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News Briefs

Saturday is Farmers Market

Downtown Rockwall invite everyone to attend the Market from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in August in downtown Rockwall. Local growers will offer fresh produce, homemade jams, jellies, honey and other items.

Immunizations for children

A Blue Shield of Texas Care Van will be in front of the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday to provide free immunizations for children under the age of 18. Parents are asked to bring their child's immunization records. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, visit www.carevan.org or call 972-689-1234.

Illness support group plans meeting

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) free support group for individuals with mental illness (Room 206), will meet at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall. For more information contact Hal or call 972-12-6030.

Adoptions continue at PetSmart

The Friends Community Cat Alliance will conduct another adoption event from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Rockwall PetSmart. All cats are vaccinated, microchipped and spayed/neutered. Volunteers are needed to assist in cage cleaning, cat care and fostering. For more information, visit www.friendscommunitycat.org.

American Legion to honor military

Rockwall and the American Legion are seeking discharged members of the Armed Forces who live in and around the Rockwall County area. They will be honored at upcoming Thursday Night Veterans Dinner. Anyone who knows a veteran who is returning should call either Craig Zurek at 972-771-1111 or Chuck Bealmear at 972-1111 at chuckbealmear@yahoo.com.

Physicals, immunizations offered

The Center of Helping Hands, a strategic emergency center in Rockwall County, is offering back-to-school/immunizations. School and sport physicals are \$25. Services are offered to those who are uninsured or underinsured. High insurance deductibles. The Health Center is located at 102 S. Main St., Suite B. To make an appointment, call 972-1234.

HSU student registration set

Registration for prospective Rockwall High School students begins on Monday. On Monday, incoming seniors will be registered from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday during the same time periods denoted on the registration schedule. Students entering the tenth grade will be registered on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Volunteer information sessions

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) will hold volunteer information sessions at 7 p.m. at the Rockwall County Library, 3790 S. Houston St., in Rockwall. On Aug. 21 in the Lone Star CASA office, 950 S. Main St., in Rockwall. It is CASA's mission to advocate for children who are in need of legal representation during their time within the legal system. For more information about CASA, visit www.lonestarcasa.org or call 972-772-5555 or e-mail director@lonestarcasa.org.

Questions to register new students

Rockwall Independent School District will conduct its new student orientation through Thursday, according to an announcement on the district's Web site.

Womens League info meetings set

Informational meetings for prospective members of the Rockwall Women's League will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Hilton Bella Harbor Hotel. Those interested to attend are asked to RSVP to Amy Butler at 972-1234 or Betty Hail at 214-232-2891.

Candidates to serve deadline Aug. 15

Rockwall is accepting applications from citizens to serve on a board or commission. Applications are accepted online at www.rockwall.com/CitySecretary/. Applications are due by the City Council. Applications are due by August 15.

Rochell school preparing for new year

Registration for students in kindergarten through second grade at Amanda Rochell Elementary will take place from August 15 in the school cafeteria, according to the school's Web site.

RC Chamber plans auction, dinner

Rockwall County Chamber of Commerce will host an Aug. 22 event to promote programs that benefit youth and economic development. The Silent Auction & Dinner will be at Garland's Hella Hella, 2121 Rowlett Road. At 6:30 p.m. a variety of items will go up for bid while participants enjoy cocktails and the dinner will be at 7:30 p.m.; bidding closes at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available in advance and may be purchased by calling 972-1234 or by e-mailing info@roysecitychamber.com.

Ministerial Alliance to meet

Rockwall Ministerial Alliance will meet at noon on Aug. 27 at the Christian Church, 3372 Ridge Road.

RHS parents seek hamburger helpers

Parents of Rockwall High School Class of 2009 members need to help with the Senior Class Hamburger Supper to be conducted at the homecoming game, according to an announcement on the school's Web site. Any parent of an RHS senior interested in assisting should contact Gary Mueller at gmueller@sbcglobal.net.

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Javiar Sorto of Garland assists drilling for pipe placement under Yellowjacket Lane across from Rockwall High School. Sorto works for JMR Brothers, Inc. also of Garland.
 Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Rockwall ISD construction creates new facilities, increased space

by Kathy Williams

Two of the most anticipated construction projects about to get underway in Rockwall are the new aquatics/wellness center and renovations to Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. The aquatics center will bring a much-needed swimming pool to the school district, and the stadium will be brought into the new century with modern conveniences and additional seating.

The double-duty aquatics/wellness center will be located near the former Utley Freshman Center, according to Sheri Fowler, Public Relations Director for RISD. The wellness center will be equipped mainly with weights and other exercise equipment. Both the pool and wellness center will be available for public use.

A complete overhaul of the home side of Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium will begin after the 2008 football season. When complete, the stadium will have a new scoreboard, two larger, updated concessions stands, expanded and renovated restrooms, a spirit shop, and a two level press box with office space. The press box will also feature a community seating area for guests or VIPs to watch events. Fowler said it is "an area designed to build community unity."

Seating at the stadium has become an issue with more fans attending events as the local population has increased. The new design includes a total of 6,800 seats on the home side, including traditional bench seating and chair seating in some areas. It has not been decided exactly how the chairs will be designated, but will include some

reserved seating and season ticket holders preferred seating.

A key feature of the stadium renovation will be the addition of locker rooms under the grandstands. Teams currently have to leave the stadium and cross the parking lot to reach the locker rooms located inside Utley. All facilities will now be located within the stadium and will have separate areas for visitors and the home team.

Renovations will not only take place on the home side of the stadium. The concession stands and restrooms on the visitor's side will also be remodeled and modernized.

Fowler said the RISD Athletics Office has temporarily moved, in preparation for the renovations, from the stadium to 1191 Townsend, on the north side of Utley across from the RISD maintenance office. The Athletics Office phone number will remain the same, 469-698-7364.

The \$62.5 million bond program approved in February 2006, along with \$11.5 million in remaining unissued bonds from the 2001 program, will address the elementary education, technology and infrastructure needs of the district. Ten school buses have been added to the district's fleet since 2006, with nine more expected in August purchased through this bond. Two new elementary schools, Celia Hays and Sharon Shannon, opened their doors in the fall of 2007.

Technology improvements, including new audio-visual equipment

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James Drakes at Royse City High School (See story on Page 2) (Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)

News You Won't Find Anywhere Else!

Eavenson outlines potential funding for new county jail

Commissioners have begun the arduous task of determining how best to fund additional jail space and how best to fund only jail within the county, it will continue to expand law enforcement agencies to meet the ever-expanding population and the increase in crime that growth. There is no timeframe for the project as discussions have only just

Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson on a proposal was introduced that suggests suspending the issuance of bonds, to build the addition Sheriff Eavenson said, "The idea is intriguing, but it is worth looking into."

The first came to light during an annual jail commission meeting on Jail Standards the commission suggested adding 47 more beds with inmate demand. It was not possible in the time frame, but a change in one Texas law would allow for citations to be issued. The commission was reduced, allowing valuable time to

date the county expand the jail, but they suggest a rate of population growth, at least 1,100 by the year 2030. The county's population is currently at 300,000.

Under the Sheriff suggests overbuilding the number of beds designated for contract to other agencies. The number of contract beds has not been determined when the entire project is ready Eavenson said, "Many county jails contract out their beds to Kaufman, Henderson and Van

the sheriff, several law enforcement agencies, such as the Texas State Service and the U.S. Marshall Service, have

indicated they would contract with Rockwall County if the beds were available. Eavenson said, "We are well-placed in the Metroplex. When we have more beds, they want to contract with us."

Last year, the county commissioners purchased the 3.2-acre tract of land adjacent to the current justice center, at the corner of Townsend Drive and Boydston Street with an eye on future expansion. Any addition is expected to be a stand-alone building, attached to the current facility by a walkway. Eavenson said a stand-alone structure would cost less to build than an addition to the existing building. He said it would also be a cost saving measure to have the building built next door instead of elsewhere in the county, so officials don't have to run a second facility.

Under this proposal, the jail expansion would be funded by a group of investors, rather than the usual bonds or certificates of obligation that are paid back by taxpayers. The F.C. Cuny Corp. of Heath would arrange the financing. The sheriff said, "The County won't spend a dime" with this particular financing package. The existing justice center was built with certificates of obligation.

Eavenson said he and his administrators conducted an informal study to compare six months of operating expenses with contract inmates, and six months without contract inmates. He said the cost difference showed a projected net income from contract beds that could easily provide an approximate 50% return, 50% being a "conservative estimate." The cost of new personnel to staff the addition was figured into the profit. "The bottom line is, if we can break even and pay for the facility and the tax payers don't have to, that's an incredible benefit," Eavenson said. "It is a profitable venture and is good for the county."

The current jail, built in the late 1980s, has 241 beds, 221 of which are for general jail population. The other 20 are designated as special use beds, such as detox beds or cells for violent offenders. The jail is considered at capacity with 200 occupied beds.

Rockwall County has an agreement with Limestone County to hold any overflow inmates, usually about 15 to 20, when its jail reaches capacity. Between July 18 and 27, 2008, Rockwall County spent \$29,444 to house inmates in Limestone County. That amount includes housing, medical costs, and other expenses required to house an inmate.

The increase in jail population can also be attributed to the hiring of two full time warrant officers to serve the more than 1,000 outstanding warrants in the county. Before the officers were hired, no one on the sheriff's staff was assigned to serve warrants. Eavenson said offenders were usually found if they were detained for other offenses and it was discovered they had an outstanding warrant. The sheriff said the need for more beds wouldn't go away. "As the population grows, the need for beds will grow."

Apology for advertising error

Publisher's Note: Last week we incorrectly published a Rockwall County budget and tax rate information advertisement and express our sincere apology to the County Treasurer and Rockwall County officials for the error. The advertisement was a copy of the 2007 document and was only sent to us as an example. We regret any inconvenience or misunderstandings this error may have caused our readers or county officials.

