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## July 4th Celebration

The Rockwall Heath High School Mighty Hawk Marching Band filled the air with patriotic music during last Friday's July 4th parade in Heath. The award winning pride of Heath band

## News Briefs

### Creative Kids class opens today

New offering of the Rockwall Parks & Recreation department, a Creative Kids class, will begin today. Art materials provided for participants, who will explore various media with several kids of mixed media. Open to young artists 8 through 14, the class will take place each Friday July 11 through 14, the class will take place each Friday July 11 through Aug. 15 at the Myers Park Community Center. Class runs from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$100.

### RC library activities continue

Summer reading program continues at the C.F. Goodwin Library. Upcoming activities include Pre-School Story Time at 11:15 a.m. today, followed by Photo Time with Miss Hampton at 1 p.m. On July 16, Toddler Story Time will take place at 11 a.m., followed by Create Pet Fun at 1 p.m. For more information, visit the City of Royse City Web site at www.roysecity.com.

### RSVP today for RC Chamber luncheon

City agent Ron Olson, personal financial representative of Hinckley and regional manager Stacie Hampton will host the July 15 Royse City Chamber luncheon at noon. The menu will include Penne Pasta Rustica with roasted chicken, summer vegetables, green salad, garlic breadsticks and a berry Romanoff. Reservations must be made by July 11. To RSVP, call 972-636-0051, e-mail info@roysecitychamber.com or 972-636-5000. The event will take place in the City Hall Conference Room, 305 N. Arch St., Royse City.

### Saturday yard sale to benefit band

Yard sale coordinated by members of the Mighty Bulldog Band will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and proceeds from the sale will help offset costs involved in the band's trip to Orlando, Florida in the spring. Furniture, toys, books, home décor, kitchen items and clothing will be offered in the City Hall parking lot in Royse City. Call 972-365-9355 to make a donation of goods or a good will offering.

### Rockwall ISD alumni sought

Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation seeks to contact Rockwall High alumni from the following classes: 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009. For more information, contact Cindy Benefield, Rockwall Education Foundation Inc., 972-771-0605, x-7529, cbenefield@rockwallisd.org.

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## New Rockwall fire stations may exceed budget by \$1.1 million

by Marcus Funk

Debate over a new pair of fire stations ignited the passions of several Rockwall City Council members on Monday, and when the flames die down and the dust settles, the City of Rockwall could find as much as \$1.1 million in red ink etched into the budget.

To make a long story short, the City Council voted at its last meeting to authorize a "Guaranteed Maximum Price" of \$4,759,433 for the construction of two new and badly-needed fire stations. After a 2005 bond initiative and a few deductions are included, that leaves the project anywhere between \$540 thousand and \$1.1 million over budget – funds that will be taken out of the city's reserves during the next fiscal year, potentially at the expense of other projects and contingency funding.

Those overages are complicated, council members said, and are the result of both poor planning and skyrocketing construction costs. But council members and the 20-or so fire fighters packing the chambers agreed that they were absolutely necessary, and that prolonging the process would simply increase the final price tag. The contentious debate focused on what could be done to prevent increases on future projects and how to pay for the overages.

To expand on that story requires background information and some patience, since the controversial details surrounding the initiative were prolific even by Rockwall's standards.

### Why Costs Went Up - Circumstances Beyond their Control ...

Rockwall voters approved a bond initiative of just over \$4 million for the two stations in November, 2005. Planners and city council members based that figure on the construction costs for the most recent fire station, with adjustments allowing for inflation and possible cost increases. But state law requires bond initiatives be set in stone five months ahead of the election, in June.

In 2005, that meant the budget was set before Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita violently inflated construction costs – which put the committee supervising the planning at an automatic disadvantage. Transportation and petroleum costs have risen steadily since, which only compounded the problem.

Committee and Council Members Matt Scott and Margo Nielsen said that whenever planners met to reduce the scope of the project, costs would simultaneously continue to climb – resulting a few times in a net increase by the time everything was said and done, as

well as a danger of reducing the project to the point of ineffectiveness.

When the bond was originally calculated, according to Speed Fab-Crete Developer David Bloxom, a costs adjustment of .5 percent per month was a safe bet. Flash forward to 2008, and the same costs are climbing at 2 percent a month – a staggering 24 percent a year – which council members acknowledged was beyond the city's control.

"This is all about escalating costs, and I think that when the bond was passed, it was probably a pretty good estimate. But a few months later, the world fell apart," said Rockwall Mayor Pro Tem Cliff Sevier, who also works in the construction industry. "This is a lump we're just going to have to take, and we'll probably take a lot of hits for it, but it's the right thing to do."

### ... and Within Them

Another part of the delays, some council members alleged, revolved around mismanagement. Both locations were moved over the past three years, and original cost estimates were based upon an existing building – not specific plans for the proposed project. Although current cost estimates are based upon final plans that are 50 percent complete, such plans were not included in the original bond proposal, which frustrated a number of city council members.

One possible solution, suggested by Scott, is to avoid issuing bonds for construction projects. Instead, paying for them outright or negotiating funds from inside a city's budget are preferable, and such techniques have been used effectively on construction projects since. Another suggestion by Council Member David Sweet is to simply require more responsible planning for public projects.

Once the council unanimously voted for the maximum price cap, Sweet's comments provided a transition into the second part of the discussion – how to pay for the overflow costs.

### When to Withdraw –

#### Now, or after the Budget Session?

City staff provided options for certificates of obligation, effectively a .28 cent tax over 20 years, or for taking the funds out of the city's reserves. Although City Manager Julie Couch recommended the certificates of obligation, the council followed Sweet's motion to draw from the reserves. The big question was when – now, or after the budget session later this month?

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# News Briefs



Royse City's "Z" Museum displayed Jerrell Baley's collection of toy Army vehicles in June. In July, Museum Assistant Deloris Ballard is showcasing her dolls of the world.

## Registration under way for fall sports

Registration is under way for youth sports offered through the Rockwall County YMCA, including Small Fry Soccer (age 3); Youth Soccer (ages 4-12); Flag Football (ages 6-7); Tackle Football (ages 8-12, not on a school team); and Cheerleading (age 4-12). Early registration will continue through July 31 and ensures participants the lowest participation fees. For details, go to [www.rockwallymca.org](http://www.rockwallymca.org) or [www.quickcores.com/rockwallymca](http://www.quickcores.com/rockwallymca).

## Mental illness support groups to meet

Two mental illness support groups for individuals with mental illness and their families will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 12 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Bldg. B, Rooms 205 and 206. Admission will be free of charge.

## RTU youth tennis camps scheduled

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited will conduct Racquet Rookies' Camp, open to youths ages 5 through 9, July 21-24 and Aug. 4-7. Cost is \$60 per week or \$20 per day. Spinners' Camps, serving athletes ages 10 through 17, will be July 14-17, July 28-31 and Aug. 11-14. Cost is \$90 per week or \$20 per day. For more information or to register, contact J.R. at [Rahmanzadeh1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rahmanzadeh1@sbcglobal.net) or call 972-771-8883.

