

# Rockwall County News

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## Purple Heart veteran, family to receive new home



U.S. Army Sgt. First Class Jerry Holcomb and his wife Terra, are shown thanking all who participated in the program Operation FINALLY HOME. The groundbreaking ceremony for a new house for the Holcomb family was conducted Monday morning, Aug. 10, in Rockwall. Holcomb suffered severe trauma and injuries while serving in Afghanistan. The Purple Heart veteran and his family will receive a custom-built, mortgage-free home as part of the endeavor to "honor an American hero."

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

by Millie Jean Coppedge

U.S. Army Sgt. First Class Jerry Holcomb and his family were honored at a Monday, Aug. 10, groundbreaking ceremony at the site of what will be their new home.

The Operational FINALLY HOME representatives and personnel from Mishler Builders and the Dallas Builders Association were among those on hand for the presentation.

Holcomb, his wife, Terra, and their sons, Christopher, 17, and Elijah, 11, and a family friend, Theresa Heath, were welcomed by the crowd that had gathered for the presentation and groundbreaking ceremony. Many dignitaries were on hand to welcome the family and several stepped to the podium to give words of encouragement to them.

The house, to be built in the High Point Lake Estates, will be custom built and mortgage free to the veteran and his family.

Holcomb suffered severe trauma and critical bodily injuries while on tour in Afghanistan in 2010. According to a media advisory, he "suffered concussions during two separate grenade explosions, causing severe headaches, and shrapnel wounds to the right side of his face, neck, arm and leg. In October 2010, a third blast threw him from his guard tower and rendered him unconscious with amnesia

upon waking. He was immediately medically evacuated to Germany and returned to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland once stabilized. His health issues include a traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder and neck, shoulder and back pain."

Before Holcomb was injured and received a medical discharge, he already had served in Korea and twice in Iraq.

Besides earning the Purple Heart, he was awarded two Bronze Stars and many more honorable recognitions.

Holcomb's family recently moved to the area from South Carolina and said they are excited about making their home in Rockwall.

Construction of the family's new home is scheduled to be completed by early 2016.

According to its website, Operation FINALLY HOME was "established in 2005 and provides these custom-built, mortgage-free homes to America's military heroes and the widows of the fallen who sacrificed so much to defend our freedom and values. They partner with corporate sponsors, builders associations, builders, developers, individual contributors and volunteers to help America's military heroes and their families transition to the home front by addressing one of their most pressing needs - a home to call their own."



The Holcomb family, especially 11-year-old Elijah, third from the left, was excited about the groundbreaking ceremonies conducted Monday, Aug. 10, in Rockwall for their custom-built, mortgage-free home to be provided by Operation FINALLY HOME. Elijah's father, U.S. Army Sgt. First Class Jerry Holcomb, was severely wounded in Afghanistan in 2010. From the left are Terra and Jerry Holcomb; Elijah; his brother, 17-year-old Christopher Holcomb; family friend, Theresa Heath; and Phil Crone, executive officer of the Dallas Builders Association. Also participating in the groundbreaking ceremony (not pictured) were Craig Fletcher (the Fletcher family was one of the main contributors); Mike Mishler, builder of the project; Rhonda Mishler; Gary Moody, mayor of McLendon-Chisholm; Michelle Zook from Congressman John Ratcliffe's office; and Lee Gilbert, Rockwall County commissioner.

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## Lancaster man pleads guilty to 2014 murder

Rojelio Martinez, 19, of Lancaster, pled guilty to the offense of murder according to a report from the office of the Rockwall County District Attorney, Kenda Culpepper.

The guilty plea was filed Friday, May 22, before 382nd District Court Judge Brett Hall, who sentenced Martinez to 40 years in the state penitentiary. The case, State of Texas vs. Rojelio Martinez, is filed under case number 2-15-74.

According to the news release, Martinez was initially charged with the murder of Rockwall County resident John Edward Spangler, 27, in the parking lot of a Rowlett 7-Eleven convenience store located at 10901 Rowlett Parkway during the early morning hours of Dec. 17, 2014. The release went on to explain that Martinez and Spangler were in a vehicle negotiating a drug transaction when the incident took place.

According to the Rowlett police, an argument ensued sometime during the transaction, and Martinez shot Spangler in the torso with a .380 semi-automatic handgun.

The DA said that witnesses saw Spangler's body fall out of the car into the parking lot and called the police. The defendant's vehicle was seen fleeing the location, and Rowlett police officers located it and the defendant within minutes after being dispatched.

The release revealed that Spangler, who was the father of three, died of his injuries.

Martinez initially was charged with capital murder, which was subsequently reduced to murder.

"This is a cautionary tale," said Culpepper. "It should serve as a reminder that a drug transaction can be a deadly one. Those buying drugs should remember that dealers can be desperate and evil people. When you get involved in this trade, you can end up paying with your life."

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## RISD details policy for free, reduced-price meals

The Rockwall Independent School District has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the current income eligibility guidelines, which can be found at [squaremeals.org](http://squaremeals.org).

Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request, according to a news release from the RISD.