Eavenson took office as the Rockwall County Sheriff in 2001. The jail had been empty for a year when administrators conducted a seven-month evaluation to determine if it was secure. The jail reopened on August 1, 2001 with an average daily population of 100-110 inmates.

The razor wire fence surrounding the property was added in 2003. Eavenson said the fence was required for several reasons: 1. Basic security. There are four solid metal doors on the justice center and if any one fails, the fence can keep an inmate contained until they are caught. 2. Contraband has been found on the property that someone had tried to get into the building. The fence helps keep certain elements out, and inmates in. 3. If there was a need for a temporary jail evacuation, inmates could be contained for a short time until they could be moved somewhere safe.

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The YMC will shut its doors at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 9, and Sunday, August 10 in order to take preventive care to keep the pool safe. Let residents know that the parasite has not only local pools, but are taking steps to keep the swimmers.

The water-borne parasite that is primarily spread by fecal matter is in the pool, swimmers when they swallow the contaminated water. Swimmers should be washed vigorously with soap and water. Chlorine alone are not effective against the parasite. Swimmers should be supervised to ensure they do not deliberate a pool or lake. And, no matter how much chlorine is added to the water, it does not kill the parasite.

The symptoms are similar to flu, including nausea and vomiting. The parasite with microscopic examination to

President of the YMCA of Metropolitan Area would be super-chlorinated to kill any organism. After the chlorine has been added, it will take several days for the pool chemistry to return to normal levels. Echtenkamp said once the pool is closed on Sunday, the procedure will take, they hope to be open at night and not have to close during the week.

A pool is one of 22 area Y pools that will be closed for preventive care.

Committee to find new chamber VP

The committee has been appointed to determine a replacement vice president's seat on the Royce City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Members include Tom Crowley, David Gardner, David Lott, and Larry Lott, committee chairman.

The committee is charged with finding a replacement for Grady Echtenkamp. Recommendations will be disclosed at Monday's board meeting. A press release distributed this week.

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Brent Coble helps create film for national contest

Brent Coble of Rockwall has wanted to make his own films since he first saw "Raiders of the Lost Ark" as a child. And now, as a student filmmaker with an entry in the Samsung Mobile Fresh Films contest, he

just may get his big break.

Coble and a group of 15 student filmmakers were chosen to create a short dramatic film called "Saturday," about a troubled young girl who feels

her only option to escape her circumstance is to run away from home. Her sister tries to make her stay by saying they can make it through together. We haven't given away the en-

tire plot - you have to see it for yourself.

More than 5,000 would-be filmmakers applied to be part of the contest, which is sponsored by Samsung, Slurpee, the National Guard and dosomething.com. They submitted a biography and an essay stating why they wanted to take part in the contest. Coble said nine teams, consisting of 15 students each, were selected to create films in three categories, drama, action, and comedy.

Each team represents a different city. The drama teams were from Salt Lake City, Dallas and New Orleans. The action teams were from Boston, St. Louis and Portland, Oregon. The comedy teams were from New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Coble and his teammates made up Team Dallas.

The teams were given a script from which to create their film. The catch was, the film had to be created, from storyboards to casting to final editing, in seven days. Coble said his team shot their film in a single, 15-hour day, with two days for editing. But, before they could even begin filming, the teams had to find its own equipment. Samsung provided cameras, sound equipment and laptop computers for editing and mixing music. The teams had to collect any other equipment needed from whatever source they could find.

Coble said his team was able to call on their former school theater departments and other contacts for equipment. They borrowed tripods, lighting equipment, boom mikes and all that they needed to complete their film. "You call who you know for what you need and we got lucky," he said.

Each member of the team was able to do each job during filming. Coble said they rotated jobs so everyone could have hands-on experience at each task. "It was good because if you don't know what you want to do, you got a taste of everything in filmmaking that week."

More than 60 people showed up to audition for the four roles in the film. He said they advertised for actors with local talent agencies and on the Internet. The film crew, although based in Dallas, was made up of students from around the country, including Florida, Oklahoma, and three from Houston. Coble, age 20, is a junior radio-television-film major at the University of North

Texas in Denton.

On-line voting took place from July 31 to August 6. The winning film from each of the three categories will face off in another on-line vote to determine an overall contest winner. Voting will take place August 21-27 at www.fresh-films.com. The overall winning team will receive Mac laptop computers, Samsung phones and a trip to Los Angeles, where their film will be shown at the AFI Festival in Hollywood.

Coble is no stranger to making award-winning films. He participated in and won a 48-hour film contest at the Dark Horse Film Fest in Denton. Filmmakers had just two days to come up with a theme, script,

music, cast everything in a film in a finalist Association.

He and organized the of North Texas film partners of Mesquite 2007 grading School, and 2007 grading young men a film major in North Texas.

Coble said he desires is, "er my first in a red carpet Harbor."



light, and her little sister, Sadie, re in the children's area one last tin at 1215 E. Yellowjacket, will open a Capital Campaign continues. Do computers, books and magazines a campaign, P.O. Box 1205, Rockwall, T sign.com.

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Helping Hands seeking Fall Market

Plans for the 1st Annual Helping Hands Fall flea market designed as a fundraiser for local organizations and churches, are under way.

The event will include a variety of booths from operating in the parking lot of Rockwall County 950 Williams St., on Oct. 25.

Groups interested in participating in the Fall booth space at a cost of \$50, which will be used get for advertising the event. Participants must set a 10x20 tent, and each nonprofit keeps its earnings.

"Helping Hands anticipates the Fall Market will draw a crowd of shoppers and a variety of merchandise a very successful fundraiser for our local non-profit," said Melody East, the agency's program director.

Helping Hands, a short-term assistance agency has served the Rockwall community for more than 20 years.

Agency plans to market this event on a local and regional level. For more information, call East at 972-771-HELPA or contact her by e-mail at melodyeast@rockwallhelpinghands.org

2008 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF HEATH

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for CITY OF HEATH. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,784,286
Last year's debt taxes	\$646,602
Last year's total taxes	\$3,430,888
Last year's tax base	\$999,384,776
Last year's total tax rate	0.343300/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$3,431,132
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,022,321,729
= This year's effective tax rate	0.335600/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$2,784,484
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,022,321,729
= This year's effective operating rate	0.272300/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.294000/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.068700/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.362700/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If CITY OF HEATH adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.335600 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$ 163,731.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
DEBT SERVICE	970,222

Schedule B: 2008 Debt Service:
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
GO	175,000	77,762	0	252,762
CO	419,269	484,463	0	903,732
Total required for 2008 debt service				\$1,156,494
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$419,276
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2008				\$737,218
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.000000% of its taxes in 2008				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$737,218

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 841 Justin Rd, Rockwall, TX 75087.
Name of person preparing this notice: Ray E. Helm
Title: Chief Appraiser
Date prepared: July 30, 2008

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and her little sister, Sadie, recently took advantage of the Rockwall County children's area one last time prior to the facility's closure last month. The 215 E. Yellowjacket, will open Sept. 7. As plans for the opening are made, the Capital Campaign continues. Donations are needed to fund children's programs, computers, books and magazines and entertainment. Contributions may be mailed to, P.O. Box 1205, Rockwall, TX 75087. More information is available at www.cents4sophie.com.

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4 Sophie fundraiser Aug. 23

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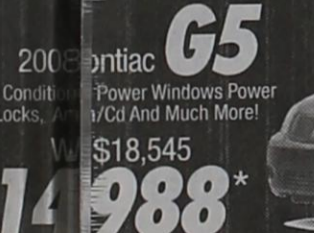
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Michael J. Lowery

Services for Michael J. Lowery, 78, of Rowlett were conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Stephen Miller officiating.

He died Monday, Aug. 4. Born April 11, 1930, in Grover, Ala., to Joseph and Susie (Williams) Lowery, he was a dietician in the medical industry and an avid Dallas Cowboys and LSU football fan.

Survivors include his children, Melissa Stevenson and husband, Ivan, of Garland, Michelle Lowery of Rowlett, Denise Gordon and husband, Dale, of Mobile, Ala., Michael Lowery Jr. of Pennsylvania, Herbert Lowery of South Carolina and Brian



Lowery of Mobile; his grandchildren, Nicholas Stevenson, Melody Moreno and husband, Gabriel, Thomas Stevenson and Wesley Stevenson; and brothers, Spurlan Lowery of Pensacola, Fla., Russell Lowery of San Antonio and Vaughn Lowery of Mobile.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife: Florene (Mayo) Lowery; and one brother, Dick Lowery.

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Diane Marie Rowland

Services for Diane Marie Rowland, 69, were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008, in the Eastgate Funeral Home with the Rev. Isaac R. Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Calvary Hill Cemetery.

She died Saturday, Aug. 2, in Dallas.

Born Aug. 9, 1938, in Bridgeport, Conn., to Sidney F. and Kathryn Rowland, her family was one of the founding families of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include her brother, Sidney F. Rowland Jr. and wife, Jeanette; two nephews, Shane and Dwayne Rowland; four nieces Glenna and Jeff Heraly, Carol and Michael Kirby, Kathryn Carter and Sharon and Kevin Fawks; and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Alice Ann Howell.



