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News Briefs

Tornetta family needs assistance

A family home in Woodland Creek recently was destroyed. Donations for the family can be taken to the desk at the Holiday Inn Express or dropped off at The Fellowship of Church, 900 Pullen St. Clothing for the couple, their 9-year-old daughters and 15-year-old son is needed. For specific clothing and shoe sizes, contact the church.

Library accepting food for current fines

Rockwall County Library will not collect fines on currently due this month; instead, non-perishable food items will be accepted at the checkout desk. Food will be donated to the needy. Library patrons still remain responsible for previous month's book fines.

RHHS After-Prom group seeks contributions

The After-Prom Fundraising Committee needs tax-deductible contributions of money, gift cards and items to be awarded to seniors at the May 9 prom. Checks may be made payable to RHHS and mailed to Keli Phillips, P.O. Box 1197, Rockwall, TX 75087 or more details call Phillips at 469-441-8307 or e-mail kphillips@yahoo.com.

Relay For Life Choir forming

Rockwall County Relay For Life, set May 1-2 at Cain Middle School, will include a 9 p.m. performance on May 1 by a Relay For Life Choir. Anyone interested in taking part in this group should contact Isiak Holiday at 972-772-6732. Practices will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Heath.

RCCOC plans luncheon today

The Rockwall County Chamber's April luncheon will begin at noon today in the Board Room of the Royse City City Hall. Jeff Patterson, director of economic development at Lake Pointe, will be the guest speaker. Also featured is a fashion show presented by Helping Hands of Rockwall. Reservations should be made by Friday by calling 972-636-5000 or emailing jrpatterson@roysecitychamber.com.

Library plans Game Night

Game nights for students in grades 7 through 12 will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Rockwall County Library.

RHHS Fashion show set Thursday

Rockwall High School Family & Consumer Science classes will conduct their third annual fashion show at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the RHHS cafeteria. The event will be open to the public and admission will be \$3. For more information contact Julie Durst at 972-772-474.

'Mortgage-free' class offered

A class entitled 'Mortgage-free in 10 Years or Less' will be held on Thursday in Room C214, Rockwall High School. Learn how to live mortgage-free without changing monthly spending, reduce your debt and maximize tax deductions. Cost is \$15. For details call Lisa at 972-772-474 or visit www.lisa.com; select Community tab.

Town hall meeting with Ramsey set

Rockwall County, nationally syndicated radio talk show host and best-selling author, will host a nationwide town hall meeting, Town Hall Live, beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday. The event will be broadcast to 34 locations, including the First United Methodist Church, 2200 Snow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall. For details contact Greg Ramsey at 972-771-5500 or gymphries@fmcrockwall.com.

Aspians art, craft show slated

The Aspians' Arts & Crafts Show will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at the square in old downtown Rockwall. Booth space is available. Call 214-712-0212 for more details.

ISD event to target disabled students, families

ISD will host its third annual Community Resource & Transition event for children with disabilities and their families from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at Rockwall High. For information call Michael Clark at 714-495-1145.

Church to host awards banquet

First United Methodist Episcopal Church will host its 2009 Community Servant Leadership Awards Banquet on Saturday at the Melody Banquet Hall in Royse City. An auction and dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by formal dining and awards at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. For details call 972-636-2250.

Philharmonic performance set

A symphony performance by the Greater Rockwall Philharmonic will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall. Elizabeth and Raymond Cameron will be honored for their community work. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and will be available at the door or by calling 972-771-3573.

Writer's Group to meet April 28

Rockwall County Library Writer's Group, open to students in grades 7 through 12, will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 28 at the library. Students are encouraged to bring samples of their writing.

RHHS Senior Prom tickets on sale

Rockwall-Heath High School Senior Prom will be on Saturday, April 30. Tickets can be purchased from the Heath senior prom sponsor, Ms. Gandee. Cost is \$150 for seniors, \$50 for non-seniors or guests. Students who paid \$100 in class dues by Jan. 15 may purchase their pre-paid ticket through April 30 as well. Checks should be made payable to the RHHS Class of 2009.

Taste of Rockwall, Expo planned

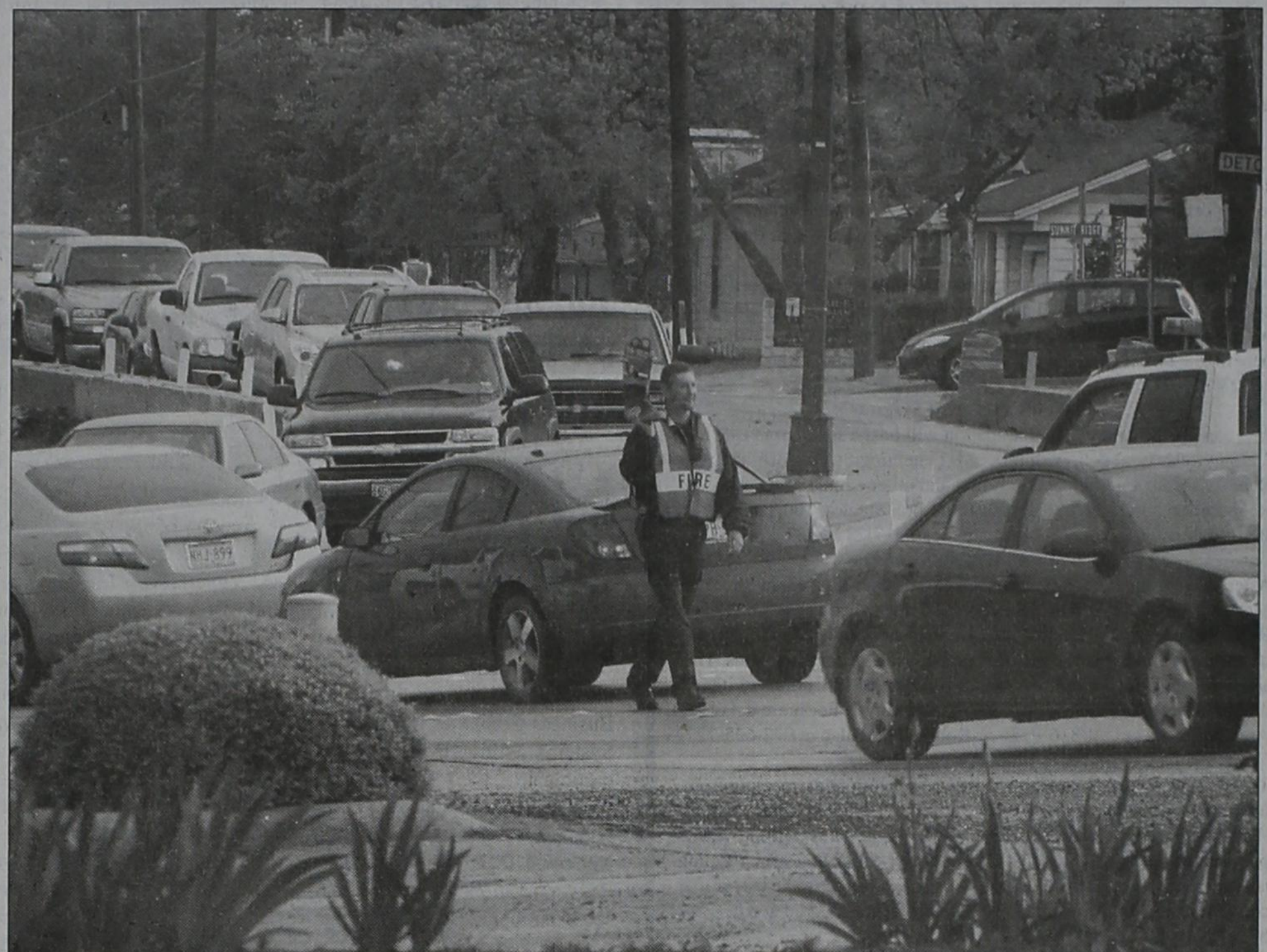
The Taste of Rockwall & Business Expo 2009 will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 30. Restaurant space is available by contacting Doug at 972-672-7087. For Business Expo booths call the Rockwall County Chamber at 972-771-5733. Taste of Rockwall tickets are available at the chamber, through Rotary Club members, at local banks and through high school band students. Admission to the Expo will be \$5.

