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First kids at new library

Progelhof, far left, opens the doors for the first time to eager readers of all ages after the dedication and ribbon cutting of Rockwall County Library on Sunday, Sept. 7. Local students (left to right) Sam Warren, Mary Kinsey Warren, Charlie Warren, Nicole Tompkins, and Cheyenne Moore lead the way to see what the library has to offer. Charlie was counted as the first to step upon further inspection, it appears his sister, Mary Kinsey, beats him by a flip-flop. The family debate could go on for years!

County Library celebrates opening at new location

can do it." Yes, Head Librarian Kathy Melston quoted Walt Whitman when she thanked the many people who helped build the new library from a 63-year dream to a stunningly beautiful building with 2,200 readers of all ages eager to see the new doors, was dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 7. Melston said she took the podium. Mistress of Ceremonies said Melston had "galvanized the citizens, local business owners, innocent bystanders" to bring the library to life. She said the library has been trying to build a library since 1945, and she said the library were special guests Congressman Chris Florance, County Commissioners Lorie Wagner, Jerry Wimpee and Bruce Beaty, library board

members Kathleen Broze, Darlene Bealmear, Jan Self, Linda Garrett, Nancy Rothacker, Jannie Clark, Denise Nobles, and Lucille Bell. Denelle Wrightson, Eddoe Davos and David Meis from the design firm of PSA/Dewberry were also present to be recognized for their outstanding contribution to the look of the library. Boy Scout Troop 312 from Roysce City posted the colors. The invocation was by the Rev. Valarie Englert from First United Methodist Church in Rockwall. Melston had many thanks for the Friends of the Library for their "tireless efforts, and not losing faith that we could do this." She expressed gratitude to the designers from PSA/Dewberry, who were also present, for "making us stretch and think outside the box." She said the furniture, wall coverings, and color schemes used by the designers were a collaboration by not only the designers and library staff, but also volunteers and focus groups brought to

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celebrated the opening of its new football stadium last Friday evening with a special pre-game dedication ceremony, Bulldog win over the Atlanta Rabbits (see page 16 for sports details).

Jim Burnett

Rockwall City Council approves funds for development plan

by Kathy Williams

The Rockwall City Council has approved funds for the creation of a concept plan for the future development a 62-acre tract of land near the Harbor. While that development depends on the sale of the land at the corner of I-30 and Horizon Road, the city wants to have a plan in place to encourage developers to tie new construction with existing architecture in the area.

The council approved spending \$130,000 for the plan, which will be created by Talley Associates of Dallas and is expected to be presented to the council by the end of this year. The design is projected to detail a mixed-use concept, incorporating retail, office and living space. Because the land in question sits prominently on a hill and can be easily seen as drivers enter Rockwall from the west, the council would like any development to set the tone for the city and act as a welcome beacon into the area.

At least two-dozen landowners currently own the 62 acres. The city owns a 9-acre tract and several smaller tracts, bringing the city's total ownership to between 10 and 12 acres. Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil said the city is not in the development business, nor is the creation of the concept plan an unusual step for the city to take. He said with so many landowners, "there are 24 or 25 ways we can do this wrong." By having the concept plan in place, developers can see the city's vision and what it would accept as far as architectural and green space styles. Cecil said the plan ensures "maximum value, quality and benefit to the community."

Rockwall Director of Planning Robert LaCroix said the city is being proactive by taking the lead on this project, rather than having several developers come in with different concepts or building something that may not be beneficial to the city.

City zoning codes prohibit an individual landowner from developing their tract if that development does not fall within the city's vision. He said the landowners have met with city officials and are on board with the city's plan. There is currently no timetable for development to begin.

News Briefs

Behind the Badge Banquet Saturday

The Behind the Badge Banquet, sponsored by the Law Enforcement Support Committee, will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday (Sept. 13) at the Hilton Bella Harbor. The Hilton's executive chef will prepare dinner, live entertainment is planned and the public will have the opportunity to meet local law enforcement officers. Tickets cost \$50 and may be purchased by calling Mike at 214-228-8457, Jon at 214-683-8122 or Dee at 214-325-3849.

Saturday is date for Aspasians Art Fair

The annual Aspasians Arts & Crafts Fair will take place on the old courthouse square in downtown Rockwall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The bulk of proceeds will fund scholarships; remaining funds go toward helping other organizations and individuals in need. For details visit the group's Web site: www.aspasians.com.

Farmers Market extended through Oct. 25

The Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall will continue operating on Saturdays through Oct. 25. The event will take place in the courthouse parking lot (corner of Rusk and Goliad) from 8 a.m. to noon. Friends of Downtown Rockwall and the City of Rockwall are the event's sponsors.

Saturday is Open Garden Day

The Rockwall County Master Gardeners Association will host an Open Garden Day on Saturday at 875 Riding Club Rd., Rockwall. The Discovery Garden, an educational garden developed and maintained by the group, will be open from 9 a.m. until noon, with Master Gardeners on hand to give guided tours and answer horticultural questions.

Mental Illness Support Groups meet Saturday

Two free NAMI support groups will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall. Those with mental illness will meet in Room 205; the meeting for family members will be in Room 206, Building B. For information call Hall or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030.

VNA to host memorial service

The Visiting Nurse Association will host its annual memorial service from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 208 S. Houston, Kaufman. The service will feature music, readings and the lighting of memorial candles. Attendees of all faiths are welcome. For information call 972-962-7500 or 1-800-345-0576.

Voter registration set at Fate

Voter registration will be conducted at the Woodcreek Amenities Center from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Those planning to drop in are asked to use the main Woodcreek entrance off of Hwy. 66, then make the first or second right into the center's parking area.

Ongoing Tai Chi program available

An ongoing program of Tai Chi is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at The Center. Participants may start at any time and attend one or both days each week. The first visit is free. Cost is \$7 per drop-in, \$60 for a 10-class punch card. For information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

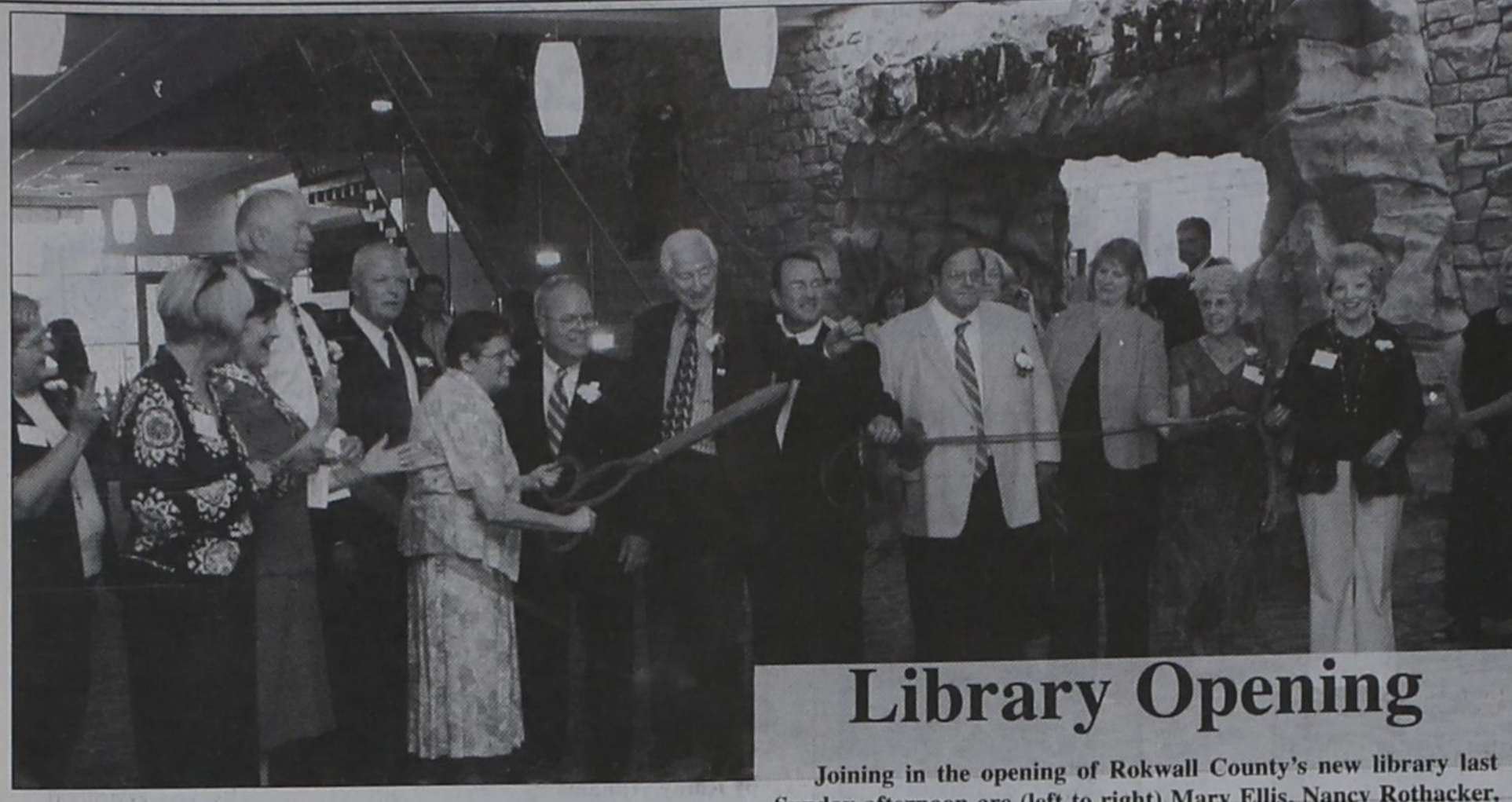
Jazzercise available at The Center

Jazzercise for men and women combines a cardiovascular workout with resistance training and stretching. Open to individuals 16 and older, one-hour classes are offered at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Monthly cost is \$30; an eight-week pass is \$75, a 12-week pass is \$100. To register call Chris Burkart at 972-551-2136.

American Legion makes meeting changes

Rockwall American Legion Post 117 has changed its meeting schedule. The group will meet quarterly in October, January, April and July at 6 p.m. with a meal and fellowship, followed by a business meeting and speaker at 7 p.m. For information contact Commander Ray Walker at 972-771-3682 or Chuck Bealmear at 469-698-0114. All veterans are invited.

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Library Opening

Joining in the opening of Rockwall County's new library last Sunday afternoon are (left to right) Mary Ellis, Nancy Rothacker, Lorie Grinnan, Bruce Beaty, Jerry Winpy, Kathy Melston, Chri Florance, Congressman Ralph Hall, David Magness, Scott Self, Bill Bell, Lucille Bell, Rev. Valarie Englert, Jamie Clark, Darlene Bealmear, Elise Pickard and (back) Paul Pogue.
Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Library to host children's programs

The newly opened Rockwall County Library has a number of children's programs, including a handful of events and activities.

Programs for toddlers – children from 19 months to 3 years old will be offered from 10:15 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. on Mondays. Pre-school programs for children ages 3 through 5 will be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Storytimes will resume on Sept. 30, offering other fun-filled activities.

- Upcoming programs include:
- Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – a ZooUniversity representative will be on hand for a show-and-tell event (open to all ages)
 - Saturday, noon – writer, songwriter and musician Sandy Shrouder will perform for children of all ages
 - Saturday, 1:30 p.m. – puppeteer Sandy Shrouder will perform "With an Attitude" for children ages 4 and older
 - Saturday, 3 p.m. – storyteller Dorayne Breedl will perform "Aesop?" for children ages 6 and older
 - Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. – the Creative Arts team will present "Colors, Numbers and Noises" for children ages 3 and older
 - Sept. 20, 10 a.m. – meteorologist Kristina Kauffman will present "Katie and the Magic Umbrella" for children ages 3 and older
 - Sept. 20, 11 a.m. – meteorologist Kristina Kauffman will present "Mother Goose" for children ages 7 through 9
 - Sept. 23, 11 a.m. – Mother Goose will visit the library for children ages 3 and older
 - Sept. 24, 11 a.m. – Mother Goose will visit the library for children ages 3 and older.

New library opens

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together to offer suggestions for the new library's design.

Melston also thanked the county maintenance and I.T. departments for their hard work, specifically for the installation of the library's computers. Melston said they worked until about 9 p.m. Saturday finishing the last details for Sunday's dedication.

The American Legion and Lion's Club donated the funds for the

flagpoles as well as the landscaping. The library is located at 107 E. Bourn Ave. in Rockwall. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 972-771-7740.

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Downtown Farmers Market cancelled this weekend for Aspasians Arts Fair

The popular Farmers Market held each Saturday on the Rockwall downtown square, will be cancelled this Saturday, Sept. 13 due to the fall Aspasians Arts Fair. The Farmers Market will reopen next Saturday, Sept. 20 and continue each Saturday through October 25. The market is open from 8 a.m. to Noon.

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RHS sets first PTA meeting
The Rockwall High School PTA will conduct its first meeting of the year at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 22 prior to the school's open house.

Seminar to address senior scams
The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will host a seminar at 1 p.m. Sept. 25 to address scams that target senior citizens. Representatives of the Roysse City Police, Senior Source, Adult Protective Services and Network Realty will present the program. The event will take place in the Evergreen Apts. Clubhouse, 1325 S. Goliad. Seating is limited; reservations required. To RSVP, call 972-771-9514 by Sept. 23.

Diabetes education course offered
The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will offer a 5-week diabetes education program, 'Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes,' in October. This educational program is designed to help people with Type 2 diabetes learn the skills to understand and manage the disease. The program begins at 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at the County Extension Office, 1350 E. Washington, Rockwall. Call Emily Nichols, FCS Extension agent, at (972) 204-7660 to register.

Computer basics course slated
A class entitled Computers-Just the Basics will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 7 and Oct. 9 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, the class is designed to familiarize participants with computer operation fundamentals. Cost is \$20. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Low-cost animal shot clinic set
Rockwall Animal Services will host a low-cost shot clinic from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the veterinary office, 2001 S. Goliad. All dogs must be on a leash, all cats in carriers. Rabies shots will be \$8 for one year or \$24 for three years. Other basic shots will be \$8 each. Micro-chipping and registration also will be offered. For further details, call 972-771-7750.

Seniors' Exploring the Net class offered
Exploring the Net, a class for individuals ages 50 and older, will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays Oct. 14-30 at The Center. Participants will learn about browsers, how to use search engines, e-mail, address books and other Internet-related topics. Cost will be \$50. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Blankets needed for soldiers
As part of its Blankets of Belief project, the Soldiers' Angels Organization Sewing Team plans to send blankets to deployed soldiers who will spend the holidays in a war zone. Blankets (handmade or store-bought fleece or quilts) should be personalized with red, white and blue buttons, embroidery or appliques. To contribute to the project, which will see the delivery of blankets on Christmas day, contact Diane Janik at dianejanusa@yahoo.com or at 972-998-9892. Deadline is Nov. 1.

The Center to host Senior Health Fair
The 7th Annual Senior Health Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 5 at The Center. Refreshments will be served, door prizes will be given away and flu and pneumonia shots will be available.

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Rockwall, who battled breast cancer for 22 months. Team Ridge Pointe was formed three years ago at Ridge Pointe Athletic Club. The team trained and walked its first Dallas/Fort Worth Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer three-day walk in 2006. The team now has grown to a group of 15 women from the Rockwall area who share the goals of training and participating in the annual D/FW 60-mile walk; fundraising required to quality; and the hope of a cure for breast cancer.

The three-day walk will take place Nov. 7-9, and each member has committed to raise \$2,200 to participate in the walk.

All proceeds support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation through research, education and community health programs.

Members of the 2008 three-day walk team are Debra Amerson, Monika Amick, Lorraine Borman, Cindy Brodnax, Vickie Daniels, Elizabeth Hollman, Sheri Leeuw, Sue Lowrey, Sheri Martin, Lynne Minter, Barbara Owens, Kathleen Pampillonia, Mary South, Catherine Sims and Joyce Zmolik.

For more information about the golf tournament or to submit donations, contact Monika Amick at 972-771-2411 or Sheri Leeuw at sheril@netportusa.com.

