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Wakeboarding off at sunrise on Lake Ray Hubbard

Rockwall-Heath High senior Blake Dwyer, pictured above, recently started his day at Lake Ray Hubbard wakeboarding with friends Weston Richey and Preston Moehring. Local residents are turning to all types of ways to cool off during the record-setting summer Texas is experiencing this year.
Photo courtesy of Amy Dwyer/Rockwall County News

Commissioners review accessibility challenges in remodeling proposal

As the new county courthouse nears completion, the Rockwall Commissioners Court faces some significant challenges created by the placement of several county offices in the Historic County Courthouse. Johnston Ramsay Architecture and Construction is providing another update on the Historic County Courthouse renovation, addressing, among other issues, a major concern involving the building's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. "The building is going to fail — there's no question it's going to fail," Ramsay said about ADA compliance, where the restrooms and elevators are concerned, describing the second floor restrooms as "badly accessible."

The elevators fail to meet current ADA standards, though they were compliant at the time the building was originally constructed. The standards have since changed, and when major renovations occur, regulations require that construction must meet the current standards. In a previous meeting, when informed about the compliance issue, the court had acknowledged an obstacle in the estimated expense of more than \$100,000 to replace the elevators. Discussion resulted in no recommendations or orders from the court with regard to the elevators or restrooms, based on a common consensus that the public would almost never have a reason to venture above the first floor.

Ramsay presented plans to renovate the first floor restrooms for proper accessibility, with reasonable expenditures, but bringing the other restrooms in the building up to current standards would be extremely costly. Making most upper-floor restrooms compliant would mean removing lavatories, stalls and urinals, resulting in an individual facility with a locked door.

The revised plans Ramsay presented did reflect doorways widened to meet ADA standards, and the addition of a wheelchair ramp at an entrance expected to accommodate a great deal of public entry. The plans also reflect some changes such as slightly wider workstations and additional cabinets for storage, based on feedback from meetings with department heads.

Another item that will definitely cause the building to fail, said

Ramsay, would be the small private restrooms in the building. According to Ramsay, standards would require, if these bathrooms cannot be made accessible, that they be locked up and boarded up — not open for use, at all.

"What I'm currently suggesting is leave them like they are until somebody comes in and says, I wanted to use that particular restroom and I couldn't get the wheelchair in," said Ramsay. "That's extremely rare. Our only other option is to tear them out. I plan to show, leaving them as they are... None of them are in public areas."

Ramsay said the inspector he usually encounters has indicated the county might possibly obtain an exception from the State of Texas to approve the renovations without meeting ADA standards. He recommended not renovating the non-compliant restrooms, based on the unlikelihood of it creating any problems with the public.

"The truth is," Ramsay said, "most wheelchairs can use them as they are, but they don't meet the standards."

Neither the court's questions nor the architect's presentation addressed whether the restrooms or elevators might create accessibility issues for current or future county employees working in these areas.

Clarifying the possible ramifications of failing an ADA inspection, Ramsay said, "What will happen is, the report will go to Austin saying it is not accessible. Austin is not going to give you any trouble about it -- they will ignore it."

Countywide burn ban issued

A burn ban for Rockwall County was put in place Wednesday and will continue through Oct. 18, according to an alert issued by the sheriff's office. "Due to current drought and weather conditions a burn ban has been in effect for Rockwall County until Oct. 18, 2011," read the message sent via email Wednesday morning.

The enforcement of the ban by county officials, Rockwall County is one of only a handful of Texas counties not operating under such a ban.

The Drought Information Statement issued July 15 by the National Weather Service, Dallas/Fort Worth office, Rockwall and other Texas counties were the only counties in Texas with no burn bans. Denton, Hunt, Lamar and Rains joined Rockwall County in Texas and four South Texas counties on that list. "The start of the fire season last fall... 3.3 million acres have been affected," the statement read. "Reports indicate that October 2010 to June of this year marked the driest 18-month period in the state's history."

Higher fire-fueled temperatures seem to indicate a continuance of that pattern, with above-normal temperatures across much of the state. "Above-normal temperatures are expected to persist the remainder of the summer, maintaining the wildfire danger and further stressing water resources," the NWS statement reads.

For more details about the local burn ban, call the local Emergency Management Office at 972-204-7080. For a state map detailing current burn bans in Texas, visit tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/decban.png.

Rockwall County officials prepare for hearing on redistricting map

by Jana Edwards
At a July 19 workshop, Rockwall County Commissioners discussed preparation for an upcoming public hearing on redistricting plans for Rockwall County.

The court will choose one of the three remaining proposals to change district boundaries effecting county election, justice of the peace and commissioners court precincts.

Judge Jerry Hogan reported that the court had devoted several commission meetings and public hearings to the matter and had consequently "narrowed down" the options to the three maps now in question. The newest of the three tries to address some issues raised by citizens in the last public hearing.

"Several speakers talked about minority representation," said Hogan, who added that this final proposal "doesn't help change the representation significantly... only about a 1 percent change."

One of the concerns raised about the proposed redistricting plans

questions the division of an area described as "the old town" into two districts. However, the court reported receiving emails from citizens who actually supported this type of division, as it would give the area the benefit of input from two commissioners, instead of one.

The public hearing will allow constituents to voice such opinions on how the three redistricting plans might impact elected leadership.

The public hearing will take place on Friday on the third floor of the Historic County Courthouse. The public is invited to attend and participate. According to the public notice, a tape recording of the hearing will be made, with all comments transcribed and included with the submission of the proposed changes to the United States Department of Justice.

As the public hearing was posted only as a hearing, not a meeting, the court will not take action at that time. The court will vote to select one of the three plans at the next regular Tuesday meeting, on July 26, following the public hearing.



Rockwall City Council reviews Capital Improvement proposals

On July 11, the Rockwall City Council conducted a special meeting at the Municipal Court Building to discuss budget planning and Capital Improvement Plans (CIP).

Staff members provided overviews of potential CIP projects for the year. The City of Rockwall Capital Improvements Advisory Committee last met on June 28 to plan CIP Projects for the City of Rockwall.

A Capital Improvement Plan (Program), or CIP, is a short-range plan, usually four to 10 years, which identifies capital projects and equipment purchases, provides a planning schedule and identifies options for financing the plan.

The council conducted a brief budget discussion and held two executive sessions in the course of the agenda. No action was taken as a result of either executive session.

Due to the meeting's location, the city was not able to provide its usual streaming audio coverage or make that audio recording available to the public online.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Rockwall County News was on site with video coverage of the meeting, which can be viewed at rockwalltexasonline.com.)



The Red Hat Rockettes, hosted by members Ruth Peck and Marcia Gilbert, are shown during a visit to the Helping Hands garden. The group's afternoon included lunch, an auction and shopping in the agency's boutique and thrift store. Member are, at back, from the left, Betty Moon, Leigh Plagens, Carolyn Cullins, Jannie Clark, Tome Martin and Judy Hannah and, at front, Darlene Bealmer, Marcia Gilbert, Judy Minth and Cynthia Seay.

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Kendra Jones, Christy Kirk, Amy Butler and Cindy Swanson are shown delivering food to Hands Food Pantry in honor of friend Melody Hail's birthday. Hail, who heads up the Home for the Holidays fundraiser, requested that her friends make a donation in lieu of a donation or learn more about Helping Hands, call 972-771-HELP.

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Cathy Bedsole and Deidra Roe, the fundraising chair of Rockwall Women's League for the 2011-12 year, plans for several activities, including three major events that benefit the community through grants to service organizations, scholarships for local graduates. The first event, Walk for a Cure, will be a walkathon/5K on Oct. 22. Individuals of all ages are invited to participate in the family-friendly activity. The second event, Bingo Bash, is slated for Jan. 27. It will include bingo, an optional big hat contest, Waltz Across Texas, the traditional RWH annual charity ball on March 31. The ball will take place at the Black Star Farm and feature dancing, dinner, a live auction and "several special twists." All events are open to the public. For more information, contact the league or to purchase event tickets call 469-757-1111. ballchair@rockwallwomensleague.org.