## Bubbles, Smoke & Explosions

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Mad Science summer camp series continues next week with Bubbles, Smoke & Explosions, which is open to youths ages 6 through 12. The event will take place July 14-18 at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$140.

## Young Rembrandts camp set

The Young Rembrandts Summer Art Camp, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will take place July 14-16 at the Myers Park Community Center. Participants will draw and create with various media while exploring shadow and light in illustration. Camps times are from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$60.

## Soccer Camp opens

Fast-paced drills, skill-building exercises and scrimmages will be included in the Skyhawks Soccer Camp set for July 14-18 at Myers Park Field No. 1. Sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost will be \$98; all participants will receive a soccer ball, T-shirt and merit award.

## Exploring the 'Net set

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will host its Exploring the 'Net class for individuals ages 50 and older on Tuesdays and Thursdays July 15-31 at The Center. Participants will learn to surf the Web, as well as e-mail basics. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$50.

## Mexican Train tourney scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will host a Mexican Train domino tournament for individuals ages 50 and older beginning at 10 a.m. July 16 at The Center. Cost is \$3, and snacks and drinks will be provided.

## Dolls showcased at The Z Museum

Dolls from around the world are being showcased at the Zaner Robison Historical Museum, or The Z Museum, through the month of July. The dolls are part of the collection of museum assistant Deloris Ballard. The Z Museum is located at 124 Arch, Royse City,

and is open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Admission is free.

## Random Axis to perform

Random Axis will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. July 11 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Each event in the Concert by the Harbor series is open to the public and admission is free. Participants are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

## Choir to perform for ACS event

The Rockwall Community Relay for Life Choir has been selected to perform at an 11 a.m. July 19 event recognizing the success of the American Cancer Society High Plains District. The choir will rehearse at 7 p.m. July 18 at the Methodist Church of Health. Individuals interested in joining should call the church at 972-771-6732.

## RC Dog Days slated July 19

The Royse City Dog Days of Summer 2008 event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 19 on North Arch Street between 66 and Church Street (in front of the new City Hall). Participants will receive rabies vaccinations (sponsored by the City), animal control and the Country Friends Vet Clinic) will be available. Leashes required for all dogs; cats must be in carriers. For more information, call 972-524-4837.

## Living Proof Live 2008

The Women's Ministry at FBC Rockwall will offer Living Proof Live 2008 with Beth Moore Simulcast Aug. 1-2. Beth Moore, a dynamic author and speaker passionate about bringing the Word of God to women, will be live in Louisville, Ken., along with author, speaker and leader, Travis Cottrell. The event will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Aug. 1, and participants who purchase a boxed set will receive a complimentary meal at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Tickets purchased in the church foyer after each service or online at [fbcrockwalltx.org](http://fbcrockwalltx.org). Event-only tickets cost \$35; event/dinner tickets cost \$45. For more details, call 972-771-8459.

## 'Singin' tickets available

Tickets to the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production, "Singin' in the Rain," are now available for purchase at [www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org). Shows are set for 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10; Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

## Lunch & Learn in RC

The Zaner Robison Historical Museum, located at 124 Arch, Royse City, will offer its next Lunch & Learn event Aug. 14 for this month's session will be 'History of Royse City.' The event will be held on the Sunday of each month, the museum offers a Lunch & Learn program that includes a 30-minute talk on various topics of local history. Cost per session is \$6 for museum members, \$8 for non-members.

## 'My Fair Lady' auditions set Aug. 9

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "My Fair Lady" will begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 9 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Actors will be asked to read cold from the script. There will be 32 bars of music; an accompanist will be provided. No experience is needed for this production. Individuals unable to attend should call 214-850-3674 to make an appointment.

# City Council

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Scott, Nielsen and Council Member Glen Farris want to review a few weeks for more information. Once the city brings its full budget to a review later this month, they argued, a decision on the city's reserve fund would be possible. The city is reluctant to limit the reserve fund without knowing the exact amount contained – especially since the price cap would not be in effect until the interim, and the city could move forward with the plan.

## Why not wait?

"I don't see the need to wait a few weeks," Scott said. "The School District will be drawing up its annual RISD budget tonight to draw on the reserves before we can do anything else in the reserve fund. The Rockwall High School Board, though that's probably not the best idea, the funds will ultimately be used from, we may as well get it done now."

The majority of the council – Sweet, Sevier, Nielsen, and Mayor Mark Cecil – were in favor of securing a sponsorship for the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce. They said the chamber also can donate items to the community and help with the hospitality bags to new teachers and staff. For more information on the chamber at 972-771-6732.

"We have an opportunity for something or financial assistance to send a message to send – decide to be responsible and pay what we already said we'd do," said. "Either we're paying out of reserves or we're paying it, and the bottom line is that's a tax increase."

## Split vote approval

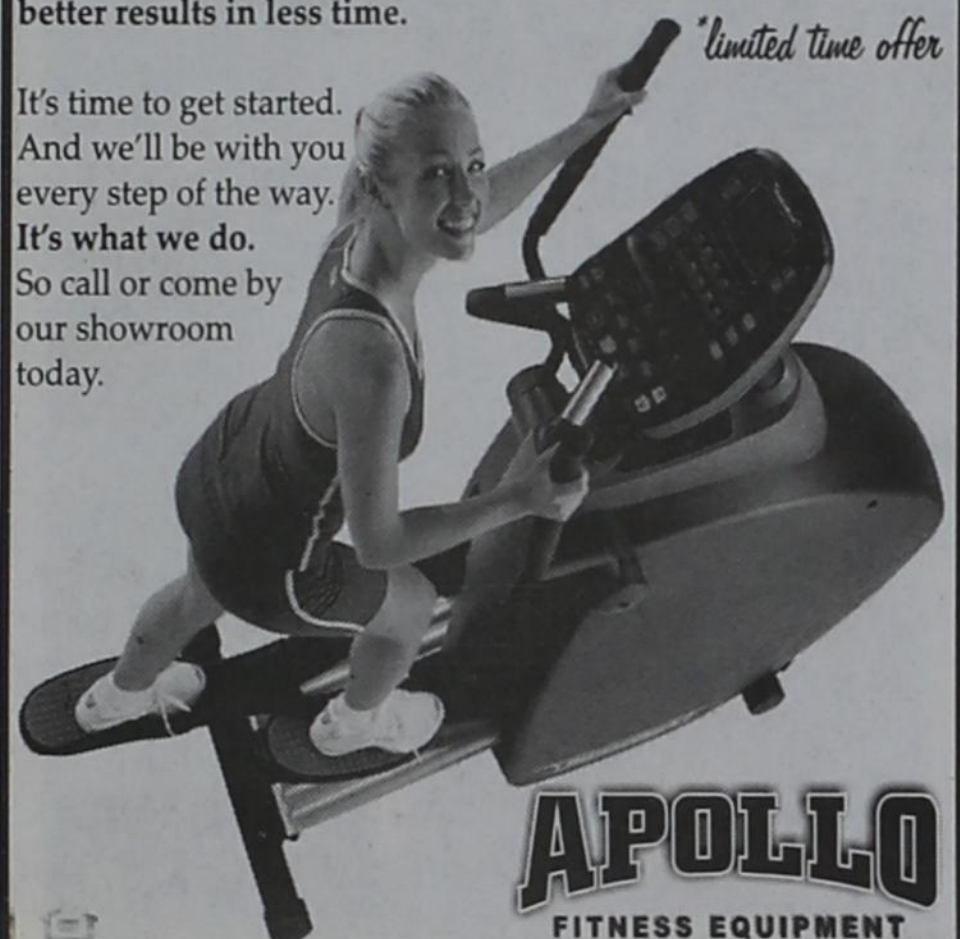
The motion to approve the \$1.1 million reserve fund was approved by a 5-4 vote. That vote fell along party lines among council members, and it also reflected passions among several members. And although the City Hall, the hope is around to extinguish Rockwall proper for decades to come.