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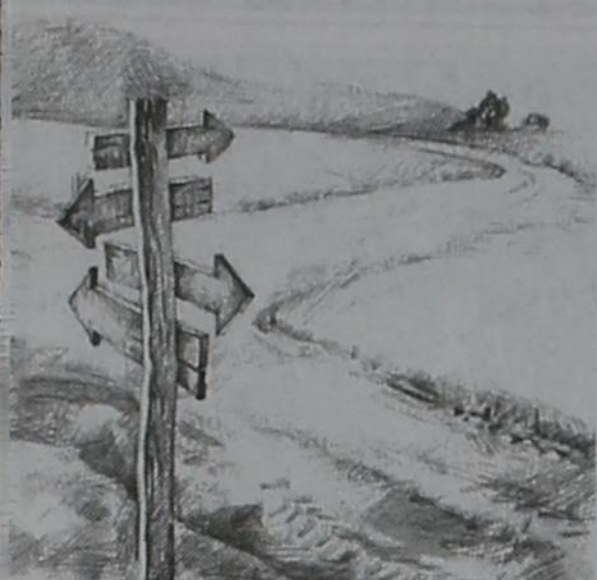
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To have large items picked up or for donors who need assistance, call 972-771-HELP to arrange a pick-up time.

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Entertainment Briefs

'Singin' wraps up this weekend

Tickets to the Rockwall Community Playhouse's teen production, "Singin' in the Rain," are available for purchase online at www.rockwallcommunity-playhouse.org. Final performances are set for 8 p.m. today and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

'My Fair Lady' auditions Saturday

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's rendition of "My Fair Lady" will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the theatre. Adult actors will be asked to read cold from the script and sing 32 bars of music; accompanist will be provided. No children are needed for this production. Individuals unable to attend the audition should call 214-850-3674 to make an appointment.

Mars Hill Band to perform Thursday

Mars Hill Band will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Each event in the Concert by the Lake series is open to the public, and admission is free. Participants are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Family luau, picnic set at Myers Pool

The end-of-summer Family Luau Party will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Myers Park Pool. A belly-flop contest, a Hula Hoop contest, noodle race and a bounce house are planned; a hot dog picnic also is planned. Cost is \$10 per family (limit six to a family). For information, contact the City of Rockwall Parks & Rec Department.

Free stargazing event scheduled

Members of the Texas Astronomical Society will lead a stargazing event that will begin at the Myers Park Community Center at 7 p.m. to individuals ages 13 and older, the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department organized event will run until 10 p.m. and will be free of charge.

Texas Canasta tourney slated

A Texas Canasta tournament will take place beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at The Center. Cost to participate in the tournament is \$3.

Republican Women plan event

The Rockwall County Republican Women's Club will host a fashion show and auction beginning at 11 a.m. Aug. 16 at the Harbor Hotel, Rockwall. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Lea Carlson at 972-475-7321 or via email at lea.carlson@rcw.org. For more details contact Brenda Zielke at 214-850-3674 or go to http://rcrwtxasgop.blogspot.com.

Doggie Splash Day scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will celebrate summer with a Doggie Splash Day beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Myers Park Pool. Dogs can swim at a cost of \$5 each; swimming is free. A dog-paddle race, retrieving contest and a water polo contest are scheduled. Owners must bring proof of rabies vaccination and a leash. Lowed entry to the pool.

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Next Lunch & Learn set Sept. 7

The next Lunch & Learn event, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, will be held at the Zaner Robison Historical Museum at Roysie City, Texas, on Sept. 7 at 124 S. Arch. Topic will be "Bulldog Days of Old Rockwall." The cost is \$6 for members, \$10 for non-members.

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My Fair Lady Auditions

9 a.m., Saturday, August 9, for adults and older teens at the First United Methodist Church of Quinlan.

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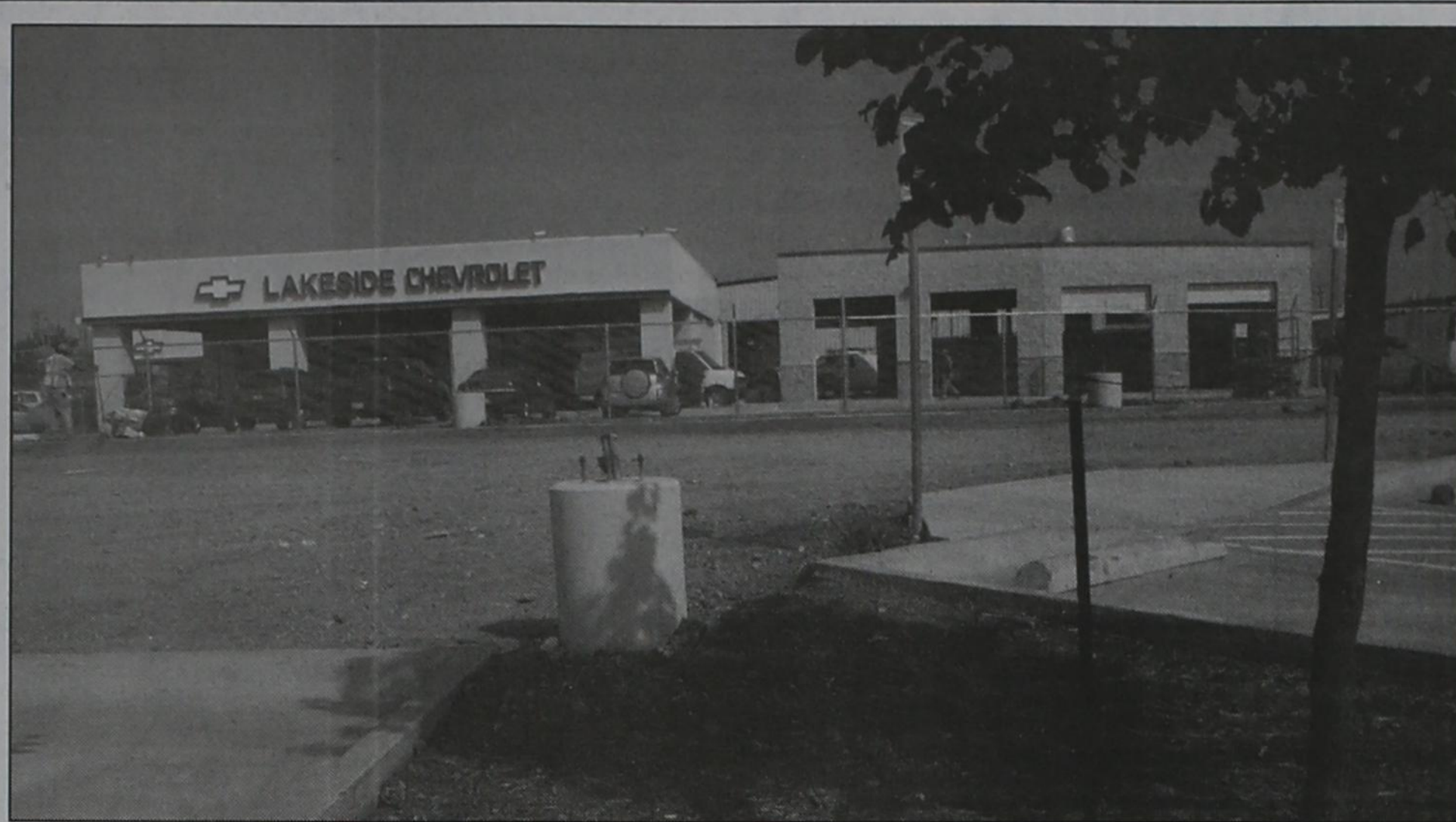
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Lakeside Chevrolet major expansion




A big expansion at Lakeside Chevrolet began earlier this week at the location near the intersection of IH 30 and Goliad Sgreet

Other amenities include Enterprise, which has a location on site for body, service and sales customers. The dealership also features custom golf carts that transport customers and potential customers from lot to lot. It is no wonder they consistently receive the outstanding customer service index, making them one of the top five in the DFW market.

In the not-too-distant future, you will be able to see Lakeside Chevrolet from many different viewpoints as they erect a 60-foot high display tent. The blue canvas structure is modern in design, not resembling a tent as much as a piece of art.

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Mortgage management means monitoring whether your financing is in tune with other things going on in your life. Have you had unexpected expenses or windfalls? Is the family growing or shrinking? Have you increased or decreased the equity in your home? Also, should your loan be fixed or adjustable, interest only or equity accelerating, forward or reverse amortization? What is the current interest rate climate? What new mortgage products are available? These factors, and others, need to be addressed as part of periodic mortgage management.

The answers to these questions are in constant flux, which is why it is recommended that you discuss your situation with a mortgage professional before purchasing, then at least once a year after closing. Currently, for instance, borrowers who have been joyfully riding the wave of low adjustable rate mortgages for the last few years are starting to hit rough waters. It's certainly time to consider fixed rate refinancing in the face of a possible short-term rate tsunami.

Consider this analogy. If someone handed you \$350,000 for investment purposes, how much time and energy would you spend analyzing all the options available to you? Wouldn't you seek out a reputable financial planner, or possibly by asking people you trust to refer you to an expert in that field?

Of Course You Would.

Why then, would you not exercise the same due diligence if you were planning on borrowing the same amount of money, or more. Any professional financial planner would agree that many of the same concerns are addressed whether borrowing or investing. Both involve programs and strategies that are tailored to criteria of long and short-term objectives, risk tolerance and yields. Balance is the key to a sound investment portfolio and to ignore the liabilities side of the balance sheet, especially the mortgage loan would clearly be irresponsible. It's important to treat your mortgage financing as an integral part of your total financial picture because mortgage management can be a critical component of wealth building. It makes great sense to enlist the help of a professional when investing or borrowing.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Rockwall Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 6:00pm, August 18, 2008 _____ in Rm 600, Admin. Education Ctr. 1050 Williams _____ Rockwall, Texas _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.43 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	6.97 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	7.89 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	14.86 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 5,935,327,276	\$ 6,675,206,191
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 281,019,450	\$ 332,636,544
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 5,333,682,755	\$ 5,740,732,638
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 268,293,314	\$ 285,563,253

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ _____ 358,778,120 _____

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.43000 *	\$ 1.47000	\$ 6,157	\$ 2,971
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.06001	\$ 0.47749 *	\$ 1.53750	\$ 6,302	\$ 2,909
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.43000 *	\$ 1.47000	\$ 6,168	\$ 2,916

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 202,590	\$ 205,298
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 187,590	\$ 190,298
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.47
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2,757.57	\$ 2,797.38
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 39.81

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is _____ 1.04 _____. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of _____ 1.04 _____.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 24,609,520
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,668,034



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Opinions

Honesty among Thieves

by Michael Tennant

The state of Minnesota is prosecuting a 19-year-old Sanders, for the crime of having offered his vote in election to the highest bidder on eBay. He is being charged with a crime, which could land him in prison for as long as five years, under an 1893 law that criminalizes the sale of votes.