The online application is available at [rockwallisd.com](http://rockwallisd.com) under 'Meal

Application' and has been made available to all students under the Rockwall ISD online Registration process. Application forms are also available at the school's office, cafeteria or Child Nutrition office. A 'Letter to Household' informing households about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits will be distributed to all students. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school, either online or a paper application may be submitted to the school cafeteria or the Child Nutrition office at 1050 Williams St., Rockwall, TX 75087. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications also may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits: (1) A household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels. (2) Households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). (3) A child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster. (4) A child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) only have to list their child's name and SNAP or TANF eligibility number. An adult household member must sign the application, according to the news release. (Continued on Page 2)

## Rockwall County News Briefs

### Hope Mobile spay/neuter hospital dates set

Upcoming dates for the Spay Neuter Network's Hope Mobile, a 45-foot hospital bus that is parked in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot, are set for Aug. 14, Sept. 11 and Oct. 9. Surgeries are performed on-site. Low-cost packages are available; walk-up vaccinations are offered from 10 a.m. to noon (watch [spayneuternet.org](http://spayneuternet.org) for online specials). Call 972-472-3500 for appointments; limited space is available. Be sure dog collars cannot be slipped; cats must be in secure carriers. For more details, visit the nonprofit Rockwall PAWS website at [rockwallpaws.com](http://rockwallpaws.com) or email [rockwallpaws@att.net](mailto:rockwallpaws@att.net). The nonprofit funds the treatment of heartworm-positive Rockwall shelter dogs.

### Mobley to perform at Farmers Market

Clay Mobley will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 15, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

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The STAR (Special Theater at Rockwall) Players will stage three performances of "Footloose the Musical" at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk. Pictured above are cast members, at front, from the left, Sabrina Williams, Elaine Scialo, Shannon Harrison and Allison Elliott and, at back, Zachary Wincent, James Taylor, Edwin Calderon, Matthew Kwasiak and Jack Hopkins. Not pictured is Brett Sutherland. Performances are set for 7 p.m. Aug. 14-15 and 7 p.m. Aug. 16. Tickets cost \$5 each and are available online at [rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org) or at the box office 30 minutes prior to show time.

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## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Elmara Margaret Matilda Griffith Greenhut

A memorial service for Elmara (Marre) Margaret Matilda Griffith Greenhut, 90, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2015, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Private burial will follow in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery.

She died Aug. 7.  
Born April 16, 1925, in Granite City, Illinois, to Evan John and Hulda Marie (Branding) Griffith, she was a devoted Christian and member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall. She enjoyed reading and was a member of the local book club and president of her garden club. She was a Life Master bridge player, concert flutist, club champion golfer at her country club and an avid tennis player. She loved life and time spent with her family and friends.

Survivors include her daughters, Margaret, Pamela and Patricia; her son, John; a son-in-law, Ronald; a daughter-in-law, Karen; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her brother, Evan Griffith; one niece; two nephews; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Melvin Greenhut.



### Don M. Wilson

Services for Don M. Wilson, 87, of Heath were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Aug. 7.  
Born March 2, 1928, in Norman, Oklahoma, to M.O. and Ella (McNabb) Eilson, he served in the U.S. Army and was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marines. He owned a private legal practice with offices in Mesquite and Dallas.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary Jane Wilson; his grandchildren, Craig Dowdy, Kelly Near, Seth Wilson, Logan Wilson, Don Wilson, Ryan Wilson, Brad Wilson and Joshua Wilson; and many great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Wilson; and his sons, Donald R., Douglas L. and Thomas C. Wilson.

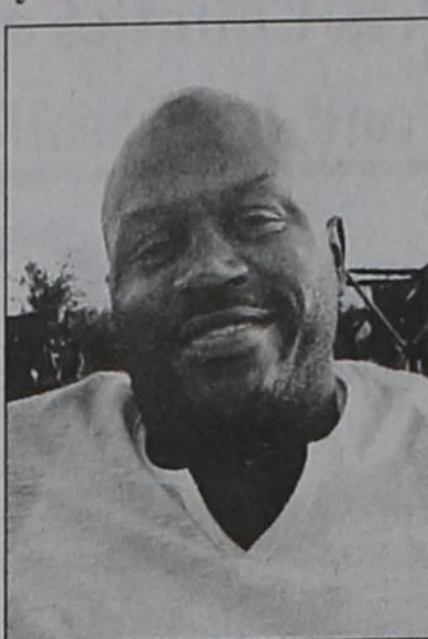
### Raymond 'Ray' Hill

Memorial services for Raymond "Ray" Hill, 39, of Roysie City, formerly of Detroit, Michigan, will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015, in the Grace Outreach Center, 5000 W. Parker Rd., Plano and at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at St. Paul AME Church, 2260 Hunt St., Detroit.

He died Thursday, Aug. 6.  
Born Aug. 7, 1975, in Detroit to Ronald Cornelius Hill and Robert Marie (Austin) Hill, he was a loving husband, son, father and brother. He worked for the City of Allen as a juvenile case manager. He was a member of the Grace Outreach Church in Plano.

Survivors include his wife, Dominique Hill of Roysie City; his daughter, Malani Marie Hill of Garland; his mother, Roberta "Bert" Hill of Canton, Michigan; his grandmother, Vivian Hill of Valdosta, Georgia; his brothers, Lawrence Austin of Canton and Renaldo Hill of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; his stepmother, Hallie Hill Parker; his half-sister, Tonya Lee of Detroit; his parents-in-law, Tony and Brenda Guiden of Argyle; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father.



### Heather Nicole Maples

Services for Heather Nicole Maples, 22, of Roysie City were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Aug. 7.  
Born Aug. 23, 1992, in Ocala, Florida, she was known for her relentless optimism and contagious smile. She lived life to the fullest and her vibrant personality and compassion for others were an inspiration to all who knew her. Anyone who knew her also knew how much she loved her animals, especially Macy and Oliver.

Survivors include her parents, Jennifer and Randy Hunter of Roysie City; her father, Darren Maples of Missouri; her brother, Ryan Hunter of Roysie City; her sister, Alyssa Fridley of Crandall; her grandparents, Sue and Wayne Hunter of Roysie City and Steve Taylor of Dallas; her great-grandmother, Charlsie Taylor of Dallas; and many aunts and cousins.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the Rockwall County Animal Shelter, 1825 Airport Rd., Rockwall, TX 75087.



