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Greenhill School founder, Dr. Bernard Fulton, dies at 99 in Dallas home, leaves legacy of learning for generations

Fulton, namesake of Greenhill School in Heath, his Dallas home. The educator had turned 99th birthday on June 19. Born Bernard Lilburn Fulton, the oldest of four children, to Williams and Mary Beatrice Fulton in Boone County, W. Va., in the Appalachian foothills in 1910, he helped raise his younger siblings after his father's death. As a high school senior, he turned down a U.S. Military Academy appointment to West Point to remain at home and help his mother. He attended Morris Harvey College, now Charleston University.

your classroom, you are not to judge whether that child belongs there or not. You are to teach the children." Born Bernard Lilburn Fulton, the oldest of four children, to Williams and Mary Beatrice Fulton in Boone County, W. Va., in the Appalachian foothills in 1910, he helped raise his younger siblings after his father's death. As a high school senior, he turned down a U.S. Military Academy appointment to West Point to remain at home and help his mother. He attended Morris Harvey College, now Charleston University.

ing town of Morrisvale, W. Va. Upon learning that the school's students had run off four teachers in the previous year, Fulton said, "I'll be here when June comes." He was. In 1934 he traveled to Dallas to marry, and for the following three years the couple lived in West Virginia where he taught. In 1937, the couple's first child, a daughter dubbed Georgie, was born. In 1937, the family relocated to Dallas, where Fulton taught fifth-grade math and military science before becoming head of the lower school for grades five through eight, varsity football head coach and then assistant headmaster at the Texas Country Day School. While employed at this school, two more children - Molly and Will - were added to the family and the Fultons built a homestead on 11 acres in North Dallas. Given the name White Wings, the property would serve as the Fultons' home for the next 35 years.

Dallas' University Park United Methodist Church. In 1950, Fulton became the founding headmaster of The Greenhill School. Three years later, the family saw the birth of another son, John. During the same time frame, Fulton found time to complete his bachelor's and master's degrees at Southwest Methodist University, often attending night classes and dictating papers to his wife after the children were tucked in their beds. While at Greenhill, Fulton is said to have pioneered the concept of open-space education and the developmental primer program in the Southwest while proving that his vision of independent co-education represented the wave of the future. A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday in the University Park United Methodist Church, 4024 Caruth Blvd. at Preston Road, Dallas. Visitation will run from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Home, 7405 W. Northwest Hwy., in Dallas. Survivors include four children, Georgie Fulton Green, Molly Fulton Seeligson, Will



Dr. Bernard L. Fulton

Fulton and John Fulton, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family members, friends and former students. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Smith Fulton. Submitted by Joy Greenwalt,

Head of The Fulton School, with information from the book, "From Humble Beginnings, The First Fifty Years of Greenhill School," edited by Thomas R Perryman and David E. Perryman.

News Briefs

- Chamber plans Breakfast Club**
The City Chamber of Commerce will conduct its breakfast club from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, Royse City. Light breakfast available for a \$3 donation. Call 722-636-5000 for details.
- Women's summer Bible study offered**
The United Methodist Church of Heath will offer a seven-week women's Bible study, Vertically Inclined - Together with God, beginning at 9:30 a.m. this week.
- Event to benefit Lovell family**
Speed & Tack will host a Saturday event at 3218 S. FM 101, to benefit Royse City resident Patricia Lovell and family, whose home was destroyed by fire. Activities include a 9 a.m. trail ride, a 1:30 p.m. auction, hamburgers, and live music. For details or to help sponsor the event call 5-9508.
- Drama camp set June 22-26**
The Time 'n' Place Drama Camp is open to youths ages 6-10 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Campers will explore stories from storybooks from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 22-26. Cost for Rockwall residents, \$225 for non-residents. For more information call 722-3399.
- Shoes for Kids benefit slated**
The Shoes for Kids benefit will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on June 23. SFK, now in its eighth year, provides new shoes and socks for about 1,500 low-income children from the Rockwall and Royse City schools. All money goes to purchase shoes; administrative costs are absorbed by SFK.
- EP's 'Seussical Jr.' performances set**
The Rockwall Community Playhouse's musical "Seussical Jr." will begin at 7:30 p.m. June 23-27. A 28 performance also is planned. Tickets to the musical are \$8. For more information call 722-3399.
- Ministerial Alliance to meet**
The meeting of the Rockwall Ministerial Alliance is set for June 24 at the Rockwall County Helping Hands conference center. Attendees are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. Helping Hands will provide beverages and desserts. For more information call 972-771-5526.
- Church plans 'Come and See'**
The First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, will host a Come and See at 3 p.m. in the second-floor commons area of the Elizabeth Christian Education Building. The event will give the public an opportunity to see what the ministry is about.
- Seeks board, commission applications**
The Rockwall County Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for board and commission members.

County earns AA bond rating

by Kathy Williams
The Rockwall County commissioners approved orders to authorize the sale of \$10.7 million in road bonds and \$24.6 million in limited tax refunding bonds at their Tuesday, June 9 meeting. Proceeds from the \$10.7 million bond sale will be used for county road improvement projects. The \$24.6 million will be used to refund a portion of the proceeds from a \$30 million limited tax note sale in mid-2008 in order to convert to a 25-year amortization. The funds are intended for the construction of the new county justice center that is currently in the planning stage. County Treasurer Bill Sinclair said last year's bonds had a short amortization period, and with no guaranteed costs for construction set yet, the commissioners opted to refinance \$25 million and refund a portion of the \$30 million limited tax notes. Sinclair said \$5 million of the original \$30 million was retained until a firm price for the justice center is set. If the cost of the Justice Center remains at \$30 million, the \$5 million balance of short term borrowing will be refinanced. The \$10.7 million road bond package was made from two separate bond propositions approved by voters in the 2004 and 2008 bond elections. According to Boyd London of First Southwest Company, the downturn in the stock market the last few weeks was good news for the bond market, allowing Rockwall County to sell its bonds "right on top of the market." He said the interest rate for the sale of both bond series came in just under 4.7 percent, which is a good rate for the county. The county was able to issue the bonds without the need for a bond insurance company, based on its recently released favorable credit ratings from the three national credit rating institu-

tions. Standard & Poor's has assigned Rockwall County a "AA/Stable" rating. Fitch Ratings has given the county a "AA-" rating and Moody's Investors Service has assigned a "Aa3" rating. The rationale behind the ratings was fairly uniform by each organization: * Rockwall County has a strong financial position with good reserve levels, as development continues along Interstate 30 and Lake Ray Hubbard. * Taxable value growth has remained strong, as expanding commercial development continues to occur along I-30 despite the slowing economy. * Fund balance levels remain strong, and voters provided strong support for road bonds. * Direct debt level of County's

governing body is low; however, overall debt levels are high due primarily to the rapid growth of the school district and municipalities within the county. According to London, Rockwall County's overall debt level is "relatively high because schools issue debt, as is true in any growing Texas county." He said in most other states, school facility needs are handled at the state level. He also pointed out that the school debt "has not impacted the County in the past in terms of ratings." All three agencies also said Rockwall's proximity to Dallas and recreational opportunities on Lake Ray Hubbard have resulted in an increased tourist trade and attracted new residential and business development, resulting in strong taxable value growth.

Fitch also noted that the county is financially strong, with "healthy reserve levels." At fiscal year-end 2007, the unreserved general fund balance totaled \$18.5 million, due to conservative budgeting and fees and sales tax revenues exceeding budgeted projections, according to Standard & Poor's. Unaudited fiscal 2008 figures reflected an estimated \$19.2 million general fund balance. Another favorable determination by Standard & Poor's is the county's strong wealth and income levels. Also, the county's ad valorem property tax pledge, subject to the state's 80-cent per \$100 of assessed value tax rate limit, secures the limited-tax refunding bonds. (Continued on Page 2)



The American Legion conducted a flag retirement ceremony, burning approximately 250 unserviceable U.S. flags on June 13 at Harry Myers Park. More than 20 families dropped by to dispose of unserviceable flags and witness the event. Pictured at back, from the left, are Paul Fisher, Chuck Bealmear, Bob Godfrey and Jeffrey Allison. At front are Joseph Laing, left, and Don Watson. In honor of the June 14 Flag Day observation, the legion posted 72 flags around the courthouse square. Rep. Ralph Hall's staff provides support to the legion by storing the flags.



The recent summer gardening camp conducted at The Fulton School taught campers about the importance of different types of gardens, including vegetable, fruit and flower gardens. The camp also focused on the importance of eating healthy foods. Some of the campers, pictured above, included Lexi Smith, Luke Foerster and Charlie Carnahan.

Rockwall County Commissioners ...

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London said the county is fortunate not to have to depend on a bond insurance company to guarantee the bonds due to the county's favorable credit rating. "As long as the issuer is in the Double A category, we can get our most efficient use of the funds without engaging an insurance company," he said. London explained that, "All the insurance companies went south about six months ago with the rest of the banking industry. We no longer have any

insurance company rated as well as Rockwall County is rated by itself."

"Triple A rating is the best category. The County will probably reach Triple A at some point in time, but it will probably be 15 to 20 years before you've reached that point," he said.

Commissioner Lorie Grinnan asked London if the county saved money by not using a bond insurance company and he replied that it did. "But it is difficult to quan-

tify. When the market comes back and says it would rather have Rockwall County credit by itself, you are in a good position." London also said the good ratings reflect good management on the part of county commissioners. "The way you operate the county fiscally overall is a major reason you have that rating. The fund balance is an increment and if you have little fund balance that generally, over time, will have an impact on your ratings."

"The fund balance is very important to the county just in terms of flexibility because you never know what will happen in a county," London said.

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Poetry Community Christian School Valedictorian, Salutatorian



**Tyler Donnenwerth
Poetry Community
Christian School**

The Poetry Community Christian School Class of 2009 Valedictorian is Tyler Matthew Donnenwerth. He graduated with a 4.03 GPA. He plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station on a scholarship. In addition to being named class valedictorian, Donnenwerth was captain of the Poetry Pioneers Varsity Basketball Team and competed, placed and qualified for State at the academic meets hosted by the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS). He has volunteered regularly for the local YMCA and works a part-time job. His favorite class was Physics and he enjoys motorcycles and athletics. He had attended PCCS since the eighth grade. Donnenwerth is the son of Larry and Denise Donnenwerth of Greenville.



**Joshua Bantseev
Poetry Community
Christian School**

The Poetry Community Christian School Class of 2009 Salutatorian is Joshua Paul Bantseev. He graduated with a 4.02 GPA. Bantseev grew up in Russia, the son of missionary parents, Ilya and Janet Bantseev. He now holds dual citizenship. Bantseev placed and qualified for State in multiple academic events offered by the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS), receiving the State Physics Award this year. He attended four years of music school while in Russia and has composed numerous classical piano works. He plans to become a physician. Because Bantseev is 16-years old, he plans to take advanced math courses through the community college district. This fall he will apply to a four-year university with strong programs in math and the sciences. While his parents are in Russia, Bantseev resides with Ted and Rebecca Barlow of Poetry.