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Preparing for Third Annual Fundraising Golf (left to right) Beth Noe, Kathleen Pampillonia, Mary South, Sue Lowrey, Melody Hail, Cindy Brodnax, Monika Amick, Vickie Daniels, Sheri Martin, Lorraine Borman.

Line today for Cotton Pickin' fundraiser

Myers Park is ready for company. The new tenant cabin, furnishings have been installed and the cabin for the annual Cotton Pickin' Party set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation. The event will feature a barbecue dinner, dessert auction, entertainment and a silent auction. The event is to be held in the patch behind the cabin. The event is intended to be both a learning experience and fun for the community. Tickets are required and must be purchased by calling 972-771-8976.



Left, bottom to top, are Dorothy Ramsay, Melody Hail, Leigh Plagens, Richard Cantrell and the tenant cabin at Harry Myers Park. The event is the third annual Cotton Pickin' Party on Myers Park tenant cabin. Tickets to the event, sponsored by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation, must be purchased by calling 972-771-8976 for more information.

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Lake Point employees join Heart Walk Sat.

About 200 employees of the Lake Pointe Medical Center are expected to participate in the American Heart Association's 2008 Heart Walk Saturday in Dallas' Victory Park.

The Heart Walk, an annual event, is conducted to help draw attention to and raise funds to combat heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States.

"The Heart Walk is a fun and easy way to raise awareness about the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle to help prevent heart disease," said Carolyn Jackson,

Lake Pointe's chief executive officer. "Cutting risk factors such as stopping smoking, lowering high cholesterol and walking as little as 30 minutes a day can significantly reduce the risk of a heart attack."

Lake Pointe recently received a Silver Achievement Award from the Aha's Get With the Guidelines program, which is designed to help hospitals save more lives by optimizing care for coronary artery disease, heart failure and stroke patients. The program gives health care providers the latest evidence-based guidelines and immediate access to clinical decision support in order to align treatment with best-practice medicine and product improved patient outcomes.

This year's Heart Walk is expected to attract more than 35,000 walkers and to exceed the goal of raising more than \$2.8 million for cardiac research, education, advocacy and training.



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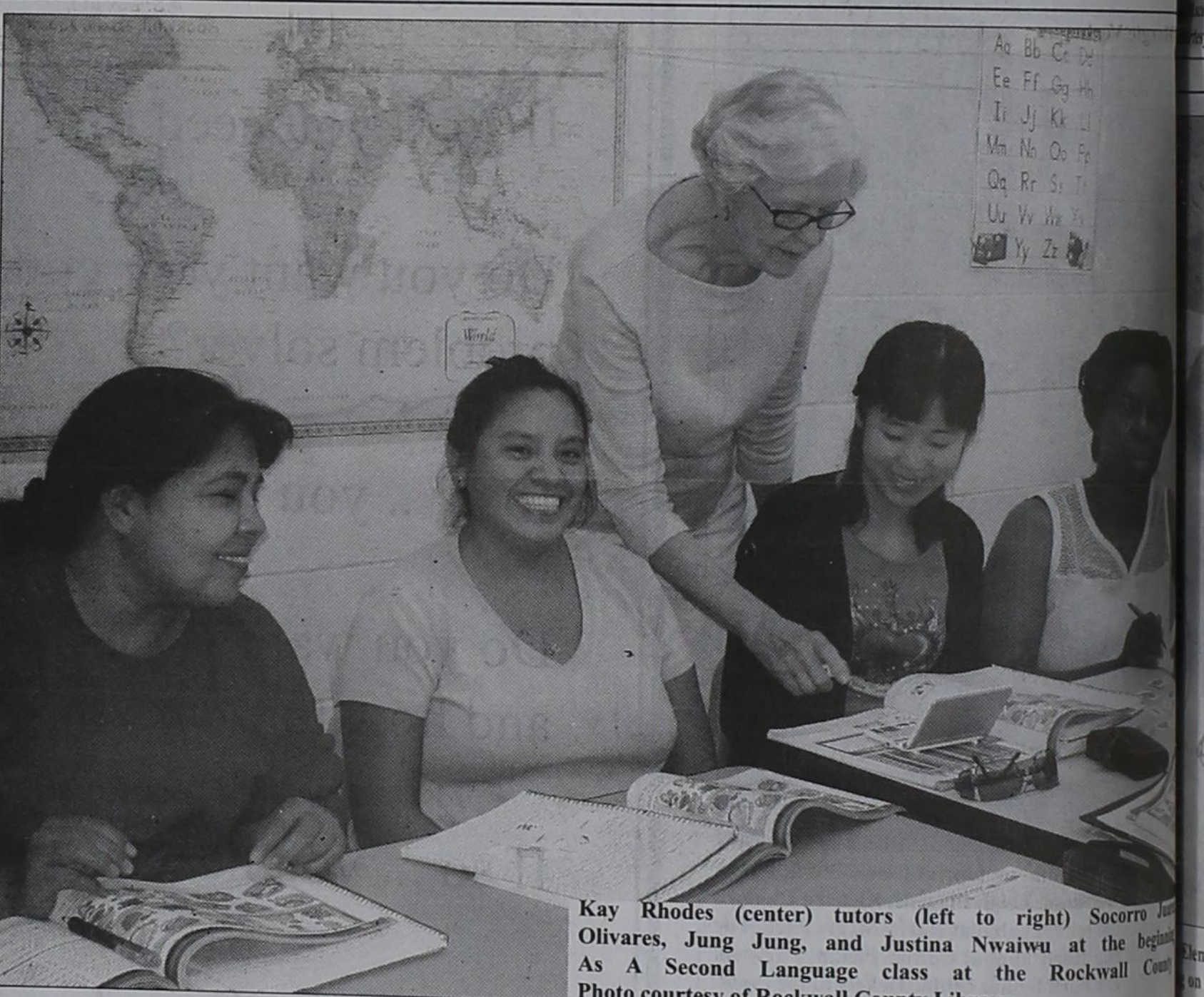
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With the 20th annual Pumpkin Patch event just around the corner, members of the Friends of the Library and the Council of are painting gourds and pumpkins, as well as wooden figures, to be made available for purchase when the Patch opens next front are (left to right) Sheila Flannery, George Humes, Toni Humes and Dori Hillman. Pictured at back are Darlene Bealme, Barbara Coleson, Sherri Mueller, Marvis Kisselburgh, Becky Achenback and Carolyn Duckworth. The Patch, located in the of Brookshire's, will open at 9 a.m. Oct. 4 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and will remain open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Photo courtesy of Leigh Plagens, FOL President



Dr. Karen Summers (center), and Laurel Tate, tutor Alicia Moreno and Juan Perez at the evening English As A Second Language class at the Rockwall County Library. Photo courtesy of Rockwall County Library



Kay Rhodes (center) tutors (left to right) Socorro Olivares, Jung Jung, and Justina Nwaiwu at the beginning of a Second Language class at the Rockwall County Library. Photo courtesy of Rockwall County Library

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Lake Pointe earns pair of awards

The Lake Pointe Medical Center has received two CIGNA Centers of Excellence designations for 2008. The Center of Excellence designations illustrate that the hospital has met CIGNA's highest standards for quality and efficiency, according to a hospital press release. The facility received designations for laparoscopic gall bladder removal and vaginal delivery.

"We are pleased that our hospital has been recognized by CIGNA for the high quality care that we provide," said Carolyn Jackson, chief executive officer of the hospital. "Our physicians and staff work very hard to provide quality patient care, and these designations are evidence of the high standard of care we deliver every day."

The CIGNA designations are based on the hospital's effectiveness in treating the selected condition or performing the procedure. The designations are based on part of the hospital's CMS Hospital Compare measures, Leapfrog Patient Safety Measures, mortality and complication rates.

Lake Pointe Medical Center, a part of Tenet Healthcare Corp., is a 112-bed acute care facility in Rowlett. It has served residents of Rockwall, Rowlett, Royse City and surrounding communities since 1987.

ARC seeks help with hurricane relief

Local residents can use their cell phones to donate to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Text message the keyword "GIVE" to "2HELP" (24357). Funds collected will help the Red Cross purchase food, cots, blankets, toiletries and clean-up supplies, as well as to ensure that the agency can move volunteers into affected areas to provide mental health and first aid services.

While Hurricane Gustav spared New Orleans, it did not spare families less than an hour to the west. Thousands of homes have been damaged, and as evacuees return to their communities they will turn to the Red Cross for shelter, daily meals, clean-up supplies and financial assistance.

Gustav is expected to cost the ARC between \$40 million and \$70 million. To date the agency has raised \$2 million for hurricane relief efforts, and additional storms were predicted to hit the southeastern coastal areas this week.

Wireless carriers participating in Text 2HELP include AT&T, Alltel, Sprint, T-Mobile USA and Verizon Wireless.

Donations can be made anytime until Oct. 31 and will appear on monthly bills or be debited from a prepaid account balance. All applicable text rates apply.

To designate a donation to a specific disaster, call 1-800-RED CROSS.



Donation from Lake Pointe Health Network to the American Cancer Society are (left to right) Brandy Ammons (ACS Representative and Carolyn Jackson (CEO, Lake Pointe Medical Center), and Mary Howry (Survivor Chair, Rowlett, Texas).



Volunteers from the Chamber of Commerce and Brookdale Senior Living Center provided more than 100 meals to the elderly and disabled in Rockwall County over Labor Day. (front row left to right) are Louann Fossette, Gale Bennett, Nancy Crump, Charlotte French, Joey Grand-Lienardt, Caroll Macon, Executive Director of Chamber on Aging Margie Verhagen, (back row) Bill Michalenko and...

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Kindergarten student Carter Lewis is shown during the school's recent Family Reading Night.

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Believing ... Hebrews 11:3

In Hebrews 11, God directs our attention to key scriptural examples of believing as seen in the Old Testament. Based on verses 13 and 39-40, God teaches that the Old Testament believers did not obtain the promise that is now available through our Lord Jesus Christ. They looked for the day, but did not see it.

God sums it up starting in Hebrews 12, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us. And let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of faith. Who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

It continues, "For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your minds. You have not resisted unto blood, striving against sin" (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Hebrews 11 referred to Old Testament believers who not only gained a great deal, but it also refers to others who lost everything and suffered much more even unto death. Yet we have the Lord Jesus Christ to ultimately look unto. He did many miracles, suffered greatly, died, and was raised from the dead by God. Even to this day Jesus sits at the right hand of God. None of the other Old Testament believers got to see this day. Yet they had it marked in their hearts and looked for it to come. They all died and are still dead to this day. But Jesus Christ was raised from the dead unto everlasting life in heaven.

Just as Jesus Christ endured the crucifixion with the joyful hope of God's resurrection, so also can today's Christians mark the hope of resurrection with heart felt joy. They can run the race of life with hope in the return of Christ Jesus.

It's with this in mind that we dive into the different examples of believing found in Hebrews 11.

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3). The word "worlds" referred to ages or spiritually founded administrations. For example, we currently live in the administration of the grace of God (Ephesians 3:2) which began on the day of Pentecost when the spirit from God was poured out. At this time people were first filled with holy spirit and started speaking in tongues. This administration will end at the return of Jesus Christ for the born-again Christians (for more information see 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1Corinthians 15:51-54).

The period of time starting from Genesis 1:2 until Genesis 3:6 was another administration. The period of time beginning after the day of Christ Jesus (also known as rapture) begins a new administration recorded in Revelations.

By believing God's word, people mentally understand that the ages were framed by His word. Believing results in a mental understanding that is in line with God's word. The basic

principle of believing is applied in all areas of life. God is the highest authority on the human mind. Please notice that God did not say, "Through knowing we understand." That would be redundant. Instead, He said, "Through believing..."

So often people persuasively declare what is commonly known. Yet they may not actually believe. God wants people to believe His words of true life.

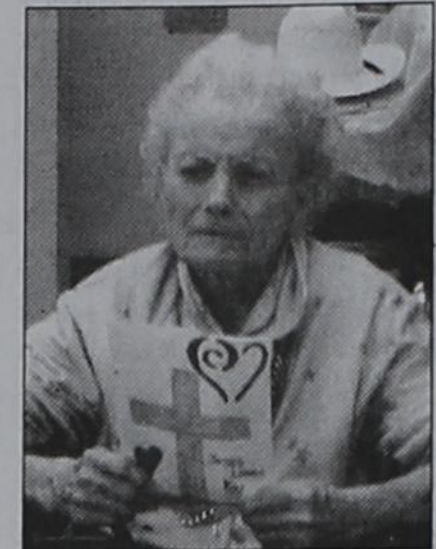
Next week, we will look at the records of Abel, Enoch and Abraham referred to in Hebrews 11:4-12.

Local Prison Ministry to distribute Blessing Bags

by Dawn Richardson
Several local retirement communities and nursing homes have been



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doing their part to contribute to a worthwhile cause.

When asked about the 'Blessing Bags' project, Al Gibbons, head of Cornerstone Ministries, said, "This is something that almost anyone in the nursing homes can do and it is about reaching out to others in [a spirit of] love."

He said it is about "empowering people" on both ends of the line: those who put the bags together and those who receive them.

"It is a way to share Christ with others; it is about giving people hope and encouraging them," said Gibbons. Plus, it's something that anyone, young or old, can do if they choose to give of their time.

Blessing Bags are 6" x 12" white bags that are decorated, filled with a Gospel tract, greeting card, calendar, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, a piece of fruit, and hard candy, and then given to inmates at Christmas time.

Roy Kurkowski, who has been involved with the local prison ministry for many years, has enlisted the help of many people to contribute to this aspect of the ministry.

Kurkowski has reached out to four of our local retirement communities to help decorate the bags.

There are 17 retirement communities in this area and Kurkowski hopes to someday have all of them involved. So far, Rockwall Nursing Care Center, Summer Ridge Assisted Living and Retirement Community, Beacon Harbor Rehabilitation in Rowlett, and Rowlett Health and Rehabilitation Center are contributing.



Joanne Chaffin



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Kurkowski's Senior Adult Bible Study helps make the blessing bags every week, sometimes 200 to 300 at a time. They do this on an ongoing basis because the bags are also distributed regularly as "Welcome Bags" to female inmates. The prison ministry has 10 churches involved and each week a different church goes to the local jails to witness to and pray with the inmates. Each church only goes once every 10 weeks and it keeps a message of faith going strong every week for many prisoners. Right now, Cornerstone Ministries is reaching

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Rockwall County Religious Life

by Amy Van Vleck

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Guest Preacher Dr. Tim Lee, evangelist and Vietnam veteran, his testimony of losing his legs in battle and how it led to his faith.
guests: The Todd Keller Family.

Lake Pointe Church

Located at 701 E. Interstate 30, Rockwall
SAGE Ministries Worship Conference for girls in grades 6-12, September 19 at 7 pm-9 pm, Pier 4:19 Auditorium. Call for more info, visit lakepointe.org
Support Groups meet weekly at Lake Pointe Church: Recovery for Life, Thursdays at 7 pm in Room W300; Grief Support Group, Thursdays at 7 pm in Room A110; Cancer Support Group, Sundays at 5 pm in Room A110; Divorce Recovery Group, every other Thursday at 7 pm. For more information on Support Groups, contact the church at 469.698.2250

The Connection, for singles age 40+, meets on Tuesdays and 30 at 7 pm in Room A122.

Catalyst, a worship experience for singles in their 20s, meets Wednesday, September 24, at 7 pm in Room W300.

Marriages That Last, a seminar for married and pre-married couples, will be held at Lake Pointe Church on Saturday, September 11, 10:30 am. Register at lakepointe.org

First United Methodist Church of Rockwall

Located at 1200 East Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall
An Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting second Thursday of each month. Contact Denise Smith for more information.

FUMC offers Bible studies for men and women. Meet on September 14. Contact Rev. Valarie Englert at 972.771.7711. fumcrockwall.com for more information.

FUMC Benefit Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 20, Buffalo Creek Country Club and donuts, range balls from 7-7:45 am; shotgun start at 8 am. Support FUMC's Mission Outreach programs. Find out more at fumcrockwall.com

Chisholm Baptist Church

Located in the heart of McLendon-Chisholm on Hwy 121, Leroy Rippey, Student Minister, will present a series of lessons on creation, a.k.a. 'The Great Debate.' In this series, creation is no longer taught in the public school system and is being taught in church. Mr. Rippey will combine the two, teaching evolution and creation in the youth Sunday school class.

