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Uteley Middle School cheerleaders

Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleaders joined forces to help the Uteley Middle School cheerleaders prepare for the upcoming sports season. The Uteley team has spent the summer learning cheers, chants and jumps from the Rockwall cheerleaders and motion and a spirit line from the Rockwall-Heath team. RHHS team leader Morgan Johnson said many of the girls are cheering this year for the first time. She said working with the young girls has been "really fun." The former Uteley 9th Grade Center will reopen later this month as Rockwall's third middle school, starting this year with only seventh graders. Taking a break at camp are (back row from left) cheerleaders Rhythm Linnear, Cynthia Mendoza, Abigail Barrientos, Sarah McCulley, Haley Sabrina Hart, Kenzie Lunn, McKenna Vela, Ashley Yezpe, Mercedes Tobias, Haley Holbrook

and Uteley Cheer Sponsor Kristi Davis, (middle row from left) RHS cheerleaders Alex Macalik and Ashley Grandstaff, Uteley cheerleaders Andrea Garcia, Elizabeth Martinez, Alexis Murray, Kameron Beard, Jane Turner, Shelby Fleming, Abigail Lindemann, Christina Prothro, Caitlyn Cruz, Madi LaPorte and Candace Burns, (front row from left) RHHS cheerleaders Elleott Amick, Peyton Garner and Rebekah Gerritsen, RHS cheerleaders Ashleigh Ekik, Madison Galloway, Amy Clough, Kimberly Cortez, Jennifer Walthall, Chelsea Ramirez and Melanie Day and RHS cheerleaders Meredith Moreau, Regan Byrum, McKenzie Edwards and Morgan Johnson.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

ISD back-to-school info available

Rockwall Independent School District Back to School information is now available online. The newsletter contains information on pick-ups and drop-offs, construction updates, calendar and much more. Visit rockwallisd.com and Back to School Newsletter. Copies also are being distributed.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch is today

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. today at Patti's. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Dog Days of Summer event set

The Dog Days of Summer event will be Saturday on the south side of downtown square from 8 a.m. to noon. Dog contests will include Best Costume, Best Doggy and Best Smooch. Registration will be at 8 a.m., contests will begin at 10 a.m.; cost will be \$5 per dog. Host for the event, which will include food vendors, prizes and music, is Friends of Downtown. For more details call Bethany Golden, 972-772-4000.

Farmers Market open Saturday

The Farmers Market in downtown Rockwall will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, offering fresh produce, toffee, salad dressings, gourmet food mixes, roasted coffee, local honey, plants and more. The market will be open each Saturday through October. For details call 972-772-6400.

Mini-production auditions scheduled

The Rockwall Community Playhouse's auditions for its fall production will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the RCP. Auditions will be open to youths in grades 1 through 6. Auditions will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 8 and running through Oct. 15. The production, directed by Darlene Singleton, will run Oct. 16-18. Ticket price is \$125 per student.

Doggie Splash Day slated

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its annual Doggie Splash Day event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rockwall Community Pool. Cost will be \$5 per dog; swimming pet owners will be free of charge. All dogs must have proof of rabies vaccinations to be eligible to participate.

Feral Friends offers Saturday adoptions

The Feral Friends Community Cat Alliance will observe National Adopt-A-Cat Day from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Rowlett Community Center, Highway 66 and Liberty Grove next to Super Target. For more information visit feralfriends.org.

Church to celebrate 123 years

The First Baptist Church will celebrate its 123 years of ministry with a series of activities that will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday (talent show, refreshments - birthday cake, soft drinks and home-cream) and 10:45 a.m. to noon on Sunday (the birth of the church will be blended with worship services, with school classes providing special music). The public is invited to join in all festivities.

Church to host school supply giveaway

The First Baptist Church, 201 Erby Campbell Blvd., Royse City, will host a Back-to-School Supply Giveaway from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday.

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McLendon-Chisholm investigates zoning changes for downtown corridor

by Jo Anna Matejka

As the McLendon-Chisholm city fathers look ahead at plans for the future use of land in the city, passions remain strong about rezoning, as evidenced by dialogue at Tuesday night's city council meeting.

Between choruses of "not in my front yard" and "the future is coming and we should plan for it," newer council members called for more time to study the issues of where a downtown space for the city should be created and what that downtown space should look like.

According to city administrator Dave Butler, the council began looking at this issue a year ago but tabled the matter last spring when it became too heated. Now, the council, to which three new members were elected in May, is revisiting it.

"Through conversation it became apparent that we might want to look at what kind of businesses we'd want in our city center," Butler said. "For example, a trailer dealer wanted to open a lot here a year ago. Of course you would want a trailer sales lot in town, but you wouldn't want it in the middle of the downtown district."

On request of the council, planning and zoning committee chairman Troy Reich brought the council his committee's recommendation that the mile-long stretch along St. Hwy. 205 between Klutts Road and Berry Creek, currently zoned as a general business district, be rezoned as a downtown district.

"The zoning requirements for a general business district don't go far enough for what you would want for your downtown," Reich said. "Zoning for a downtown district would allow us to set standards for consistency in architecture, landscaping, parking and such."

Objections to the proposal include both objections to the location and to the proposed size of the district.

"In light of the development that's coming here, does this have to be our downtown here? Can it be somewhere else?" said Mayor Pro Tem Steve Hatfield.

Other opposition came from landowners within the proposed district who voiced concerns about property values and about the development of business in general. The current depth of the general business district is about 200 feet from the center of Hwy. 205. The proposed change would increase that size to 350 feet.

"Three-hundred-fifty feet is not much room. There are only 200 feet available to the fence lines, the other 150 would come out of my front yard," property owner Gary Lovell said.

Lovell owns property on the east side of St. Hwy. 205 near Berry Creek. Property on the west side is owned by the Davenport family, said to be in negotiations with the Noble Kidd Development Company. Part of the Noble Kidd development plans include 38 acres zoned for business along the area of the proposed downtown district. Those negotiations are said to have been in the works for more than two years now with current progress uncertain.

"This issue is critical to the city," councilmember Patrick Short said. "We're talking land use, your talking business, people who are here now, people who may come here in the future. My encouragement to the council, if this is something we can workshop, I want to really understand all the implications before I vote on anything."

According to Butler, there are currently no new business developments in the works.

"If we wait until someone comes in the door for a permit who wants to use a piece of property, it's too late," Mayor Mike Donegan said. "We now have an opportunity as a small community."

By unanimous vote the council set a joint workshop with the planning and zoning committee to further study the issue in September.

"The important thing is the city fathers are being astute and planning for the future," Butler said. "Being proactive is a great benefit to the community, so when it's time for business development we aren't simply reactive."



The Royse City Farmer's Market, sponsored by Royse City Main Street, features a variety of fresh produce, honey, jams and jellies and other homegrown delights each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon through the end of October. The Market is set up at the Royse City Old Jail Park next to the Post Office. For more information or to find out about becoming a vendor, contact the Royse City Main Street Program at 972-636-5000.

Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

Applicants sought for Rockwall's Youth Advisory Council

Applications are being accepted for the City of Rockwall's Youth Advisory Council, according to a city news release.

Applications are due in the city secretary's office by Sept. 11. The YAC is comprised of 15- to 18-year-old high school students who provide input to city government officials. The students work with city staff and council members to learn more about municipal government.

Applications may be filled out and submitted online at rockwall.com/citysecretary under 'Departmental Links.'

Letters of recommendation may be e-mailed to kashberry@rockwall.com or mailed to 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087.

Students attending Rockwall High, Rockwall-Heath High, Fulton Academy or Heritage Christian are eligible, as are students who are home-schooled and live in Rockwall. Applicants must be entering the 10th, 11th or 12th grade.

Applicants will interview with members of the Rockwall City Council and the city staff the week of Sept. 14.

For more information, contact Kristy Ashberry at 972-772-6406 or Glen Farris, city council member, at 972-771-4444.



Daisy Girl Scout Troop 3393 from Rockwall recently presented Lake Pointe Medical Center-Build-A-Bears they purchased as part of a year-end project funded from their cookie sales. The bears on behalf of the troop are Sydney Heimer and Carissa Heimer. The others in the photo are Fiona Willbanks, Macey Weable, Emily Watters and Zoe South. The troop leader is Shannon. Accepting the bears on behalf of Lake Pointe Medical Center are Jamie Pedroza, RN; Sheridan C. RN; Stephanie Furne, RN; Melisha Latimer, RN and Vicki Wohlander, RN. Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

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White Road project work set to begin

The reconstruction of Rockwall's White Road, from east of 740 to Tubbs Road, will begin in September, according to Rockwall news release.

White Road will be reconstructed as a two-lane concrete road. The project will extend to County Line Road as part of the project, providing additional access to the Lake Rockwall Estate.

Motorists will be able to use White Road to avoid delays during construction begins on the FM 740 state widening project 3097 to FM 1140. That project is slated to begin in the spring.

Back-to-school blessings First Christian Church

Going back to school is a big event in the lives of children, parents-and the church. On Sunday, Aug. 23, First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall will recognize this special time of year with a Blessing of the Backpack service at 11 a.m.

