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 Our readers showered us with praise for our comprehensive coverage of all Rockwall County football teams, and all season we're offering our subscribers an even better sports package.
 In addition to publishing the souvenir 2009 Rockwall County Yearbook, the Rockwall County News Tuesday edition will follow previous weekend football action, followed by previews of upcoming games in the Friday edition.
 The sports section will also include stories and photos of other events, leading off with cross country and volleyball. In addition to our subscribers, the Tuesday edition is e-mailed to our subscribers only.
 The Tuesday edition sports section will bring local sports news to you in a more timely manner, and satisfy their high expectations.

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Rockwall-Heath High School was once again the home and rehearsal site for the drum and bugle corps Carolina Crown, which was a participant in the North Texas Festival of Drums and Bugles at Lake Highland High School in Dallas. The Crown busses and trucks pulled into Heath very early in the morning on Friday, July 17 to rest then rehearse for that night's competition. RHHS also played host Wednesday night to The Cavaliers from Rosemont, IL. The Cavaliers also participated in the Dallas Festival. Based out of Fort Mill, SC, Crown's 2009 show is titled, "The Grass is Always Greener." Each summer from May to August, more than 3,500 performers in dozens of drum and bugle corps tour the country competing as a lead up to the season championship, this year Aug. 4-8 in Indianapolis. To learn more about drum and bugle corps, visit [Drum Corps International at dci.org](http://DrumCorpsInternational.at.dci.org).

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Rockwall County News Briefs

TC's Performing Dogs show set

Performing Dogs, a free program for youths in grade 6-12, will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library.

Stingerette Summer Camp scheduled

Students in grades K-8 can participate in the Rockwall High School Stingerette Summer Camp, July 13-17 at Williams Middle School. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to noon; first day check-in 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$80 on the first day. For details contact Claire Shippy, cshippy@sbeglobal.net or call 972-771-8857.

Ministerial Alliance plans meeting

The Rockwall Ministerial Alliance (Pastors' Prayer Time) will begin at noon on Wednesday at Rockwall County Helping Hands conference room. Each participant should bring a brown bag lunch and dessert will be provided. For more details call 972-771-5526.

Rockwall town hall meeting slated

The City of Rockwall will conduct a town hall meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday in the City Council chambers, 385 S. Goliad, to discuss the proposed draft zoning for the newly annexed Rockwall Estates community. Resident input will be welcomed. For more information call 972-771-7700.

Random Axis is featured band

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

Church plans health fair, blood drive

Lake Pointe Church, Rockwall, will host a Health Fair and Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church's gym. Services will include free blood pressure checks, cholesterol testicular screenings, flu and pneumonia shots and other things. Free bounce houses, hot dogs, raffles and balloons will be available for children, and several informational booths will be set up. For details visit lakepointe.org.

Farmers Market open Saturday

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

Teen reading program to wrap up

The Rockwall County Library's Teen Read '09 will end Saturday. All logs must be turned in by that date.

Science camp scheduled

A camp covering a multitude of sciences - from biology to engineering - will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon July 27-31 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The program is open to students in grades 6-9. Cost will be \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Cain to host meet-and-greet event

Gene Cain Middle School students and their parents are encouraged to attend a meet-and-greet from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 27 in the CMS library. The school's new principal, Jason Cain, and his family will be on hand to meet local residents.

End-of-Summer Party set at library

The End-of-Summer Party for youths in grades 6-12 will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 24 in the first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library.

Seminar to focus on thyroid disorders

Lake Pointe Health Network will conduct an interactive one-hour seminar on thyroid disorders beginning at 7 p.m. July 30 at the Lake Pointe Café in the medical center, 6800 Scenic Drive. Participants enter through the north entrance portico. Speaker will be Dr. Sumana Gangi, who is board certified in endocrinology and metabolism and internal medicine. For details call 1-866-525-5762.

Airwave 80s to play at Harbor

The Airwave 80s will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 30 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Training set for library's volunteer tutors

Rockwall County Library's needs volunteer tutors to help adults learn to read and speak English, pass the GED test and obtain U.S. citizenship. Classes are offered mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Tutors need not be teachers. Training will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library. Classes begin Labor Day. For more information go by the ELS classroom or call Gloria at 972-204-7705.

Free immunization clinic scheduled

All recommended immunizations, including newly required shots for first- and seventh-grade students, at a free clinic set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 1 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 Dow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Children up to age 18 will be served; no appointment required. A parent or guardian must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Immunization records will be needed. For more details visit carevan.org or call 972-689-8285.

Church to introduce new pastor

The First Presbyterian Church, Rockwall, is inviting the community to meet its new pastor, Cheryl, who will preach her first sermon during the 11 a.m. Aug. 2 service. A reception will immediately follow. The church is located near I-30 and Ridge Road at 602 White Hills Drive. Call 972-771-5702 for more details.

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Friends of the Rockwall County Library representatives Jane Buie, left, third vice president in charge of membership, and Pat Calhoun, yearbook chairperson, are shown working on the organization's membership lists. The FOL is working on its membership drive to ensure that all new members and renewals will be included in the 2009-2010 FOL Yearbook to be published next month. In addition to this and other activities, the FOL's Pumpkin Patch volunteers are busy preparing for the Oct. 3 opening day festivities and the FOL board is working with librarians on new programs for individuals of all ages and interests. For more details on the FOL visit friendsofrockwallcountylibrary.com.

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Rockwall ISD Education Foundation, Inc.' Century Club Member decal

The Rockwall ISD Education Foundation, Inc. announces the 2009-2010 Century Club membership year, which will begin August 2009.

The mission of the Education Foundation is to generate and distribute resources to Rockwall ISD teachers to enrich and expand programs. The Century Club is a vital component of this mission by contributing to funding educational Innovative Teaching Grants.