This series of lessons will be addressed to mainly teenagers and young adults. The first lesson will be Sunday, September 14. Lessons will continue for an estimated three months. The ministry to learn, share, and ask as many questions as you like.

(Editor's Note: To include your church or fellowship in this series, please send information by email to rcn.news@yahoo.com)

FUMC Rockwall 'Tis the Season Bazaar set for Saturday, Nov. 1

November 1 is the day to set aside to begin your holiday shopping. The Twelfth Annual UMW Bazaar and Craft Fair at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall and you will want to be there. The bazaar will feature very stylish handmade crafts and home décor items, plus a variety of baked goods and great baking pecans that are almost twice the size of the pecans you find in the grocery stores. The Café will offer yummy prepared food.

This year will also bring something new: an antiques and collectibles booth. Some real treasures tucked safely away and new things coming out.

All proceeds from the Bazaar, as well as vendor booth proceeds, will go to support the small admission charge, go to the mission work of the church. The Church is located at 1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane in Rockwall. For information (including size), please call Valerie Sandman at 972-771-7711. There will only be about fifty booths in the space available. The space is going fast! For general information, call Kathy Lane at 972-771-7711.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Stephen Robert Warren



Services for Stephen Robert Warren, 41, of Poetry were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Saturday, Sept. 6, following a two-month battle with cancer chronicled at <http://steverwarren.blogspot.com>.

Born in Mesquite in March 1967 to Donald R. Warren and June M. Warren, he married his soul mate, Sheri, in 2000. Along with their children, Charlie and Andy, they were actively involved in missions and ministries at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall for several years, leading teams on evangelical mission trips to several international locations in Asia, Egypt and Mexico. He enjoyed the outdoors and participating in adventurous activities such as bungee jumping and skydiving.

In addition to his family, survivors include his brother, Brian Warren of Mesquite and Michael Diller of Salisbury, Md.; his grandfather, Bob Warrner of Frisco; his grandmother, Bonnie Givens of Mesquite; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jeffrey Lynn Warren, in 1969 his grandfather, Earl Givens; his grandmother, Ann Bolin Warren; and an aunt, Janis Lee Givens Reese.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested donations be made to the Steven Warren Memorial Mission Fund, Lake Pointe Church, 701 E. I-39 Rockwall, TX 75087.

Elizabeth "Elsie" Varner



Elizabeth "Elsie" Crosbie (Moore) Varner, age 88 of Rockwall, TX, passed away September 9, 2008. She was born January 29, 1920, in Crumlin, Northern Ireland, to William & Mary Jane (Christie) Moore. Mrs. Varner was formerly a secretary in the insurance industry, and a member of First United Methodist Church where she was in the Friendship Class. She participated in "Yarn & Darn" at The Center in Rockwall.

Mrs. Varner is survived by her daughters: Patricia Short & husband Patrick of Rockwall, TX, and Marjorie Serrano & husband Al of Austin, TX; sister: Mavis Richardson of England; and grandchildren: Ryan, Rachel, Elizabeth, Bonnie and Erin. She was preceded in death by her husband Morris Varner in 2000; sisters: Kathleen and Marjorie; and brothers: Arthur, Thomas and Norman.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, September 11, 2008, at First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellowjacket Ln, Rockwall, TX with Dr. Bruce Hargrave officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, North Texas Chapter, 2105 Luna Rd, #390, Carrollton, TX 75006.

Ann Miller

Ann Miller, 80, of Roysse City were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Roysse Memorial Park.

She was born in Rockwall, Texas, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

She is survived by her son, Chris Miller and his wife, Cathy, and Rodney Miller, all of Roysse City; her grandchildren, Teresa, of Roysse City, Carmen Dorsey and Stephanie Brown and her husband, Chris, of Roysse City, and Kayla at-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 62 years, Robert Miller; and her daughter, Dianna Williams; five brothers; and one sister.

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Mark 11:24

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Rockwall County Entertainment



The Pirates of the Caribbean sailed into the Williams Middle School Theater last Saturday, dancing and swashbuckling to raise money for the Rockwall HS cheerleaders. Proceeds help the cheerleaders pay for their trip to the national cheerleading finals in Dallas on Dec. 27-28. Pirates and their victims are (left to right) Jenny Cullins and Josh Stewart, Nicci Flores and Landon Cain, Amanda Shambeck and Josh Barlow, Haley Loftis and Simms Hazel, and Kaitlyn Ackard and Nick Stoddard. Staff Photo by Kathy Williams



The Royse City High School Choir, under the direction of Lee Hervey, sings the school alma mater at the dedication of the school's new auditorium on Saturday, Sept. 6. The Royse City Mighty Bulldog band, directed by Dean Bouras, accompanied the choir. The 750-seat auditorium is just one feature of the auditorium, which will be used by the school's choir, band, theater class, art students, and other fine arts programs. Congressman Ralph Hall presented the school with a flag that was flown over the U.S. capital for the occasion. The band ended the dedication with a mini-concert and a rousing rendition of John Philip Sousa's Washington Post March. Staff Photo by Kathy Williams

RHS cheerleaders competition funds annual Cabaret

The Rockwall High School cheerleaders hope to win their way to another national title when they participate in cheerleading championships on Dec. 27 & 28. But it's not just the trophies and fancy throws to get there. They must pay for travel fees and expenses to make the trip.

On Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7, the cheerleaders participated in the 21st Annual Cabaret fundraiser at Williams Middle School. The theme for this year was "The World Is Our Stage." The cheerleaders performed over the weekend, including a dinner show on Saturday night. Many people came out to show their support.

Joined by the junior varsity and freshman cheerleaders, the Stingerettes drill team, and members of the Jacket Guard, the cheerleaders presented dances from around the world. The show was on a musical trip that spanned the globe, from London and Ancient Egypt, to Germany and across to London through Tokyo, Spain, and Paris, and a 'Stomp' in the rain.

And what world tour would be complete without a visit to Texas and a boot-scootin' visit to the Old West. The Caribbean sailed in for a swashbuckling dance, and the very special dance with their fathers.

Head Cheerleader Shelby Kennard said the girls have been performing Cabaret since summer. She said they began planning for the show in August. The dancers practiced for the show, in addition to the time spent preparing for the upcoming sports season.

Senior cheerleader Haley Loftis said, although she was not in most of the show, the cheerleaders themselves were the stars of the dances. She said the senior girls choreographed the dances.

Masters of Ceremony for the evening were Greg Childers. The Williams Middle School cheerleaders hosted the concession stands.

Stingerettes earn awards

The Rockwall High School Stingerettes earned a Sweepstakes Award last month at Starmakers Camp. The team participated in the camp Aug. 15-18 as part of the current school year.

The Stingerettes were awarded the Sweepstakes Award for top rating for showmanship, teambuilding, precision, and creativity. Additionally, team captain Holly Gibson was a finalist, while Bethany Lang, senior lieutenant, was the winner.

Director for the group is Jessica Jackson. Assistant Director is Spivey.

Entertainment

Brown Bag Lecture Series

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation is sponsoring its Brown Bag Lecture Series of the fall season. The first lecture, "Living and Learning," today (Sept. 12). The program namesakes and their continued contributions to the county. Meetings are conducted in the Courthouse, noon, are free and open to the public. Attendees are invited to bring a lunch.

Ping pong tournaments scheduled

The first of upcoming monthly ping-pong tournaments for ages 50 and older is set for today (Sept. 12) beginning at 7 p.m. at the Center. Upcoming events are set for Oct. 15, Nov. 15, and Dec. 15. Drinks and snacks will be provided for players.

Planet Kidz offered on Saturdays

From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. each Saturday night, through 8 can be dropped off at the Cain Middle School for an evening of professionally supervised activities, including inflatable rides and contests. Cost is \$9 each week. For more information call 972-772-6000 or visit planet.kidz.org.

Line dancing class offered for adults

Line-dancing classes for adults will be offered on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays from Sept. 13 to Oct. 25 and Dec. 13. Participants will learn the basic dance steps available to individuals ages 12 and older. Fee is \$10. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Western Dancing classes scheduled

Individuals ages 18 and older can participate in line dancing classes at The Center. Classes will run from noon to 1 p.m. on Oct. 25 and Nov. 1-Dec. 13. Cost is \$72. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Rockin' on the Docks set Sept. 20

The Rockin' on the Docks concert event will take place at 11 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Amphitheatre at the Harbor. The event is scheduled to perform include Emerald City, Sleepers, River Ordinance, as well as many others. For more information visit the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce at 972-943-4624.

State Fair visit slated

Individuals ages 50 and older are eligible to participate in the State Fair of Texas from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 2-11. The event will be held at the fair free of charge.

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Rockin' on the Docks Sept. 20

Ticket sales for the Sept. 20 Rockin' on the Docks event at The Harbor on Lake Ray Hubbard are ongoing at all Metroplex Kroger stores.

Tickets to the event, presented by Rockwall Hyndai, cost \$10 apiece. The event will begin at noon on Sept. 20 and run until 11 p.m. Food and drink vendors will fill the fenced-off area, and four bands new to Rockwall will provide a live musical backdrop during the day. During the evening hours, the fifth band, Emerald City, will take the stage.

Mistral will perform at 12:15 p.m., demonstrating a wide range of musical styles and featuring veteran Dallas musicians singing and playing behind the vocals of newcomer Lauren Woods.

The Keith Davis Band of Austin will take the stage at 2 p.m. Davis has served as a sideman for many well-known Texas artists, including Kevin Fowler, Django Walker, Larry Joe Taylor, Brandon Rhyder and many others.

At 4 p.m., Fort Worth's Green River Ordinance, a rock band that recently signed with Capital/Virgin Records, will perform.

Warning the crowd up for Emerald City will be the sleeper star, a Dallas band whose first CD "To Love, To Listen," was co-produced by Ron Aniello of Los Angeles and Peer Astrom of Stockholm, Sweden. The group has performed in the House of Blues in Dallas to sold-out audiences during the past year.

Emerald City, a well-known group from the Dallas area, will peddle their brand of music from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. In addition to the food and the music, hourly cruises on The Seawolf, a 40-foot, 49-passenger catamaran sailboat, also will be offered. For more details about the event, visit www.rockwallchamber.org or call the event hotline at 972-943-4624.

Participants with a Rockin' on the Docks wristband can cruise for \$10.

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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ACROSS

- continent where TX mohair is exported
- Linden is the seat of this county
- TX Pecos Bill
- TXism: "___ could strut sitting down" (big ego)
- quilling or spelling
- across the border from El Paso
- done after drinking Dr. Pepper too fast?
- Jacksonville's Tomato Fest stages the "Battle of ___"
- this "Tex" created Pecos Bill in 1923
- has supper
- UT's Ricky Williams '98 award
- Tex Ritter sang "High ___" theme
- TX Larry Hagman sitcom: "___ of Jeannie"
- Fort Worth has world's oldest ___ rodeo
- TXism: "___ slate clean"
- TXism: "___ long" (good-bye)
- ex-QB Meredith (nickname)
- "Enchanted Rock" sound
- TXism: "mad as a wet ___"
- most favorable
- 'room
- TXism: "ugly as homemade ___"
- De Carlo of TX-based "Calamity Jane & Sam Bass"

DOWN

- C&W music org. (abbr.)
- TXism: "got more on his plate than he can ___ grace over"
- Reba's "___ Life Out There?"
- TXism: "___ clothes" (fake)
- TXism: "___ some boot leather" (run)
- TX buxom actress
- TX George Strait tune: "___ wound"
- TXism: "spread like gossip ___ a church meeting"
- TXism: "___ creator Gene"
- big dog in Iran
- western writer Grey
- TXism: "fat as a ___ house cat"
- TXism: "happy as a pig in ___"
- puzzling problems
- this Marie is "a little bit country"
- cut of beef
- short salutation
- Ranger's play-by-play Eric (init.)
- TX Meatloaf's "___ Anything for Love"
- daytime dramas
- operator of historic TX JA Ranch: M.H.W. "___" Ritchie
- TXism: "___ as finding a horse thief in heaven"
- TX minerals
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Rockwall County Business Review

ing construction creates havoc businesses on Fannin Street

ed Tapestry Gifts in July 2006, she had no clue verely impeded by road construction just three ors. Two years ago this October, she had just er outdoor decorations when two days later, a in front of her display.

she said, "I was assured that the street work months. This is now September 2008. After dates that have come and gone, the latest is ? Probably not. Due to the construction, I have been closed, there is jackhammering and I have f the walls and breaking."

a gift op, my clientele is mostly women and I depend tom line is that I have lost customers. I've lost ause of low sales and it is taking all of my re- s open. Bankruptcy is looming and I don't see ; I see dirt, disruption and construction work-

roximately a one-mile stretch of Fannin Street, sou f Washington. Tapestry is located at 203 S. other sinesses are close by, Fannin Place Salon and ing el.

Fannin Place Salon, said that the construction busi. "I lost a couple of stylists, but women are got- but ally just let it slide," she said.

ayed d facets of road construction and reconstruc- en it es down to recreating a certain style used in

ic. is the general contractor on this project. "It o hav job open," said Jay Louy, president of NTC. proble with franchise utilities, requested days with er and sign issues to contend with." When asked for he say they were working hard and would be finished

engne, offered this: "The franchise utilities are your one l's. Those get moved first and are totally separ- on track. Moving those can be problematic, which ere n't enough manpower early on and that slowed

edding hapel and the landlord of Tapestry Gifts, Iris

Smith, explained that she had lost a couple of weddings. "I lost one good size wedding specifically because of the street being torn up," she said. "I've had people ask if it would be cleared up in time for their wedding, but other than that, I haven't had any problems."

"As a matter of fact, there was a big piece of equipment left in the front about 30 minutes before a wedding, and the workers were getting ready to leave for the day. It was moved in time. I know it is an inconvenience now, but they are going to work on Goliad next and all that traffic will be redirected through here, so the benefit is going to be the greater of the two," she added.

Todd said, "The type of construction is more difficult because of the steps taken to restore it (the road) to the Old Town style. There is a full crew working on this and the city has done some redesigning to help see this to completion."

The City Council has heard the complaints both in private meetings and in public hearings, and fines have been set in place to help ensure the contractor meets the completion date. The bottom line is, "There is no excuse for this," said Cliff Sevier, Rockwall Mayor Pro Tem. "Everybody needs to do their job and let's meet the October 6 completion date."

"If there is anything to be learned here, I think it is the importance of supporting businesses, especially small business, in the stages of upgrading an area," said Mallou. "Small business is the landscape of charming and quaint downtown areas of smaller cities. I think I can safely say that all three of us look forward to meeting new neighbors."

Crafters wanted for RHS fundraising fair

If you are handy with a glue gun, the Rockwall High School PTA is looking for you. Booth applications are now being taken for its annual holiday arts and crafts fair in November.

The fair will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 8 in the Rockwall High School gymnasium. Proceeds from the show are given to the school to help where financial assistance is needed. In the past, the fundraiser has provided prom tickets for students who could not afford to attend, helped the school's robotics club attend a national competition in Georgia, and purchased special academic supplies and equipment.

To receive more information about the event and booth rentals, contact Liz Tarter at 972-772-8662 or at liztarter@nsth.net.

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Keith along with his wife Krissy and their three sons, resides in Seagoville and is an active member of Calvary Hill Baptist Church in Mesquite where Keith teaches Sunday School. Jim and Kelley Matthews, owners of Choice Heating and Air Inc. would like to publicly express our appreciation to Keith for his hard work, dependability, and devotion to his work for these past 10 years.

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Minter Mortgage Matters

Secrets of Credit Scoring Revealed

Nothing has had a more dramatic affect on mortgage lending in the last 20 years than the use of credit scoring in determining a borrower's ability to qualify for a mortgage. For better or for worse, the score is considered a reliable indicator of a credit risk. That being understood, wouldn't it be nice to know how credit scores are calculated and how they can be improved?

Daniel J. Poulos - President Elite Lending

I thought that Fair Isaac, the inventor of a prevalent credit-scoring model, might be a good place to start to get some reliable and useful information. Wrong.