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LCC scholarship recipients named

Two Rockwall High School graduates and a graduate of Rockwall High recently were tapped as recipients of the Lakeside Civic Center Elaine House and the Marilyn Miller scholarships for 2011.

Recipients include Elizabeth (Lizzy) Lenore Eidson and Elaine Ragsdale, both RHS graduates, and RHHS graduate Jacob Prentice, LCC news release. Each student will receive \$1,000.

The organization awards the scholarships annually to high school seniors who will major in music at an accredited college or university.

Eidson plans to attend the University of North Texas where she will major in vocal jazz. While at RHS, she participated in the choral program and played in the jazz band. She also has performed in various musical productions.

Ragsdale will attend Viterbo University in Wisconsin where she will major in musical theater. She has performed in many musicals with the Rockwall Community Playhouse and the Garland Civic Center. She recently played the character Belle in the RHS production of "Beauty and the Beast."

Prentice is headed for Southern Methodist University in Dallas where he will major in music. He aspires to perform with a major orchestra and has played in the Lake Pointe Church orchestra for four years and is a member of the All-State Band.

Job-seeking classes offered at Rockwall County library

Job-seeking classes are offered in the Rockwall County Library's new floor technology lab on Mondays, according to the Rockwall County Library.

Classes, which are offered in partnership with Texas State Library and Archives, are hands-on.

Space is limited. To reserve a spot or for more information on job-seeking classes, call 972-204-7700.

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National Soroptimist of Rockwall installed new officers for the 2011-2012 club year on June 21. Pictured from the left are Susan... Robyn Hall, secretary; Mary Grace Frasier, director; Lynette Coughlin, director; Mindy Brenc, president; Brenda Keilers, president-elect; and Gail Gage, treasurer. The club is currently planning its WomenAid fundraiser, Lassos & Lace, at Southern Junction. Proceeds will help fund the organization's many service projects.



Asians recently conducted their end-of-year meeting at the home of Margie Chung in Heath. Pictured here with her co-hostesses Lora Schmitt, Stacie Baumann, Jenni Knox and Jill... organization celebrated its new scholarship recipients - Tevin King and Jose Martinez... and Tyler Wood and Morgan Rupe of Rockwall-Heath High School. The Asians... \$10,000 scholarships each year to outstanding local students. The scholarships are made... through the organization's twice-a-year Arts & Crafts Fair in downtown Rockwall. The next... for Sept. 17.

Photo: Rockwall County News

Hungry Harry

A Rockwall County News Exclusive

at L'Trevino's... most important... dinn... that are often... the menu itself. The... then times can make or... of eating. Originally... using the menu was... a small chalkboard... usually find ourselves... all piece of paper or... as a menu's end up... page than War and... u's can persuade the... can't decide what to eat... times we you went to... and picked your meal... that sounded good on... even though you had... at you ordered? The... options what makes... ce. The more detailed... u eating really helps as... the menu item that just... Fish... the most irritating things... u get a menu that has... page of menu items.

It is a bad sign when it takes longer to read the menu than it does to cook the meal. I prefer a menu that is simple in design but explains what you are eating. Pictures in menus can also help decide what we what to eat. Again, have you ever said to yourself "Wow, this looks nothing like what I thought I was ordering."? That Menu writing and seeing is an art in itself. One place that has an excellent menu is the locally owned L'Trevino's. The Trevino family has provided Rockwall a staple in Tex-Mex. L'Trevino's is a unique place that provides that feel that you are getting a family meal. The menu has classic Tex-Mex choices but they make the menu fun by giving them special names. Ordering plates like the San Antonio or the Rockwall. The service here is well dressed and polite. It is always a good feeling when your drink glass is always magically

full. At one point, I wondered how did he just fill my glass. L'Trevino's has a lot of strength in service and atmosphere. The food is good but it the meals seemed to receive less love than the customer. The county has a huge saturation in Tex-Mex restaurants and there is seemingly always a new Tex-Mex restaurant opening. Competition is vast and the food was middle of the pack. It is still a place I say provides a great time and excellent service. Atmosphere: Colorful, and friendly Service: Excellent Food: Fair Price: \$-\$-\$ Overall: Two of four smiles. Location: 2555 Ridge Road Rockwall (EDITOR'S NOTE: Hungry Harry is a local resident who enjoys dining out. The writer receives no compensation or benefit from any food establishment.)

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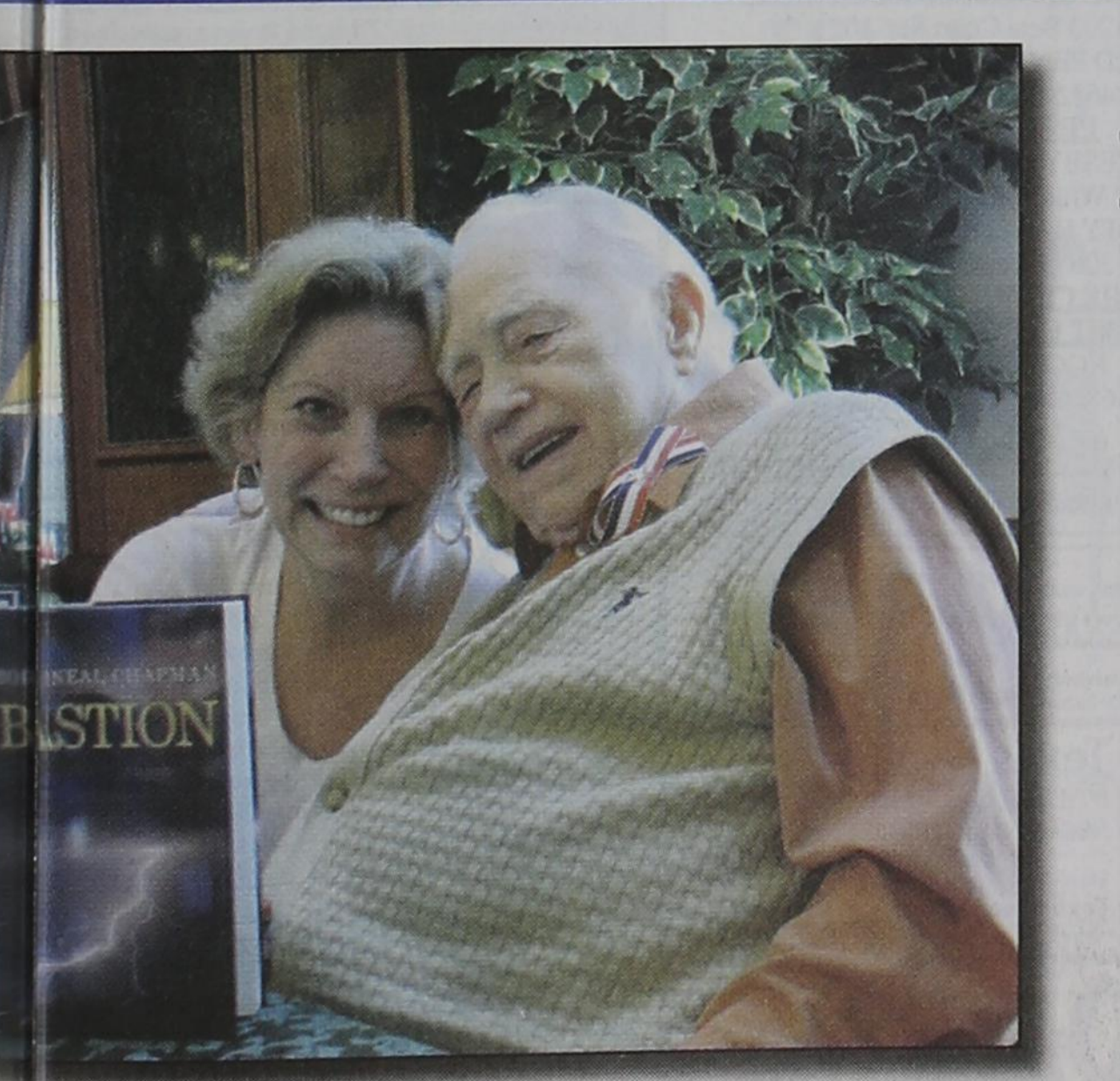
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On God's Word

Let all things be done decent and in order...

