory to perform at FUMC

The gospel harmony quartet of Brothers in Glory will perform at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 13, in the Open Door Worship Center, Building A, at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. No advance tickets are required, but a free-will donation will be collected. The event will be sponsored by the Sailsetters, the church's 55-plus fellowship ministry. A cookies-and-punch reception will follow the performance. Complimentary childcare will be available with advance notice. For more details call the church office at 972-771-5500.

Registration underway for RCP children's workshops

The Rockwall Community Playhouse is planning its Children's Fall Workshops for students in grades 1-5 and 6-8. The fall workshops will provide 10 weeks on the basic elements of acting and culminate in a performance. Wonders of Storybook Land will be open to students in grades 1-5 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Workshops will meet Aug. 29 through Oct. 24, plus one rehearsal on Nov. 1. Capricious Pearl will cater to students in grades 6-8 at the same times each Thursday. Workshop will meet Aug. 31 through Nov. 2. Cost per workshop is \$150 per participant. For more details email rockwallcommunityplayhouse@gmail.com.

Rockwall County Entertainment

RCP to present dinner theater July 27

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will present a dinner theater at a Ranch resort located at 1250 FM 2453, in Royse City beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 27. The play, directed by Darlene Singleton, will portray the ups and downs in the lives of an ordinary couple; it is funny, fast-paced and will feature a bit of a tug at the heartstrings. Deb and Kevin Ballard will be featured. The cost per person will include a ticket to the play, the five-station meal and complimentary margaritas. For reservations call 214-674-0818.

RSM to present 'Peter Pan'

The Rockwall Summer Musicals will perform the musical 'Peter Pan,' 7:30 p.m., August 11 - 12, 2017, in the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center at Utley Middle School. The schedule will continue 2:00 p.m., Aug 13, 7:30 p.m., Aug 18 - 19, and 2:00 p.m., Aug 20. Tickets may be purchased online by visiting rockwallsummermusicals.com

Area News Briefs

Garden Gigs return to Dallas Arboretum

The Dallas Arboretum's Garden Gigs, which feature local artists and musicians performing intimate sets in picturesque settings, will return on Friday evenings July 14-28. This year's artists will include John Lefler with Camille Cortinas, Zach Coffey, Becky Middleton, Shayne Green, Jonathan Fox and more. Open to the general public, the events run 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Guests can bring picnics and beverages or take advantage of some of DFW's most popular food trucks. Gates open at 6 p.m. For more details visit dalasarboretum.org/garden-gigs.

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University Scholastics News

Fujisaka earns Tulane degree

Rockwall resident Kai Fujisaka was among the almost 2,800 students who were awarded degrees at Tulane University's commencement exercises on May 20, according to a news release from the New Orleans university.

Fujisaka earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the university's School of Science & Engineering.

Helén Mirren, an Oscar, Tony and Emmy Award-winning actress known for her support of

Master receives award at Samford

Mollie Master of Rockwall was one of several student leaders recognized at Samford University's May 4 Leadership and Service Convocation, according to a news release from the Birmingham, Alabama, university.

Master, a sophomore business major and University Fellow, won the Omicron Delta Kappa Emerging Leader Award, which is given to a male and a female student exemplifying character, leadership, service and scholarship, according to the news release.

Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honoring one another. Romans 12:10

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Local YMCA plans Aug. 4 Teacher Prayer Breakfast

The J.E.R. Chilton YMCA will host a Teacher Prayer Breakfast for teachers from Rockwall and Heath area schools beginning at 7 a.m. on Aug. 4 at the YMCA facility, 1210 N. Goliad St., Rockwall.

The event also will be open to community members who want to celebrate the community's teachers, according to a news release from the host organization.

The breakfast will feature Rockwall Independent School District Superintendent John Villarreal and his wife, Kim, speaking on the topic "Walking with God" and how faith has helped guide the couple through personal challenges.

A breakfast catered by Preston Hollow Catering will be served and drawings for prizes, including YMCA memberships, are planned.

The YMCA staff sees the event as an opportunity to show teachers how much they are appreciated, Bonnie LaVielle, executive director of the J.E.R. Chilton YMCA, said in the news release.

"We think it is important to pray every year for our teachers and children that they will have God's protection," LaVielle said. "It is so important that we lift our teachers up and let them know we are so thankful for the impact they make on our children and our community."

Seating will be limited.

To RSVP, contact Tina Young at cyoung@ymcadallas.org.

Rockwall Art Commission ...

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creation of the San Jacinto Plaza outdoor space, a mural honoring Rockwall's past and present at 110 S. Goliad Street, the gateway to downtown, and a new mural.

As part of this project, the City of Rockwall's Art Commission has issued a request for proposals for an artist to create the new mural at 109 E. Kaufman Street at the site of the new Cain's Corner Park, according to a news release from the city.

It's part of the Art in Public Places Project, established more than a decade ago by forward-thinking city leaders who wanted to ensure funding would be dedicated to promoting the arts in the area. The first mural was completed this past spring and is one of several planned for the downtown district, according to the news release.

Plans for the current project include paying homage to the history of the space, formerly a used car lot that was traditionally a place for local residents to gather and socialize over coffee. The Art Commission requests specific elements in the proposed design to include '50s/'60s-era cars, similar in style or reminiscent of the 1973 film "American Graffiti." In recent years, the space has become a popular spot for photos, and commissioners hope to encourage an interactive style to continue in the new mural as well.

Interested artists can learn more about the parameters of the project and how to apply by visiting rockwall.com/documents/art/ArtinPublicPlacesRFP.pdf.

Submissions are due by 5 p.m. on July 31.

