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Rockwall County families took time Monday to remember those who served in defense of our nation. The flag above was at the Royse City cemetery gravesite of U.S. Navy veteran Millard Leon Davis, born June 16, 1921, died July 6, 2000.

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Primary Commissioner races headed for July runoff

A special election will be held for July 31 to decide the primary races in the wake of the county's Primary Election. The voters will decide Rockwall County Commissioner Precinct 1, Precinct 2, Precinct 3, Precinct 4, Precinct 5, Precinct 6, Precinct 7, Precinct 8, Precinct 9, Precinct 10, Precinct 11, Precinct 12, Precinct 13, Precinct 14, Precinct 15, Precinct 16, Precinct 17, Precinct 18, Precinct 19, Precinct 20, Precinct 21, Precinct 22, Precinct 23, Precinct 24, Precinct 25, Precinct 26, Precinct 27, Precinct 28, Precinct 29, Precinct 30, Precinct 31, Precinct 32, Precinct 33, Precinct 34, Precinct 35, Precinct 36, Precinct 37, Precinct 38, Precinct 39, Precinct 40, Precinct 41, Precinct 42, Precinct 43, Precinct 44, Precinct 45, Precinct 46, Precinct 47, Precinct 48, Precinct 49, Precinct 50, Precinct 51, Precinct 52, Precinct 53, Precinct 54, Precinct 55, Precinct 56, Precinct 57, Precinct 58, Precinct 59, Precinct 60, Precinct 61, Precinct 62, Precinct 63, Precinct 64, Precinct 65, Precinct 66, Precinct 67, Precinct 68, Precinct 69, Precinct 70, Precinct 71, Precinct 72, Precinct 73, Precinct 74, Precinct 75, Precinct 76, Precinct 77, Precinct 78, Precinct 79, Precinct 80, Precinct 81, Precinct 82, Precinct 83, Precinct 84, Precinct 85, Precinct 86, Precinct 87, Precinct 88, Precinct 89, Precinct 90, Precinct 91, Precinct 92, Precinct 93, Precinct 94, Precinct 95, Precinct 96, Precinct 97, Precinct 98, Precinct 99, Precinct 100.

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- PROPOSITION 1**
Any graduate of a Texas high school, who has lived in the state for at least three years and lived here continuously for the last year, should be eligible for in-state tuition at state supported colleges and universities and given the opportunity to earn legal status through a higher education or military service.
For: 559
Against: 94
- PROPOSITION 2**
"Because a college education is increasingly necessary for jobs that allow our citizens to achieve middle class lifestyles and become the entrepreneurs who create the jobs that our economy relies on, we call on the Texas Legislature to fund colleges and universities such that tuition and fees can be affordable to all Texans."
Yes: 596
No: 47
- PROPOSITION 3**
Should the Texas Legislature allow the people of Texas to vote to legalize casino gambling with all funds generated being used only for education?
For: 467
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Nathan Hecht, 5,053
- Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals**
Sharon Keller, 5,358



The Heath Area Terrific Seniors (HATS) recently spent the day exploring the Dallas Zoo. Shown standing, from the left, are Duane Groothousen, Ann Groothousen, Nicole Holguin, George Dempsey, Shirley Huneven, Frances Straughan, Carolyn Klemmedson, Cherry Conner, Mitsy Rowlett and Barbara White. Seated are Gene Palmer, Marilyn Rose, Judy Holder, Helen Battenschlag and Lynne Wall. Anyone interested in joining the group for its monthly meetings should call the church office at First United Methodist Church Heath at 972-771-6732. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Church service to recognize Lance Holland

The 11 a.m. June 3 worship service at the First Christian Church Rockwall will recognize the late Lance Holland as an elder emeritus. Holland's family has been a part of the church since the early 1970s. He twice served as an elder to the congregation and also served as board chair, deacon, trustee and mentor to children and youth. He also was instrumental in lifting the congregation in the late 1980s through challenging years when the church still was in its downtown location. Following the service, the congregation will observe a ceremony to rename the Great Hall as Holland Hall in his honor. This is an area of the church where celebrations and receptions are conducted, as well as worship. The renaming of the hall, according to a church news release, is designed to honor "his strong witness of faith in his life through all challenges and diversity. He has served as an example of steadfastness to the congregation and the entire Rockwall community." He died Oct. 26, 2011.



Lance Holland

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Heritage Christian breaks ground on construction project

Heritage Christian Academy recently broke ground on a three-phase construction project. The first phase of the project, a math and science initiative, is scheduled to be completed prior to the beginning of the fall semester of the 2012-2013 school year, according to a HCA news release. The plan is to complete the 10,000-square-foot second floor of the existing building adjacent to the main parking lot. The facility will include two state-of-the-art science labs and six additional classrooms to meet the needs of the growing student population. HCA currently has more than 300 students enrolled.

"According to recent international test results, the U.S. ranks 25th in science and 17th in math," said Lorne Liechty, HCA board member. "Our goal is to give (students) the tools they need to compete at the highest level."

"Our graduates are excelling at the collegiate and post-graduate level, but we want to continue to improve in order to give our students every advantage," said Ron Taylor, headmaster.

Founded in 1995, HCA is a Christ-centered, college preparatory, family-focused school located in Rockwall. The school is enrolling for the upcoming school year.



Heritage Christian Academy recently broke ground on a three-phase building project, with the first phase, a math and science initiative, scheduled for completion prior to the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Pictured at the groundbreaking are, from the left, Mike Harmon; Jennifer Hill; Robert Harter, assistant headmaster; Ron Taylor, headmaster; Rusty Wallis; Richard Henson; Craig Cooper; and Oliver. Also shown are board of trustee members for HCA.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Three take honors at Midwestern

Three local students were among the 886 honor students recognized for the spring semester at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, according to a university news release.

Beau Arceneaux of Rockwall was named to the President's Honor Roll, Samantha Bigham of Rockwall was listed on the Provost's Honor Roll and Jean-Luc Montlath of Rockwall was included on the Dean's Honor Roll.

A student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than an A is included on the President's Honor Roll. A student with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 is included on the Provost's Honor Roll, while a student with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.74 is named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

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Rockwall grad named Mrs. Texas 2012



Rachel Blacketer Hedstrom of Allen, a graduate of Rockwall High and daughter of Pam and Mark Blacketer of Rockwall, recently was named Mrs. Texas International 2012.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rachel Blacketer Hedstrom of Allen, a graduate of Rockwall High and daughter of Pam and Mark Blacketer of Rockwall, recently was named Mrs. Texas International 2012 on April 29 at the Auditorium in Corpus Christi.

Hedstrom competed two dozen other women throughout the state to win the title. The competition included both on-stage and personal wear; and evening gown.

The 34-year-old is a relations consultant and writer and her husband, Eric, are both of Allen.

Hedstrom graduated salutatorian of Rockwall High and earned a degree in English honors, from Austin College Sherman as a Presidential Scholar. She is a licensed pilot who is racing her car in both auto racing and track events.

As Mrs. Texas International Hedstrom plans to continue to advocate and serve as spokesperson for Honor Flight promoting her message of "thank our veterans." Honor Flight is a nationwide nonprofit organization whose mission is to honor veterans by taking them on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials in their honor.

She will compete with representatives from the 48 U.S. states and from around the world for the Mrs. Texas International on July 10 at the Northshore Center for Performing Arts in Chicago.

Hazardous Waste Day nets impressive intake

The City of Rockwall's Hazardous Waste Day drew more than 800 participants according to a city news release.

Waste disposal included 22,000 pounds of paint, 28,000 pounds of "other hazardous chemicals"; 679 tires; 54 gallons of antifreeze; and more than 20,000 pounds of electronic waste. Also collected was 13,500 pounds of paper that was shredded.