Correction ...

In the Tuesday, June 9, 2009 issue of the Rockwall County News, the article, "Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts Preps for October Gala," contained an incorrect identification. A press release incorrectly stated that Dr. Kurt Pfeiffer and his wife, Julie, have been practicing at Ridge Pointe Athletic Club for the gala's dance competition. They actually are in rehearsal at Trainup Teen Fitness in Rockwall.

The Rockwall County News regrets the error.

**Classified Ad Deadline
Tuesday 5 p.m.**

News Brief

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commission appointments. Application forms and positions are available online at rockwall.com/citysec the city secretary's office in City Hall. Applications must be received by noon on June 29.

Stingerette Summer Camp scheduled

Girls in grades K-8 can participate in the Rockwall Stingerette Summer Camp, July 21-24 at Williams IV Activities will run from 9 a.m. to noon; first day check-in is at 8 a.m. Cost is \$70 through June 29; \$80 on the first day. For more details, visit rockwall.com or call 972-816-6228.

Art camp set at The Center

A pair of art camps will be offered to youths ages 29 through July 1 and July 20-23. The event will run from 4:45 p.m. at The Center. Cost will be \$120 for Rockwall residents and \$180 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com.

City of Heath offices to mark holiday

The City of Heath offices will be closed July 3 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Normal business hours will resume on July 7.

Parade, Popsicles in the Park set

The annual City of Heath Independence Day Parade in the Park will take place July 4. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. at the Towne Center Park Pavilion behind the City of Heath offices. The parade will be followed by popsicles in the park. For more details, visit heathtx.com or call 972-771-6228.

Old Town to host July 4 parade

The Old Town Rockwall Neighborhood Association will host the 10th Annual Fourth of July Parade beginning at 11 a.m. The route will run through the square from Fannin, east on Munson and west on Clark back to Fannin. For more details call Sherry Pittman at 469-698-9588 or visit oldtownrockwall.com.

FourthFest planned in Royse City

Royse City's 4th Annual FourthFest Parade and Festival will be held on July 4. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. in the downtown area. Activities, music and food at the old Royse City stadium. A fireworks display is set for 9:15 p.m. For more details, visit roysecity.com or call 972-636-5000; parade entrants in advance.

Fireworks show set at Harry Myers

A Rockwall Parks & Rec Department-sponsored fireworks show will be offered at dusk on July 4. The show will be held at the Harry Myers Community Center. Residents are encouraged to bring picnic baskets, FM radios and lawn chairs.

America's Tea Party Fourth event

The non-partisan assemblage of activists from Washington, D.C.'s actions, the Dallas Tea Party, and America's Tea Party celebration at the Southfork Ranch on July 4. The free event will run from 3 p.m. to midnight. A 9:30 p.m. fireworks display. Events will include speeches, food, a children's area, cool zones, a buffet and on-site parking will cost \$10.

'Treasures of the Desert' VBS planned

A "Treasures of the Desert" vacation Bible school is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. July 7-10 at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1524 Smirl Drive, in Heath, Co-hosted by Holy Trinity Presbyterian of Rockwall, the event will be open to youths through completion of fifth grade. Call 972-771-8242 for more details.

Church day care enrollment under way

The First United Methodist Church of Heath is conducting enrollment for the summer and fall sessions of its Lil' Voyage program. Summer sessions for children ages 2 to pre-K will run from July 7 and continue through July 30. For information call the office at 972-771-6732 or visit funfuchurch.org.

Intro to Computers class offered

An Introduction to Computers course for ages 50 and over will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. July 7 and July 9 at The Center. Cost will be \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch set July 10

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. July 10 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Art camp to focus on safari fun

A safari-themed art camp for ages 3-6 will be offered to run from July 13-17 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

NAMI meetings scheduled

Two free NAMI Support Groups - one for individuals with mental illness, Room 121, and one for their family members, Room 122 - will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 13 at the Harry Myers Community Center. For more details, call Hal or Dee at 972-412-6030 for more details.

Modern Art Camp set

Youths ages 6-10 will learn about a variety of contemporary art in the Modern Art Camp that will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

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Katie Callaghan earns buckle as high-point winner in sorting event

Old Katie Callaghan won the title of Youth High Point Winner at the 2009 Bar S Arena Spring Ranch Sorting Series conducted recently in Royse City.

Rockwall-Heath won the trophy competing against 30 teams in a series of sorting shows beginning with the cutting of cattle in the first pen and moving the one cattle pen into two. All of the numbers - zero and settled into two un- "dirty" cows. The approaches and another sorting pen, the judge announces the nose of one of the imaginary pens. The team works to get the cattle through the gate to the

other pen. One team member guards the gate to ensure that the cows already sorted don't cross back into the herd. The other team member proceeds to sort.

The animals must be sorted by ascending numbers. For example, if the number six is called out, cows eight and nine would be sorted in that order, followed by cows zero, one, two, three, etc., until all the animals are sorted or time runs out.

Team members traditionally switch out after each animal is sorted.

A team can be disqualified if any of the animals break the gate barrier out of order, if a sorted cow breaks the barrier to return to the herd or if a "dirty" cow breaks the barrier.

The team with the highest number of successfully sorted cows in the shortest amount of time wins.

Callaghan is past president of the Rockwall County Rockin' Riders 4-H Horse Club.



Katie Callaghan is pictured with the belt buckle she won with the title of Youth All-Around High Point Winner at the 2009 Bar S Arena Spring Ranch Sorting Series conducted recently. Shown with the winner is Jim Sykes, one of the owners of the Bar S Arena.

Locals tapped for UNT academic honors

Eighteen area residents were named to the spring semester Dean's List at the University of North Texas, while 13 were listed on the President's Honor Roll, according to a university news release issued last week.

Named to the President's Honor Roll for the spring semester were Stacy Lynn Green of Heath, Kristen Nicole Frazer and Kristina Renee Garrett of Royse City and Brittnee April Belt, Susan Lori Blick, Kirsten N. Boggs, Laurie Lynn Burnett, Jennifer Courtney Dunavant, Cari Ellyn Heinen, Kenneth Roderick Kosterman, Lauren Kelly Lavene, Lacy Schwertner and Michelle M. Wood, all of Rockwall.

To be included on the President's Honor Roll, an undergraduate student must complete at least 12 academic hours with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Dean's List honorees included Casey M. Vickers of Heath and Kristi Dale Beaver, Sara Elizabeth Bieker, Sean Kyle Jacques, Sarah R. Madden and Sydney C. Morman, all of Royse City.

Rockwall honorees included Sarah Arlene Cheek, Jonathan Brent Coble, Ashlee Louise Fetty, Katherine Lane Greaves, Kathleen Elizabeth Hanrahan, Samantha Jahansouzhahi, Stephen Melva Laflamme, Emily Michelle Mann, Kristin Michelle Moon, Alyssa Rose Nedley, Tina Nguyen and Nicolas Gregory Vines.

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To be named to the Dean's List at UNT, undergraduates must complete a minimum of 12 academic hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Clayton tapped for HU Dean's List

Lacey Clayton of Royse City was among Harding University students included on the Dean's List for the spring semester, according to a university news release.

Clayton is a senior majoring in mid-level math and science education.

The Dean's List is published each semester. To be eligible, a student must carry 12 or more hours with a 3.65 or higher grade point average at the Searcy, Ark., university.

Five named to TSU Dean's List

Five local residents were named to the Texas State University-San Marcos spring semester Dean's List, according to a news release issued recently by the university.

Honorees included Taylor A. Clamp, Robert B. Boggs, Brittany C. Cox, Allyson D. Yates and Adam D. French, all of Rockwall.



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Summer Bible School set for Chisholm Baptist

Weatherford and Youth/Children's Ministry Coordinator Leroy Rippey are opening the doors of CBC to all children that can come.

Activities will include Gospel presentations (morning and afternoon), praise and worship music, crafts, Bible study and other special activities, including a bounce house and the return of Jo-Jo the Rodeo Clown.

Lunch and other refreshments will be served and the day's activities will end at approximately 5 p.m.

Chisholm Baptist Church VBS is for all children, Kindergarten through sixth grade. CBC is located on the west side of SH-205 in McClendon-Chisholm, six miles south of I-30.

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Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$139 for residents, \$194 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Surfing the 'Net class available

The 'Net class for individuals ages 50 and older will be 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays July 13-14. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Red Hot Robots Camp offered

All types will be the focus of a camp for youths ages 9-12 from 9 a.m. to noon July 20-24 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center. Cost for Rockwall residents will be \$140; non-residents \$194. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Camp scheduled

Covering a multitude from biology to chemistry - will be 9 a.m. to noon July 13-14. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Heath to host Bible school

United Methodist Church will host its vacation Bible school from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 13-14. Sign-up sheets are available at the church office. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Agouti Camp set

Agouti science activities will be offered in a Secret Camp for youths ages 9-12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 3-7 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center. Cost will be \$140 for residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.



Lucile Tate (right) with her son Garvin Tate

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Rockwall City Council recognizes upcoming Juneteenth celebrations, addresses zoning issues

by Kathy Williams

Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil presented three proclamations at the start of the Monday, June 15 city council meeting.

The first was presented in honor of United States Army Day, which celebrates the 234th birthday of the founding of the U.S. Army. Council member Cliff Sevier, a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army, accepted the proclamation in honor of those who have served and are currently serving in the armed forces.

The second proclamation was presented to Robert Allmeyer in recognition of the fortieth anniversary of the American Taekwondo Association. The Rockwall Taekwondo facility was founded on Dec. 29, 1994.

In honor of the annual Juneteenth celebration, Mayor Cecil declared Friday, June 19 "Juneteenth Day" in Rockwall, "in recognition of the significance of the day."

The proclamation was presented to Pastor Joe Robbins of St. Paul AME Church. A Juneteenth celebration will be held that Friday at Gloria Williams Park in Rockwall.

Airport Weather System

In other business, the city council voted to approve a resolution supporting the installation of an automated weather observing system at the Rockwall Municipal Airport. The system will be funded with TxDOT Aviation grant funds. The system will alert incoming pilots to current weather conditions in the Rockwall area. According

to Rockwall City Manager Julie Couch, the closest weather systems to the Rockwall airport are in Mesquite and Greenville. She said the new system will be very beneficial because, even with the close proximity of the Mesquite and Greenville systems, they are still more than 20 miles from Rockwall and the weather could be drastically different between the cities.