Rockwall Area Chamber feted for media projects

Chambers of commerce from across the state convened Wednesday, June 20, for the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Annual Excellence Awards. The awards honor organizations for marketing, communications and media outreach.

Awards are judged in seven categories: Outstanding Chamber Map, Outstanding Brochure, Outstanding Magazine or Directory, Excellence in Print or Electronic Newsletter, Outstanding Chamber Website, Excellence in Social Media Marketing and Communications, and Outstanding Marketing Campaign.

In the category of Directories/Community Profile the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce was honored as the best in Texas, winning first place, according to a chamber news release.

"Chambers of commerce are the voice of business and quite often the communities they serve," Aaron Cox of the TCCE said in the release. "This highly competitive process demonstrates how these organizations fulfill this task with excellence daily, often with little or no accolades. This award demonstrates the exceptional work carried out by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and provides them well deserved recognition."

The overall competition had more than 200 entries from which the best were judged by panels of "experts," according to the news release.

"This prestigious honor is cause for the staff, members and community to celebrate," said RaDonna Hessel, 2017 TCCE Board chairman and CEO of the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce. "This type of recognition is indicative of the great work, creativity and innovation that exists in these chambers."

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

No condemnation in the Lord Jesus ...

When children grow and develop, they stumble and make decisions that are not best for them or others. They explore communication and action in life, and make mistakes along the way.

Young men and women are learning to think on their own, and to make more decisions. In the process they will make mistakes.

The people who dive into different areas of life will be more apt to make more mistakes. The same is true of grown adults. Everyone will make mistakes, take rough roads in life.

In the end, all people dive into the sea of life and experiences differently.

The One who created all of mankind, knows how people think, and knows that while diving into the spiritual things of life, and fervently growing in the Lord, they will make mistakes.

It says in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." The same person who wrote the letter to the Roman believers, also made a big mistake in the ministry.

Acts 20:16 and 21, "For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus ... to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost." "And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesses in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me." Chapter 21 includes the account of Philip's daughters who prophesied, and Agabus who warned Paul by the Holy Ghost.

Even with the mistake, God worked mightily in Paul, as it says in 1Cor. 15:58, "therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

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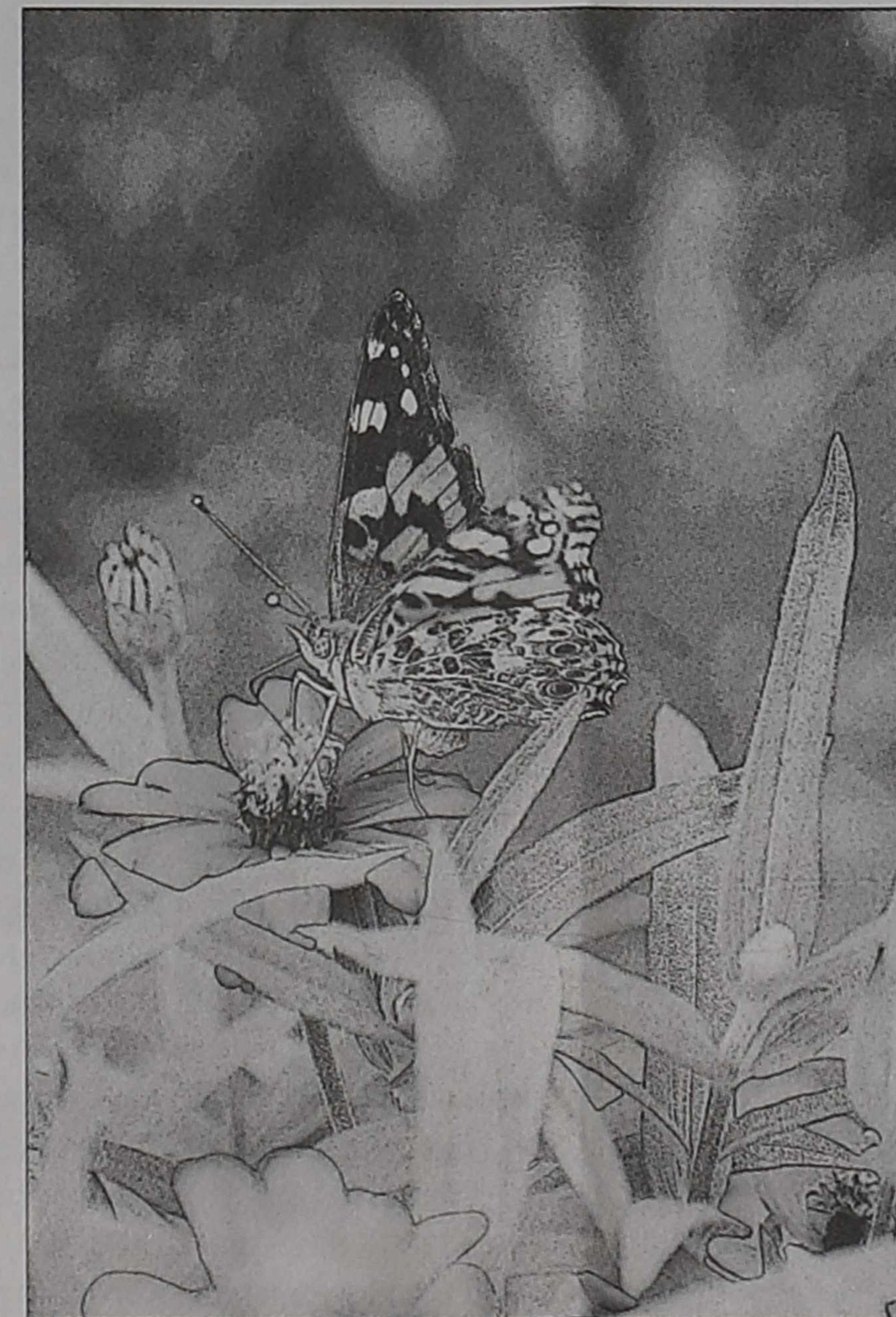
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Royse City Chief of Police Jeff Stapleton (left) introduced three new peace officers during the June 27 City Council meeting. From the left are Stapleton, Johnie Clark, Zak Ravella and Cindy Carr. The new hires make a total of 20 officers sworn to serve and protect the city of Royse City.