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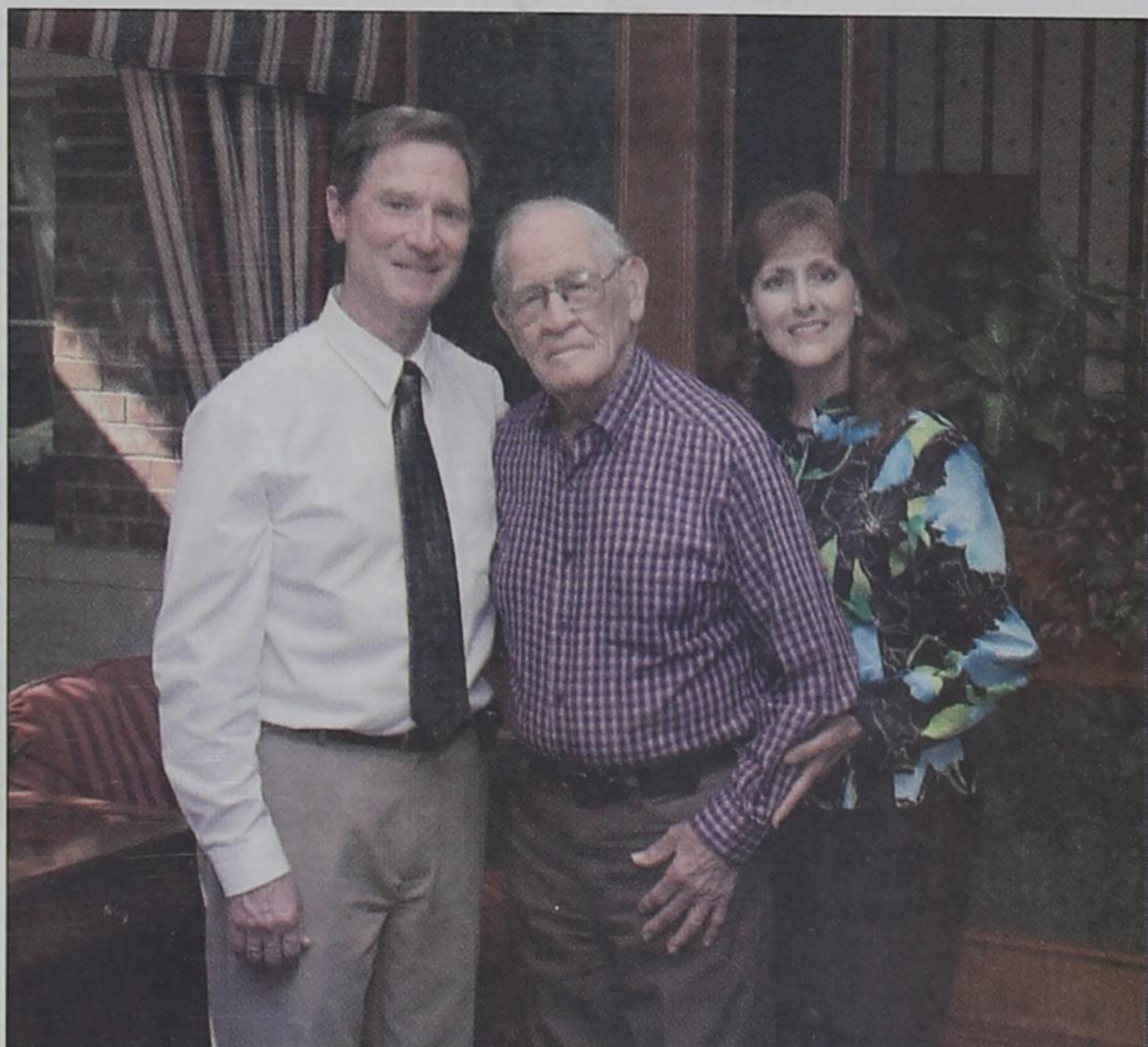
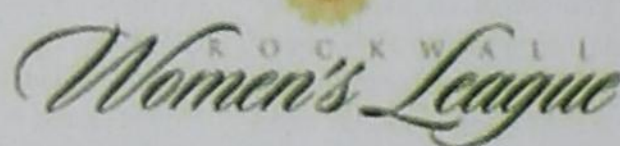
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Steve Karbowski (center) with his son, Dr. Steve Karbowski Jr. and wife Barbara Karbowski.

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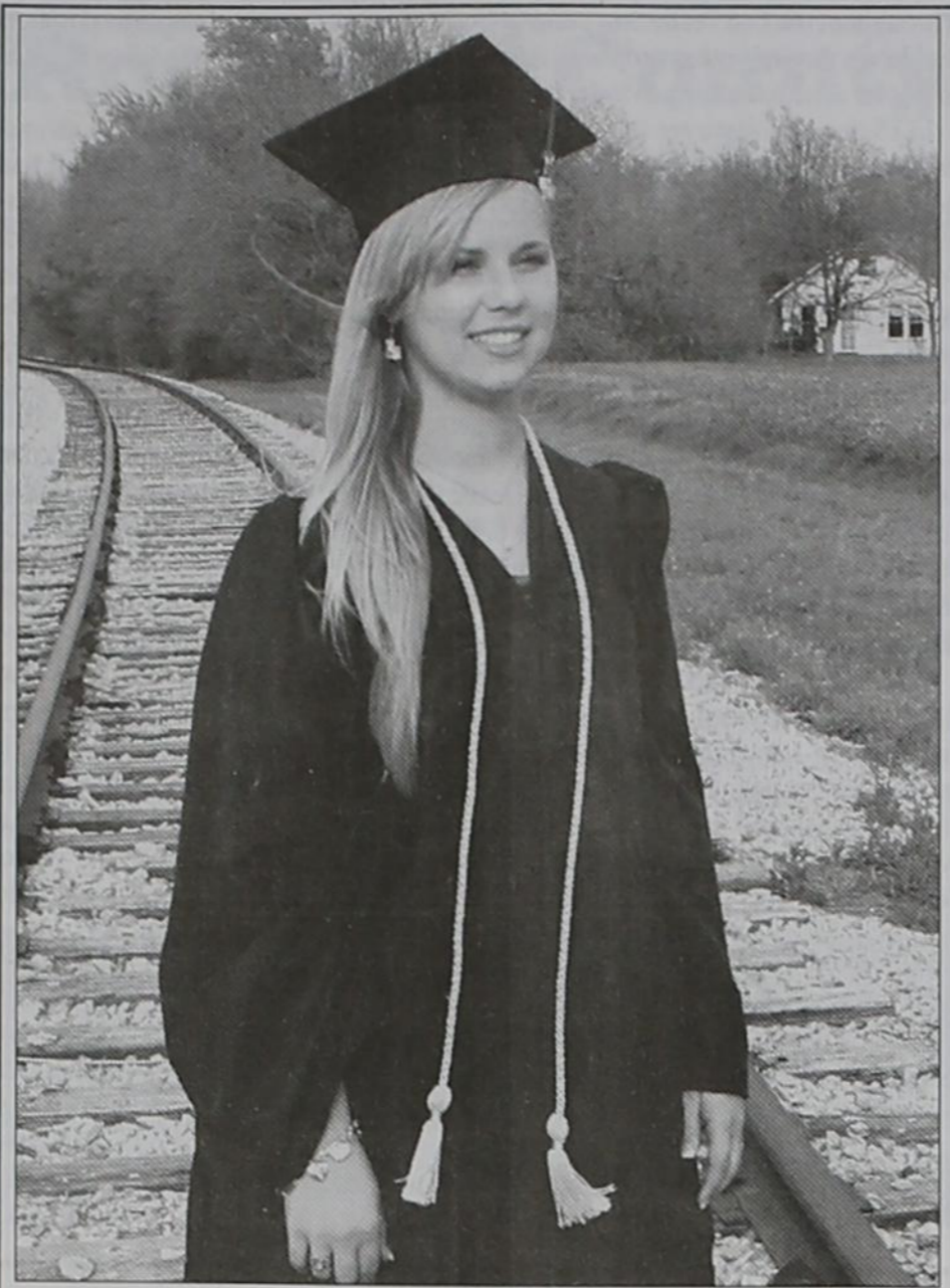
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Plano man hit by truck, killed near Fate

Rockwall County Sheriff's Department has released the name of a man who was killed after being struck by an 18-wheeler on Thursday, June 4 near Fate. The accident occurred at approximately 6:10 a.m. David Davis of the Sheriff's Department said Don Stacy, 56, of Plano, was on I-30 when he stopped his car on the shoulder near SH551. Davis said the car hood was up and a pair of pliers was found, along with a disconnected battery terminal in the engine. Investigators do not know if the pliers were on it's own or if Stacy disconnected it himself after encountering trouble. Davis said it was obvious Stacy was trying to get his car operational but there's just no way to know what happened to cause him to stop the car," Davis said. Davis added investigators do not know if Stacy stepped into the roadway, causing him to be in the driving lane where he was hit by the 18-wheeler. Davis said the shoulder of the road where Stacy stopped has a 2-3 foot drop off and if he stepped backwards he could have tripped into the roadway. Davis said investigators the 18-wheeler was traveling at a normal rate but was not able to move out of the right lane to avoid hitting Stacy because of traffic in the left lane. Charges will be filed against the truck driver. The 18-wheeler was stopped for about two hours following the accident.



Kyleigh Archer is valedictorian of Union Valley Academy

Kyleigh Shea Archer has been named 2012 Valedictorian for Union Valley Academy.

In addition to completing her senior year at Union Valley Academy, Kyleigh has also been attending Paris Junior College since 2010, pursuing dual credits. She is well on her way to an Associate Degree from PJC. Her goal is to attend the Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine. She plans to specialize in equines.

Kyleigh was chosen for internships with two veterinary clinics, where she was able to experience firsthand her chosen career.

Union Valley Academy is a private, non-profit school located in Union Valley, Texas. The school, located on FM 35, is currently using the campus of the Union Valley Church of Christ.

May 29 election results...

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PARTY REFERENDUM SCHOOL CHOICE:

The state should fund education by allowing dollars to follow the child instead of the bureaucracy, through a program which allows parents the freedom to choose their child's school, public or private, while also saving significant taxpayer dollars.

Yes: 6,541
No: 1,404

REPEALING OBAMACARE:

Congress should immediately repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (otherwise known as Obamacare) and reject the rationing of healthcare by government or the intrusion by government into the doctor - patient relationship.

Yes: 7,572
No: 580

PUBLIC PRAYER

Government should be prohibited from restricting the content of public prayer.

Yes: 7,478
No: 765

BALANCED BUDGET/CONTROLLING GOVERNMENT GROWTH

Out of control spending should be stopped at all levels of federal and state government through constitutional amendments limiting any increase in government spending to the combined increase of population and inflation, requiring voter approval.

Yes: 7,656
No: 466

REDISTRICTING

The Texas Legislature should redraw the court-imposed lines for Congress and State legislative districts in its upcoming session in order to remedy inequities.

Yes: 5,507
No: 1,994

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus Christ...the last anointed King

We have been looking closely at the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before we continue, let's learn a little about his ministry and kingship.



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Throughout the Old Testament periods God established certain people as prophets and kings through other prophets. According to 1 Samuel 15:1, God sent Samuel to anoint Saul to be king over Israel.