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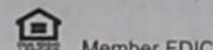
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Rachel's Challenge founder Darrell Scott (second from right) shares a moment with lead actors Chris Childers (left to right), Madie Gilot and Jalee Blackwell. The three Ouida Springer Elementary students and several of their peers recently participated in the creation of a video to be used by the Rachel's Challenge organization.

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## Rachel's Challenge video to feature Springer students

Ouida Springer Elementary School students recently were featured in a video to be used by the Rachel's Challenge organization.

The video will be used as an introduction to the new elementary curriculum that Rachel's Challenge has modeled after the Rockwall Independent School District's 'Kindness and Compassion' program.

Students to be featured in the video include Anthony Alcalá, Logan Dunlap, Alyssa Mackenzie, Camie Robinson, Jalee Blackwell, Amanda Hester, Kiersten Kea, Josh Alexander, Chris Childers, Ashley Chambers, Dylan Nelson, Barrett Thompson, Aislyn Mackenzie, Dylan Musser, Peter Scheele, Blake Buchanan, Samuel Scheele, Madie Gilot and Bobbie Carr.

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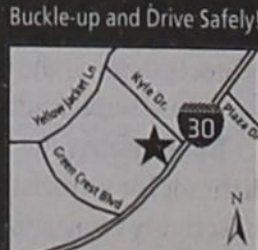
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## The Court gets it right on guns

by Sheldon Richman

Advocates of freedom dodged a bullet last week when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the right to keep and bear arms, the subject of the Second Amendment, is an individual, not a collective, right. Opponents of gun ownership have long maintained that the Amendment's reference to the militia indicates that the right does not apply to private persons.

Thankfully, most of the justices saw this for the nonsense it is. Writing for the majority, Justice Antonin Scalia said the amendment's preface — "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State" — "announces the purpose for which the right was codified: to prevent elimination of the militia." It should not, Scalia went on, be seen as limiting the right specified in its main clause: "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Scalia's opinion goes to the heart of the matter. The Second Amendment recognizes an inherent right that precedes government. It does not purport to create one.

In his dissent Justice John Paul Stevens said that since the explicit purpose of the Second Amendment does not include hunting and self-defense, those uses of firearms couldn't have been intended by the Framers.

Those Framers clearly understood the principle of rights better than Stevens does. If one has a right, one may exercise it for any purpose consistent with the rights of others. Keeping and bearing arms for self-defense or hunting violates no one else's right.

So it is entirely consistent with the Amendment. Stevens's conclusion implies that government creates rights and thus can create a right that could be exercised for one purpose (the militia) but not for others (self-defense).

That would amount to a wholesale rejection of the Jeffersonian philosophy found in the Declaration of Independence and a repudiation of the American Revolution.

The misunderstanding of the nature of rights runs deep. After the decision, the Chicago Tribune called for repeal of the Second Amendment. But if rights are inherent in human nature, repeal would make no difference.

A right would not disappear merely because a government document ceased to say it shall not be infringed. Do the Tribune editors seriously believe that had the Bill of Rights never been added to the Constitution, the people would have no right to keep and bear arms? That is ridiculous.

Scalia's opinion is fine as far as it goes. The case resulted from a challenge to a District of Columbia law that bans handguns from private homes. The law also requires that shotguns and rifles be kept disassembled and trigger-locked.

In Scalia's words, "The enshrinement of constitutional rights necessarily takes certain policy choices off the table. These include the absolute prohibition of handguns held and used for self-defense in the home."

Undoubtedly some think that the Second Amendment is outmoded in a society where our standing army is the pride of our Nation, where well-trained police forces provide personal security, and where gun violence is a serious problem. That is perhaps debatable, but what is not debatable is that it is not the role of this Court to pronounce the Second Amendment extinct.

Unfortunately, the majority opinion allows for gun regulations that fall short of outright bans. Existing regulations will now be tested in court. In the end, the ruling may have little effect on most gun laws, but the declaration that guns rights are individual rights is important. Think what we would have witnessed had the case gone the other way.

In a second dissenting opinion, Justice Stephen Breyer said, "Far more important are the unfortunate consequences that today's decision is likely to spawn. Not least of these, as I have said, is the fact that the decision threatens to throw into doubt the constitutionality of gun laws throughout the United States. I can find no sound legal basis for launching the courts on so formidable and potentially dangerous a mission."

Well, excuse me, Justice Breyer, if protection of our freedoms imposes a formidable and potentially dangerous mission on the Court. Talk about the tail wagging the dog! It would be far more dangerous — to the people — if firearms were banned. Criminals would get them anyway. But the law-abiding among us would be left vulnerable.

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## A Nation in Decline?

by Bill O'Reilly

Just in time for Independence Day, the bible of the American left, The New York Times, continues to opine that the United States is a "nation in decline." Hoping to see a Democrat in the White House, the newspaper has been hammering home that theme on its editorial pages.

The Times bases its claims on two primary situations: The negative view of America abroad and income inequality at home. So, let's take a look at the supposed "decline."

Overseas, the world is largely a mess. Africa remains a chaotic cauldron of corruption, China continues its authoritarian rule, and there's no letup in the India-Pakistan hatred. Would you like to live in those countries?

Russia continues to lead in the league of corruption, Mexico is fighting a brutal war against its own drug traffickers, and South America remains mired in poverty. Call me crazy, but I don't see many immigrants pounding on those doors.

Of course, many liberal Americans blame the USA for the world's misfortunes and side with those who, for whatever reason, verbally downgrade the United States. However, considering the sad state of a world that will not even unite against a nuclear weapons-seeking Iran, our so-called "decline" is a terrible misreading of the global picture.

Against all odds, U.S. forces have almost single-handedly defeated Islamic fascism in Iraq, one of the most complicated battlefields in history. In Afghanistan, U.S. and NATO troops continue to hammer the vicious Taliban on every front. The only reason those fascists are operating is that Pakistan protects them. If the Pakistanis would ally themselves with NATO, the Taliban would be wiped out.

Back home, the Bush administration has succeeded in making it ultra-difficult for terrorists to kill us. The FBI and other federal agencies have been effectively reorganized, and the nation is much safer for it. That doesn't sound

# Opinions



## Scapegoating speculators

by Walter E. Williams

Despite Congress' periodic hauling of weak-kneed oil executives before their committees to charge them with collusion and price-gouging, subsequent federal investigations turn up no evidence to support the charges. Right now oil company executives are getting a bit of a respite as Congress has turned its attention to crude oil speculators, blaming them for high oil prices and calling for tighter control over commodity futures trading.