Here are some non-answers to questions taken directly from a FAIR ISAAC publication:

... QUESTION: If derogatory information is removed, how much will the score increase?
ANSWER: "... it is not possible to estimate how much the score will change ..."

... QUESTION: What would happen to the score if an applicant were to payoff his or her balances and/or close some accounts?
ANSWER: "It is not possible to ensure that credit scores would increase in this case."

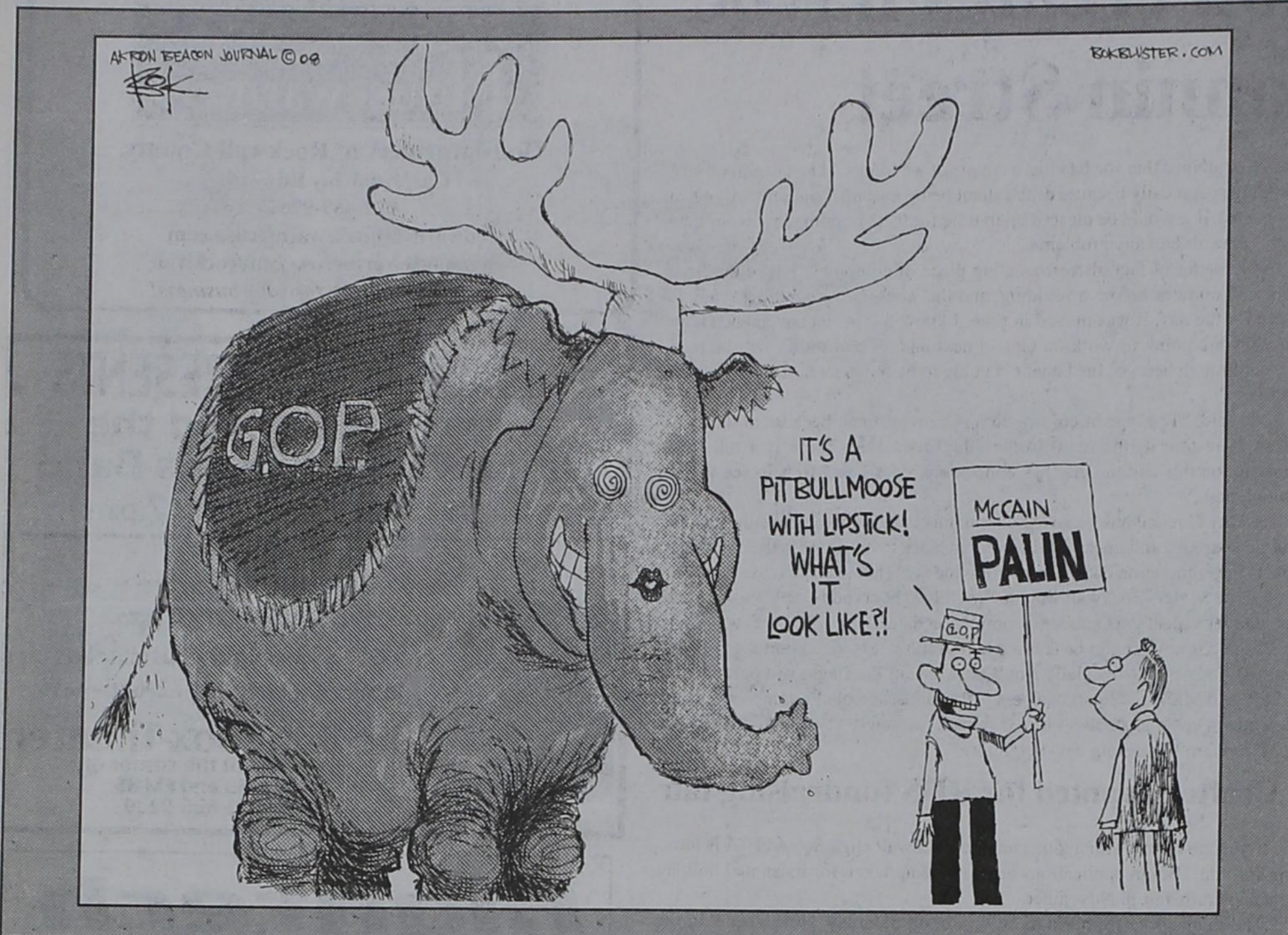
... QUESTION: Do inquiries affect the credit bureau score?
ANSWER: "... inquiries may or may not be a factor in the score ..."

Get the picture? Oddly enough, these answers are not really evasive. The truth is, there are 60 different factors that are used in determining credit score. The mathematical formula utilized is very complex, so it's extremely difficult to predict how isolated factors will affect a particular score. Generally, the borrowers with the highest credit scores probably hold these things in common:

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In Government We Trust? Part 1

by Congressman Ron Paul

Many who agree with me on a lot of other issues are enthusiastic for gold and sound money or why I speak and talk about monetary policy. It's true that I talk about that most, but the fact is sound money offers many benefits.

Can sound money really bring about peace? Actually peaceful international relationships. Money based on gold and silver, is not subject to government manipulation, and is free and honest trade.

History shows that if countries engage in trade with governments tend to find ways to get along for the sake of your customers at your place of business, even if they are not.

If someone outright cheats you, however, you may engage them to court, for example, and the relationship will be able to cheat their creditors.

One way they do this is to simply create enough currency. This devalues the currency and "cheats" the recipient. It would not be fair if you watered down your product to water down its currency, so it is not hard to understand, in terms, why loose monetary policy contributes so much to the world.

Sound money, on the other hand, simply is what it is. It has power to manipulate money, removes the temptation for print and cheat. Sound money ensures that our priorities would be brought into sharp focus and reduced to afford.

Sound money also limits the ability to wage wars of aggression. Much more careful Washington would have to be about did not have this financial sleight of hand at their disposal. Sound money do expensive things they should not be doing with cheap money.

The Federal Reserve has lately been auctioning off Treasury bills as a way to finance the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is an entitlement burden. The resulting devaluation of the dollar our image as a good trading partner in the world. As a result, therefore more talk of economic isolation and war.

This vicious cycle of spending, fighting and inflating is what we want. It is what the government wants, and it has had to allow and supporting it.

Sound money curbs the government's ability to engage in wars and reduces the wars we fight to only truly defensive ones. We are more than willing to stand and fight.

So in these ways, sound money is very conducive to peace.

Academic mismatch I

by Walter E. Williams

Which serves the interests of the black community better: a black student admitted to a top-tier law school, such as Harvard, Stanford or Yale, and winds up in the bottom 10 percent of his class, flunks out, or cannot pass the bar examination, or a black student admitted to a far less prestigious law school, performs just as well as his white peers, graduates and passes the bar? I, and hopefully any other American, would say that doing well and graduating from a less prestigious law school is preferable to doing poorly and flunking out of a prestigious one.

Professor Gail Heriot, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights commissioner and member of the University of San Diego law faculty, addresses academic mismatch in her article "Affirmative Action in American Law Schools," in *The Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues* (2008). Citing UCLA law professor Richard Sander's research, Professor Heriot says that at elite law schools 52 percent of black students had first-year grades that put them in the bottom 10 percent of their class as opposed to 7 percent white students. Black students had a higher failing and dropout rate, 19 percent compared to 8 percent for white students. Only 45 percent of blacks passed the bar exam on their first try compared with 78 percent of whites. Even after multiple attempts, only 57

percent of blacks succeeded in passing the bar.

Professor Heriot points out that this tragedy is reversed when black and white law students with similar academic credentials compete against each other at the same school. They earn about the same grades. When these students with the same grades from the same-tier school took the bar examination, they passed at the same rate.

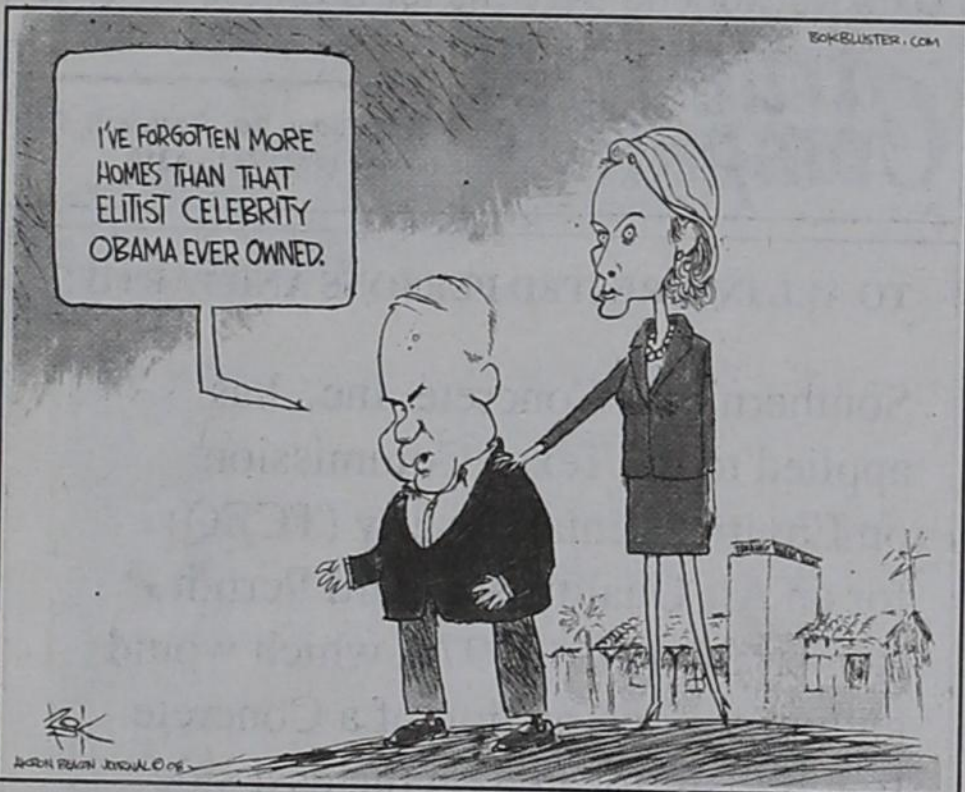
In the name of affirmative action, diversity and multiculturalism, black students are being admitted to law schools where their academic credentials are far lower than whites. The LSAT, which ranges from 120 to 180, is an admissions test for most law schools. According to the *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, the mean LSAT score at Harvard, Stanford and Yale law schools was 170. In 2004, nationally only .03 percent of blacks scored that high compared to 3.1 percent of whites. Overall the mean LSAT score for blacks is 142; for whites it's 152. Many blacks admitted to top-tier law schools are brought into a highly competitive environment where the chances for success are quite remote. In order for second- and third-tier law schools to have what they see as their quota of black students, they must in turn lower their admission standards. As a result, those black students wind up in the bottom of their class. It is truly a vicious, mean agenda, where black students, who would be successes at a second- or third-tier law school, have been recruited and admitted to the highly competitive environment of first-tier schools in the name of diversity and turned into failures.

Think of it this way. Suppose you asked, "Williams, would you teach me how to box?" I say yes and the first matchup I arrange for you is against Lennox Lewis. You might have the potential to ultimately be an excellent boxer, but you're going to get your brains beaten out before you learn how to bob and weave. It's the same with any student — black or white. He is less likely to succeed if he is placed in an academic environment where his credentials don't begin to match those of his peers. He is likely to do much better in a slower paced, less competitive environment where he might receive more personal help.

I have frequently made this argument only to be asked: If top-tier colleges don't have racially different admissions policies, how are they going to have enough black students? My response is that's their problem. Black people can't afford to have our youngsters turned into failures so that in the name of diversity race hustlers and white liberals can feel better.

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Chatting with O'Reilly

by Bill O'Reilly

Like him or not, you have to give Barack Obama credit for a focused campaign. Destroying the Clinton machine was and so was putting together a successful convention in a firmly part of U.S. history no matter what happens in the future.

The problem some Americans continue to have with Obama is long on charisma, but short on detail. This frightened heck is this guy, anyway? So, when Obama finally agreed to specifics were on my mind.

First, the man. The Barack Obama I witnessed is self-aware and driven. He was acutely aware of his surroundings when he entered the room. He looks you in the eye and touches you. He understands how to connect one on one.

As far as philosophy goes, Obama is convinced that the government should be in control of income distribution and, to some extent, the free marketplace. That is a classic liberal position.

The senator also believes that poor Americans have a right to care and monetary supplements from the government. He is not The American substance abuser, for example, would be as well as a hard-working, laid-off worker. Again, classic liberal made regarding entitlements.

So, if Obama does become president, there will definitely be a wing base will demand it, and he will come through. You can't change that change we should believe in, but keep in mind the consequences of government interference in the marketplace. Free markets have a way of chafing under government.

On the foreign policy front, Obama has convinced me to be cautious. He rose quickly because he vehemently opposed the war now, I see a man who understands the victory that has taken place, but believe he wants to screw that up. I could be wrong.

After going mano a mano with Obama on television, I can tell he is a sincere guy, that he wants the best for all Americans, but not a blind one. He understands that his story is incredible to believe he is grateful to the American system for allowing him to be there.

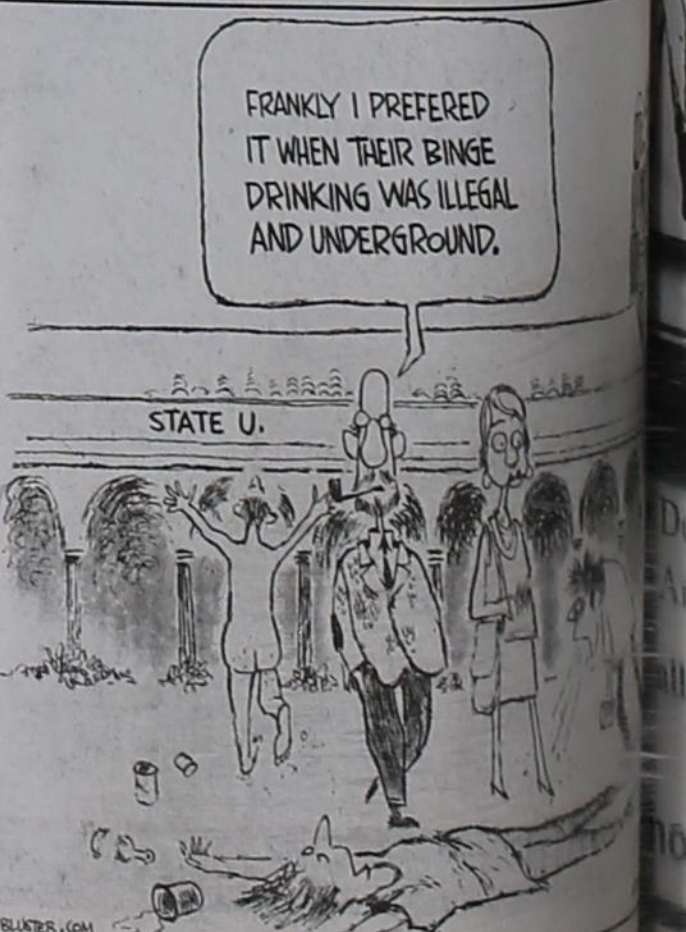
It is true that we don't know whether Obama has the ability to solve the problems, but you can say that about all presidential candidates.

Like most politicians, Obama has used guile and good looks to gain power. He can be ruthless, kind, unfair and generous. In his quest to achieve an unreal position, that of the most powerful man in the world.

God help him.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the "Bill O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out for Me?" Find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web page at www.creators.com.

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Lakeland Academy Montessori launches program for autistic children

Lakeland Academy Montessori School in Union Valley has a new program for autistic children diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. The program teaches all children, including the gifted, and is being developed as a model school. It is based on the Montessori method and what is known as the autistic spectrum. "Autism is a developmental play system," said Morris.

"Our job as educators is to remove the barriers that prevent those in the autistic spectrum from learning and growing to their full potential. The program includes those in the autistic spectrum and includes those in the gifted spectrum."