Animal shot, microchip clinic set

Animal Services will host a low-cost shot and microchip clinic from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 2 at the Loftis veterinary office, 1500 S. Liad. Rabies shots will cost \$8 (one-year) or \$24 (three-year). Basic shots will cost \$8 each. Microchipping will cost \$20. Reservations are last. Dogs must be on leashes; cats must be in carriers. For more information call RAS at 972-771-7750.

Relay for Life set May 1-2

Relay for Life fundraising event for the American Cancer Society will run May 1-2 in Rockwall County. Register a team by calling 972-771-1605; become a sponsor by calling 972-524-9976; or become a survivor by calling 469-273-3097; or buy a luminaria by calling 972-771-1605. For more details visit relayforlife.org.



Rockwall Firefighter Ronnie Pettis collects donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during the annual nationwide Boot Campaign on Friday, April 17. Pettis and his fellow firefighters collected the donations in their boots from motorists during the April 16, 17, and 18 campaign at the intersection of Goliad and Ridge Roads and near Fire Station #2 in the southern section of Rockwall. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Rockwall students enjoy global experience in Paris and London spring break trip

Contributed by Dee Lord

Students from Williams Middle School and Rockwall High School enjoyed the sights and sounds of Paris and London during their spring break.

The students were first greeted by the hustle and bustle at Victoria Station in London. Not letting jet lag slow them down, they visited the beautiful Big Ben Tower and the British Parliament.

Climbing atop St. Paul's Cathedral gave them a bird's eye view of London and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Other sites visited in London included Westminster Abbey, Piccadilly Circus, The London Eye Ferris Wheel over the Thames River, Tower of London, Tower Bridge, Trafalgar Square, St. Martin-In-The Fields Church, British Museum, National Gallery, Covent Garden, Imperial War Museum, Cabinet War Rooms and Buckingham Palace.

The students recapped the city of London with a Double Decker Bus Tour. They also enjoyed dinner at the infamous 'Cafe' in the Crypt.

Following an excursion on the Eurostar under the English Channel, the students arrived in Paris, France for a new adventure. Sites in Paris included St. Chappell's beautiful stained glass windows, The Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triumpe - their favorite aerial view of Paris, Champs Elysees, with the biggest round about in the world, Notre Dame Cathedral and Bell Tower Climb, The Louvre and Sacre' Coeur - Basilica in Montmartre.

The last night in Paris was celebrated in the original dining place of the Three Musketeers.

Rockwall County's only bi-weekly newspaper opens new era for RCN

by Wesley W. Burnett

We are quite pleased to introduce this, our first edition of Rockwall County's only bi-weekly newspaper. We have been planning for this expansion of our service to our readers for several months. It has been apparent to us for some time that this vibrant, dynamic county can not be adequately served with a once-a-week publication.

Starting with this first Tuesday edition, your hometown newspaper will be published on Tuesdays and Fridays, with the Tuesday edition delivered by mail to subscribers. It will not be available on newsstands.

Now our subscribers truly get a "two for one" value, with both editions being delivered by mail on Tuesday and Friday for the same annual rate of \$30.

This expanded service will allow us to bring local news to our readers in a more timely fashion, and provide more convenient options for our advertisers.

We encourage our readers to take advantage of this new service. If you aren't currently a subscriber, call us at 972-722-3099 to ensure that you get both editions delivered to you by mail.

We could not provide this additional publication without the generous support of our advertisers, and we strongly urge our readers to shop with those who make it possible for your hometown newspaper.

Once again, we thank all of you for your encouragement, readership and advertising. We know you're going to be quite impressed with the quality and quantity of local news and photography we'll be providing in your twice-a-week hometown newspaper.

Each year, students from Williams and RHS are given the opportunity to travel to Europe. The travel coordinator is teacher Dee Lord from Williams Middle School. Students make new friends and learn about different cultures. Students making the trip this year included Robert Pulatie, Christian Pollock, Alan Losanes, Cristyn Richey, Rebecca Saunders, Noah Goen, Bailey Hensel, Evan Losanes, Tim Townes, Josh Rubin and Rachel Rodgers.



Bringing a little Rockwall flair to the Eiffel Tower during a joint Williams Middle School and Rockwall High School spring break trip to Paris and London were Robert Pulatie, Christian Pollock, Alan Losanes, Cristyn Richey, Rebecca Saunders, Noah Goen, Bailey Hensel, Evan Losanes, Tim Townes and Josh Rubin. Photo Courtesy of Dee Lord

May 1-2 Relay For Life countdown under way

The countdown to Rockwall County's Relay For Life event is under way.

Fifty-five teams are registered to walk the track at Cain Middle School on May 1-2 to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

Cancer survivors will be treated as VIPs, receiving free T-shirts, a meal catered by Eddie Deen's Barbeque and chances to win raffle prizes. Reserved parking also awaits survivors this year, and golf carts will be used to transport those who need assistance.

Relay will kick off at 7 p.m. with the Survivor Lap.

The family-friendly event will offer affordable meals available from Chick-fil-A, Culyers Frozen Custard, Chiloso's and Buffalo Hot Wings, with proceeds donated to the cause. Special children's activities are planned, as well as games and competitions for teens and adults.

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May 1-2 Relay for Life ...

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The Remembrance Ceremony will take place at 9 p.m. May 1 to pay tribute to individuals who have lost their battles with cancer. The stadium lights will be extinguished and luminarias will line the track.

At midnight, the Fighting Back Ceremony is scheduled.

Relay will run from 7 p.m. May 1 through 7 a.m. May 2, symbolizing the cancer victim's survival through the dark night of fighting against the disease and the dawn of their recovery.

To register as a survivor call 469-273-3097. To purchase luminarias call 972-722-7998 or visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx.

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Giving Back Event slated

The Giving Back Event, a special benefit honoring those who continue to support 3-year-old Nate Oxford in his ongoing battle against Medulloblastoma, will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 2 at Pullen Elementary.

Activities will include a vintage car show, chili cookoff, celebrity auction, helicopter golf ball drop, prizes, bounce houses, climbing wall, bungee trampoline, trackless train and more. Proceeds will benefit Nate's care and cancer research. For details call Lana Carlisle at 903-268-0133.

Trail ride to benefit St. Jude's

The American Paint Horse Foundation will host a scenic trail ride May 2 along Lake Benbrook, with proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, therapeutic riding and other equine programs. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Benbrook Stables, 10001 Benbrook Blvd. For more information call 817-222-6433.

Z Museum plans yard sale

After visiting the new Farmer's Market on Royce City Main Street on May 2, drop by the Z Museum, 124 Arch, for its yard sale. The Zaner Robison Historical Museum's first fundraiser will include vintage items, tools and treasures, oddities and unusual decorating items. The sale will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tax-deductible donations of items will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 1. For more details call Ann Cornelius at 972-816-9626 or Robbie McMillan at 972-635-7272.

RCC plans May 6 meeting

The Rockwall Computer Council will have its monthly meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 6 at The Center, Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. Bill Hair, owner of My Computer Guy, will provide a program on computer usage. A Q&A session will follow. The meeting is open to anyone at any level of expertise interested in the use of computers for home or office. For details call Joe Conrad at 972-771-8712.