All students, regardless of age, are invited to bring their backpacks or lunchboxes to church that Sunday. God's blessing is invoked on those involved in the education process for the year as their schoolwork, teaching and loving support are recognized as ministries of Christ.

For more information, contact Cheryl Taylor, pastor, at 972-771-5702. The church is located at 107 E. Bourn Ave., Rockwall, Texas 75087.

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Come-and-see event set Sunday

Church, a United Methodist community, will host a event at 6 p.m. Sunday at Celia Hays Elementary, FM 552 (Dalton Road). FaithBridge is a new church set to rober, and this event will serve as a worship preview for d guests. Child care will be provided. For details con- Frank Rahm at 972-771-5500 or visit faithbridgechurch.

Cain plans barbecue event

is planned at Cain Middle School from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. ie school cafeteria. Incoming seventh- and eighth-grade invited to attend to enjoy food, fun and games in celebra- w school year. The new Cain principal, Jason Johnston, w teachers and employees will be on hand to meet the more details call 972-772-1170.

Benefit dessert auction planned

City Chamber of Commerce will conduct a dessert auc- its Tuesday luncheon program. Proceeds from the auc- used to offset the medical and funeral costs of the father board member who had no insurance at the time of his

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will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit www.rockwalltx.com/parks.

Casino Night set Aug. 21 in RC

City Chamber of Commerce will host a Casino Night auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Occasions at the River in Royse City. The event will raise funds to help the economic development efforts, scholarship fund and re- development programs. For reservations call 972-636-6000.

Inner City All Stars to perform

Inner City All Stars will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert at the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For details visit www.rockwalltx.com/parks.

Tri-County Choral auditions offered

Tri-County Choral Society will conduct open auditions from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Melody Room at City Hall, 305 N. Main, in Royse City. No time slot or prepared music required. Re- sponse cards due in Sept. 1. Dues cost \$35 per semester. For more details call Leroy at 214-883-4750 or Annie Cornelius at 972-816-1111.

Newcomers plan first fall meeting

Rockwall Newcomers will observe the first meeting of the group beginning at 10 a.m. Sept. 10 at Occasions at Stone Hill, 1224 FM 2453, Royse City. The event will begin with a social, followed by a meeting and luncheon. For reservations or more infor- mation about the group, call Kitty Colquhoun at 972-722-5569.

Ron Jones to give concert

will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit www.rockwalltx.com/parks.

Rockwall Rib Rub set Sept. 12

Rockwall Rib Rub will take place Sept. 12 on the city's down- town square. The family fun-filled day will begin with cooks firing their grills at 6 a.m. Farmer's Market will open at 8 a.m., and there will be a parade of music and food vendors, as well as children's activi- ties and a roller skater. Host for the event is Rockwall Main Street Shoppes on the Square. For cook-off applications visit www.rockwalltx.com and click on Happening Now. For more details, call Linda at 972-772-6400.

Hawaiian End-of-Summer Dance set

Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Hawaiian End-of-Summer Dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 12 at The Center for the Arts, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. Costumes will be welcomed, but not required. Cost will be \$10 for Rockwall residents, \$15 for non- residents.

Gypsies is featured band

The Gypsies will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert at the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For details visit www.rockwalltx.com/parks.

Newcomers plan Sept. 27 picnic

Rockwall Newcomers will host a picnic for women of all ages and their families to attend a free family picnic from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 27 at Harry Myers Park. Planning to attend should bring a covered dish or more information call Linda DeYoe at 972-722-1111.

Homecoming cookout

The City of Rockwall- Rockwall School will host a homecoming cookout on Oct. 14 following the homecoming parade. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and candy will be served. The event will be located on the tennis courts on the football field. For more details call Cristi Hudecek at 972-772-1084.



Derwood and Louise Boren

Borens to celebrate 70 years of marriage

Derwood and Louise (Harper) Boren will mark their 70th wedding anniversary at 3 p.m. Aug. 22, 2009, in a celebration planned at the Fate Community Center.

The couple wed Aug. 19, 1939, in Terrell.

During World War II, each worked for Southern Aircraft in Garland. He continued in the aircraft business and retired from LTV in Grand Prairie. She worked at Varo in Garland before deciding to stay home and raise their children.

Their family includes four children – Patsy, Gerry, Terry and Sue – and 15 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

The Borens are members of the First Baptist Church of Fate.

Friends and family are invited to join in the celebration.

Schola Cantorum plans open choral auditions Aug. 27

Schola Cantorum of Texas will conduct open auditions for experienced choral singers from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 27 at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth.

Singers should prepare an art song or comparable piece that will demonstrate voice quality and range.

Dr. Jerry McCoy, conductor and music director, will conduct the auditions.

For more information, visit scholatexas.com.

To make an appointment, call the Schola office at 817-927-2114.



Paige Lambdin and Daniel Gable plan Sept. 26 wedding

Roger and Rona Lambdin of Fort Worth are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Paige Nicole, to Daniel Carlton Gable, son of Malcolm and Amy Gable of Heath. The bride-elect, a 2006 graduate of UT-Arlington, is employed at Bain & Co. The prospective bridegroom, a 2007 UT-Arlington graduate with a degree in civil engineering, is employed by the firm of Freese and Nichols in Fort Worth. A Sept. 6, 2009, wedding is planned at the Mayme Marrs Memorial Chapel in Idlewild, N.M.



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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

Author Joe Blevins to address Sept. 8 Friends of Library meeting

Author Joe Blevins will be the featured speaker at the Sept. 8 meeting of the Rockwall County Friends of the Library Round-Up, the group's first general meeting of the year at the Baker Ranch, 844 N. Ben Payne Road, Rockwall.

Blevins' program will be "Why It is Important to Remember Our History."

A history buff, Blevins is the author of "The Texas Republic,"

"After the Republic" and "Gone to the Republic," as well as two new children's books to be released in September. He is an artist, a photographer, musician and character actor, having appeared in numerous movies. He worked in the Telecom Corridor in Richardson for more than 25 years and in 2001 became a full-time writer, illustrator, substitute teacher and reading program volunteer.

Blevins' family came to Texas when it still was a republic, and they were part of an early north Texas settlement under the supervision of the Peters' Colony - the actual, historic Lonesome Dove settlement that began in early 1845.

Following the meeting, FOL members will enjoy a Texas-style barbecue luncheon prepared by the Baker Ranch hands.

The meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

Cost of lunch will be \$15; reservations are required by 5 p.m. Sept. 4. To make reservations



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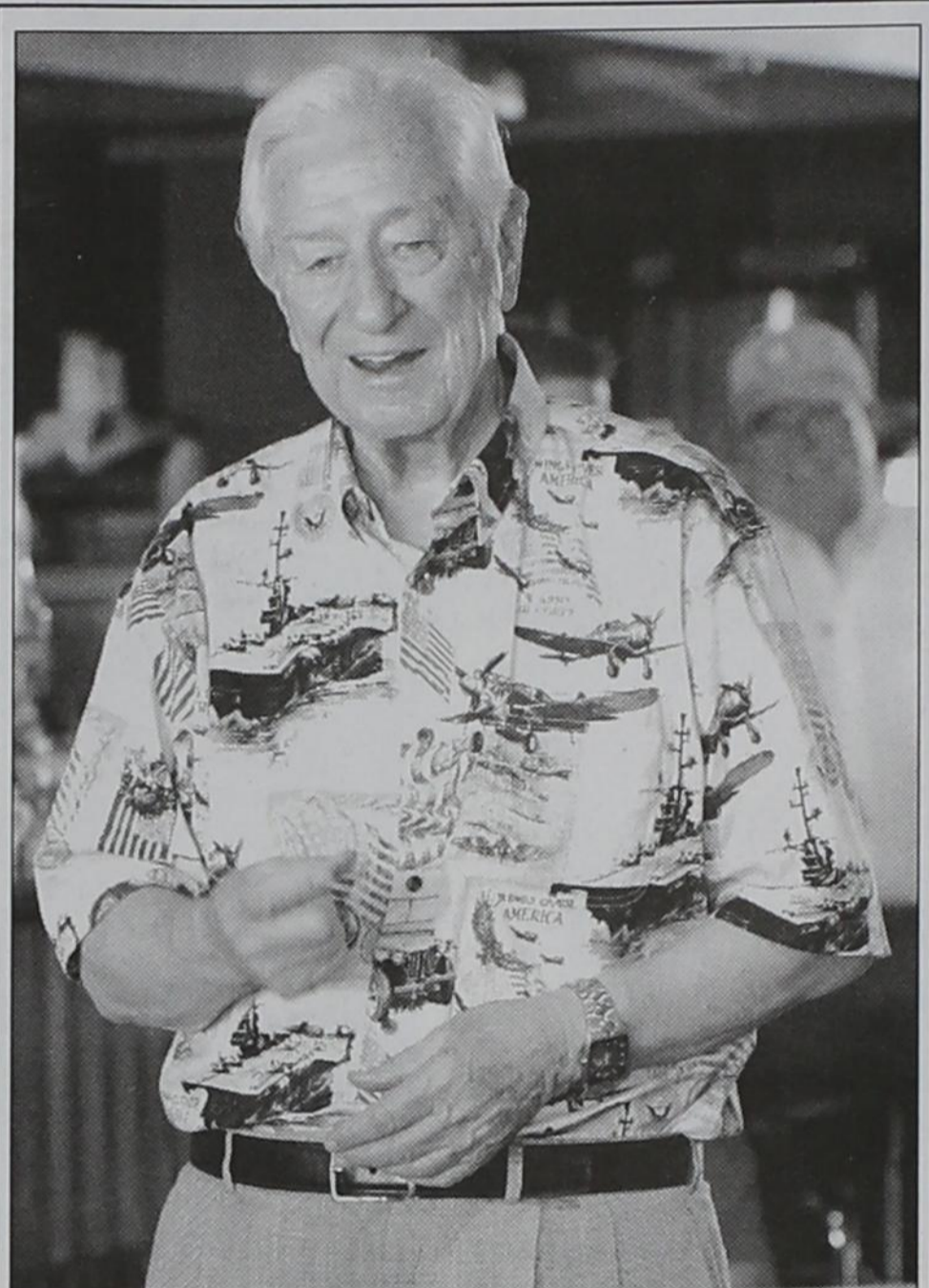
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Hon. Ralph Hall appeared at Texas Roast on Saturday, Aug. 8 to address the Rockwall Conservatives and Coffee group about current legislation in Congress. The congressman spoke for about 20 minutes and took questions from the audience of 50 on a variety of topics.

Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News



Marsha Schmidt of Tulsa lingers in jail while jailer Wright of Fort Worth keeps a firm hold on the door at last year's 91st Annual Texas-Oklahoma District Kiwanis International Convention in Rockwall. The Aug. 5-9 event was attended by 712 Kiwanians from Texas and Oklahoma, who came to learn about managing, growing and offering service through their efforts from the 26 educational forums and 34 exhibitors. Saturday luncheon guest speaker was Manuel V. Scott, one of the original Freedom Writers, whose story was told in the movie, "Freedom Writers," starring Hillary Swank. The Kiwanians also elected new Governor, Bill Bishop of Bandera, TX., who will take office in October following current Governor Nancy Miller of Abilene. Schmidt was detained in jail by the North Crowley High School Key Club. Schmidt's detention in jail was built by the North Crowley High School Key Club. Schmidt's detention in jail was built by the North Crowley High School Key Club. Schmidt's detention in jail was built by the North Crowley High School Key Club.

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Benson tapped for dean's list

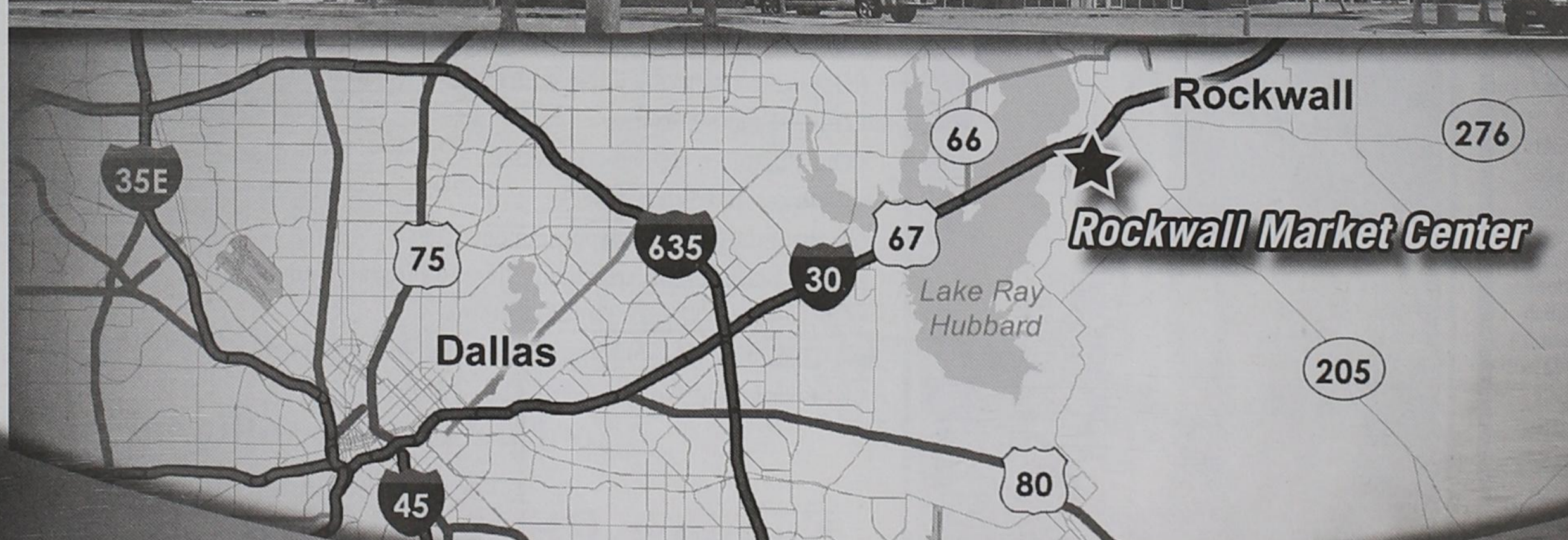
Cassandra Benson of Rockwall was named to the 2009 dean's list at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo., according to a news release issued this week.

Students are placed on the dean's list if they maintain a grade average of 3.75 or higher while carrying a full class load during an entire academic year.

Benson is the daughter of Cecily A. Floyd.

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Heath's Geoffrey Nelson competes in European sailing championship

Nelson, 13, of Heath, proudly carried the United States flag during the opening ceremony of the International Optimist Dinghy European Championship in Piran, Slovenia, held July 26-31. Nelson was honored when his three teammates informed him that he was the TEAM USA member with the best time. The U.S. Optimist Team Trials bears the flag at international events. Nelson had finished 9th out of 212 sailors at the U.S. Trials held April 30-May 3, 2009, at Noroton Yacht Club in Noroton, Conn.

41 nations represented in the competition to the town square for the official welcoming festivities.

The following six days featured varied wind conditions for sailing in the chaotic currents of Strunjan Bay, Slovenia, with clear views of Italy to the west and the Croatian coastline to the east. Nelson finished 78th overall in the regatta, while simultaneously rehabilitating his left arm that he had fractured four weeks before the event. Nelson's physician, Dr. Mark Hazel, created a custom cast that enabled him to experience the fabled "Ora" wind during the regatta.

The "Ora" is a cold air mass that blows down off the Alps and moves under the warm Adriatic Sea's airflow. When the inversion occurs, the temperature drops fifteen degrees and the wind instantly

increases by 25-30 knots. For sailors, quick adjustments are a necessity to keep their boats upright, but the pay-off is a memorable adrenaline rush as the boats plane downwind.

Church to host school supply giveay

Four Winds Church, located at 201 Erby Campbell Blvd. in Royse City, will host a Back-to-School Supply Giveaway from noon to 2 p.m., or while supplies last, on Aug. 16.

To receive supplies, the child must be present and have a grade-appropriate and current school supply list from his/her school, according to a news release from the church.

For more information contact Sarah Jones at taitlyn@aol.com.



Geoffrey Nelson of Heath (center with USA sail) rounded the mark and heads downwind as other competitors are approaching the mark in the 12 International Optimist Dinghy Association's European Championship held in Piran, Slovenia.

Photo courtesy of Dawn Nelson/Rockwall County News



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The women arrive early to find Jesus' body missing

by Timothy W. Burnett

Last week we established that our Lord Jesus laid in the grave from just before sunset on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan, until the 17th day of the same month just before sunset.

All four Gospels record that certain women returned to Jesus' grave with ointments to complete the preparation of his body. According to Mark 16:1-2, they purchased the ointments after the special sabbath day, and returned to the grave early in the morning at sunrise after the weekly sabbath on the first day of the week which is our Sunday.

Mark 16:9 seems problematic until we remember that God's word never contradicts itself. The King James Bible has the word "Jesus" in italics which indicates that it was added by the KJV writers.

Whether or not the word Jesus remains in the verse, there is still no contradiction. It either refers to the women seeing Jesus after they rose up early in the morning, or it parenthetically refers to them seeing him early in the morning and sometime after he was risen from the dead.

The first record of somebody arriving to the grave is found in John 20:1-17. Mary Magdalene got to the grave early in the morning while it was still dark. She found the door open and Jesus' body missing, and reported to the disciples that somebody had taken Jesus' body. Two of them ran to the grave and having seen it, they believed her report. According to verse nine, they did not yet know the scripture that Jesus had to rise again from the dead.

After the disciples returned, Mary stayed by the grave and saw two angels who told her that Jesus was alive. She then turned to leave and encountered a man who appeared as the gardener to her, only to soon discover that it was actually Jesus Christ. He stopped her from touching him because he had not yet ascended to his Father. God's word does not explain very clearly the dynamics and meaning of her not being allowed to touch him because he had not yet ascended to his Father. One school of thought suggests that he had to present himself to his Father as the first fruits from the dead. Something amazing must have happened after the above encounter with Mary, because at a later time he not only could be touched, but he could appear to people with the hole in his side and other wounds. Also, records show that others were allowed to touch him later. He was given a new and glorious body.

The rest of the Gospels about the women arriving to the grave fall chronologically behind that of John 20:1-17. They are found in Matthew 28:1, Luke 24:1 and Mark 16:1-2.