1 Corinthians 14:36-40

by Timothy W. Burnett

We continue with 1 Corinthians 14:36-40, "What? Came the word of God out from you? Or came it unto you only? If any man thinks himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant."

People who have the spirit of God are counted as prophets whether or not they actually use the same spirit.

In the letter, Paul referred to the things that he wrote. What things did Paul write? The context must be the whole letter. Yet, more specifically "the commandments" are related to the spiritual matters addressed in chapters 12-14. He then said that if any man continues to be ignorant concerning the spiritual matters, then by all means force him to not be ignorant by shoving the word into him and making him feel bad and guilty. NOT!!! It simply says, "...let him be ignorant."

We can teach and instruct others on spiritual matters. But if they refuse to believe it, or if they simply do not yet understand it, we must let them be, and continue to be examples for them to see and learn from. We can always be ready to serve God. Some day, they may also see our faith and their eyes will open to the truth and no longer be ignorant. Based on the context of chapter

13 on the subject of God's love, they learn to understand in Is'n't that fantastic!

"Wherefore brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues?" (1 Corinthians 14:39). Whoa! Did this say what I thought it said? "Do not forbid yourselves with tongues." This is about speaking in tongues for personal well as with the interpretation for edification of the church.

Very few saints this day understand what it means to speak in tongues. This is true even to the point that it is discouraged by elders in most churches. It isn't a common spiritual practice today and we know what to do with it. But this does not change God's word where it says, "forbid not to speak with tongues."

Verses 39-40 are a list of important things to remember seen in verse 40, "Let all things be done decently and in order as you sum it up. "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, forbid not tongues, let all things be done decently and in order." Earned desire to prophesy, do not forbid ourselves and others to speak and let all things in our spiritual lives and overall lives be done in order.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Sammie McKee Faires

A memorial service for Sammie McKee Faires, 67, of Rockwall were conducted July 18, 2011, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. She died July 13.

Born Oct. 2, 1943, in Orange to Samuel McKee and Janice (Ratcliff) McKee, she worked as a clerk in the grocery industry and enjoyed playing 88.

Survivors include her sons, Allen Faires and his wife, Pam, of Rowlett and Dewain Faires and his wife, Monica, of Rockwall, and her grandchildren, Megan Faires of San Marcos, Daton Faires of Rockwall, Myranda Willard of Commerce and Chance Willard of Rockwall.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Maurice; a son, Mitchell; and a sister, Beverly.



William Steve Vestal

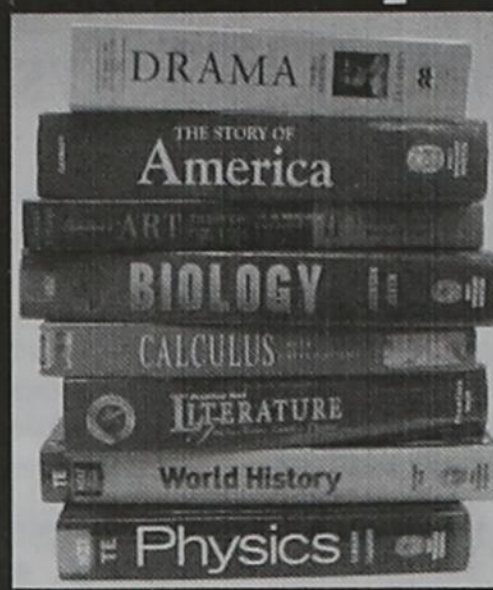
A night of remembrance for William Steve Vestal, 61, of Rockwall was conducted from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 20, 2011, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died July 18. Born July 27, 1949, in Houston to Richard and Billie (Jones) Vestal, he was a graduate of the University of Arkansas where he played linebacker. He joined the Department of Public Safety in 1977 and was stationed in Brenham. He was promoted to lieutenant in Houston and to captain in Dallas before retiring from DPS service in 2003.

Survivors include his son, Jack Vestal, and his wife, Melissa, of Rowlett; his stepson, Brian Drew, and his wife, Jennifer, of The Woodlands; his brother, Richard H. Vestal, and his wife, Jane, of Ovilla; his nephew, Rick Vestal, and his wife, Jennifer, of Beeville; his grandsons, Will and Sam Vestal and Troy and Jake Drew; and his former wife, Anna Vestal of Rockwall. He was preceded in death by his parents.



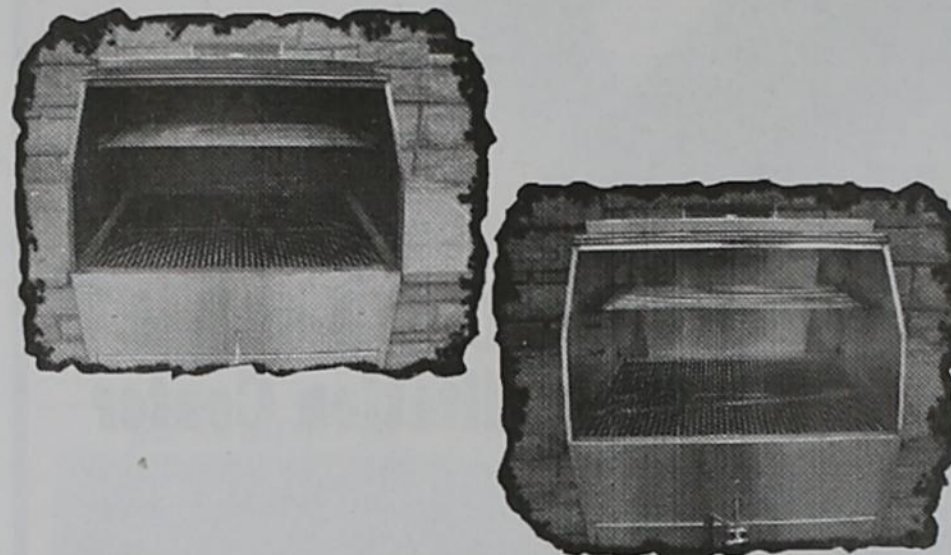
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Habitat workday set Saturday

Community is planning an 8:30 a.m. start for its Saturday workday. Excessive heat in recent weeks has slowed progress, but work likely will run until lunch or shortly thereafter, depending on the weather. Participants should hydrate and wear sunscreen, according to the Habitat news. Providing lunches, bottled water, sports drinks or soft drinks is discouraged. Volunteers should email volunteer.coordinator@yahoo.com for details on late changes or in the event of inclement weather. For more information, visit habitat.org.