Voting locations changed for May 9 election

Because of the reconstruction of Utley Middle School, voters in Precincts 1, 1B, 1C, 2A, 3A, 3B, 4B, 4C and 4D will be required to vote in the Rockwall County Public Library for the May 9 election. The library is located at 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane adjacent to the Utley facility.

Community Band plans May 9 concert

The Rockwall Community Band will present its spring concert at 7 p.m. May 9 at Rockwall High School, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane. Admission will be free. Directed by Mike McGill, assisted by Lewis Phelps, the band will perform "Anthem for Winds and Percussion," "Rendezvous with the Other Side," "Flight of the Bumble Bee" and "Flashpoint." For more information, call 972-841-1942 or visit therockwallcommunityband.org.

Kids Day slated May 16

The American Paint Horse Foundation will host a free Kids Day event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the YMCA Camp Carter Equestrian Center, 5900 Meandering Road, in Fort Worth. Activities will include horseback rides, roping clinics, chuckwagon lunch, live music and sing-a-longs and many others. All events are free and open to the public. For more details visit apha.com/kidsday.

Founders Day Festival set May 30

The 6th Annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. May 30 in Rockwall's historic downtown square. The celebration will include vendor booths, children's activities, food and day-long entertainment. A sundown concert will begin at 6:45 p.m. Admission will be free. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Rockwall ISD April 24 show to feature works by student artists

The public is invited to attend the 2009 Rockwall District Art Show, honoring the outstanding work of many of Rockwall ISDs art students.

The show will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday April 24 at Rockwall-Heath High School.

Special performers for the evening will be the Rockwall String Orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Tracy Davis. RHHS Theater Arts teacher Kristin Dodgen and her Technical Theater students will provide assistance helping to set up the show.

The show is also in honor of all RISD Art teachers, "who inspire their students everyday to create pieces of art that make this outstanding show possible," according to a district press release.

Due to ongoing construction at the school, visitors are asked to park in the student parking next to the new RHHS Athletic Complex on Cuny Drive at the south side of the school. Enter the school through the marked Athletic Entrance and follow the hallway to the first and second levels.

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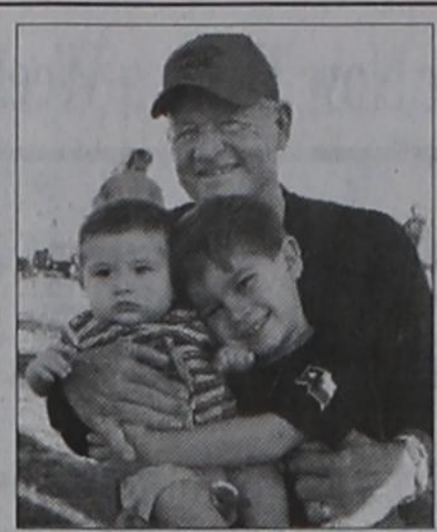
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Cancer survivor Mike Manning is pictured during the 2008 Rockwall County Relay For Life. This year's event is scheduled for May 1-2 at Cain Middle School. To register as a survivor, call 469-273-3097.

Cain MS students peek at future in Job Shadowing program

Contributed by Michele Jensen

One hundred forty-nine Cain Middle School eighth grade students visited Rockwall County businesses on April 14 and April 15 as part of a Job Shadowing experience to see first hand the good and not-so-good details of their potential future careers.

The students elected to take the high school credit course Business Computer Information Systems as eighth graders and participate in the Job Shadowing Experience. Businesses volunteered their time to involve Rockwall ISD students in their daily operations so they could see what their first career choice would involve.

After their day in the real world, some students found out they didn't want to pursue their choice as a future career. However, some students blossomed and became more enthused in their choice.

Some of the businesses that participated in this project were American National Bank, Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School, Bel Fiore Spa, City of Rockwall, Community Bank, District Attorney's Office, Drs. Allen and Allen, Dr. Andrew Hodges, Dr. Brigitte Koetter, Dr. David Loftis, Dr. Stan Lowrance, Fountainhead Entertainment, Hilton Bella Harbor, Hudson Financial Group, Mark Kelldorf, Lake Pointe Church, Lake Pointe Hospital, Lakeside Chevrolet, My Computer Guy, North Texas Water District, ProHealth Chiropractic, Regions Bank, Rockwall County Enterprise, RISD Athletics, Rockwall Police Department, SHW Architects, Sharon Shannon Elementary School, Sheila Evans Interiors, Special Products and Manufacturing, Stonebridge Veterinarian, Sturdevant Studios, Texas Back Institute, and Trend Personnel.

A huge thank you goes out to these Rockwall County businesses and the Rockwall Business Education Council in making this opportunity possible for Rockwall ISD and especially the eighth grade Cain Middle School students.

Lakeside Civic Chorus brings opera to Rockwall for May event

An extraordinary cultural experience is coming to the community in May when the Lakeside Civic Chorus brings opera to Rockwall. The locally-based choir is sponsoring a special event that will unite four accomplished singers, Jennifer Sanchez, Barbara LeMay, John Hines and Bryce Westervelt, in "A Night at the Opera."

Jennifer Sanchez



Soprano Jennifer Sanchez is a native of Indianapolis, IN, who has performed roles such as, Violetta in "La Traviata" and Donna Anna in "Don Giovanni" with the International Institute of Vocal Arts in Chiari, Italy, Madame Herz in "The Impresario" with the Palm Beach Opera in Florida, and the title role in "Madame Butterfly" with the Crossroads Opera in Indiana.

She has been noted for vocal brilliance and extraordinary control not only on the opera stage, but also on the recital stage where she performs frequently with her husband, pianist Luis Sanchez.

She was named finalist for the Macalister Opera Competition, was a prize winner in the Middle Tennessee State University Opera Competition, Suncoast Opera Guild Competition, and the National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition. In 2002, Ms. Sanchez was awarded first place at the Palm Beach Atlantic University National Vocal Competition.

Barbara LeMay



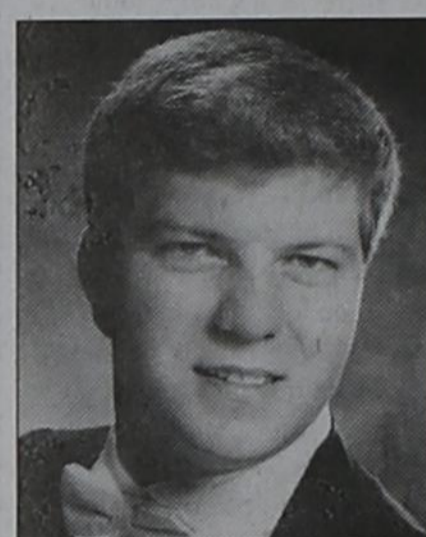
Barbara LeMay was educated at Ball State University and Yale University. Her principal roles have included Lucretia in "The Rape of

Lucretia," Gertrude in "Hansel and Gretel," Prinz Orlofsky in "Die Fledermaus," The Mother in "Amahl and the Night Visitors," Zweite Dame in "Die Zauberflote," Suzuki in "Madame Butterfly," Dame Quickly in "Falstaff," Zita in "Gianni Schicchi," and Camilla in "Il giovedì grasso."

In concert, LeMay has performed as mezzo and alto soloist. She is the winner of awards in the Connecticut District Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and the Annamaria Saritelli-DiPanni Bel Canto Vocal Scholarship Awards. Ms. LeMay has worked with a number of prestigious organizations, including New York City Opera, Pine Mountain Music Festival, Amarillo Opera, Kansas City Chamber Orchestra, Elgin O*P*E*R*A, and Opera Company of Brooklyn.

She has also performed as a Young Artist with Glimmerglass Opera and Opera Theatre of Lucca.