In 1 Samuel 16:3 we see the same prophet anointing David to be king. In all cases, the anointing prophet had holy spirit upon them, and the anointed parties had holy spirit come upon them. It was God who gave the direct call to anoint. In other words the true prophets did not anoint others simply because it was requested. Jesus Christ's ministry began with a slightly different process in which he was baptized with water. It was at the time of his baptism of water that holy spirit first came on Jesus Christ. Before that time Jesus did not have holy spirit on him. On the other hand John had holy spirit from birth. It was God's will to raise a prophet who would prepare His people for their Messiah. This preparation included the necessary anointing or baptism of Jesus Christ. In John 1:32 it says, "And John bare record, saying, 'I saw the spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the holy ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the son of God.'"

This scripture helps us to clearly understand that this was the time that holy spirit descended upon Jesus Christ. The dove was simply a visible sign for John to know that holy spirit was descending upon the son of God. It is also interesting to note that John did not know Jesus Christ before that time. It was only by God's revelation that John could know Jesus. And it was only by God's revelation that John could baptize him in the first place. Jesus Christ was the last person to be anointed with holy spirit in the Old

Testament tradition. After he ascended into heaven and sat at the right hand of God, a few days later, holy spirit was poured out on the church at Pentecost and it became available for anybody to be filled with it. The conditions completely changed. According to Romans 8:13, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." What about the spiritual anointing of kings and other government officials? The best of my understanding, according to the scriptures, it passed on to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was the last person to be anointed for kingship by God.

Jesus' kingdom on earth is held in abeyance until he returns to rule as recorded in Revelation 19:11-21, 20:1-6. Jesus' kingdom on earth will be set at a set time in the future.

In a vision to John the apostle, the Lord Jesus told him, "Seal not the words of the prophecy of this book. For the time is at hand" (Revelation 22:10). It does not need to set up kings and judges any more. During this age of the church, Jesus is the Lord and Savior.

During the period of time recorded in Revelations he will be established as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and he will judge righteously according to the Father's will (Revelation 19:16).

Speaking to the Jewish leaders while in the temple, Jesus said, "The Father raises up the dead, and quickens them; even so the son quickens whom he will. For the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment unto the son. That all should honor the son, even as they honor the Father" (John 5:21-22).

According to verse 27 Jesus continued, "And [the Father] has given authority to execute judgment also, because he is the son of man."

Verses 28-30 included Jesus explaining that "all that are in the graves shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." The word "damnation" more accurately translated "judgment." The judgment will be for they that have done evil.

Please note that the people Jesus was addressing at that time fell into the category of "they that have done evil."

Jesus as a King fits perfectly with Jesus as Judge. Therefore it was reasonable that Jesus would need to be anointed, and to be anointed by God.

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The City of Rockwall's Municipal Court will move from the city's Public Court Building on Rusk Street to a recently purchased building at 2805 Ridge Road, Rockwall, on Monday, June 4, at 2 p.m. The new building will be a design-build contract with Rogers-O'Brien. The new building will be a design-build contract with Rogers-O'Brien. The new building will be a design-build contract with Rogers-O'Brien. The new building will be a design-build contract with Rogers-O'Brien.

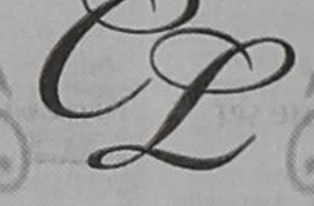
For the renovation of both facilities the Rockwall City Council approved a design-build contract with Rogers-O'Brien. The new building will be a design-build contract with Rogers-O'Brien. The new building will be a design-build contract with Rogers-O'Brien. The new building will be a design-build contract with Rogers-O'Brien.

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Habitat workday planned

The Rockwall Habitat for Humanity is planning a workday at 304 E. Ross. The focus will be on completion of drywall. Volunteers are asked to bring cordless drills, drywall rasps and drywall T-squares, if possible. Start time will be 8 a.m.

Rockwall Farmer's Market now open

The Rockwall Farmer's Market, sponsored by Friends of Downtown, is now open Saturdays beginning at 8 a.m. Items to be offered include fresh produce, local honey, handmade soaps, dry mixes, grass-fed beef, farm eggs, fresh-baked breads, dipping oils and fresh fruits and vegetables. The market will be open until noon each Saturday through Sept. 29.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. June 6 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details contact Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-4034.

SAR meeting set June 14

The East Fork-Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will meet at the Texas Land & Cattle Steak House on Lake Ray Hubbard beginning at 7 p.m. June 14. Visitors are welcome to come at 6 p.m. and join the membership for dinner. Drake Peddle, president of the Denton Chapter and chairman of the Council of Chapter Presidents for the Texas Society, will appear as Capt. Jonathan Haraden, a privateer captain from Salem, Mass., for his presentation of "Privateering: Pirates or Patriots?" The East Fork-Trinity Chapter serves Rockwall, Fate, Royse City, Rowlett, Sunnyvale, Mesquite, Forney and Garland.

Farmers Market plans event Just for Kids

Just for Kids, an extension of the Rockwall Farmers Market, has been planned for June 16. The morning event will offer interactive activities for children: crafts, games, face painting and entertainment at little to no cost.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle scheduled

The low-cost spay/neuter Rockwall PAWS/KCAAP shuttle will depart at 7:30 a.m. June 21 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and return to the same location at 6:30 p.m. after procedures have been completed. Dogs must be on secure leashes, cats in secure carriers. Prices can be viewed and appointments made at spayneuternet.org or by calling 1-872-472-3500 (hablamos Español). For more details call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354. Upcoming dates are July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 20.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Rockwall County News Obituaries public service to our community

Robert 'Dale' Bradley

Robert "Dale" Bradley, 67, of Rockwall will be at 2 p.m. June 1, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Charles Day (Rev.) officiating. He was born July 7, 1944, in Palestine to Floyd and Aline (Denson) Bradley, he graduated from Florida High School in 1964 and married Tammy Day on Feb. 21, 1965. He and Tammy lived in Rockwall their home. He was a consultant for Ultra Petroleum in Rockwall. He enjoyed his job and the people with whom he worked. He never had to retire. Prior to moving to Wyoming, he worked in Lubbock, where he worked for many years at Classic Cars. He is survived by his children, Stephen Bradley, and his wife, Carol, of Eagle Lake, Alaska; Nancy Bell and her husband, Ken, of Arlington, Shana Mills and her husband, Greg, of Rockwall and Bradley Chance Bowlin of Chicago, Ill.; grandchildren, Brandi, Brian, Lainey, Brandon, Benjamin and Blake; and his daughter, Phyllis, and her husband, Ellen Green, both of Tyler. He was preceded in death by his parents. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the American Association, Development Department, 27001 Agoura Road, Suite 50, Calabasas Hills, CA 91301.

Ernestine L. Smith



Ernestine L. Smith, 91, of Rockwall will be at 2 p.m. June 1, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with George Baker officiating. She was born August 26, 1920, in Maypearl to B. and Ellen (Wallace) Wood, she was a homemaker, wife and mother. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She is survived by her sons, Darrell and Fred; her daughter, Yvonne Carnahan of Tucson, Ariz.; her grandchildren, Pinckard Wesley Pinckard and Christopher Carnahan; two great-grandchildren, Jamie and Lindsay Pinckard; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd E. Smith, on Sept. 30, 2006.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rockwall Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 pm, June 18, 2012, in Room 600, Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. 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	3.41	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	20.47	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	23.88	% 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	\$ 6,786,804,949	\$ 6,817,958,305
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 115,237,475	\$ 120,287,540
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 5,791,455,000	\$ 5,874,495,987
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 114,905,715	\$ 118,454,800

* "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* \$ 356,783,257

* 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	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.43000 *	\$ 1.47000	\$ 6,182	\$ 2,762
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04034	\$ 0.43734 *	\$ 1.47768	\$ 6,093	\$ 2,793
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.43000 *	\$ 1.47000	\$ 6,065	\$ 2,627

* 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	\$ 223,414	\$ 223,500
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 208,414	\$ 208,500
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.47
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 3,064	\$ 3,065
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 1

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)	\$ 35,324,849
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 16,158,583

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Rockwall County Entertainment
Professors D to perform June 7
A variety of music styles will be performed by Professor D at the 7th Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Funny Cash tribute set June 14
The Fun Line will deliver a variety of music styles at the June 14 tribute to the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

NY route scheduled June 28
The band Journey will perform at the June 28 tribute to the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Randomaxis to perform July 5
The band Randomaxis will perform July 5, at the 7th Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

80s music to be featured July 12
The 80s will serve up its blend of hits at the July 12 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

The Rub set for July 19
The Rub will perform urban blues at the July 19 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Vaughn tribute to close series
The late Stevie Ray Vaughan will be honored at the closing concert of this year's Concert by the Lake series on July 26. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.