Photo By Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Royse City Police Blotter June 30-July 6

- Friday, 30 June:** Open container, 100 block E. I-30 NSR; Burglary of building, I-30 NSR near the 75-mile marker; Medical assistance, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, 100 block E. I-30 NSR; Accident, I-30 NSR and FM 548; Alarm, 800 block Kim Lane; Alarm, 1300 block Northwood Lane; Welfare concern, 500 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 100 block S. Houston Street; Reckless driver, Area of FM 35; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Noise disturbance, 300 block West Creek Drive; Suspicious person, 400 block W. I-30 NSR
- Saturday, 1 July:** Possession of dangerous drug arrest, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Driving while license invalid arrest, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Possession of marijuana arrest, I-30 westbound near the 77B exit; Possession of marijuana arrest, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Theft, 900 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound from the 73-mile marker; Alarm, 100 block E. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 1300 block E. Hwy 66; Reckless driver, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Suspicious person, 100 block W. Main Street; Noise disturbance, 1600 block Cardinal Point; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound from the 73-mile marker; City ordinance violation, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Suspicious vehicle, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Noise disturbance, 400 block West Creek Drive; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 77A exit; Noise disturbance, Area of Joe Bailey Street and Old Greenville Road; Noise disturbance, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Noise disturbance, Area of Meadowdale Drive and N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Noise disturbance, Area of Love Lane and Hwy 66
- Sunday, 2 July:** Driving while license invalid arrest, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Possession of drug paraphernalia, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Driving while license invalid arrest, Area of Lakes Drive and FM 548; Alarm, 1000 block Oak Grove Lane; Suspicious vehicle, 800 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Reckless driver, Area of FM 2462; Medical assistance, 100 block E. Main Street; Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 500 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 1200 block Maverick Lane; Medical assistance, 1100 block N. Houston Street; Suspicious person, 1700 block Meadowlark Lane; City ordinance violation, Area of Industrial Drive and I-30 NSR; City ordinance violation, 200 block S. Bell Street; City ordinance violation, Area of Hidden Creek Drive
- Monday, 3 July:** Fraud, 700 block W. I-30; City ordinance violation, 800 block E. Old Greenville Road; Suspicious person, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 1200 block Hidden Creek Drive; Alarm, 1200 block Maverick Lane; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 81-mile marker; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 80-mile marker; Welfare concern, 1600 block Lesli Drive; Disturbance, 200 block Starlight Lane; Reckless driver, Area of Birch Street; City ordinance violation, 800 block Matthew Lane; City ordinance violation, 1700 block Fair Oaks Lane; Noise disturbance, 1500 block Hafner Drive; Disturbance, Area of Epps Road and Joe Bailey Street; City ordinance violation, 1300 block Hunters Glen; City ordinance violation, 200 block Midnight Drive; City ordinance violation, 200 block Rowdy Drive; City ordinance violation, 200 block Singleton Drive
- Tuesday, 4 July:** Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 eastbound near the 79-mile marker; Possession of controlled substance arrest, I-30 westbound near the 77A exit; City ordinance violation, 1200 block Cyprus Drive; Noise disturbance, Area of Colonial Drive and Northwood Lane; Alarm, 1300 block E. Hwy 66; Alarm, 3400 block Overstreet Lane; Alarm, 6500 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 600 block S. Elm Street; Accident, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Disturbance, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 400 block E. Church Street; Noise disturbance, Area of Highway Circle; Noise disturbance, Area of Rustic Meadow Drive; Noise disturbance, Area of Waco Turner; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 79-mile marker; Disturbance, 600 block Love Lane; Accident, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Disturbance, 500 block Love Lane; City ordinance violation, 1500 block Kelly Lane; City ordinance violation, 100 block Cookston Lane, City ordinance violation, Area of Colonial Drive and Northwood Lane; City ordinance violation, Area of Evergreen Street; Suspicious vehicle, Area of Gail Lane and Walnut Street; Noise disturbance, 2400 block Perdenales Drive
- Wednesday, 5 July:** Public intoxication arrest, 800 block Old Greenville Road; Burglary of residence, 1400 block Evergreen Street; Minor in possession of tobacco, I-30 westbound near the 75-mile marker; Driving while license invalid arrest, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Possession of marijuana arrest, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard and I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 100 block E. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 300 block Briar Oaks Drive; Welfare concern, 1500 block Kelly Lane; Suspicious person, 700 block FM 2462; Alarm, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Houston Street; Reckless driver, Area of Maverick Lane and Midnight Drive; Suspicious person, 900 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard
- Thursday, 6 July:** Driving while license invalid arrest, Area of FM 35 and I-30 NSR; Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 westbound near the 75-mile marker; Minor in consumption of alcohol, 1100 block N. Houston Street; Two possessions of drug paraphernalia, Area of FM 548 and I-30 NSR; Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 800 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 500 block W. I-30 NSR; Disturbance, 300 block Panola Court; Alarm, 1200 block Industrial Drive; Welfare concern, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 1400 block N. Houston Street; Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block Hawthorne Court; Alarm, 2700 block Redwood Street; Alarm, 500 block S. Bell Street; Alarm, 1400 block FM 1777; City ordinance violation, 2000 block Jessica Way; Suspicious person, 400 block W. I-30 NSR