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- I will hand out a daily report as well - listing diaper changes, nap times, what we did that day, what we ate, and how well we got along with other friends.
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48 "change" so. of border
49 Davy Crockett's home state (abbr.)
50 TX-born Rain Phoenix '93 film: "___ Cowgirls Get the Blues"
51 noted "Kingfish" Long, gov. of neighboring LA
52 abbr. for "and so forth"
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56 this Thorpe helped the Rockets win it all in '94
57 Rangers manager, Washington
58 TXism: "___ worth a plug nickel"

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1 great X-mas gift for a boy (2 wds.)
2 this del Rio was in "Flying Down to Rio" with TX Ginger ('33)
3 TX Buddy Holly song ('57)
4 TX Strait sang "___ I Say More"
5 bacterium
9 Eagles, Gies, Redskins
11 dir. to Goldthwaite from Comanche
12 honey-baked

13 TXism: "his recall needs ___" (forgetful)
14 10-cent coin
15 actress Thompson in '98 film "Primary Colors" with SMU grad Kathy Bates
16 TXism: "fought tooth and ___"
17 7th letter of Greek alphabet
18 Chris ___ Doux learned to ride horses in TX
19 cool breeze (abbr.)
20 ex-Cowboy Jean Fugett was head of "___ Beatrice International Foods"
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25 "Texas Tea"
26 "The Texan ___ Calamity Jane"
27 do the same boring things (3 wds.)
28 TXism: "that gets my dander ___"
29 news agcy.
30 ___ Leon, TX
31 "the ___ it coming"
32 TX Morris' "The Love She Found ___"
33 TX-born Martin and Railsback
34 horse disabled
35 TXism: "run ___ lawyer" (finalize)
36 I.M. ___, architect of Dallas City Hall
37 TX ___ Hamlin created "Alley Oop"
38 TX Waylon sang "___ It Again" ('80)
39 TXism: "went to the well ___ often"
40 partially burns
41 TXism for "isn't"

Royse City News

This Week in Royse City

by Paula Baker

Hey y'all. As you know, we are in a drought as we generally are each year at this time. If you remember the '80s heat wave, you know I am talking about serious heat.

I was quite happy when there were a few raindrops at my house yesterday. Just as I was going outside to dance in the rain, it stopped. Doesn't that just figure? The weatherman also stated the temperature would diminish just the slightest bit. Yep, we actually got down to 99 degrees the other day and I don't know about you, but I was looking forward to our little cold

front. Well, I have to say when it came and our temperature dipped into the high 90s, it didn't feel any different. The humidity made the day feel just as hot. Guess they didn't think about the heat index. Who knows?

This can be a serious problem, not only for people, but crops and animals. Please make sure you and your animals keep hydrated so as to ward off heat stroke or worse -- death. Of course, it seems each year the crops suffer and drives prices up. Not only is it detrimental to the farmer, but to our wallets.

If you happen to look to prayer during these times, please continue to pray for rain. Prayers are heard 24/7.

Church News

This week, I want to talk to you about The Fellowship of First Baptist Church, which is located on Pullen and I-30 here in Royse City. This is a lively church with many opportunities.

There are two worship services Sundays -- a "blended" service at 8:30 a.m. is a combination of traditional and contemporary worship. The contemporary service, consisting of praise songs and worship, is at 10:50 a.m.

Connect groups, a fellowship and study of peers in the 20-, 30- and 40-something age group as well as seniors, parents of teenagers and, as always, a strong women's group, at 9:45am. Adult 1 and 2, along with the Dorcus Ladies group, come together at 8:30 a.m.

Other ministries in the church include preschool (birth through pre-K), Mother Day Out, a weekly program for ages 18 months to 4 years old. More ministries include children's (K- 4), Route 56 for children in fifth and sixth grades. A wonderful student ministry, senior ministry, men's and women's ministries round out the opportunities.

Fellowship of First Baptist will begin its FIT (Faith in Training: Exercising Body and Soul) in August. All ladies of any age group are invited to attend. Childcare is available and there is a \$15 fee for unlimited monthly classes.

Upcoming

This week I have been extra busy and have many things to bring to you next time. I would love any feedback you would like to give me -- good or bad. I also still need help with Royse City Cemetery history.

That's all for this week. I look forward to chatting again next week. Have a great weekend and be careful as you go.

Please send thoughts, comments, tips and tidbits to rcn.paula@gmail.com or call 469-464-8735.



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Soccer registration to close July 23

Registration for the fall 2011 season of the Royse City Soccer Association will end this weekend. The final in-person registration session will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 23 at the Holiday Inn Express.

Online registration will be open through midnight July 23. To register online visit league lineup.com/welcome.asp?url=roysecitysoccer.

The fall season is scheduled to begin Sept. 10, according to the RCSA website.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Professor D to give concert

The variety band Professor D will perform at the Concert by the Lake event at 7:30 p.m. July 28 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Country band to take stage Aug. 4

King Buck's, a country band, will perform at the Concert by the Lake event at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Eagles tribute band scheduled

The Eagles tribute band Fastland will perform at the Concert by the Lake event at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Cajun/Zydeco concert to end season

Ponty Bone, a Cajun/Zydeco band, will give the final performance of the Concert by the Lake 2011 series at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Bulldog Band prepping for upcoming season

The Royse City Mighty Bulldog Band, under the direction of Shayne Canning, is making preparations for the upcoming band season.

On Aug. 6, the band will observe registration day, which will include fitting for all marching uniforms and formal concert attire. Detailed information and schedules also will be available.

Band practices will begin Aug. 1.

A Marching Show Preview Night is set for 6 p.m. Aug. 16 at the Royse City Independent School District football stadium.

The band's first performance this season will be Aug. 26 at Poteet High School in Mesquite.

The band will compete Oct. 1 in the Mesquite Marching Festival; Oct. 19 in the UIL Marching Contest; and Oct. 29 in the area marching contest. Also scheduled is participation in the Royse City Christmas parade.

For more details, contact Canning at cannings@roysecityisd.org. For information on how to join, donate or support the band through the RCHS Band Booster contact jsmallwood@dallasnews.com.

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Rockwall County News Brief

Library tutor training set July 23

The Rockwall County Library will train tutors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 23 to help adults learn to read and speak English. Training will be conducted at the library; no pre-registration, teaching experience or foreign language is required. ESL classes run from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays/Thursdays. Volunteers are needed once or twice weekly starting after Labor Day. GED volunteers are needed. Classes run from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays. For details call 972-771-7761 or visit the library's literacy area and ask for the ESL/GED coordinator.

'Earth: The Amazing Planet' offered

Youths ages 6-10 are invited to participate in Earth: The Amazing Planet from 9 a.m. to noon July 25-29 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The five-day camp will cover multiple areas of science, including biology and chemistry. Cost is \$248 or \$165 for Rockwall residents. Details call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7761.

Pancake breakfast to benefit Relay For Life

Rockwall County Relay For Life will host a pancake breakfast at Applebee's near the intersection of I-30 and Ridge Road from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. July 30. Tickets cost \$8 each and may be purchased at the door.

Volunteer in Parks day set July 30

The next Volunteer in Parks (VIP) workday in the City of Rockwall will be July 30 at The Park at Hickory Ridge, 1910 Walnut Ridge. The effort will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Individuals and groups are invited. For more information contact the Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7761.

Operation: Beat Cancer slated July 31

Ethan's Army, a group of local women raising funds for the American Cancer Society, will host a family fun day during Operation: Beat Cancer from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 31 at the Community Center, 2400 Wagonwheel Drive, Rockwall. Activities include a bounce house and water slide, face painting, raffles, and burgers from Outback Steakhouse. Funds raised through the event will support patients of blood cancers and their families as they undergo treatment. For more details or advance tickets call 214-670-3333 or visit ethansarmy.org.

'Oklahoma!' set Aug. 5, 6 & 7

Rockwall Summer Musicals will offer "Oklahoma!" the second musical of its premier summer season, Aug. 5, 6 and 7 at the Performing Arts Center at Utley. RSM's inaugural season fundraiser for the RISD in association with the Utley Theatre Players. For reserved seats, visit rockwallsummermusicals.com. Tickets will be available at the door.

Library to assist job seekers

The Rockwall County Library will offer some free classes to assist job seekers: Searching for a Job Online, 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 1; Resume Writing, 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 8; and Resume Writing, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Aug. 15. All classes will be offered in the Tech Lab. Space is limited. For more information contact the library's reference desk at 972-771-7761.

Author to offer program at library

Mary DeMuth will present a free writing program from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Aug. 9 in the Rockwall County Library's large meeting room. The program will be entitled "11 Secrets of Getting Published." She has written six works of fiction and six works of non-fiction. She is currently working on her latest work, "Muir House," following the program available online at marydemuth.com.