### Dale McCreary

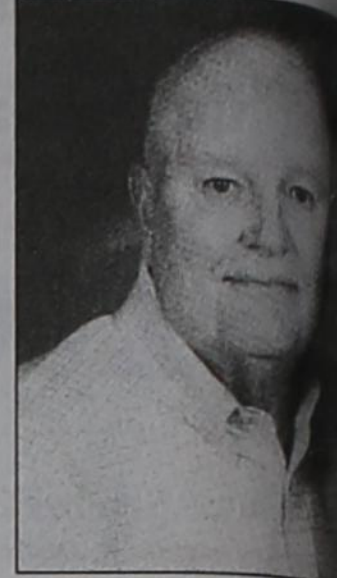
Services for Dale McCreary, 73, of Roysie City were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, in the First Baptist Church, M.L. Jones Chapel, in Rockwall with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Thursday, Aug. 6.  
Born March 12, 1942, in Roysie City to Edgar and Beulah (Mitchell) McCreary, he worked for the City of Garland and retired as director of the Street Department. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and active member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall, where he was a deacon and a member of the Dot.Com Sunday School Class.

Survivors include his wife, Ginger McCreary of Roysie City; children, Janna Prinz of Kaufman and Shawn McCreary and his wife, Heidi, of Rowlett; his brothers, Dewayne McCreary and his wife, Betty Jo, of Garland and Lyn McCreary and his wife, Maribeth, of Rockwall; and his grandchildren, Cody, Dlaney, Jeremy, Kelly, and Kasey.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son-in-law, Mark Prinz.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Gideon's International, Lake Ray Hubbard Camp, P.O. Box 200, Rockwall, TX 75087-4446.



### Ben D. Parks

A memorial service for Ben D. Parks, 81, of Rockwall will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015, in the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

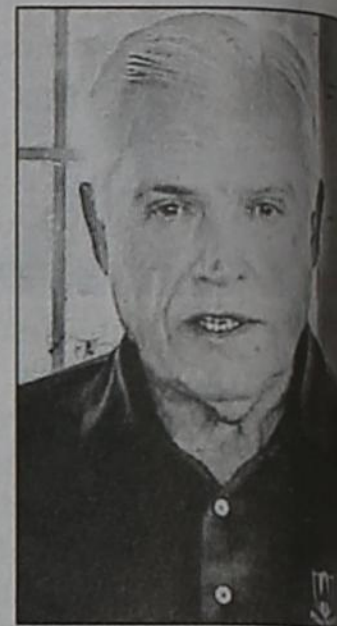
He died Aug. 4.  
Born Dec. 3, 1933, in Erick, Oklahoma, to Bennie Lawrence and Lois Laura (Roberts) Parks, he graduated from Shamrock High in 1952 and attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene on a golf scholarship. In 1953, he transferred to the University of North Texas in Denton. He graduated in 1957 with a BBA and entered the U.S. Army in October. He was honorably discharged in 1959. He moved to Dallas in January 1960 where he began a career in real estate.

He moved to Rockwall in 1975 with his wife, Barbara, where they attended the First United Methodist Church. They enjoyed traveling and were avid hunters and golfers and raised Brittney Spaniel bird dog. The Rockwall ISD recognized him in 2005, naming the Annual Parks Invitational Golf Tournament for his many years of service to RISD golfers. In the early 1990s, he partnered with The Dallas Morning News to establish the Tournament of Champions Amateurs. He was a 50-year member of the Brookhollow Country Club in Dallas.

Survivors include his sister, Joy Beth Parks McQueen, and her husband, Jerry, of Kingwood; a brother, Larry Don Parks, and his wife, Sheri, of Rockwall; a daughter, Liz Norton Morrison, and her husband, Richard, of Houston; his grandsons, Eyan Morrison of Austin and Spencer Morrison of Anchorage, Alaska; his granddaughter, Melinda Norton of Chicago, Illinois; his nieces, Shari McQueen Overstreet of Austin and Paige Elizabeth Parks of Rockwall; his nephews, Randall McQueen, and his wife, Mindy, of Kingwood, and Matt Harrison Parks and his wife, Amanda, of Fort Worth and Matt Harris of Rockwall; his great-nieces and great-nephew, Melissa Zoey and Breanna McQueen of Kingwood and Benjamin and Charles Parks of Fort Worth; and members of the Lyon family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Lyon Parks on March 20, 2012, and his parents.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the RISD Education Foundation Ben Parks Golf Scholarship, 111 Williams St., Rockwall, TX 75087 or at rockwallisd.org; the National Parkinson Foundation at parkinson.org; Texas Best Choices Animal Rescue at tbcanimalrescue.com; or to the charity of the donor's choice.



## RFD: Imposter may be soliciting donations

Someone may be wrongly soliciting donations to the Rockwall Fire Department from area businesses, according to a news release issued recently by the City of Rockwall.

The Rockwall Fire Department does not conduct door-to-door or telephone fundraisers, according to the release. Additionally, no one is authorized to seek donations on its behalf.

Anyone who is approached by someone seeking donations on behalf of the fire department should contact Sgt. Ray Fitzwater of the Rockwall Police Department at 972-772-6701.

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- Roysie City - Tiger Mart, Main Street (coin rack), Roysie City Chamber of Commerce (coin rack).
- Fate - Fate Grocery Store.

## University Scholastics Degrees

### Whitney receives business degree

Cameron Whitney of Roysie City graduated cum laude from LeTourneau University in Longview, according to a university news release.

Whitney, who graduated following the spring semester, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

### I-30 lane closures set through Saturday

There will be various lane closures on eastbound and westbound I-30, according to a Texas Department of Transportation news release.

Weather permitting, the lane closures are scheduled to be between FM 548 and FM 551 and from one mile west of FM 551 to two miles east of FM 551 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. through Saturday, Aug. 15, according to the release.