Bruce Westervelt



Tenor Bryce Westervelt has performed as Nemorino in "L'elisir d'amore," Ferrando in "Così fan tutte," Don Ottavio in "Don Giovanni," Idamante in "Idomeneo," and Almaviva in "I Barbiere di Siviglia."

He has also performed with Asheville Lyric Opera, Opera Naples, Opera Roanoke, Opera Tampa, St. Petersburg Opera, Concert Opera of Philadelphia, Summer Opera Theater, the 20th Century Consort, the Washington Savoyards, and the Maryland Opera Studio.

He was a finalist in the 2000 Bethlehem Bach Festival Competition and received the prestigious Virginia Best Adams Fellowship at the Carmel Bach Festival in 2000. In addition, he was a member of the Berkshire Opera Young Artist Development. He holds degrees from the University of Georgia and the University of Maryland.

John Hines

Bass John Hines, by virtue of his well-matched physical and vocal size, has been the logical choice for many of



opera's basso gods roles. He has performed principal operatic roles at Cedar Rapids Opera, Cleveland Opera, O'Connell Opera, and the Ash Grove Opera.

As a concert singer, Hines has performed Russian Concert Opera, St. Petersburg, Waterfalls Symphony, Greater Cleveland Symphony, Greater Cleveland Chamber Orchestra, Napa Valley Philharmonic, Cleveland Chamber Orchestra, and the Festival Orchestra of Austria.

Born in New York, Hines received a undergraduate degree in education from Kent State University and his graduate degree in vocal performance from Kent State University. He studied at the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music.

In addition to his vocal studies, Hines also studied piano at The American Conservatory of Music in Indiana.

In 2006, he joined the music faculty at The University of Northern Iowa, where he held teaching appointments at Cornerstone University, Taylor University, Ball State University, and Pittsburg State University.

Each performer will be performing an aria, as well as a piece. The four singers will then perform duets and performing classic operatic pieces explaining the story of each one.

Accompanying the singers on piano will be Lakeside Civic Chorus Artistic Director Bush and LCC accompanist Ken Frerichs.

"A Night at the Opera" will be presented at 7 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Rockwall. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and \$5 for students.

Rockwall Holistic Health Fair May 23

The Third Annual Holistic Health Fair, sponsored by Kathy Wanderer, R.N., L.Ac. and the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23 at The Center, located at the corner of Washington & Goliad/205.

The Health Fair is an opportunity to learn about the various holistic modalities, services and products available in Rockwall. Visitors will have the opportunity to view demonstrations and meet and talk with various practitioners and vendors, attend presentations and find out more

about holistic health topics. Some of the topics that will be covered include Acupuncture, Yoga, Pilates, Chiropractic, Massage Therapies, Reiki, Midwifery, Skin Care, Naturopathy, and more. Admission is free.



Cote d'Azur at the Harbor was the setting for the Tuesday, March 24 luncheon of the Rockwall Red Hat Rockettes. Each member was presented with a black boa and black sequined headband with feathers to give the ambiance of being in France as they enjoyed wonderful French cuisine. Members of the Rockettes are (back row from left) Diana Morris, Jean Abernathy, Pat Moore, Judy Dixon, Glenda Jones, JoAnn Efeny, (front row from left) Sue Davis, Barbara Allen, Biddie Hampton, Tome Martin, Janie Clark, Carolyn Cullins, Betty Moon, Margo Gooch, Sandra Hail, Judy Riordan, Ruth Peck, Alma Howard and Judy Minth. Photo Courtesy of Sue Davis

Farmers Market returns to Rockwall

are opens May 2

ed last fall's Farmers Market, you'll love the 2009 version with an earlier start date, longer schedule and more vendors.

Days of Downtown Farmers Market will be on Saturdays, beginning September 26. Vendors will be on hand for sales until noon.

Rockwall High School Jazz Band will play at the May 2 opening. Many favorite vendors from last fall's market will be back, as well as many new vendors who are anxious to get started.

Area residents will be able to pick up old favorites like honey and honey, as well as right-off-the-farm fresh produce. Vendors came to the Rockwall market from Wylie, Canton and other surrounding areas.

The market looks to expand on those same favorites, offering a variety and possibly some new surprises, such as fresh

Stamp Out Hunger! event slated May 9

Stamp Out Hunger!, the nation's largest single-day food drive, will be held on May 9, providing North Texas residents the opportunity to help the North Texas Food Bank and the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

Participants will be filled with non-perishable food and left next to mailboxes at the time of regular mail delivery. Bags will be picked up by carriers.

Items for donation include canned soup and vegetables, pasta and cereal.

Items collected will be delivered to the North Texas Food Bank and the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

The annual food drive's inception in 1993, Stamp Out Hunger! has collected more than 909 million pounds of food. Dallas-Fort Worth residents donated more than 486,000 pounds of food in 2008.

For more information about Stamp Out Hunger! in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, visit stampouthunger.com.

Asians art, craft show set April 25

The Asians' Arts & Crafts Show will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 25 in the square in old downtown Rockwall.

The show will include home interiors, clothing, jewelry, floral arrangements, wooden items, food and other items. Several items for sale will be available.

The show is designed to raise scholarship money for Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High School graduating seniors.

Booths remain available. For booth information, call 214-988-1111 or visit aspasians.com.

Chamber to host April 24 golf tourney

The City Chamber of Commerce will conduct its 8th Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Fundraiser on April 24 at the Rockwall Golf Club.

The tournament will be at noon; shotgun start will be at 1 p.m. Registration is May 1.

The tournament will feature a four-person team scramble format. Entry is \$75 per person.

Prizes will include cash prizes for first-, second- and third-place overall, longest drive, closest to the pin, last place, hole in one, Las Vegas and advance hole. Goody bags also will be distributed.

Food will be provided by Twin Peaks Restaurant in Mesquite and Rodz Café of Royse City will provide the catered dinner.

The annual tournament is the chamber's primary source of funds for college scholarships awarded each year to a graduating high school senior. The tournament also helps support the day-to-day operations of the chamber.

Present sponsorship opportunities are available, and firms interested in contributing items to the goody bags are welcome to contact the chamber at 972-636-5000 or info@roysecitychamber.com. Ticket sales sponsorships are tax deductible.

Taste of Rockwall, Expo set April 30

Preparations for the 16th Annual Taste of Rockwall and Business Expo, co-hosted by the Rockwall Noon Rotary Club and the Rockwall County Chamber of Commerce, are under way.

The event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 30. The event's main attraction is the business expo, which is open to the public. The expo will feature about 2,000 visitors who came to see the business exhibitors and 23 area restaurants. Once again, the expo will be held at Rockwall High School, 901 Yellow Springs Road, in Rockwall.

Business exhibitors interested in participating should contact Doug Farley at 972-672-7087.

Reservations for Business Expo booths are going quickly, but more information remains available. Those interested in participating should contact the chamber at 972-771-5733 or register online at chamber.org.

Booths to the Taste of Rockwall are available at the chamber or the Rotary Club members, local banks, Hacienda Car Wash, Car Wash and through high school band students. Admission to the Business Expo will be free to the public.

CERT training slated for May

The next class of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been scheduled for May.

The class will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 2 and May 9 at the Rockwall Fire Station No. 2, located at 920 Rockwall Parkway.

CERT provides individuals who work or reside in Rockwall with the opportunity to become part of a group trained to help first responders during times of disaster. Topics covered in training include: basic medical operations; incident command; basic HAZMAT; search and rescue; special rescue operations; basic search and rescue; and safety.

The course is designed to benefit citizens and firefighters.

Registration is open to anyone living or working in Rockwall County.

For more information, contact Tony Santoro at 972-771-7770.

Applications are available at the Rockwall Fire Department or at www.rockwalltx.gov under the Fire Department/Public Education/CERT.

Applicants must have a clear criminal history and be at least 18 years old.