Doggie Splash Day set Aug. 13

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its annual Doggie Splash Day at 10 a.m. Aug. 13. A swimsuit contest, dog-paddle race, and dog-paddle race will be conducted for dogs. Cost will be \$5 per dog. Owners must bring proof of vaccinations for their pets to be allowed entry. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Meet the Teacher set at May Vernon

Meet the Teacher night for May Vernon Elementary will be held for incoming kindergarten and first grade students and their parents from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 18. Parents of Pre-K students and their families will observe conference presentations.

Cherry plans Meet the Teacher event

Cherry Intermediate will host a Meet the Teacher event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 18, according to the RCISD website. Registration for the event will run Aug. 1-19.

RCRW planning Aug. 20 tea

The Rockwall County Republican Women are planning a tea from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 20 at Holy Trinity by the Lake Fellowship Church. Guests will include Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, speaker, and Nancy Laubenberg. Tickets are \$10. Tickets may be purchased at rcrw.org, at GOP headquarters or by calling 972-3574.

Final VIP day of the year planned

The final Volunteer in Parks (VIP) summer workday in Rockwall will be Aug. 27 at Harry Myers Park, 815 E. Walnut. The effort will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Individuals are invited. For more information contact the Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7761.

Registration open for YMCA cheerleading

Registration is under way for YMCA cheerleading for children ages 10-14. Cost is \$35 for YMCA Family members and \$90 for non-members. Registration will begin Sept. 10. Additional details and registration information is available at rockwallymca.org.

RHS groups needs vendors for craft fair

The RHS Band/Senior Class will host a craft fair Oct. 8 at the Rockwall High School. Space is needed for the event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Types of parking also will be available. The fair also will include a fundraiser -- a haunted house game booth event. Contact Liz Smallwood at 972-1846 for more details.

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Two (2) copies of the sealed proposals will be accepted until the date and local time listed. Each proposal must be in a sealed envelope and labeled with "Employee Group Health, Life/AD&D and Dental Insurance" on the outside of the envelope. One (1) copy of Specifications and any other Request for Proposal documents may be obtained on or after Friday, July 22, 2011 from the City Hall Office, 105 E. Fate Main Place, Fate, TX. 75132. Until final award by the City Council, the City of Fate reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive minor technicalities or to proceed otherwise when in the best interest of the City. Please direct all inquiries to: Joe A. McFadin, LHIC, Wellspring Insurance Agency, Inc., 817-430-7102. City of Fate, Texas

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Copies of the specifications (Bid 11-06-006) may be obtained on or after Tuesday July 5, 2011, by contacting Lisa Constant, Rockwall County Auditor, Rockwall County Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk Street, Suite 101, or by calling (972) 204-6050. Technical questions should be directed to David Peek, Rockwall County Treasurer at (972) 204-6100 or e-mail dpeek@rockwallcountytexas.com.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Rockwall Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas to consider the following items:
Case # BOA-2011-3-V
Public hearing to consider approval of a request from Forest W Spear for a change from the zoning to reduce the side setback from 10-feet to 5-feet on Chndlers Landing #2, City of Rockwall, Texas located at 413 Columbia Street, Rockwall, Texas.
For more information concerning this case, contact the Building Inspections Department at (972) 771-7709.

- Public Notice -
Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 9, 2011** 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, August 15, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:
2011-07: Proposed SUP Amendment - 506 N. Goliad
Public hearing and consider a request by Stuart and Brenda Meyers for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "Hair Salon" in conjunction with the existing restaurant of less than 2,000-sf, within (PD-50) Planned Development No. 50 district, specifically on Lot 1, Abate Injury Rehab Center Addition, located at 506 N. Goliad, and take any action necessary.
2011-08: Proposed SUP for Congregate Care Facility - Yellowjacket Lane
Public hearing and consider a request by Mark Lowen of The Lenity Group LLC for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "congregate care facility" within the General Retail district, specifically on a 4.26-acre tract known as Tract 16-5, Abstract 45, J. McFarland Survey, situated along the southeast side of Yellowjacket Lane east of Yellowjacket Lane, and take any action necessary.
2011-09: Proposed Amendment to the UDC to include Urban Agriculture
Public hearing and consider approval of a city-initiated request to amend the Unified Development Code (Ord. No. 04-38), specifically Article IV, Permissible Uses, relative to the addition of new listed uses and standards for "Urban Agriculture," and take any action necessary.

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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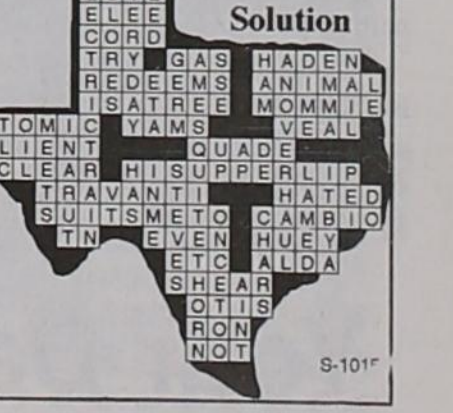


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Opinions

Whither U.S. Energy Policy?

by Laurence M. Vance

President Obama has authorized the release of 30 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). The oil reserve is currently at a historically high level of 727 million barrels. "We are taking this action in response to the ongoing loss of crude oil due to supply disruptions in Libya and other countries and their impact on the global economic recovery," said Energy Secretary Steven Chu.

The president has also called for a one-third cut in oil imports by 2025, wider use of natural gas, incentives to use natural gas to fuel fleets of vehicles such as city buses, greater production of biofuels, the establishment of four commercial scale refineries producing cellulosic ethanol or advanced biofuels within the next two years, higher fuel efficiency standards for heavy trucks, and for oil companies to make greater use of federal leases to increase domestic oil output. Obama's 2009 "stimulus package" set aside \$70 billion in grants and loan guarantees to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and advanced batteries for electric cars.

The State Department has again put on hold the construction of an oil pipeline from Canada to U.S. refineries in the Gulf of Mexico while it considers the pipeline's environmental impact.

Shell Oil has again applied to drill ten wells off Alaska's Arctic shore over the next two years after earlier experiencing the inability to obtain federal permits.

Republicans have their own ideas for the direction of U.S. energy.

The Republican-controlled House recently passed, with the help of only twenty-three Democrats, the Jobs and Energy Permitting Act of 2011 (H.R.2021) to streamline the permit process with the goal of expanding American energy production.

Earlier this year, House Natural Resources Committee chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA) was pushing three bills that would expand offshore energy production to create jobs, lower energy costs, and lessen American dependence on foreign energy.

Senate Republicans just spearheaded the passage of an amendment to a bill that would eliminate income tax and excise tax credits on ethanol fuel production. However, they earlier voted overwhelmingly against a similar bill to reduce tax credits for the oil industry.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has accused the Obama administration of "waging a war on American energy" because of

drilling permit delays.

In December of 2007, President Bush signed into law the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (PL 110-140). This law requires that automakers boost the gas mileage of their fleets to 35 mpg by the year 2020. Fuel-economy regulations (CAFE standards) were first introduced for passenger cars in 1978. The current standard of 30.2 mpg will rise to 39 mpg by 2016.

Democrats and Republicans in Congress may disagree on the size of the budget of the Department of Energy, the permitting process for drilling leases, and the nature of U.S. energy policy, but they all agree that the government should "do something" to lower gas prices, increase domestic energy production, and lessen U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

Because adherence to the Constitution and the proper role of government are not the foundational issues that they should be - indeed, they are often not even considered by most members of Congress - the debate over energy policy among Democrats and Republicans and liberals and conservatives is always over how government should carry out an energy policy instead of why the government should have an energy policy in the first place.

The simple truth is that the national government has been delegated no authority whatsoever concerning anything to do with energy production, provision, or efficiency. It is no more the role of government to regulate, subsidize, oversee, issue mandates to, and set standards for energy-related industries than it is the role of government to do these things to or for any other industry. And having a national energy policy is nothing more than Soviet-style central planning.