The AP report linked above notes that this law explains why most Minnesota voters and practically every voter in the Land of 10,000 Lakes are not currently being prosecuted for the crime of selling their vote.

"Government," wrote H.L. Mencken, "is a broker election is sort of an advance auction sale of stolen property. The government owns nothing that it did not first steal from its officials obtain and retain power by doling out these bribes to its constituents."

The only difference between Sanders's approach to the crime of selling his vote is that Sanders is honest about the rest of the people couch their vote sales in free-market "entitlements," "the public good," "government services," "disaster relief." Rather than being strung up for this, he is being applauded for his forthrightness!

If you doubt that elections are all about buying and selling votes, a few of the promises being made by the two major candidates are:

Buying votes

Democrat Barack Obama is offering up the following promises to those who will pull the lever for him in November: a \$50 billion in "economic stimulus" spending, (\$20 billion rebate) but will, of course, be conjured up by the Federal Reserve; a \$60 billion toward a "National Infrastructure Reinvestment Bank"; a "doubling [of] federal funding for basic research"; a \$250 million per year to create "a national network of public research incubators."

Unspecified amounts, no doubt in the billions, for various purposes: \$150 billion to "advance the next generation of biofuel production"; \$50 billion for a "Clean Technologies Venture Capital Fund"; \$50 billion to cut "extreme poverty around the world"; \$50 billion to "make available a new national health plan to all Americans"; \$1 billion for "transitional jobs and career pathway programs"; \$50 billion to "move the U.S. health care system to a standards-based electronic health information system."

And that's just a sampling!

Socialists on both sides of the aisle

Meanwhile, over at the GOP-Mart, John McCain does not want to get too specific about the details of his plan for many other things:

A HOME plan to let "every deserving American... trade a manageable loan that reflects their home's market value for a "Justice Department Mortgage Abuse Task Force"; a "Student Loan Continuity Plan" to "expand the capabilities for each state's guarantee agency" (and guarantee bill for deadbeat loan recipients).

Enlarging "the size of our armed forces to meet new challenges because the solution to an overextended military, as McCain would roll back our overseas commitments" but to spend more on military commitments.

Spending money on research to "Promote the Innovation and Deployment of Advanced Technologies" to reduce the carbon emissions.

Government theft abounds

"A Global Solution to Global Climate Change," which includes "Incentives and Partnerships for Sales of Clean Tech to Developing Countries"; "[Strong support] of NASA and the space program, including astronauts to the Moon in preparation for a manned mission to Mars"; McCain is even offering to spend Iraqis' tax money to fund infrastructure projects and in restoring basic services.

Every dollar that these two men propose to spend on infrastructure projects, either by taxation or by inflation, every dollar is therefore guilty of accepting stolen property. Given these gigantic promises of "free" money, then, it is the overwhelming majority of votes will be cast for the candidate to give the voter — or someone the voter likes, such as a defense contractor — more of his neighbor's property than he has.

Democracy empties the treasury, ends in disaster

The election, in Mencken's apt phrase, is indeed "an advance auction sale of stolen goods," and most voters will indeed be selling their vote to the highest bidder. Only one man, Max P. Sanders, had the courage to stand up and he's being threatened with jail and a fine for his honesty. Tell us about the state and those who continue to participate in these operations?

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Making criminals of honest hard working Americans

Attorney Charles Adams is the author of "When in the Course of Events: Arguing the Case for Southern Secession," and "Those Dirty Dirty Tax Revolts That Built America." Much of this material and more can be found in his book, "For Good and Evil: The Impact of Tax on the Course of Civilization."

Quotes from his 1994 speech at the National Tax Foundation

The history of the income tax is an old story, a perfect example of a good idea going bad. In fact, one of the universal factors in tax history is that the taxes go bad. The income tax certainly followed that course, especially in the 30 years. It was initially a tax supported primarily by the duty of citizens — in short, the income tax was an honor system, which it will work in a free society.

Today, the honor part is gone. Over the past two decades, especially in the 1990s, the intrusions and spying on citizen taxpayers has reached a level that is unprecedented. Thirty years ago nothing was reported to the tax man except the taxpayer's name and a worker to claim a refund. Today, everything of any possible tax consequence is reported to the IRS. Banks photograph everything going through your bank accounts. The IRS has photos for Big Brother to see.

We have evolved from a nation with a tax system based on honor to a nation on espionage against all citizens. But there is hope. President Clinton's administration that the best way to get rid of a bad law is to strictly enforce it. The Congress has been digging a grave unwittingly for the income tax in the past 20 years. Let us hope President Grant's observation concerning the income tax a decade society as compared to our recent ancestors. But the income tax is a major cold war type tax rebellion against a tax that is unconstitutional. Adam Smith in "The Wealth of Nations" made some surprising observations concerning making tax evasion a crime.

He said that the evader is ordinarily an excellent citizen and that a crime which nature never meant to be. He concluded by saying that it is a much unnecessary expense by government and mismanagement of revenue, the laws that protect it will not be respected.

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A nation of thieves

by Walter E. Williams

Edgar K. Browning, professor of economics at Texas A&M University, has a new book aptly titled "Stealing from Each Other." Its subtitle, "How the Welfare State Robs Americans of Money and Spirit," goes to the heart of what the book is about.

The rise of equalitarian ideology has driven Americans to steal from one another. Browning explains that certain kinds of equality have been a cherished value in America. Equality under the law and, within reason, equality of opportunity is consistent with a free society. Equality of results is an anathema to a free society and within it lie the seeds of tyranny.

Browning entertains a discussion about when inequalities are just or unjust. For example, college graduates earn income higher than high-school dropouts. Some people prefer to work many hours and earn more than others who prefer to work fewer. Students who spend 25 or more hours a week on classroom preparation earn higher grades than students who spend five hours.

Most would agree that these inequalities are just. There are other sources of inequalities that are unjust, such as: when incomes result from fraud, corruption, stealing, exploitation, oppression and the like. Such sources of inequality play an insignificant role in producing income inequality in America. Most economists agree that income is closely related to productivity.

Much of the justification for the welfare state is to reduce income inequality by making income transfers to the poor. Browning provides some statistics that might help us to evaluate the sincerity and truthfulness of this claim. In 2005, total federal, state and local government expenditures on 85 welfare programs were \$620 billion.

That's larger than national defense (\$495 billion) or public education (\$472 billion). The 2005 official poverty count was 37 million persons. That means welfare expenditures per poor person were \$16,750, or \$67,000 for a poor family of four.

Those figures understate poverty expenditures because poor people are recipients of non-welfare programs such as Social Security, Medicare, private charity and uncompensated medical care. The question that naturally arises is if we're spending enough to lift everyone out of poverty, why is there still poverty? The obvious answer is poor people are not receiving all the money being spent in their name. Non-poor people are getting the bulk of it.

Browning's concluding chapter tells us what the welfare state costs us. He acknowledges the non-economic costs such as infringements on liberty and strains on the political process, but focuses on the quantitative economic costs. The disincentive effects of Social Security have reduced the GDP by 10 percent, the federal income tax (as opposed to a proportional tax) by 9 percent and past deficits by 3.5 percent for a total of 22.5 percent.

He guesses that welfare programs have reduced GDP by 2.5 percent. The overall effect of redistributionist policies has created incentives that have reduced GDP by a total of 25 percent. Without those, our GDP would be close to \$18 trillion instead of \$14 trillion.

So what's Browning's solution? First, he reminds us of the biblical admonition "Thou shalt not steal." Government income redistribution programs produce the same result as theft. In fact, that's what a thief does: he redistributes income.

The difference between government and thievery is mostly a matter of legality. Browning's solution is captured in the title of his last chapter, "Just Say No," where he proposes, "The federal government shall not adopt any policies that transfer income (resources) from some Americans to other Americans." He agrees with James Madison, the father of our Constitution, who said, "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents."

For years I've used Professor Browning's and his colleague Mark A. Zupan's excellent textbook "Microeconomics: Price Theory and Applications" in my intermediate microeconomics class. "Stealing from Each Other" is a continuation of his academic excellence.

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Flying low

by Bill O'Reilly

With less than six months left in office, George W. Bush has already been branded one of the worst presidents in history by some in the left-wing press. To them, Bush is the worst thing to happen in America since the advent of talk radio.

To be fair (something the liberal media rarely are), President Bush was dealt a tough hand. Less than one year into his first term, Muslim assassins in civilian clothing started a worldwide war. To his credit, Bush has fought that war tough, if not always smart.

The campaign against terror has occupied most of the president's time. Therefore, things like illegal immigration, energy prices and the nation's airline system, which became enormous problems on Bush's watch, were not dealt with aggressively. Thus, the president will leave office in a few months saddled with very low approval ratings.

For anyone who travels in America, the flying experience has become almost painful. Airlines have cut back on basic services, and the comfort level while flying is now a joke. Customers are jammed into seats, forced to endure unexplained delays and often treated with apathy if not outright disrespect.