Let's look at the futures market and for simplicity use corn futures discussed in my May 28th column titled "Futures Market." While corn is different from oil, both obey the laws of supply and demand, just as humans are very different from bricks but both obey the laws of gravity.

Say that today's price of corn is \$7 a bushel. I have a hunch that because of Midwest flooding, higher demand due to droughts and war in other parts of the world, that in May 2009, corn will sell for \$12 a bushel. I stand to make a lot of money by buying corn now for \$7 a bushel, holding it, and in May 2009 selling it for \$12 a bushel. If many speculators share my hunch and buy more corn now, today's price, sometimes called the spot price, is going to rise let's say to \$10 a bushel.

Higher prices for corn, and everything made from corn, might give rise to consumer complaints. While Congress can't stop the Midwest rain, droughts and wars in far off places, it can scapegoat speculators. Let's say that Congress outlaws the corn futures market, or makes futures trading more costly. Doing so will definitely lower the spot price of corn. The price might return to \$7 a bushel, making corn consumption once again "affordable." You might exclaim, "Isn't Congress wonderful?" But what about May 2009?

Suppose the Midwest floods have a significant impact on corn production; there's drought and war in far off places raising the demand for corn exports. What do you predict will be the availability and prices of corn in May 2009

after Congress has outlawed, or made futures trading more answerless corn and much higher prices, go to the head of the class or impeding futures trading in corn, Congress encouraged Americans to speculate in the future. Had Congress not interfered, people would use less corn more available in May 2009.

Thus, one of very valuable functions performed by the market is the allocation of resources over time. It makes sense to take the futures market into account when making consumption decisions today. The futures market is no bed of roses.

My hunch about corn supply and demand conditions might be wrong. Its May 2009 price might be \$3 a bushel and I would have to sell my corn trading is risky business.

Congressional attacks on speculation do not alter the oil market's demand and supply conditions. What would lower the long-term price of oil is for Congress to permit exploration for the estimated billions of barrels of oil domestically available, not to mention the estimated plus barrels of shale oil in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. Some people pool calls for drilling, saying it would take five or 10 years to get the first barrel.

I guarantee you we would begin to see a reduction in today's oil price if it took five to 10 years for us to get the first barrel. Put yourself in the shoes of an OPEC member knowing there would be a greater supply of oil in 10 years, hence maybe driving oil prices lower to say \$40 a barrel.

What will you want to do now while oil is \$130 a barrel? You would sell as much oil now and OPEC's collective efforts to do so would put pressures on current oil prices. Right now the U.S. Congress is the staunchest ally.

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## Real Chan

by Congressman Ron Paul

One reason people are unhappy with the way politics are operated is that people who run for office are known to "say one thing and do another." Thus, we have the call for "change." Candidates for high office frequently use that word. Even our House Republican Conference released slogan highlights that word.

Yet, bringing about change is easier said than done. The American people are aware that government is broken and must be fixed. They will not support lip service as our problems become more severe.

Change, then, cannot simply be a word. It must be the right program out of this mess, not one that just accelerates us down the treacherous path. With our economy facing a perilous situation, bringing fiscal reform to our government is the cornerstone of the change that is needed. Real budgetary and monetary reform would signify a change of direction, instead of merely a change of speed toward the economic abyss.

Americans realize that their own financial situation is perilous. As a whole is deeply in debt, having mortgaged the future of our grandchildren. When politicians talk about what they plan to do for the next generation, they ought to begin by talking how they will remove the burden, not how they will find more ways to spend more money on us.

In order to allow Americans to pay for their needs, whether it be education, or basics like food and gasoline, we need to change tax policies so the American people control more of their own money. We need to stay in the economy, and out of the government money.

This means we must curb the voracious spending appetite of the federal government. We need to rein in international commitments, especially expensive costs of maintaining a worldwide military presence, as well as restructuring our budget and economy in a fashion that will allow us to provide for ourselves.

We need to take a view of government that better reflects our own values as well as the wisdom of our nation's founders. There are very few cases where we have authorized federal powers, and returning daily government to the people is the real change.

Working toward a less intrusive, less expensive federal government is not a change in direction at all, but just "more of the same." We need to repeal programs, not proposing costly new bureaucracies. Change, real change, the only kind of change that will quench the thirst of the American people for a new direction and provide us with the peace and security necessary to preserve our Republic as a beacon of liberty.

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**Taxation is as evil as slavery  
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against their will.**

## Library program aids seven achieving U.S. citizenship

Rockwall County recently attained their citizenship thanks to the Reading for Adults program through the Rockwall County Library.

The library's Reading for Adults program conducts citizenship classes for individuals preparing to take the U.S. citizenship exam. Citizenship classes are conducted Friday and Tuesday evenings.

Seven of their U.S. citizen-

ship were Araceli Hernandez, Candida Garcia, Gloria Osorio, Elizabeth Medina, Hiam Abdallah, Cecilio Patino and Aidee Garcia.

Rep. Ralph Hall recently presented each of the new citizens with an American flag.

The Reading for Adults program includes many classes, ranging from beginning to high intermediate English classes, GED, Conversation and Citizenship classes. Cost is \$20 per student to tutor one

registered adult. The program is all volunteer and grant or donation-based.

Individuals interested in enrolling in the citizenship classes may register at the new library from 10 a.m. to noon or from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 19 or from 10 a.m. to noon or from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 26.

The next series of classes will begin the week of Sept. 8 at the new library, 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane.

For more information, call 972-204-7700.



Rockwall County Library's citizenship classes have helped several local adults become American citizens. Pictured with Rep. Ralph Hall, who recently presented each of the new citizens with a U.S. flag, are (from left) Araceli Hernandez, Candida Garcia, Rep. Ralph Hall, Gloria Osorio and Elizabeth Medina. The Reading for Adults program conducts citizenship classes for individuals preparing for the citizenship exam.

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

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## Believing without doubt

In the Bible, when God exhorts His people to believe His word, He is talking about believing without doubt. God's will is to be fully persuaded without any doubt that what He promised, He is able also to perform. His will can be known because it was recorded in written form, or has been taught from generation to generation. Let's dive into God's word about believing without doubt.

In Matthew 21:21 Jesus Christ's followers marveled over how soon the fig tree had withered away. The context shows that earlier they approached the tree, and being hungry, desired to eat of the fruit of the tree. The season was right for good fruit, but it was found with no fruit. Finding it fruitless, Jesus commanded that it would never bear fruit and immediately the tree withered away.

As with all the miracles he did, Jesus did this by revelation from

God. He received God's word by revelation and took action by making the command, and the tree withered immediately instead of taking a longer period of time to die.

Every time Jesus Christ did a miracle He followed teaching. Here he exhorted his followers with the following: I say unto you if you have faith and doubt not you shall do this which is done to the fig tree but also if you shall command a mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea;' it shall be removed and be cast into the sea; and it is not for you to think that I will come in peace, and not a sword. For I am come to send peace, but I am come to send a sword.