Appointments

The city council next heard from resident Harold Snyder concerning the permitting of a residential fence on a city easement. Snyder said in a letter to the mayor and council members that he was informed by city staff that he would be required to sign a letter of agreement, prior to issuance of the fence permit, stating he would be responsible for removal and replacement of the fence, landscaping, irrigations systems and other structures on the easement in the event the city needs to do work on the easement site.

City Attorney Pete Eckert said after discussion that the Snyder was not legally required to sign the agreement to receive his fence permit. Eckert and Chuck Todd, Director of Public Works and City Engineer, said the letter needed to be reworded as an advisory piece outlining homeowner responsibility in the event they build or landscape on a city easement.

Snyder also informed the council that he believes several homes in his neighborhood, Wa-

terstone Estates, had been built over the easement. City officials said they would look at neighborhood plats to determine if that had occurred, as it could be a major concern if the homes were indeed built over an easement.

Snyder withdrew his request for council action after it was agreed he did not have to sign an agreement and that the letter would be clarified.

Public Hearings

The council approved a zoning change for the property at 603 South Goliad to General Retail District. Lynette Coughlin, the new owner of the property that once housed a photography studio, plans to reopen the business as a catering-conference-party-bridal boutique. She said the facility can hold up to 39 people, but most events will be held outside in the back yard. Food will be catered in, negating the need for her to install an industrial fire extinguishing system in a kitchen.

Coughlin said, in addition to the small party business, she hopes to have a bridal boutique, photographer and wedding planner on-site to offer a wide range of wedding services. She also will offer the newly-required Together in Texas pre-marital classes.

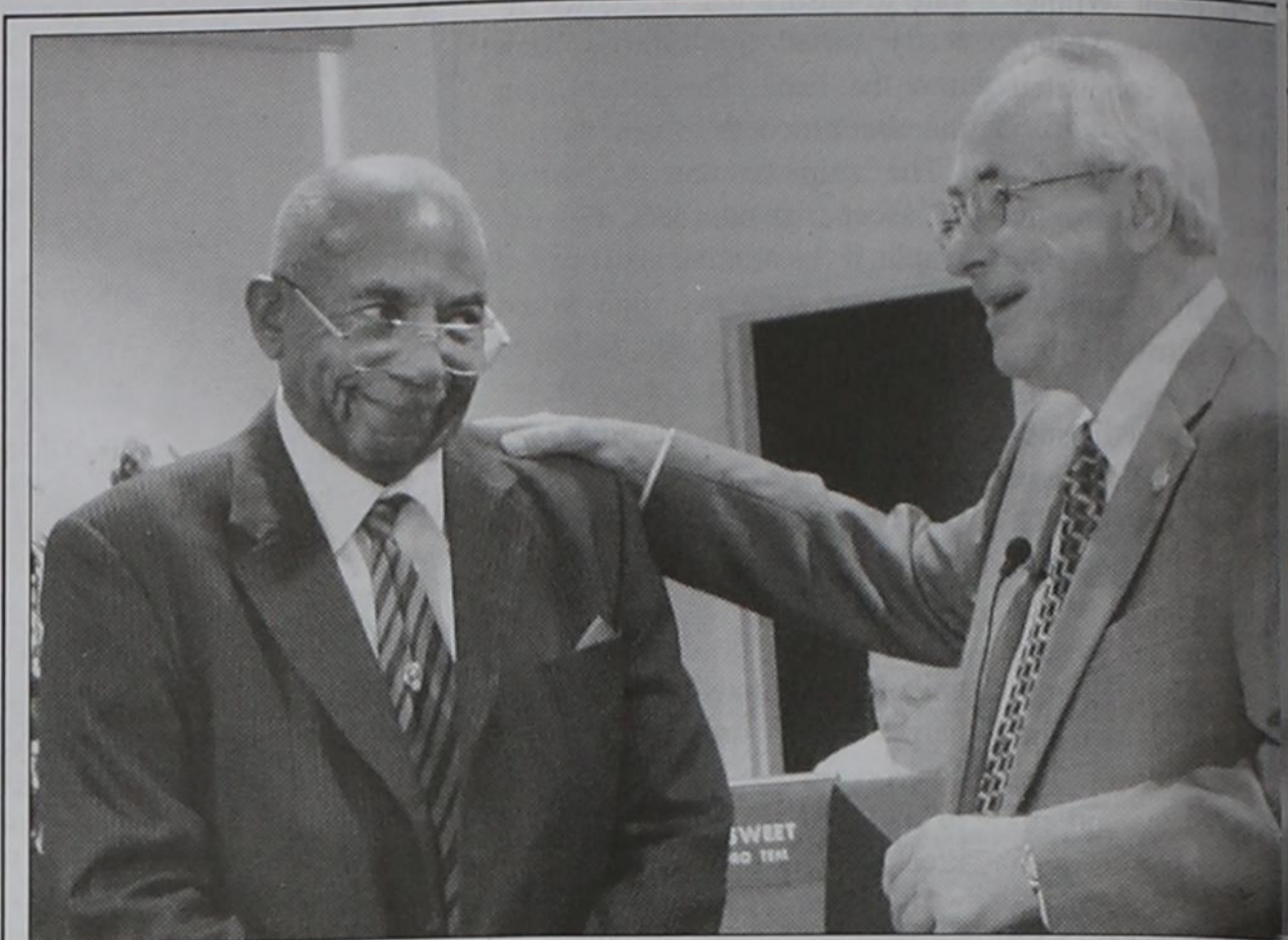
The council voted 6-0-1 to approve the zoning change. Council member Glen Farris was absent from the meeting.

The council next voted 6-0-1 to deny a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a proposed adult day care facility in a residential area at 3001 North Goliad.

Ricardo and Immaculate Refuerzo, both registered nurses with more than 16 years experience each in the medical field, petitioned the council to bring their facility to Rockwall.

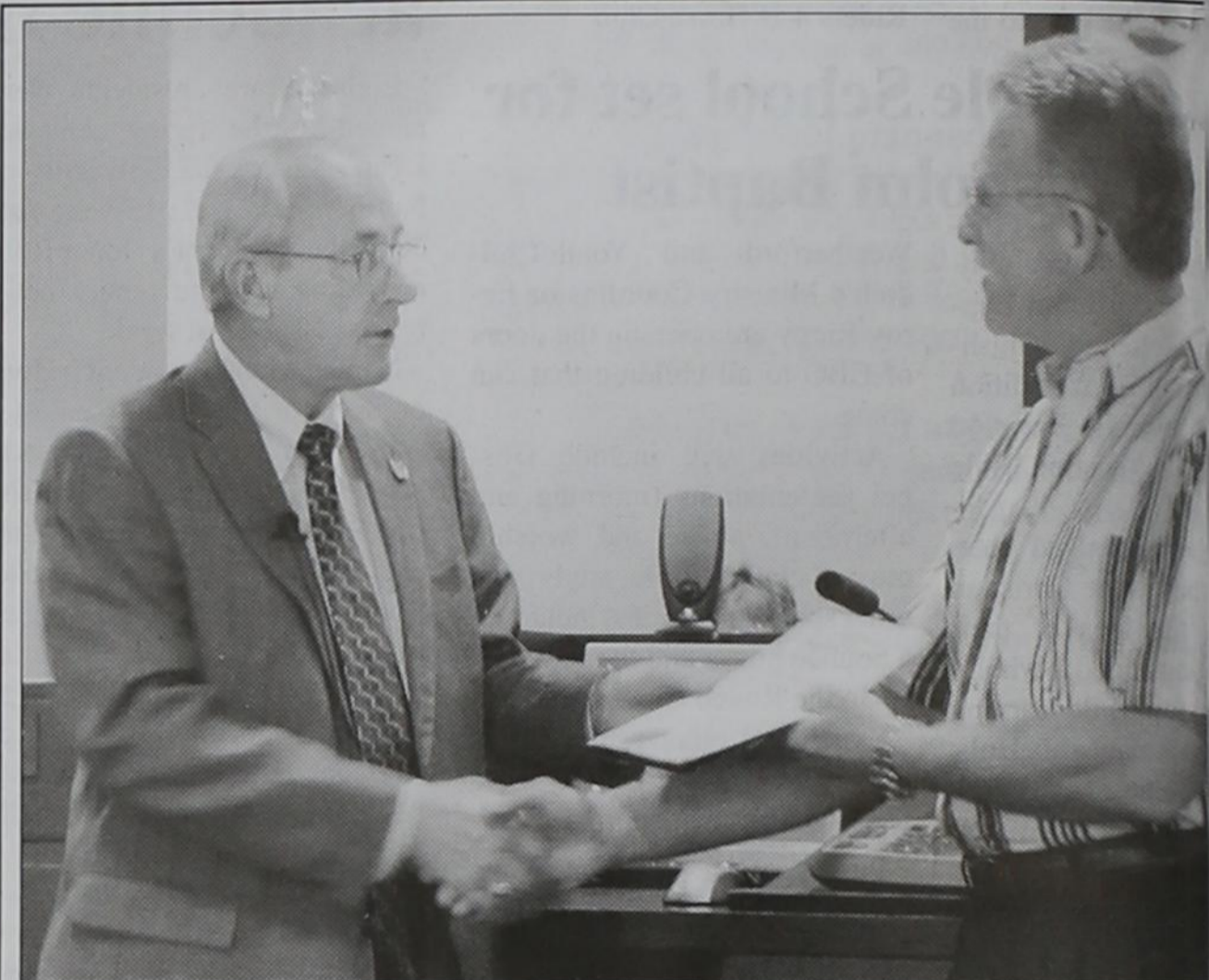
Despite heavy regulation by the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the state and city, several residents of the area spoke against allowing the facility in a residential neighborhood.

Mrs. Refuerzo said they would operate their business only from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, would only accept clients 65 years and older with no dementia or other mental health issues such as Alzheimer's and would offer activities that stressed physical, social and medical stimulation. Although she said they would offer some



Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil (right) presents a proclamation to Pastor Joe Robbins (left) of St. Paul AME Church declaring Friday, June 19 "Juneteenth Day" in the city of Rockwall at Monday's meeting.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams



Rockwall City Council member Cliff Sevier (right) receives a proclamation from Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil (left) in recognition of United States Army Day. Sevier, a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army, accepted the proclamation in honor of those currently serving in the armed forces and those who have served in the past. The U.S. Army was founded on June 14, 1775.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams

medical interventions, such as taking blood pressure and assisting with diabetes blood sugar monitoring, Refuerzo stated the adult day care would not be a medical facility and would not be appropriate for clients with more involved medical needs.

The Refuerzo's also stated they would fence in the property to keep clients from wandering away and would build a park-like setting in the backyard with benches and a walking path.

Neighbors opposed to the facility expressed concern over lighting from a proposed parking lot, noise from the up to 30 clients on site each day, the danger of a client wandering off the property which borders busy streets, increased traffic during drop-off and pick-up times and reduced property values to adjacent homes.