Any other industry would have folded years ago, but many Americans have to fly, whether for business or family concerns. The airline and oil industries have similar profiles: The folks need their services; we can't walk away.

The Federal Aviation Administration is responsible for keeping the airline industry safe and efficient. It is safe, that's a fact. But efficiently run? Sure. So is Zimbabwe.

FAA Administrator Bobby Sturgell's greatest achievement is that no one has ever heard of him. Sturgell is a former pilot and, apparently, unaware that many American pilots still on the job are slowly being driven crazy because of the chaos in the skies.

This is not a complicated situation. There are simply too many planes in the air for air traffic controllers to safely handle because takeoff and landing times are not regulated. Thus, the airports in New York City, Atlanta and Chicago are beyond saturated. If a cloud rolls in or a rabbit runs across the runway, planes begin stacking up back to Katmandu.

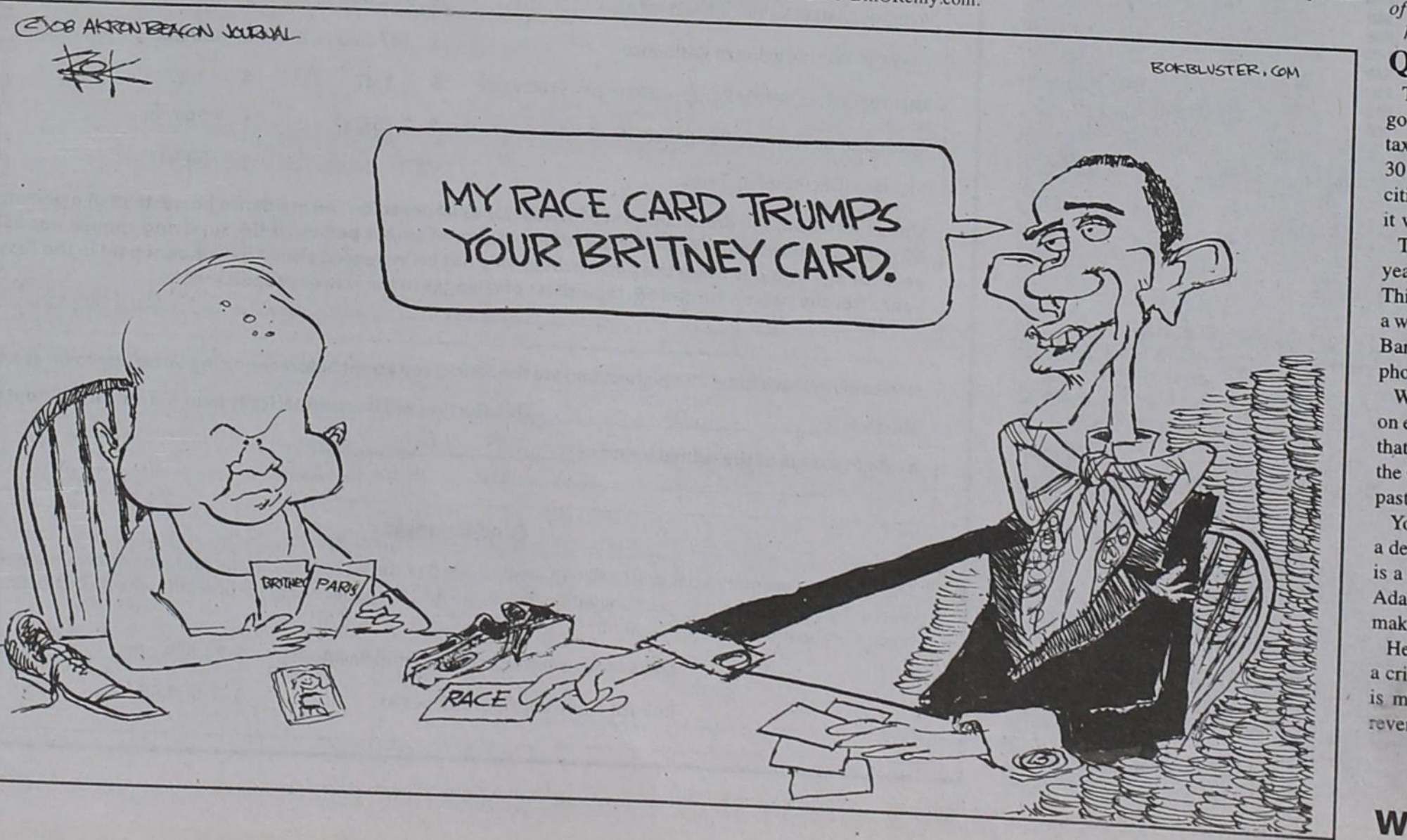
If someone would awaken Sturgell, something could be done. The federal government has the power to control takeoffs and landings. It is dangerous and a colossal waste of oil for planes to be circling all over the place and sitting on active runways for hours. Apparently, everyone understands this but Bobby.

And his boss, George.

It's not that the president is a bad man or even incompetent. I do not believe that. But he has no sense of urgency in many matters. Problems like the airline chaos mount and are rarely solved. Hey, Mr. President, people are suffering at the airports. This should not be happening in America.

Somebody on Air Force One should tell the guy.

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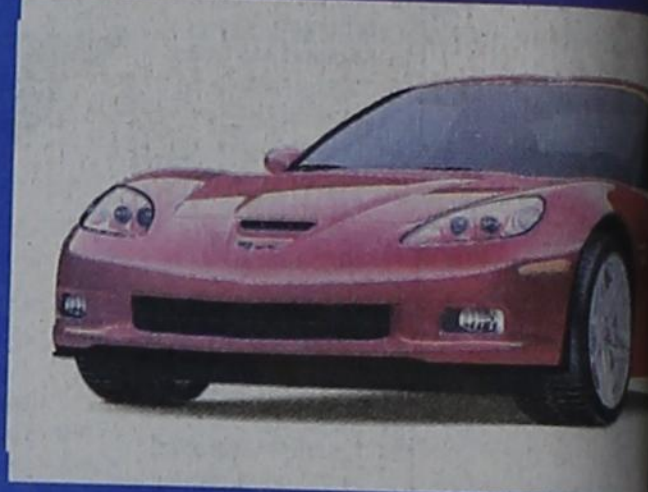
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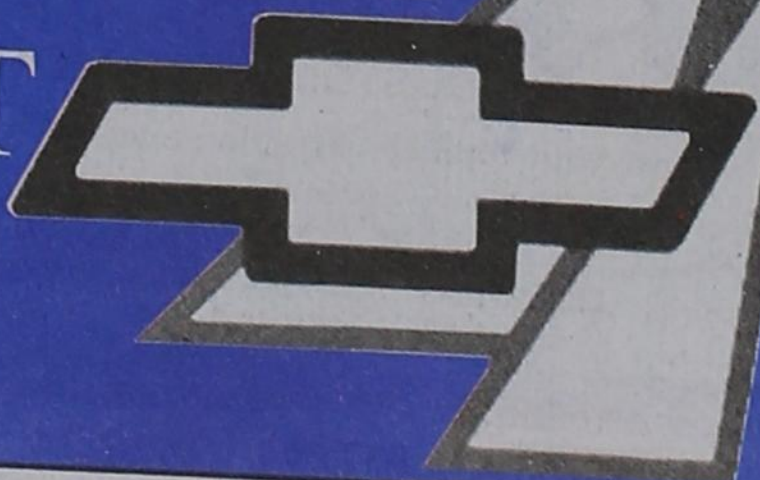
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Rockwall-Heath High School Freshman Head Coach Randy Yarber (right) teaches tackling techniques during this week's football camp for eighth, eighth and ninth grade students. Eighth grade players running through a play are (center, left to right) Ethan Hulse of Fate and Darth Kin of Heath. The camp lasted through Thursday. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Yellowjacket 'two-a-days' start Monday

The thermometer has been reaching 100 degrees almost every day in the area. It isn't in the air, but the calendar says that Rockwall's two-a-day football practices Monday, with the opening of the Yellowjackets this year will be playing in Division 10-5A, where they competed the last two seasons. With coaching his fourth year as Jackets head coach, it's not been in 5A," he said. "It's about playing the game about the challenge. Last year, we played 5A with a 5-2 record in 10-5A, and was 6-5 overall. Rockwall, one of the state's largest schools, saved a 42-yard interception in the end zone. They're real excited. Our camp will be every year in the past. Our goal is to be the best we can be, state champions," the coach said. He took time to attend last week's coaching school. He took time to attend the Texas High School Coaches Association all-state camp in Smith, played a key role in the North's exciting game. The former quarterback who now is at Baylor, threw a 1:24 play to pull the North within two minutes of two recovered outside kicks in the final 1:38. In Park of Argyle kicked a 41-yard field goal with the win. Junior Adam Dingwell is in line to take Braden

Smith's place for Rockwall. Dingwell was an all-district tight end in 2007. The Jackets will welcome back seniors Aaron Arterburn, a linebacker/tight end who was hurt and missed all of last season, and running back/wide receiver Jarron White, who missed most of the games after being injured.

Hawks get new athletic facilities

by Matt McGillen
Sometimes in order to level the playing field, it's necessary to level the practice field as well. With Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High School meeting on the playing fields for the first time this season as co-members of District 10-4A, both schools have or are in the process of improving their practice facilities. As part of a combined \$6 million improvement to both schools' athletic departments, RHHS hopes to open its new 40,000-square-foot, multi-purpose building by Sept. 1. "We're hoping to have it done by then," said Rockwall Independent School District athletic director Mark Elam. "It will be a real Godsend." When the weather was bad in the past, Heath athletes were forced to use the now-closed Mark McLemore Training Center in Rockwall, which was opened by the ex-professional baseball player in October 2005, at a daily cost of several hundred dollars.