What a fantastic teaching! If God gives revelation a mountain to be removed and cast into a sea, and it is acted on by giving the command, it absolutely shall be removed and be cast into the sea.

This is not teaching God's people and children to look to command away. God was teaching through Jesus Christ if people believe God's word without doubt, it shall be done.

The above scripture was addressed to Israel during the period of time, and is strictly for Christians' learning even in the present period of time is the same as the early Church in Acts. According to Ephesians 3:2, it is known as the Adornment of the Grace of God. God's word addressed to His people during this time can be found in the Epistles.

During the age of the Grace of God, all the promises made in Christ Jesus indeed, and in Him guaranteed to the end, getting dynamically desirable results and glorifying God (2Corinthians 1:20). In the name of Jesus Christ people have the authority to believe any promise found in God's word. Through Christ all God's promises are alive and work mightily in us to believe to receive.

The Gospels are packed full of examples of how to believe in God's word. Jesus Christ believed without doubt, gave the fig tree immediately withered. Next He meekly did His Father's will, teaching others. Jesus Christ glorified His Father in heaven, and all who witnessed the miracle.

Anytime people believe God's word without doubt, it shall be done. That's because God is the original source of life and He is faithful to back it for anybody who believes. He backed His word for His first-born son Jesus Christ, so He is able to back His word for all who believe it in the name of Christ. Amen

## Preparations under way for '08 Pumpkin Patch

Preparations already are under way for the October Pumpkin Patch event to be conducted in the grassy area of Brookshire's on Ridge Road.

This year's event, which will mark the 20th year as a fall tradition, will open Oct. 4 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The event will close Oct. 31.

The Pumpkin Patch, a joint effort of the Friends of the Church and the Catholic Council of Women of Our Lady of the Lake Church, relies on numerous volunteer hours supplied by sponsoring organizations, the Knights of Columbus, the Charity League and the community involvement of Rockwall School and Rockwall Heath High.

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# Obituaries

## William 'Randy' Buckley



"Randy" Buckley of Rockwall, Texas, died on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, in Dallas at the age of 37. He was born on June 3, 1960, in Dallas to William (Carraway) Buckley, was saved at the Mimosas Baptist Church at the age of 11. He went to high school in Mesquite, owned and operated a company for about 10 years. Later, he worked as a postal truck driver for about a year, fishing, working on old cars and driving his ice cream truck. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Betsy Buckley and of Heath; one son and daughter-in-law, Joshua Buckley and Krystal, of Mesquite; a sister, Vicki Buckley of Heath; and two uncles, Ben and Mary Goggins of Wills Point, Jackie Buckley of Wills Point and Sue Ross of Canton; a stepbrother, Rodney Stracner, Nancy Buckley of Terrell; a stepbrother, Rodney Stracner, wife, Shelly, of Terrell; a stepsister, Kim Willingham of Gary, of Terrell; two stepsisters, Tammy Stracner of Del, of Combine and Mohrea Anderson and her husband, of Gun Barrel City; his stepdaughters, Stormy Sue and Kristi Henderson, both of Gilmer, and Kristi Henderson of Mesquite; his stepson, Blake Henderson of Mesquite; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, William A. Buckley, his mother, and his grandparents, William and Inde Buckley and Russell and Mary.

## Wiley Coy Stephenson

Services for Wiley Coy Stephenson were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. He died Monday, July 7, at his home, surrounded by his family.

He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Nell Stephenson; sons Mike Stephenson and his wife, Christi, Terry Stephenson and his wife, Kathy, and Sam Stephenson and his wife, Shellie; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Robert Stephenson and his wife, Robbie; one sister-in-law, June Stephenson; and many nieces and nephews.

## State voter registration deadline

Texas' deadline to register to vote in the November election is Oct. 6.

To be eligible to register to vote in Texas, according to the Secretary of State's Web site, an individual must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a resident of the county
- Be 18 years old (individuals may register at 17 years and 10 months of age)
- Not be a convicted felon (unless the individual's sentence is completed, including any probation or parole)
- Not have been declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law

An informal application, as well as a postage-paid application, is available at the SOS's Web site, [www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml). Additional information in both English and Spanish also is available on the site.

In Rockwall County, the elections department is located at 107 E. Kaufman. For more information on the voter registration or vot-

ing process in Rockwall County, contact the elections administrator Glenda Denton, at [gdenton@rockwallcountytexas.com](mailto:gdenton@rockwallcountytexas.com) or visit the Web site at [www.rockwallcountytexas.com/ea.htm](http://www.rockwallcountytexas.com/ea.htm).



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Homeowners that have taken advantage of adjustables with payment caps (The "1%" Option Arm) may not realize their interest expense has spiked until it is too late. In this popular type of mortgage loan your minimum payment may not adjust sufficiently to cover the rising short term interest rate so your real cost of borrowing is effectively concealed. These borrowers have really benefited by record low rates for the past few years but listen up because... The proverbial Fat Lady may be about to sing about your home mortgage.

Obviously, if you are in a adjustable rate mortgage or in the 3rd or 4th year of a five year fixed rate you need to look long and hard at refinancing to a fixed rate if you plan on carrying your mortgage for an extended period of time. Likewise, if you have a balance on a Home Equity Line-of-Credit (HELOC) or if you are planning to separate some of the equity from a piece of property you should analyze the benefits of refinancing to a fixed rate mortgage. Many fixed rate mortgages are available with an interest-only option that will enable you to minimize your monthly obligations while eliminating the risks of inevitably rising rates.

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# Rockwall County celebrates July 4th with parades, fireworks

There were floats and boats and classic cars, banners and tanners just basking in the sun. Folks saw vets and pets and bands with grandstands, with mayors and taxpayers all shaking hands. There were little tykes on little bikes with flags of all kinds – along with smiles that were bright and fireworks all a-light, and other fun things that don't rhyme.

This year's Fourth of July brought another round of joyous celebrations to Rockwall County, and almost every city remembered Independence Day the same way – with parades, fireworks and no shortage of celebration for Old Glory.

The festivals in Heath and Royse City brought the biggest parades, with everyone from the American Legion to the Dallas Colts and the Boy Scouts of America stopping by. Cities decided beforehand to avoid a headcount – and given the huge crowds and record participation, that was a smart decision.

"This is one of the traditions that make our hometown so special," said Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe. "The community and patriotic spirit displayed by everyone who comes out to watch or march in the parade makes me feel very proud and honored to be a part of Heath."

And like any Fourth of July holiday, special recognition was given to the men and women serving in the armed forces. Both local veterans and active military personnel were featured in floats across the county, and residents showed no reluctance to thank local soldiers for their service to the country.

Local veterans said the recognition was much appreciated, but could be a bit more uniform. Why spend so much time thanking veterans on one day, July 4, instead of thanking them a little bit throughout the year? Why not herald the homecoming of American soldiers with the same fervor as American Idols, with a snazzy concert and standing ovation?

Or – thought a local Vietnam veteran and his wife – why not recognize a veteran at a pre-scheduled concert, like the festivals taking place every Thursday this summer?