Dr. Lane, who is the founder of "Montessori and Behavior Analysis). The workshop, "Autism: A New Paradigm" will focus on bringing brain-based learning to the autistic spectrum. "Autism is a developmental play system," said Dr. Lane in the workshop.

but when asked why Autistic Spectrum Disorder is a developmental play system, she said, "In my 30 years as an educator, I have seen an increase in the number of children being diagnosed with Autism. We were just discovering and diagnosing those in the autistic spectrum, and now we are seeing those in the autistic spectrum who are being included in that spectrum, and now we are seeing those in the autistic spectrum who are being included in that spectrum."

Dr. Lane said that basic brain-based learning is damaged in some way, it causes these children to have a different way of thinking. Possible allergies to various foods, such as gluten and dairy, can lead to the onset of Autism, particularly in children who are genetically predisposed to it. What is known is that the brain-based learning system is being compromised. What is known is that the brain-based learning system is being compromised.

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integrates visual, audio, and tactile learning. "From ages 3 to 6, a child's brain is like a sponge, where learning occurs with no effort. It's what we call 'spontaneous learning' and allows the brain to grow naturally," stated Morris.

The third component is called IB or "International Baccalaureate" for the 12-18 year olds. This program has its origins in the 1960s, when it was developed for children of diplomats so they could have a way to learn while they traveled. It is an individualized, self-directed learning program where the child manages his or her own growth. It can be very rigorous, but has also become very popular. In 2006, Texas passed legislation that those who graduate in an IB program can automatically get 24-30 hours of college credits, based on the point system the school uses.

Morris hopes that someday all schools will use brain-based or Montessori methods in their teaching. "I don't know if I'll ever see it in my lifetime, but I can do what I can do right now." With Lakeland Academy as a prototype 'brain-based and Montessori' school right here in our own community, Norma Morris is doing what she can do.

Not only is this style of learning beneficial to a student's ability to become self-motivated and independent, but it is now being researched to include children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, who can greatly benefit from this style of learning. For more information about Lakeland Academy Montessori School and their new program for Autistic Spectrum Disorder, contact their Head of School, Norma Morris at 972-636-3777.

Rockwall County Law, Fire Reports

Rockwall County Sheriff
Week ending Sept. 4
 Service Calls 234
 Average Jail Population 169
 Heath Police Department Blotter
 27 - Burg/Panic Alarm
 1 - Burglary
 1 - Civil Matter
 1 - Criminal Mischief
 3 - Injured/Sick Person
 6 - Assist Motorist/Citizen
 9 - Suspicious Person
 9 - Theft
 1 - Welfare Concern

Rockwall Fire Department
 2 - Car Fire
 1 - House Fire
 1 - Fire Alarm
 2 - Grass Fire
 1 - Auto/Acc/Rescue
 1 - Natural Gas Leak
 1 - Smell Smoke Odor

Rockwall Police Department
Week of Aug. 30-Sept. 7, 2008
 7 - Abandoned Property
 73 - Burg/Panic Alarm
 17 - Burglary
 2 - Care Fire
 6 - Criminal Asslt/Rape

6 - Criminal Mischief
 6 - Drunk (PI,DWI,DUI)
 17 - Follow Up Inv.
 5 - Forgery
 28 - Injured/Sick Person
 24 - Investigations
 1 - Major Disturbance
 3 - Major Traffic Accident
 20 - Meet Complainant
 24 - Minor Disturbance
 34 - Minor Traffic Accident
 8 - Missing Person
 37 - Assist/Motorist/Citizen
 2 - Narcotics
 5 - Open Building
 26 - Ordinance/Parking Violation
 24 - Reckless Driver/Poss. DWI
 10 - Street Blockage
 60 - Suspicious Person
 3 - Telephone Harassment
 24 - Theft
 17 - Welfare Concern

Royse City Police Blotter
August 29 - September 4, 2008
 Friday, 29 August
 Suspicious activity, 100 block Singleton Drive; Noise disturbance, 600 block Tripp Trail; Domestic disturbance, 300 block Briaroaks

Drive; Alarm, 1500 block I-30; Suspicious person, 3400 block FM 548; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Houston

Saturday, 30 August
 Suspicious activity, 1100 block Live Oak Street; Noise disturbance, 200 block Mexia Court; Domestic disturbance, 500 block Welch Road; Suspicious activity, 700 block Loganwood Drive; Theft, 100 block I-30; Driving while license invalid/Warrant arrest; I-30 at the 79 mile marker

Sunday, 31 August
 Suspicious activity, 600 block Center Street; Suspicious activity, 800 block FM 548; Suspicious person, 100 block I-30; Alarm, 300 block I-30

Monday, 1 September
 Theft, 400 block FM 2642; Domestic disturbance, 500 block Timberhaven Trail; Disorderly conduct, 300 block N. Hickory Hill Road; ; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Suspicious person, 7200 block FM 35; Criminal mischief, 200 block I-30

Tuesday, 2 September
 Verbal disturbance, 100 block I-30; Burglary, 800 block I-30;

Criminal mischief, 600 block Rosemary Drive; Verbal disturbance, 400 block Rustic Meadow Drive; Medical assistance, 5400 block CR 2526; Burglary, 800 block I-30; Criminal mischief, 1000 block Oak Grove Lane

Wednesday, 3 September
 Alarm, 1500 block I-30; Accident, I-30 at the 79 mile marker; Unauthorized use of vehicle/Theft, 700 block Kim Lane; Three burglaries of motor vehicles, 1500 block Hardy Drive; Burglary of motor vehicle, 300 block Medina Court; Burglary of motor vehicle, 1600 block Marti Drive; Burglary of motor vehicle, 300 block of Panola Court; Burglary of motor vehicle, 1500 block Redman Drive; Accident, 2600 block I-30; Burglary of motor vehicle; 700 block Rowdy Drive; Burglary of motor vehicle, 800 block Kim Lane; Burglary of motor vehicle; 1500 block Audrey Drive

Thursday, 4 September
 Criminal mischief, 300 block Rustic Meadow Drive; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Hickory Hill Road; Alarm, 300 block Regal Court; Accident, 2800 block I-30

Hawk Huddle plans pre-game tailgate

The Hawk Huddle will host a tailgate party from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Sept. 19 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium prior to the Rockwall-Heath High School vs. Hillcrest football game.

The tailgate event will take place in the parking lot outside of the stadium. Buffalo Wild Wings will provide the food, with D.J. Greg Larosa providing the music.

Everyone is invited to attend.

School plans library dedication today

The Dallas Christian School will observe dedication ceremonies today for the Elizabeth B. Whiddon Memorial Library.

The event, hosted by Dallas Christian and The Legacy of Faith Campaign, will run from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dallas Christian Middle School Library, 1515 Republic Parkway, in Mesquite. Guests are asked to check in with security at the main gate on Republic Parkway.

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Rockwall crushes Heritage Christian 69-21

Rockwall public and private high school six-man football team defeated Heritage Christian Academy 69-21 in the third quarter because of the 45-point mercy rule. Rockwall led 35-0 at halftime, but Calvert quickly rebounded with three touchdowns. A total of seven first-half touchdowns led to the 45-point rule. Rockwall's lead was extended by turning the ball over six times, losing possession. Calvert rushed for 114 yards. His 34-yard touchdown pass to Zach Read, the Rockwall team's other TD came from Noah Ward in the second quarter. Calvert completed 14 of 27 passes and two touchdowns, completing 14 of 27 passes.

Calvert - T. Walker 4 run (J. Williams kick)
 Calvert - Ross 8 pass from Ashby (J. Williams kick)
 Calvert - W. Green 2 run (kick failed)
 Calvert - T. Walker 1 run (J. Williams kick)
 Calvert - J. Williams 15 run (pass)
 HCA - Points 8 pass from Read (Aaron Mateer kick)
 Calvert - T. Walker 38 run (kick blocked)
 Calvert - T. Walker 40 punt return

HCA	Calvert
First downs	9 13
Rushing yards	135 378
Passing yards	169 78
Passing	14-28-3 5-8-0
Punts-avg.	1-37.0 0
Penalties	7-65 11-117
Fumbles-lost	3-3 2-1

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
 Rushing - HCA: Josh Points 14-114, Zach Read 3-18, Kevin Prater 4-2, Travis Arterburn 1-1; Calvert: W. Green 12-205, T. Walker 10-147, J. Williams 3-26.
 Passing - HCA: Zach Read 14-27-3-169, Josh Points 0-1-0-0; Calvert: J. Ashby 5-8-0-78.
 Receiving - HCA: Josh Peschell 5-18, Kevin Prater 4-58, Noah Ward 3-71, Josh Points 2-22; Calvert: A. Ross 2-58, T. Walker 2-16, W. Green 1-4.



Rockwall biker Jason Ross with former U.S. cycling gold medalist Tyler Hamilton. Photo courtesy of Jason Ross.

Area bike riders pedaling in TX Tough Grand Prix this weekend

Local bike riders will take part in two races in the TX Tough Grand Prix this weekend, which will benefit Children's Medical Center in Dallas. The riders make up Team Rockwall Cycling, based out of the recently opened Rockwall Cycling shop.

Joey Spragins, a former pro racer who is the head mechanic at Rockwall Cycling, will participate in the TX Tough Crit Race on Thursday, Sept. 11. The crit race, short for criterium race, is a high-speed, circuit style race that will make a 1,500-meter loop around Victory Park and the American Airlines Center in Dallas. Bikers will reach speeds in excess of 40 mph, according to Jason Ross of Rockwall Cycling. He said this is a good race for fans to watch because the riders pass by over and over again as they come around the loop.

The criterium race is the kick-off event for the upcoming TX Tough Tour. The tour begins on Sept. 14 at the American Airlines Center with another bike race. Bikers have the option of racing 10 kilometers, 40 kilometers, 56 miles, or 112 miles. After this race, the tour will continue in March 2009 with a run race, then pick up again in June with a swim event.

Team Rockwall consists of local riders Jason Ross, Mike Ross, John Currier, Kathy Weldon, and Jeff Napier. The team has set a fundraising goal of \$5,000 and is currently about halfway there. To learn more about the team or make a pledge, visit www.active.com/donate/txtoughtour08/TeamRockwall.

Jason participated in a cancer research benefit ride in Greenville, S.C. on Aug. 31. That event, which was held in conjunction with the U.S. National Road Race Championships held that same day, raised more than \$110,000.

Rockwall leads Lady Jackets to third place

Rockwall led with three teams finishing right behind her, six in the first seven individuals and seven among the top nine. Leading Rockwall was Aly Heuer, 14th in 14:11. RHS' varsity boys placed fifth among 14 teams in the 4A and under race. Jacob Phillips finished 10th in 17:52, with Lovejoy's Jace Hardy winning the race in 16:31. Hardy's team was second with 76 points, barely behind Frisco Liberty at 73. In the boys' JV race, Rockwall was 13th among 19 teams at 431. Again, Plano West dominated. The Wolves' 19 points included Kevin Clapp's first-place finish in 17:17. Two Yellowjackets finished almost together: Thorne Pettigrew 31st in 19:21 and Nick Pokorney 32nd in 19:22.

Also scoring for the RHS boys were Antonio Harvey, 116th in 21:29; Michael O'Boyle, 122nd in 21:34; and Andrew Brown, 136th in 21:46. The Jackets' other finishers were Taylor Heim, 184th in 22:10; Jian Auna, 190th in 22:49; and Bennett Farley, 232nd in 24:10. For the varsity boys, Corey Miller was 20th in 18:11, Joel Gibbs 22nd in 18:24, Jack Hammond 25th in 18:39 and Derrick Upson 55th in 19:58. Also finishing for the Jackets was Josh Smith, 61st in 20:49. R.J. Pettigrew did not finish the race because he had difficulty with the heat that exceeded 80 degrees by the time the 4A and under varsity race began at 10:30 a.m. Following Hardenbrook and Elledge in the varsity girls' race were

freshman Marissa Valenzuela, 16th in 13:41; Michelle Dose, 23rd in 13:53; and Randi Soldat, 35th in 14:19. Also running for the Lady Jackets were Nicole Salom, 42nd in 14:32 and Heather Rowe, 57th in 15:18. The JV girls' other scorers were Hannah Krueen, 26th in 14:35; Ellen Stein, 30th in 14:44; Alexis Robles, 33rd in 14:50; and Nicole Brown, 37th in 14:54. The other finishers were Shelbi Soldat, 50th in 15:00; Hannah Valenzuela, 61st in 15:16; her sister Kalea Valenzuela, 62nd in 15:17; Shannon Keikonen, 72nd in 15:23; Killeodora Brahimaj, 93rd in 15:36; Amber Blackwell, 117th in 16:00; Whitney Jenkins, 118th in 16:00; Heather Dawe, 134th in 16:12; and Bailey Walker, 178th in 17:13.

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Rowlett's Imade goes long in 24-16 win over Rock

by Lary Bump

Big plays again put Rockwall behind, but the Yellowjackets' rally wasn't enough Thursday night in a 24-16 non-district loss to Rowlett.

The Jackets trailed throughout the game at Homer B. Johnson Stadium, but seemed to regain control by halftime. Josh Broach's six-

yard run for his first of two touchdowns had pulled them within 10-8 with 2 minutes, 44 seconds to play in the second quarter. Rockwall's defense then harassed Eagles quarterback Scott West into two incomplete passes and a sack.

On Rowlett's first possession in

the second half, RHS seemed to be in a good position. The Eagles had third and 15 at their 33 yard line, but Dexter Imade broke through the line and outran the Jackets to the end zone for a 67-yard touchdown.

In the last minute of the third quarter, Rowlett had another third

down at its 41. Again the ball went to Imade, who ran 59 yards for another score. He gained 179 of his game-high 220 yards during the third quarter.

Third downs were a problem for the Jackets. Not only did Rowlett score two touchdowns on third downs, but also Rockwall was just 4-for-16 converting third downs into first downs.

RHS head coach Scott Smith said, "You've got to convert those. I go back to our first downs, which weren't productive enough. We had too many third and longs."

The Jackets converted two of three third downs during the drive to their final touchdown, but scored on fourth down after their only unsuccessful attempt.

The biggest play was a deep pass from Adam Dingwell to Luke Wardell, who took the ball 49 yards to the Eagles' six yard line.

From there, Anthony Strange ran two yards, Dingwell threw an incomplete pass and Broach ran two yards to the two. On fourth down, Dingwell faked a handoff and threw into the end zone for a two-yard touchdown pass to Broach. Dingwell's run gave Rockwall an eight-point deficit that could have been erased on one possession.

At that point, Rockwall seemed likely to repeat the comeback from an 11-point deficit that resulted in a 15-14 victory in its opening game at

Midland Lee.

Rockwall's defense then stopped the Eagles at midfield. After a punt, the Jackets worked their way back to midfield, but on fourth and six, Dingwell's long pass sailed just beyond Jarron White's reach.

That was one of several plays on which a receiver was open deep, but wasn't able to catch a pass.

Smith said, "We had a lot of opportunities. We still made some mistakes, like penalties and stopping ourselves."

All five touchdowns scored against the Jackets this season have come from the other side of midfield.

"Our defense played well, but we gave up those two big runs. That was against a very good football team."