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Ray Cooke, a greeter for the Wal-Mart in Royse City, met everyone who came through the doors on July 4 with a cheerful smile and a wish for a great holiday. He was dressed as Uncle Sam, which made a good topic for immediate conversation. "Children always run to meet me whenever they enter the store, wanting their hug," Cooke said. "I just love children and their smiles and love really mean a lot to me." This Wal-Mart shopper and her two children were decked out in their red, white and blue to honor the holiday as were many of the shoppers. Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Opinions

A declaration of independence from big government

by Richard M. Ebeling

Future of Freedom Foundation

The Declaration of Independence, proclaimed by members of the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, is the founding document of the American experiment in free government. What is too often forgotten is that what the Founding Fathers argued against in the Declaration was the heavy and intrusive hand of big government.

Most Americans easily recall those eloquent words with which the Founding Fathers expressed the basis of their claim for independence from Great Britain in 1776:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness – That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed – That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

The Grievances Against Intrusive Government

But what is usually not recalled is the long list of enumerated grievances that make up most of the text of the Declaration of Independence. The Founding Fathers explained how intolerable an absolutist and highly centralized government in faraway London had become. This distant government violated the personal and civil liberties of the people living in the 13 colonies on the eastern seaboard of North America.

In addition, the king's ministers imposed rigid and oppressive economic regulations and controls on the colonists that was part of the 18th-century system of government central planning known as mercantilism.

"The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States," the signers declared.

Concentration of Power and Arbitrary Rule

At every turn, the British Crown had concentrated political power and decision-making in its own hands, leaving the American colonists with little ability to manage their own affairs through local and state governments. Laws and rules were imposed without the consent of the governed; local laws and procedures meant to limit abusive or arbitrary government were abrogated or ignored.

The king also had attempted to manipulate the legal system by arbitrarily appointing judges that shared his power-lusting purposes or were open to being influenced to serve the monarch's policy goals. The king's officials unjustly placed colonists under arrest in violation

of writ of habeas corpus, and sentenced them to prison without trial by jury. Colonists often were violently conscripted to serve in the king's armed forces and made to fight in foreign wars.

A financially burdensome standing army was imposed on the colonists without the consent of the local legislatures. Soldiers often were quartered in the homes of the colonists without their approval or permission.

In addition, the authors of the Declaration stated, the king fostered civil unrest by creating tensions and conflicts among the different ethnic groups in his colonial domain. (The English settlers and the Native American Indian tribes.)

Government Violation of Economic Liberty

But what was at the heart of many of their complaints and grievances against King George III were the economic controls that limited their freedom and the taxes imposed that confiscated their wealth and honestly earned income.

The fundamental premise behind the mercantilist planning system was the idea that it was the duty and responsibility of the government to manage and direct the economic affairs of society. The British Crown shackled the commercial activities of the colonists with a spider's web of regulations and restrictions. The British government told them what they could produce, and dictated the resources and the technologies that could be employed.

The government prevented the free market from setting prices and wages, and manipulated what goods would be available to the colonial consumers. It dictated what goods might be imported or exported between the 13 colonies and the rest of the world, thus preventing the colonists from benefiting from the gains that could have been theirs under free trade.

Everywhere, the king appointed various "czars" who were to control and command much of the people's daily affairs of earning a living. Layer after layer of new bureaucracies were imposed over every facet of life. "He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance," the Founding Fathers explain.

In addition, the king and his government imposed taxes upon the colonists without their consent. Their income was taxed to finance expensive and growing projects that the king wanted and that he thought were good for the people, whether the people themselves wanted them or not.

Burdensome Taxes, Tax Evasion, and Violent Government

The 1760s and early 1770s saw a series of royal taxes that burdened the American colonists and aroused their ire: the Sugar Act of 1764, the Stamp Act of 1765, the Townsend Acts of 1767, the Tea Act of 1773 (which resulted in the Boston Tea Party), and a wide variety of other fiscal impositions.

The American colonists often were extremely creative at avoiding and evading the Crown's regulations and taxes through smuggling and

bribery (Paul Revere smuggled Boston pewter into the West Indies in exchange for contraband molasses.)

The British government's response to the American colonists' "civil disobedience" against its regulations and taxes was harsh. The king's army and navy killed civilians and wantonly ruined people's private property. "He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people," the Declaration laments.

Opposing Oppressive Government to be Free

After enumerating these and other complaints, the Founding Fathers said in the Declaration:

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Thus, the momentous step was taken to declare their independence from the British Crown. The signers of the Declaration then did "mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor," in their common cause of establishing a free government and the individual liberty of the, then, three million occupants of those original 13 colonies.

Never before in history had a people declared and then established a government based on the principles of the individual's right to his life, liberty, and property.

Never before was a society founded on the ideal of economic freedom, under which free men were declared to have the right to live for themselves in their own individual interest, and peacefully produce and exchange with each other on the terms they find mutually beneficial without the stranglehold of regulating and planning government.

Never before had a people made clear that self-government meant not only the right of electing those who would hold political office and pass the laws of the land, but also meant that each human being had the right to be self-governing over his own life.

Indeed, in those inspiring words in the Declaration, the Founding Fathers were insisting that each man should be considered as owning himself, and not be viewed as the property of the state to be manipulated by either king or Parliament.

It is worth remembering, therefore, that what we are celebrating every July 4 is the idea and the ideal of each human being's right to his life and liberty, and his freedom to pursue happiness in his own way, without paternalistic and plundering government getting in his way.