"I think our veterans and GIs are a tremendous asset. And when Jason Castro came back to Rockwall a few weeks ago and held a concert, my wife said we should do something to recognize our veterans the same way we recognized Mr. Castro. And she's right," said Craig Zurek, a Rockwall resident and Vietnam War veteran, at a Rockwall City Council meeting on Monday. "It would be great if we could recognize a veteran with his family each Thursday night, or as

often as we can find one."

Zurek's proposal was, in many ways, the perfect idea – it accomplishes a clear and patriotic goal, it's easy to set up, and since the concert series is already underway, it won't cost the city a dime. So council members enthusiastically grabbed the idea and ran with it, instructing staff to help manage the project and universally singing its praises during an otherwise contentious meeting.

Current introductions at the concerts focus on the bands alone,

and Zurek said that could be changed to include rec veterans. Several local restaurants have offered to give to veterans and their families, and there's room for them to sit and enjoy the show. And the local American Legion post has offered to help locate veterans and active military, most of whom would likely hail from Rockwall, McLendon-Chisholm or Rowlett. Royse City veterans

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## Race Week generates \$24,000 for local efforts

The Rockwall Rotary Breakfast Foundation, through the 27th annual Dallas Race Week event conducted last month at Lake Hubbard, generated more than \$24,000 for community initiatives within the county, according to a press release issued this week.

Race Week is an annual fundraiser for the Breakfast Rotary Club. It draws more than 300 world and nationally-ranked sailboats and more than 50 yachts.

Skipper Tom Tatum and his team took top billing in the regatta's overall competition for holding the fastest total score after tallying finish times for the five daily events that concluded June 21.

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## 4th Parade Contest Winners

### Heath

Decorated - Float: Dallas Colts Baseball  
 Stroller: Aaron & Hannah Moore  
 Art: Annika Smith & Jordan Whitson  
 Vehicle: Luke Holloway  
 Car: Jerry Knoerr  
 Costume - Divine Divas Royal Dance Team  
 Patriotic Pet - Haley Lunday & Her Pet Rooster  
 Mayor's Award - Highlands of Heath

### Royse City

winners for the event were:  
**Decorating Contest:**  
 Girl Sara Kaslow - age 10; parents Jason and Dafney  
 Boy Sam Kaslow - age 7; parents Jason and Dafney  
 Girl Kaitlyn Crawford - age 8; parents Lee and Erica  
 Boy Cavan "Peanut" Alexander - age 4; parents Billy  
**Best Use of Theme - Woodcreek Bible Church**  
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**Automobile - a '57 Bel-Air**  
**Motorcycle - Patriot Guard Riders**  
**TV - Adrenaline Powersports**  
**Horse Entry - Peggy's Feed and Tack**  
**Choice - Veterans with Flags**

## July 4 activities...

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chapter, but could also potentially be included. Member Glen Farris suggested extending the practice games this fall - which would be easy, as he joked, since residents of the Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees. So while it likely remain a favorite holiday, after a few weeks in it may no longer stand alone.

## Rockwall ISD taps Raptor for security

In an effort to maintain the highest security standards, the Independent School District's Board of Trustees recently approved the purchase and installation of Raptor Technologies visitor identification program, a new visitor tracking system used on all campuses beginning in the fall.

With the V-Soft system, each campus visitor will be asked to present a state- or government-issued photo identification card, accompanied by a press release from the school district. The system is designed to protect students by tracking all campus visitors, including volunteers, vendors and contractors. Information pertaining to the visitor is protected and scanned through a secure site.

Forms of identification include driver's license, state ID, concealed handgun license, military ID, Mexico consulate ID, and registration receipt cards.

The valid ID will be scanned into the V-Soft system and cross-referenced with a database to ensure the visitor is not a registered sex offender. The system also checks for "private alert" information, information relating to parental custodial issues, that has been provided by campus administration.

Once the review process has been completed, a visitor's badge will be issued.

Visitors also will be asked to sign out upon departure. Each campus visitor will need to present a photo ID only on his or her initial visit to each campus. Following the first visit, a scan is completed using the visitor's name.

"We greatly value our parents, families, mentors and community members," said Sheri Fowler, RISD executive director of Public Relations and Marketing. "We are grateful to those who visit our campuses understand our need to safely protect our students and our staff. It is our expectation that this new system will not hinder parents and volunteers, but add to the security of our school."

For more information, visit the RISD Web site at [www.rockwallisd.com](http://www.rockwallisd.com) or call the communications office at 972-771-0605.

Following are some questions frequently asked about the V-Soft System:

**How does the system work?** Visitors to the campus present a state or government issued photo identification card to the receptionist. This ID is scanned into the V-Soft system and compared with the database of sex offenders throughout the state. Only the visitor's name, date of birth and photo are used in the ID for comparison. If the visitor is a registered sex offender, campus administration is notified within moments. At that time, the visitor is not allowed to enter the school. If the visitor is not a registered sex offender, the visitor is allowed to enter the school.

**Who manufactures the V-Soft System?** Raptor Technologies is the manufacturer of the system. The company Web site is located at [www.raptorware.com](http://www.raptorware.com).

**Why is Rockwall ISD using this system?** The safety of students is the highest priority. V-Soft will provide a consistent system to track visitors and identify people who present a danger to students and staff members. The system quickly scans, prints visitor badges and takes a photo, the name of the visitor, time, date and destination on the badge.