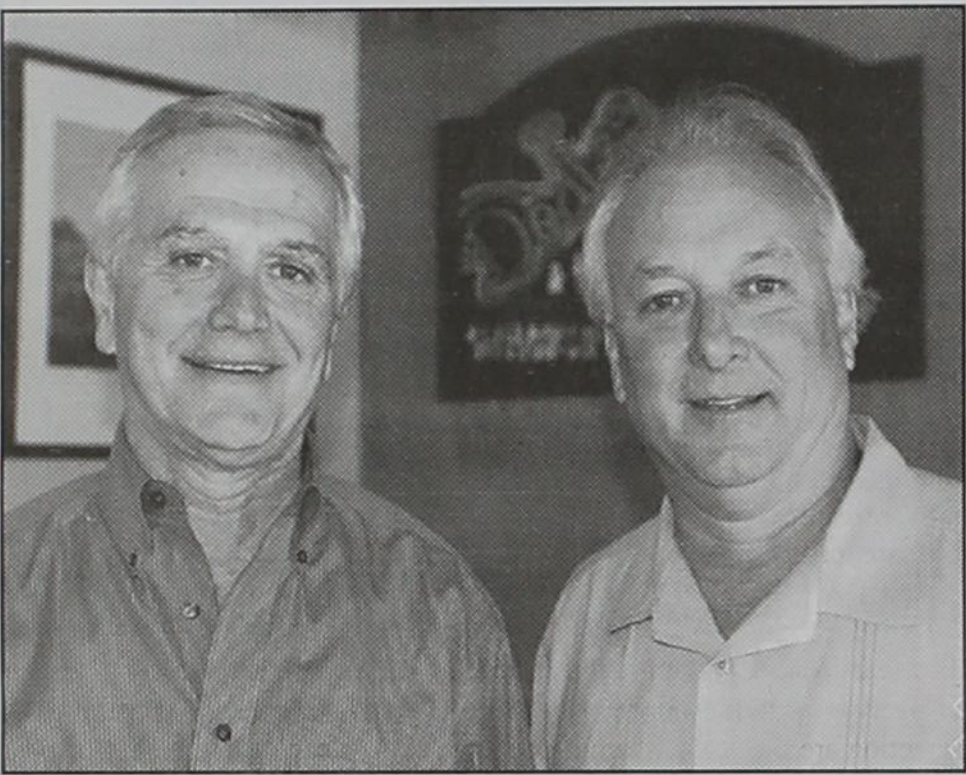
Rockwall High School senior Taylor Davis, left, was the recipient of the Susan Faulkner Memorial Scholarship presented by Debbie Niemi, a Rockwall Soroptimist member, at the May 22 RHS awards ceremony. Davis plans to study nursing at the University of Texas. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*

City announces Family Fun Fridays schedule

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department has announced the Family Fun Fridays schedule for 2012. Family Fun Fridays will take place June 1, 8, 15 and 22. Families can attend a family movie in the designated neighborhood park and participate in other fun activities such as painting, dancing, games and a bounce house. The schedule is as follows:

- June 1 – Hickory Ridge Park, 1910 Walnut Ridge, "Cars 2"
- June 8 – Shores Park, 2302 Shores Blvd., "Kung Fu Panda 2"
- June 15 – Emerald Bay Park, 1816 Emerald Bay Drive, "The Smurfs"
- June 22 – Myers Park, 815 E. Washington, "Puss in Boots"

Activities will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the feature film at dusk. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.



New Dodie's owners Gabe Nicolella and Mike McRae



Dodie's at The Harbor: New Orleans experience under new ownership

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday for Dodie's Cajun Diner at The Harbor, celebrating the restaurant's new ownership and its mission of giving back to the community.

Today Dodie's will donate food to the Wineshare networking event at Helping Hands Health Center.

As a Silver Sponsor of the Concert by the Lake Series, a sponsor of the recent Cars for CASA show, and a sponsor of the Dirty Rock Off-Road Triathlon coming June 10 to the Rockwall YMCA, the restaurant's new ownership aims to make a difference in the community it now calls home.

"We love serving the Rockwall community. We have never experienced a place quite as unique, or met so many truly genuine people. It's a feeling you don't get anywhere else," said Mike McRae and Gabe Nicolella, who are planning several special events to benefit local charities.

The new owners are also busy transforming Dodie's into Rockwall's rendition of Bourbon Street. One of the most visible changes is a new awning that extends further onto the restaurant's outdoor patio, which overlooks the Harbor Amphitheater.

"We want to invite everyone to drop by and discover the Dodie's difference," said McRae, who began making improvements to the restaurant from the moment he and Nicolella, his long-time business partner, purchased it in February. They say it's Rockwall's big sense of community and small town charm that drew them to Dodie's at The Harbor, despite the fact that renovations and improvements were needed at the restaurant to ensure guests receive the ultimate dining experience.

Drawing on years of experience managing restaurants and nightclubs – including the 28,000 sq.ft. Baha Beach Club in Chicago in the 1980s; Confetti's in Dallas "back in the day;" and 19 years on the Riverwalk in San Antonio, Nicolella immediately turned his attention to the Dodie's kitchen, following and fine tuning recipes to offer the best in Cajun, Creole and New Orleans cuisine. He modified the menu, eliminating some items and introducing new ones like Redfish Nola, which features blackened redfish and crawfish etouffee with white rice. The selection of salads was expanded to include Grilled Atlantic Salmon Salad, Chilled Shrimp Salad, Blackened Chicken Caesar and Cobb Salad.

"The goal is not just to serve up food that is consistently good," Nicolella said, "but to have some 'oh wow' food, so when people are deciding where to eat, they say, 'Let's go to Dodie's and get some crab cakes and Pasta Monica again.'"

McRae and Nicolella are planning a new look for Dodie's on the inside, too, remodeling the interior with a French Quarter theme, extending the bar into the patio area, and possibly adding garage doors that open to a breezeway. Live entertainment and drink specials are featured regularly.

City of Rockwall returns to Stage 2 water restrictions

Following actions taken by North Texas Municipal Water District officials last week, the City of Rockwall has opted to return to Stage 2 water use restrictions effective June 1.

Throughout the months of June, July, August and September, residents will be permitted to irrigate landscape with sprinkler and irrigation systems no more than two days per week as needed, according to a city news release. Residents and businesses may select these two days based on their individual watering needs; however, watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. will be prohibited.

Under the Stage 2 restrictions, consumers are allowed to use soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems for up to two hours on any day for foundations and trees. Under these provisions, residents must continue to meet or exceed the 10 percent water usage reduction goal.

The city will implement the following water conservation strategies:

- Limit landscape watering with sprinkler or irrigation systems to no more than two days per week, as needed. An exception is allowed for landscape associated with new construction that may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the date of the certificate of occupancy or the date of final inspection. An exception also is allowed for registered and properly functioning ET/Smart Irrigation systems, which do not have restrictions to the number of days per week of operation.
- Restrict landscape and lawn irrigation from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning April 1 through Oct. 31 each year.
- Prohibit planting of cool season grasses (rye grass or similar grasses) that intensify cool season water requirements.

The water supply from Lake Texoma, which represents 28 percent of the total NTMWD water supply, remains offline because of the infestation of zebra mussels. The NTMWD does not expect to resume pumping from the lake until the pipeline extension project is complete following the summer of 2013.

On May 24, officials with the NTMWD voted to return to Stage 2 of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan.

For more information call 972-772-6435 or email waterwasters@rockwall.com.



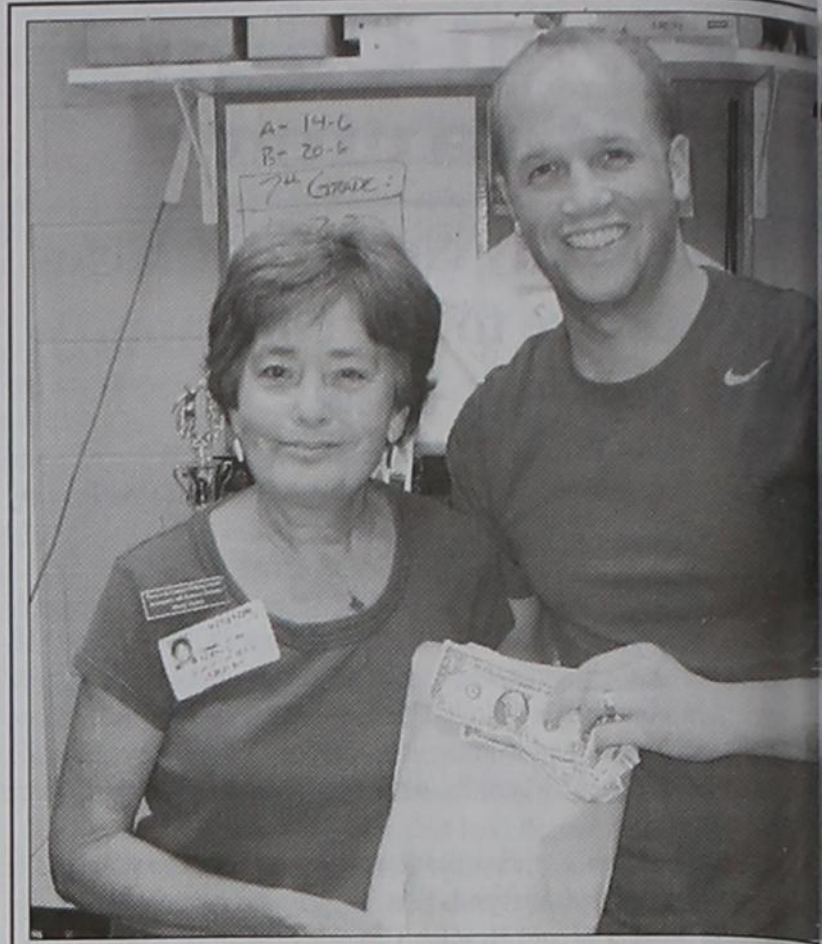
Members of Girl Scout Troop 2909 volunteered at the North Texas Food Bank on May 12. The girls made several types of boxes, including family boxes, snack boxes, drink boxes and canned good boxes. The girls agreed that making the family boxes was the most rewarding. Pictured from the left are Marissa Briceno, Shelby Fife, Regan Watson and Savanna Like. Shown at bottom is Taylor Mitchell. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Michael Hunter, president of Rockwall Kiwanis, is shown presenting a check for \$1,000 to Maggie Fuller for the Health Center of Helping Hands. Fuller is the center's practice manager. The Kiwanis also donated \$2,500 to the Helping Hands Assistance and Referral program. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Members of the 2012-2013 board for the Friends of the Rockwall County Library were inducted at the organization's May 8. Former president Leigh Plagens installed the officers, observing the theme "The Hats You Wear." Pictured at back, from the left, are Stibbens, president-elect; Robyn Liane and Becky Achenbach, who share the vice president for programs position; Jean Gustafson and Duckworth, second vice presidents of fundraising; Pat Calhoun, third vice president for membership; Judy Buffington, recording secretary; Kathleen Broze, past president; and Nell Welborn, parliamentarian. Seated are Kathy Melston, president; Jane Buie, who will co-third vice president for membership; Becky Cecil, corresponding secretary; and Susan Egan, treasurer. Meetings and programs are open to the public; however, reservations are required. For more details visit friendsoftherockwallcountylibrary.com. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Cain Middle School teacher/coach Ian Moreau is presenting an \$845 donation to Helping Hands to Sherry, the nonprofit agency's director of assistance and referral. Funds were raised through the Hooping for Helping Hands vs. student basketball game fundraiser earlier this year. Food donations also were generated. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*

Rogers receives master's degree

Jenny Rogers, the 2007 valedictorian of Rockwall High School and 2011 Georgetown University valedictorian, received a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University in New York City on May 12. Rogers is the daughter of Shawn and Brenda Rogers of Rockwall.