The closures are needed to facilitate road construction. Delays are expected; motorists are urged to seek alternative routes if possible.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Rockwall Central Appraisal District Budget

The \_\_\_\_\_ Rockwall Central Appraisal District \_\_\_\_\_ will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 \_\_\_\_\_ fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_ August 25th \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Rockwall Central Appraisal District \_\_\_\_\_, located at \_\_\_\_\_ 841 Justin Road, Rockwall, Texas 75087 \_\_\_\_\_. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ <u>1,548,370</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ <u>57,390</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>14</u>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>13</u>

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at \_\_\_\_\_ 841 Justin Road, Rockwall, TX 75087 \_\_\_\_\_.

The phone number of the \_\_\_\_\_ Rockwall Central Appraisal District \_\_\_\_\_ is: \_\_\_\_\_ 972-771-2034 \_\_\_\_\_.  
The address is: \_\_\_\_\_ 841 Justin Road, Rockwall, TX 75087 \_\_\_\_\_.

## Examining Trial exposes more information about murder case

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According to the district court records, Martinez was arraigned March 26 and pled guilty in May.

**New information exposed from Examining Trial transcript**  
Upon request, the DA provided the related examining trial transcript.

The statutory examining trial was conducted Feb. 6 in District Court Precinct 3. According to the transcript, Justice of the Peace Mark Russo presided over the hearings.

The transcript does not indicate that a magistrate presided over the statutory examining trial.

Representing the state were Culpepper and Assistant DA Dan Sangermano.

The defendant was represented by Paul J. Johnson of Dallas and Ton Massar of Garland.

Detective David Waters of the Rowlett Police Department was the only witness called by the state. The arresting officer was not called as witnesses. During the trial, Waters made reference to Officer Coykendall, who followed the defendant after the incident. It was revealed that there was a second officer in the car with Coykendall.

During the examining trial, the DA revealed that Waters was assisted by Detective Cruz Hernandez.

According to Waters, Martinez had a known criminal record for robbery and was "currently juvenile paroled for aggravated robbery."

The parties in the incident included the driver, Antonio Sandoval Martinez and Spangler.

### Martinez interviewed by detective

Waters said that during post-arrest interviews, Martinez stated that Sandoval "had no prior knowledge of the deal or anything of that nature, that he was merely a ride."

When asked by the DA to describe what was learned from the interviews, Waters said Martinez and Sandoval came to Rowlett and picked up Spangler near his home at 5314 Vagas Drive in Rowlett.

The detective said the three "proceeded to the 7-Eleven store at 8509 Lakeview Parkway" and that the transaction took place in the parking lot.

The detective said he pulled text messages off of Martinez's phone after the interviews and they corroborated that Martinez was going to sell Spangler drugs. Martinez was going to bring the drugs to Spangler was going to bring the money to buy them.

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## Speaking in tongues ... baptism comes first

According to Acts chapter 19, Paul came to Ephesus. Recall that Paul's close friends, and family in Jesus Christ, were in Ephesus earlier while Apollos preached there. They expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Prior to meeting Aquilla and Priscilla, Apollos diligently taught the things of God, but knew only about the baptism of John.

Now, Paul arrived and asked certain disciples, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"

They answered, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." This is a good sign that Apollos was not teaching about baptism of holy spirit, but about the baptism of John involving water.

Paul asked, "Unto what then were you baptized?" They said, "Unto John's baptism." Clearly they had not learned the right information from Apollos, before he met the couple.

Then Paul said, "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." Compare what happened next with Acts 2:4. Being filled with holy spirit was the baptism.

Next week we will compare Acts 19:6 with Acts 2:3-4.

## RCISD sets teacher meeting, schedule pick-up times, dates

Schools in the Royse City Independent School District have scheduled their Meet the Teacher and School Supply Drop-off events.

The following schedule is published on a PDF (rcisd.org/files/2015/BTS%202015.pdf) on the RCISD website:

**Day 1** – Elementary – 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20. Come-and-go for students in grades K through fourth. Pre-K morning classes, 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Pre-K afternoon classes, 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Class assignments will be posted and doors will open at 4 p.m. prior to the event. Pre-K families will conference with their teacher.

**Day 2** – Elementary – 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20. Come-and-go for students in grades K through fourth. Class assignments will be posted at 4 p.m. prior to the event. Pre-K families will conference with their teacher.

**Day 3** – Intermediate – 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20. Come-and-go for students in grades K through fourth. Class assignments will be posted by 4 p.m. Aug. 21. Head Start and families will conference per appointment from teacher.

**Day 4** – Intermediate – 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20. Come-and-go for students in grades K through fourth. Class assignments will be posted after 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, on the front doors of the school.

**Day 5** – Intermediate – 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 19. Come-and-go for students in grades K through fourth. Class assignments will be posted on the front doors at 4 p.m. prior to the event.

Pre-ordered school supplies may be picked up from the campus on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Schedule pick-ups for students of the Royse City Middle School will be as follows, according to the website:

**8th grade** – 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Aug. 19

**7th grade** – 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Aug. 20

For Royse City High School, a back-to-school packet is available for all currently enrolled students. This packet provides information for picking up schedules/ID badges prior to the first day of school. Students need to complete the forms in the packet and return them to the designated times in order to pick up schedules and ID badges. High school students also are reminded that ID badges must be worn at all times. Students will not be able to purchase lunch, cafeteria or check out library books or textbooks without a valid ID badge. Replacement badges will cost \$3.

For students of the H.H. Browning Learning Center, the first day of school is Aug. 24. Principal Lloyd Blaine will visit with each student individually about his or her school hours. Detailed letters will be mailed to each returning student regarding registration.