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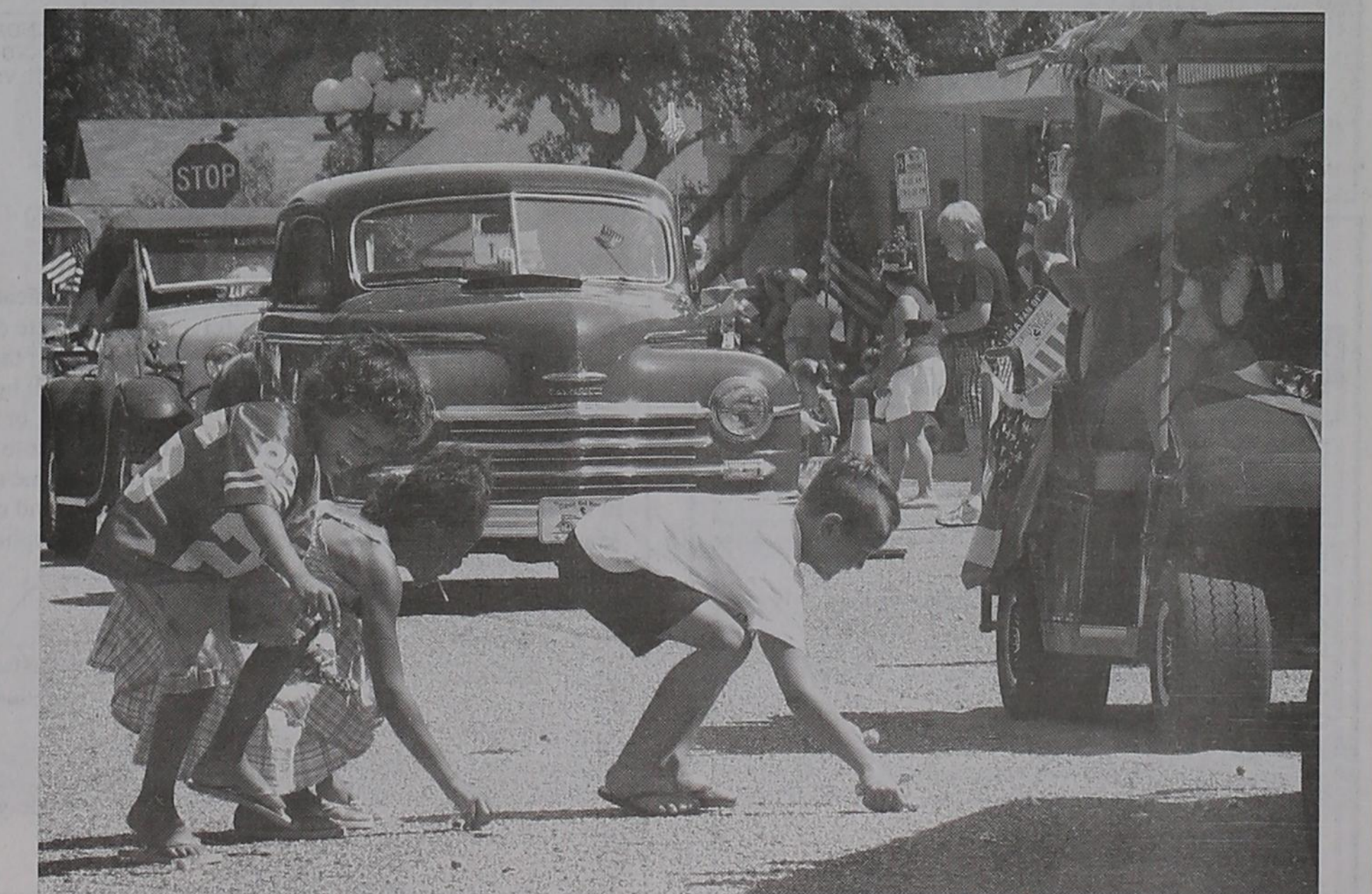
Children enjoying the July 4th parade on the square in Royse City. From left to right are Isiah Mathis, Jordan Mathis and Mikayla Mathis. Not pictured is sibling Mikayla Mathis. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Rockwall Heath High School Mascot Jonothan Romo (left) hands out treats provided by Chick-fil-a during last Friday's July 4th parade in Heath. Also participating in the event is sophomore cheerleader Katelyn Brown (back). Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Enjoying the sights and sounds of the Heath July 4th parade are (from left to right) Lyndi Poynter and Jaryn Poynter of Hazelton, and Sierra Gunter of Rowlett. The young patriots and their parents, Chad and Sarah Poynter and Pam Gunter, were the guests of Jennifer and Mike Garrett of Heath. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Winning were first place boy and girl in the Bike Decorating Contest conducted as part of the 3rd Annual FourthFest Parade & Festivities were siblings (left to right) Sarah and Sam Kazlow. The event took place on Independence Day in Royse City. Photo courtesy of Royse City Chamber of Commerce

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If I can't provide the listed identification? A campus administrator will evaluate the purpose for the visit and make a determination. If approved, you will be escorted to the area you need to go. Before campus, you will be asked to provide your first and last name, birth date. This information will be entered into the system maintained against the database.

What authority does the district have to require identification? The Texas Education Code reads as follows: "The Board of a school district or its authorized representative may refuse admission to a person without legitimate business to enter on property under control and may eject any undesirable person from the property or refuse to allow a person to enter on property. Identification required of any person on the property." Section 38.022 of the Education Code reads as follows:

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The district may verify whether a visitor to a district campus is a registered visitor with the computerized central database maintained by the District of Public Safety as provided by Article 62.005, Code of Criminal Justice, or any other database accessible by the district. The board of trustees of a school district shall adopt a policy regarding the use of the administration of a school campus when a person is notified as a sex offender.

How do I present a photo ID each time I enter a school? A visitor is required to present the photo ID on the initial visit at each school. On subsequent visits, other pertinent information will be displayed from the system when visits are made. It is important to note that a visitor does not have to provide the photo ID with each visit. If the information is completed using the name stored in memory before a pass is issued, it is also important to note that for any reason, the principal may require a photo ID for all visitors, this will be strictly enforced.

If I need to just drop something off for my child at the front office, do I need to go through the system? If a parent should simply drop off the student at the front office and not interact with the system, a parent would not be required to be entered into the system. If a parent is concerned about privacy? This is not a background check, no other criminal information is searched or provided to the system, tickets, warrants, felonies, etc. The system does not access information such as bank accounts, financial information etc. The system is used exclusively for a comparison to determine if a person is a registered sex offender.

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Citibank (South Dakota) NA vs. Frankie L. Migliore, Breach of Contract

TXI Operations (NTRM), LP D/B/A TXI vs. Austin S. Investments, Inc. D/B/A Austin Custom Homes and Austin Smith, Individually, Foreclosure

Credit Union of Texas vs. Bank of America, NA Garnishee Noe Moreno and Oralina Moreno, Garnishment after Judgment

LVNV Funding, LLC Assignee of Prime Direct Consumer vs. Douglas M. Eichelverger, Breach of Contract

Foxworth Galbraith Lumber Company vs. David McNair D/B/A McNair Homes, Breach of Contract

Unifund CCR Partners vs. Dorothy J. Haight, Suit on Sworn Account

John Pierce vs. Tommy's Mobile Boat & Motor Service, Inc. D/B/A Rockwall Marine, and Teleflex, Inc. D/B/A Teleflex Marine, Negligence

Superior Custom Cabinet Co., Inc vs. K.P. Custom Homes, LLC, Kevin Petrea, Amy Petrea, Jamie Wilson and Kelly Wilson, Breach of Contract

Citibank (South Dakota) NA vs. Joe M. Hernandez, Breach of Contract

Bobbie Jean Smith vs. Wal-Mart Stores Texas, LLP, Negligence

Citifinancial Auto LTD. AKA Arcadia Financial LTD. vs. David Quintal, Breach of Contract

Trisha Gail Toal vs. Richard Todd Webb and Westar Transportation Inc., Damages/Auto

John Rizzuit vs. Gary L. Kehrer D/B/A Sterling Motorsports Engineering, Transfer Civil Damages

Gordon Boehnke vs. Mitzi Heard and George Heard, Negligence

Viewpoint Bank F/K/A Community Credit Union vs. Diana L. Harris, Suit on Note

Unifund CCR Partners vs. Janis Pittman, Suit on Debt

Janet Kay Treece vs. Collecto, Inc. DBA Collection Company of America, Damages/Non Auto

Janet Kay Treece vs. International Computer Systems, Inc. DBA First Collection Services, Damages

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Michael D. Shoemaker and Glenda Shoemaker vs. CitiMortgage, Inc., Declaratory Judgment

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Citibank (South Dakota) NA vs. Beverly Dawe, Breach of Contract