Locals earn degrees from Baylor University

More than a dozen local residents were among students receiving their degrees during the spring commencement exercises at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, on May 12.

Graduates from Heath included Brooke Bonita Buchanan, who received a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering; Blake Adams, a bachelor's degree in finance and economics; Adam Russell, a bachelor's degree in engineering (summa cum laude); and M. Shirley, a bachelor's degree in speech communication (magna cum laude). Rockwall graduates included Cindy Ann Aguillon, bachelor's degree in environmental studies; Teresa Revilla Barrett, bachelor's degree in journalism; Leigh Ann Marie Henry, bachelor's degree in journalism; Kim Le, bachelor's degree in health science studies; Rebekah Ann, bachelor's degree in marketing (summa cum laude); Christopher Rash, bachelor's degree in chemistry; Jimmy Nicholas Smith, bachelor's degree in political science; Lauren Reichel Taylor, bachelor's degree in nursing; and Jennifer Lynn Wendel, bachelor's degree in nursing.

Baylor distributed more than 2,100 degrees during graduation ceremonies conducted May 11-12 in the Ferrell Center on the Baylor campus.

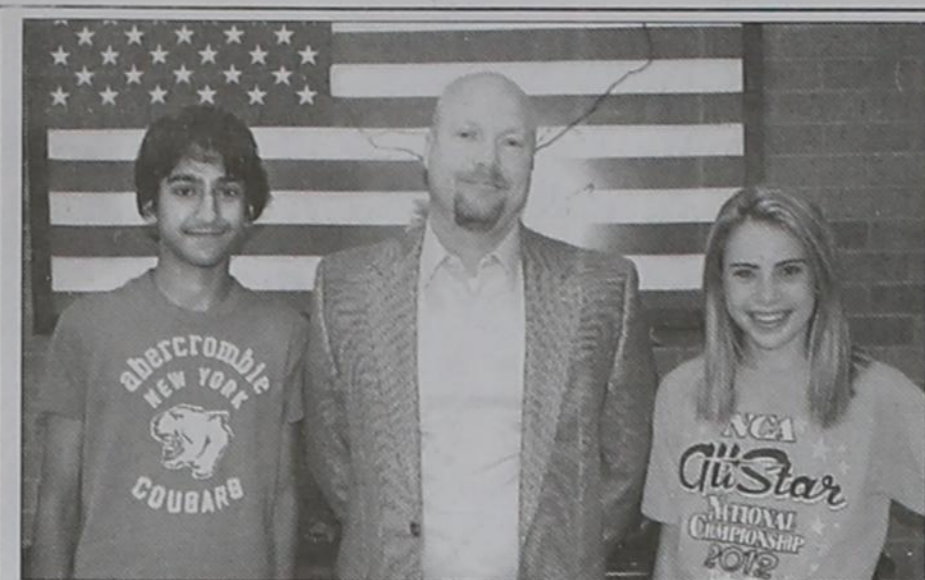


Students at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary simulated the immigration process through Ellis Island in the previous immigrants who now are sixth grade students processors for the clearance stations. The current fifth grade students were given character identities to portray individuals from various countries trying to pass through Ellis Island. The students acted out their parts as they passed from station to station and acted their parts as they passed from station to station. The younger students were checked to ensure that all of their paperwork was in order and then went through a thorough check at the vocation, character and health station. If they didn't gain clearance, they had the opportunity to appeal their decision. Once they passed all of the tests, they took the Loyalty Oath and were allowed to "enter" America. Pictured above, from left are Tristan Carr, Travis Mote, Delayne Rowland, Ethan Anna Voth and Macey Miller. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Royce City's Super Star Bulldogs made the Destination Imagination Journey to Global Finals in Knoxville, Tenn., May 23-26. They joined 1,276 other teams from 45 states, seven Canadian provinces and 13 countries. The Bulldogs placed second in the world contest by competing in Challenge A "Assembly Required," which is a technical challenge. The team, managed by Kelly Margot and assisted by Maria O'Connor, consisted of Brendan O'Connor, Lacey Howell, Sarah Nolan, Ethan Margot, Cade Baridon, Camille Meeks and Karina Revilla.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Two eighth grade students were selected as Cain Middle School's Students of the Year. Pictured from the left are Ramis Adnan, Male Student of the Year; Jason Johnston, the school principal; and Ashley Surber, the Female Student of the Year honoree.

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Opinions

U.S. Judge Rules against Military Detention of U.S. Terror Suspects

Andy Worthington
 In New York, U.S. District Judge Katherine Forrest took a stand on a provision inserted into the current National Defense Authorization Act (PDF). She ruled (PDF) that it was unconstitutional to demand that, in future, those accused of involvement in terrorism — including U.S. citizens and residents — be subjected to military custody and held indefinitely without charge or trial. Section 1021 is the provision designed to allow detention without trial of the hostilities in the "war on terror." It is meant to apply to those planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, or harbored those responsible for them or anyone "who was a part of or substantially supported al-Qaida, or associated forces that are engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners, including any person who has committed, attempted, or conspired to commit, an act of terrorism or a violent or seditious or otherwise dangerous act in aid of such hostilities in aid of such forces."

Forrest's ruling is a concern to the plaintiffs in the case — led by the journalist and including Noam Chomsky, Daniel Ellsberg, the Icelandic WikiLeaks activist Birgitta Jónsdóttir, Kai Wargalla of Germany, and the U.S. journalists and activists Jennifer Bolen and others — was the inclusion of the provision targeting anyone who supported ... hostilities in aid of such enemy forces," because it could apply to speech, or the written word, endangering activists, for example, and would contravene rights guaranteed in the First Amendment.

Judge Forrest "categorically rejected the government's argument that the plaintiffs did not have the standing to bring the case to trial of U.S. citizens held indefinitely detained, that lack of imminent danger against us meant there was no need for an injunction and that the government had previously been set down in the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force."

The AUMF is important, because it is the existing law that authorizes the military detention of accused terror suspects. Passed by Congress in 2001, it authorizes the president "to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or individuals who planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or individuals in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism directed against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons."

Section 1021 is the bedrock of the occupation of Guantánamo, which began on October 6, 2001, and of the detention of U.S. citizens, as the Supreme Court confirmed in June 2004, in Hamdi v. Rumsfeld, when the Supreme Court confirmed that the AUMF also authorized the detention [until the end of hostilities] of those held as a result of the 9/11 attacks.

Noticeably, however, as Hedges and his fellow plaintiffs successfully argued, the AUMF does not include "associated forces," in addition to al-Qaida and the Taliban, or those who have "directly supported ... hostilities." As a result, they had reason to fear that the terminology used was far too vague to guarantee the safety of anyone regarded as a threat by the government, for whatever reason. Judge Forrest agreed, describing Section 1021's "chilling impact on First Amendment rights."

Hedges surmised that what swung the decision in the plaintiffs' favor was the government lawyers' refusal to guarantee that Section 1021 would not be used against the plaintiffs. As he described it:

The government lawyers, despite being asked five times by the judge to guarantee that we plaintiffs would not be charged under the law for our activities, refused to give any assurances. They did not provide assurances because under the law there were none. We could, even they tacitly admitted, be subject to these coercive measures. We too could be swept away into a black hole. And this, I think, decided the case.

"At the hearing on this motion, the government was unwilling or unable to state that these plaintiffs would not be subject to indefinite detention under [Section] 1021," Judge Forrest noted. "Plaintiffs are therefore at risk of detention, of losing their liberty, potentially for many years."

However, while this ruling is good news for Americans — and it is to be hoped that the government does not appeal — lawmakers continue to be entranced by the power involved in passing legislation that can consign individuals to indefinite detention without charge or trial. As the 2013 version of the NDAA passes through Congress, lawmakers on Friday (just two days after Judge Forrest's ruling) defeated an amendment, tabled by Rep. Adam Smith (D-Wash.) and Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.), that, as Human Rights First explained, would have "ban[ne]d indefinite military detention and military commission trials in the United States, making clear that individuals apprehended on U.S. soil who are suspected of terror-related activities can only be tried in a civilian court with all the corresponding constitutional protections."