Although he agreed that this type of business could be very beneficial to Rockwall seniors, Council member Mark Russo questioned if it was more appropriate to be located near one of the two area hospitals given the age of the clients.

All council members present agreed that, given the estimated senior population in Rockwall of 6,210, this type of business could thrive in the appropriate setting, but unanimously agreed the suggested location was not in

the best interest of neighborhood.

In other business, the council voted 6-0-1 to approve a request by the Huber Music Series for the 2010 Young Musicians Competition. The competition will be held at the city tel tax revenue.

Council member Margo Nielsen said one reason she supported the request was to receive such funds in an event within the city of Rockwall, but many others can't afford the fees for some larger venues like Hilton Bella Harbor.

This year's Young Musicians Competition will be held at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Rockwall, though Nielsen noted competitors and they stayed in Rockwall motels.

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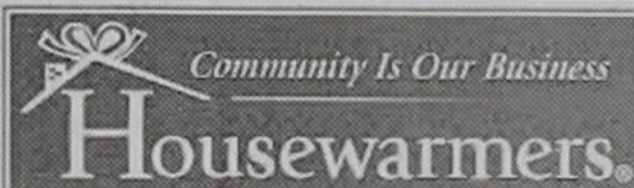
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Marcia Carroll-Burzair part of Dallas theatre production

Rockwall resident Marcia Carroll-Burzair will co-star in the Neil Simon production, "Chapter Two," beginning June 26 at the Contemporary Theatre of Dallas.

Carroll-Burzair portrays Jennie, a divorcee who wins the heart of George, a recently widowed New York writer played by Russell DeGrazier. Rounding out the cast are Ted Wold as Leo and Sue Loncar as Faye, Jennie's best friend.

Cynthia Hestand is director of the production.

"Chapter Two" is one of Simon's most popular plays. It is a semi-autobiographical comedy about rebounding, bad dates, second chances and true love. The play was made into a movie starring Marsha Mason and James Caan.

The show will run through July 19. Thursday performances will be at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows at 2 p.m. There will be no performances on June 28 or July 4.

The theatre is located at 5601 Sears St., Dallas, one block west of lower Greenville behind the former Arcadia Theatre.

Tickets cost \$32 for adults, \$27 for students and seniors, ages 60



Rockwall's Marcia Carroll-Burzair and co-star Russell DeGrazier will team up for performances of Neil Simon's "Chapter Two" beginning June 26 at the Contemporary Theatre of Dallas.

and up, for main floor seating. Balcony seating costs are \$27 for adults, \$22 for students, seniors and STAGE members. Student rush tickets cost \$10 and go on sale to students with ID ap-

proximately 15 minutes prior to curtain. Discounts are offered to groups of 10 or more.

For tickets or directions call 214-828-0094 or visit contemporarytheatreofdallas.com.



Hands' Margo Nielsen is shown thanking Lake Pointe Church for the \$30,000 check the agency gave to the church's pastor, Steve Stroop, in honor of Lake Pointe's 30th anniversary. The church donated 12,500 pounds of food to the nonprofit critical assistance agency's food pantry. In thanking Nielsen, Stroop said the donations came at a "time of great need for Helping Hands."

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Did God forsake His beloved son?

According to the King James Bible, while the Lord Jesus Christ hung on the tree he cried out the following words, "Eli Eli lama sabachthani. That is to say, 'My God my God why have you forsaken me?'" This record is found in Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34.

The word "forsaken" comes from the Biblical Greek word egkataleipo. Don't get bogged down with trying to pronounce this word. In the bible-study portion of the website crosswalk.com, the above mentioned Greek word is defined "to abandon or desert, leave in straits or to leave helpless, utterly forsaken, to leave behind among others, or to leave surviving."

A huge contradiction exists between the above scripture and the rest of the Gospels. The first clue of a serious problem occurs three days and three nights after Jesus was buried. God raised him from the dead. Aside from this, there are many accounts throughout the Gospel records that show a very close and personal relationship between God and His son. In Matthew 3:17 it says, "And lo, a voice from heaven saying, 'This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.'"

Let's look at Jesus' fellowship with his Father, "I can of mine own self do nothing. As I hear, I judge. And my judgment is just because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which has sent me" (John 5:30). Jesus Christ fully understood that he could do nothing by his own power, but by the power of God in heaven. Jesus' decisions were right because he did not seek his own will, but the will of his Father who gave him the ministry. This can be confirmed by studying all the stories related to his ministry. There should be no doubt that Jesus did the will of his Father in heaven perfectly.

Alas, we have the following scripture in John 16:32, "Behold, the hour comes, yes, is now come, that you shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me." In this verse, Jesus told his followers that they would all abandon him, but that his Father would be with him.

How is it that Jesus never complained or reviled anybody during the most excruciatingly painful time of his life, yet while hanging on the stake he suddenly accused his Father of abandoning him?

To fully expose the contradiction we will use basic logic. God's word is mathematically exact and scientifically precise. This means that mathematic and scientific principles of logic can be applied in the study of His word. Applying basic logic, the following can be stated: If God truly forsook and utterly abandoned His beloved son, then there would be no record of Him resurrecting His son; And, if God truly raised Jesus from the dead, then He did not forsake and utterly abandon him.

A study of the Aramaic Eastern text will show that Jesus never believed he was forsaken by his Father. In Matthew 27:46 we find the Aramaic words, "Eli Eli lama sabachthani." These words were preserved because the editors of the Bible were not sure what they meant. In the book Gospel Light, author George M. Lamsa explained that the word lama was "Imna." It was a declaration of "for this purpose" or "for this reason." The word sabachthani was "shbqthni." The root of the word was "shbq" which meant to spare, leave, reserve or

keep.

When we apply a more accurate definition of the Aramaic words, and allow God's word to interpret itself in the context of the rest of the scripture, we learn that while Jesus hung on the stake, he cried out with a loud voice, 'My God my God, for this purpose was I spared or reserved!'

What was the purpose? Jesus Christ humbly knew that he was God's perfect Passover Lamb. He knew what would result from his crucifixion. After all he endured, Jesus Christ our Lord still had the frame of mind to declare a cry of victory! Next he said, "It is finished." Because Jesus finished his work, it is now available to walk in the victory that he accomplished.

Just as God did not forsake and abandon his beloved son, so also will He not abandon any of His beloved saints and children now. This is God's promise...and He guarantees it.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Vivienne Cecile (Morgan) Kuhr

Memorial services for Vivienne Cecile (Morgan) Kuhr of Heath will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 12, 2009, in St. Peter's Catholic Church, 53 St. Marks's Place, Staten Island, N.Y. Inurnment will follow in the Moravian Cemetery, 2205 Richmond Rd., Staten Island. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel will handle the arrangements.

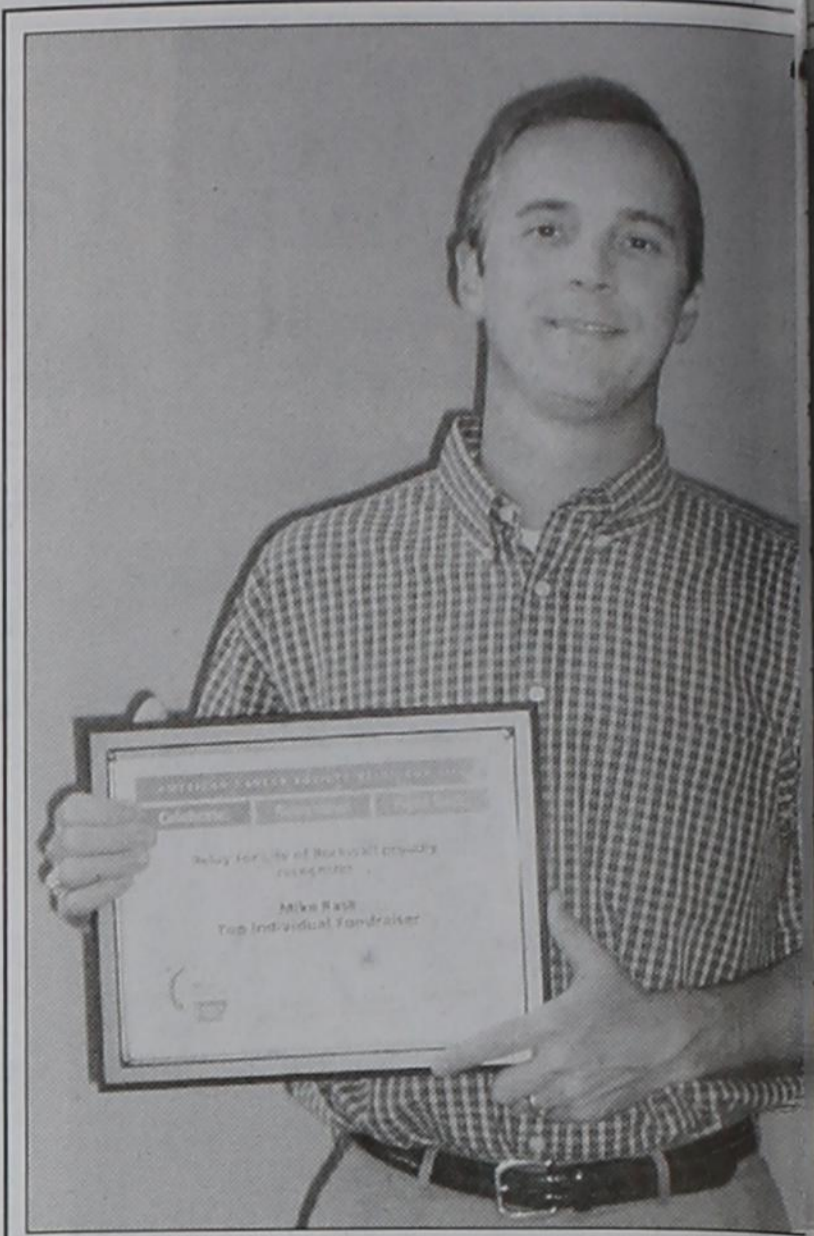
She died June 11 at her home.

Born Oct. 8, 1914, to George Ashton and Vivienne Cecile Morgan in Staten Island, she was the third of four children. She and her husband, Otto Albert Kuhr, a New York Harbor pilot/lieutenant commander in the U.S. Coast Guard, raised two sons - John and William Kuhr. During her career she worked as a legal secretary, a medical secretary for a professor of ophthalmology and a receptionist for American Airlines. She never met a stranger and touched the lives of many around the world. She played a significant role as a second mother to her sister's children.