Overcoming the Chains of Political Tyranny Today

We should turn to the words of Thomas Jefferson, written to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1826, the very day, in fact, that Jefferson died at the age of eighty-three:

"May it be to the world, what I believe it will be, (to some parts sooner, to others later, but finally to all,) the Signal of arousing men to burst the chains, under which monkish ignorance and superstition had persuaded them to bind themselves, and to assume the blessings & security of self-government.

"That form which we have substituted, restores the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion. All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man . . . The palpable truth, that the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few booted and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, by the grace of god. These are grounds of hope for others. For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them."

The "monkish ignorance and superstition" of today is the misplaced belief that the individual is to be sacrificed to the group, the collective, to the nation – as long as the banner under which it is done is called "democracy" or "social justice."

Instead of the divine right of kings, America's modern-day "progressives" speak of the secular divine right to "entitlements." They call for an even greater fiscal and regulatory servitude of the productive and creative for the redistributive advantage of the less productive and more politically connected members in society.

Those who today believe that some have been "born with saddles on their back" to be ridden by "a favored few booted and spurred" are the ones who want to reinforce and extend a system of political favors and privileges for corrupt and corrupted businessmen – the "crony capitalists" – who are unwilling or unable to honestly acquire the income and wealth they want through the peaceful and voluntary trades of the free marketplace.

And it is we, who believe in the liberty for which the Founding Fathers pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor in that war of independence, who must do all in our power to restore that crucial understanding and appreciation of individual freedom and individual rights among our fellow citizens, without which that great American "experiment" in political and economic individualism may be lost beyond recovery.

The More Things Change ...

by Dr. Don Newbury

Authorities usually offer specifics when asked about origins of expressions. "The more things change, the more they stay the same," however, is not one of them. Attempts to pinpoint its first use are baffling to some and invite "waffling" for others.

Most linguists agree that the idiom began as a French expression in the mid-19th century.

Hardliners maintain that its genesis is biblical, birthed by the scripture about "nothing being new under the sun."...

I do not wish to enter the debate. First of all, I'm not an authority on anything. And, though I've seen more than my share of sunrises, I've not seen nearly enough to qualify me to determine what constitutes sameness. Old Sol's rays were blazing down on folks long before I got here.

Hesitantly, though, I suggest to you that for more than a half-century, my wife and I have witnessed--yee, even participated in--undertakings that are Americana to the utmost.

Garage sales have changed little, if at all....

In our early days of marriage, we rose early on Saturdays to seek garage sales in affluent neighborhoods, rarely to buy items we needed, but more often to purchase items we might

find useful up the way. Once I bought a tackle box full of old lures. I never flung them from a reel, and decades later handed them off to a fellow who collects old lures.

On a recent Saturday, I almost participated in another garage sale. Adding to the allure was the proximity. New neighbors Michelle and Allen had a sale to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

I hastened next door, my eyes locking on a couple of frilly dresses that had been gently worn, if at all. I pictured granddaughter Addison in them. I was permitted to take them to seek approval at her home a couple of blocks away. During the drive, I imagined her eyes glistening, her hands clapping, and possibly even occasional shrieks of delight....

I was wrong. Still in her PJs and not yet excited about starting a new day, she quickly perused each frock.

She quickly punctured my picture of her being "delighted." She wanted to know if I had already bought them and then confessed she couldn't think of any place in the world where she'd wear them.

Admitting she was probably right, I hastened back to the garage sale to hang the dresses back on the rack....

My musing continued. Where, but at garage sales, would one see BMWs and jalopies parked bumper to bumper?

Where else in the Metroplex could one see friendly haggling, and learn that items priced at 25 cents each weren't moving, but were snapped up when priced three for a dollar?

And where else do prospective shoppers get up "rooster early" to reach garage sales before the hoarders get there? Finally, where else, within a matter of feet, does a customer ask if the seller can make change for a \$100 bill, while another, huddled nearby, is counting nickels and pennies, hoping to come up with 75 cents for a clothing item? (She counts 62 cents, and Michelle says that's close enough....)

Later in the morning, Addison and cousin Kedren (visiting from Tyler) dropped in at the sale as it was winding down. At once the 10-year-olds spotted an electrical item with which they were unfamiliar. It was priced at 50 cents, so how could they go wrong?

I recognized it immediately, an old time piece providing "high time." You remember them, the old bedside clocks that project the time on the ceiling.

Last I heard, they hadn't decided if they'd share it for weeks or months at a time, or one would buy the other one out. At least they didn't buy any fishing lures. And, without expending even one penny, I was reminded that current garage sales are pretty much the same now as they were many sunrises ago....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com.

America first Korea policy

by Patrick J. Buchanan

"The North Korean regime is causing tremendous problems and is something that has to be dealt with, and probably dealt with rapidly." So President Trump told reporters in the Rose Garden this week.

But how this is to be done "rapidly" is not so easy to see.

North Korea has just returned to us Otto Warmbier, a student sentenced to 15 years hard labor for stealing a propaganda poster. Otto came home comatose, and died within days.

Trump's conundrum: How to keep such a regime from acquiring an ICBM with a nuclear warhead, which Kim Jong Un is determined to do.

Having seen us attack Iraq and Libya, which had no nukes, Kim believes that only nuclear weapons that can hit America can deter America. He appears willing to risk war to achieve his goal.

Trump's options as he meets South Korean President Moon Jae-in? First, the decapitation of the Kim dynasty. But the U.S. has been unable to accomplish regime change for the 64 years following the Korean War. And killing Kim could ignite a war.