Interesting enough, the amendment would also have overturned Section 1022 of the NDAA, which, as Human Rights First also explained, "requires that a category of foreign terrorism suspects be initially held in military custody, absent a presidential waiver." Human Rights First added that, although Barack Obama "issued a Presidential Policy Directive limiting the instances in which mandatory military custody applies, future Presidents are not bound by this directive."

The battle, then, is far from over. As it proceeds I can hope only that more American commentators focus not just on Section 1021 of the NDAA, but also on Section 1022, and, in particular, on the enduring menace posed by the Authorization for Use of Military Force. To put it bluntly, the lawmakers were able to dream up the military-detention provisions included in the NDAA in the first place only because of the continued existence of the AUMF.

Far from being a historical footnote, the AUMF is actively used to justify the detention of prisoners at Guantánamo, where 169 foreign prisoners continue to be held on essentially the same basis that campaigners against the NDAA have been protesting about so vociferously. Americans, it should be noted, are not necessarily immune to the AUMF: three Americans were imprisoned without charge or trial on the U.S. mainland — where they were tortured — under the Bush administration.

Those men were the U.S. citizens Jose Padilla and Yaser Hamdi, and the legal U.S. resident Ali al-Marri, who were held incommunicado for several years on U.S. soil. When challenged, however, George W. Bush refused to defend his decision to hold them without charge or trial as "enemy combatants."

Hamdi, initially held in Guantánamo, was swiftly moved to a military brig on the U.S. mainland (in April 2002) when it was established that he was a U.S. citizen who had moved to Saudi Arabia as a child. He was repatriated in September 2004 on the condition that he renounce his citizenship after his case, Hamdi v. Rumsfeld, along with another Guantánamo case, Rasul v. Bush, established that the writ of habeas corpus extended to the Guantánamo prisoners.

Padilla, seized as he flew into the United States from Pakistan in May 2002, was mentally destroyed by his isolation and torture as an "enemy combatant" over a three-year period. He was moved into the federal court system in November 2005 and was tried and convicted on vague "material support" charges in August 2007. He was given a 17-year sentence in January 2008.

Al-Marri, seized in November 2002 and held as an "enemy combatant" for more than five years from June 2003 (and subjected to extreme isolation and torture for the first 18 months), was inherited as an "enemy combatant" by Obama, who swiftly moved him into the federal court system in February 2009. There al-Marri accepted a plea deal on terrorism-related charges two months later and was given an eight-year sentence in October 2009.

To be honest, there is no sign that any U.S. government would want to revisit Bush's experiments, even with the support of the NDAA, but it is, of course, a possibility. Judge Forrest is to be commended for putting Americans' rights ahead of the dark desires of manipulative lawmakers.

It is, above all, however, a disgrace that foreigners are being ignored by those campaigning against the indefinite military detention of U.S. terror suspects — or those seized in the United States — because the principles of detention are the same whether you are an American or not. Until the "war on terror," there were only two ways for the federal government to deprive someone of his liberty — either he was a criminal suspect who would be tried, promptly, in federal court; or he was a prisoner of war, to be held humanely for the duration of hostilities and was protected under Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions from "violence to life and person, in particular murder of all kinds, mutilation, cruel treatment and torture," and from "outrages upon personal dignity, in particular humiliating and degrading treatment."

(A third category, to be fair, is a country's own military personnel, who can be court-martialed, but that is not an issue at the forefront in the discussions about the NDAA or the "war on terror.")

As a result of the double standards outlined above, military detention will remain an option for lawmakers until significant pressure is exerted to close Guantánamo and to repeal the AUMF. The problem is not indefinite military detention without charge or trial for Americans, but indefinite military detention without charge or trial for anyone. It must be outlawed for what it is — an invitation to tyranny, whether applied to foreigners or turned on one's own people.

Andy Worthington is the author of *The Guantánamo Files: The Stories of the 774 Detainees in America's Illegal Prison* (published by Pluto Press) and serves as policy advisor to the Future of Freedom Foundation. Visit his website at www.andyworthington.co.uk.

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Observers and election officials allowed in voting location

The official Poll Watchers in the Heath City Hall on Election Day, June 2, appointed by candidate Joan Ream, I am responding to the article in your newspaper regarding Rockwall DA Kenda Culpepper's denial of sufficient evidence concerning my observations of elections at the polling location.

As DA Culpepper confirmed, several times, to different news outlets that candidate Julie Zurek entered the Heath polling location, in violation of the law, and voters being qualified to vote, during the May 12 election, and that fact alone is sufficient evidence to prove the violation of the election law is specific that no one but election officials and their representatives are allowed within 100 feet of a polling location and the fact that DA Culpepper entered the polling location is a Class C misdemeanor crime under Election Code 64.001 & 64.003, most importantly, because she denied the fact of to whom she spoke and what was said would constitute a serious violation.

That Rockwall DA Culpepper represents a very simple to understand violation of the election law, as being that a City official can, during an election, engage in "exchanging pleasantries" during a municipal election, which is a clear representation of law by Rockwall DA Culpepper. The law is clear and clear on this issue; NO City official can violate Texas Election Code 64.001 & 64.003.

Heath, Kenda

The dangerous "Kyoto Protocol"

The world's first major "Earth Summit" which took place in Brazil in 1992, the network for the dangerous Kyoto Protocol on global warming. The protocol was just one of the new ideas the Greens promoted to push forward socialism. However, global warming and "climate change" have proven to be a failure as the fallacious science and blatant overplay behind such alarmism have been exposed. The Agenda 21 top down control of all government agencies was hatched at this conference.

June 20-22 leaders from 180 countries and 2,500 radical, Leftist environmental activists will again converge in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development. "Sustainability" is a buzzword that will become the new world crises buzz words.

The Rio+20 meeting is an opportunity to secure a binding global agreement that would give the UN and numerous other national and international government agencies additional powers to "reduce social inequality and close the widening gap of social inequality."

Frank Strickland, Rockwall

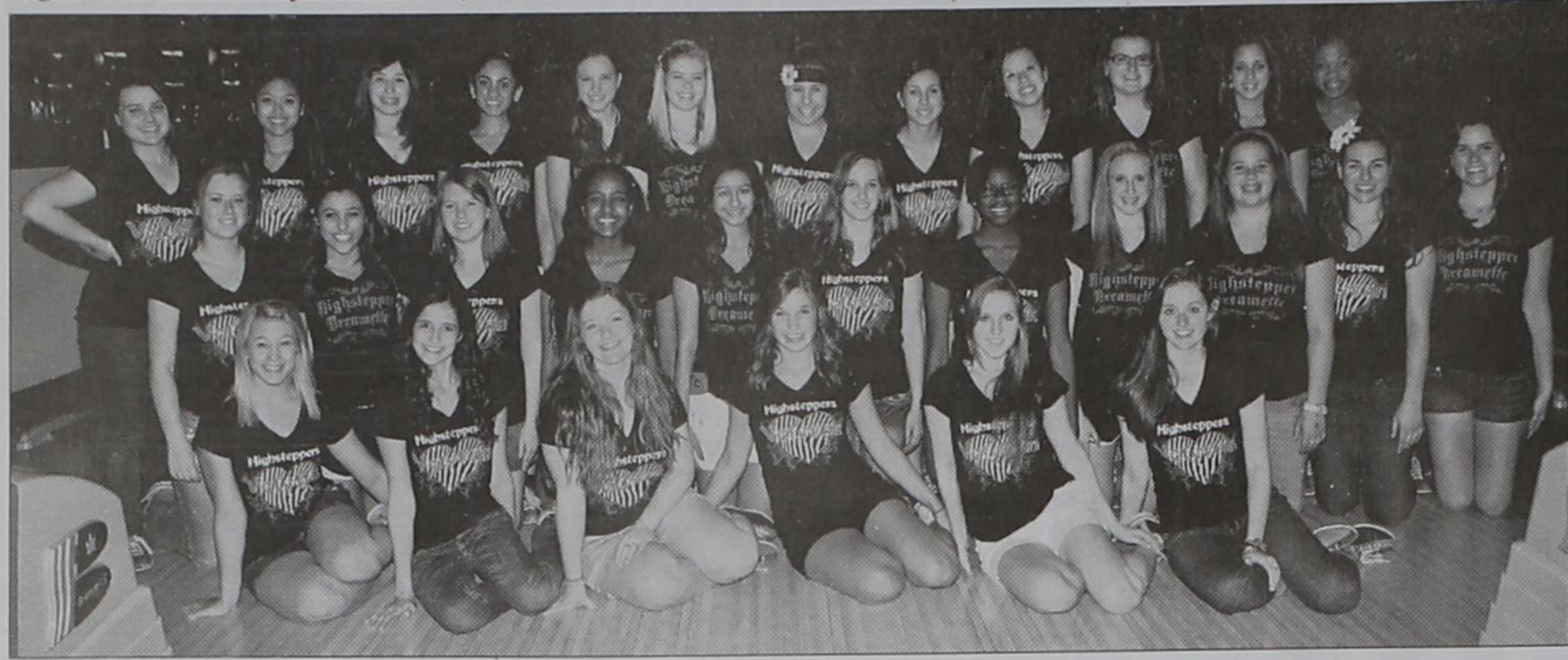
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- seat of Oldham Co.
- head of JFK commission, Warren
- TXism: "safe as a squirrel up a ..."
- wood chopper
- TX flag since 1865
- '92 "Leap of Faith" was _____ in TX
- TXism: "when you're up to your neck in manure, don't _____ your mouth"
- description of TX Walter Prescott Webb
- TXism: "a frisky _____" (enthusiastic)
- dance bent backwards under a pole
- first black person to travel to TX
- TXism: "still wet behind the _____"
- early TX cattle drives went to this state
- Lon _____, Jr. was in "High Noon"
- those engaged in a wild disturbance
- Biblical division (abbr.)
- son of a famous SMU RB
- TXism: "from _____ to riches"
- "also known as" (abbr.)
- tiny TX village on Mexican border
- TXism: "no hill for _____"
- female doc.: OB/ _____
- attribute to
- flies high
- ex-newspaper editor & TX writer Gard (init.)
- Tyler is in _____ TX
- TX B&Bs
- SMU alum TV producer Aaron _____
- how to pronounce but not spell ex-Cowboy Sanders
- north Atlantic fish
- month of the Texas Folklife Festival (abbr.)
- fixed line of travel (abbr.)
- horse doc
- TXism: "within _____ shot"
- TXism: "fast as _____ lightning"
- Dallas was named for this commodore
- TXism: "my stomach is balled _____ a knot"
- TXism: "_____ of the box"
- former series for TX Betty Buckley: "Eight _____ Enough"
- Gov. Dewhurst
- TXism: "slow as _____ January"
- pen name for TX romancer Sandra _____
- lowers the light
- Super Bowl VI was a "Portrait _____" _____ Roger Staubach
- anyone who died at the Alamo
- TXism: "popular as _____ daughter"
- cloudy night (2 wds.)
- critter's den
- TX renown fiddler Robertson
- _____LP, Spanish TV in Rio Grande City
- reduce stress
- TX Trini (init.)
- UT grad Wallach
- TXism: "flat as _____ handle prairie"
- ping-_____
- baby food
- previously owned vehicle (2 wds.)
- house in a state park
- TXism: "as much chance as a steer _____ a packing plant"