Survivors include her sons, John Albert Kuhr, a retired Exxon Mobil manager/U.S. Marine Vietnam veteran, and his wife, Gayle, and William Gregory Kuhr, a retired New York State Supreme Court officer/Army paratrooper Vietnam veteran, and his wife, Maria; a niece, Audrey Wohl; and her nephews, Peter, Doug and Fred Hoverkamp.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brother, Buddy; and her sisters, Virginia and Audrey.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center at Baylor Medical Center, 3500 Gaston Ave., Dallas, TX 75246 in memory of Vivienne Kuhr, mother of cancer survivor John Kuhr.



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Farewell, War on Terror

by Bill O'Reilly

Did you notice in his Cairo speech to the Muslim world last week that President Obama did not use the word "terrorism"? Interesting in light of reports that some in the Obama administration no longer refer to actions against al-Qaida and the Taliban as the "war on terror," instead calling them an "overseas contingency operation." But why? What is the reasoning behind this?

Apparently, the president believes that in order to forge a "new start" with the Muslim world, America must spotlight the common ground between the two cultures. Emphasizing atrocities committed by terrorists under the banner of Islam obviously does not aid that strategy. So out with the war on terror, in with the spirit of cooperation.

Some conservatives find this appalling. They say it shows weakness on the part of Obama. I disagree. As long as the United States stays strong on the battlefields and in the security area, diplomatic euphemisms don't mean very much. Obama wants more friends in the Arab world, and he's willing to give Muslims a rhetorical break to get them.

That, of course, pleases the American left, and herein lies a problem. The liberal media are now actively downplaying Muslim terrorism, and that was vividly demonstrated last week when an American Muslim in Arkansas shot two soldiers. One of them, 24-year-old Pvt. William Long, was killed.

The cold-blooded murder of Long by Carlos Bledsoe, aka Abdulhakim Muhammad, was a shocking story. But if you were watching Katie Couric on the "CBS Evening News," you missed it, as Couric did not mention the murder. On ABC, Charles Gibson ignored the story, as well. On NBC, Brian Williams spent less than two minutes on the situation.

But the network news operations and most other national media enthusiastically covered the murder of late-term abortion doctor George Tiller by a pro-life zealot. According to a new study by the Pew Research group, Tiller's murder received 90 percent more news coverage than the crime against Long. Unbelievable.

It is flat-out wrong for the news media to under-report a story where an American Muslim guns down two American soldiers in a small Arkansas town. Just a few years ago, that kind of journalistic irresponsibility would have been severely criticized. But not now. Today, news reporting is a different story.

As has been well documented, the American media are now in the ideology business, and Obama has been a big beneficiary of that. Not only did most journalists vote for him, as the president recently pointed out, but the media actively aided his candidacy by providing him with favorable coverage. And that continues to this day.

The news media may believe they are helping Obama by avoiding the constant violence of Muslim terrorism, but the practice is putting all of us in danger. How many more Bledsoes are roaming around?

Good question. Unfortunately, you won't get an answer on the nightly news.

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The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that is their right and duty to be at all times armed and that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of press.

Thomas Jefferson

Moving Towards Tobacco Prohibition

by Ron Paul

Last week, another bill was passed and signed into law that takes more of our freedoms and violates the Constitution of the United States. It was, of course, done for the sake of the children, and in the name of the health of the citizenry. It's always the case that when your liberty is seized, it is seized for your own good. Such is the condescension of Washington.

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act will give sweeping new powers over tobacco to the FDA. It will require everyone engaged in manufacturing, preparing, compounding, or processing tobacco to register with the FDA and be subjected to FDA inspections, which is yet another violation of the Fourth Amendment.

It violates the First Amendment by allowing the FDA to restrict tobacco advertising in multiple ways, as well as an outright ban on advertising any cigarettes as light, mild or low-tar.

The FDA will have the power of pre-market reviews of all new tobacco products, and will impose new user fees, meaning taxes, on manufacturers and importers of tobacco products. It will even regulate the amount of nicotine in cigarettes.

My objections to the bill are not an endorsement of tobacco. As a physician I understand the adverse health effects of this bad habit. And that is exactly how smoking should be treated - as a bad habit and a personal choice.

The way to combat poor choices is through education and information. Other than ensuring that tobacco companies do not engage in force or fraud to market their products, the federal government needs to stay out of the health habits of free people.

Regulations for children should be at the state level. Unfortunately, government is using its already overly intrusive financial and regulatory roles in healthcare to establish a justifiable interest in intervening in your personal lifestyle choices as well.

We all need to anticipate the level of health freedom that will remain once government manages all health care in this country.

Actions in Congress such as this tobacco bill are especially disconcerting after we thought we were beginning to see some progress in drawing down the wrong-headed and failed war on drugs.

A majority of Americans now think marijuana should be legal, taxed and regulated, according to a recent Zogby poll and over 70 percent are in favor

of allowing medicinal use of marijuana. Bills like this take us the wrong path. Instead of gaining more freedom with marijuana, we are prohibiting tobacco. Our prisons are already bursting with non-offenders. How long will it be before a black market in tobacco prisons with non-violent cigarette smokers? Hemp and tobacco were staple crops for our founding father country was new. It is baffling to see how far removed from this country has become since then. Hemp, even for industrial use there are many, is illegal to grow at all. Now tobacco will have bureaucracy and interference piled on top of it. In this economy it is upsetting to see this additional squeeze put on an entire industry. One has to wonder how many smaller farmers will be forced out of business because of this bill.

the elderly and other responsibilities formerly seen as individual. Nobel Laureate economist Paul Krugman suggests that America's preaching "family values" is hypocrisy while Europeans interpret it as a battle cry: "We'll win this thing or die trying." Krugman says, "Government regulations actually to make a desirable tradeoff -- to modestly lower income in return with friends and family." Steyn insightfully observes, "Distinguished economist, Professor Krugman failed to notice that of 'family friendly' policies, Europe is remarkably short of America's fertility rate is more or less at replacement level -- 2. European nations are at what demographers call 'lowest-low' or less -- a rate from which no society in human history has ever recovered. Spaniards, Italians and Greeks have upside-down four grandparenthood have two children and one grandchild." Steyn can an economist analyze 'family friendly' policies without the upshot of these policies is that nobody has any families?" Steyn's questions is: the kind of economist that looks at the scene the unseen.

Mark Steyn provides us with a historical tidbit. "Live Free or Die" is the motto of New Hampshire's license plate, are the words of John Hampshire's Revolutionary War hero. He uttered those words during the War when he was 81 years old, the complete sentence being: "Death is not the worst of evils." Steyn says these words were interpreted "as a battle cry: 'We'll win this thing or die trying.'"

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We must demand a return to the constitutionally limited government we inherited from our



Live Free or Die

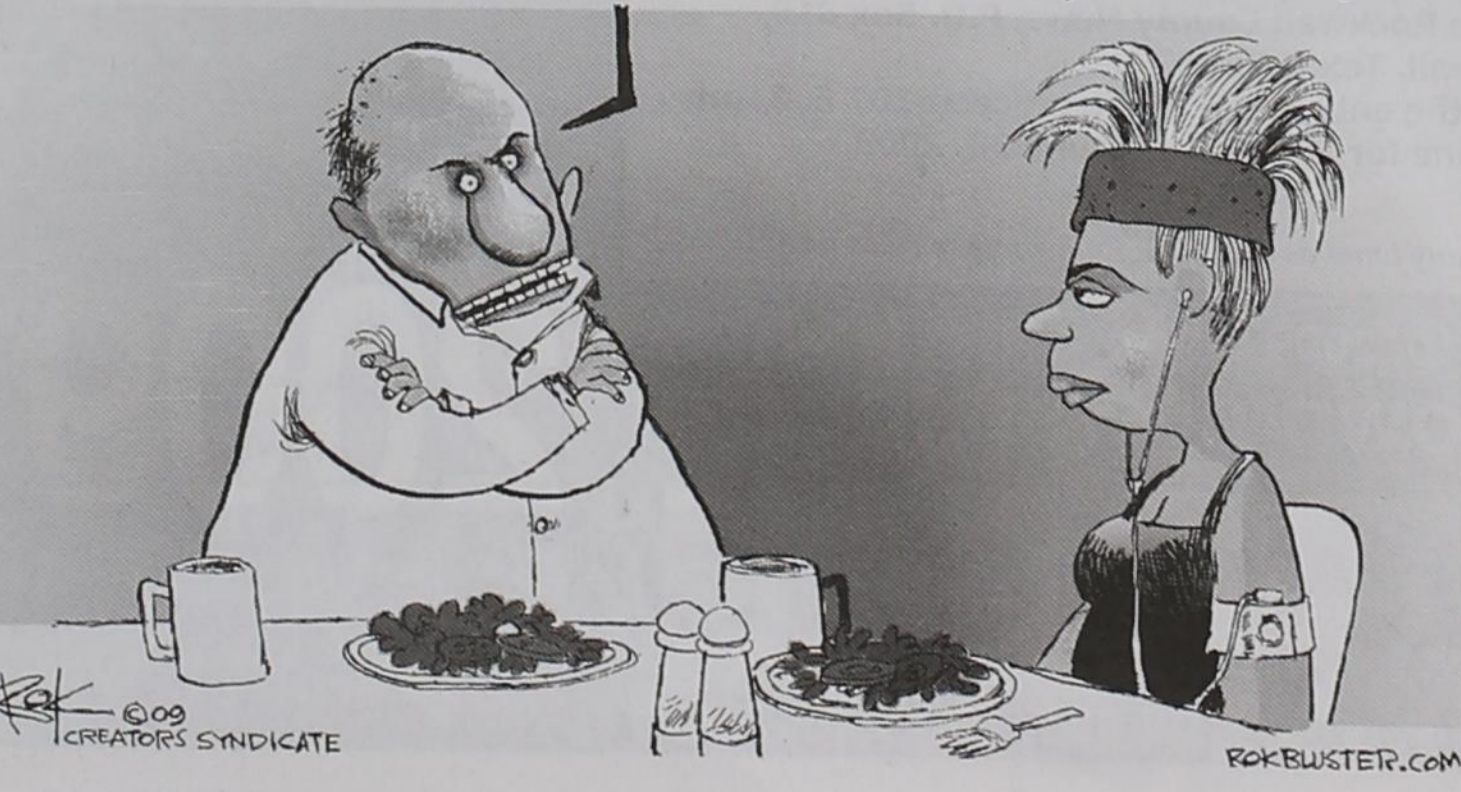
by Walter E. Williams

"Live Free or Die" is the title of author and columnist Mark Steyn's speech at Hillsdale College, reproduced in Imprimis (April 2009), a Hillsdale publication that's free for the asking. Canadian born, now living in New Hampshire, Steyn has had firsthand experience with socialist tyranny in his home country that is rapidly becoming a part of America. Commenting on one of his run-ins with Canada's human rights commissions, Steyn points how it might seem bizarre to find the progressive left making common cause with radical Islam. One half of that alliance is pro-gay, pro-feminist secularists and the other half is homophobic, misogynist theocrats. Steyn argues what they have in common overrides their differences, namely, "Both the secular Big Government progressives and the political Islam recoil from the concept of the citizen, of the free individual entrusted to operate within his own societal space, assume his responsibilities, and exploit his potential."