Then there is a U.S. pre-emptive strike on North Korea's nuclear sites and missile arsenals. But this would surely mean a war in which Americans on the DMZ would be among the first to die, as thousands of North Korean artillery and mortar tubes fired into the suburbs and city of Seoul, which is as close as Dulles Airport is to the White House.

Asked by Congressman Tim Ryan why we don't launch a war to end this threat, Defense Secretary James Mattis replied that, while we might "win ... at great cost," such a war would "involve the massive shelling of an ally's capital ... one of the most densely packed cities on earth."

Seoul has a metro-area population of 25 million.

We are thus approaching a point where we accept North Korea having a nuclear weapon that can reach Seattle, or we attack its strategic arsenal and bring on a war in which millions could die.

What about sanctions?

The only nation that could impose sufficient hardships on North Korea to imperil the regime is China. But China refuses to impose the Draconian sanctions that might destabilize the regime, and might bring Korean refugees flooding into China. And Beijing has no desire to see Kim fall and Korea united under a regime aligned with the United States.

What FDR said of one Caribbean dictator, the Chinese are probably saying of Kim Jong Un, "He may be an SOB, but he's our SOB."

Early in his presidency, Trump gave the franchise for dealing with the North Korean threat to Beijing. But his friend Xi Jinping has either failed Trump or declined to deliver.

As for President Moon, he wants to negotiate, to engage the North economically, to invite its athletes to join South Koreans on joint teams for the Winter Olympics in 2018. Moreover, Moon is said to be willing to cut back on joint military exercises with the U.S. and regards the THAAD missile defense we introduced into South Korea as a negotiable item.

China, whose missile launches can be detected by THAAD radar, wants it removed and has so informed South Korea.

Where does this leave us?

We are committed to go to war to defend the South and have 28,000 troops there. But South Korea wants to negotiate with North Korea and

is prepared to make concessions to buy peace.

As the nation that would suffer most in any second Korean War, South Korea has the sovereign right to play the hand. But what Seoul considers best for South Korea is not necessarily best for us.

What would be an America First Korean policy?

The U.S. would give Seoul notice that we will, by a date certain, be dissolving our mutual security treaty and restoring our full freedom to decide whether or not to fight in a new Korean War. Given the present risk of war, possibly involving nuclear weapons, it is absurd that we should be obligated to fight what Mattis says would be a "catastrophic" war, because of a treaty negotiated six decades ago by Eisenhower and Dulles.

"The commonest error in politics," Lord Salisbury reminded us, "is sticking to the carcass of dead policies."

But we should also tell South Korea that if she desires a nuclear deterrent against an attack by the North, she should build it. Americans should not risk a nuclear war, 8,000 miles away, to defend a South Korea that has 40 times the economy of the North and twice the population.

No vital U.S. interest requires us, in perpetuity, to be willing to go to war to defend South Korea, especially if that war entails the risk of a nuclear attack on U.S. troops or the American homeland.

If the United States did not have a mutual security pact that obligates us to defend South Korea against a nuclear-armed North, would President Trump be seeking to negotiate such a treaty?

The question answers itself.

Rockwall News

Rockwall council members debate fair regulation of pole signs

Building Official Jeffrey Widmer offered a presentation on the issue of pole signs within the IH-30 corridor overlay during a city council work session, during the Monday, July 3, 2017 regular meeting.

Councilmember Kevin Fowler said the underlying issue is about the exception, and leaned toward not allowing for variances.

Fowler asked Mayor Jim Pruitt and City Attorney Frank Garza whether the city is allowed to specify in an ordinance whether there will be no exceptions.

Garza advised that there are other provisions in the ordinance that allow for various ordinances. He explained that the other provisions would need to be changed, and the city "can be strict, but very specific."

Garza also verified that all pole sign variances require a super-majority for approval.

Councilmember John Hohenshelt said the reason he put this on the agenda was to get out of ordinance variance game altogether. He anticipated businesses getting in line for variances after one business prevails. The meeting agenda included pole variance items for two dealerships.

He wanted to look at the sign ordinance to hopefully clean up the issue.

Mayor Pruitt noted the importance of following the rules. He declared that "most people build it by the rules, and we don't have to deal with that." He said, "it's unfair to them" who build according to the "laws" of Rockwall, and find them selves surrounded by "big signs," because others got variances.

Councilmember Dana Macalik noted the Kia initially complied with the ordinance by building a 35 foot sign, yet at this time all the others are at 50 feet.

She emphasized that the council needs "to make a decision and stick with it."

Councilmember Dennis Lewis spoke in favor of setting heights from the level of the roadway, rather than ground level.

Councilmember Bennie Daniels inquired about why focus on "gas, food, and lodging."

Widmer answered that most cities do so because of the perceived biggest demand for travelers.

Daniels reminded Hohenshelt that most travelers use devices that identify business locations and respective exits.

The council did not take action on the work session.

Pruitt recessed to a closed meeting to discuss:

- Attorney consultation related to Terms of Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement.

- The status of ambulance services contract, to include attorney consultation.

- The appeal to the Public Utility commission filed by the cities of Garland, Mesquite, Plano and Richardson against the North Texas Municipal Water District related to water rates, to include consultation with attorney.

It is unknown whether the council received attorney consultation on the above closed meeting items, as indicated in the reason for each closed session.

No action was taken on the closed meeting items.

Pruitt offered condolences on behalf of the council, related to the recent death of city employee Tim Duke, 55, who had been an employee for the City of Rockwall since year 2000.

No one spoke during the open forum.

Pruitt pulled item 7 from the consent agenda, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract Amendment number Three for the total additional contract amount of \$104,280 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the South Lakeshore Drive/Summit Ridge Drive reconstruction Project, that would be funded by 2016 General Obligations Bonds.