The newly selected 2012-2013 Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks Highsteppers squad, pictured at left, recently had its first team social. Highsteppers squads were announced at the event and the girls had fun getting acquainted. Bowling awards were given for the best individual score, team score, most gutter balls and best Yahtzee score.
Photo courtesy of Cyndi Bender/Rockwall County News

Sports Schedules

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, June 1 – Varsity baseball: vs. Frisco Wakeland, Game 2 of Region II-4A Finals, McKinney Boyd High School, 7:30 p.m.

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If you have any questions please call the Special Services office at 972-636-9514.

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 12, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 18, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

Z2012-006: Proposed Amendment to PD-10

Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Larae Tucker of Harrison, French & Associates for approval of an amendment to (PD-10) Planned Development District No. 10, specifically Tract "F" described in Exhibit "A" of Ordinance No. 04-25 to allow for a "retail store with gasoline product sales with more than 4 dispensers", in association with a 7-Eleven store proposed to be located on a 1.008-acre tract of land currently described as J. McIntyre Addition, J.M. Allen Survey, Abstract No. 2, and situated at the northeast corner of John King Boulevard and State Highway 276, City of Rockwall, Texas, and take any action necessary.

Z2012-007: Proposed Zoning Change

Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Thomas Jones of Binkley & Barfield for approval of a zoning change from (Ag) Agricultural district to (C) Commercial district on a 15.789-acre property located on the northwest corner of Airport Rd. and John King Blvd. and described as Tract 4-01, Abstract No. 20, N. Butler Survey, City of Rockwall, Texas, and take any action necessary.

Z2012-008: Proposed Specific Use Permit – 906 N. Goliad

Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Christie Mathis for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "Hair Salon" within the (RO) Residential Office district, specifically at 906 North Goliad, being Lot 16, Block A, Steele Addition, City of Rockwall, Texas, and take any action necessary.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions. Additional information can be found on all current Zoning cases on the City's website: <http://www.rockwall.com/Planning/ZoningChanges.asp>

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Rockwall County Sports

Hawks advance to Regional Championship

Consecutive year, Rockwall-Heath's baseball team is within one of the State Tournament. In those three seasons, the road runs through Frisco Wakeland, this year, through McKinney Boyd.

RHHS-Wakeland Region II-4A Finals were scheduled to begin this year, through McKinney Boyd Friday in Game 3 of the best-of-3 series.

The Hawks were sweeping two games from Whitehouse in last week's Regionals, Wakeland was having to overcome a one-game deficit by winning twice Saturday.

RHHS (1-8) and the Wolverines (29-11) are two of just eight 4A teams remaining in a possible State Championship. They also are the two highest-seeded teams in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association state 4A tournament and Rockwall-Heath fourth.

The tournament has existed less than a decade. The winner would be going for their first title in two more games possible after this weekend. The Wolverines won the 2010 State Tournament after knocking off RHHS, which also lost in last year's tournament to Mesquite Potent.

The Hawks won 15-5 at Whitehouse Thursday, May 24, there seemed little chance that they would return to the Regional Finals. However, they had to come out and win 3-2 the next night at RHHS.

Boswell drove in the winning run with a seventh-inning infield hit. Jovan

Hernandez singled to lead off the bottom of the seventh of a 2-2 game. One out later, Timbo Duncan hit a ground ball to shortstop that could have been an inning-ending double play.

The throw to second base ended up in right field, and Hernandez raced around to third base. Having the winning run 90 feet from home plate, caused the fifth-ranked Wildcats (28-6) to move in their entire defense. Boswell's ground ball went off first baseman Parker Jenkins' glove, allowing Hernandez to score and end the game.

He was running for himself, without the courtesy runner that catchers are allowed. In the first game, Williams had pinch-run for Hernandez. Another courtesy runner, Dillon Brown, had three of RHHS' stolen bases, including two in the sixth inning when he ran for Bledsoe and scored the tying run.

Harvey said, "He's run the bases well. He's getting stolen bases, which you need in the games at this time of year."

In contrast, the Wildcats were successful on just three of six attempted stolen bases.

Whitehouse had gone ahead with a run in each of the first two innings, but could have scored more in each of the first two innings.

In the first with one out and runners at first and third bases, Jared Robbie missed a two-strike suicide squeeze-bunt attempt. Catcher Hernandez threw out the runner from third base as he tried to run back there. With two out and two runners on base in the second, pitcher Jake Thompson threw to third base to put out Corey Davis as he tried to steal.

Thompson threw more than 100 pitches and left the game after six innings, holding the Wildcats to those two runs, even after the first two batters reached base in both the third and fourth.

"Jake did a great job. He didn't have his best command on the mound, but he battled and kept it at two runs," Harvey said.

RHHS finally scored in the bottom of the fourth. Boswell singled, stole second, went to third on Jake Bledsoe's single and scored as Grayson Lewis beat a throw to first base to prevent an inning-ending double play.

The Hawks tied the game in the sixth on another one-out single by Bledsoe, two walks and R.J. Williams' sacrifice fly.

Whitehouse had two one-out hits in the seventh inning, but Tyler Ivey kept the 'Cats from scoring. Boswell's second hit made Ivey the winning pitcher.

After the game, Harvey said, "We didn't come out ready to go like we did last night. Their pitcher (Ryan Cheatham) did a good job."

On Thursday, Thompson and Jake Bledsoe each hit a home run for RHHS, which scored in every inning. The Hawks wrapped up the game with six runs in the top of the sixth. Even though Whitehouse rallied to score all five of its runs in the bottom of that inning, Rockwall-Heath still won by the 10-run mercy rule.

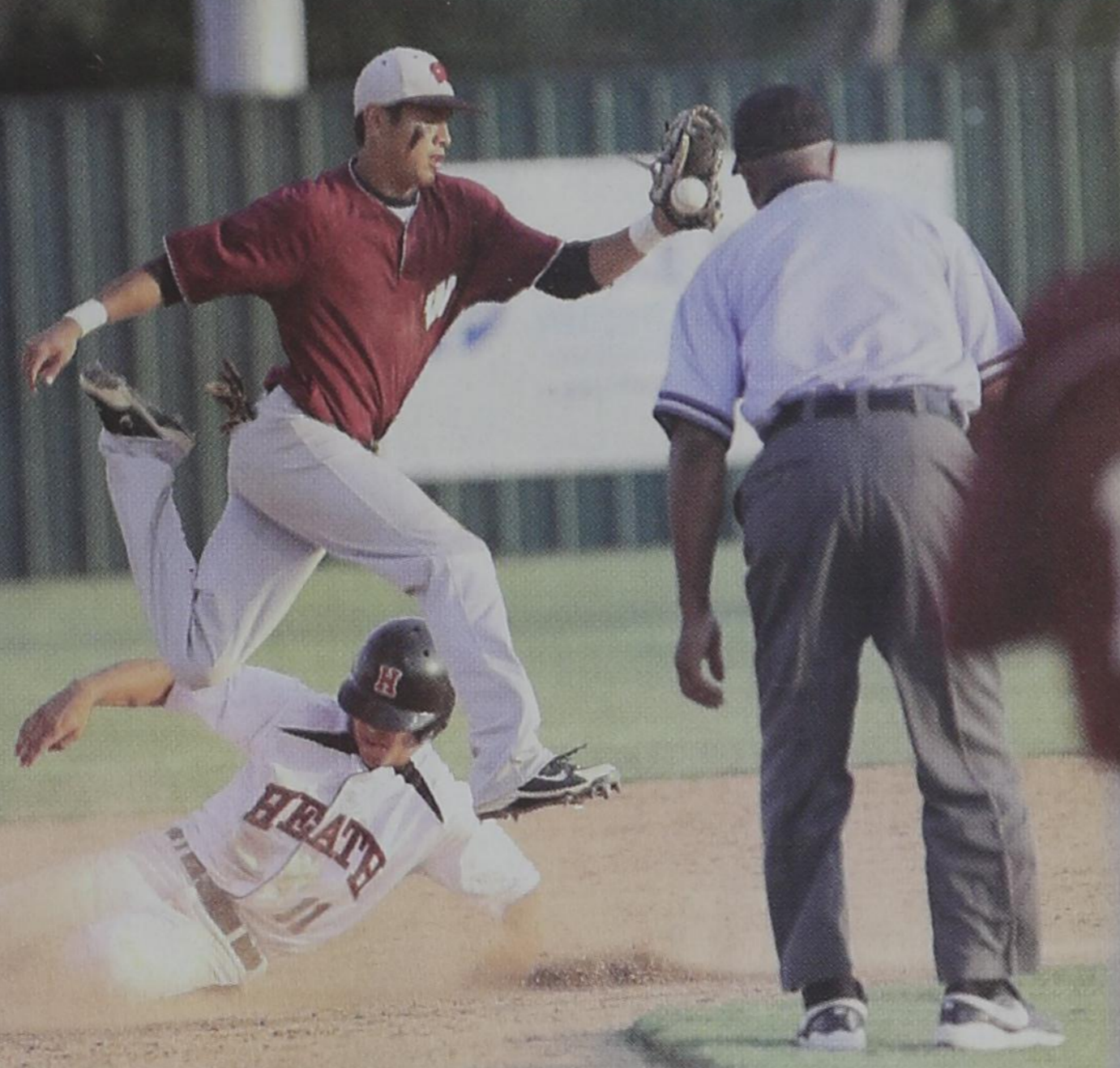
In the Hawks' big sixth inning, Clayton Rasbeary hit a two-run double and Boswell singled to drive in two more runs. For the game, Bledsoe went 4-for-5 and drove in two runs.