Amber Swindle, a third grade teacher at Grace Hartman Elementary, was selected as the national winner for the DisneyNature's Monkey Kingdom Classroom Experience from Barnes & Noble, according to a news release from the school district. Swindle received the award on Monday, Aug. 10, at her school. Her award included 30 Monkey Kingdom plush toys and reusable bags for her students, as well as a \$250 Barnes & Noble gift card and a Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 Nook tablet.

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"That if you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."  
Romans 10: 9-10

"Have I not commanded you; be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."  
Proverbs 18:7

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"  
Proverbs 3:5

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path;"  
Proverbs 3:6

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known ..."  
Proverbs 3:6

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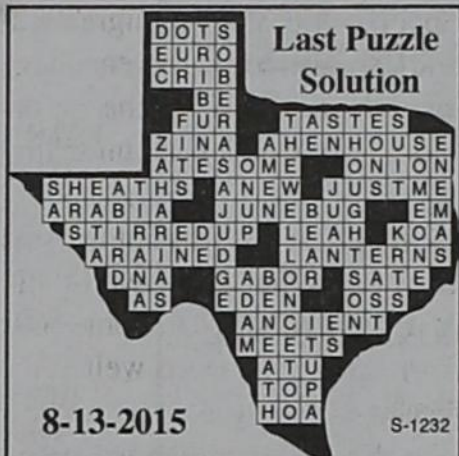
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Notice is hereby given that the District Judges of the 382nd and 439th Judicial District Courts of Rockwall County, Texas, will conduct a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on the 28th day of August 2015, in the 382nd District Courtroom located in the Rockwall County Courthouse at 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane in Rockwall, Texas.

The purpose of this public hearing is:

- To receive public comment on the proposed annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporters, and on the proposed budget for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2016.
- To set the annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporters, and set the budget for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2016.

Written comments received prior to the public hearing will become part of the hearing record. The public is invited to attend and make comment.

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**Rockwall Democrats to meet**  
The Rockwall County Democratic Party will meet from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Aug. 15 at the Harry Meyer Community Center. All local Democrats are welcome. Visit [rockwalldems.com](http://rockwalldems.com) for more details.

**CASA information sessions slated**  
Lone Star CASA will host three information sessions for potential volunteers this month. Sessions are set for Monday, Aug. 17, at the Kaufman CASA Office, Wells Fargo Bank building, 2100 S. Washington in Kaufman; Tuesday, Aug. 18, in the Rockwall CASA Office, 107 Kenway, Rockwall; and Thursday, Aug. 20, at the First Presbyterian Church, 12433 FM 1641, Forney. All three meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers from all cultures, professions and educational backgrounds are needed. For more details call 972-772-5858 or email [vickie@lonestarcasa.org](mailto:vickie@lonestarcasa.org).

**U.S. Chamber to host Partnership Luncheon**  
The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Partnership Luncheon at noon on Aug. 19 at the Rockwall County Courthouse's Liberty Hall, 1111 Yellow Jacket Lane. Guest speaker will be John Ratcliffe, U.S. congressman, who will provide a general update from Washington, D.C., and the impact on the community. Register now by contacting the Rockwall Area Chamber at 972-771-5733.

**Farmers Market to feature Efeney**  
Trey Efeney will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 22, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

**Sports physicals, immunizations offered**  
The Health Center of Helping Hands, 102 S. First St., Suite B, Rockwall, is offering \$25 sports physicals from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. An appointment call 972-772-8194. Low-cost immunizations also are being offered from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Aug. 29. Walk-ins are welcome; no appointments needed. Sports records are required. Immunizations are available for uninsured and those on Texas Medicaid; private insurance will not be accepted.  
Democratic Men plan luncheon  
The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon on Sept. 5 at Napoli Italian Restaurant, 407 S. Goliad, Rockwall. The group meets for lunch at noon on the first Saturday each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national current events and political. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Rockwall County and Texas are invited to attend.



# Opinions

## Freedom to move: personal freedom or government control, Part II

by Richard M. Ebeling

There are many economic fallacies that surround the issue of freer open immigration into the United States, and few of them can stand up to serious critical examination.

### The Fallacy that Immigrants "Steal" Jobs from Americans.

Opponents of more open immigration sometimes argue that the arrival of more immigrants means the threatened loss of jobs for Americans already living in the country.

The often-implicit assumption behind this argument is that there is a fixed number of jobs in the country, and if more workers enter the labor market, by definition any work gained by one of the new arrivals must mean lost employment for someone else already there.

As long as there are unsatisfied wants that more production could satisfy, there is always more work for more hands to do. An increase in the number of workers within a country means that there can be more production. Economists call both more extensive and more intensive use of labor. By more extensive use of labor is meant that things that could not be done before because there were not enough hands to do them can now be undertaken.

The available number of employable workers might have enabled the production and supplying of a certain amount of, say, shirts, pants, and shoes. But given the availability of labor, and the importance of consumers assigned to having desired goods, it may have been possible to also produce and supply hats that people also wanted.

The arrival of additional hands through immigration to do productive work would now allow this unsatisfied want for headwear to be partly fulfilled without having to withdraw hands for the production of any of those shirts, pants, or shoes.

By more intensive use of labor, economists mean the more refined development of the system of specialization. More hands to perform desired work means that employers can undertake a more developed division of labor that enables an increased productivity.

Suppose that within a factory there were enough available workers to divide possible tasks into four steps or stages of production, each of which enables the participants to more industriously and productively focus their efforts and attentions to one part of the production process.

The arrival of more workers, again possibly through immigration, to be employed within such enterprises enables the potential and possible tasks to be divided into more refined and detailed steps that, in turn, raises the productivity and output of all those who participate in the economy's activities. The increased output per worker means that in the society can have available through trade a greater supply of wanted goods and services that might not have been possible without the new hands to assist in the work to be done.