The council approved consent agenda items including P2017-029 final plat for land located north of the intersection of Dalton Road and Promenade Place; P2017-031 replat for land at 301 North Goliad Street; Z2017-022 ordinance for amendment to Section 6.8, 205 By-Pass Corridor Overlay to amend the residential frontage requirements (second reading); authorize the City Manager to execute a contract Amendments Number One, Two and Three for the total additional contract amount of \$26,550 with Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, for the Squabble Creek Lift Station/Quail Run By-Pass Trunk Sewer Improvement Project to be funded by 2016 Water and Sewer Bonds; authorizing the Manager to execute a contract amendments number one, two, three and four for the total additional contract amount of \$29,202.98 with Benchmark Building & Construction for the State Highway 276 Utility Relocation Project to be funded by 2016 Water and Sewer Bonds; and resolution deny a rate change request by Oncor Electric Delivery, and approving

cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor to study the rates and negotiate with Oncor on the City's behalf.

Pruitt recused himself on item 7 due to the location of his property being near the respective area.

The item was approved 5-1, with Pruitt abstaining. The identity of the opposing vote is unknown.

In other business the council:

- Z2017-020 request by Rockwall SIL on behalf of owner Cameron & Cameron for the approval of an ordinance to change zoning from Agricultural and Commercial District to Planned Development District for an age-restricted multi-family apartment complex on land located on the west side of T.L. Townsend Drive south of Justin Road (first reading). None of the council members initiated a motion. Lewis offered a motion after Pruitt prompted the council by suggesting that he did not hear a motion and would move on to the next item. The motion failed 5-1 with Lewis casting the favorable vote.

- Approved H2017-007 a city initiated request for an ordinance rescinding the Local Landmark Designation for the Spafford House at the address of 902 North Goliad Street (second reading).

The city initiated the request on behalf of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board. It was explained that due to changes by the previous owner, the property no longer qualifies for historic landmark status.

- Request by Hacienda Car Wash to use the City of Rockwall logo at a local business in Rockwall was held until the next meeting.

- Approved a sign plan to allow a new pole sign for Southwest Kia of Rockwall located at 1790 E. Interstate 30, for a 38 foot high pole sign, and a square footage change from 200' to 274'.

- Approved an ordinance adding approximately 4,110 acres to the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in a sequence of boundary adjustments with the City of McLendon-Chisholm and establishing a common boundary between the two cities (first reading).

Crowley mentioned the authority of Rockwall to annex the ETJ at a future time.

- Visited about items of interest to the City pertaining to the upcoming special session of the Texas State Legislature.

Hohenshelt expressed an interest in the special session item related to preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects. He spoke of experiencing past problems on the business side.

Heath News

Heath bombarded with citizen opposition to zoning change to retail

The Heath City Council was hotly divided on the subject of an ordinance to consider the application of B.C. Golf II Limited, for a zoning change from Agricultural District to Planned Development District on 158.265 acres located at the northeast corner of FM 740 and Heathland Crossing. The applicant requested to remand the case back to Planning and Zoning Commission. Lorne Leichty was present for the meeting representing the applicant.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Brian Berry, Council members Joe Chamberlain, Kelson Elam, Rich Krause, Paul Ruffo and Brent Weaver.

The motion by Mayor Brian Berry to remand the case failed 4 - 2, with Berry and Chamberlain voting in favor, and Elam, Krause, Ruffo and Weaver casting the opposing vote.

The council approved an amended motion to deny the application to remand with Elam, Krause, Ruffo and Weaver casting the favorable votes.

Next, the council approved denial of the request to withdraw the application in its entirety with the same council members voting in favor.

The notice of P&Z Public Hearing on the item was not published in a newspaper as required by Texas Government Code Section 2051.048.

Berry opened the public hearing on the item:

- Rob Whittle spoke in favor of the matter, and said the request meets the requirements set in the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and

"by state law should be approved." Whittle did not cite the state law requiring the council to approve.

- Marta Pinson was in favor of the change.

- Joe Russell opposed the zoning change and said that Heath is a high value bedroom community. He explained that the citizens did not want the commercial development and the crime.

- Sherri Mueller said the council should not consider the development until the police department has been increased to support the crime.

- Doug Smith declared that the citizens say no to commercial and retail at the site. He also said the P&Z Commission and EDC board members should be replaced, and the council should appoint members with the same goal.

- Rocky Swartz expressed his opposition to the commercial change. He thought the property was perfect for estate homes.

- Tom Amador explained that he moved from Dallas to get away from commercial and because Heath is a high quality place to live.

- Joan Marshall believed the city values have changed, and the 2008 Comprehensive Plan is no longer a good plan. She reminded the council that commercial zoning will bring in more crime and traffic.

- Art Zunker opined that any commercial retail should be near the City Hall area, and "we don't need commercial at this location."

- Al Lowrance spoke on how the Town Center should be located where the Heath City Hall is now.

- Connie Nelson supported the change, and requested an explanation for the conflict between the staff's recommendation and the council's

divided opinion.

- Donna Rolator opposed the zoning change, and declared that the 2008 Comprehensive Plan "is no longer what the citizens of Heath want. Heath is a bedroom community and let's keep it this way."

- Cody Sorrells spoke against the change, and recommended the council look at the second site included in the Town Center alternative sites.

- Melissa Hutchinson was against the zoning change and expressed concerns of massive traffic.

- Mike Rash said he wanted to see larger lots, more square footage custom home building and less commercial.

- Ann Jusko inquired about the infrastructure and opposed the change because of increased traffic.

- Harriet Anderson believed the city needs to control growth and state that the city does not need a law suit.

- Kathy Burns reminded the council that "Heath does not want commercial."