The four branches of the Century Club are Community Supporter, Grandparent, Alumni and RISD Employee. Any family unit or business contributing \$100 will receive a 2009-2010 Member decal, which can be displayed on an automobile, home or business window.

More information on the Education Foundation and the Century Club can be found at the organization's website, www.RISDEducationFoundationInc.com or by calling 972-771-0605.



Karan Clements, president of the RISD Education Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors displays a 2009-2010 Member decal which will be awarded to contributors to the foundation.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Shawn Atkins

Memorial services for Shawn Atkins, 27, of Quinlan were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, July 20, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died July 14.

Born June 13, 1982, in Dallas, he worked as a forklift operator in the lumber/construction industry and enjoyed being outdoors, camping, swimming and spending time in the mountains.

Survivors include his father, Rick Adams of Quinlan; his mother, Sheri Atkins, and her fiancé, James Stockman, of Garland; his brothers, Matthew Adams of New York and Ricky Adams of Florida; his sisters, Kelly Adams of Florida, Amber Adams of New York, Amanda Nichols and her husband, Phillip, of South Dakota, Emily Adams of Garland and Alicia Adams of Garland; his children, Jessica, C.J., Jaslyn, Natalie and Kanabus Atkins; a stepdaughter, Gwen Taylor; his paternal grandfather, William H. Adams; his maternal grandparents, Bobby and Lauren Graham; and a large extended family.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and one uncle, Tee.

Nini DeGroot

Memorial services for Nini DeGroot, 90, of Virginia and West Virginia will be conducted in Virginia at a date to be announced. She died July 14, 2009.

Born June 17, 1919, in Leeuwarden, Netherlands, to Gerard and Clara (Hellinga) Koke, she immigrated to America with her husband and six children in 1957 under the sponsorship of the United Presbyterian Church. She was a brave, strong woman who taught her children to be the same. She enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and Sudoku and was an avid reader. She loved her family and her church, St. Andrews Presbyterian, in Purcellville, Va., and was an active member of its Circle Group.

Survivors include her children, John DeGroot and his wife, Helen, of Lincoln, Va., Ernst DeGroot of Purcellville, Clarike Bowman-Jahn and her husband, Ed, of Leesburg, Va., Paul DeGroot and his wife, Gretta, of Park City, Utah, Anneliese (Johanna) Ash and her husband, Bill, of Rockwall and Mike DeGroot of Alberta, Canada; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her sister, Hendrina Koster of the Netherlands; and one brother, Hendrik Koke of the Netherlands.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Johan "Joop" Hendrik DeGroot; and one sister, Aukje Van Houten.

Corina S. Jackson

Services for Corina S. Jackson, 67, of Combine were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, July 17, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Pastor Raul Tirado. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died July 14.

Born Dec. 22, 1941, in Ozona to Pedro L. and Eva (Salazar) Alba, she owned her own restaurant, Corina's.

Survivors include her fiancé, Jose Carmen Zamora of Combine; her children, Nannette Najera and her husband, Steve, of San Diego, Calif., Andy Fuentes of San Diego, David Fuentes of Salt Lake City, Utah, Debbie Guzman of San Diego, Ricardo Zamora of Dallas, Pablo Zamora of Dallas and Rita Zamora of Seagoville; 12 grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; her siblings, Eloy Alba and his wife, Adelita, of Sulphur Springs, Elia Lara of Brady, Adam Alba and his wife, Dolores, of Ozona, Merlinda Turbeville and her husband, Dallas, of Sulphur Springs, Eunice Borrell of Irving, Elizabeth Rodriguez and her husband, Moses, of Sterling City, Larry Alba and his wife, Zoyla, of Rowlett and brother David Alba of Sherman.

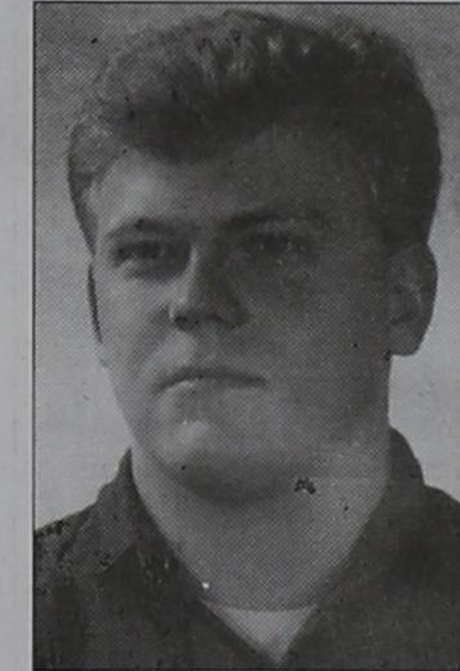
She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Noe Alba.

Ricky Lynn Thomas

Services for Ricky Lynn Thomas, 41, of Mesquite, formerly of Saginaw, were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Dawson Taylor officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died July 15.

Born Sept. 5, 1967, in Knoxville, Tenn., he served in the U.S. Navy during Desert Storm and was employed as a computer programmer. He was a member of the Cathedral of Hope Church in Dallas.



Survivors include his mother, Carol Oliver of Mesquite; his grandmother, Winnie Grimes of Mesquite; his brother, Kevin Thomas, and his wife, Jayne, of Argyle; his nieces, Sarah Enos and Rebecca Woods of Justin; and a nephew, Daniel Thomas of Argyle.

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News Brief

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Deadline nears for goody bag contributions

Aug. 3 is the deadline for contributions for the goody bags distributed at the 2009 New Teacher/Employee Breakfast by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce on Aug. 3. The goody bags donated or prizes would be appreciated. Sponsorships remain available. To make a contribution or arrange a sponsor, contact Sharon at sharon@rockwallchamber.org.

Rockwall church plans SWIM

The First Christian Church, Rockwall, will host SWIM (Swimming in Motion), a creative arts camp design youths tap into their God-given talents, Aug. 3-6 from 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 7; sack lunches brought. For more information visit the church's Web site rockwall.com.