Adam Smith began his famous book, *The Wealth of Nations* (1776), precisely by emphasizing the benefits from division of labor. He also pointed out that the extent of the division of labor is limited by the extent of the market. It makes little sense to take greater advantage of specialization to expand output to, say, a quantity of 1,000 units of some useful good from 500 units if there are not enough people participating in the network of exchange to buy all that can be produced through that intensified division of labor.

But a country as large as the United States with its more than 320 million people and a global economy within which America trades with billions of people, any opportunity to more intensively develop the division of labor through the use of more available hands made possible by immigration can be successfully and profitably absorbed into the national work force.

### The Fallacy that Immigrants Lower the National Wage Level.

Another fear often expressed about the arrival of large numbers of immigrants is that their addition to the national labor force will tend to push wages in general down in the economy as they compete for jobs currently held by the existing workers.

It should be remembered that there is no such thing as a "national wage level." This, like the general "price level" of goods and services, is a statistical creation by selecting, summing, and averaging a large number of individual wages, each of which reflects the supply and demand for the specific types, skills and qualities of labor in particular markets for hiring workers.

It is certainly the case that if, all other things the same and unchanged, a significant number of qualified immigrant economists, all with teaching and specialization skills similar to my own, were to enter the job market for professors' positions, the salary for my labor service in my narrow segment of the university teaching market would likely be bid down.

But this is no different than if more college and university age students out of the domestic population were to decide to major

in economics, then earn their advanced degrees in the subject, and proceed to try to land jobs with their newly acquired PhDs. The greater supply of such economists might result in my employable salary being competed down.

On the other hand, the consumers of economics teaching services might very well find themselves able to acquire their education at a lower price because the cost of hiring such qualified economics professors will have decreased.

Suppose this were to happen. With a decline in the cost of an economics education, both parents and students may now have more money left in their pockets after having paid the tuition and related expenses. With this "freed up" sum of money they would now have the financial ability to buy more of other things they previously could not afford when paying higher tuition fees.

This will result in an increased demand for other desired goods and services. The prices for these goods and services, other things held given, would tend to rise, increasing the profitability of increasing their supply. This would open up new and increased demands for other types of labor – those able and skilled to, perhaps, produce more flat-screen televisions, or more service jobs at restaurants as people can afford to eat out more frequently, or more employment in other avenues of education. This greater demand made possible by the lower cost of some labor services due to immigrant workers in certain sectors or parts of the market would raise the demand for more workers, and therefore their potential wages and incomes, in other parts of the market.

### The Fallacy that Unskilled Immigrants Have No Niche to Fill.

But what about the unskilled or poorly educated immigrants at the lower end of the employment scale? Studies over the years have shown that often it is the unskilled immigrants who fill niches in the market that many in the existing labor pool in the nation are unwilling to perform.

In the middle decades of the nineteenth century it was not unusual to find that many of the domestic servants in not just wealthy but middle class households were young Irish girls who had come over to escape from the potato famine in their native country as well as the British rule that they disliked. Uneducated with only simple "country manners," this became their entry into the American labor market. Over a generation or two, the wave of Irish immigrants and their children improved their education and employment skills and left behind such domestic work as their talents fetched higher wages in other corners of the market.

In the early decades of the twentieth century, hired gardeners were often of Japanese background in places like California, for instance. As the descendants of these Japanese immigrants entered the mainstream of American life, especially after the Second World War, the image of the hired gardener was no longer that of Japanese.

Over the last few decades those of Hispanic background have filled the niche of hired gardeners, certainly not exclusively but often, as has the role of domestic servant in various parts of the country. If immigrant integration into American society follows the same paths as in the past, two or three decades from now, the stereo-types of Hispanics will have changed as they integrated into the general labor market, moving on to other economic niches and roles, as it did for other immigrant groups in earlier times.

We have seen this with many ethnic groups that have settled and integrated themselves into the general and greater social and economic environment within the country. It is no longer a caricature or cliché to refer to the "Chinese" laundry, because those of Chinese ancestry in America are simply, now, "Americans" distributed and dispersed among many professions and occupations and callings fully integrated into American society in almost all instances.

As new waves of immigrants have entered the American economy, they have filled roles that earlier waves have transitioned out of, just as they are most likely to do in the future. Think of it as the "new guys" who start their careers with the "entry level" jobs. They often are paid less than other workers at first, and are assigned tasks and jobs that others in the firm or enterprise no longer do and do not want to do. But it is the starting point for learning skills, gaining experience, and demonstrating higher worth and value for themselves over time to earn the promotion and better salary in the future, either from their initial employer or some other who sees and values their acquired abilities and potentials.

Filling these roles and entry level positions for the unskilled or low skilled enables part of the immigrant population to have an avenue for starting on the path of improved opportunity in America compared to the old country they have left behind.

To statistically cover over all these real and distinct changes and improvements in employments, incomes, and availabilities of goods by reducing them to price and wage averages and aggregates hides

from view not only the real nature of adaptation to change in general, but more specifically many of the positive affects and impacts of immigrants to the United States.

### Reducing Government Regulations and Welfare Temptations

We should keep in mind that the problems that some immigrants face are the same problems that government has imposed as stumbling blocks to improvement on all in the society: minimum wage laws, business taxes that hinder investment and capital formation, and regulations that prevent growth and innovation through anti-competitive policies.

These are the roots of many of our social and economic difficulties that harm both native-born and immigrant looking for work and trying to materially advance, including, for some, finding ways to escape from poverty and poor living conditions.

But what about the attempts of political plunderers and plunderers to try to buy the votes of new immigrants who obtain or may obtain in the future the right to vote by offering them access to the "benefits" of the welfare state?