Clearly, there should be no Department of Energy or national energy policy.

But that's not all. There should be no CAFE standards, moratoriums on drilling, ethanol or biofuel mandates, efficiency standards, subsidies for any particular type of energy, bans on incandescent light bulbs, drilling permits, encouragement of mass transit, incentives to use natural gas in fleets, blending requirements for gasoline, research grants, promotion of renewable energy, mining regulations, conservation mandates, energy independence goals, or green campaigns.

There should be no Strategic Petroleum Reserve any more than there should be a strategic lead or rice reserve. The federal government has no authority to be in the commodities business.

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A bit of Rockwall history

Dear Friends at Rockwall's Only "Real" Newspaper:
Recently, my cousin from Corsicana sent me an article that appeared in the June 2010 Texas Co-op Power newsletter and magazine. The story written by Martha Deeringer about the Mollie Bailey Circus enclosed a copy of it for your review and enjoyment.

Please note the lead-in cover by Ben Peek, Bandera Electric Doctor Makes Circus Calls and the Rockwall connection. A poem by Frank W. Ford at the end of the story.

I appreciate your service to the community.
Gill Henson, Rockwall

Editor's Note: See this web site for details about Rockwall's Mollie Bailey Circus. J.F. Peek from 1887 to 1910 treats circus performer who never he did for her:
<http://www.texascooppower.com/texas-stories/history/the-mollie-bailey-circus>

There should be no federal leases issued for the simple reason that the federal government shouldn't own vast tracks of land in Washington, D.C. (The largest landowner in the United States is the federal government, owning land in all fifty states, with ownership in some states.)

Three related points about energy should also be mentioned. One, there is nothing special about the discovery, extraction, and offering for sale oil, natural gas, coal, or any other common resource. Companies involved in energy production should be like companies that provide any other product or service. Wind turbines, and solar energy can't make it on the free market without government intervention, then they should be allowed to compete.

Two, there is nothing inherently wrong with importing ethanol, or any other source of energy for the simple reason that it is nothing inherently wrong with importing any raw material. "Energy independence" is autarky, pure and simple. And three, if the U.S. government wants to pursue a wise energy policy, then it should look in the mirror. The Department of Defense consumes 70 percent of oil each day, 70 percent of which goes to overseas military bases at a cost of almost \$10 billion a year.

Whither U.S. energy policy? We can only hope it runs on common sense. Laurence M. Vance is a free-lance writer in central Texas. Visit his website at [vancepublications.com](http://www.vancepublications.com).

Coming soon to an airport near you

by Wendy McElroy

If you fly within the United States in the future, keep your expression neutral, do not blink too much or too little, and do not sweat. Carefully maintain a normal respiration and heart beat as you submit to demands from Homeland Security agents. If you question or resist their demands, you could be detained as a pre-crime suspect, fined up to \$11,000 and added to a No Fly list.

On July 5, a headline in the bioethical news source BioEdge declared, "Pre-crime" terrorist detector field tested in US." BioEdge explained that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has finished initial testing of Future Attribute Screening Technology (FAST), which is "designed to spot people who intend to commit a terrorist act." According to DHS documents, however, FAST targets a far broader range of people, from "individuals planning to cause a disturbance or use false documents to individuals who are planning an assassination or terrorist attack. The future time horizon can range from planning an event years in advance to planning to carry out the act immediately after passing through screening."

Unlike most other security measures, FAST is not aimed at finding contraband or explosives but at identifying suspicious people before they can cause trouble. FAST expands a trend currently expressed through the behavior detection officers who are part of a TSA (Transportation Security Administration) program entitled Screening Passengers by Observation Technique (SPOT). These TSA screeners are trained to spot and detain questionable people even if the people have done nothing wrong; about 3,000 behavior-detection officers are currently spread throughout America's airport system.

FAST aims at mechanizing this detection process, although on-site human analysts will still receive and interpret the data. Pre-criminals will be identified through the use of remote cardiovascular and respiratory sensors, a remote eye tracker, thermal cameras, high-resolution video, and an audio monitor for pitch change. Additional sensors, such as pheromone detectors, are being considered. People with aberrant readings are likely to receive "special treatment" on the suspicion of their being suspicious.

In the recent field test, sensors were embedded in an isolated corridor through which volunteers passed and were "read" as they did so. It is not possible to assess how reliable the readings were because the data is classified. Earlier lab tests, however, claim an accuracy rate of about 70 percent but the tests were non-random, with no blind study or other standard controls. Nevertheless, Undersecretary for the Science and Technology Directorate for Homeland Security, Jay Cohen, has pronounced the first stage of FAST to be a "home run." This means the program will not only seek to expand but will also be installed in areas through which everyone must pass.

The FAST screening of passengers has three possible stages. If any person triggers a "flag," then the sensors transmit a warning to on-site analysts, and the person may be taken to one side. The flagged person undergoes "micro-facial scanning and enhanced questioning" during which muscle movements in the face are measured to ascertain his mood and intentions. After enhanced screening, the person is assigned a "malintent level" that determines his subsequent handling.

What happens to those judged as a high risk? No information is available but it is reasonable to assume the treatment would not differ significantly from that which was meted out by TSA behavior-detection officers.

In August 2009, a California college student named Nicholas George went through a checkpoint at the Philadelphia airport. George was studying Arabic. In his bag, TSA behavior-detection officers found both flash cards with Arabic words and a book on foreign policy. He received "enhanced questioning" before being handcuffed by the Philadelphia police, who held him for four hours. After being questioned by F.B.I. agents, George was released without charges.

Backlash against FAST

Most criticism of FAST revolves around the accuracy of the data. In Nature News (May 26, 2010) Sharon Weinberger explained,

"No scientific evidence exists to support the detection or inference of future behaviour, including intent," declares a 2008 report prepared by the JASON defence advisory group. And the TSA had no business deploying SPOT across the nation's airports "without first validating the scientific basis for identifying suspicious passengers in an airport environment," stated a two-year review of the programme released on 20 May by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the investigative arm of the US Congress.

Many experts do not believe there are identifiable physiological indicators that are directly linked to malicious intentions or pre-criminals. The indicators measured by FAST - for example, a speedy heart beat - could easily be caused by the anxiety of confronting armed TSA officers, a fear of flying, a fight with your spouse, stress at work, being in a rush, or too much coffee. In short, many experts do not consider FAST's mission to be scientific or technologically sound. To them, it is akin to phrenology - a "science" revolving around the shape and measurement of the brain and skull - which became a tool through which some 19th-century police departments detected pre-criminals by examining the bumps on their heads.

But critiques of data effectiveness miss the point of FAST. The point is to expand social control and, at that task, FAST may prove remarkably effective.

Since 9/11, the TSA has conditioned Americans to accept an ever-

increasing totalitarianism at airports in exchange for the freedom of traveling within their own nation. From rigid I.D. requirements, to off clothing at command, from tiny bottles in plastic bags to pat-downs ... Americans have proven to be amazingly obedient when a stranger gropes their children's genitals. The TSA creates the Newer American - a citizen who is even more obedient before and half-frightened and half-awed by men in uniform. American lines up passively in queues to have his rights violated by ill-mannered, ill-trained thugs who claim to be patriotic and is even grateful for it.

In reality, the TSA is the antithesis of a protector. It views pre-criminals to be surveilled because it presumes them to be innocent. Guilty flyers can currently "prove" their innocence to a series of indignities that violate all Fourth Amendment rights. Then, if no contraband is found and no wrong attitude expressed, they will move on to the next guilty flyer. With FAST, however, the possibility of proving your innocence; the absence of contraband; properly subservient attitude cannot hide your perspiration, your sensors; you are condemned by your unexpressed thoughts and by your presumed malicious intentions. Based solely on the TSA's machinery, you can be detained, placed under surveillance or your movements, not your actions, make you guilty.