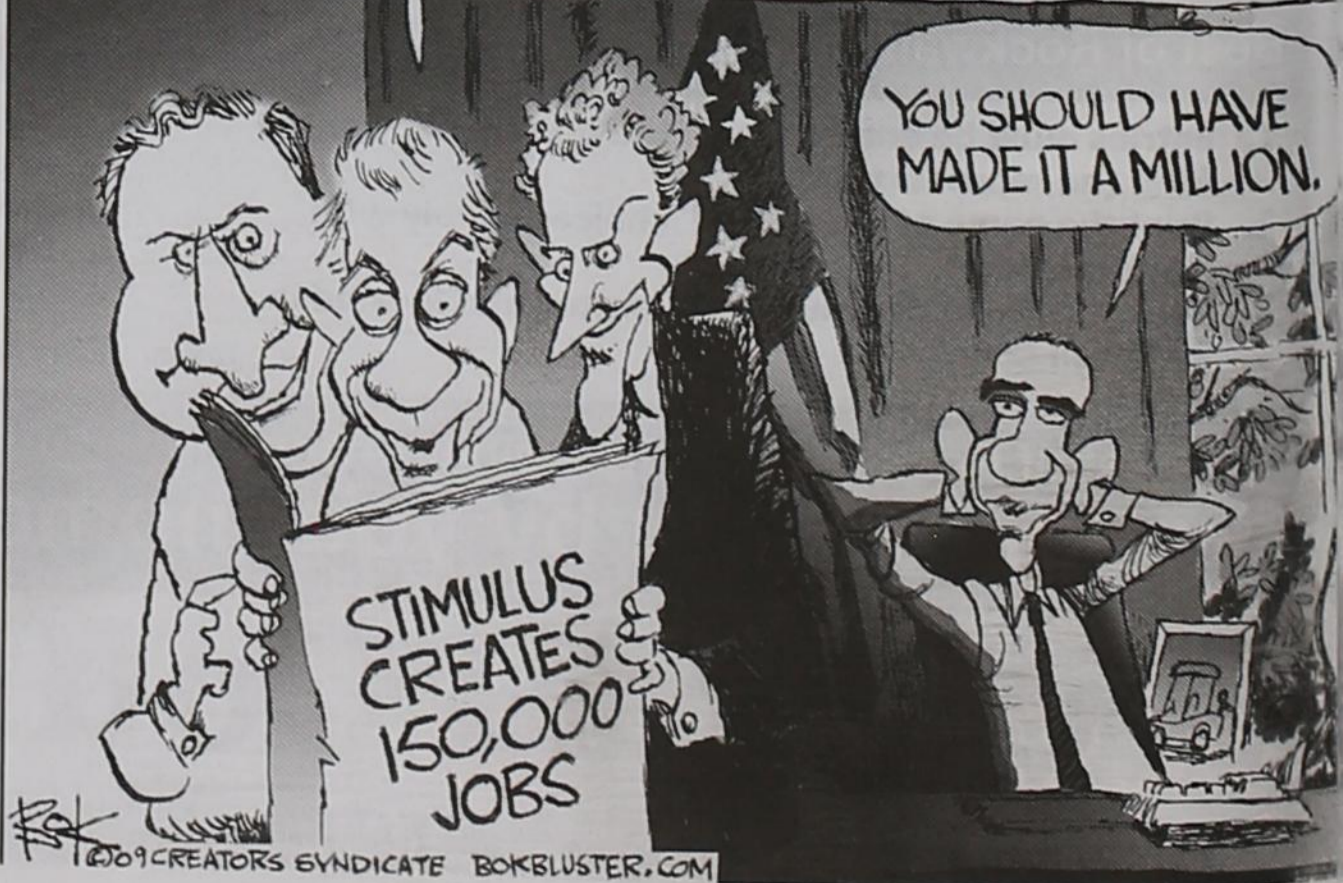
I doubt whether there are many Americans who think Congress has either the right or competency to choose where they live, what clothes they wear or what cars they drive. Yet many Americans stand ready to allow Congress to decide what doctors they go to and what treatments they receive. We forget that once we have government-sponsored health care, it can be used to justify almost any restraint on liberty. That's the justification behind helmet and seatbelt laws. Britain is well along the road toward totally controlling health care. Steyn says, "Under Britain's National Health Service, for example, smokers in Manchester have been denied treatment for heart disease, and the obese in Suffolk are refused hip and knee replacements. Patricia Hewitt, the British Health Secretary, says that it's appropriate to decline treatment on the basis of 'lifestyle choices.'" Steyn adds, "Smokers and the obese may look at their gay neighbor having unprotected sex with multiple partners, and wonder why his 'lifestyle choices' get a pass while theirs don't. But that's the point: Tyranny is always whimsical."

In most of the developed world, the government has gradually taken over many of the responsibilities of adulthood from health care, childcare, care of

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Rockwall County Sports

Sports Black 9U Dallas tournament

Rockwall-based Texas Sports Black 9U team kicked off its season as champions of the Whataburger Little Heroes 9U Super Series American Tournament conducted earlier this month in downtown Dallas. The team's season-opening game against the Coppell Cowboys was tied with a walk-off home run to secure the win. The team will continue to compete in the Whataburger Little Heroes 9U Super Series American Tournament in Waco; the USSSA State Championship in McKinney at Triple Creek; and the World Series in Dallas. The team is comprised of boys who attend Amy Parks, Bowie Williams and Grace Hartman schools. Team members include Weldon Laurence, Loren McCrillis, Todd Wade, Russ Childers, Jason Stilwell and Ronnie Pruitt.



Members of the Rockwall/Heath-based Texas Sports Black 9U team, champions of the Whataburger Little Heroes 9U Super Series American Tournament, are pictured. Shown first row, from the left, are Bennett Laurence, Brendan Brooke, Palmer Nix, Jake Wade, Brandon Troxler and Cole Stilwell; middle row, Justin Childers, Ben McCrillis, Kolton Pruitt and Hayden Fichtel; back row, coaches Weldon Laurence, Loren McCrillis, Todd Troxler (assistant coach), Guy Wade (head coach), Russ Childers (assistant coach) and Jason Stilwell. Not pictured is coach Ronnie Pruitt.

Soldats, McKnight regional soccer tournament

Rockwall will be well represented in the US Youth Soccer Region 3 tournament on Friday-Wednesday. The tournament features current and future Rockwall High School players, and one entering team from Heath in the fall will be competing on four different age groups in the event at Russell Creek Park in Plano and the Pizza Palace in Frisco. The tournament will be playing for the North Texas-champion Dallas Stars girls' team, and Christian Soldat for the Dallas Stars boys, also North Texas champs. In addition, Shelby McKnight will be competing with the Dallas Texans Red U15 girls, the runners-up, and Randi Soldat with the Dallas Sting U17 boys in the North Texas finals. The tournament will have three games in bracket play, with the top two in each group advancing to the semifinals. The tournament will be at noon Friday at Russell Creek Park Field H. Shelby McKnight and the Dallas Texans Red 15U girls will open tournament play at 4 p.m. at Russell Creek Park B. Christian Soldat and the Dallas Texans boys will play their first game at 4 p.m. Friday at Russell Creek Park Field 12. The Dallas Sting 14U girls will be playing at Russell Creek Park B. The Dallas Sting 11 Southern states will be competing.

Everitt Gilbert's chance to play in prestigious Oil Bowl washed out

by Larry Bump
Everitt Gilbert and 76 other all-star football players were disappointed Saturday when a thunderstorm Saturday night canceled the prestigious Oil Bowl game in Wichita Falls. The charity contest has matched all-star teams from Texas and Oklahoma since 1945. Originally scheduled for 7 p.m., the start was pushed back because of heavy rain and lightning until 9. But conditions and the forecast worsened to the point that at 8:20 p.m. the game was canceled for the first time. Gilbert was one of the key players in Rockwall-Heath's 13-1 season in 2008 that ended in a 52-47 4A regional semifinal loss to Sulphur Springs. The 5-foot-9, 175-pound running back was the leading pass receiver for the high-flying Hawks with 54 catches for 755 yards (a 14.0-yard

average) and four touchdowns. As the second back alongside Kendial Lawrence, Gilbert carried 118 times for 1,057 yards (9.0 average) and 13 touchdowns. He was also RHHS' second-leading scorer behind Lawrence with 112 points. Gilbert has a scholarship to play football at Montana State beginning this season. The Oil Bowl, which supports the Maskat Shrine's charities, has been a contest for bragging rights between the Lone Star State and Oklahoma since 1945. Texas has a 44-18-1 advantage in the series. Gilbert was the only player from Rockwall County's three public high school teams selected to play in this year's game. Over the years, the game has featured top athletes including Pro Football Hall of Famers Bobby Layne, Lee Roy Selmon and Steve Largent and Heisman Trophy winners Steve Owens and Jason White. In addition Largent and J.C. Watts served in Congress, and Jack Mildren was Oklahoma's lieutenant governor.

Rockwall's Clark in College World Series

Rockwall High School baseball star Preston Clark started the season of the College World Series as the University of Texas' first baseman. Clark has three hits in seven at-bats in the Longhorns' two victories, including a home run in the senior's season batting average to .272 with two home runs. Clark was scheduled to play Friday at 6 p.m. at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb., against the winner of the North Carolina game. The Longhorns need one win in two games to advance to the three-game final series. Clark played for the Yellowjackets between 2001 and 2004, a period of four years under head coach Randy Talley. The Cleveland Indians drafted him in the 39th round after he graduated, but Clark chose to stay in Texas.

Home run derby winners named

Four players set themselves apart in the Going, Going, Gone Home Run Derby event conducted recently in Royse City. Matt Smith, an 18-year-old from Caddo Mills, hit eight home runs over the 330-foot mark, while Austin Pettis, 14, of Rockwall defeated everyone else in his division. Rockwall brothers Joseph Solis, 12, and John Ross Solis, 8, also gave top performances. Players from throughout the county participated to showcase their skills.