A very special thing that we learn from the above records is how God showed loving patience through his angels and first born son Jesus Christ. Even after all that Jesus taught them before he died, they still did not expect him to wake from the dead. Mary was convinced somebody took his body. After hearing the angels, she turned to the man who was Jesus and asked where he took the body.

God in heaven knows how difficult it is for some people to grasp the spiritual matters of life. And He is always ready to back His word with tender loving care for those who hunger for and believe it. He is able to help us learn to walk in close fellowship with Him through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Rhea Cathey

Memorial services for Rhea Cathey were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, in the Pier 4:19 Building at the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Aug. 8 following a battle with cancer.

Born Dec. 29, 1933, to Ross and Georgia Averett, she began her spiritual journey with God at the age of 10 and later sensed a call to the ministry. She graduated from Graham High School, where she was homecoming queen during her senior year. She graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene in 1956, where she obtained several honors. Following her graduation, she served as youth minister for the First Baptist Church in Rosenberg.

She kept secret the fact that she sensed her calling to be a pastor's wife, until she met and married Bill Cathey on Dec. 20, 1956. Together they pastured churches in Texas and New Mexico. She was a leader among the women in the churches.

The couple had three children: Dean, Cynthia and Denise. Dean married Beth Polk, Cynthia married E.J. Ortiz and Denise married Jeff McNatt. The couple's children gave them eight grandsons: Nathan, Garrett, Joshua, Caleb, Micah, Jacob, Patrick and Seth.

A successful writer, speaker and conference leader, she was an excellent Bible teacher who enjoyed being a study leader with class participation.

Survivors include two sisters, Joyce Dierickx and Jean Teakell, and two brothers, Billy Averett and Arvel Averett.

The family has suggested that instead of flowers, contributions be made to the Lake Pointe Church, Beyond Our Walls mission fund or to the Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, scholarship fund.



Joyce Matlock

Services for Joyce Matlock, 80, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Chaplain Erik Spicer officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Aug. 10.

Born May 1, 1929, in New Boston to Elzworth A. and Lydia A. (Durham) Spear, she married Weldon Matlock on Feb. 9, 1952, in Miller County, Ark. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of Rockwall; one son, Craig Matlock of Plano; a daughter, Miller of Plano; and a grandson, Geoffrey Miller.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother and granddaughter, Holly Miller.



Betty Jo Melton

Graveside services for Betty Jo Melton, 80, of Forney were conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Forney. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Aug. 10.

Born March 13, 1929, in Edin, Okla., to Loren Melvin and Opal Blanch (Miller) McManamy, she enjoyed gardening and genealogy. She had previously worked as a bookkeeper in a physician's office.

Survivors include her son, Loren Hill of Mesquite; her Carol Carriger of Tracy, Calif.; and many grandchildren and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, B and one son, Paul Hill.



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Mark

"That if you will confess with your mouth is Lord", and believe in your heart that God Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans

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

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ago I said I would introduce the bill known as The Affordable Health Choice's Act; also known as HR3200 at a time. The bill's language is so convoluted, it has nds of professionals to dissect it and find all the negative "We The People" would suffer if this bill were to pass. asked is for the Congressmen to read the bill. Then they make mark-ups to the bill. We need to demand every read the bill, and have time to make sensible mark ups to work in the best interest of all Americans.

essional in the insurance industry I am face-to-face daily ts and it gives me an opportunity to be in touch with nd concerns. I believe a better reform starts with trans- need healthcare that would lower cost but not lower re, one that would benefit all Americans. I believe one s the cost of prescription drugs. The pharmaceutical ho manufacture drugs negotiate complete pricing; ame prescription available for the same price or within pharmacy. Just this week, I had a client who picked up and the cost had a variance of twenty-four dollars for she was purchasing at the very same pharmacy. Now k why is that? It cost the same to make the pill. On the program the pill was twenty-four dollars less than if she ne prescription on her insurance card. She is on a high health plan and being she purchased her prescription on family discount plan for less money, the amount was o be applied toward her deductible. Some of these is- concerns and need to be addressed in reform.

cern from a client of mine who had an emergency room kend called to ask me why the treating emergency room s not in her network, but the hospital was. It seems to ess would use a common sense approach, we could all eger to address the rising cost of healthcare. I agree and m but not one that rations care, and the Medicare recipi- lan would greatly suffer with lack of care. Employers

would also pay a penalty if they did not provide coverage to their employees, and according to President Obama in about ten to twelve years...the employer plans would go away and we would only have a Single Payer system. No thanks!

Tax credits would be a better solution for those who purchase their own insurance policies. I would like to see participants in the Texas Health Pool receive financial help to better afford their premiums and their premiums capped. I believe we can achieve this with tax dollars we are already spending and not raise taxes.

The HR3200 bill below has been reduced from 1018 pages to 441 pages by professionals in our industry to make it easier to understand.

As Americans, we have the responsibility to know what is in this bill, I urge you to contact the Blue Dog Democrats, as they will make a difference in the outcome of this bill. Their contact information is provided below. I urge you all readers to participate in any town hall meetings. I will be attending one tonight by Pete Sessions in Richardson, TX.

This bill will be printed in the next several issues, and each concern should be addressed to our representatives while they are on recess. We can address our concerns as they return to Washington, DC. Let them know you have reviewed the bill and address any concerns you have to them directly.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Rockwall CAD Budget

The Rockwall CAD will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 18 at 7:30PM

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. \$ 1,235,627.00

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. \$ 7,641.00

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. 12
(full-time equivalent)

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. 12
(full-time equivalent)

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

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

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each governing body. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal office.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Royse City I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 pm August 31, 2009 in Epps Education Service Center
Royse City, 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	\$ 0.39	/ \$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	% increase	or	1.34	% (decrease)
Debt service	7.39	% increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	6.29	% (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	\$ 1,262,003,890.00	\$ 1,429,973,743.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 84,448,039.00	\$ 92,935,071.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,013,304,843.00	\$ 1,085,215,726.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 75,427,448.00	\$ 61,018,753.00

* "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* \$ 117,260,010.00

* Outstanding principal.

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	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.39 *	\$ 1.43	\$ 3,444.00	\$ 5,048.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.40 *	\$ 1.44	\$ 3,542.00	\$ 4,888.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.39 *	\$ 1.43	\$ 3,574.00	\$ 5,358.00

* 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	\$ 145,885.00	\$ 147,686.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 130,150.00	\$ 132,396.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.43
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,861.15	\$ 1,893.26
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 32.11

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 1.4398. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.4398.

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)	\$ 6,393,479.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,176,507.00

Hawk Band plans March-A-Thon Aug. 29

The award-winning Mighty Hawk Band of Rockwall-Heath High will start the new year by conducting a March-a-Thon Aug. 29 in Heath and Rockwall neighborhoods.

Beginning at 8 a.m., the band will march throughout various neighborhoods in an effort to raise money for yearly expenses: the purchase of new instruments, in-

strument repair, repair or replacement of uniforms, private lessons for band members, contest expenses and scholarships for students who appreciate and excel in music education.

Band members will perform along the way, as well as at stops at Home Depot, 11:30 a.m.; Kroger, noon; and The Harbor, 12:30 p.m. The event will mark the first of

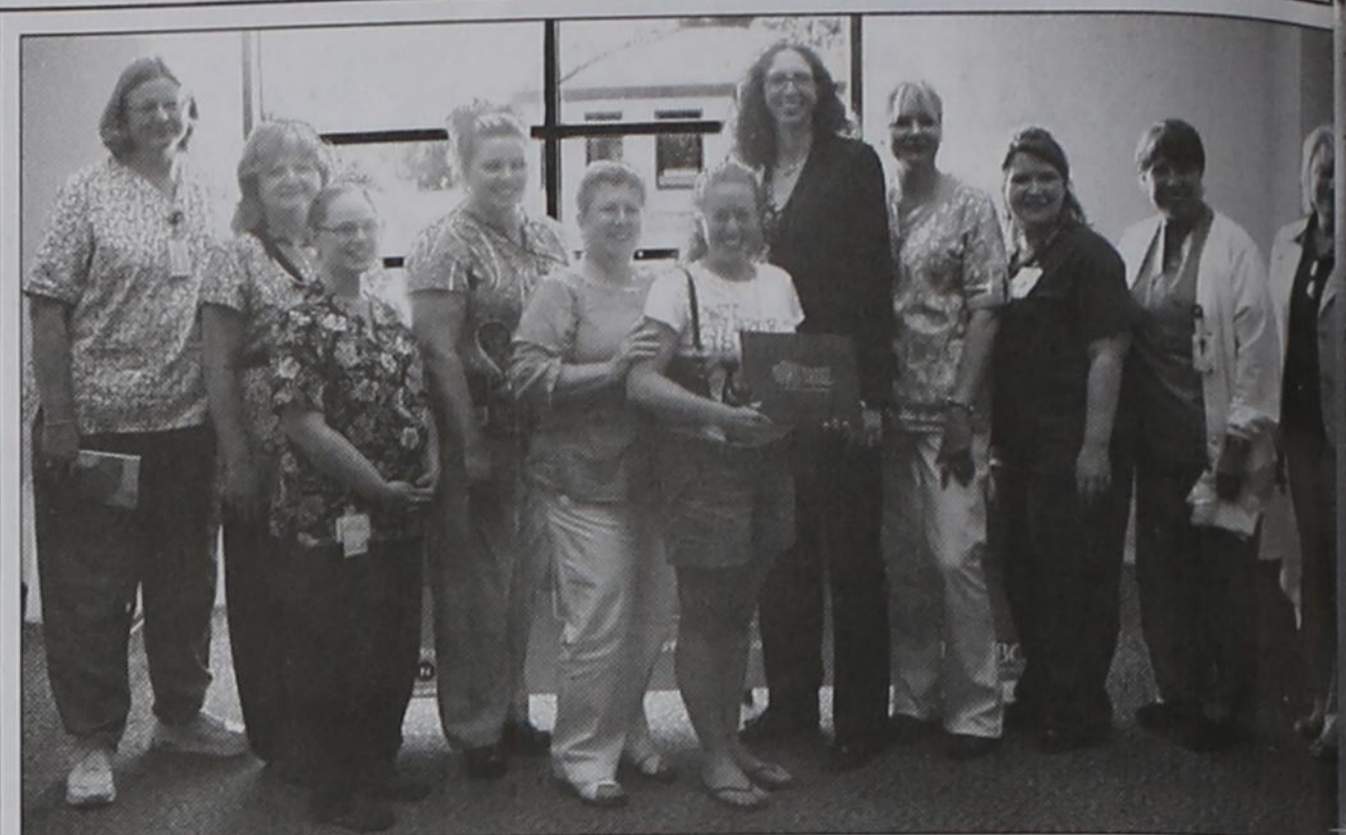
its kind in Rockwall, and the band members hope to make it an annual tradition.