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Hiring Partners, Inc. vs. Albritton Rental, LTD., and Erama LLC, Suit on Lease

Rockwall Independent School District, et al vs. David Cooper, et al, Tax Suit

Rockwall Independent School District, et al vs. David R. Ring, Tax Suit

Rockwall Independent School District, et al vs. Hilda J. Ross, Tax Suit

Rockwall Independent School District, et al vs. Ruby Armijo, Tax Suit

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Rockwall Independent School District, et al vs. John Self, et al, Tax Suit

Rockwall Independent School District, et al vs. Jim White, et al, Tax Suit

Rockwall Independent School District, et al vs. Thuy T. Vu, Tax Suit

Royce City Independent School District, et al vs. Virgil E. Rogers, Tax Suit

The State of Texas vs. HP Pavilion Computer Serial # MXF80702T4, HP Monitor Serial # CNC802NSKB, HP Pavilion Computer Serial # CNF7434QSS, Forfeiture & Seizure Prop/Money

The State of Texas vs. A 2002 Nissan Sentra VIN # 3N1CB1D12L653483, Forfeiture & Seizure Prop/Money

The State of Texas vs. \$1,083.00 in U.S. Currency, Forfeiture & Seizure Prop/Money

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**ACROSS**

1 Dulce, TX  
 5 for TX-born Nimitz, it was Fleet Admiral  
 6 "Gateway to Eagle Mountain Lake"  
 7 TXism: "loaded for \_\_\_" (equipped)  
 8 TXism for "permanent" (4 wds.)  
 18 to the \_\_\_ degree in 1897, Houston had TX's 1st one  
 21 5/8/45: "\_\_\_ Day" rodeo org. (abbr.)  
 23 TXism: "your barn door \_\_\_" (unzipped)  
 24 the magic word?  
 29 TX h.s. football players "\_\_\_ up"  
 30 CSA's General Robert \_\_\_  
 31 Vernon, TX  
 32 TXism for hanging a rustler: "\_\_\_ justice"  
 34 pecan is the TX state \_\_\_  
 35 TXism for "far"  
 36 plow vehicles  
 37 homecoming floral adornments  
 38 holder of TX Blue Bell product  
 39 TXism: "\_\_\_ dog's hind leg"  
 41 on auto insurance, get \_\_\_ quote  
 42 TXism: "no files on \_\_\_" (pretty gal)  
 43 in Lamb Co.  
 44 a drunk often \_\_\_ his words  
 45 TX Ross Perot started this co.

**DOWN**

1 TX Kristofferson gets involved with \_\_\_ in "Rollover" ('81)  
 2 Burnet newspaper: "Citizen's \_\_\_"  
 3 untie the rope  
 4 this Fred was UT coach '77 to '86  
 9 TX singer Steve who also was on HBO's "The Wire"  
 10 follows 16-down: FX series in which TX-born Hagman appeared  
 11 TXism: "call \_\_\_ day" (quit)  
 12 TXism: "\_\_\_ hill for a stepper"

13 golf ball cuts  
 14 Texas has lots of sights \_\_\_  
 15 double-reed woodwind instrument  
 16 see 10-down  
 17 "braving the \_\_\_"  
 20 chicken fried steak at a TX cafe  
 22 gal's matching accessories: \_\_\_ shoes  
 24 unoffensive today (abbr.)  
 25 TXism: "heap of \_\_\_"  
 26 full initials of TX-born "Star Trek" Roddenberry

37 across the border from Brownsville  
 38 small dining table container  
 40 noted TX physician: "\_\_\_ Duke"  
 41 "\_\_\_ of faith"  
 44 TXism: "he could \_\_\_ sitting down" (big ego)  
 47 "Dallas" exterior \_\_\_ were  
 48 filmed at Southfork  
 49 TXism: "horse \_\_\_" (western)

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# “Dancing With The Stars” event to benefit Rockwall organizations

The ballroom of the Hilton Bella Harbor at Lake Ray Hubbard will be transformed into an Egyptian palace on Oct. 19 and the dance floor will be filled with local celebrities.

The Rockwall Alliance for the Arts, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, support, educate and create awareness of the arts in the community, will conduct its annual gala to raise money for the arts organizations it supports. This year's event will carry out a “Dancing with the Stars” television show theme, and several local celebrities have agreed to compete as part of the event.

Newly elected Rockwall City Councilman Mark Russo has been practicing for weeks at the newly remodeled RidgePointe Athletic Club with professional dance instructor Margaret Kochan to get a leg up, so to speak, on his competition. Russo said he hopes to waltz right past Amy Parks Elementary School Principal Dan Crawford and his wife, Kelli, who have been

working on a fierce cha-cha. Sheri Franza, president and CEO of the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, will be dancing the mambo with her husband, Ed, while Donna Musso, director of the Indigent Health Care Program for Rockwall County, will be dancing swing in the competition with her husband, George.

The Rockwall Community Playhouse, Rockwall Children's Chorus, Lakeside Civic Singers, Rockwall Art League, Rockwall Historical Foundation, MusicFest and the Hubbard Chamber Music Series all profit from the Alliance. In addition, students in the Rockwall Independent School District receive scholarships through the Alliance's Youth ArtReach Grants that provide money for music, dance and art lessons to underprivileged children.

The evening will be a chance for the community to dance to live Big Band music and enjoy fine dining while supporting a worthy

cause. In addition, there will be an silent auction of fine artwork.

For more information, call Kathleen Morrow at 972-772-1111.

## Royse City Bulldog reserved tickets available Aug. 4

Reserved tickets for the 2008 Bulldog football season will go on sale at 8 a.m. Aug. 4 in the Royse City Independent School District administration building, 115 E. I-30.

Reserved seat pre-game ticket prices, according to the district's Web site, will cost \$7 per game for season tickets /\$35 per seat for five home games or \$8 per game for individual games (as available). The cost will be \$8 per game at the gate, as available.

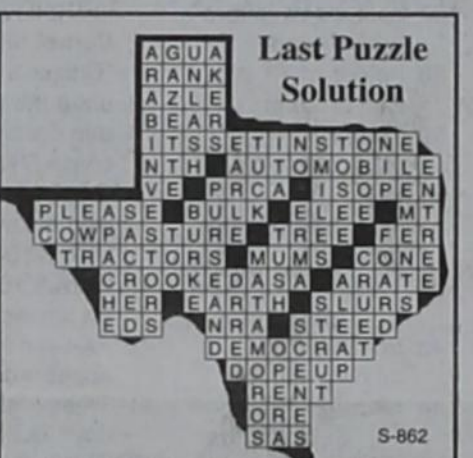
No passes, including senior citizen passes, district UIL passes or employee passes, will be accepted for reserved seats.

With the purchase of a season ticket package, an individual may purchase a reserved parking spot for \$25; however, the number of parking spots is limited, according to the district Web site.

Non-reserved general admission ticket prices will be as follows:

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Mark Russo, a Rockwall City Council member, and professional dance instructor Margaret Kochan work on the waltz they will perform as part of the Oct. 19 “Dancing with the Stars” event for the Rockwall Alliance for the Arts benefit.

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