The Solis brothers were winners of the golden ball - that is, they hit the golden ball over the fence to win a pass to event sponsor Cici's Pizza. The next home run derby contest will be conducted on June 28 at Going, Going, Gone Home Run Derby. For more information, visit the GoingGoingGoneHRD.com Web site. Contributed by Tanner Mitchell



Rockwall County athletes participating in the recent opening of "Going Going Gone Home Run Derby" at the ballpark in Royse City are (left to right) Matt Smith, Austin Pettis, Tanner Mitchell, Josh Glancy, Zach Potts, Joseph Solis, Hayden Rogers and John Ross Solis. The group not only showcased their skills, but will also find other athletes to compete against during the next Home Run Derby to be held on June 28 in Royse City. Photo courtesy of Tonya Mitchell

Sports Notes

Flag football program planned
Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer a flag football program on Monday and running through July 6 at Myers Field. The cost will be \$25 for residents, \$38 for non-residents. Play will be from 6:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. For further information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Skyhawks Golf program slated
Rockwall Sports Golf will run from 9 a.m. to noon July 6-10. The program is for ages 5-8 the change to learn proper golf technique and basic skills. The event will take place in Harry Myers Park. Cost will be \$45 for Rockwall residents, \$170 for non-residents. For details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Applications sought for Ten Star Camp
Applications are being accepted for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Camp, which is open by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-18 are eligible. A camp also is offered for youths ages 9-18 of all skill levels. For details call 704-373-0873 or visit tenstarcamp.com.

Triathlon training set
A triathlon training class will be offered on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. July 18 through Aug. 8 at Harry Myers Park. Swimming, cycling and practicing the transition area will be included, as well as triathlon. Cost will be \$45 for Rockwall residents, \$68 for non-residents. For details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Quickstart Your Kayak offered
Paddling and kayaking safety skills will be offered in Quickstart Your Kayak from 9 a.m. to noon on July 18. Participants will try out different types of kayaks; kayak PFD and paddles will be provided. Cost will be \$45 for Rockwall residents, \$90 for non-residents. For details call Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

Skyhawk Mini-Hawk Camp set
The Skyhawk Mini-Hawk Camp, which will run July 27-31 in the SD Education Center Gym, will offer athletes ages 4-7 the opportunity to experience a number of different sports. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost will be \$98 for Rockwall residents, \$147 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Agility, conditioning camp offered
Agility and Conditioning Camp will be offered in the Rockwall Education Center Gym. Weeklong camps for 10- to 12-year-olds set for 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 13- to 15-year-olds, Aug. 10-14, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost for Rockwall residents will be \$149, non-residents \$199. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

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The public is hereby notified that the City Council of the City of Rockwall will hold a public hearing on July 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at Rockwall City Hall, 3 Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087, to consider approval of a tax exempt financing maximum principal amount of \$2,400,000 to be issued by the Milford Higher Facilities Corporation for the benefit of Heritage Christian Academy (the "School") for the purpose of the financing is to provide for refinancing the outstanding principal balance of the Milford Higher Education Facilities Corporation Education Revenue Bonds (Heritage Christian Academy Project), 2001, and (ii) the Milford Higher Education Facilities Corporation Education Revenue Bonds (Heritage Christian Academy Project), 2003, with the proceeds of such bond issues having been used for acquisition, renovation and equipping of an entire School campus located at 1408 S. Rockwall, Texas 75087. The user and owner of this project is Heritage Christian Academy, a Texas nonprofit corporation.

THIS FINANCING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OBLIGATION OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, THE STATE OF TEXAS, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE WHATSOEVER, AND IS NOT TO BE PAID FROM TAXES OR FROM OTHER PUBLIC FUNDS. THE FINANCING IS TO BE PAID SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES OF THE MILFORD HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES CORPORATION. PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY.

Persons desiring to submit written comments prior to the hearing should submit comments to Mary Smith, Finance Director for the City of Rockwall, c/o Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
Request for Bid for Fire Fighting Equipment
The City of Rockwall, Texas will accept at the Purchasing Agent's Office, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087, sealed bids for the purchase of Fire Fighting Equipment at 10:00 a.m. local time, on July 1, 2009. All bid responses must be in the Purchasing Agent's Office by the time and date specified above. Late responses will not be accepted. The City of Rockwall reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award by selection, to make multiple awards, to waive technicalities, to waive any informalities, to re-advertise, and to proceed otherwise in the best interest of the City. Specifications may be obtained from the City's Purchasing Office 972-771-7700, ext. 6418.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
The City of Rockwall City Council provides financial support to eligible community programs and events under Title 3 Local Taxation, Subtitle D, Chapter 351, Municipal Hotel Occupancy Taxes, Subchapter B; Section 351.101 in exchange for advertisement promoting Tourism; the Arts and historical preservation projects held inside the Rockwall city limits. The City is accepting applications for funding for its 2009-2010 budget year from eligible organizations. Interested organizations should contact Lea Ann Ewing, Finance Dept., City of Rockwall, 385 S. Goliad, 972-771-7700. Application submission deadline is July 31, 2009. Applications are available at the H.O.T. Workshops. Attendance at one workshop is required. Workshops will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers on the following dates:
Wednesday July 15 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Thursday July 16 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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7 TX education reform group (abbr.)
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Rockwall County Book Review

'Wishing on Dandelions,' by Mary DeMuth

Chantal Walvoord
 Children's Librarian, Rockwall County Library

"Wishing on Dandelions" is a coming-of-age novel for readers longing for adulthood. Continuing the "Hanging Tree Limbs" series, DeMuth continues to explore themes that most writers shy away from - racism and - with exceptional



novels explore sex problems, they are written with humor and are readable. In the book, a character is abused by a Vietnam General, yet she copes by relying upon her given name, which is "bitter," to "Maranatha," which means "Come, Lord

Maranatha is no cardboard cutout. She is sometimes "bitter," as Violin Charlie claims. She frequently jumps to conclusions and judges others harshly. Her flaws make her all the more believable and lovable, and she is so remarkably self-aware and honest about her

honorable scene, Maranatha blames her deeply prejudiced mother, Georgeanne, for stealing her favorite white dress, which she inherited from her mother. Georgeanne had actually taken the dress, which was stained by red punch, to be professionally laundered. Sadly, Maranatha views herself as just as "stained" as the

she blames herself for the sexual abuse she endured as a young girl. Sensing that she is stained, she prays for her pure love for Charlie to be tainted. In this hope, Maranatha prays that Jesus would show her His love while she stands in an abandoned field of dandelions. Though praying is not always effective, Maranatha feels, at this immature stage in her life, that she and the dandelions are one and the same. Here in this field she finds and that she feels is symbolic of God's love.

Mary DeMuth easily captures the quirks of Southern small-town life along with wise eccentrics, like Camilla and Burl, her Texas has its share of bigoted and predatory characters. In the character, Old Mack, has a shop filled with items he never sells. He is a wisecracking poet who writes zany "truth" poems. Old Mack is a prophetic member of the Mt. Moriah Church and an elderly woman who scares children on Halloween with

get their comeuppance - like Georgeanne, who experiences embarrassment at the barbecue picnic - but they are also blessed with grace. Maranatha fights against her own cowardice to stand up to a predatory character and begins to make peace with

DeMuth, author of "Wishing on Dandelions," will make an appearance at the Rockwall County Library from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on August 6. She will speak about her latest book and offer tips on budding writers on how to get published. Should you have any questions, you could be glad to answer your questions. The Rockwall County Library is located at 1215 E Yellowjacket in Rockwall.

Annual Freedom Festival set for August 28 at Lakeshore Church

Lakeshore Church, will host its 7th Annual Freedom Festival on August 28 at the Church, with "the huge white tent that goes up days before alerting everyone in the area that it's time to celebrate freedom."

The festival will feature games for all ages, including water slides, basketball, volleyball and a version of horseshoes, live music and the best fireworks in town.

The festival will also feature silent and live auctions. All proceeds from the festival will go to fund mission projects in Mexico, Nicaragua, India, and other countries.

Food will be available at the church grounds for those who wish to bring their own food. This year, the Glory Riders motorcycle group, along with many "Small Groups" at Lakeshore Church, will host a fireworks show. The Freedom Festival starts at 5 p.m. and continues until the fireworks show. Last year's event drew more than 1,000 participants.

Lakeshore Church is located at 5575 State Hwy. 205 South in Rockwall.



Rockwall High School alumni show the "Stinger" sign as they sing the school song at the 59th Annual Rockwall Alumni Banquet held at the school on Saturday, June 13. Leading the song were Mrs. Clarice Isbell and Mrs. Barbara Mitchell, members of the Class of 1949. The school song, "Hail Dear Old Rockwall," was written by that class. The banquet also celebrated the reunions of the classes of 1939, 1944, 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989 and 1999. Eight members of the Class of 1939, which graduated 44 students, were in attendance at Saturday's event, with 13 total members still living. Mrs. Doris Cullins, a member of the Class of '39, talked about the school in those days, recalling senior week activities, names of teachers and coaches and the class motto, "The Door to Success is Labeled Push." She also mentioned that every member of her class that served in World War II survived to return home. More than 150 were in attendance at Saturday's banquet.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams

McLendon-Chisholm to tackle budget, taxes Tuesday

The City of McLendon-Chisholm City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23 at Chisholm Baptist Church to discuss FY 2009-2010 Draft Budget and the status of possible implementation of an Ad Valorem Tax. The first Draft Budget, along with the Council Meeting agenda, will be posted on the City's website, www.mclendonchisholm.com, on the afternoon of June 19.

Zaner Robison Museum offers fun summer activities

Looking for summer fun for the kids that's not the usual pool and park excursion?

Join the Zaner Robison Historical Museum in Royse City from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 27 for a "Keep the Cup" Tea Party. Tickets are \$8 each and include Afternoon Tea, door prizes and a fashion show with the finest garments from Helping Hands.

The museum also offers youth activities from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. each Thursday through July. The activities are free with a pre-registration and \$3 per child the day of the event.

The activities include: June 18 - All About Indians; June 25 - Early Farm Life; July 2 - The Journey West; July 9 - Crafts and Tools; July 16 - Making Ice Cream; July 23 - Games People Played.

The museum's collection cabinet this month features vintage hats and gloves. Visitors will also want to see the Wall of Heroes, which showcases uniforms, photos and other memorabilia from area residents who have served in the armed forces.

The Zaner Robison Historical Museum is located at 124 S. Arch in Royse City, just south of Main Street. Reservations can be made by calling museum curator Anne Cornelius at 972-635-7438.

Regular museum hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays and Noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Scout troops, home schoolers and day care centers are welcome to call for Wednesday tours, which include a gift and snack.

The mission of the Zaner Robison Historical Museum is to preserve, protect and promote Royse City area history from the early settlers through the economic boom of the thirties, to the year 1960.



The four youths pictured above - Olivia and Bolen Clayton and Emma and Vincie Ross - were the first participants to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Club at the Rockwall County Library. Sponsored by the library and the Texas State Library, the program's theme is 'Libraries: Deep in the Heart of Texas!' It is designed to encourage learning through reading using time logs and goals.