FAST is coming soon

The field test for FAST has been declared "a success." The logical extension of the TSA's behavior-detection officers, SPOT, and malintent programs. Certainly within TSA, there is a push to expand and ever expand its authority.

Nevertheless, it is not certain that FAST will be implemented at the airport system. Cost is one barrier. Practical concerns, such as the rate of false positives, is another. Political backlash poses a greater barrier.

Perhaps the most ominous aspect of FAST is that the program, conducted by using a movable lab of equipment and personnel, resembled nothing so much as a huge recreational trailer. The trailer, assure us, can be transported to provide security for trainings, events ... for everything from an inauguration to little John's birthday party. Yes, the totalitarianism that defines the modern airport is spreading to your neighborhood, like a depraved ice cream truck, and forcing a sense of freedom.

Wendy McElroy is the author of *The Reasonable Woman: A Guide to Intellectual Survival* (Prometheus Books, 1998). She actively writes websites: <http://www.ifeminists.com> and <http://www.wendymcelroy.com>. For additional articles on current events by Ms. McElroy, please visit the commentary section of our website.

Cut, Cap & Balance: is that so hard

by Andrew Leonie

My family and I recently returned from a wonderful trip to Washington, D.C. While there, Congressman Ralph Hall's intern, Nicci Flores, escorted us on a personal tour of the Capital. (Thank you, Congressman Hall, and thank you, Nicci.) The most important events taking place there were the ongoing negotiations concerning the debt ceiling and the budget. How was it, I wondered, that our federal government continues to spend money that doesn't exist, with such unbelievable audacity.

I am reminded that Alexis de Tocqueville once observed: "The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's own money." With a few notable exceptions (one of whom is our Congressman Hall), in order to secure their re-election, most members of Congress want to spend public money, all in the name of bringing home the bacon to their states or districts. There really is little incentive for most legislators to control federal spending. It is easier to talk about raising taxes by demonizing the affluent.

Few members of Congress really want to talk about cutting spending. They have great debates about which party wants to cut spending but neither party is talking about doing anything significant.

The numbers are hard for us to grasp. Billions? Trillions? Here is one thought: When our federal government has to borrow \$4 billion each day - almost half from foreigners and most of that from China and continues to spend money it does not have, growing our current \$14 trillion debt at least \$1.65 trillion this year alone, the proposal to cut \$38 billion amounts to less

than 1 percent of the budget - an insignificant excuse for a real reduction.

To really reduce the deficit spending, real cuts must be made in entitlements, but that is where the "bribing of the public with the public's own money" comes in. Most federal programs really do benefit some people. Cuts means reducing or taking some of the benefits away. Cutting also means reducing spending in some areas of the federal government such as education, energy, housing, agriculture, homeland security and perhaps even the military. Are we prepared for such changes or do we think our neighbor should just be taxed more?

Here are four principles that our governmental representatives should tattoo on their hands:

- The government cannot give anyone anything that it does not first take from someone else.
- You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.
- You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
- What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

Some concerned Republicans in the House (including Congressman Hall) have proposed actual cuts to existing spending, a cap on any more debt borrowing and passage of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. They recognize that the intrinsic lack of incentive to anyone in Congress to only spend what is taken in can only be addressed by required adherence to a larger standard - the Constitution.

No longer can most representatives be trusted to behave with ordinary prudence that the law requires of individuals like you and me. If cut, cap and balance are not adopted, I'm convinced that Benjamin Franklin said may come to pass: "When the people have voted themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic."

Andrew Leonie is a lawyer who has lived with his family in Rockwall County for over 20 years. The views expressed are his own.

Any tax which is unequal enforced violates our constitutional rights guaranteed by the American Declaration of Independence

Simple, One Sentence Explanation
"The problems we face today are there because the people who are outnumbered by those who vote for a living."
(Contributed by Richard Bigham, author unknown)

Rockwall County Sports

De Los Santos leads local golfers in Dallas Junior Championship

Carlos De Los Santos, a junior-to-be at Rockwall High School, placed eighth among the Rockwall County contingent in the 15-18 Open Division of the Dallas Junior Golf Championship last week.

De Los Santos, a one-over-par 73, over the Highlands Course on Friday, July 15. He had 75 and 81 in the first two holes to come from back in the pack to take the eighth-place

ribbon with a 54-hole total of 229, 10 off the pace set by champion Cody Taylor of Midlothian. It was Taylor's second Dallas Junior title in the last 3 years.

However, De Los Santos wasn't the top finisher in his family. A cousin, Danny De Los Santos of Lancaster, finished second at 221. He won a playoff by comparing scores on the first and fourth holes with Zander Winston of Richardson, who also scored 221.

Among those finishing behind Carlos De Los Santos were three RHS senior teammates - Teal Willis, 12th at 78-82-75-235; Nick Ziebell, 15th with 84-79-78-241, and Chris Cho, tied for 18th following a consistent 83-82-82-247. Cole Drennan from Rockwall-Heath High School was 19th with 82-85-82-249.

Tenison Highlands played even longer than its 6,610 yards on days when the high temperature was between 103 and 107 degrees with above-average humidity. It is a hilly course. The greens were slow, particularly on Wednesday and Thursday, resulting in generally higher scores those days.

The sponsoring Exchange Club of East Dallas helped to keep both players and spectators hydrating by driving two carts loaded with cold beverages.

The Dallas Junior Golf Championship is the oldest tournament in Dallas, and one of the most prestigious. Previous winners included 1939 Masters champion Ralph Guldahl, 1949 PGA champ Don January and Justin Leonard, the 1997 British Open winner. He took that title by three strokes over Jesper Parnevik and current British Open champion Darren Clarke.

Carter, Taylor, Jones win sailing races

A 7-mile-per-hour south wind greeted sailors for Saturday Night Series Race 2 on Lake Ray Hubbard.

David Carter came home first in "Geronimo," with Dan Malak and "Orion" placing second.

A larger group, divided into two fleets, had competed in Summer Wednesday Night Series Race 3 July 13.

Brian Taylor and "Rented Mule" finished first in the A Fleet, with Mike Jones skippering "Wings" to victory in the B Fleet.

Other top finishers in the A Fleet were Chris Hunke and "Swale," second; Scott Self and "Soap Opera," third; Jeff Greenwood and "August Blaze," fourth; Robert Williams and "Hotter Tuna," fifth, and Jeff Willis in "Cuttin Up," sixth.

In the B Fleet, Jones finished some 10 minutes ahead of second-place "Respite," with David Lawson at the helm. Phil McBride was third in "Carpe Diem."

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Free athletic physicals offered

Free athletic physicals will be available to RISD student athletes between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. July 30 at Williams Middle School, according to the district website. RISD physical forms are available online in the Links section of the RISD Athletics web page.

Sign-ups under way for girls volleyball

Registration is now under way for girls volleyball through the Rockwall County YMCA. Open to girls in grades 3-6, volleyball play will begin Sept. 10. Registration costs \$35 for YMCA Family members and \$95 for non-members. Registration runs through July 31, followed by an Aug. 11 coaches meeting. For more details contact the Rockwall YMCA at 972-772-YMCA.

Small Fry, Youth Soccer registrations open

Early registration for Small Fry Soccer (age 3) and Youth Soccer (ages 4-12) will run through July 31. Regular registration will be Aug. 1-10, and late registration will begin Aug. 11 and be open until teams are full. Cost to register is \$35 for YMCA Family members and \$75 for non-members. The coaches meeting is set for 11 a.m. Aug. 13 at the YMCA. For more details contact the Rockwall YMCA at 972-772-YMCA.

YMCA offers new football program

The Rockwall County YMCA is offering a new football program with two levels of competition to accommodate every player ages 5-12. Registration is open now and will continue through July 31. Cost is \$45 for YMCA Family members or \$100 for non-members. The season will begin Sept. 10. Visit rycafootball.com or hcafootball.com for more football program details.