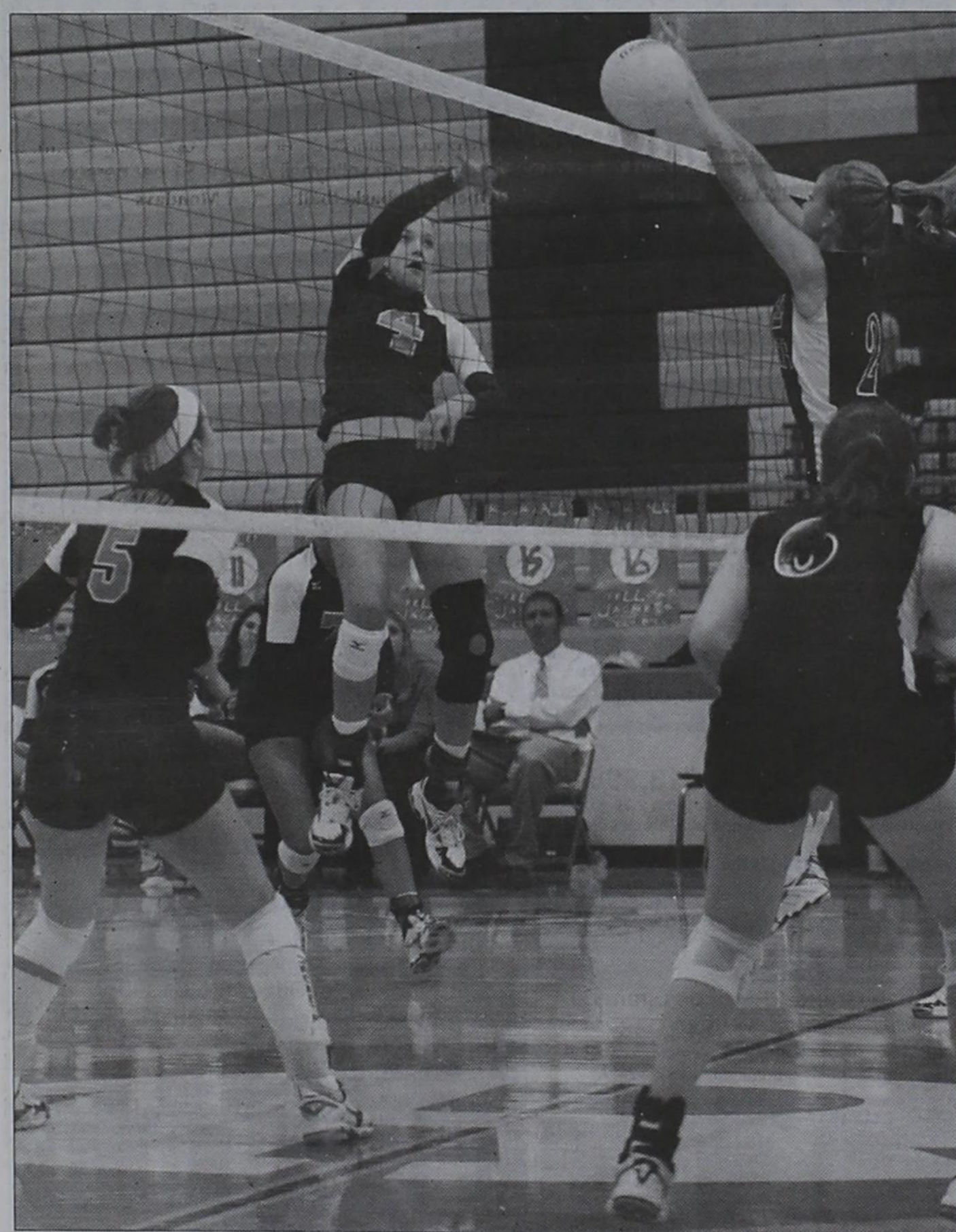
The loss was Rockwall's seventh in a row by eight points or less, dating back to a 47-7 loss at Southlake Carroll in 2006. The Jackets are 6-7 in such close losses during that time. During Smith's four years at Rockwall, 12 of RHS' 15 losses have been by eight or fewer points.

Rockwall 2-6-0-8---16
Rowlett 10-0-14-0---24
Row - Joshua Powell 60 pass from Scott West (Chad Dearen kick)
Rock - Safety, Aaron Arterburn tackled West in end zone
Row - Dearen 32 FG
Rock - Josh Broach 6 run (quarterback sacked)

Row - (Dearen kick)
Row -
Rock -
Adam Dingwell
First do
Rockwall 11
Rushing
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Passing
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6-38.3
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4-29
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Ross 1-1, Scot
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Wardell 3-73;
Josh Broach
2-6, Adam Di
- Stephen Ro
Goodwin 53
4-24.



Yellowjackets quarterback Adam Dingwell (6, left) takes aim for a pass as Robert Hinton (63, center) holds off a defender during last Thursday's action against Rowlett in Homer Johnson Stadium at Garland. Also in the play is wide receiver Mark Ulbik (9, right).
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Lady Jackets junior McKenna Abbott (4) spikes the ball through pass a Berkner defender during Tuesday's game at Rockwall High School. Also in the play are Alyssa Sheperd (5) and Stephanie Shaw (7).
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Yellowjackets football notes

- The Rockwall varsity football coaches' Player of the Game awards went to Josh Broach, Offensive Player of the Game went to Aaron Arterburn and Ugo Nkalari. Defensive Player of the Game was awarded to Drew Beddow and Matt Claggett.

- Special Teams awards went to Ryan Heggard and Rodney Watson in Scout Offense, and Payden McBee in Scout Defense.

- Last Thursday night, Broach left Homer B. Johnson Stadium in a Garland Fire Department ambulance. The next day head coach Scott Smith said, "He's fine."

- As a result of their opening game in the ASCO Midland Football Madness, after this season the RHS coaching staff will name a player, manager or trainer to receive a scholarship from Associated Supply Company.

During the past two seasons, Marcus Mathis and Michael Kately won \$1,000 scholarships.



Josh Broach (34) punches through the Rowlett defense for a touchdown during the game in Homer Johnson Stadium at Garland.
Staff photo by Roy Heath

Stingerettes Drill Team, Monday Football. See Sports Notes on page 15.

Lady Jackets enter district play after downing Hebron, Berkner

The Rockwall volleyball team is playing at peak efficiency, which is what the Lady Jackets will need for their next match.

RHS goes on the road Friday to play Highland Park, which was merely Texas' top-rated 4A team in the preseason rankings. HP lost its first two matches, but has won 20 of its last 21. That will be the first District 10-4A match for Rockwall.

After Tuesday's victory in three games over Richardson Berkner, Jackets head coach Damon Wilson was encouraged, but realistic about his team's chances in the district.

"Pearce and Highland Park are two of the best 4A teams in the state. Everyone else is very competitive as well. There are a lot of

teams we haven't seen. Volleyball is a lot about how well you execute on your side of the net. That will be our focus in the first (district) round. That will help us scout for the second half," Wilson said.

Rockwall dominated Berkner 25-10, 25-8, 25-14 in large part by putting together long runs of points on the Jackets' serves, especially when Melissa Donham and Kelly Gardner were serving.

"We were able to serve a little better than they could return our serves," Wilson said. "If you don't serve tough against the good teams, it will be very difficult to win."

Before the Berkner match, the Lady Jackets had lost to host Denton Guyer 25-15, 25-23, 25-13

and defeated Hebron 21-25, 25-22, 25-14. The win indicated improved play as the Hawks had held their own over Rockwall during district scrimmages at McKim. Wilson noted that the team's few five-game wins had most of our season. Tuesday was a good day for the Lady Jackets. The city defeated Berkner 25-10, 25-8, 25-14 and the freshman Berkner and the Lady Rams 25-10, 25-8, 25-14. The ninth-graders had lost to beaten Guyer Friday. Coach, Kelly Wagner, have come a long way.

Football preview: Unbeaten Allen provides last non-district hurdle

Who: Allen Eagles
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium
Records: Allen 2-0, Rockwall 1-1

Last game: On Thursday, Sept. 4, Allen defeated Monterrey Tech from Mexico 55-15 and Rockwall lost to Rowlett 24-16.

Injuries: Neither side reported major injuries.

History: The teams have played exciting, highly competitive, high-scoring games during each of the last two seasons. The visiting Eagles overcame a 26-0 deficit to win 48-47 in 2006. Last year, when Allen won the District 9-5A champion-

ship, the Jackets lost 35-27 but had the ball with a chance to tie in the fourth quarter.

This season, Allen's offense has been more methodical than quick strike in beating Longview 21-7 and Monterrey Tech. Junior quarterback Matt Brown has thrown for five touchdowns while averaging about 7.5 yards per attempt. He also is the Eagles' leading rusher with 134 yards. His favorite receivers have been the announcer's nightmare pair of Dakarai Pecikonis and Uzoma Nwachukwa, with two touchdown catches each.

Yellowjackets head coach Scott Smith said of Allen, "They're going to be very good. They're 2-0

and they've played tough. They do a good job offensively, and they're coached."

For his own team, "We want to see improvement. Week 2 to Week 3."

All three of 4A Rockwall district opponents are new. "I don't get nervous about the As," Smith said. "It's important to know the system. We've had hard-nosed programs we want to do in our games. Whether we're 0-2-1, it's all about the district season starts."

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule this week

Saturday, Sept. 13
Freshman A and B volleyball: at Garland Tournament, TBA
Cross country: at Mesquite Stampede, Samuell Farm Park, TBA
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Varsity tennis: home vs. Carrolton R.L. Turner, Utley Freshman Center, 4 p.m.

Volleyball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath: JV and freshman A, 5:30 p.m., and varsity and freshman B, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18
Tennis: JV 1 at Carrolton R.L. Turner, TBA

Freshman football: home vs. Plano Jasper, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, A 5 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
JV Orange football: vs. Plano Jasper at Plano Williams, 5:30 p.m.
JV White football: home vs.

Mesquite Horn at Dragon Stadium, 5:30 p.m.

JV volleyball: at Allen Tournament, TBA

Friday, Sept. 19
Tennis: home vs. Mesquite, Utley Freshman Center, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball: home vs. Greenville: JV and freshman A, 5:30, and varsity and freshman B, 6:30 p.m.

Williams Wildcats' schedule this week

Tuesday, Sept. 16
8th grade football: Allen Curtis at Williams, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade football: Williams at Allen Curtis, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18
8th grade volleyball: Williams at Wiley Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade volleyball: Wiley Burnett at Williams, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and C 7:30 p.m.

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Force rumbles for five TDs as Hawks with 43-27 demolition of Sherman

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...ate running back Kendial Lawrence's five touch-
...zling 97-yard kick off return - and a relentlessly
...covered four fumbles, Rockwall-Heath rolled to a
...an Bearcats in the season opener for the Hawks at
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...opening win, first year Heath coach Mickey Moss
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...Moss.
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...ouchdown pass was a long one, accounting for half
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...4 minutes of play that saw the Hawks lead 3-0 on
...d goal, the two teams combined for 34 points in a

Sherman's featured running back Waymon James swept right end for a 21 yard score with 10:35 left in the second quarter to make it 7-3 before Lawrence took the ensuing kickoff at his own three and motored untouched through the middle of the Bearcats' coverage to make it 10-7 with 10:22 to go.

Not to be outdone, Sherman's Zac Whitfield returned the favor, returning the Hawks' kickoff 81 yards to make it 14-10 at the 10:08 mark. Two plays after the Bearcats kicked off again, Lawrence exploded past the Bearcats for a 76-yard score with 9:56 left in the half to make it 17-10.

And when Will Smith recovered a Sherman fumble on the following kick off, Lawrence scooted 20 yards on the very next play to make it 23-14 with 9:45 to play, much to the delight of the overflow Heath crowd that warmed up for the game with a rousing tailgate party prior to the contest.

Lawrence scored yet again, on a 4-yard run with less than two minutes to play in the second quarter, as the Hawks took a 29-14 lead into the break.

Heath scored twice more in the third quarter to take a 43-14 lead before the Hawks took the pedal off the gas in the final quarter, when the Bearcats scored a couple of meaningless touchdowns.

"We got really conservative in the fourth quarter offensively, just running the ball trying to get first downs," Moss said.

Defensively, the Hawks made life tough for the Bearcats' two-pronged offense of James and quarterback Madison Carter.

James, who scored five times while rushing for 263 yards in Sherman's season-opening 61-54 win against lake Dallas, ran for 122 yards against Heath but paid a big price in big hits by the Hawks' defense, the last one

separating him from the ball after a nine-yard pass reception.

DeLeon Walker recovered James' fumble - Sherman's fifth of the game - for Heath with 58 seconds left. Cole Abston and Alex Hart also had fumble recoveries for the Hawks.

Carter, who threw for 305 yards and three touchdowns against Lake Dallas, did complete 14 of 22 passes but wound up with just 122 yards as six of his completions were for no gain or negative yards.

He was also sacked four times and his lone scoring pass was well underthrown and fell into the arms of James who somehow turned it into a 45-yard touchdown.

Austin Moss led the Hawks with 17 tackles, two for losses, from his middle linebacker position while defensive back Greg DeLoache had 11 tackles including four for losses.

"We need to play sound fundamental football," Moss said. "Our goal for week two is to cut down on the mistakes."

The Hawks travel to Arlington Sequin Sept. 12 to face the 0-2 Cougars, who were roughed up by Wyle 52-13 Sept. 5.

Sherman	0	14	0	13 - 27
Heath	3	26	14	0 - 43

- H - Brad Lowes 22 field goal
- S - Waymon James 21 run (Ahmed Abo-Mahmood kick)
- H - Kendial Lawrence 97 kick off return (Howes kick)
- S - Zac Whitfield 81 kick off return (Abo-Mahmood kick)
- H - Lawrence 76 run (Howes kick)
- H - Lawrence 20 run (kick failed)
- H - Lawrence 4 run (kick blocked)
- H - Matt Bielski 63 pass from Drew Hollingshead (Howes kick)
- H - Lawrence 38 run (Howes kick)
- S - James 9 run (run failed)
- S - James 45 pass from Madison Carter (Abo-Mahmood kick)

	Sherman	Heath
First downs	18	13
Rushes-yards	30-177	33-174
Passing yards	129	122
Passes	14-22-0	8-13-0
Punts-ave.	1-39.0	3-27.3
Penalties-yards	2-25	8-70
Fumbles-lost	5-4	1-0

Individual statistics

Rushing: Sherman - Waymon James 18-122, Madison Carter 8-50, Chris Hawthorne 1-2, Kirk Thomas 3-3. Heath - Kendial Lawrence 16-190, Will Smith 1-3, Jesse Irokwe 4-11, Everitt Gilbert 4- (-5), Drew Hollingshead 8- (-21).

Passing: Sherman - Madison 14-25-122-0. Heath - Hollingshead 8-13-122-0.

Receiving: Sherman - Waymon James 5-70, Nathan James 3-17, Casey Carter 1-14, Jaimani McKinney 3-20, Kirk Thomas 1-11, Greg Jackson 1-7. Heath - Gilbert 3-26, Lawrence 1-11, Matt Bielski 2-66, Armondo Villa 2-30.



Linemen David Abercrombie (63), Matt Smith (53) and Alex Young (60) pave the way for running back Kendial Lawrence on Friday's game against Sherman in Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium at Rockwall.

Sports Notes

Open-gym volleyball set Sundays

The Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym is open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays for open gym volleyball. Cost is \$1 per person.

Open-gym basketball offered Mondays

The Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym is open each Monday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for open gym basketball. Individuals of all skill levels are welcome to participate. Cost is \$1 per person.

Texas Freestyle Karate available

A Texas Freestyle Karate class for beginners, advanced and adults on Tuesdays is available at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Students will be educated with a blend of martial arts disciplines for practical self-defense purposes. Cost is \$50. A \$30 yearly membership fee is due to the instructor at the first class. For further details visit www.texas-freestylekarate.com.

Fishing Derby set at Pickens Lake

A fishing derby will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 4 at Pickens Lake, Myers Park. Prizes will be given for the biggest, smallest and first fish caught in two age groups: 8-and-under and 9-14. Cost will be \$5 per person. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

RHS Stingerettes on Monday night football

The community is invited to watch the 2008-09 Rockwall High School Stingerettes drill team perform with the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders this Monday night starting at 7:30 p.m. live at Texas Stadium in Irving, or televised on ESPN.

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RHHS Cross Country results

- Varsity boys 4A and under
Team eighth with 164 points; Hunter Beauchamp eighth in 17:46.
- Varsity girls 4A and under
Team fourth with 104 points; Andrea Moeller ninth in 13:28.
- JV girls
Team 14th with 470 points; Cori Kelly 19th in 14:28.

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Cross country team member Hunter Beauchamp in the recent Plano Invitational.

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Bulldogs christen stadium with 35

by Matt McGillen

They may have been playing in a new stadium with lots of new faces on the roster and led by a new pretty much the same old result for the Royse City

Using a balanced offensive attack and getting a their defense, the Bulldogs brushed aside the Atlanta season opener in the first game played in the new Royse City ISD Stadium.