FUMC Heath to host Bible school

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host Bible school from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7. Sign-up sheets available at the church office or at the church Web site: furnc.org. Registration costs \$15 per child or \$35 for three or more family. Scholarships are available. For details call 972-722-3807.

Secret Agent Camp set

CSI-themed science activities will be offered in a Secret Agent Camp for youths ages 9-12. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 3-7 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gymnasium. Registration costs \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Night for Networking planned

Harbor Mail's Night for Networking event will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 5 in the Harbor Mail Store. Participants encouraged to bring their business cards, samples and share with other business representatives. For more information call 972-722-3807.

Jeanne Lay & Fat Tuesday to perform

Jeanne Lay & Fat Tuesday will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Church to host program on finances

"From Crisis to Confidence: Seeking God's Guidance in Financial Times," an overview of the current investment and how people can depend on God's faithfulness, led by George Warner, an American National Bank vice president and financial planner. The event, hosted by First Christian Church, Rockwall, will be free and open to the public beginning Aug. 11 at the church, 3375 Ridge Road. For more details call 771-5526.

Concert to feature Angela Blair

Angela Blair will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch set Aug. 14

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. Aug. 14 at Place. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Doggie Splash Day slated

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its annual Doggie Splash Day event beginning at 10 a.m. Aug. 15 at the Pool. Cost will be \$5 per dog; swimming pet owners will be charged. All dogs must have proof of rabies vaccination to participate.

Cain plans barbecue event

A barbecue is planned at Cain Middle School from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 17 in the school cafeteria. Incoming seventh-grade students are invited to attend to enjoy food, fun and celebration of the new school year. The new Cain principal, Johnston, and other new teachers and employees will be present to meet the students. For more details call 972-772-1170.

Beatlegas is featured band

Beatlegas will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Inner City All Stars to perform

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

Sports Notes

RCISD season ticket renewals begin

Current Roysse City ISD season ticket holders can pick up renewals from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 20-31 at the RCISD administrative office. New group reserved seating tickets will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 3-7. New season reserved seating tickets will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 10-28.

Kayaking, canoeing course scheduled

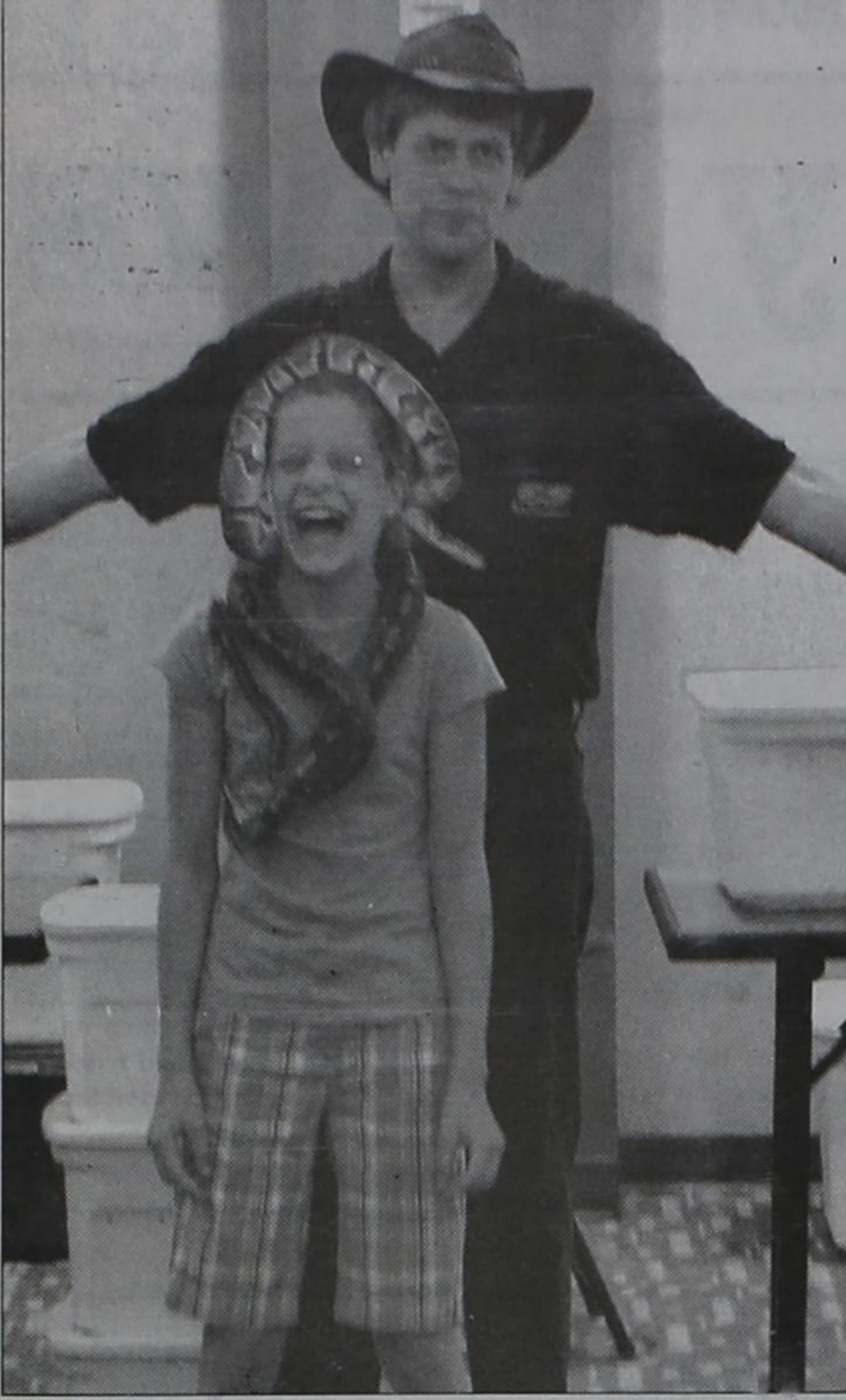
A class offering instruction in kayaking and canoeing will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday on Lake Ray Hubbard. Cost: \$15 for non-residents. Pre-registration required. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Skyhawk Mini-Hawk Camp set