Hot Rocks bike event set Aug. 13

The Rockwall Noon Rotary Club will host its 25th annual Hot Rocks Bike Race and Ride Aug. 13. The race will start and finish at Wilkerson/Sanders Memorial Field, 1201 T.L. Townsend Road, Rockwall. All levels of riders traditionally participate in the event, which will offer 13.5-, 43- and 57-mile courses. Top three finishers, both male and female, in the longest race will receive cash prizes; each participant will receive an event T-shirt and lunch. Registration and check-in on race day will begin at 6 a.m.; start time is 7:30 a.m. Pick up a registration packet after noon on the Friday prior to the event at Rockwall Cycling, 832 Steger Towne Road. Proceeds from the event will be used to fund college scholarships for local graduating seniors.

Triathlon set Oct. 2 at The Harbor

The Toyota U.S. Open Triathlon, the final event in the Race to the Toyota Cup series, will be hosted by the City of Rockwall Oct. 2 at The Harbor. The three-event race will feature a swim event, followed by a cycling and a running event. The swim event will begin at 7 a.m., and the last runner should finish at about 2 p.m. To avoid traffic problems experienced last year, a new bike route has been designed. More than 1,000 athletes competed last year.



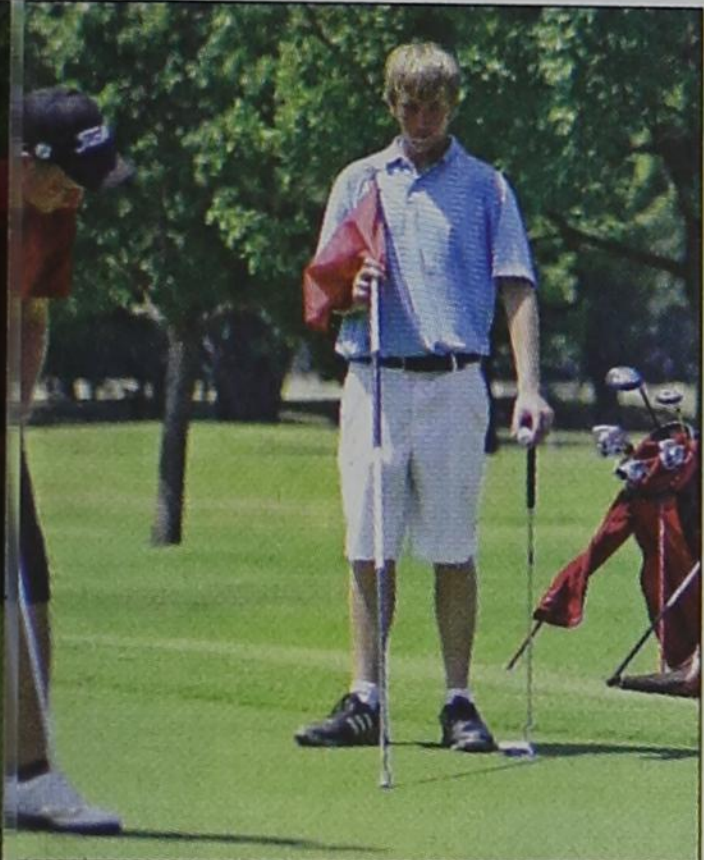
Winners competing in the Dallas Junior Golf Championship (15-18 Open Division) are (left to right) Carlos De Los Santos (Jr.), Nick Ziebell, Chris Cho.

Photo by Tony Willis/Rockwall County News



Rockwall's Carlos De Los Santos (right) receives the eighth place ribbon following the Dallas Junior Golf Championship Tournament. Participating in the presentation ceremony is Stan Haddock of Heath (left) and Rick Graham (back). Haddock is the head of the Dallas Exchange Club.

Photo courtesy of Margot De Los Santos/Rockwall County News



Carlos De Los Santos at the tee box on hole 12 during the Dallas Junior Golf Championship Tournament. De Los Santos finished eighth in the tournament.

Rockwall advances to consolation quarterfinals on 7 tournament

Rockwall won two games and lost three at the Division I 7 on 7 championships last weekend in College Station.

Representing Rockwall High School was very close to finishing advancing well past the Consolation round of 16 teams.

Rockwall lost to El Paso Riverside 55-31 and defeated Cypress-Richardson 40-33 on the Texas A&M campus. The local team lost a consolation round when Klein Forest held on for a 28-18

win of pool play. In the consolation round, Rockwall defeated Klein Oak 28-12 but was eliminated against Klein Forest and the other vs. Weslaco, could have kept up.

Championship round was in sight when Rockwall had the yard line with a 2-point deficit and less than a minute to play.

On-ahead touchdown, Klein Forest intercepted a pass and took the other end zone to provide the game's final score. Something similar happened against Weslaco. Rockwall had a consolation game when another interception-return TD produced its final score.

Rockwall had a little trouble with zones (defenses), said Rockwall coach Jack Black. "We were chasing their bunch sets instead of staying in our zones. We weren't opportunistic on offense."

Black did the game get out of hand for Rockwall. Black said, "We weren't prepared, but the humidity in College Station was used to. The first game against El Paso, I think we were out of control and let the heat get to us."

Black said his team's performance throughout the 7 on 7 season. "I saw them grow up and believe in what they wanted to do. Everybody played well. It had been pretty much Coan Calabrese leading efforts on offense from Baylor Black and Dylan Campman, and Davis early on had some great moments."

Black said that Barrett Fikes, and Baron Black and Coan played really well on the consolation round.

Black said he hopes to be able to coach the team again next summer. "If we can gain next year, there are a couple of things we can do early on. A lot of things the kids were disciplined, but we can spend more time on our zone coverages."

Rockwall, Weslaco lost to Rosenberg Terry, which went on to defeat Weslaco for the Consolation title. DeSoto won the Championship final in Lamar.

Rockwall will begin preseason practice Monday, Aug. 8, to prepare for its season Aug. 26, against Garland Naaman Forest at Wilkerson-Sanders

Memorial Stadium.

Rockwall-Heath offense struggles in state 7 on 7

The offense let down Rockwall-Heath's plan for success at the 7 on 7 football Division I state championships last week.

Rockwall-Heath totaled 37 points in four games of the competition at Texas A&M University in State College. That created far too great a burden on a defense that kept Rockwall-Heath in the first two games Friday, July 15, but struggled itself in that day's third game and Saturday's Consolation round.

The first game was a 33-18 loss to Arlington. Following that were a 28-13 loss to Round Rock McNeil and a 40-0 shutout by Jersey Village Friday. Rockwall-Heath was eliminated with a 40-6 defeat against Fort Worth Paschal Saturday.

Next month, the same players will be representing the Rockwall-Heath High School varsity. Practice begins Aug. 8 for the Hawks, who will open their season Friday, Aug. 26, against West Mesquite at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium. That will be the second of two games in the second annual Heritage Honor Before Victory Classic.



Rockwall-Heath quarterback Cody Court looks to pass, as wide receiver Ja'Korean Swanson battles for open ground during last Saturday's 7on7 State Consolation Championship Tournament against Paschal.

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Cameron Davis (17) runs the ball back after being tackled by Weslaco during Saturday's State Consolation quarterfinals game at Texas A&M. Garrett Fikes (21) assists with blocking.

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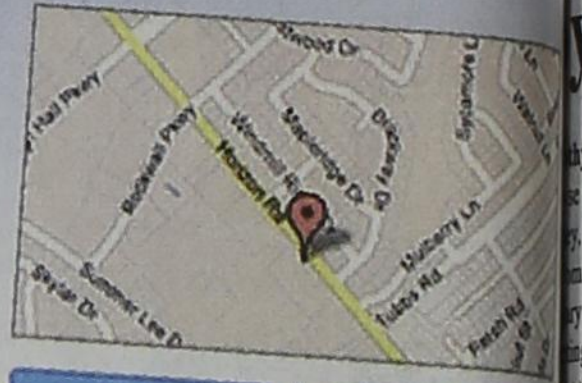
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