The course is offered free of charge.

For more information contact Tony Santoro at 972-771-7770.

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"Mars Hill" band members performing at last Thursday's Harbor Concert (left to right) Annagrey Labasse, Dave Barnett and Jerry Mowery entertained music fans before the heavy thunderstorms and rain forced a postponement. The popular event is scheduled Thursday evening at Rockwall's Harbor District. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



First grade pals Annika Barsness, Julia Bailey, Grace Adams, Amelia Warren and Savannah Warren enjoyed their time together at the Pullen Elementary SportsFest. The annual PTA-sponsored event again drew a huge crowd this year. Highlights included bounce houses, inflatables, a giant slide, rock climbing wall, cake walk, game booths, face painting booth, family bicycle race, silent auction and delicious food. Photo Courtesy of Marcia Carroll-Burzair

Rockwall County Obituaries

Lauren Rachel Cram

Services for Lauren Rachel Cram, 22, were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009, in the Lake Pointe Church Chapel with Scott Gill officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died April 14.

Born June 20, 1986, to Joseph Michael and Michelle (Winn) Cram, she was a graduate of CCCCD and Rockwall High School, where she served as president of the Rockwall Rotary Interact Club. She was a barista at Starbucks in Rockwall for more than three years and a member of the Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include her parents of Rockwall; one sister, Kristen Cram of Rockwall; her grandparents, Joseph C. and Martha Cram of Garland, Sally Sutherland of Mesquite and Eston and Bernie Winn of Aguanga, Calif.; her great-grandparents, Marie Winn of Emory and Marjorie Hollinger of Niagra Falls, N.Y.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family has suggested memorial contributions to be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2929 Carlisle #230, Dallas, TX 75204 or online at cff.org or to Southwest Transplant Alliance at donate-lifetexas.org.

Gloria Haught

Graveside services for Gloria Haught, 67, of Mesquite were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2009, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park with Pastor Alfred Smirl officiating.

She died April 12.

Born March 31, 1942, in Dallas to Pete and Frances (Payne) Wilson, she was a seamstress. She enjoyed shopping, collecting numerous items, George Strait music and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Debbie Abbot and her husband, Eddie, of Carrollton, Gerry Hadley and her husband, Stephen, of Rockwall, Ralph Haught Jr. of Mesquite and Laura Haught and her husband, Jeff Dodd, of Tawakoni; her grandchildren, Floyd, Chris, Ashley, Eva, Heather, Michael, Teresa, J.J., Gloria Ann, Will and Abby; her great-grandchildren, Chandler, Tyner, Cheyenne and Madison; her brother, Ronnie Wilson and his wife, Nancy, of Dallas; and her sisters, Deborah Channon and her husband, William, and Frances Collard and her husband, Kenneth, all of Quinlan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ralph Haught; and one granddaughter, Amber.

Richard T. Hornyak

Services for Richard T. Hornyak, 49, of Baytown were conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 2009, in the St. Matthias Catholic Church in Rockwall with Father Todd Bell officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died April 15.

Born May 15, 1959, in Trenton, N.J., to Richard T. Hornyak Sr. and Geraldine (Bednarski), he served in the U.S. Marines and was a truck driver.

Survivors include his mother, Geraldine Casterlin of Rockwall; his sisters, Geraldine Robertson of Rockwall and Eileen Hale of Odessa, Fla.; and his fiancé, Angel Wilson of Old Bridge, N.J.

He was preceded in death by his father.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to any greyhound dog rescue organization.

Katherine Rector

Graveside services for Katherine Rector, 75, of Rowlett were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died April 14.

Born Dec. 24, 1933, in Emporia, Kan., to William and Mae (Rand) Schafer, she married Bob Rector on Oct. 20, 1950. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her children, Tina Beckham of Garland, Jeanie Chenevert and her husband, Larry, of Sachse, Helen Mattoon and her husband, Paul, of Garland and Mary Imhoff and her husband, Gary, of Garland; one sister, Marie Sartor of Waco; her grandchildren, Angie, Clint, Heidi and Sarah; her great-grandchildren, Riley, Madison, Emma, Alison and Joey; and her cat, Prissy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, on Nov. 13, 2000, and her parents.

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Rockwall County Sports



Rockwall Lady Jackets gymnastics team members advancing to UIL State competition after winning the regional championship are (back row, left to right) Head Coach Denise Hedges, Ellie Moses, Emily Pettett, Alex Burchyett, Sarah Beasley, Paige DeLatte, Crysta Hollins, Coach Stephanie Tyson, Laura Robertson, (middle row) Lindsay Loy, Kara Miller, Allison Pettett, Brityn Gilman, Krystal Haynes, (front row) Ali Arguelles and Jessica Moore.
Photo by Marcia Hasenyager



Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks gymnastics team members advancing to State UIL competition are (back row, left to right) Megan Hasenyager, Regan Allen, Miranda Nelson, Mallory Hosey, Katelyn Medlin, Bethany Geske, Naje Watkins, (front row) Kristen Beck, Lauren Statham, Lori Williamson, Lauren Vandiver, Jade Bowerman, Elia Carey and Michelle Diaz. The team is coached by Jennifer Bolli.
Photo by Marcia Hasenyager



Middle School Lady Mustangs gymnastics team winning the recent District Championship at the RHS gym are (back row, left to right) Madison Hatfield, Carolyn Sherwin, Jacquelyn Doughty, Ashlee Reese, (front row) Coach Jennifer Bolli and Katie Chandler.
Photo by Marcia Hasenyager



Cain Middle School Mustangs gymnastics team winning the recent District Championship at the RHS gym are (left to right) Trevor Newell, Cameron Callaway, Nathan Thames, Chase Pflieger and Alex Milner. The team is coached by Omar Loya.
Photo by Marcia Hasenyager

Lady Jackets win regional gymnastics, advance to state competition

Rockwall edged South Garland by two-tenths of a point to win Region 1 girls' gymnastics championship Tuesday and Wednesday.

RHS is one of 12 teams that advanced to the 43rd annual meet Friday and Saturday at the Garland Special Events Center. Rockwall boys, who placed second in the region, also will compete at the state championships.

Sarah Beasley finished fourth all-around with 75.000 to lead the Lady Jackets' balanced scoring. Lindsay Loy was fifth with 74.650 and Laura Robertson eighth with 74.450.

The team's total score was 227.000, barely ahead of second-place South Garland, which had 226.800.

Ninth-place Lake Highland's total score of 78.700 came from Kerie Morrison, who won the all-around competition and all five individual events — vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. She scored a 10 in the vault, bars and beam.

The Lady Jackets' best finish in an event was Loy's third-place vault with 19.200. Beasley was fifth at 19.000.

Beasley also was sixth in the bars and beam, with 18.750 in each event.

Loy placed fourth on the floor with 19.000 — just ahead of teammate Kara Miller, who was fifth at 18.950.

Robertson took fourth place in both the bars and beam with 18.750.

The boys' compulsory competition will begin at 11 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. Saturday. The girls' events will begin at 4 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, with the awards presentation at 8 p.m. the second night.

Lady Bulldogs' golf team advances

Britni Gartin, the Roysse City girls' coach head coach was pleased by her team's improvement, even though none of the girls scored well enough in the District 10-4A to qualify for the tournament.

"I was very pleased with how my girls competed," Gartin said. "We had our best overall team score all season and very good scores at the district tournament."

The Lady Bulldogs scored 452 and 464 on the two days of the tournament at Waterview Golf Club.

Gartin continued, "I would have loved for the girls to compete the season, but I can only hope for better next year."

Rain postpones sports events

Friday's rain washed out the baseball and softball games scheduled for both Rockwall and Roysse City.