The Skyhawk Mini-Hawk Camp, which will run July 27-31, will offer athletes the chance to experience a variety of different sports. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost will be \$98 for Rockwall residents, \$147 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Camp to focus on agility, conditioning

Sports Agility and Conditioning Camp will be offered at Rockwall Education Center. Weeklong camp for 12-year-olds set Aug. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Aug. 11-15-year-olds, Aug. 10-11 a.m. to noon. Cost for Rockwall residents will be \$149, non-residents \$225. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.



Marion Masterson makes the very up close acquaintance of two Ball Pythons at last Thursday's Teen Read activity at the Rockwall County Library. The snakes were part of a presentation by Daryl Sprout of Snake Encounters. Sprout educated the squeamish teens on how to recognize venomous snakes, the difference between biting and squeezing snakes and to back away rather than run away if they encounter a snake. The teen programs wrap for the summer with an end of summer celebration on July 28 at the library. For more information on Snake Encounters, visit their website at snakeshow.com.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

All Rockwall County Sports! ...

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Our sports writers Lary Bump and Matt McGillen, much appreciated for their 2008 contributions, are gearing up for our expanded 2009-10 sports coverage. Readers will also appreciate the high quality photos from photographers Carl McClung and Roy Heath.

We are excited and "fired up" about the upcoming school year, we look forward to promoting our Rockwall County athletes as they strive for excellence.

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Southern Junction names upcoming performers

Southern Junction Nightclub & Steakhouse will welcome three different performers in the coming month, according to a recent news release.

Randy Rogers will be on stage July 24, followed by Casey Donahew on July 31 and Charlie Robison on Aug. 14.

For reservations, call 972-771-2418 Wednesdays through Saturdays after 3 p.m.

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Rockwall golfer John Dukes advances to PGA Junior Championship

John Dukes of Rockwall and Emily Collins of Colleyville finished with strong second rounds to capture invitations into the Junior PGA Championship.

Dukes and Collins will represent North Texas at the Junior PGA Championship, to be held July 28-31 at TPC River Bend in Maineville, Ohio. This will be the 34th playing of the Junior PGA Championship and the second at TPC River Bend.

During second round play at Gentle Creek Golf Club in Prosper Dukes posted only one bogey, along with back to back birdies on Nos. 1 and 2, as well as birdies on Nos. 6 and 11, to propel him to a one shot victory over Plano's William Zalatoris.

Both Dukes and Zalatoris had an impressive second round of 69 but John Dukes' two-day total of 140 was just enough to edge out Zalatoris and gain the automatic bid into the Junior PGA Championship.

Joseph Abella of Plano fired a second round 68 to form a three-way tie for third with Christopher Leasor of Mansfield and Chapmar Herwood of Tyler.

In the Girls Division, Emily Collins finished with an even par round of 72 to gain the two shot victory over Dallas' Talia Campbell. Collins and Campbell shared the lead after opening rounds of 73, but Collins' impressive four birdies on the front nine leading to a 145 total was enough to hold off Campbell and gain the invitation. Alise White of Hereford finished third by shooting a consistent second.

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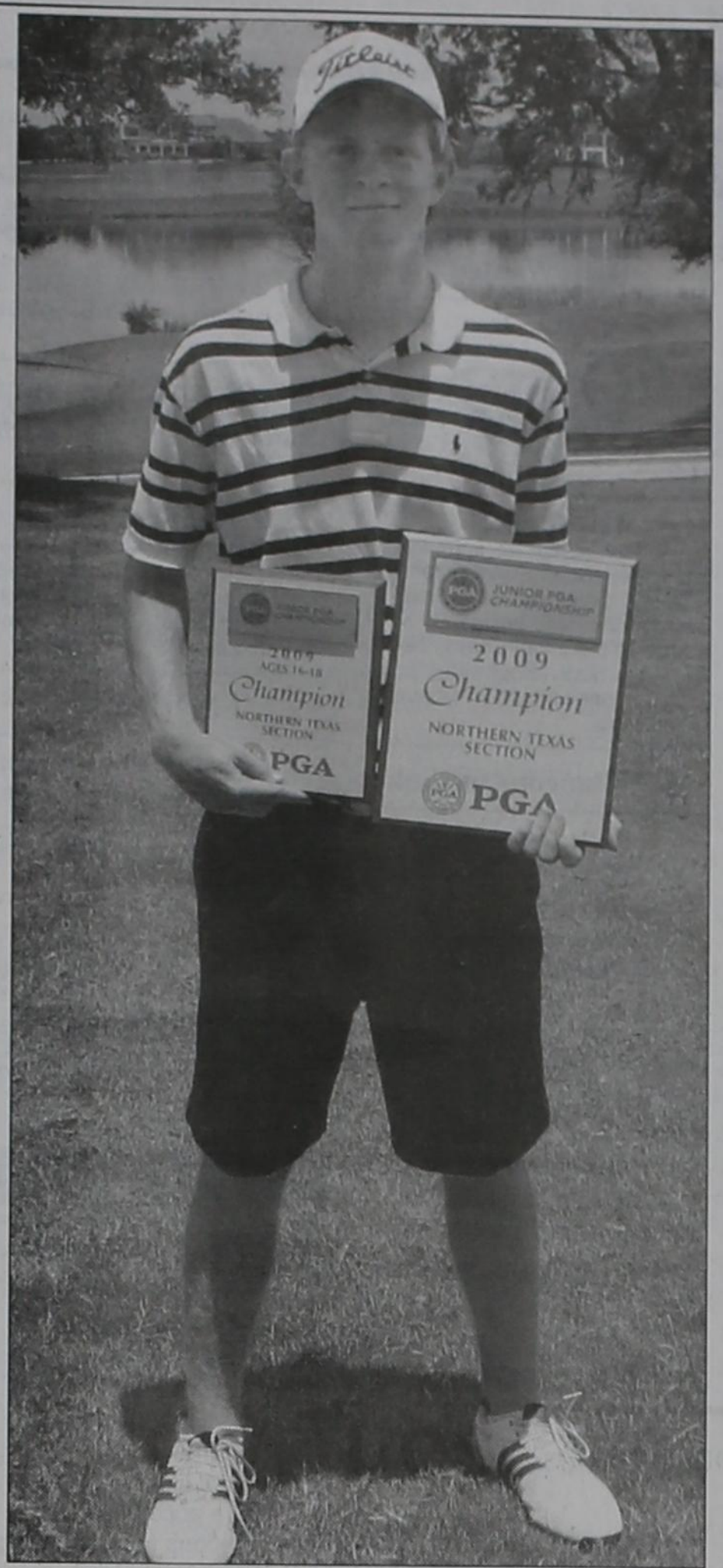
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Rockwall's John Dukes captured an invitation to play in the Junior PGA Championship July 28-31 at the TPC River's Bend Golf Club in Maineville, Ohio after edging out a Plano player in qualifying play in Prosper.