Let us remember that those who use such means for gaining political power have had their success with the American-born and American citizen population. It is their votes that have established, maintained, and expanded the interventionist-welfare state that so dangerously burdens the country. It cannot be blamed on "foreigners" – whether legal or illegal. As the cartoon character, "Pogo," once said, "We've met the enemy, and he is us."

Rather than punish those who, like our ancestors, want to come to America for their "second chance" for a better life for themselves and their children by closing the door of immigration, the task should be to eliminate the controls and regulations that hinder improvement for all of us.

### Ending Access to the Welfare State for Any Immigrants

But given that fact that this is not likely to happen in any immediate future, what might be a "second best"? Let me suggest that one answer is to say that anyone may come to America to work, investment, live, and enjoy a freer life.

But for a period of, say, the first fifteen years during which they reside in the United States they are ineligible for access to any welfare-redistributive programs for themselves and their family members.

If this seems harsh, it is worth recalling that before the modern welfare state that is how every generation of immigrants came to America and made their way – either through their own hard work or the voluntary assistance of private charity.

I wonder how many critics of open or freer immigration into the United States would be as negative as they are if the new arrivals were expected to make their own way rather than receive any tax-based handouts from the government?

Part of America's greatness has precisely been as a haven, a port of last call, for those denied religious freedom, or suffering under brutal and corrupt governments, or locked out of economic opportunities due to political systems of favor and privilege in their own lands.

It has not always been an easy or straight path for the new comer to America's shores. But the fact that for over two centuries millions have come shows that it has not just been a dream but a reality of a land of opportunity and prosperity.

It has also been the country's life-blood of new and innovative risk-taking, entrepreneurially spirited enterprisers, and youthful hopefuls who want to breath freer than where they were born. It is a good part of what had made America a dynamic and vibrant country unlike so many others around the world.

To turn our backs on this American tradition and legacy is to betray the essence of what America has been since its beginnings.

### Be an informed electorate and Grand Jury

TWC's over-expanding enforcement of the Unemployment Compensation Act is in direct violation of:

### Texas Constitution Article 1, Section 16

No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, retroactive law, or any law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be made.

The act of forcing any business and natural person to purchase any kind of insurance for others, who render services, constitutes "impairing obligation of contracts."

The exception is for Federal Instrumentalities engaged in statutory "employment" on the soil of Texas.

See Tx. Labor Code Section 201.101 & 26 U.S.C. 3306 (c) (g) and (j)(1 & 2).

Apply the definitions in (j) to the definitions in (c) and (g).

## Murder case -- witness reveals conflicting information, question about updated report arises ...

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The DA asked where the defendant was sitting in the car. He answered that Martinez was "sitting in the front, but as Spangler approached, he got into the rear passenger seat of the vehicle."

Waters described, from the arresting officer's report, that after the initial stop, they found a large amount of broken glass in the car. He did not testify that the officers saw the evidence being thrown from the window while following the suspects.

During the interview, Martinez told the detective that he "initially put the gun to Spangler's head, attempted to fire, and the gun jammed."

"How was then able to fire again at" Spangler, "through the torso," Waters explained.

After Martinez fired the second shot, "Spangler threw the money down and said, here, and he was able to actually grab the door handle, get himself out of the vehicle."

Waters said Martinez threw the evidence out the window, including the gun, magazine, rounds and the bag of glass." He clarified that the arresting officers retrieved the evidence when they traced the defendant's route, which they observed while driving behind him.

It was deduced that Martinez threw the bag out of the car after the scene.

During cross-examination by Johnson, the detective admitted to not participating in the search and recovery of the above stated items reportedly found in a field. He explained that he "responded to the scene of the 7-Eleven and observed some evidence there." The witness was not questioned about what he found at the scene of the 7-Eleven.

Later in the trial, he stated that he found "three unfired .380 rounds and one spent .380 casing." He learned from ballistics research that they came from a .380 Lorcin. It was later clarified that there were two spent casings, one found in the car, and another found in the field where the gun had been thrown from the car window.

After further questioning, the detective said that Martinez swallowed a bullet, a live round, and that yet another live .380 round was found "in the back of the squad car which Mr. Martinez was found." He later said he was "not sure what happened to that round."

During the trial, conflicting information arose over whether a struggle occurred between Spangler and Martinez, prior to the shooting, and whether Spangler had a weapon at the time.

On re-cross examination, Waters explained that Sandoval said, "There was an actual physical altercation or a struggle" between the two.

According to Waters' testimony, the statements by Sandoval and Martinez were in conflict with each other.

In reply to Johnson's question about how Sandoval was hit by Spangler, during the struggle, the detective declared, "we don't know exactly what happened on that. That's a very, very good question that we keep with the investigation."

During the trial, confusion arose about whether the defense had a copy of the correct report. At different points, the witness made reference to information from a report that did not match the document provided to the defendant, by the DA's office.

After the witness explained that X-ray results from a hospital helped to identify the bullet in Martinez's body, Johnson asked why the information was not in the report, to which Waters replied, "You don't have the recent report then. It is mentioned in report."

The defense counsel asked the judge to review the report. Johnson asked, "Is this a summary – or is that the report summary that you provided to the district attorney's office and that was provided to us for this hearing this morning?" The court answered, "Yeah, this looks like one of the initial reports submitted."

At this point, the transcript breaks to a question being asked to the witness. It is unknown whether more conversation took place between the counsel, DA and the judge about the report in question.

Waters explained that Martinez told him about the swallowed round "at a much later date," and it was "probably after" he had written the particular account.

Minutes later, Johnson asked the detective, "When was it that he made you aware of the fact that he had swallowed a round?" Waters replied, "It was later on the 17th, later in the day."

Based on the trial transcript, Detective Waters was not questioned about whether Martinez, Sandoval, or Spangler were operating as undercover officers, agents, or informants.