The band is comprised of approximately 200 members and three concert bands: Wind Ensemble, Symphonic and Concert.

For more information about the bands or this event, visit the band's Web site at mightyhawkband.org.



Rockwall-Heath HS Mighty Hawk Band members (left to right) Yared Haile, Keith Monserate, Colby McLemore, Elliot Paris, Alan Cadieux, Collin O'Connor, Oscar Morales, Austin Krogman, Kyle Uy and Jared Fowler take a break from practicing for the March-A-Thon and the upcoming football season. Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News



Rebecca Capen, RN, shown at center, was named the recipient of the second DAISY award on at Lake Pointe Medical Center. Capen, a 2007 graduate of Collin County Community College, received the leadership award from her fellow students, as described by one Lake Pointe peer "one of the most valuable assets this hospital has today..." Debbie Moeller, chief nursing officer, Capen a "shining star" who provides care to her patients and help to her co-workers. Capen is shown above with Lake Pointe CEO Carolyn Jackson and Capen's mother, as well as Lake Pointe DAISY committee members. For more details about the DAISY award, visit daisyfoundation.org. Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

Area Eastfield Students Recognized for Leadership

The Dallas County Community College District and the DCCCD Foundation are honoring two Eastfield College students as 2009-2010 LeCroy Scholars for their leadership and academic excellence.

Alexander Nelson of Fate and Hilda Rodriguez of Rowlett are two of eight college students from throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex to receive the honor for

their outstanding leadership and academic achievements.

The program honors DCCCD's former chancellor, Dr. R. Jan LeCroy, who served in that capacity from 1981 to 1988. Each LeCroy Scholar receives up to \$4,000 (\$1,000 per semester, with a maximum of four semesters) to attend any of DCCCD's seven colleges: Brookhaven, Cedar Valley, Eastfield, El Centro, Mountain View, North Lake or Richland.

Nelson graduated this spring from Royce City High School, where he was President of the French Club, a member of the district orchestra in Monterey, Calif., prior to his move to Texas in 2006 and the recipient of the school orchestra's Director's Award. He holds a

second-degree black belt in karate, has taught for two years at ATA Black Belt Academy in Rockwall and also served as sergeant-at-arms in the Junior Naval ROTC.

Nelson, who will attend Eastfield College in fall 2009, plans to become a teacher and a small business owner (a karate studio) after he finishes college. In California, he organized a donation drive for the homeless through his mother's office and would like to undertake a similar project in his own community. Nelson likes to empower children with the knowledge that they need to succeed.

Rodriguez, who works full time for the Rockwall Independent School District as a bilingual instructional assistant, attends Eastfield College in the evening.

She is the first among her members to graduate from high school and attend college. She was a student at Rowlett High School, where she served as a student on the school's Campus Improvement Committee and a leader in the TAPP program - which she visited to Eastfield, where she went to school.

Rodriguez earned high marks on the AP Spanish IV exam and graduated from Eastfield High School in December and started classes at Eastfield in January 2009. She finished her associate's degree from Eastfield and transferred to Texas A&M University to earn her bachelor's degree in early childhood education with a bilingual certificate.

Rodriguez is mentored by her younger sister and encourages every day to finish high school and go to college. She attended local elementary school when she was at Rowlett High School, called "Ready, Set, Teach."

One other DCCCD LeCroy Scholar, Rachael Halsinger, who attends Eastfield College studying mathematics, is also a recipient. Anyone who is interested in learning more about how to apply for a DCCCD LeCroy Scholarship can visit www.dcccd.org/scholarships/foundation/.

For more information, contact Kathy Hammon, DCCCD Foundation Director, at (214) 378-1536.

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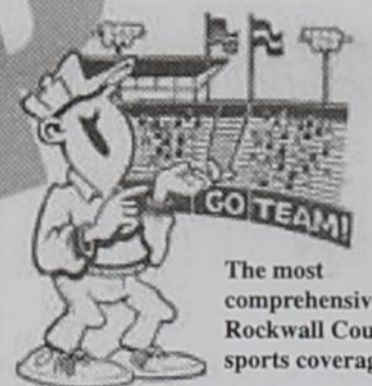
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City installs special lighting

In an effort to continue to "bring history alive" in Old Towne, the City of Rockwall recently installed special historic street lights along a portion of Fannin Street.

The special lighting was introduced on Fannin between Boydston and Washington streets.

The same lights will be installed on Clark Street in September according to a city news release. Plans also call for their installation around the Downtown Historic District sometime in the future.



Feral Friends Community Cat Alliance has several kittens ready for new homes. All have been spayed/neutered, microchipped and checked by a veterinarian. Visit the Pet Adoption Center in Rowlett, Highway 66 and Liberty Grove, between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays to see the available felines. For more information, visit the Web site at feralfriends.org. To make an appointment to see the animals e-mail adopt@feralfriends.org. Photo Courtesy of Elise Bissell/Rockwall County News

Friday Opinions

Why we oppose the so-called national healthcare plan

Wesley W. Burnett
all the practical and logical reasons to oppose the more than 100-page national socialist federal take-over of the nation's health system there is one basic and fundamental fact that is widely known by national media and political leaders: it's downright unconstitutional. We urge our readers to study carefully the congressional power contained in our constitution.

Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States of America: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imports and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imports and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States; To borrow Money on the credit of the United States; To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws of Bankruptcy throughout the United States; To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, to fix the Standard of Weights and Measures; To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

To establish Post Offices and post Roads; To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries; To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court; To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations;

To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water; To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years; To maintain a Navy; To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions; To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession or Purchase, become the Property of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Armies, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings;

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

There is no authority for a huge chunk of congressional legislation including the attempt to centralize the distribution and control of individual people's medical care.