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Joy Lutheran Youth Gathers in New Orleans

Young people from Joy Lutheran Church of Rockwall, along with adult sponsors, will travel to New Orleans this month for a Youth Gathering. They will join more than 20,000 others for a July 22-26 gathering, which is held every three years. This year's theme is "Jesus, Justice, Jazz," based on Philippians 2:1-8. Youth from Joy Lutheran are Kyle Crawford, Anthony Maxnerman Martin, Allison Pettett, Emily Pettett, Mitchell Simpbrett Steffen. The adult sponsors are Dee Dee Simpson and David Well. The group will be recognized by the Joy congregation at its 10:30 a.m. worship service on July 19.

Ensuring safety in New Orleans, Gathering Director Heidi Appel said, "After many visits and meetings with city officials, we studied that the areas we are going to be in are safe. The center looks brand new, and the Superdome looks virtually new. The city is ready for our Lutheran youth to come, hear stories, learn from the history and discover how God has been present during the Katrina disaster and during New Orleans' recovery."

Pastor Paul Appel said, "Each day of the gathering will begin with a worship service and end with programs at the Louisiana State Fair and Morial Convention Center. Stage presentations will feature special effects and technology-enhanced music, dance and Bible study; featured guest speakers and storytelling. Participants will also choose from a variety of activities intended to help them think biblically and theologically about what it means to be a Christian who lives as God's servant in this world."

Joy Lutheran Church is a small, family-oriented, 13 year-old church located at 302 N. Goliad Street (Hwy. 205), one block north of Rockwall County Courthouse. On Sundays, education classes begin at 9:15 a.m. and worship with communion is at 10:30 a.m. A nursery with an attendant is available from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The church's website is joylutheranchurch.org. Joy's pastor, Rev. Paul Appel, can be reached at 972-771-4161.

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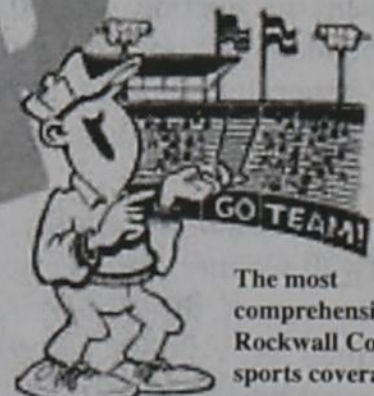
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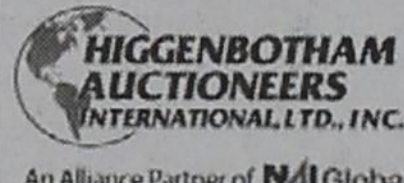
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Tuesday Opinions

The Return of America's Anathema

American school children know, one of the chief complaints American colonists had against the mother country was that they were taxed without their consent. "Taxation without representation is tyranny," a phrase often credited to the revolutionary became an American maxim. Colonial Americans were taxed without any say in the matter was intolerable.

They revolted and after sacrificing their lives and treasure they established the pariah which is taxation without representation; the freest nation the world had ever seen was born. However, was short-lived, as taxation without representation continued and transmogrified a little more than 100 years later, in the form of the Federal Reserve System, America's third iteration of a central bank.

The Federal Reserve has no power of taxation. In fact, it is not a governmental entity or agency. It is a bank composed of elected officials who answer to their shareholders... and who do not appear before Congress to discuss a whole lot about why they then does the Federal Reserve effect taxation without representation? Through its manipulation of the money supply, that varying degrees of continual inflation. As even Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke admitted, "Inflation is a tax."

It is that unlike those in 1776, Americans today-courtesy of the Federal Reserve banking system led by the Federal Reserve-are realizing they are being taxed without their consent. One of the general dearth of understanding concerning such a matter is the perception that acquiring knowledge of the mechanics of central banking is equivalent to earning a PhD in physics. Not so; and, if liberty is to return to America, we must understand that the Federal Reserve is their new enemy.

Marginalizing Sarah Palin

Reilly
A month ago, in this space, I told you The New York Times did a poll about Americans wanting to pay higher taxes to pay for health care. The Times poll said 57 percent of Americans were willing to pay more tax and 37 percent were not willing to do so. The Times did not tell its readers was that 48 percent of Americans voted for Barack Obama. Only 25 percent supported McCain. Of course the poll results would skew left.