Coming off an 11-1 3A campaign in 2007, the Bulldogs debut a successful one, by rolling out to a 28-0 (1-0), behind the passing of Richard Morrison and the

Morrison, a senior, finished the game 17-for-30 (1-0) interception and connected for a pair of touchdowns and 29 yards to Justin Jacobs. Smith had a team-high two receptions.

Dave, meanwhile, carried the ball eight times scored the Bulldogs' first two touchdowns on a pair help stake RC to a 21-0 halftime lead.

Ryan Fedric led Royse on the ground with 74 yards also had two receptions for 38 yards.

Royse City's final touchdown came when senior Hernandez returned an interception 30 yards for a score.

The Rabbits only score also came in the third period by Devin Lockhart that accounted for almost half of rushing yards.

Perhaps the only real negative for the Bulldogs thrown against them that resulted in 110 yards in penalties.

The Bulldogs will be on the road for their next game at Wakeland Sept. 9 in a rematch of last year's 3A title game won by Royse City 21-14. Wakeland (1-0) is coming off a win over Saginaw.

Atlanta	0	0	7	0
Royse City	7	14	14	0

ROYSE - Frank Dave 3 run (Kollin Padon kick)
ROYSE - Dave 3 run (Padon kick)

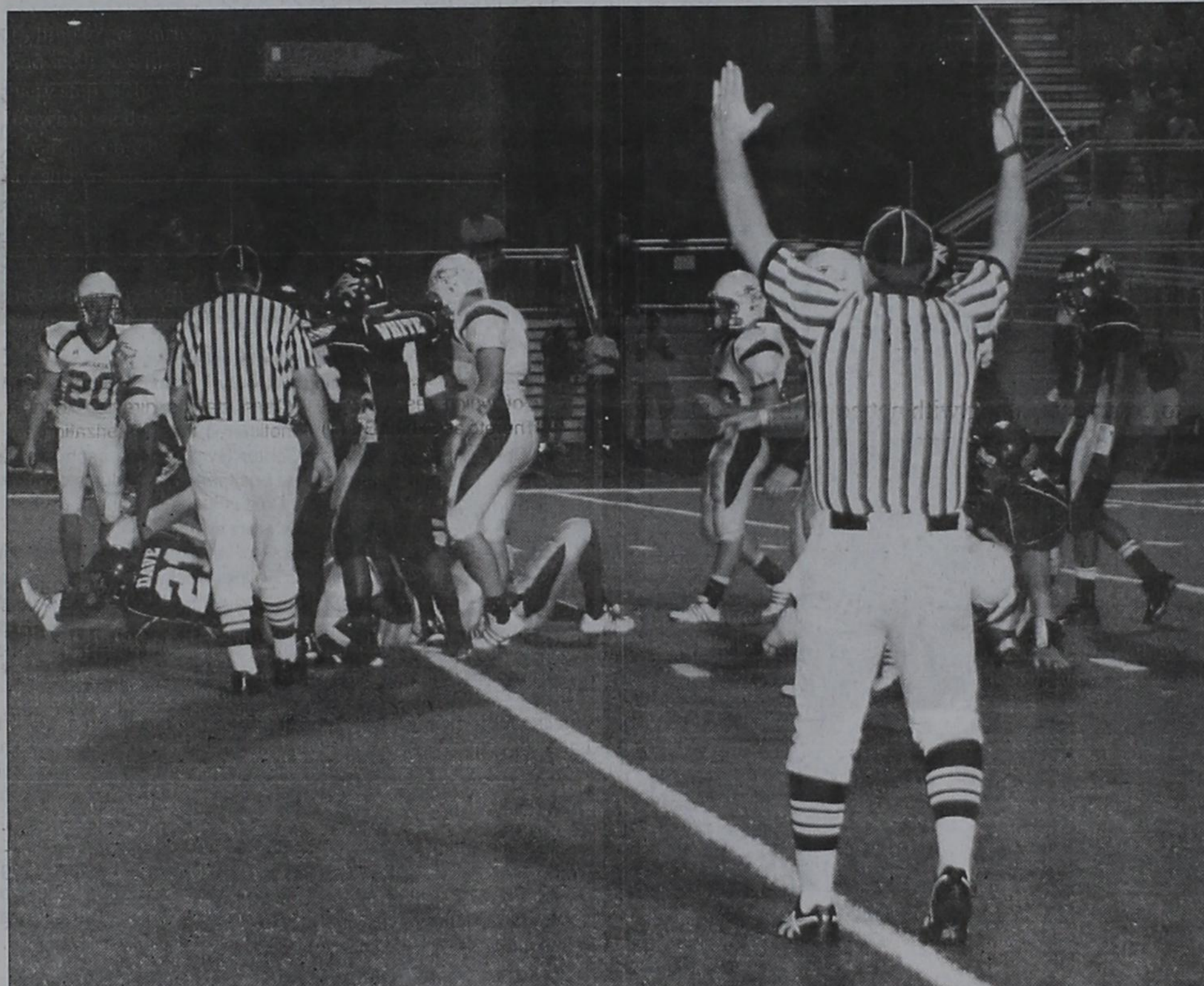
ROYSE - Kris Smith 33 pass from Richard Morrison
ROYSE - Oscar Hernandez 30 interception return

ATL - Devin Lockhart 78 run (Carl Morrison kick)
ROYSE - Justin Jacobs 29 pass from Morrison (Padon kick)

	Atlanta
First downs	8
Rushes-yards	36-158
Passing yards	42
Passes	3-12-2
Punts-ave.	5-33.4
Penalties-yards	6-45
Fumbles-lost	2-0
Individual statistics	
Rushing: Atlanta - Demon Haire 9-26, Demon Haire 10-32, Devin Lockhart 6-89, Casey Parker 1-(-16)	
Royse City - Jonathan Burns 3-31, Frank Dave 8-27, Frank Dave 1-1, Trevor White 2-(-1)	
Passing: Atlanta - 3-12-2-42, Royse City - Morrison 17-30-292	
Receiving: Atlanta - Kane Boroski 1-35, Haire 1-16, Royse City - Burns 2-18, Dave 1-(-1), Fedric 2-28, Jacobs 2-43, Thompson 3-12, White 3-31	
Who: Royse City vs. Frisco Wakeland	
When: Sept. 9, 7:30	
Where: Frisco Wakeland High School	
Records: RC 1-0, Wakeland 1-0	
Last meeting: RC won 21-14 in 2007 playoffs	
Injuries: none reported	



Royse City Bulldogs defenders converging on Atlanta running back during last Friday's season opener game in Royse City ISD Stadium are Carlos Ibarra (13) are T.J. Hardy (44) making the tackle, Justin Rogers (3, front left), Ty Young (back left), Augie Hernandez (right) and Kollin Padon (back right).
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Bulldogs running back Frank Dave (21) dives into the end zone for a touchdown against Atlanta during last Friday's game in Royse City ISD Stadium. Also in the play is Trevor White (1).
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Enjoying the Royse City ISD Stadium dedication ceremony Friday's season opener game against the Atlanta Rabbits. Royse City ISD Superintendent Randy Hancock (left), Alice, Jo Nell Melody (Community Relations Director) and U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall. Over 3200 people attended the ceremony which included the singing of the National Anthem by the Royse City ISD Choir and a presentation of a Texas Country artist Deryll Dodd and a presentation of a Texas Country artist Deryll Dodd and a presentation of a Texas Country artist Deryll Dodd and a presentation of a Texas Country artist Deryll Dodd.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

DimeBox announces upcoming schedule

Fans of the western movie genre will enjoy some of their favorite flicks over the next few weeks at the DimeBox Theater in Royse City.

- Sept. 20 - "Idaho" with Roy Rogers
 - Oct. 11 - "The Devil's Playground" with Hopalong Cassidy
 - Oct. 25 - "Arsenic & Old Lace," a comedy with Cary Grant
 - Nov. 1 - "Rainbow Valley" with John Wayne
 - Nov. 25 - "The Range Feud" featuring Buck Jones and John Wayne.
- Admission costs 10 cents. Screenings begin at 2 p.m.
Live Music:
* Sept. 20 - Jerry Smithey & Union Valley Express, 7 p.m.
The theater is located at 127 FM 2453.



Richard Morrison (5) sets for a pass as offensive lineman Cody Cantwell (71) stands ready to hold off Atlanta defenders last Friday's game in Royse City ISD Stadium.
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Notice - Rockwall Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Grand Chamber, City Hall, 385 South Main Street, Rockwall, Texas. The agenda includes the following items:
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Legal Notices

consider the following item:
 Z2008-022: Amendment to Unified Development Code (Hotel Uses)
 Hold a public hearing and consider a city-initiated revision to the City of Rockwall Unified Development Code (Ord. No. 04-38), specifically Article IV, Permissible Uses, and Article XIII, Definitions, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. __R-226
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO FINANCE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WILLIAMSBURG PLANNED DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF FATE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECT DATE THEREOF.
 WHEREAS, the City of Fate, Texas (the "City") is authorized under Chapter 372 of the Texas

Local Government Code (the "Act") to create a public improvement district within its corporate limits and within its extraterritorial jurisdiction; and
 WHEREAS, on September 5, 2006, Fate I-30 L.P. and Fate-Smith, L.P., each a Texas limited partnership (collectively, the "Applicants"), submitted and filed with the City Secretary of the City that certain Petition for the Creation of a Public Improvement District to Finance Public Improvements for the Benefit of the Williamsburg Planned Development in the City of Fate, Texas (the "Petition") requesting the establishment of a public improvement district to be known as the City of Fate

Public Improvement District No. 1 (Residential) (the "District"), the boundaries of which are set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto (the real property located within the District shall be referred to as the "Land"); and
 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (the "City Council") has received the Petition signed by the owners of more than 50% of the appraised value of the taxable real property and more than 50% of the area of all taxable real property within the District, and the Petition complies with the Act and, thus, the City Council is authorized to consider the creation of the District; and
 WHEREAS, after providing all notices required by the Act, the City Council on November 6, 2006, conducted a public hearing on the advisability of the improvements and services and the creation of the District; and
 WHEREAS, the City Council adjourned and closed such public hearing.

In assessing the costs of the District Improvements, the Land will be classified based on the use of the District Improvements. For example, larger lots may generate more use of the public improvements than smaller lots, or restaurant uses may generate more use of public improvements that office or retail uses. Accordingly, there may be classifications of the Land on the basis of the size of lots or on the basis of uses. The Land may also be classified on the basis of the location of the Land within the District, if some areas of the District receive more District Improvements or District Improvements of greater cost than other areas of the District.

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 85979

Southern Star Concrete, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 85979, which would authorize construction of a plant located on the east side of Highway 66 at the intersection of Dismore Lane, Fate, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter (limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust and particulate matter less than 10 microns in

as submitted to the TCEQ on August 25, 2008. The application is available for viewing and the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Fort Worth regional office, and the Rockwall County 100 Ridge Road Suite 101, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if available for public review in the Fort Worth regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a public hearing on the application.

PUBLIC MEETING/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public hearing, a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline for public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting will be held if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting will be held if requested by a local legislator.

Upon receipt of the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a timely request is filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to everyone on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for public comments.

Final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all comments, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone on the mailing list for this application.

NOTICE FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If a hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for a contested case hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only consider those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a contested case hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the facility. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and e-mail address, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility's emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property and how you are impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more persons standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a timely request is filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a contested case hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Information at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. More information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Additional information may also be obtained from Southern Star Concrete, Inc., 8500 Freeport Parkway, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or by calling Mr. Tristan Walker, Westward Environmental, Inc., at (830) 249-8284.

AUGUST 29, 2008

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FATE, TEXAS:

(a) Advisability of the Improvements Proposed for the District: It is advisable to create the District to provide the public improvements and services described in the Petition and this Resolution. The District Improvements (hereinafter defined) will promote the interests of the City and will confer a special benefit on the District.

(b) Nature of the Improvements. The general nature of the proposed improvements will involve the purchase, construction, and development of the public improvements detailed herein and other improvements and City payments as described in the Land Use & Development Regulations Agreement with the City of Fate, Texas, Resolution No. 210 adopted by the City Council of Fate on May 22, 2006 (a copy of which resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit B): (1) the Williamsburg Drainage and Storm Water Control System; (2) the Williamsburg Water Supply and Distribution System; (3) the Williamsburg Sanitary Sewage Collection System; (4) the Williamsburg Road System, (5) onsite and offsite Rights of Ways acquisition costs for utility infrastructure and roads, (6) public works of art, parks, public recreation areas and landscaping within and around the perimeter of Williamsburg, and (7) payments made to and to be made to the City of Fate as shown in the Land Use and Development Agreement entered between petitioners Fate I30 LP and Fate Smith LP and the City of Fate on May 22, 2006, and (ii) the payment of costs associated with developing and financing the public improvements described therein, including all costs of issuing bonds and funding debt service and capitalized interest reserves for such bonds, and costs of establishing administering and operations of the public improvement district.

(c) Estimated Cost of the Improvements: The estimated cost of the improvements provided by the District is approximately \$45,000,000.

(d) Boundaries: The boundaries of the District are set forth in Exhibit A.

(e) Method of Assessment: An assessment methodology will be prepared that will address (i) how the costs of the District Improvements financed with the assessments are assessed against the Land, (ii) the assessments to be collected each year, (iii) any portion of the Land, (iv) the reallocation of the assessment upon the subdivision of a portion of the Land, and (v) reduction of the assessments for costs savings (pursuant to the annual review of the service plan for the District) and (vi) repayment of bonds issued to finance the District Improvements. Additionally, a report will be prepared showing the special benefits accruing to the Land and how the costs of the District Improvements are assessed to the Land on the basis of the special benefits. The result will be that equal shares of the costs will be imposed on the portions of the Land similarly benefited.

The assessment methodology will result in each lot paying its fair share of the costs of the District Improvements provided with the assessments based on the special benefits received by such lot from the District Improvements and lots equally situated paying equal shares of the costs of the District Improvements.

(f) Apportionment of Cost Between the County and the District. The City will not be obligated to provide any funds to finance the proposed District Improvements. All of the costs of the proposed District Improvements will be paid by assessments of the Landowners within the District and from other sources of funds, if any, available to the developer of the Land.

(g) The findings set forth in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated in the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Section 2. That the City of Fate Public Improvements District No. 1 is hereby authorized and created as a Public Improvement District under the Act in accordance with the findings as to the advisability of the District Improvements contained in this resolution.