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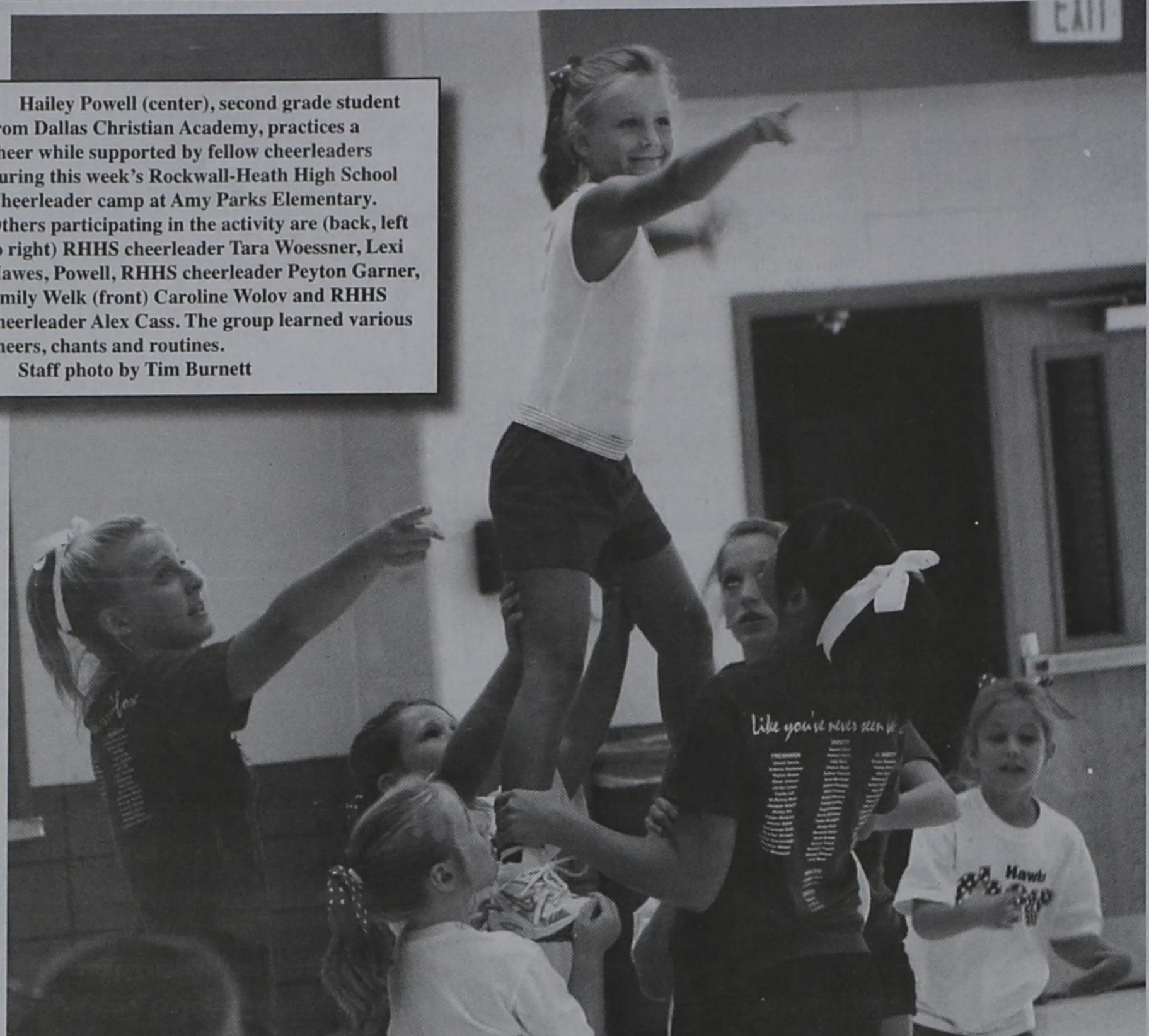
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Hailey Powell (center), second grade student from Dallas Christian Academy, practices a cheer while supported by fellow cheerleaders during this week's Rockwall-Heath High School Cheerleader camp at Amy Parks Elementary. Others participating in the activity are (back, left to right) RHHS cheerleader Tara Woessner, Lexi Hawes, Powell, RHHS cheerleader Peyton Garner, Emily Welk (front) Caroline Wolov and RHHS cheerleader Alex Cass. The group learned various cheers, chants and routines.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Yellowjackets' backers plan silent auction August 22

Rockwall High's Jacket Backers Athletic Booster Club will hold its first silent auction beginning at 5 p.m. Aug. 22. The auction will be part of the annual Meet the Jacket athletes and coaches from every sports team are invited. Plans are under way for an enthusiastic ceremony to present and fans, according to a recent press release, and Jacket Backers will ramp up the event with the silent auction. Auction proceeds will benefit the club's general fund, sports, and its newly established Jacket Pride Scholar Fund. Food and beverages will also be available at the event. To date, auction chairwoman and Jacket Backer Board member Raymond has received numerous donations to the auction, including a 50-minute massage, from Belton, a gift certificate for a birthday party for up to 15 kids at an open water certification course from Blue Sea Adventures. Anyone interested in donating a product or service to the auction should contact Raymond at (214) 229-8275 or e-mail her at raymond@jacketbackers.com. Following the auction, Meet the Jackets will begin at 6 p.m. and will be conducted in the Wilkerson-Sanders football stadium.

Rockwall Riptides repeat as state YMCA swimming champs

The Rockwall Riptides won their seventh consecutive swimming state title over 22 other teams in competition July 24-27. The Riptides won by a commanding margin with 520 points, second-place Coppell's 3,909. Waxahachie finished third with 4,100 points. Leading a bevy of top swimmers from Rockwall were high points trophies for their age group - Ryan Lang, 16, Rogers, girls 13-14; Justin Tokuz, boys 11-12, and Rachel Tokuz, 12, won six individual first-place medals and two relay teams. He finished first in the 100-, 200- and 500-200 and 400 individual medleys and 100 butterfly. The set state records. He also was second in the 100 IM and 50 backstroke. Hyvl, 8, took seven first-place medals - in the 25 and 50 back and 25, 50 and 100 free. She broke a team record in setting her own 100 IM record. Lang, a 16-year-old who also competes for Rockwall High, won first-place medals in the 400 IM and 100 back. He set the 100 IM and broke his own team record in the 100 back. He enabled Lang to earn second-place medals in the 500 free and 100 fly, and third-place medals in the 50 back and 200 back in two other events. Rogers, 14, faced her toughest competition from Rockwall teammate Aly Heuer, 14, who took the second-place high points trophy among girls 13 and 14. Rogers took first place in the 500 free and 100 fly. She added second-place medals in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, and finished third in the 100 IM, and 500. Heuer had first-place medals in the 50 and 100 breast; placed 100, 200 and 400 IM and 100 fly, and finished third in the 500 fly. Three other Riptides receive second-place high points trophies were Emily Manly, girls 9-10; Raena Eldridge, girls 11-12; Eldridge, boys 13-14. Manly, 9, finished behind only a 10-year-old by earning high points in the 200 free, 200 free relay and team-record-setting 200 free. She placed second in the 100 and 200 IM, 50 back and 500. Manly's third-place medals were in the 50 fly, 100 back, and 200. Raena Eldridge, 11, continued a tradition of finishing in the top three in the 500 free, 50 and 100 back and 200 IM. She earned place medals in the 100 IM, 50 breast and 50, 100 and 200 free. Nathan Eldridge, 14, took first-place medals in the 200 and 50 and 100 breast. He finished second in the 50, 100 and 500 back, and was third in the 100 back. Earning third-place high points trophies were Ford Blaylock, Cassidy Blaylock, girls 11-12, and Alexander Brown, girls 13-14. Ford Blaylock, 8, broke a team record in the 25 free and placed record in the 25 back, placing first in both events. Cassidy Blaylock, 12, took second-place medals in the 500 free and 400 IM, and finished third in the 50 fly, 100 back and 200 back. Brown, 18, received second-place medals in the 500 free, 100 breast, 100 fly and 200 IM. The Riptides' boys 11-12 relay teams broke two state records in the 200 free relay of Ryan Rock, Collin Vu, Hunter Arnold and Justin Arnold, finished in 1 minute, 54.69 seconds. The 200 medley relay of Ryan Rock, Evan Scown, Tokuz and Rock. The Girls 9-10 relays broke two team records while finishing in 2:16.42 with Minju Park, Brooke Wagner and Emily Manly swimming the legs. The same four girls broke the 200 medley relay record in 2:33.94. Other top finishers: • Kim Heuer, 18, second in the 50 fly and 50 back, and third in the 200 and 500 free • Meris Wagner, 10, second in the 100 back and third in the 500 fly • Jonathan Walters, 16, second in the 50 and 100 breast • Alex Rodriguez, 10, second in the 50 breast, and third in the 100 fly, and 100 free • Ryan Rock, 12, second in the 200 free, and third in the 100 free • Michael Bartley, 10, third in the 50 and 100 back and 200 IM • Haley Brenchley, 13, third in the 100 free, 100 breast and 200 IM • Hunter Arnold, 12, second in the 100 back and third in the 500 free • Minju Park, 10, third in the 100 and 200 IM • Samantha Wang, 5, second in the 25 back • Evan Scown, 12, third in the 100 breast • Summer Scown, 12, third in the 400 IM • William Rapp, 11, third in the 100 back.

Heath High School athletic facility...