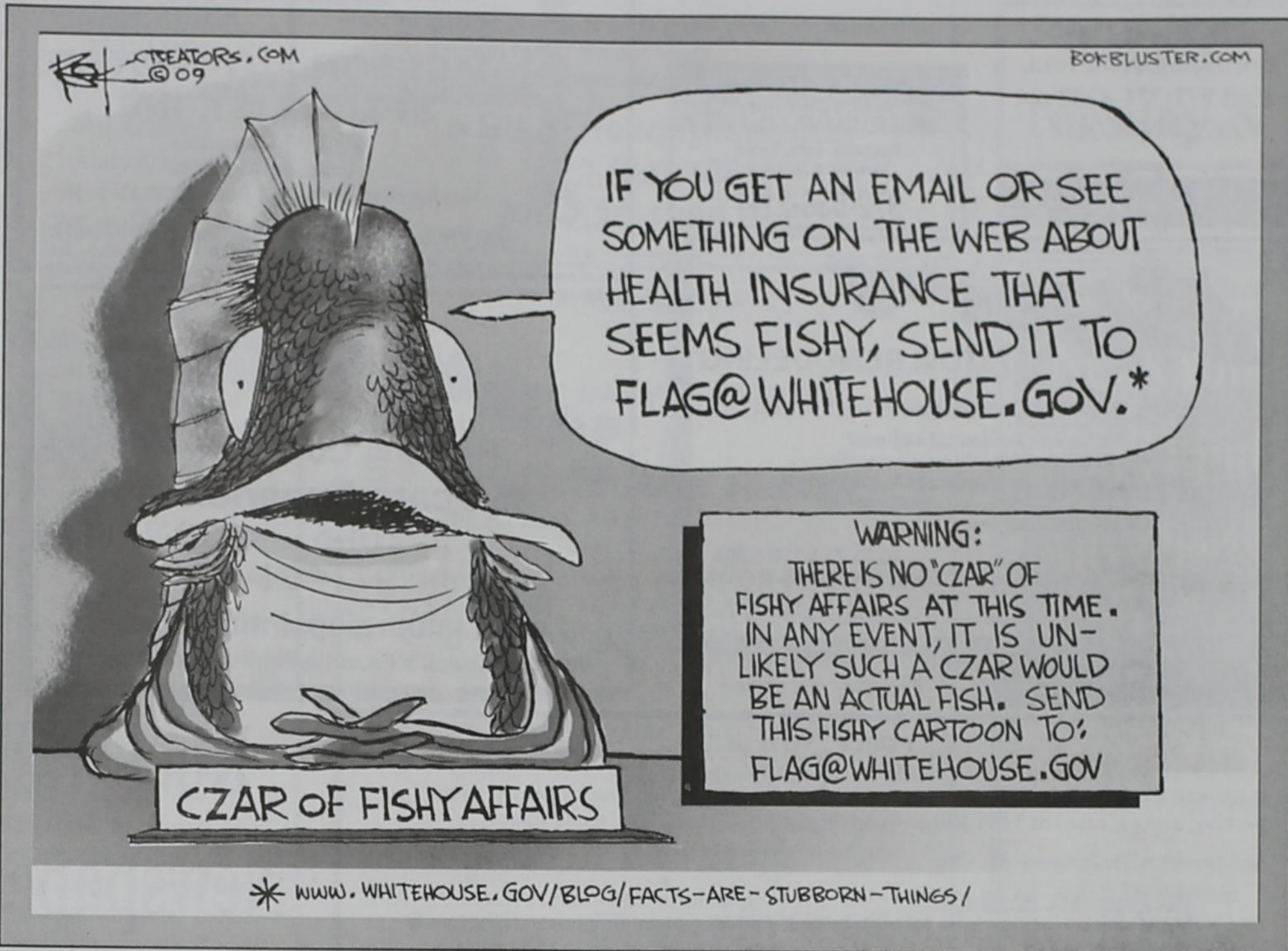
The vast majority of American voters don't seem to care about the constitution and its limits on government power, why should we expect their elected and appointed officials to be any different? The way to solve the complaints about "big government" is to elect people who will actually obey their oaths of office. That is, to protect and defend the constitution, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

The most dangerous enemies are amongst us. Most members of congress, the judicial and executive branches are guilty of violating their oaths of office, for they routinely vote for legislation which is clearly outside the boundaries of authority delegated to them by our constitution.

It is a shameful and shameful condition, but it is a fact. Correcting our political problems begins at the ballot box. If local, state or national candidates are unable to demonstrate a love and devotion to our constitution they should be rejected.

It is essential to ensure a miserable devolution of a once proud republic, steeped in liberty and freedom, to the status of an outright authoritarian ruling class, not bound by any restrictions of law or constitution.

When is it okay to steal?
God said, "Thou Shalt Not Steal"
He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal except the poor."
He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, unless government needs more money."
He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, but it's okay if stealing helps the homeless."
He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, other than to take from those who have and give it to those who have not."
God's word is solid, complete, simple and unambiguous... there are no "exceptions" to his commandment:
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It can Not Be Supported by those who claim to follow God's commandments.



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Politics and Blacks

by Walter E. Williams

President Barack Obama won an unprecedented 96 percent of the black vote. That's not much of a news story since blacks typically give their votes to the Democratic candidate. Blacks are probably the most politically loyal people in the nation and it is almost taken as gospel, at least among civil rights organizations and black and white liberals, that the only way black people can make socioeconomic progress is through the politics of race and special government programs. However, such a vision can be subjected to empirical evidence.

In 1940, when blacks were politically impotent, their poverty rate was 87 percent. By 1960, before blacks achieved much political power, it fell to 47 percent. During that interval, in various skilled trades, the incomes of blacks relative to whites more than doubled. Before 1960, there were no anti-poverty programs or affirmative action programs that can explain an economic advance that exceeded any other 20-year interval, though there were Truman and Eisenhower administration attacks on some of the gross forms

A Matter of Trust

by Bill O'Reilly

The current civil war in America is really an uncivil debate about whether or not to trust the federal government. Policy aside, fundamental beliefs are separating Americans into two intense camps.

On the left sits the give hope a chance crew, which supports the dramatic increase in government influence and spending. These Obama citizens believe that the president can right economic and social wrongs by dramatically expanding federal power.

Cruising on the right are those suspicious of increasing federal power. These folks generally believe President Obama is, indeed, an agent of hope: He hopes the nation will embrace a form of neo-socialism. Emotions are running high on both sides of the debate.

Polls show the nation is almost evenly divided when it comes to Obama's vision for the country. A Rasmussen poll this week has the president's approval rating at 49 percent, while 51 percent disapprove. That's even when the margin of error factor kicks in.

We are a country at odds. Just six months ago, the president's approval rating approached 70 percent as the nation looked forward to better times under a young, dynamic leader. But that was then.

Now, there is chaos in the air. The massive spending the Democrats have championed has unsettled many who understand that foreign lenders, in particular the Chinese, are becoming a lifeline for America. If these people pull out, disaster drives in. With bankruptcy looming in California, it is not far-fetched to see the federal government drowning in debt, as well.

Also, few understand Obama's health care vision, and he has not been able to explain it effectively. Most human beings value security. Are you feeling secure these days?

But it is the trust factor that has really frayed tempers. Conservative Americans, almost 40 percent of the population, are outraged at Obama's expansionist policies. The right simply does not trust the president and probably never will.

Liberals, about 20 percent of the folks, are standing by their man. They want a huge federal presence to dictate who gets what in health care, and they love the income redistribution strategy in general. In Obama, the hopes of the committed left are being realized.

But it is the other 40 percent of Americans, mainly independents, who are losing hope and fairly quickly. Most Americans are not hardcore ideologues and are willing to give any new president a chance. But with the recession still causing massive pain and a president who increasingly seems unsure of himself, the independent folks are getting nervous.

Since last January, there certainly has been plenty of change. But, as the polls prove, fewer and fewer folks are believing in it.

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of racial discrimination. A significant chunk of black progress occurred simply through migration from rural areas in the South to big Northern cities. Between 1960 and 1980, black poverty fell roughly 17 percent and continued falling to today's 24 percent. The decline in black poverty between 1960 and 1980 might have simply been a continuation of a trend starting much earlier and cannot be attributed solely to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, President Johnson's War on Poverty, or Richard Nixon's affirmative action.

Most of the major problems that many black people face are not amenable to political solutions and government anti-poverty programs. Let's look at some. In 1940, 86 percent of black children were born inside marriage, and the illegitimacy rate among blacks was about 15 percent.

Today, only 35 percent of black children are born inside marriage, and the illegitimacy rate hovers around 70 percent. Today's breakdown of the black family is unprecedented. It began in the 1960s with the War on Poverty and the harebrained ideas of the welfare state. In the mid-1960s, Daniel Moynihan sounded the alarm about the breakdown in the black family in his book "The Negro Family: The Case for National Action." At that time black illegitimacy was 26 percent. Moynihan said, "(A)t the heart of the deterioration of the fabric of the Negro society is the deterioration of the Negro family."

He added, "The steady expansion of welfare programs can be taken as a measure of the steady disintegration of the Negro family structure over the past generation in the United States." Moynihan's observations were greeted with charges of racism and blaming the victim. By the way, the welfare state is an equal opportunity family destroyer.

Today's illegitimacy rate among whites, at nearly 30 percent, is higher than it was among blacks in the 1960s when Moynihan sounded the alarm. In Sweden, the mother of the welfare state, illegitimacy is 54 percent.

Blacks hold high offices and dominate the political arena in Philadelphia, Detroit, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., New Orleans and other cities. Yet these are the very cities with the nation's most rotten schools, highest crime rates, high illegitimacy rates, weak family structure and other forms of social pathology.

I am not saying that blacks having political power is the cause of these problems. What I am saying is that the solution to most of the major problems that confront many black people won't be found in the political arena and by electing more blacks to high office.

In fact, politicians tend to be hostile to some of the solutions to problems many blacks face such as school choice as a means to strengthen education, the elimination of oppressive licensing restrictions for various occupations, and supportive of job-destroying labor legislation such as minimum wage laws.

The bottom line is there is very little evidence anywhere on the planet that political power is a necessary condition for economic power.

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A means of oppression...

Quotes from a speech by Charles Adams
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Attorney Charles Adams is the author of "When in the Course of Human Events: Arguing the Case for Southern Secession," and "Those Dirty Rotten Taxes: The Tax Revolts That Built America." Much of this material and more on this subject can be found in his book, "For Good and Evil: The Impact of Taxes on the Course of Civilization."
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Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside with the appropriate Bid Number, to John Blackwood, Rockwall County Auditor, 101 East Rusk Street, Room 101, Rockwall, Texas 75087, on or before August 24, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. The bids will be opened on August 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids/proposals for Royse City High School Additions and Renovations – 2009 are being accepted by Royse City Independent School District. Bidders/Proposers may obtain a complete set of contract documents from the Construction Manager, Gallagher Construction Services, 2600 Technology Drive, Suite 400, Plano, Texas 75074, 972.633.0564, 972.633.0164 Fax. Contract documents will also be furnished to Abilene, DFW, Tyler and Waco area plan rooms.