Section 3. That the City's staff is directed to give notice of the authorization for the establishment of the District by publishing a copy of this Resolution once in a newspaper of general circulation in Rockwall County. Such authorization shall take effect and the District shall be deemed to be established effective upon the publication of such notice. The District shall exist until dissolved or terminated as provided by law.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and it is accordingly so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of November, 2006.
 CITY OF FATE, TEXAS
 By _____

David Hill, Mayor
 ATTEST:

City Secretary, City of Fate, Texas
 Approved as to Form:

L. Stanton Lowry, City Attorney

FIELD NOTES

FATE-SMITH, L.P. TRACTS TRACT 1

BEING a tract of land situated in the J.D. Merchant Survey, Abstract No. 159, Rockwall County, Texas, and being all of that tract of land described in a Deed to Fate-Smith, L.P., as recorded in Volume 3784, Page 45 of the Official Public Records of Rockwall County, Texas, and being all of that tract of land described in a Deed to Fate-Smith, L.P., as recorded in Volume 3784, Page 52 of the Official Public Records of Rockwall County, Texas, and being all of that tract of land described in a Deed to Fate-Smith, L.P., as recorded in Volume 3784, Page 58 of the Official Public Records of Rockwall County, Texas, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod with cap stamped "USA INC. PROP. COR." set (hereinafter called 1/2" iron rod set) for corner in the West line of F.M. Highway No. 551 (80' right-of-way), said point being at the

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distance of 1029.45 feet and an arc length of 1033.07 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set for corner in the West line of the above cited Fate I-30, LP tract recorded in Volume 3589, Page 21, said point also being in the East line of a tract of land conveyed to Fate I-30 Commercial, L.P., by Deed recorded in Volume 3665, Page 138 of the Official Public Records of Rockwall County, Texas;

THENCE North 00 degrees 04 minutes 24 seconds East along the East line of said Fate I-30 Commercial, L.P. tract, for a distance of 219.54 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set for corner at the beginning of a non-tangent curve to the left;

THENCE in a Southeasterly direction, along said curve to the left having a central angle of 19 degrees 38 minutes 13 seconds, a radius of 3440.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 41 degrees 21 minutes 41 seconds East, a chord distance of 1173.22 feet and an arc length of 1178.98 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set for corner;

THENCE South 51 degrees 10 minutes 48 seconds East for a distance of 749.52 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set for corner at the beginning of a curve to the left;

THENCE in a Southeasterly direction, along said curve to the left having a central angle of 22 degrees 15 minutes 21 seconds, a radius of 1040.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 62 degrees 18 minutes 28 seconds East, a chord distance of 401.44 feet, and an arc length of 403.98 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set for corner in the Westerly line of F.M. Highway No. 551, said point being at the beginning of a non-tangent curve to the left;

THENCE in a Southeasterly direction, along the Westerly line of said highway and along said non-tangent curve to the left having a central angle of 30 degrees 22 minutes 26 seconds, a radius of 174.46 feet, a chord bearing of South 25 degrees 26 minutes 56 seconds East, a chord distance of 91.41 feet, and an arc length of 92.49 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set for corner;

THENCE South 38 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds West departing the Westerly line of said highway, and along the Easterly line of the above cited Fate I-30 tract recorded in Volume 3625, Page 47, for a distance of 124.53 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for corner;

THENCE South 00 degrees 10 minutes 13 seconds East along the Easterly line of said Fate I-30 tract, for a distance of 362.96 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for corner at the Southeast corner of same;

THENCE North 89 degrees 19 minutes 23 seconds West along the South line of said Fate I-30 tract, for a distance of 1157.55 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for corner at the Southwest corner of same, said point also being at the Northwest corner of a tract of land described in deed to Fate-Smith, L.P., as recorded in Volume 3784, Pg. 45;

THENCE South 00 degrees 26 minutes 46 seconds West along the West line of said Fate-Smith, L.P. tract, for a distance of 575.10 feet to a 3/8" iron rod found for corner, said point being the Southwest corner of a tract of land described in deed to Fate-Smith, L.P., by Deed recorded in Volume 3784, Page 58, said point also being the Northwest corner of a tract of land described in a Deed to Kathleen Denson, as recorded in Volume 3776, Page 176;

THENCE South 00 degrees 39 minutes 50 seconds West along the West line of said Denson tract, for a distance of 304.25 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for corner at the Southwest corner of same, said point also being the Northwest corner of a tract of land described in deed to Fate-Smith, L.P., by Deed recorded in Volume 3879, Page 188;

THENCE South 00 degrees 17 minutes 31 seconds West along the West line of said Fate-Smith, L.P. tract, for a distance of 381.50 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for corner, from which a 1/2 inch iron rod found bears South 89 degrees 28 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 0.85 feet, said point being in the Easterly line of the above cited Fate I-30, L.P. tract recorded in Volume 3625, Page 40, said

point also being the Northwest corner of a tract of land described in a deed to Fate-Smith, LP, as recorded in Volume 3879, Page 181;

THENCE North 89 degrees 28 minutes 20 seconds West, departing the Easterly line of said Fate I-30, L.P. tract, for a distance of 175.48 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for corner at the beginning of a curve to the left;

THENCE in a Westerly direction, with said curve to the left having a central angle of 06 degrees 31 minutes 48 seconds, a radius of 2000.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 87 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds West, a chord distance of 227.82 feet and an arc length of 227.94 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for corner;

THENCE South 83 degrees 59 minutes 51 seconds West for a distance of 399.35 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for corner;

THENCE South 06 degrees 00 minutes 09 seconds East for a distance of 329.64 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for corner at the beginning of a curve to the left;

THENCE in a Southeasterly direction, with said curve to the right having a central angle of 40 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds, a radius of 500.00 feet, a chord bearing South 26 degrees 05 minutes 19 seconds East, a chord distance of 343.43 feet and an arc length of 350.57 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for corner;

THENCE South 46 degrees 10 minutes 29 seconds East for a distance of 493.84 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for corner;

THENCE North 43 degrees 52 minutes 31 seconds East for a distance of 370.13 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod found for corner at the Southwest corner of a tract of land described in a Deed to Fate-Smith, L.P., as recorded in Volume 3893, Page 211, said point also being the Northwest corner of a tract of land described in a Deed to Fate-Smith, L.P., as recorded in Volume 3717, Page 75;

THENCE South 00 degrees 02 minutes 09 seconds West along the West line of said Fate-Smith, L.P. tract recorded in Volume 3717, Page 75, for a distance of 305.57 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod found for corner;

THENCE South 00 degrees 01 minutes 53 seconds East, along the West line of said Fate-Smith, L.P., tract for a distance of 614.59 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and containing 317.21 acres of land, more or less.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rockwall County invites sealed bids on the following service for Rockwall County Facilities: Custodial Services

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

Bids must state a per month per facility price for all services and be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside 08-09-013 Custodial Service, to John A. Blackwood, Rockwall County Auditor, 101 East Rusk Street, Room 101, Rockwall, Texas 75087, on or before Thursday, August 18, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. The bids will be opened on Thursday, August 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE; ABANDONED VEHICLE

A Nissan minivan, dark green with no license tags, with the VIN 4N2XN1A4XD800556, has been abandoned on my property. Notice is hereby given that the above vehicle will be seized and sold for storage fees if not claimed by its owner or lien-holder within ten days from publication of this notice. The vehicle is at 706 Prince Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Joe Hewitt, Phone 972-771-8208.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals addressed to the offices of the City Secretary, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032 between 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. on September 19, 2008 for furnishing all necessary material, equipment and labor required for the construction of the following project:

COVE RIDGE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS

The project generally includes the following: Construct approximately 4,700 S.Y. of six (6) inch concrete pavement (27 feet wide) with lime stabilized subgrade, remove and properly dispose of approximately 3,600 S.Y. of existing asphalt pavement, provide temporary traffic control lights to maintain public access at all times, stormwater runoff control, re-vegetation, installation of replacement culverts, curb inlets and construction of various appurtenant items. Required adjustments to known franchise and public utilities are to be made prior to giving notice to proceed. Time is of the essence for completion of this project and it is required to be completed in a maximum of 80 calendar days from date of notice to proceed. The City of Heath will provide a bonus of \$15,000 to the contractor if the project is 100 percent complete in 60 calendar days from date of notice to proceed.

Bidders must submit with their bids a Cashier's Check or a Certified Check in the amount of five (5%) percent of the maximum amount of bid payable without recourse to the Owner or a proposal bond in the same amount from a Surety Company holding permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety, and acceptable according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States as listed in the latest revision of Treasury Department Circular 570, as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into a contract and execute guarantee forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of project to him. Bids without checks or proposal bonds will not be considered.

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

Contract Documents, Proposal Forms, Specifications and plans are on file and may be examined without charge in the offices of the City Secretary and may be obtained from Freeman - Millican, Inc. Consulting Engineers, 12225 Greenville Ave., Suite 121, Dallas, Texas 75243, (Phone 214-503-0555) or the office of the public works director, City of Heath, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032 (Phone 972-961-4892). There will be no charge for the plans and specifications.

Services and Repairs

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Light housekeeping, meal preparation, errands, small pet care, transportation to doctors, grocery shopping, etc. Reasonable rates. Call Cindy 214-284-1593.

Help Wanted

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Needed: Barber/Stylist with clientele. Great opportunity and working environment. Call 972-722-8121.

Needed: Taxidermist, Rowlett area. Some experience required. Call for appointment. 972-475-5633.

ROCKWALL Dental Office seeks a Front Desk/HYGIENE Coordinator to join our AWESOME team. Some dental exp. is necessary for this fulltime position. Call Barb at 972-771-2221.

Full or part-time day care staff. Must be 18 yrs. or older, with a high school diploma. We will train. Monday through Friday. 972-772-0011.

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Homes for Rent

3/2/2 brick home in Caddo Mills on 2 acres, 3596 CR 2618. \$950/mo. plus deposit. Call Amy, 903-258-7071.

North of Rockwall Square, 3/2/2, FP, big fenced yard. Rockwall schools, completely redecorated, blinds throughout. \$1050, first, last, deposit. Credit checked. Owner 972-412-7633.

House for rent, 1518 Madison Drive, Rockwall. In Meadowcreek Estates South of I-30, off 205. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1 Fireplace, 2 Car Garage. Built 2001. Available October 1st. \$1200 month. 1st and last month's rent due up front. 972-772-4014.

Boats for Sale

'87 Skeeter Bass Boat, 18' 5". 150 Johnson motor, motor guide, trolling motor. 214-552-9548. \$2700 OBO.

Garage Sales

Rockwall-Heath High School Senior Class Garage Sale. Saturday, September 27th, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., in front of the High School.

Estate Sale

1505 Ashbourn Dr., Rockwall. Saturday, September 13th, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vehicles for Sale

2001 Honda 4wheeler, Foreman ES-450 Low hours/miles, \$2500. Call 972-345-0740.

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Lost and Found

Found small black and white dog on Hwy. 205 near the Rise Sports Center. Call 972-762-7237.

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SAT training at RHS set Sept. 20

Rockwall and Heath high schools are partnering with Test Prep Seminars to sponsor a PSAT/SAT test preparation workshop to better prepare high school students for college entrance exams.

The five-hour seminar will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20 in the RHS auditorium. Students should bring a check for \$85 to the seminar.

"We want our students to have every opportunity to attain high scores, not only on their college entrance exams, but high school courses as well," said Erica Crump, Rockwall High School associate principal. "We want to bring every advantage to our students and are actively moving this school to be one of the premier secondary education institutions in the state."

Preparation seminars are designed to improve test scores. Because of the No Child Left Behind Act and initiatives for improving the graduation rate in every school, administrators are encouraging all students to take part in this seminar.

"It only takes a few points on the test to make the difference as to whether a student is admitted to the college of their choice; and a few additional points can mean a scholarship," said Chuck Murphy, president of Test Prep Seminars.

The seminar will focus on helping students reduce test-taking anxiety; improve time-management skills on test taking; learn strategies to approach each section of the test; identify weak areas and strengthening them; and provide real-time test experiences.

The course includes the SAT critical reading, writing, mathematics and essay sections and prepares sophomores and juniors for the PSAT/NMSQT and juniors and seniors for the SAT.

For more information, e-mail chuck@testprepseminars.com or contact the counseling office at tcherry@rockwallisd.org or bhollingshead@rockwallisd.org.

Cain Middle School eighth grade teams split with Curtis in season openers

Jeff Irokwe rushed for over 100 yards and scored both of his team's touchdowns to lead a furious eighth-grade A team comeback that fell just short, as the Cain Middle School Grizzlies lost to the Curtis Cougars 15-14 in the season-opening game for both teams at Allen's Eagle Stadium.

The B team, meanwhile, used touchdown runs by three different quarterbacks and Zac Anderson's interception in the final minute to slip by the Curtis B team 20-16.

Alex Story put the grizzlies up 7-0 with a 25-yard run and Kyle Loeffler went 39 yards to make it 14-0 before the Cougars cut the lead to 14-8 at the half.

Kade Warren sprinted 80 yards for a touchdown in the third period to increase the margin to 20-8.

Although Dath Dockins recovered a Curtis fumble at Cain's two-yard line to seemingly end a long Cougar drive in the fourth quarter, the Grizzlies fumbled in their end zone on the very next play, which Curtis recovered for a touchdown.

The Cougars added a two-point conversion to set the final score.

In seventh grade action, the A team battled to a 7-7 tie with Curtis while the B team lost 13-7.

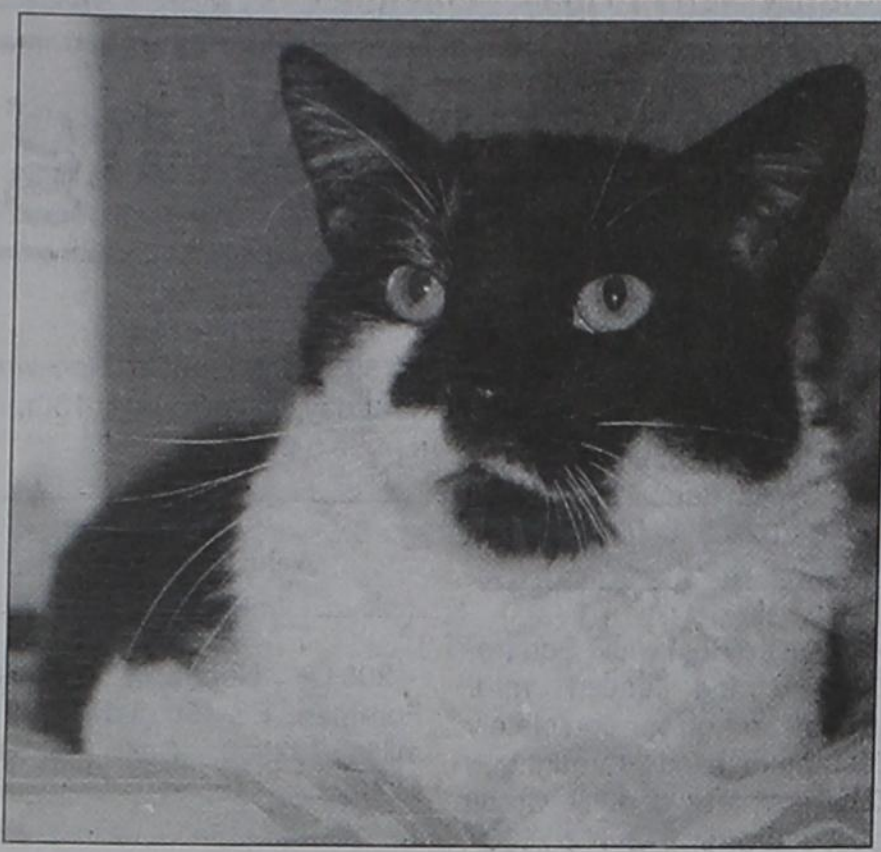
The eighth grade teams host Cooper Middle School Sept. 16 at Rockwall-Heath High School starting at 6 p.m.

Williams 7th graders win over Allen Ford

The Williams Middle School seventh grade A football team won 14-0 over Allen Ford Tuesday night.

Before an overflow crowd at home, the Wildcats broke away from a scoreless tie at halftime for two touchdowns in the third quarter.

Ramon Harris ran 50 yards for a score with 5 minutes remaining in the quarter. After the first of two interceptions, Williams punted to pin Ford down at its eight yard line. The Wildcats' defense, which was strong all night, forced a fumble in the end zone. A.J. Clark recovered the ball for the second touchdown. Williams ran for an extra point after each score.



Six-year-old Bowser is a sweet black-and-white snuggle specialist who was rescued from the gutter in the industrial area of east Garland. He enjoys rolling over on his back to accommodate tummy rubs, is fascinated by running water and likes to be around other felines. He is FIV-positive, but is a very healthy animal and had already been neutered when he was picked up. Bowser is one of the many felines available through the Feral Friends Community Cat Alliance. All cats are vaccinated, micro-chipped and spayed/neutered. For more information, visit www.feralfriends.org or call 972-671-0429 to meet Bowser.

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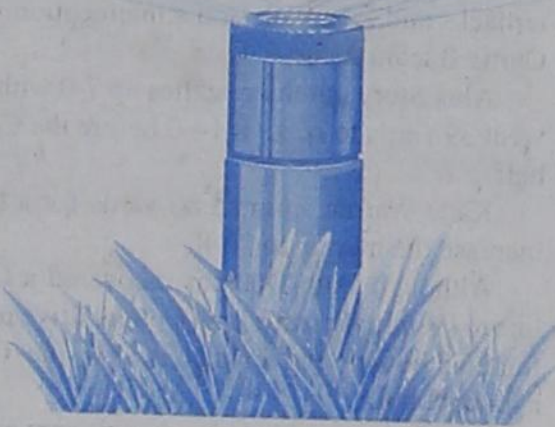
A special treat captured visitors at last Sunday's Rockwall County Library dedication with the soft melodic sounds of Holland of Rowlett. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

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