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The new RHHS multi-purpose center will be used not only by the football, baseball, softball and soccer teams in inclement weather, but it also will serve as the permanent home to wrestling and gymnastics. In addition, it will contain a fully equipped weight room, office space and storage. Approved in January by the RISD school board, the stand-alone addition just beyond the leftfield fence of the baseball field was designed by SHW Group and is being built at a cost of \$5.9 million by Pogue Construction as part of Phase II of Rockwall Heath's multiple additions. Although there is a possibility that some of the cost of the facility might be offset by district advertising or by selling of the naming rights, neither of those options is up for consideration quite yet. "Potentially, that's something we might do in the future," Elam said. "But we haven't really considered it seriously at this point." RHS, meanwhile, has already had new field turf installed in its 10-year-old multi-purpose facility, named after the late Mickey Florence, a well-respected and much thought-of former coach and athletic director at the school. "The field turf is much more user friendly than the Astro Turf that was in there, and is much safer and better for daily use," said Elam, the district's AD for the last three and a half years. The new turf was installed at a cost of about \$190,000.

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Notice is hereby given that the District Judge of the 382nd Judicial District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, will conduct a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on the 18th day of August 2008, in the 382nd District Courtroom located in the Rockwall County Government Center at 1101 Ridge Road in Rockwall, Texas.

The purpose of this public hearing is:

1. To receive public comment on the proposed annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporter, and the proposed budget for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2009.
2. To set the annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporter, and set the budget for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2009.

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

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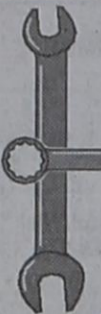
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Golfer Anna Schultz reaches state semifinals

by Lary Bump

Anna Schultz of Rockwall fell short again in her quest to add the Women's Texas Golf Association State Amateur Championship to her trophy case.

She reached the match-play semifinals before bowing out to Stefanie Page of The Woodlands 3 and 2. Paige then lost in Friday's championship match at Dallas Athletic Club to Haley Brown of Austin.

Another Rockwall golfer, Hyun-ju Bridges, started slowly but won the second flight consolation bracket 1 up over Paige LaSalle of McKinney.

Schultz, the reigning USGA Women's Senior champion, had a strong start in the state amateur. She defeated Lisa Beck (Midland) 5 and 4 and Rachel Romack (Waco) 4 and 3. Then she had to play all 18 holes to beat Tiffany Phelps (McKinney) 1 up to reach the semifinals.

Bridges' qualifying round of 83 put her in the second flight, where she barely lost her first match, 1 up to Darcy Trueman (Frisco). Bridges then regrouped in the consolation bracket to defeat Lindsey Hughes (Plano) 3 and 2 and win a semifinal match when Lori Daniel (Malakoff) withdrew.

A third Rockwall golfer, Jewell Malick, missed qualifying for the championship flight by one shot, then lost two close matches in the first flight. Cindy Gilkerson (Sugar Land) took a 1-up victory, then Malick went into overtime before losing 1 up in 19 holes to Dori Frye (Dallas).

Rockwall High School Volleyball season opens Tuesday

by Lary Bump

Until this week, the hardest part for new Rockwall volleyball coach Damon Wilson has been learning his players' names.

"We have 15 seniors, and for volleyball that's a lot," he said Monday before practices began. "And we have at least two juniors who will contribute a lot, and could even start."

The players weren't so unknown Monday that they would have to introduce themselves or wear name tags.

"I had a chance starting in May to work with the girls," he said. "We went to a team camp at Stephen F. Austin, and that went well. I really think we're going to have a competitive 4A team."

The Lady Jackets will begin this weekend to learn how competitive they can be. They have scrimmages Friday at Arlington Martin, which Wilson described as "one of the state's top programs," and Saturday at McKinney.

The regular season will begin Tuesday, when the varsity and junior varsity teams will host both North Mesquite (5 p.m.) and Forney (7 p.m.). The matches are scheduled to be played in the main and auxiliary gyms at RHS, but could have to be moved to Rockwall-Heath because of construction at RHS.

The 9th grade A and B teams will play that evening at North Mesquite. Wilson's early impressions of his varsity team: "We might be a pretty good blocking team, which wasn't what I expected. We have a few players who can jump and get over the net."

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS

The City of Rockwall City Council provides general operating support to organizations under Title 3 Local Taxation, Subtitle D, Chapter 351, Municipal Occupancy Taxes, Subchapter B, Section 351.101 in exchange for advertisement of promoting Tourism, Arts and historical preservation projects held inside the Rockwall limits. The City is accepting applications for funding for its 2008-2009 budget year eligible organizations. Interested organizations should contact Lea Ann Ewing, Finance Dept., City of Rockwall, 385 S. Goliad, 972-771-7700. Application deadline is September 8, 2008.

Applications are available at the H.O.T. Workshops. Attendance at one workshop required. Workshops will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers on the following:

Wednesday	August 13	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Thursday	August 14	11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesday	August 20	8:00 am – 9:30 am
Thursday	August 21	11:30 am – 1:00 pm

SEQ CHAPTER 111 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals addressed to City of Heath will be received at the office of the City Secretary, 200 Laurence Heath, Texas 75032 between 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. on Friday August 15, 2008 for furnishing all necessary equipment and labor required for the construction of the following project:

NEW TOWN CENTER PHASE 1 WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

The project generally includes the following: Construct approximately 2500 linear feet of 12-inch diameter Class 150 (SDR 18) PVC water line with gate valves and fire hydrants; and construct approximately 2800 linear feet of 8-inch diameter SDR 35 PVC sanitary sewer line and manholes; and construct various appurtenant items.

Bidders must submit with their bids a Cashier's Check or a Certified Check in the amount of five (5%) percent maximum amount of bid payable without recourse to the Owner or a proposal bond in the same amount from a Company holding permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety, and acceptable according to the latest listing holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States as listed in the latest Treasury Department Circular 570, as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into a contract and execute guarantee provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of project to him. Bids without checks or proposal bonds considered.

Bids submitted will be exclusive of any state sales tax on any permanent material to be installed in the project.

Contract Documents, Proposal Forms, Specifications and plans are on file and may be examined without charge at the office of the City Secretary and may be obtained from Freeman - Millican, Inc. Consulting Engineers, 12222 Ave., Suite 121, Dallas, Texas 75243, (Phone 214-503-0555) upon a non-refundable deposit of forty (\$40.00).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rockwall County invites sealed bids on the following road construction materials for the Road & Bridge Department:

Bid 08-05-012 Asphalts, Oils & Emulsions

Bid specifications are on file in the Rockwall County Auditor's office, 101 East Rusk Street, Room 101, Rockwall, Texas.

Bids must state a unit price for the materials and be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside with the appropriate Bid Number and Product Name, to John A. Blackwood, Rockwall County Auditor, 101 East Rusk Street, Room 101, Rockwall, Texas 75087, on or before August 14, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. The bids will be opened on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Upon acceptance of bid and award of a contract by Rockwall County Commissioners Court, remittance shall be made through invoicing at the awarded unit price.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
Rockwall County
John A. Blackwood
Rockwall County Auditor

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP

The State Texas
To all persons interested in the Estate of William Earl Crawford,
Cause No. PR08-66

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determination of Heirship in this estate on June 26, 2008, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of William Earl Crawford, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application may be acted on by the Court at any docket on or after 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation. All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Rockwall County, Texas on or before the above-noted date and time.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Rockwall, Texas, July 24, 2008.

Lisa Constant, County Clerk
Rockwall County, Texas
By: Twyla Starr, Deputy Clerk

HS cheerleaders dominated all of North Texas last week. Royce City won the championship by outperforming all other squads at camp. Kambria Buentello, Autumn Landry, the varsity captain, Taylor Aycox, and Royce City High School.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE

Oncon Electric Delivery Company LLC hereby gives notice that on June 30, 2008, it filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Statement of Intent to Change Rates of which is kept at Oncon's office, 23rd floor, Dallas, Texas 75201. This notice is being published in accordance with Commission Procedural Rule 10.02.

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2008 Property Tax Rates

Oncon Electric Delivery Company LLC has filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Statement of Intent to Change Rates of which is kept at Oncon's office, 23rd floor, Dallas, Texas 75201. This notice is being published in accordance with Commission Procedural Rule 10.02.

Operating Rates

Oncon Electric Delivery Company LLC has filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Statement of Intent to Change Rates of which is kept at Oncon's office, 23rd floor, Dallas, Texas 75201. This notice is being published in accordance with Commission Procedural Rule 10.02.

Rollback Rate

Oncon Electric Delivery Company LLC has filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Statement of Intent to Change Rates of which is kept at Oncon's office, 23rd floor, Dallas, Texas 75201. This notice is being published in accordance with Commission Procedural Rule 10.02.

Unencumbered Fund Balance

Oncon Electric Delivery Company LLC has filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Statement of Intent to Change Rates of which is kept at Oncon's office, 23rd floor, Dallas, Texas 75201. This notice is being published in accordance with Commission Procedural Rule 10.02.

2008 Debt Service

Oncon Electric Delivery Company LLC has filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Statement of Intent to Change Rates of which is kept at Oncon's office, 23rd floor, Dallas, Texas 75201. This notice is being published in accordance with Commission Procedural Rule 10.02.

Expected Revenue from

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HS cheerleaders dominate at cheer camp

Roys cheerleaders dominated all divisions of competition at the UCA cheer camp they attended in North Texas last week. Roys City won the championship trophy in the home dance category and the cheer category on all cheers, chants and dances learned at camp. The group also won the Leadership award by the other squads at camp and represents the character and class of Roys City.

Ambria Buentello, Autumn Landers, Lesley Latta and Janis Mapps - earned top honors as varsity captain, Taylor Aycox, was asked to consider applying for a UCA position upon returning to High School.