Mailed bids/proposals should be addressed to Royse City Independent School District, Administration Office, 810 Old Greenville Road; Royse City, TX 75189 and received before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2009. All other bids/proposals shall be sent directly to Royse City Independent School District, Administration Office, 810 Old Greenville Road; Royse City, TX 75189 and received before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2009. Thereafter, at 4:00 p.m., all sealed bids/proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at Royse City High School, 700 South FM 2642; Royse City, TX 75189. Attendance is encouraged by a representative of each firm submitting a bid. Failure to be represented at this meeting may eliminate a bidder from consideration for work on this project.



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Public Notice
Application has been submitted for Private Club Registration Crowells Fish Camp Private Club. Inc.

Application has been submitted for Private Club Registration Crowells Fish Camp Private Club, Inc. At 7508 CR 2584, City of Rockwall, Texas 75087. Said application is being reviewed in accordance with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. Bobby John Crowell, Jr. and Martha Margaret Crowell, Directors.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JERRY MACK SMITH, Deceased, were issued on July 17, 2009, in Cause No. PR09-46, pending in the County Court at Law of ROCKWALL County, Texas, to: BARRY SMITH.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Roxie W. Cluck Attorney at Law 657 S. Hwy 19 P. O. Box 338 Canton, Texas 75103

DATED the 17 day of July, 2009.
Roxie W. Cluck Attorney for BARRY SMITH State Bar No.: 04418600 657 S. Hwy 19 P. O. Box 338 Canton, Texas 75103 Telephone: (903) 567-2136 Facsimile: (903) 567-2863

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to Mr. Chuck Todd, P.E., City Engineer, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, August 21, 2009, until the hour of 5:00 p.m. for the following project:

Squabble Creek Wastewater Force Main- Phase 2
The project includes approximately: 7615 LF 30" PVC WW Force Main, 411 LF 30" PVC Force Main by Other Than Open Cut, 144 LF 30" PVC WW Force Main in Casing by Other Than Open Cut, 4553 LF 12" PVC Water, 150 LF 12" PVC Water in Casing, 160 LF 12" PVC Water by Other Than Open Cut, 9 Fire Hydrant Assemblies, 6-12" Gate Valve, 10,207 SY Grass 10,207 SY Hyromulch Seeding, 2938 SY 6" Flex Base, and other miscellaneous items; Alternate 1 Pavement Repair (Asphalt), 8055 SY 6" Pulverized Cement Treated Subgrade, 7360 SY Type B Asphalt Base Course, 7360 SY 1-1/2" Type D Asphalt Surface Course, and miscellaneous items; Alternate Pavement Repair (Concrete), 7360 SY 6" 3600 PSI Concrete, 8055 SY 6" Lime Treated Subgrade, 149 Tons Lime, 3655 SY Asphalt Removal, and miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked- Squabble Creek Wastewater Force Main- Phase 2.

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is 180 Calendar Days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2%) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined Rockwall Engineering Office located at the City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers- 972-771-7746/fax- 972-771-7748), and procured at the office of the Engineer, Birkhoff, Hendricks & Conway, 11910 Greenville Ave., Suite 600, Dallas, Texas (phone numbers- 214-361-7900/fax 214-8390), at a non-refundable cost of \$40.00, beginning August 7, 2009. Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the office of the Engineer, Birkhoff, Hendricks & Conway, LLP, and are listed on the Engineer's Plan Holders, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

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FM-740 Water and Wastewater Relocation Project

The project includes approximately: 2149 LF 8" PVC Water, 667 LF 8" PVC Water by Bore, 259 LF 12" PVC Water, 57 LF 12" PVC Water w/Casing, 87 LF 12" PVC Water by Bore, 683 LF 16" PVC Water, 4 LF 18" Split Steel Casing, 77 LF 20" Split Steel Casing, 169 LF 24" Split Steel Casing, Fire Hydrant Assemblies, 14- 8" Gate Valves, 1-12" Gate Valve, 3-16" Butterfly Valves, 63 LF 8" PVC Wastewater, 17 LF 10" PVC Wastewater, 85 LF PVC Wastewater w/Casing, 60 LF PVC Wastewater w/Casing by Bore, 6 4-foot Manholes, 4000 SY Grass Sod, and other miscellaneous items.

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Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

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Volleyball

Lady Jackets beat Forney after opening loss

by Lary Bump

Rockwall's new-look varsity volleyball team rallied twice in its season-opening match against North Mesquite Tuesday. But in the end, it was the Lady Stallions' rally that made the difference.

With senior co-captain Maggie Brindock the only returning player available from last year's team, the Lady Jackets lost the first and third games against North Mesquite, but came back from a 20-18 deficit to win game two and from six points down to take the fourth.

In the 15-point fifth-game tiebreaker, RHS took a 7-6 lead. The Lady Stallions' 6-foot-2 junior middle blocker, Katherine Bell, produced one of her four kills in the game to tie the score. Lauren Hutchinson then served out the final eight points, with help from two more kills from Bell.

North Mesquite won that marathon match 27-25, 22-25, 25-17, 27-29, 15-7. The Lady Stallions (2-0) then knocked off Forney in four games.

Head coach Damon Wilson said, "As quickly as we came back against North Mesquite, we fell apart again."

Five hours of volleyball at the RHS gym ended when Rockwall (1-1) defeated Forney 25-13, 25-19, 25-17.

Against North Mesquite, Wilson said, "Things weren't clicking. Against a great middle like Katherine Bell, it seemed like a great move to put Brindock in the middle for defensive purposes. She's a great blocker and she really helped us there, but it slowed us down. It became a very methodical match.

"I thought it could help us overall with our younger players. Maybe the rhythm of our play is more important than having a big middle blocker. Maybe I over-adjusted."

In that match's second game, shots and blocks by Brindock provided three of the Lady Jackets' final four points. Rockwall trailed game four 18-13 before she ran off six points in a row on her serve for a 19-18 lead. RHS still had to fight off three match points before Brindock hit an unreturnable soft shot for a 28-27 lead, then served for the game-winning point.

The Lady Jackets played without their other senior co-captain,

McKenna Abbott, who was on crutches with a brace on the left knee she injured in a scrimmage at McKinney Saturday.

"It's still kind of wait and see with McKenna," Wilson said. "We just want to do what's best for her. She could return sometime this season, or she could need surgery."

Abbott, an outside hitter last season, had been playing on the back line before she was injured, with junior Liz Lee and freshman Ashlynn Broussard filling in outside. Against Forney, the supporting cast performed well around Brindock. Junior Loren Kelly served eight consecutive points, including an ace, to give RHS a 20-9 lead in the first game. The second ended on a kill by sophomore Ashton Atwell. Rockwall trailed the third game 9-7 before Allie Welch ran off eight consecutive points on her serve, including an ace. Fittingly, Welch also served the match point against the Lady Jackrabbits (0-2).

Wilson said, "I think we can win matches with our players. They can play. They just haven't done it in varsity matches."

It was a good night overall for Lady Jackets volleyball.

The junior varsity won two matches in four games in the RHS auxiliary gym. Coach Toshia Ridgeway said her team played an up-and-down match against North Mesquite before winning 26-24, 25-20. After holding off Forney to win the first game 25-22, Rockwall's JV swept with a 25-12 second-game victory.

Playing at North Mesquite, the RHS freshman A team won 25-14, 25-11 over North Mesquite. Setter Lauren Ham led the Lady Jackets with five service aces and five kill sets. Rockwall's freshman B team lost in two games to Forney's only freshman team.

The Lady Jackets' varsity will meet North Mesquite again in the Garland Varsity Tournament Friday and Saturday at Sachse.



Ryan Cooper rides for the Rockwall Cycling team Sunday's Crit Race through the Rockwall Techno Bikers competed in Men's, Women's, Kid's and Junior Under 14 categories. Crit Racing consists of packs of racers on a 1-mile loop course racing for up to 30 to 40 minutes, reaching speeds of at least 50 mph. Rockwall Cycling USA Cycling club, sponsored the race. Only in its second year the club is ranked as the #7 team in Texas road racing. Texas Bicycling Racing Association and has more than 100 team members.

Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

Sports Notes

RCISD season ticket sales under way

New season reserved seating ticket sales for the Roysse City ISD will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Aug. 28 at the RCISD administrative office.

Parent/athlete meeting set at Cain

A mandatory parent/athlete meeting to discuss the 2009-2010 Cain Middle School girls' athletic policies, workouts and schedules will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday in the CMS gym. Parents who have students interested in participating in a sport at Cain during the coming school year should attend.

Hunters' ed course slated

A hunters' education course will be offered for individuals ages 12 and older from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Myers Community Center. Instruction in Texas hunting regulations, ethics, firearm and hunting safety and other topics will be covered. Cost for this Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored program will be \$15 for Rockwall residents, \$23 for non-residents.