Winning pitcher Hernandez held Whitehouse to one hit over the first five innings, and finished with a four-hit complete game.

The State Tournament is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 7 and 8, at Dell Diamond in Round Rock. The semifinals are set for 4 and 7 p.m. Thursday; the championship game would be at 7 p.m. Friday.

Both RHHS and Wakeland have players who performed in key roles two years ago, including a player from each team who is expected to be drafted during the early rounds by a Major League Baseball organization next week. For the Hawks, that player is Thompson; for the Wolverines it's pitcher/third baseman Willie Schwanke.

Rockwall-Heath defeated Wakeland 9-4 March 17 at Dr. Pepper Ballpark in Frisco. Hernandez and Timbo Duncan each had three hits for the Hawks. Winning pitcher Ivey went six innings.



Dylan Brown (11) slides safely into second during the May 17-19 Regional Semifinals series against Whitehouse at the Rockwall-Heath Stadium.

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Jackets' Bean, Spencer could skip UT for pro ball

When W. Shell, a senior at Rockwall, and Steve Bean were excited that they would be able to continue playing baseball next year as teammates at the University of Texas.

Each said playing for the Longhorns was a life-long dream. It turns out that they might not play for UT in 2013 and that for the first time they could be playing against each other.

Bean said they can't play for the 'Horns in Austin. They and the university have agreements in writing, letters of intent stating that they would play for the Longhorn athletes.

Bean said that they might forgo college baseball. Both Bean, a catcher, and Spencer, a shortstop, are considered among the 200 best high school or college players in the nation who are eligible for next week's Major League Baseball draft.

Bean and Spencer have been 4-year starters for RHHS.

Bean said they're excited and signed, they would become ineligible to play college baseball. They wouldn't be going directly to the major leagues.

Even the very best prospects take several years after signing pro contracts to reach the majors. An exception to that rule is 19-year-old Washington Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper, who played less than two years in the minor leagues.

More likely for Bean and Edwards, provided that they signed contracts before this pro season ends, would be playing in a short-season Class A or Rookie Class league. Those teams begin play later this month in a season that ends in late August or early September. It's also possible that before the summer ends, either of the two Yellowjackets could play for a more advanced full-season A team.

The least likely possibility is that they would be drafted by the same major league organization and play on the same farm team. That's not impossible - Seattle Mariners Dustin Ackley and Kyle Seager were high school teammates - but highly unlikely with 30 organizations drafting talent.

Busy week for Hawks' Thompson could include MLB draft

Over the last 4 years, Jake Thompson has done everything expected of him with the Rockwall-Heath baseball team.

He has been a star pitcher, a shortstop, and a third baseman, but that could change this weekend.

Since Thompson's freshman season in 2009, the Hawks have reached at least the Region IIIA Semifinals each year and the Regional Finals for 3 years in a row.

During that time, Thompson has hardly gone unnoticed. He signed a letter of intent to play baseball at TCU, which again this season has made the NCAA Division I Championships.

When the pitcher/first baseman, who already had been named a high school All-American, committed to TCU, he talked about improving his game in his senior year.

One goal was to reduce the number of batters he would walk in 2012. With about 10 strikeouts for every walk, he has accomplished that goal, as well as adding a few miles per hour to his fastball.

He also showed this year that he's not limited even to two positions. Thompson spent most of this season at a new position, third base, and helped improve the Hawks' defense.

Not unexpectedly, it hasn't been just colleges noticing Thompson. Scouts for Major League Baseball agree that he is a top prospect for their teams' draft. Baseball America ranks him among the 200 best prospects available, from high school or college.

Throughout RHHS' season there has been buzz about Thompson: the Seattle Mariners are interested, or the Atlanta Braves or any number of other teams.

We'll find out next week which team has the most interest and drafts him. The draft's first round is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. CDT Monday, with later rounds beginning at 11 a.m. Tuesday and 11 a.m. Wednesday, when the last of the 40 rounds would conclude.

You can follow the draft at MLB Network (which has photos and video of Thompson ready to roll) and on mlb.com.




Hawks' Cade Flory takes throw to second during the May 17-19 Regional Semifinal game against Whitehouse at the Rockwall-Heath Stadium. At back, Bret Boswell assists in the play.

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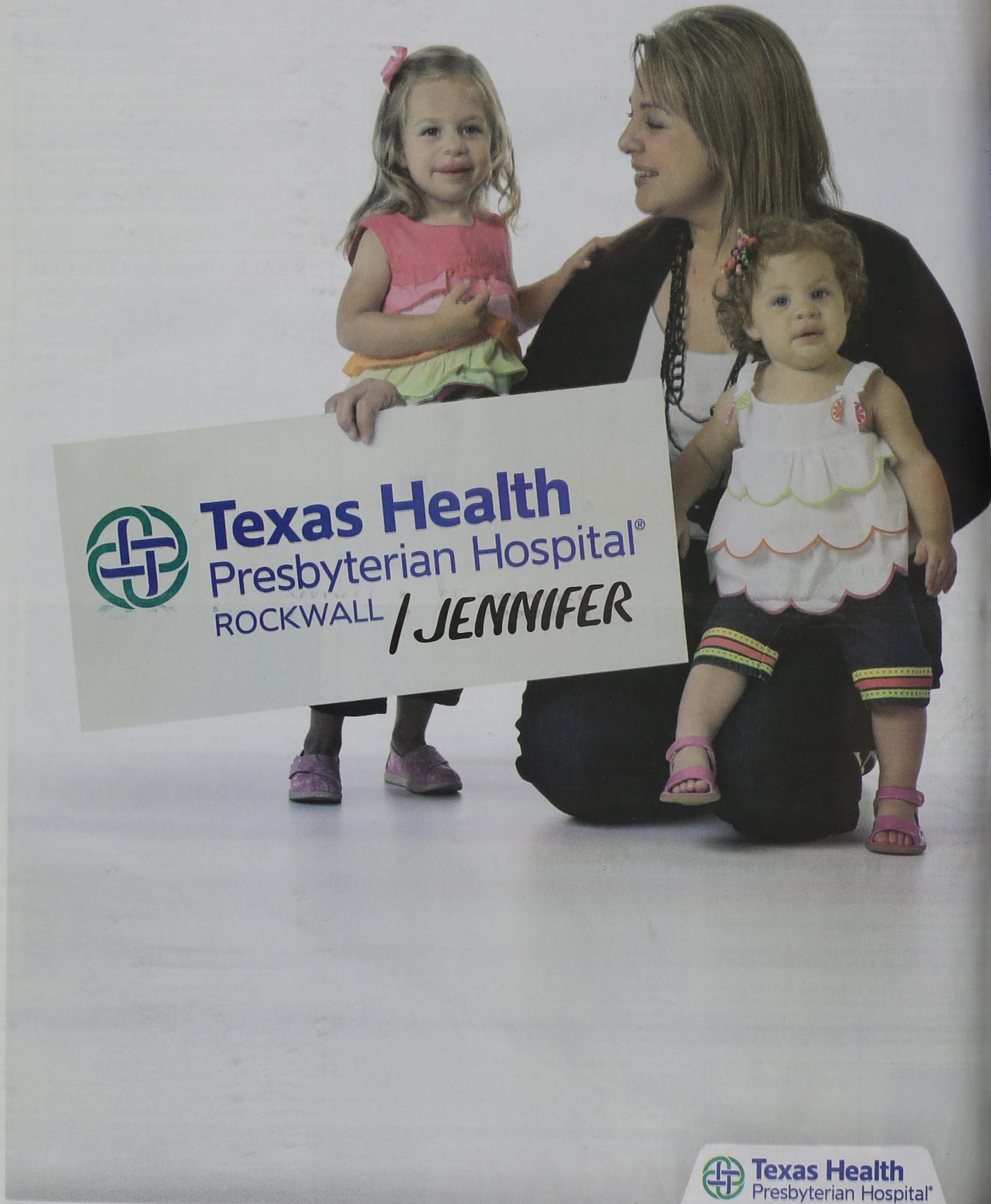
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