They have another media deceit. The most recent edition of Newsweek magazine includes a nasty hatchet job on Sarah Palin by Rick Perlstein. The piece is presented as hard news in the opinion column -- and basically says that the governor is not supported by dimwitted conservatives at odds with the liberals. Perlstein also submits that I and other Fox News viewers are the dumb GOP folks.

Reading the story would think that a Newsweek reporter put it together -- the magazine has a staff of trained reporters to do its reporting and analysis. But Perlstein is not a correspondent and is identified only as an author at the end of the piece. Strange.

Perlstein is even stranger. Perlstein is a far-left zealot who blogs for a liberal website "Campaign for America's Future." He lists one of his titles as "conservative failure." In 2007, Perlstein wrote: "I've been a proud Fox (News) attacker. Now, you can, too. It's not just simply calling advertisers and informing them what they can't survive that."

Newsweek hired a far-left loon to do a hit piece on Palin, and Fox News, and did not inform its readers of his point of view. Newsweek editor Jon Meacham basically gave an ideological attack as news coverage.

Newsweek magazine is in dire financial trouble and is seeking to cultivate a liberal, urban audience. There is nothing wrong with that as long as the editors are upfront about it. But this kind of stuff is harming America, and it must be unmasked.

Under Barack Obama in the White House, the country is facing a range of problems. America is already on the verge of bankruptcy, and is moving into private business, health care and the environment. The far left aims to create a huge federal apparatus to promote income redistribution and "social justice." They have a major opportunity to knock out Judeo-Christian traditions, and to accomplish this, leftwing media are marginalizing Sarah Palin who oppose the strategy. Under the guise of reporting, the media are pushing rank propaganda on the people. Dr. Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda minister, developed this tactic in the 1930s.

We need to wake up and smell the corruption. If crazy ideologues have infiltrated the news business, we need to know who they are and how they are doing it. TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The Bill Engvall Show" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out for Me?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on www.billoreilly.com.
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No Representation
To begin, calling it the "Federal Reserve" is a misnomer, because it is not "federal" (or a "reserve" for that matter, but that is not important for our purposes). Nonetheless, it does have loose, somewhat incestuous, ties to the federal government. As one federal circuit court explained it is "composed of both public and private elements." Committee for Monetary Reform v. Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System, 766 F.2d 538, 539 (D.C. Cir. 1985). The Federal Reserve System was created by Congress's 1913 Federal Reserve Act, and consequently derives its powers from the federal government.

It consists of twelve districts each of which has one Federal Reserve Bank ("Fed Regional Banks") and more than 5,000 other privately owned banks, that is, your bank. The Federal Reserve System's powers are distributed primarily among three separate bodies, none of which are composed of elected officials: the Board of Governors ("Board"), the Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC"), and the Federal Advisory Council ("FAC").

Who owns the Fed?
The Board governs the day-to-day business of the Federal Reserve and consists of seven members each of whom is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. Board members serve fourteen year terms -- more than twice as long as U.S. Senators. While the original text of the Federal Reserve Act allowed the President to remove a Board member "for cause," that is no longer the case. Today Board members may only be removed through Congressional impeachment, a next to impossible process.

The FOMC consists of twelve members: the seven Board members and five additional members who are selected by the Fed Regional Banks and all of whom are either presidents or first vice presidents of the Fed Regional Banks.

The FAC, which advises the Board and the Fed Regional Banks, consists of one member from each Federal Reserve District and is selected by the board of the corresponding Regional Bank.

Likewise, members of the board of directors of each Fed Regional Bank are not elected officials. Instead, they are either selected by the commercial banks within the Federal Reserve District or are appointed by the Board. Thus, within the Federal Reserve System there is not a single elected official who is accountable to the people. It is, for all intents and purposes, independent, and therefore, not representative of the American electorate.

Inflation -- A Hidden Tax, but a Tax Nonetheless
According to the Federal Reserve Act, the purpose of the Federal Reserve System is "to promote effectively the goals of maximum employment, stable prices, and moderate long-term interest rates." (Hahaha... my apologies... that one always makes me laugh). According to a handy little calculator provided by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, the Federal Reserve is not doing so well with its statutorily imposed obligation.

For example, a dollar today buys what \$0.045 bought in 1913, when the Federal Reserve was created. In other words, a dollar earned in 1913 has been subjected to a 95.5% tax. Now granted, most people today never earned a dollar in 1913. So let's say a baby boomer began working in 1973 and immediately started saving for the future. Today each dollar he earned in 1973 is worth about 20 cents, that is, his dollar has been taxed 80%. This is an outrageous tax, but this taxation acts so subtly over time that it is scarcely noticed.

It is the Federal Reserve that is to blame for the dollar's depreciation and it carries out this hidden tax through its manipulating of U.S. monetary policy. The Federal Reserve utilizes three primary instruments in formulating and executing monetary policy: "1) open market operations; 2) regulation of member bank borrowings from the Federal Reserve Banks; and 3) establishment of member bank reserve requirements." See Reuss v. Balles, 584 F.2d 461, 463 (D.C. Cir. 1978).

Creating money out of thin air
The net result of every one of these tools, however, is an increase in the number of circulating dollars. "The most flexible, and perhaps the most important, of these monetary policy tools is the open market instrument." Id.
The open market operation ("OMO") is the Federal Reserve's power to purchase U.S. bonds, notes, or any other U.S. obligation, gold, certain types of commercial paper, and "cable transfers and bankers' acceptances and bills of exchange." The twelve-member FOMC has the exclusive power over OMOs. It is the OMO that results in what Ron Paul and other free market economists describe as creating money "out of thin air."

You see, more often than not the Federal Reserve makes its open market purchases through brokerage houses, like Goldman Sachs for example. Goldman will purchase, say, \$100 million worth of U.S. government debt via Treasury Bills ("T-bills"), which the federal government issues to fund its deficit spending.