Both softball games and RC's home baseball game against Wall-Heath were postponed until Monday, April 20. Rockwall JV Orange and varsity baseball games at home against Richland Pearce were pushed back to Saturday.

Sports Notes

Roysse City Chamber golf tourney set

The eighth annual Roysse City Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament will feature a 1 p.m. shotgun start on Friday at the Stone Golf Club. The event will include a four-person team scramble; entry costs \$75 per person. Cash prizes and goody bags will be awarded. For more information call 972-636-5000 or e-mail royssecitychamber.com.

Kayak class set Saturday

A kayaking clinic, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon on April 25 at the boat ramp. Open to individuals ages 18 and older, the class will be taught by Dave Holl. Cost will be \$60 for Rockwall residents and \$75 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Little Kickers Soccer begins in April

A soccer program designed for children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will run from April 27 through June 1. The program is designed to teach age-appropriate drills and skills and will include Monday evening classes and tournaments at Myers Park Field No. 1. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents and \$45 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Little Sluggers T-ball program slated

Children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years of age can learn T-ball fundamentals in the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Little Sluggers program, which runs April 28 through June 2. Classes will run Tuesday evenings at Myers Park Field No. 1. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents and \$45 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

RHHS to offer free physicals

Rockwall-Heath High School will offer free physicals on April 27 at the Baylor Medical Center of Heath, 6435 S. FM 549 in Heath. The physicals will be administered from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The doors will close at 7:15 p.m. All RHHS students and incoming freshmen are eligible to participate.

Disc Golf Weekend slated May 2-3

An event being billed as the "World's Biggest Disc Golf Weekend" is being planned for May 2-3 in Harry Myers Park. The non-competitive event will be open to all ages and levels — from professional to first-time disc golfers. Visit wbdgw.com for more information.

YR to host charity sporting clays event

The Rockwall County Young Republicans will host the 1st Annual Charity Sporting Clays Challenge May 9 at the Elm Fork Golf Club, 10751 Luna Rd. in Dallas. The event will begin at 8 a.m.; sign-in begins at 8 a.m. The event will benefit Helping the Habitat for Humanity and the Pregnancy Resource Center. For details or to register contact Aaron Moore at 972-489-3648 or aaronmoore@yahoo.com or visit rockwall.org.

Middle schools offer free physicals

Utley Middle School and Cain Middle School will offer free physicals on May 27 at the Baylor Medical Center of Heath from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; doors will close at 7:15 p.m. Girls are asked to arrive at 5:30 p.m., while boys are asked to arrive at 6:15 p.m. Returning Middle School students and incoming seventh grade students from Cain or Utley are eligible to participate.

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Kids Gone Wild

by Bill O'Reilly

These are dark days for traditional Americans, folks who believe that the Judeo-Christian principles of right and wrong should be considered when making public policy. The other day, former "Focus on the Family" founder James Dobson actually told his crew that the culture war was being lost in America. And it is hard to argue with Dobson's opinion.

All over the USA, secular progressives are on the move promoting gay marriage, legalized drugs and unfettered abortion, and attacking almost all judgments on personal behavior. And nowhere is the movement more intense than in the nation's most liberal state: Vermont.

The legislature in the Green Mountain State recently voted to legalize gay marriage, overriding the veto of Gov. Jim Douglas. Vermont is the first state to actually legislate in favor of homosexual nuptials, as Massachusetts, Connecticut and Iowa all had gay marriage imposed on the citizenry by judges.

It is worth noting that Vermont is one of the few states that voted down "Jessica's Law," the tough mandatory-prison-sentence legislation against child sexual predators. An investigation into Vermont's criminal justice apparatus reveals the state embraces "restorative justice," whereby criminals often receive "holistic" treatment as part of their sentence for even heinous crimes like child rape. The goal is not so much to punish the offender, but to "restore" him or her to their rightful place in society. That is a secular-progressive hallmark.

While Vermont is coddling child predators, it is also sending a message to kids: Hey, you can do pretty much whatever you want. Somewhat incredibly, the Vermont senate has passed a bill decriminalizing consensual "sexting." That is the process where children send sexual pictures of themselves to other children using cell phones or computers. The proposed Vermont law says that children ages 13 to 18 will be allowed to do that, but not to distribute the photos to more than one person or to an adult.

Supporters of the sexting law say it's necessary so that teenagers will not be prosecuted as sexual offenders and have their lives ruined. There is some validity to that as dopey kids do dopey things. However, the sane solution would be to categorize sexting as a misdemeanor breach of the peace, thus sending a message that it is unacceptable for kids to send other kids sexual images.

But secular progressives are loath to make that judgment. Remember, these are the same people who believe a girl has the right to an abortion without telling her parents. So if a kid can undergo a major life-altering operation (especially for the fetus), why should it be a big deal to do a little sexting?

With a liberal federal government and media, there is little opposition being voiced to what is happening in Vermont and other secular-progressive enclaves. Culture war issues have been forced to the back room by the awful economy, and the S-Ps are taking full advantage. If American children are legally allowed to send explicit pictures of themselves to other kids, then say goodbye to traditional boundaries of behavior.

The slippery slope is here.

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Clueless Obama

by Sheldon Richman

If President Obama doesn't understand why the economy tanked, he surely won't know what recovery requires. And if he doesn't know that, he's surely part of the problem, not the solution. In his speech on the economy at Georgetown University this week, Obama again showed that he hasn't a clue what caused the economic calamity. He spent a few paragraphs of his speech "explaining" to the students what happened — but he got it wrong. Had this been a class, he should have gotten an F.

According to Obama, instead of having to save to buy a house, "many Americans found they could take out loans that by traditional standards their incomes just could not support." No explanation of why they were able to "find" this. He continues: "Others were tricked into signing these subprime loans by lenders who were trying to make a quick profit. And the reason these loans were so readily available was that Wall Street saw big profits to be made. Investment banks would buy and package together these questionable mortgages into securities, arguing that by pooling the mortgages, the risks had been reduced. And credit agencies that are supposed to help investors determine the soundness of various investments marketed the securities with their safest rating when they should have been labeled 'Buyer Beware.'"

Obama goes on to explain that "No one really knew what the actual value of these securities [was], but since the housing market was booming and prices were rising, banks and investors kept buying and selling them, always passing off the risk to someone else for a greater profit without having to take any of the responsibility."

Why people bought assets of uncertain value and thought housing prices would never fall, Obama doesn't say.

"Banks took on more debt than they could handle. The government-chartered companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, whose traditional mandate was to help support traditional mortgages, decided to get in on the action by buying and holding billions of dollars of these securities. AIG, the biggest insurer in the world, decided to make profits by selling billions of dollars of complicated financial instruments that supposedly insured these securities. Everybody was making record profits — except the wealth created was real only on paper. And as the bubble grew, there was almost no accountability or oversight from anyone in Washington. Then the housing bubble burst."

What's missing from the story? The government's indispensable role in initiating the bubble. Americans were able to buy homes without savings, down payments, or even incomes because government agencies encouraged and even mandated lower lending standards for people who could not qualify for traditional mortgages. The lower standards also enabled creditworthy people to borrow more than their incomes would have previously allowed. This was all a deliberate government policy, which stimulated demand and inflated the bubble.

The shaky mortgages were indeed packaged as securities, but again Obama omits the government's key role. Many mortgages were guaranteed by government agencies, giving investors safety they couldn't find elsewhere. The AAA ratings for these dubious instruments were issued by the three members of a government-sponsored rating cartel, which issuers of securities by law had to use. AIG's credit default swaps insuring those securities arose in this government-constructed environment, adding to the illusion of safety.

The closest Obama gets to mentioning a government role is his reference to "government-chartered companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac." But these are more than government chartered. They are privileged corporations with implicit government backing. Members of Congress and officials at the Department of Housing and Urban Development pressured them into buying more and more dubious subprime mortgages, which they sold as bundles of safe securities or held for themselves.