Following the public hearing, the council voted to disapprove the application for the zoning change, with favorable votes cast by Elam, Krause, Ruffo and Weaver.

In other government business the council:

- Approved an application from Skip Wade for a residential replat of lots 12 & 13, for the purpose of combining 2 lots into 1 lot single family residential on Lodge Hill Drive.

- Approved an application by McCrummen Estates Lot Venture for a residential replat of Lot 21, in order to remove a 20' pedestrian Easement from the rear of the lot at 645 Calvin Drive.

- Approved an application by Todd Winters with Engineering Concepts for a Preliminary Plat of J.O. Ranch Addition, located on the north side of Terry Lane west of Smirl Drive.

- Approved a request by Deric Salser for a site plan associated with the replat of Lot 2 Ridge Crossing, located at the northwest corner of Ridge Road and Laurence Drive.

- Approved another application by Deric Salser for replat of Lot 2, Ridge Crossing located at the northwest corner of Ridge Road and Laurence Drive.

During the public hearing, Sherri Mueller said she was not speaking for or in opposition to the request, but inquired about the street renaming of the small part of Smirl Road directly behind the property in question.

Heath's Independence Day parade winners named

Hundreds turned out for the City of Heath's Independence Day Parade and Patriotic Program on Tuesday, July 4.

During the program, Mayor Brian Berry presented the parade awards and honored attending veterans. Pastor Phil Alford of the First Baptist Church of Heath led the invocation, Boy Scout Troop 989 posted the colors and a barbershop quartet sang the national anthem and other patriotic favorites.

Free popsicles, cold water and mini blueberry, cherry and buttermilk pies were distributed to those attending the event.

Parade winners, according to a city news release, included:

- Mayor's Award & Best Community Float - Hard Hats in Heath, presented by the Gerkens, Kelleher, Knox,

Lovell, Martin, Mouse, Scott, Spicer, Spraggins and Warren families.

- Best Bicycle - Makayla and Jillian Schulte with Madison Smith

- Best Classic Car - Jerry and Terry Hill, Ford Model A

- Best Costume - Rodney Wheeler, Batman

- Best Vintage Charm - Jerry Knoerr, 1961 Harvester firetruck

- Best Golf Cart - The Compton and Buchanan family

- Best Off-road Vehicle - Max Allen

- Most Patriotic Spirit - Rod Holland, Uncle Sam

- Most Patriotic Pet - Olivia Horvath, riding Chance, and Gabby

Ruffini, riding Diamond

McLendon-Chisholm News

Galanides retires as McLendon-Chisholm Secretary

During the June 27, 2017 regular meeting of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, the council approved the appointment of Lisa Palomba to the position of Secretary-Treasurer, and appointed Stephanie Galanides to serve as temporary Assistant Secretary.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Robert Steinhagen, Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Orchard, Adrienne Balkum, James Herren, Sim Woodham and Scott Turnbull.

According to the minutes of the meeting, Balkum declared a desire to regulate the free speech and conduct of individuals who represent the City in different capacities.

Of particular interest to Balkum was "irresponsible" speech.

She indicated that "inappropriate" comments have led to the spread of misinformation and false reports that "reflected poorly on City leaders."

Balkum referred to comments allegedly made by members of the McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department, Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment and a professional contractor of the city.

Drafting an official Code of Conduct appealed to Balkum.

She wanted each person representing the city to be compelled to

sign a new Code of Conduct with a compliance agreement, and that the "consequences for violating the proposed Code of Conduct may include banishment from involvement in City government.

Balkum expressed her opinion that freedom of speech does not include "irresponsible rhetoric with harmful and far reaching consequences."

The council approved a resolution authorizing signatories for city accounts with Alliance Bank, TexPool, Logic and Wilmington Trust. The resolution in the agenda did not include the names of the officials, but Balkum noted that her name was misspelled. The resolution was passed with the amended correct spelling of Balkum's name.

The ordinance to reduce the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction of approximately 4,110 acres northeast of the city, was passed unanimously.

The ordinance included the release of "territory" to the adjacent municipality of Rockwall, as a sequence of boundary adjustments. It also established a common boundary separating the "territory" of the Cities, amended the official corporate and ET boundaries of the city, and corrected the official city maps.

Representatives from the company Murray Paschall and Caperton, P.C. presented the 2016 Audit Report. It was explained that the City's financials were "overall" in good shape. It was not clarified whether the Audit includes a determination of whether public funds were used for illegal or unlawful purposes.

Deborah Pyle of the Audit Review Committee recommended the city:

- Rotate audit firms periodically as an additional control measure. She explained that the same firm has been performing audits for 8-10 years.

- Create a permanent/standing Audit Review Committee comprised of citizen volunteers.

Pyle proposed an Audit Review Committee Charter to include nature of the committee, organization, internal controls, policies, procedures, ethics, and quarterly review of financials. She did not include a review to determine whether public funds were being used for illegal or unlawful purposes.

There was no mention about the right of the Body Politic of people to organize an Audit Review organization, independent of the corporate municipality.

The council approved the Audit Report.

John Polster of the Texas Department of Transportation briefed the council on projects including State Highway 205 from U.S. 80 to SH 78, including utility relocations, completed projects in nearby cities, anticipated project schedules, right-of-way acquisition and environmental clearance.

Work session meeting set for Thursday evening, discuss budget

The City council of McLendon-Chisholm is scheduled to hold a special work session meeting, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2017, in the city hall located at 1371 West FM 551.

the work session agenda includes a 2017 "Citizens Survey," discussion

about the 2017-2017 Fiscal Year Operating and Utility Budget, and to establish goals, assign "directives," form ad hoc committees, schedule workshops and special meetings.