Members of the Roys City varsity cheerleading squad earned numerous honors at the UCA cheer camp they recently attended. Shown front row are Chelsea Cherry, Caytie Cornelius, Kambria Buentello, Haley Chandler, Autumn Landers, Taylor Aycox, Shelby Becknell, Jocelynn Denham, Katie Landwermyer and Janis Mapps. At back are Lesley Latta and Bree Morris.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Delivery Company LLC hereby gives notice that on June 30, 2008, the Public Utility Commission (Commission) has approved its proposed change of rates for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Onor has requested an August 8, 2008 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 35717, Application of Onor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

Team walking to raise funds for breast cancer research

Team Ridge Pointe Rockwall, a group of ladies in Rockwall who plan to participate in the third Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-day Walk Nov. 7-9, is training and raising funds for the upcoming event.

Team members have committed to walking 20 miles each day of the three-day event; additionally, each individual walker who participates is responsible for raising a total of \$2,200 by Nov. 7, the first day of the event.

"Each of us join together for the challenge of walking, fundraising, and most importantly, the support of the Susan G. Komen Foundation as they seek to discover a cure for breast cancer," wrote Cindy Brodnax, one of the team members.

Team Ridge Pointe Rockwall will host its third annual golf classic on Sept. 15 at Buffalo Creek Golf Course. Sponsors for the golf tournament, which will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk, are needed.

This year's tournament is dedicated to the memory of Susan E.

Sandlin, who amazed the Rockwall community with her courage and spirit in continuing to live life to the fullest for 18 months after her breast cancer diagnosis.

Team Ridge Pointe has participated in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-day walk for the past two years. They are a committed group of local women who hope a cure for breast cancer will be realized in their lifetime.

The 3-day breast cancer team

walkers are Monika Amick, Lorraine Borman, Brodnax, Vickie Daniels, Elizabeth Holliman, Mary Lariscy, Sheri Leeuw, Sue Lowery, Sheri Martin, Lynn Minter, Barbara Owens, Kathleen Pampillonia, Catherine Sims, Mary South and Joyce Zmolick.

For more information, contact Vickie Daniels at 972-772-4563, Sheri Leeuw at sheril@netportusa.com or Monika Amick at 972-771-2411.

RISD program offers parental education and resources

The Rockwall Independent School District's Parent Education and Resource Center offers support for families through parenting workshops, adult education classes and community connections.

Several parenting workshops, along with monthly hot topic meetings, are scheduled for the upcoming school year. Scheduled workshops are "How to Help Your

Child Be Successful in School" and "How Single Parents, Step-Parents, Grandparents and Guardians can Improve Their Parenting Skills."

A few of the upcoming hot topic events will cover child nutrition, "Parenting with Love" and "Logic and Drug and Gang Awareness." Each Hot Topic event will be conducted in two separate locations in Rockwall. Tuesday sessions will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Parent Education and Resource Center, 801 E. Washington St., while Thursday sessions will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lake Rockwall Estates Community Center, located at 375 Eva Place Extended.

The first Hot Topic event will be on Sept. 9 and 11 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will cover all aspects of child nutrition.

The center also connects parents and guardians with community programs that can enhance their child's education. Families can access City House, the Rockwall County Library, Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten and on-site Community Resource Facilitators. City House provides five free counseling sessions to families and urges families to use these resources as no problem is too big or too small.

"I'm so lucky to live and work in a community that provides so many wonderful opportunities for the parents of RISD. We view our parents as our partners in their child's education and share responsibility for their success," said RISD Parent Involvement Coordinator Sonya Carpenter. "The Parent Education and Resource Center is a tool for positive results and we each appreciate the relationship between home and school - together, we can make a difference."

In addition to informational workshops, the center also facilitates adult education courses. Classes range from pre-GED and GED to computer literacy and citizenship preparation.

Contact the Parent Education and Resource Center at 972-772-2073 for more information.

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Call 972-722-3099

2008 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF ROYSE CITY

2008 property tax rates for CITY OF ROYSE CITY. It presents information about the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set without starting tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by the tax base.

Operating taxes	\$1,002,481
State taxes	\$1,084,948
County taxes	\$2,087,429
City tax base	\$402,519,848
City tax rate	0.494500/\$100
tax rate:	
Operating taxes	\$1,998,265
State taxes on lost property)	
County taxes on lost property)	
City tax base	\$423,749,932
City tax rate	0.471500/\$100
tax rate:	
Operating taxes	
State taxes on lost property and transferred function, tax increment	
County taxes on lost property and transferred function, tax increment	
City tax base	\$1,228,741
City tax rate	\$423,749,932
Operating rate	0.289900/\$100
Maximum operating rate	0.313000/\$100
City tax rate	0.406000/\$100
City tax rate	0.719000/\$100

City or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including a hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, must insert the following lines:

Additional sales tax rate	0.060400/\$100
Additional sales tax rate	0.658600/\$100

Numbered Fund Balances: Balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not being obligated.

Property Fund	Balance
Numbered	0

Debt Service: Howing amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from additional sales tax revenues, if applicable.

Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment	
IGATION SERIES 2007A	270,000	362,875	0	632,875
IGATION SERIES 2007B	140,000	289,550	0	429,550
IGATION SERIES 2006	112,781	37,781	0	150,562
REFUNDING BOND	220,800	20,800	0	241,600
BOND SERIES 1976	6,000	2,500	0	8,500
Series 2005	135,000	199,982	0	334,982
2008 debt service			\$1,798,069	
id from funds listed in Schedule A			\$0	
id from other resources			\$0	
last year			\$1,798,069	
taxes in 2008			\$0	
icipation that the unit will collect only 100.000000% of its taxes in 2008			\$0	
			\$1,798,069	

ected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax (and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$267,780 in additional sales and use tax revenues. This amount has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of

ary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 841 5087. this notice: Ray E. Helm

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code that Buffalo Creek Golf Club, an unincorporated association of persons, is making application with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for the renewal of Private Club Registration Permit and Beverage Cartage Permit located at 624 Country Club Drive in the City of Rockwall, County of Rockwall, Texas 75087. Craig Wright Kniffen, President; Dennis Wayne Earls, Secretary.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BTA Self Storage, 4422 SH 276, Rockwall, Texas 75032, 15504 SH 205, Terrell, Tx 75160 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlords' lien. Sale will be at 1 p.m. on Aug. 26, 2008. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Following tenants: Amy J. McCallum, Tanny L. Offutt, Katherine G. Duke, Juan Moreno, Albert Rice, Deandre B. White, Clara Daniels.

NOTICE PUBLIC ON-LINE AUCTION ROCKWALL ISD

District surplus property will be listed with Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. for sale to the highest bidder. Most items will be offered in lots of 5 pieces.

This auction will include lockers removed from Rockwall High School.

www.renebates.com

Auction will run for one or two weeks - August 4 - August 15, 2008

Lots must be picked up per specifications listed at Rene Bates Auctioneers.



Rockwall ISD administrators and teachers attending the recent classes at the Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development at the University of Connecticut are (back row, left to right) Rhonda Wasson, Katrina Hasley, Teresa Twedell, Carla Bennett, Sherry Packer, Mary Ann Benavides, Mike Pitcher, Kaylene Lavene, Jennifer Leal, Paula McClendon, Cory White, Lisa Gielow, (front row) Christian, Michelle Williams, Katy Ruff, Debra Lee and Connie Kramer. Rockwall Independent School District staff members spent a week in classes at the Neag Center

for Gifted Education and Talent Development at the University of Connecticut. Dr. M. and Dr. Sally M. Reis are two of the leading experts on gifted and talented education. "Confratute," the nationally recognized conference dedicated to learning how to meet the needs of gifted and talented students, but also improve the academic performance of every student in the regular curriculum with meaningful enrichment learning. Photo courtesy of Rockwall ISD

Performing in the current Rockwall Community Playhouse production of "Singin' In the Rain" are (front, left to right) Sydney Allen and Jason Bias, both of Rockwall with support in the dance scene from (back, left to right) David Houck and Chris Bell.

Performances continue Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. The theater is located at 609 E. Rusk Street in Rockwall. Reservations may be obtained by calling 972-722-3399 or order on-line @ rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org Staff Photo by Tim Burnett



Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Heath, Texas will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 4.8 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held August 19, 2008 in the City Council Chambers at 200 Laurence Dr., Heath, TX.

The second public hearing will be held September 2, 2008 in the City Council Chambers at 200 Laurence Dr., Heath, TX.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR: Hille, Lewis, McKimmey, Liechty, and Zurek
- AGAINST: None
- PRESENT and not voting: None
- ABSENT: None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Heath, Texas last year was \$366,660 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.3433 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$1,258.74 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Heath, Texas this year is \$378,747 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.3356 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$1,271.08 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.3433 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$1,300.24 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

CASA to host pair of volunteer information sessions

The Lone Star CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is in need of additional volunteers.

CASA will host volunteer information sessions at the Kaufman County Library, 3790 S. Houston St., in Rockwall, Texas, on Friday, August 21 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 22 at 10 a.m. at the Lone Star CASA office, 950 Williams Street, Rockwall.

It is CASA's mission to advocate for child victims of abuse during their time within the legal system. In 2007, more than 1,000 children were confirmed as victims in Rockwall and Kaufman counties in the custody of Child Protective Services, according to a recent report.

When a child is removed from his or her home and placed in foster care, a judge appoints a trained CASA volunteer to the case. The CASA volunteer monitors the child's well being in foster care and advocates for the child within the court system and helps ensure the child receives the services he or she needs.

It is the goal of Lone Star CASA that every child in need of a CASA in Kaufman counties who needs a CASA volunteer has one.

Individuals interested in being a part of this volunteer organization should plan to attend one of the volunteer information sessions. Information is available at the Lone Star CASA Web site at www.lonestarcasa.org; by e-mail at director@lonestarcasa.org; or by phone at 972-722-3099. Additional information about CASA may be found at the Lone Star CASA Web site at www.texascasa.org or the national Web site, www.casa.org.

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