### Just Say You Saw It In "The County News" -

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The first Roysse City Art Show honoring the artists from the Roysse City Senior Citizen Center took place Thursday through Saturday, July 30-Aug. 1, at the C.F. Goodwin Public Library. Pictured from the left are Hanlie Engelbrecht, Nan McReynolds, Holden, Connie Hull, Caroline Moses and Billy Hensley. The classes, which began in April, meet at the center at 107 Plum St., at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pencil drawings are taught during the Monday classes and water mixable oil paint classes are taught on Wednesdays. For more information call the instructor, W.T. (Dub) Holden, at 469-721-7062. The classes are free, but students may need to purchase supplies.

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## RISD trustees to meet Aug. 17

Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District will meet at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 17 in the Rockwall Administration/Education Center, Room 600, located at 1050 Williams St. in Rockwall.

Agenda items include three executive session items:

- Receive legal advice regarding a claim for monetary damages for a broken windshield;
- Deliberation regarding a potential site for a school in Heath;
- Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, according to the meeting's agenda.

Once the meeting shifts back into public session at 7:30 p.m., trustees will elect a board secretary, receive informational reports, consider items on the consent agenda. Other agenda items include budget amendment, acceptance of donations to the school district, inter-local agreement with the cities of Fate, Heath, Rockwall and Rowlett for the school resource officer, the Professional Development and Appraisal System calendar, the School Health Advisory Committee membership, the Oversight Team and Texas Association of School Board policies.

Other items include the district's Wealth Equalization Program, accordance with Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code; a waiver on the High School Equivalency Program, an attendance waiver for the Quest Academy, the 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct, the assignment of the general operating fund balance for the technology capital projects.

The board also will consider all matters related to the adoption of an order calling for a district bond election on Nov. 3.

**ACROSS**

1 "connect the \_\_\_\_\_"

5 currency for 19 countries

6 infant bed

7 TX Buddy Holly's "That'll be the Day"

8 TXism: "the \_\_\_\_\_ was flying" (fight)

9 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ like week-old dishwasher" retired TX tennis pro, Garrison

16 TXism: "active as a fox in \_\_\_\_\_"

19 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ gravel" (fell)

21 pungent bulb grown in TX

22 scabbards

27 TX B.J. Thomas' "The Eyes of \_\_\_\_\_ York Woman" (1968)

28 TX Charley Pride's "I'm \_\_\_\_\_" (1971)

29 oil rich country: Saudi \_\_\_\_\_

30 TX beetle (2 wds.)

32 "Hook \_\_\_\_\_ Horns!"

33 TXism: "you \_\_\_\_\_ a hornet's nest" (caused trouble)

36 1962 ballad by TX Roy Orbison

37 "kampground" found in TX

38 TXism: "mad as \_\_\_\_\_ on rooster"

39 lights for 37-across users

41 criminal evidence

42 Zsa Zsa of "Picture Mommy Dead" with TX Martha Hyer

### TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**DOWN**

1 TX Sissy Spacek was born on 25th of this month (abbr.)

2 TX McFarland was "Spanky" on "\_\_\_\_\_ Gang"

3 newspaper: "Quanah \_\_\_\_\_ Chief"

4 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ in court"

8 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ like scales on a fish"

9 TXism: "went to \_\_\_\_\_ often"

10 this Albert was smart enough to be a TXn (init.)

11 this Nash was point guard for the Mavs (1998-2004) (init.)

12 TX Fulghum's "Kindergarten" book: "Uncommon \_\_\_\_\_ Common Things"

13 very long periods of time

14 lawyer's uniform

15 TX "Babe" Didrikson's married name

16 TXism: "camps out in the \_\_\_\_\_ corner" (religious)

17 TX Willie Nelson sang "\_\_\_\_\_ to Watch Over Me"

18 fluid injections

20 TXism: "mosey \_\_\_\_\_ to the trough" (join in)

22 Alamo City (abbr.)

23 TX-born O'Toole 1982 film: "48 \_\_\_\_\_ bug"

24 "I'd sooner \_\_\_\_\_ TXism: "she could charm \_\_\_\_\_ out of a tree"

26 capital of Albania

28 past TX Rangers slugger, Gonzalez

31 TXism: "loaded for \_\_\_\_\_" (equipped)

34 TX Rangers radio announcer, Eric (init.)

35 \_\_\_\_\_ Leon, TX

37 Marfa public FM station

40 Tyler is in \_\_\_\_\_ TX & Eve

43 \_\_\_\_\_ TX-born Larry Henley co-wrote "Wind \_\_\_\_\_ My Wings"

50 TXism: "run \_\_\_\_\_ flag pole" (try it)

51 ex-Cowboy star RB, Emmitt (init.)



Volunteers from the First Baptist Church-Rockwall recently celebrated the end of a successful year in its English as a Second Language (ESL) outreach program. Pictured from the left are Janis Ferguson, intermediate instructor; Kim Elliott, administrative assistant/instructor; Carol Cates, advanced ESL student and owner of Cates' Touch; Ann Small, greeter; and Jesse Crouch, minister of local outreach and active and active and older adults. The program was so successful that classes once again will be offered to all adults of all nationalities beginning Sept. 1. New ESL teachers attend training to help instructors master the skills needed to be effective leaders in adult ESL classrooms. Beginning, intermediate and advanced ESL classes will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 18 and 25 at the church. Registration fee is \$5; childcare will be available. For more details call the church at 972-771-8459.

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## Welcome the New Director of Nursing

Broadmoor would like to welcome **Cindy Bryant, RN** as the new Director of Nursing. Cindy has worked in long-term care for 15 years. She started her career as a Hospitality Aide and Nurse Aide before advancing her career to a Registered Nurse at Paris Junior College. In her spare time she enjoys camping and spending time with her husband Matt Bryant, and two children Luke and Jack.

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