The old shell game
The Federal Reserve will then purchase those T-bills from Goldman by crediting Goldman's Federal Reserve bank account (which it is required to have by law) with \$100 million of newly created money-\$100 million which did not exist until the Federal Reserve "purchased" the T-bills. Thus, every dollar which is in circulation is proportionately devalued by the newly created dollars. To be overly simplistic, if there were \$1 billion in circulation each dollar would have been devalued by 10%, that is, a 10% indirect tax rate.

But that is just the beginning of the insidious tax created by the actions of the Federal Reserve. In our example, Goldman now has \$100 million in its Federal Reserve bank account which it previously did not have. By federal statute, Goldman like nearly all banking institutions, need only keep between 3% and 12% of its total deposits in reserve. This is called fractional reserve banking. Again to make things simple, let us say that the reserve requirement is 10%. Of the newly created \$100 million Goldman can lend \$90,000,000 and keep \$10,000,000 in reserve.

Greasing the wheels of finance
Now, to demonstrate the real taxing mechanism, the \$90,000,000 loaned by Goldman will eventually end up being deposited in other banking institutions, but for our purposes let us say the entire amount is deposited in Chase. Chase can keep 10% in reserve (\$9,000,000) per the statutory requirement and lend the remaining 90% (\$81,000,000).

This process repeats itself and can ultimately result in a net increase of 900 million new dollars on top of the original \$100 million that was created by the Federal Reserve when it "purchased" the T-bills from Goldman. Net increase -- \$1 billion of "new" money.

Like our current "progressive" income tax structure, the inflation tax does not tax everyone equally; in fact, it benefits some and causes detriment to others. Whoever receives the newly created money first (in our example Goldman) derives a benefit, because the newly created money has the same purchasing power as every other existing dollar in circulation.

As that money changes hands and makes its way down through the economy, the market adjusts its pricing structure in order to compensate for the influx of new money. By the time (some of) those dollars arrive in your hands and mine, their purchasing power has decreased to the fullest extent and we, as a result, can buy less with them than Goldman could.

Deflation or inflation?
The increase in the supply of money -- via government deficit spending, the FOMC's OMOs, and fractional reserve banking -- is one reason why prices "increase." It is not that the goods and services you want to buy are necessarily gaining value due to a fluctuation in the supply or demand of the goods and services, it is that the supply of dollars goes up causing those dollars' purchasing power to go down.

Accordingly, as the money creation process is typically initiated by the government issuing debt (T-Bills, bonds, etc.), increased government deficit spending will generally result in an increase in the supply of money, and consequently, a decreased standard of living.

The federal government, therefore, is able to finance its welfare-warfare state with only minimal increases in direct income and other tax rates because it is able to tax us through the back end by way of the Federal Reserve System. The only winners in such a system is Big Government and Wall Street. The losers are Lady Liberty, you, and me.

King George must be spinning in his grave with envy. If only he and his parliament had been smart enough to implement a central banking system based on fiat currency, and the colonists had been dumb enough to accept such a system, he may have been able to avoid the whole "taxation without representation" fiasco and hold on to his cherished American colonies.

Taxation without representation truly is tyranny and anathema to everything that is (was) America, but the anathema is back, only in different form. We, like our eighteenth century predecessors, therefore, have an important question to answer. Are we willing to accept taxation without representation?

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The 14U Garland Cubs players are (bottom row from left) Bret Boswell, Jared Jordan, Carlos Chaves, Zachary Crane and Case Smith, (top row from left) Coach Chris Ketchmark, Jamie Andriot, Kaleb Callaway, Hunter Henderson, Morgan Hamblen, Michael Ketchmark, Carson Childers, Coach Jim Perry and Caleb Pollard.
Photo Courtesy of Amy Boswell/Rockwall County News

Cubs baseball team attends Baylor Camp

The 14U Garland Cubs Baseball Team traveled to Waco this past weekend to attend a 3-day team camp at Baylor University Ballpark.

On Friday, the teams were evaluated and attended lectures on hitting, defense, nutrition, speed-strength-conditioning and recruiting. Saturday and Sunday, the Baylor coaching staff provided hands-on instruction in areas of hitting and individual defense, and then paired up the teams for games. The coaches then monitored the games and provided feedback to teams during and following games.

Throughout the weekend, the coaches told the boys that they must have good grades and good character, in addition to talent, to play at the college level and that they need to be a champion on and off the field.

They shared the characteristics of a champion with the players:
C - Calm under pressure

- H - Hard worker
- A - Assertive
- M - Modest
- P - Prepared
- I - Integrity
- O - Optimistic
- N - Never, never give up

The Cubs left Waco with a wealth of knowledge and a glimpse into the life of Big 12 college baseball. Bret Boswell, shortstop and pitcher for the Cubs stated, "The camp was a great learning experience. The college coaches were so helpful and I am looking forward to going again next year. I especially liked playing games on the college field." The Cubs players feel fortunate they had this opportunity and look forward to using what they learned next week while competing in the AAYBA World Series in Flower Mound, Tx.

Rickwall Riptides earn medals at Mansfield meet

The Rockwall Riptides USA swimmers, who have achieved the difficult time standards governed by the USA Swimming Organization, competed at the "A" Long Course Championship meet July 9-12 in Mansfield. Swimmers added team records and Texas Age Group Swimming (TAGS) qualifying times to their growing list of accomplishments during this summer's long course season.

Emily Manly, age 10, has achieved a total of 11 TAGS times in the 50, 100, 200 and 400-meter Freestyle, 50 and 100-meter Back, 50 and 100-meter Fly, 50 and 100-meter Breaststroke and the 200 Individual Medley. She currently holds two team records: the 100 Fly, with a AAA time of 1:23.70 and the 200 Individual Medley, with a AAA time of 2:58.08 in the 9-10 girls division. Manly placed third in the 50 Fly, fourth in the 100 Back, fifth in the 50 Back, sixth in the 200 Free, seventh in the 100 Free and eighth in the 100 Breast, scoring 21 team points.