Punt, Pass & Kick competition planned

The local Punt, Pass & Kick competition will begin at 2 p.m. Sept. 13 at Wisdom Field at Dobbs. Participation will be free; girls and boys compete separately in age divisions 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15. Sectional champs may advance to the team competition at a Dallas Cowboys halftime. Each participant must bring a copy of his/her birth certificate; only soft-soled sneakers will be allowed, no cleats. For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

Fly fishing course scheduled

A class in fly fishing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 12 at Harry Myers Park. Participants will learn how to cast with a fly rod, learn basic knots and discuss the different types of flies and where they might be used. Instructed by members of the Dallas Fly Fishing Club, the class is sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Children ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Hot Shot contest set Sept. 26

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department will host a Hot Shot Basketball Shooting Contest beginning at 9 a.m. Sept. 26 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center gym. The event will be open to individuals ages 8 and older; cost will be \$3 for Rockwall residents, \$5 for non-residents.

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More than 970 bike riders took to streets of Rockwall last Saturday, Aug. 8, for the Rockwall Rotary Club's annual Hot Shot Bicycle Ride and Race. Bikers took off from the newly renovated Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium and wound through constructed streets for the first time in several years. Winners in the Men's Race were Brett Crosby, first place; Johnny Sundt, second place and Hippi, Jr., third place. Winners in the Women's division were Tracy Akerhielm, first place; Lauren Roberts, second place and King, third place. Race Chair Tim Hartley said the race would not be as successful without its sponsors, including Costco, App Brookshire's, Blue Bell Ice Cream, City of Rockwall, City of Heath, Hightech Signs, Soulman's BBQ, Alliance Bank, Oncor Energy, QBall Design, Randall Noe, Texas State Sen. Bob Deuell and WalMart. Proceeds from the race go towards college scholarships for students.

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HCA loses volleyball opening

Heritage Christian Academy's varsity volleyball team lost its season-opening match Monday in three games to Dallas Bishop Dunne at HCA.

The Lady Eagles played tough in the first game before losing 26-24. The Lady Falcons dominated after that, winning 25-12 and 25-16.

HCA was scheduled to host Fort Worth Bethesda Christian Tuesday, and will play Friday in the Dallas Lutheran Tournament. On Thursday, the varsity and junior varsity will travel to Garland Christian in another match to prepare the Lady Eagles for TAPPS

District 4-2A play. District opponents will be Rockwall Academy, Greenville Christian, McKinney Christian and Texoma Christian.

Heritage Christian Eagles' schedule

Friday, Aug. 14 - Varsity volleyball: at Dallas Lutheran Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 15 - Varsity football: scrimmage vs. Nazarene at Dick Todd Stadium, Crowley, 10 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 20 - Volleyball: at Garland Christian, and varsity 6 p.m.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule this week

Tuesday, Aug. 11 - Varsity and JV volleyball: home Mesquite and Forney, 5 and 7 p.m.
Freshman volleyball: at North Mesquite with Forney, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 13 - Freshman volleyball: at Garland Lutheran Tournament.
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With vegetables at a Guatemalan market caught the attention of Rockwall's Richard Lopez during his recent church sponsored trip to San Bartolome, Guatemala. The 10 day visit included daily interaction with court protected youth at Casa Aleluya high mountains.

Photo courtesy Richard Lopez/Rockwall County News

Local church members interact with Guatemalan court protected children

Richard Lopez had an opportunity to visit San Bartolome, Guatemala, a small town in the high mountains of Guatemala. The town is located approximately 100 miles above sea level. Casa Aleluya is the home and care center for 50 children of all ages from newborn to teenagers. The children are housed in dormitory-style buildings on the 15-acre property. A large centralized kitchen feeds the children three times a day. A guava tree on the property is an avocado tree and served as a staple food for the children. Lopez frequently visited the market to purchase the produce needed to produce a healthy meal. The town is green and active with its seven active churches. The judicial system is unrestricted, and laws fail to protect against incest and sexual abuse, resulting in many children suffering from an early age.

The majority of reported child abuse cases in Guatemala are inflicted by a parent or family member. One reported case that was brought to the attention of the director of Casa Aleluya was that of an 18-month-old girl. She had been sexually abused to such a degree that it took six operations to correct the damage inflicted on this child by her father. The director of Casa Aleluya filed charges with local authorities against the father and this man is now in prison. Unfortunately, approximately 95 percent of the children sent to Casa Aleluya have been physically and/or sexually abused by one of their parents or family members. This applies to both boys and girls, and many of these children have been sent to this home by order of the courts. Sadly, these children are not eligible for adoption and must stay at this home until they finish school or find a job. Should they wish to pursue a college degree, they are welcome to stay at the home and work until they finish their education. To complicate matters there is a mixture of native languages spoken at Casa Aleluya. Spanish serves as the primary language and English as a secondary. The school is open to all, privately funded and always in need of

outside help and support. To date, the school has graduated more than 3,500 children. The Children's Home at Casa Aleluya is unique in that it has its own water supply - a fresh water well that visitors can drink from without worry of getting sick. Since Casa Aleluya is approximately 8,000 feet above sea level, there is no need for mosquito netting at night and the electrical system is the same as in the United States, so electrical devices can be used without special plugs or transformers. The monetary system is based upon "quetzal," and the equivalent of 8 quetzals equal a U.S. dollar. Guatemala's most noted natural resource is Jade and was discovered over the region some 3,000 years ago. Jade is very important to Guatemala culture and used in religious ceremonies and decorations. Currently, there are 27 known shades of jade ranging from white to many shades of green or black with the lavender shade of jade being the rarest. Other items such as blue corn tortillas, coffee, pineapples and a wide range of fruit were available to us, but the most enjoyable and rewarding resource that we experienced was the opportunity to visit and spend time

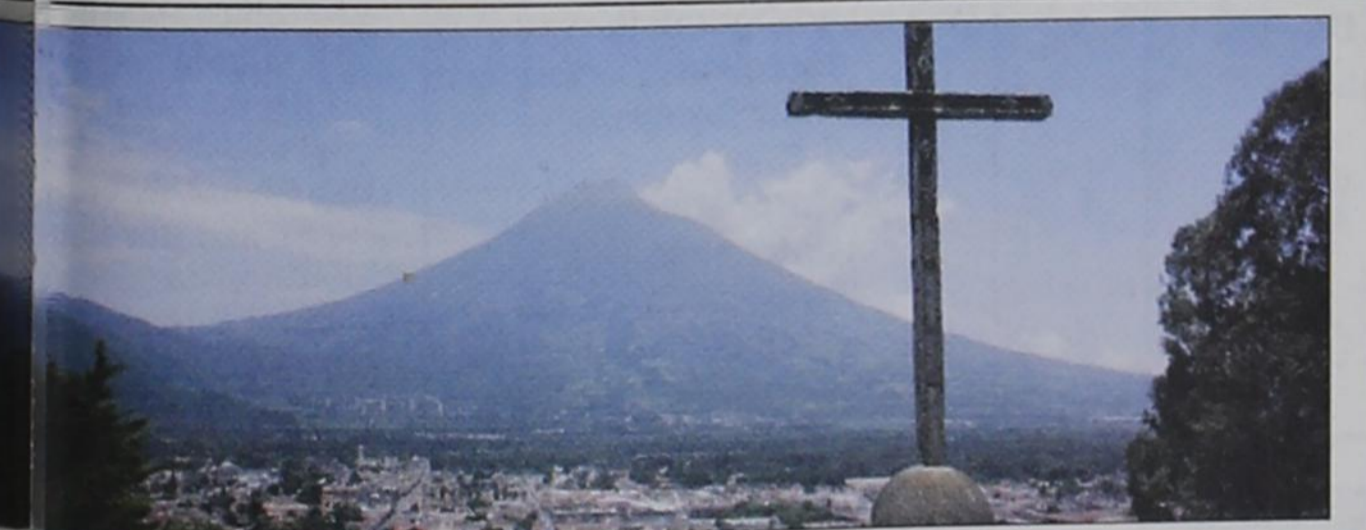
with some of the children of this beautiful country. Unfortunately, our stay came to an end all too soon and we tearfully said goodbye, but we are already making plans to return and look forward to visiting with our new found friends... the future leaders of Guatemala. I must thank the First Methodist Church of Heath, its congregation and support of others who contributed to this mission with their prayers and gifts. Without their support, this mission would not have been a success. Editor's Note: Mr Lopez and another member of the First United Methodist Church of Heath joined 23 members of a Little Rock, Arkansas church on the mission trip. The First United Methodist Church of Heath sponsored the event for its two participating members.

Registration still open for Helping Hands golf tournament

Friday is the last day to register for the Helping Hands benefit golf tournament Monday at Buffalo Creek Golf Club. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The Ambassadors of Buffalo Creek have organized the event for Helping Hands, which hopes to raise \$10,000 to help fund its programs. In addition to entry fees, money is being raised through sponsorships. Some of those sponsorships include the annual George Griffith Regatta at Rush Creek Yacht Club Sept. 25-27. Helping Hands is a non-profit organization helping Rockwall County residents in times of need. The organization provides help in the form of a food pantry, a health center for uninsured or underinsured families, a thrift store and aid in the event of natural disasters. You can register for the tournament at rockwallhelpinghands.com or by calling the Helping Hands office at 972-771-4357.

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