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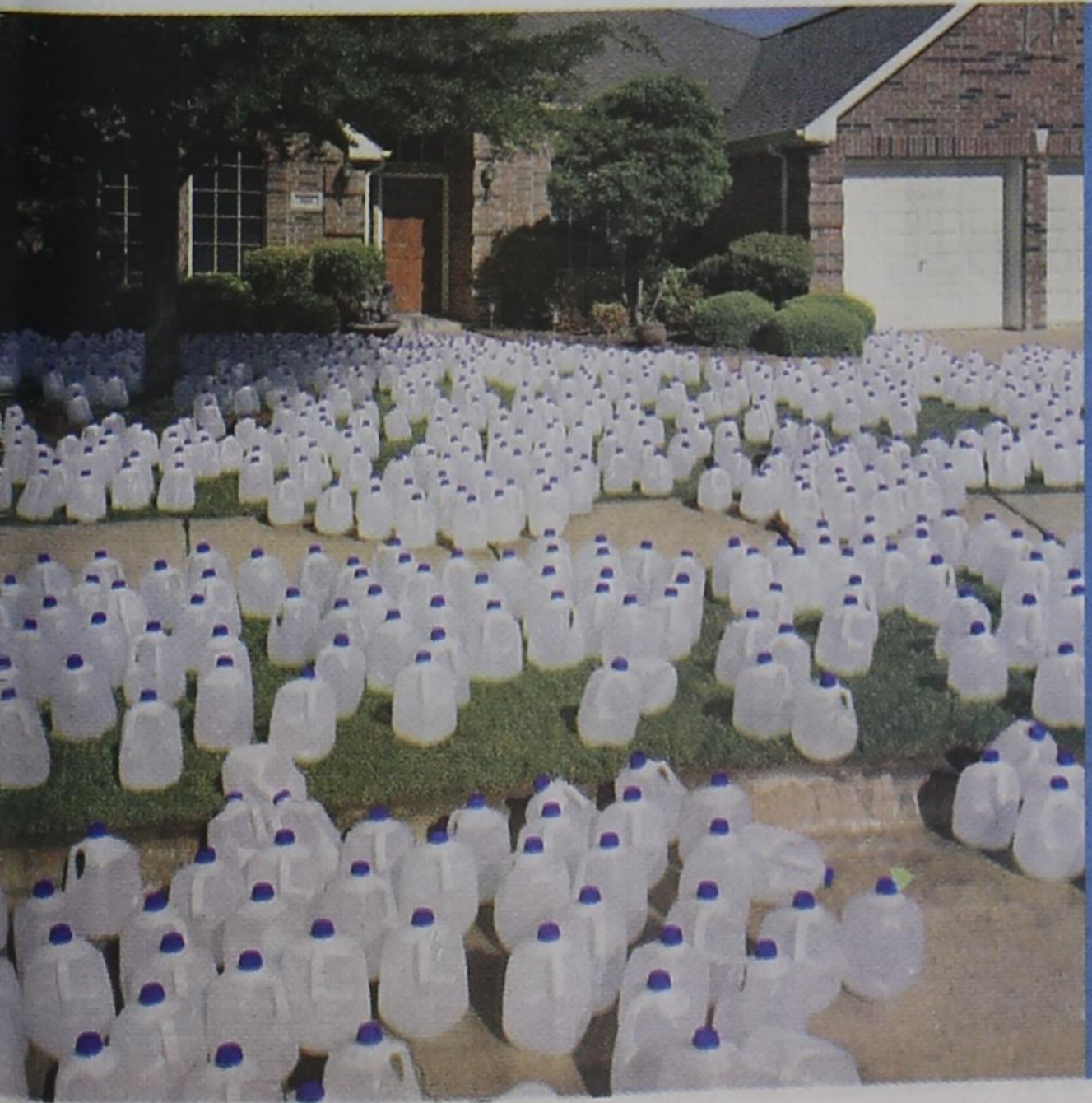
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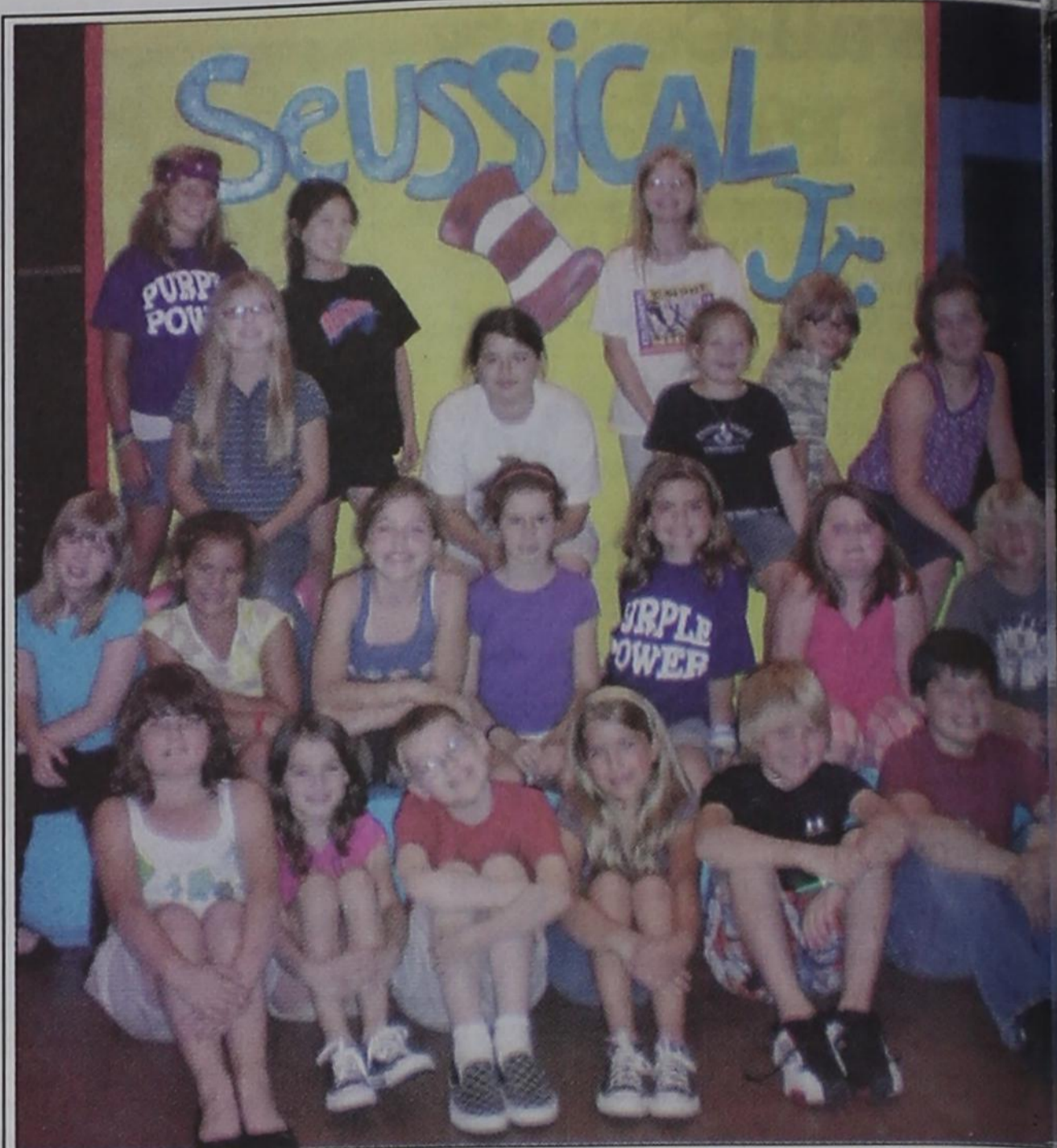
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Clowns Cherie and Dave of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus juggled around volunteer Joshua during their visit to the Rockwall County Library on Tuesday, June 16. The husband-and-wife act entertained a crowd of over 100 children and 60 adults with a show that included plenty of laughs. They also read Dr. Seuss' 'If I Ran the Circus' and encouraged kids to participate in Ringling Bros.' reading program, which allows children ages 2-12 to earn a free circus ticket by reading five books. More information on the program is available at the library. The full schedule of summer events for toddlers, children and teens is available at www.rocklib.com.

Staff Photo by Elizabeth Fudge



The youths pictured above are involved in the Rockwall Community Playhouse's musical "Seussical Jr.," which will be staged June 23-28. Twenty-five youths are part of the show, which began two weeks before school ended. Led by director Shayna Oden and assistant director Lindsey, the drama camp has consisted of learning songs and dance routines and scenery creation. The "Seussical Jr." is based on classic Dr. Seuss books and features Chad Pflieger as Jojo, Drew M. Cat in the Hat and Colleen Breen as Gertrude. Other actors include Makenzie Baird, Adam Br. Chuang, Caroline Couch, Victoria Darrington, Cathryn DeShong, Madison Engle, Dylan Gar. Green, Rachel Green, Rebekah Johnson, Kate Larman, Chloe Lyle, Kenedy Matthews, Nicho. Jordan Phillips, Lucy Ragsdale, Tori St. John-Gilbert, Shannon Taylor, Anne-Marie Thacke. Thompson. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. June 23-27 and at 2 p.m. June 28. Tickets cost be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399.



Members of Heath Troop 314 spent this week at Camp Constantin in Graford. Merit badge classes were conducted during the day, with the older youths working on various badges. First-year scouts participated in the Buccaneer Program that covers the requirements of the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. Evening activities included water sports, canoeing, chapel, shooting, sailing, races, rafting, races and Parent Night. Pictured leaving for camp, at back, from the left, are Brad Steinmeyer, Chris Allen, Ethan Smith, Chris Bowyer and Reed Poteet; middle row, Justin Murphy, Dillon Wagner, Val Zabolotny, Garret Jones, Jeremy Bayliss, Logan Jones, Hamrick Morgan, Alaric Ukeh, Will Wilcoxson, Jacob Hogue, Anthony Schneemann and Devin Himmelheber; and, at front, Nick Bowyer, Taylor Poteet, Greg Schneemann and Karsten Steinmeyer.

Volunteers needed to aid nursing home res

Volunteers to help elderly and disabled residents in nursing and assisted-living facilities in Rockwall are being recruited by the North Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging Ombudsman Program.

Volunteer ombudsmen serve as advocates, connecting residents to their "broader communities, affirming their rights and assisting them in resolving concerns," according to a news release issued by the NCTCOG last week. The volunteers also receive and investigate complaints made by,

or on the behalf of, residents or their families.

No prior experience is required, but volunteer ombudsmen must be at least 18 years of age.

Volunteers are required to complete a free training course comprised of both classroom study and training of up to 34 contact hours at local nursing homes. Following the completion of training, each volunteer will

complete an interning two to three ho in an assigned fa will be flexible and by the volunteer.

Individuals with per week who wa difference should Walker, Area Agen NCTCOG, at 1-80 or e-mail Pat Borg borgfeldt@aol.com

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