Raena Eldridge, 12, has made five TAGS qualifying events in

the 50, 200, 400-meter Freestyle and the 50 and 100-meter Backstroke. During this Long Course season she has set five team records, with AAA times in the 50-meter Free (30.15), the 100-meter Free (1:06.60), the 400 Free (5:03.86), the 800 Free (10:21.03) and a AA time in the 200-meter Free (2:25.93) in the 11-12 girls division. She scored four team points by placing fifth in the 800 Free.

William Rapp, 12, came into the meet with two TAGS times and then picked up three more in two days, bringing his TAGS total to five events achieving AAA times in the 50 Free, 100 and 200 Back and AA times in the 50 back and 100 Breast. He placed second overall in the 100 Back and fourth in the 50 Back in the 11-12 boys division to tally up 12 team points.

Brooke Arnold, 10, has TAGS times in the 50 and 100-meter Fly. She swam A times in the 50 and 100 Back and 50 and 100 Fly. Arnold placed seventh in the 50 Fly, scoring two team points in the 9-10 girls division.

Justin Tokuz, 13, has a TAGS time in the 50-meter Free. He achieved A times in the 50, 100, 200, and 400-meter Freestyle and the 200 Individual Medley in the 13-14 boys division.

Alex Rodriguez, 11, achieved a TAGS time in the 50-short-course-meter Breaststroke while at a meet in the Dominican Republic in the 11-12 boys division.

Representing the 15 & Over boys and girls division "A" qualifiers were Jonathan Walters, 17, in the 100 and 200-meter Breaststroke, scoring two team points with a seventh place finish in the 200 Breast.

Jared Tokuz, 16, achieved A time standards in the 100 and 200-meter Free.

Alyson Heuer, 15, achieved A time standards in the 50 Free and 200 Individual Medley.

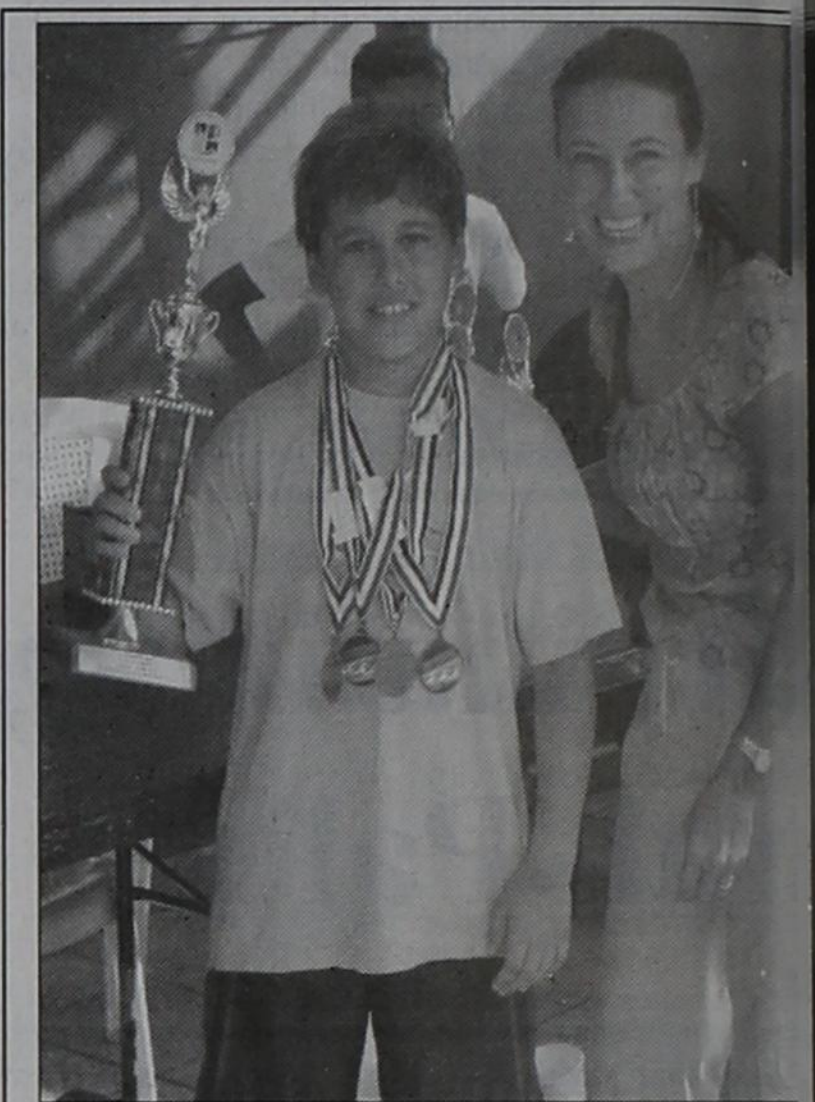
Alex Rodriguez swims to gold at international meet

Alex Rodriguez, age 11, swam at the FINA Sanctioned "onato Infantil ASONADINA 2009" Short Course Meet June 14 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

He received gold medals in the 50 SC meter Back and Rodriguez achieved a short course meter TAGS time in the 50 Breast. He came in second place in the 50 and which earned him the high points trophy for his age division.

Rodriguez also participated in the Speedo International Invitational Long Course Meters Swim Meet held the June 25 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where he qualified to swim Free, 50 Back, 50 Breast and the 100 Breast. He competed with swimmers from several countries at the meet.

Rodriguez spent seven weeks training with his coach Maritza Rodriguez Creus, who is the National Swim Coach of the Dominican Republic and Head Coach of The Dolphins Club.



Alex Rodriguez posing with his First Place high school trophy and medals at the local meet in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, alongside the awards presenter.
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