Obama also left out the Federal Reserve, which contributed to the bubble perhaps by holding down short-term interest rates and certainly by promising liquidity to overextended banks.

The government did not merely fail to provide oversight. It actively created this fragile situation, which had to collapse. Remove government from the picture, and there is no bubble or financial collapse.

Obama promised that "we will hold accountable those responsible." If he means it, he will start with the government agencies that made this mess.

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YOU KNOW WHAT WE CALL A COUNTRY THAT POINTS MISSILES AT THE U.S.A.?



Democracy and majority rule

Walter E. Williams
The dangers of majoritarian rule give an aura of legitimacy to acts that would seem tyrannical. Think about it. How many decisions in our day-to-day lives would we like to be made through majority rule or the democratic process? About the decision whether you should watch a football game or "Law and Order"? What about whether you drive a Chevrolet or whether your Easter dinner is turkey or ham? Were such decisions the political arena, most of us would deem it tyranny. Why isn't it also a democratic process to mandate what type of light bulbs we use, millions of gallons of water to flush toilets or whether money should be taken out of our check for retirement? Our founders of our nation held a deep abhorrence for democracy and tyranny. In Federalist Paper No. 10, James Madison wrote, "Measures are decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the party, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority." John Adams predicted, "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It exhausts itself, and murders itself. There was never a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." Our founders intended for us to have a republican form of government where the protection of individual God-given rights is the primary job of government. The dangers of majoritarian tyranny, the Constitution's framers designed several anti-majority rules. One such rule is that election of the president is not decided by a majority vote but instead by the Electoral College. It takes over 50 percent of the U.S. population. If a simple majority were used, conceivably these nine states could determine the presidency. They can't because they have only 225 Electoral College votes out of the 538 total are needed. Were it not for the Electoral College, that is, the states are antiquated and would like to do away with, presidential elections could safely ignore the less populous states. The reason our founders created two houses of Congress was to have a check and balance to majority rule. Fifty-one senators can block the designs of

345 representatives and 49 senators. The Constitution gives the president a veto to weaken the power of 535 members of both houses of Congress. It takes two-thirds of both houses of Congress to override a presidential veto.

To change the constitution requires not a majority but a two-thirds vote of both Houses to propose an amendment, and to be enacted requires ratification by three-fourths of state legislatures. The Constitution's Article V empowers two-thirds of state legislatures to call for a constitutional convention to propose amendments that become law when ratified by three-fourths of state legislatures. I used to be for this option as a means of enacting a spending limitation amendment to the Constitution but have since reconsidered. Unlike the 1787 convention attended by men of high stature such as James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and John Adams, today's attendees would be moral midgets: the likes of Barney Frank, Chris Dodd, Olympia Snowe and Nancy Pelosi.

In addition to an abhorrence of democracy, and the recognition that government posed the gravest threat to liberty, our founders harbored a deep distrust and suspicion of Congress. This suspicion and distrust is exemplified by the phraseology used throughout the Constitution, particularly our Bill of Rights, containing phrases such as Congress shall not: abridge, infringe, deny, disparage or violate. Today's Americans think Congress has the constitutional authority to do anything upon which they can get a majority vote. We think whether a particular measure is a good idea or bad idea should determine passage as opposed to whether that measure lies within the enumerated powers granted Congress by the Constitution. Unfortunately, for the future of our nation, Congress has successfully exploited American constitutional ignorance or contempt.

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Destroying jobs: FDR and compulsory unionism

Jim Powell
Labor unions struggled for power, but until the 1930s they had little headway. They were based on force and violence, which repelled a substantial number of employers as well as employees. The aim had been to raise the wages of workers above market levels, but this was only possible if they went on strike, which prevented employers from hiring other employees, shut down production and ultimately forced employers to accept union demands. Union leaders proclaimed the ideal of "collective bargaining," even described it as "industrial democracy," but what they sought was compulsory unionism — a labor market monopoly. They weren't satisfied if a company's employees chose to join one union, while others joined another, and still others continued to bargain individually on their own. Unions demanded a "closed shop" that made union membership a condition of employment. In the 1920s, as far as labor issues were concerned, U.S. courts generally protected individual rights. Employers could choose their employees freely, employees could choose among employers freely, and either could deal with a union or not as they wished. Employers who hired employees on an open shop basis were free to let them go for any reason or no reason at all, just as employees could quit for any reason or no reason at all. Terms of employment depended on supply and demand. Because of the growing economic depression, wages were in a long-term uptrend before compulsory unionism became a force to reckon with. Injunctions were violent, courts sometimes provided equity relief by ordering unions to stop the violence. Often injunctions prodded police to protect life and limb. Historian Howard Dickman reported, "The share of injunction cases involved physical coercion of the nasty kind." On March 23, 1932, President Herbert Hoover signed into law the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act. Among other things, Norris-LaGuardia prohibited labor unions from the Sherman Antitrust Act. Even when unions used force to stop production or stop the interstate shipment of goods, they couldn't be prosecuted under the Sherman Act for acting "in interstate commerce." Moreover, Norris-LaGuardia declared that federal courts were to protect companies and non-union members from labor union violence by ordering injunctions to cease and desist. Senator Robert F. Wagner, Sr. introduced a bill to promote compulsory unionism. This became the National Labor Relations Act, also known as the Wagner Act, that FDR signed on July 5, 1935. Section 7 provided

that employees could be bound by "an agreement requiring membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment."

The Wagner Act provided that if 30 percent of employees signed a petition for a certification election to determine whether a union would negotiate on behalf of all the workers, it must be held. The Wagner Act did not require periodic elections to determine whether workers wanted to remain with the first union or choose to be represented by another union or no union at all. If this principle were applied to the government sector, we might never have had another election after the first one more than two centuries ago.

Backed by the Wagner Act, labor union bosses moved aggressively to monopolize labor markets in mass production industries. For example, 28-year-old Walter Reuther, a socialist visionary, emerged as a leader of the United Auto Workers. On December 30, 1936, 1,500 UAW members (out of 42,000 employees) seized control of Fisher Body Plant No. 1 owned by General Motors in Flint, Michigan. They stopped the assembly line and staged a sit-down strike. Eventually, the company caved, agreeing to negotiate only with the UAW and let it force all factory employees to become members. The strikers finally left the plants on February 11, 1937. During the next several months, the UAW recruited some 40,000 new members from five GM factories and several dozen smaller companies. Granting the UAW a bargaining monopoly didn't bring peace, however. The union struggled to gain more and more power over wages, seniority, the pace of work and other issues. Unions succeeded in gaining above-market wages for their members. Wages increased more than 11 percent in 1937 and another 5 percent in 1938 — amidst America's worst depression. But as a result, the unions priced their members right out of the market. Consumers couldn't afford to pay higher car prices that reflected costly union contracts, and sales plunged. Between November 1937 and January 1938, GM dismissed a quarter of its employees. Thousands of unemployed auto workers abandoned the UAW, and by 1939 only 6 percent of GM employees were paying UAW dues.

In one industry after another, union bosses gained bargaining monopolies and negotiated contracts calling for above-market compensation as well as restrictive work rules. But consumers have had the last word. U.S.-based unionized companies in the textiles, garment, steel, automobile, newspaper, and other industries have either gone bankrupt, gone offshore, or are in serious trouble, and private sector union membership is about the lowest it has been in the past half-century. That's why union bosses want the government to bail them out now.

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Twitter is an Internet-based, social-networking Web site designed for the rapid exchange of information. In quick, short messages anyone can post up-to-the-minute information. Those signed up on the site receive updates on their computer or cell phone in near to real time.

While the free service provides the City of Heath another way to inform residents of everyday events on a regular basis, officials anticipate using Twitter during an emergency or disaster.

when getting updates so quickly is critical. For more information the City of Heath, visit www.heathtx.com.

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Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value	Estimated Minimum Bid
1	3-05-20 02/06/09	24713 APRIL 06, 2009	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BETTIE E. KELLER, AKA BETTIE E. VINSON KELLER	Lot 806-A, Rockwall Lake Subdivision, formerly Lake Echo Subdivision, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in volume 1, pages 1 and 2, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas.	\$6,610.00	\$0.00
2	3-08-04 02/06/09	25261 APRIL 06, 2009	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ELISEO LLANAS, ET AL	LOT 1339, ROCKWALL LAKE PROPERTIES DEVELOPMENT NO. 2, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 79, MAP RECORDS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS (R25261)	\$18,170.00	\$0.00
3	3-08-19 02/06/09	49150 APRIL 06, 2009	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JAMES SCOTT, ET AL	LOT 44, BLOCK "A", SLEEPY HOLLOW, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FATE, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN CABINET "D", SLIDE 114, PLAT RECORDS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS (R49150)	\$198,960.00	\$0.00
4	3-97-57 04/04/08	21940 APRIL 06, 2009	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF ROCKWALL AND ROCKWALL COUNTY VS. RUBY L. PATTON	LOT 2, BLOCK "A", SANGER BROTHERS ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 38, PAGE 632, DEED RECORDS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS. (21940)	\$23,000.00	\$0.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Rockwall County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Rockwall, Texas, 4-6-09

HAROLD EAVENSON

Sheriff Harold Eavenson
Rockwall County, Texas

By *J. [Signature]* 523
Deputy

Notes: The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs, at (903) 872-3096

City officials offer tips to prepare for spring storms

City officials under way and with it comes seasonal weather across this area of Texas. To keep area families and their properties safe, City of Rockwall has compiled the following tips:

Preparing Property for Storms
Check for damage to electrical lines and structures. Trim dead limbs from trees. Seal roof with shingles, fence slats and shutters.

Check electrical grounding systems for connection to the driveway for such items as copper water lines, service panel, gas lines and Yellow CSST flexible gas lines. These items should be grounded to a ground rod on the exterior of the home.

Connections for these items to be grounded on the exterior of the home that also should be connected to a ground rod: cable television and communication lines to avoid spikes and surges and equipment. Anyone unable to assess the condition as suggested should contact a qualified electrician.

Use of Smoke Alarms
A recent report of home fire deaths from 2000 to 2004 shows that 60 percent of homes with no smoke alarms or alarms that were not properly tested.

"We encourage Heath residents to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home," said Terry Garrett, director of public safety. "The alarms should interconnect throughout the home so that when one sounds they all sound. Alarms should be tested at least once a month by pushing the test button."

Families also should have home fire escape plans that are practiced at least twice each year.

Families who are building or remodeling homes should consider the installation of residential fire sprinklers, which can contain and possibly extinguish a fire in less time than it takes for the fire department to arrive.

Stay Tuned to Weather Warnings
One of the best ways to stay alert to severe weather and tornado warnings is to watch local news stations and have a NOAA weather radio with Specific Area Message Encoding technology, Garrett said.

Take warnings seriously and follow instructions to take cover immediately. Families should plan in advance where they will take shelter at home and away from home.

When Lightning Strikes
Lightning kills more people in the U.S. than tornadoes, floods or hurricanes, but the following precautions can save lives:

- Recognize the signs of an oncoming storm; do not wait for lightning to strike nearby to take cover.

- Look for a large enclosed building when a thunder or lightning storm threatens.

- Individuals who are in cars with hard tops should stay inside and keep the windows rolled up.

- Avoid small sheds and lean-tos or partial shelters, such as pavilions.

- Stay at least a few feet away from open windows, sinks, toilets, tubs, showers, electric boxes and outlets, and appliance. Lightning can flow through these items and "jump" to a person.

- Do not shower or bathe during a storm.

- Avoid use of regular telephones except in an emergency. If lightning hits the phone lines, it can flow to the phone. Cell or cordless phones not connected to the building's wiring are safe to use.

- For individuals caught outside in a lightning storm, know that a strike may be about to occur if your skin tingles or hair stands on end. Crouch down on the balls of the feet with the feet close together. Keep hands on your knees and lower your head. Get as low as possible without toughing your hands or knees to the ground. Do not lie down.

- Individuals who are swimming, fishing or boating should get to land immediately and seek shelter when there are clouds, dark skies and distant rumbles of thunder or flashes of lightning.

- Individuals who are on a boat and cannot get to shore should crouch down in the middle of the boat. Go below if possible.

- If on land, find a low spot away from trees, metal fencing, pipes, and tall or long objects.

- If in the woods, look for an area of shorter trees. Crouch down away from tree trunks.

- If someone is struck by lightning, get emergency medical help as soon as possible.

- There is no danger to anyone helping a person who has been struck by lightning; no electric charge remains.

- CPR should be attempted immediately.

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Thursday, May 28
Deadline: 5 p.m., May 21, 2009

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- "Honor the Texas flag" is beginning of state ___ you lose"
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- TXism: "trapped like ___ possum"
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All dogs must be on leashes; at cats must be in carriers. Rabies shots will be offered for \$8, one year, or \$15 for three years. All other basic shots will be given at a cost of \$5.

All dogs and cats within the city limits are required to be vaccinated against rabies at either one- or three-year intervals upon the type of vaccine used.

Additionally, microchipping for dogs and cats also will be available while supplies last. Microchipping is an advanced pet identification and retrieval system that allows pets' names and descriptions to be entered into a national database. When a lost animal is scanned at a shelter or vet's office and, through the database, returned to its owner.

City of Rockwall animal registrations also will be available for each spayed or neutered dog or cat the registration fee for one-year registration or \$15 for a three-year registration for cats that have not been spayed or neutered, the cost is \$15 for a single year or \$30 for a three-year registration.

State law requires that dogs wear rabies vaccine tags on their collars at all times. Wearing the city registration tag will ensure that lost animals can be quickly identified and returned to their owners. For more information, contact Rockwall Animal Services at 972-771-7750.

Republican group plans charity shooting

The Rockwall County Young Republicans will host the Charity Sporting Clays Challenge on May 9 at the Elm Farm Club, 10751 Luna Rd., in Dallas.

The event will benefit Helping Hands, Habitat for Humanity, and the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Teams will consist of four shooters. Registration fees are \$25 per team, including entrance fee, ammunition, lunch, and a goodie bag. A Beretta shotgun giveaway and a goodie bag will be given to the winning team.

The shotgun start will be at 9:30 a.m. Sign-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. Teams will try their aim at 12 stations. Participants will be awarded the winners in each division.

Co-sponsoring the event are the Beretta Gallery, Lakewood Bank and the Culpepper Steak House.

At additional cost, participants can try their aim at the pistol contest. The winner will receive a .22-caliber pistol. Other shooting games also will be offered.

For more information on the event or to register, contact Michael Moore at 972-489-3648, e-mail amooreyr@yahoo.com or kwally.org.

Rockwall Holistic Health Fair slated for

The Third Annual Holistic Health Fair, sponsored by the Rockwall County Parks & Recreation Department, will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23, at the Rockwall Community Center, located at the corner of Washington & Goliad/2001 S. Goliad.

The Health Fair is an opportunity to learn about the various modalities, services and products available in Rockwall. Attendees will have the opportunity to view demonstrations and meet with various practitioners and vendors, attend presentations and more about holistic health topics.

Some of the topics at the Fair will cover Acupuncture, Yoga, Pilates, Chiropractic, Massage Therapies, Reflexology, Skin Care, Nutrition, Homeopathy, Functional Medicine and more.

Admission to the Holistic Health Fair is free.

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