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to the North Texas area, compared to being housed in facilities the federal government is in total disarray and lacks any ability located near the border.

According to the HHS letter, the agency would provide supplemental grant funds to BCFS Health and Human Services to operate the temporary "shelter facilities." Thatcher explained that there was a Memorandum of Agreement between the agency, BCFS and the private facility, and that revenues would flow from the agency, through the contractor, and to the private facility. Rockwall County officials did not have access to the Memorandum of Agreement.

According to the three officials, the HHS confirmed the refugees originated from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua. HHS did not explain how the refugees from different countries came together for entry into Texas. The County News is awaiting a response from United States Citizens Immigration Service with answers to a number of questions that address details such as the names of individuals or companies that transported the refugees from their respective countries to the Texas border.

Sweet said that upon his inquiry, the HHS official stated that there was no manifest with names of the refugees, and that none of the refugees were from Syria.

The County officials expressed great concern over the last minute announcement from HHS, and over their lack of power to intervene in the matter. Sweet said the HHS official clarified that the agency had been "working on it" for nearly 6 months.

The County News awaits the agency answer to the question of how it was known for nearly six months that refugees would be transported to the Texas border.

The agency also did not explain what dangerous conditions existed in the different countries that prompted a flow of refugees. A review of official military and state department websites does not reveal significant disruptive activity in the related to countries to prompt a major surge in "refugees."

Sheriff Eavenson explained that he would make sure the department is ready to respond to problems that might arise.

State of Texas Senator Bob Hall (District 2) also expressed great concern over the short notice Federal government officials. "This

to plan or implement a safe and cohesive refugee or immigration strategy, exclaimed Hall.

The Senator announced plans to visit Rockwall County for a "town-hall" meeting to discuss health, safety and other issues related to the transportation of humans from Central America, into Rockwall County.

The Rockwall County officials did express confusion over the peculiarity of the State HHS' pre-knowledge of the federal plans.

Hall continued, "The Obama Administration is using federal agencies like DHHS as instruments to circumvent state authority and congressional approval."

The Senator noted that "this incident is happening in the midst of ongoing legal arguments between state and federal officials over bringing un-vetted Syrian refugges into Texas against the will of the people."

Hall joined with Attorney General Ken Paxton in calling for transparency from DHHS. He declared that "Texans have a fundamental right to know who the federal government is placing in our communities."

Based on reports from the Center for Disease Control, the transportation of humans from Central American countries may result in the spread of certain West Nile-like viruses that are being (Continued on Page 2)

University Graduates

Cotsakis earns bachelor's degree

Katharyn Cotsakis of Rockwall graduated with a bachelor's degree in earth sciences/meteorology during commencement exercises conducted Dec. 11-12 at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

A cum laude graduate, Cotsakis was one of 825 to receive a degree, according to a university news release.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Spay/Neuter Network changes December date

The Spay/Neuter Network's hospital bus will be in Rockwall Dec. 18 in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Surgeries will be performed on site. Low-cost packages will be available; watch for specials at spayneuternet.org. Walk-up vaccinations will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. Services are available throughout the Metroplex; free spay/neuter services are offered in select ZIP codes. Be sure dogs cannot slip collars and cats are in secure carriers. For an appointment or more details call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500; spaces fill quickly. Posted by Rockwall PAWS, a nonprofit that funds the treatment of heartworm-positive local shelter dogs (rockwallpaws. com, rockwallpaws@att.net).

CARGO meeting set Dec. 19

The City of Rockwall will host the Saturday, Dec. 19, meeting of CARGO Gun Club beginning at 6 p.m. at The Center, 108 E. Washington (SE corner of Washington and Hwy. 205/Goliad, one block south of the historic courthouse on the square), Rockwall. Free parking is available on both sides of the building or in nearby parking lots. Meetings are free and open to the public. The program will focus on the concealed-carry law that goes into effect on Jan. 1 and how the public will react. State Sen. Bob Hall and Rockwall PD Lt. Joseph Florance will speak on the topic. Questions will be welcome and individuals of all ages are encouraged to attend. For more details email cargo.rockwall@gmail.com.

Holy Trinity plans Christmas activities

The Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church has planned several special Christmas services. On Thursday Dec. 24, a Holy Eucharist with children's pageant will be hosted at 5 p.m., followed by an 8 p.m. Holy Eucharist and a 10:30 p.m. choral candlelight Eucharist (with incense). There will be no Christmas day service. On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 26-27, Holy Eucharist services with lessons and carols will be conducted at 5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.; no 8:15 p.m. service will be offered. The church will host an Epiphany service at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, followed by an Epiphany party with cake, buried "treasures" and prizes. The church is located at 1524 Smirl Dr., Heath.

City of Rockwall announces holiday schedule

City of Rockwall offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas and on Friday, Jan. 1, in observance of A brief review of the Bill indicates that the law does not free people New Year's Day. Garbage and recycling collection will be moved to Saturday, Dec. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 2.

Christmas tree drop-off site offered

City of Rockwall residents can drop off live Christmas trees at the Tuttle Sports Complex parking lot, 1550 Airport Rd., Dec. 26 through Jan. 11. All ornaments, lights and stands should be removed from trees prior to drop-off. Drop-offs from commercial operations will not be allowed.

Input sought on Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Rockwall County is seeking public input on a Hazard Mitigation Action Plan being developed to address natural hazards that affect the county. FEMA defines mitigation as "sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects." As a result, the goal of the plan is to "minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards through effective mitigation." To participate in the survey, visit surveymonkey.com/r/rockwallcountyHMAP or, for

Spanish, surveymonkey.com/r/ condado_de_rockwall by Dec. 31.

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Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"



e than 275 people attended the 13th Annual Friends of the Rockwall County Library Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, Guests strolled the Lone Star Room at The Center at Rockwall CityPlace to view 32 tables decorated with seasonal Barbara Doudt, vice-president of productions for Rockwall Summer Musicals, presented a program of Christmas erformed by Jason Bias, Keeli James, Rebecca Bias and Russell Batchelor. FOL meets six times a year and all meetings, exception of the Christmas Luncheon, take place in the library's Community Room. The group works to promote the and welfare of the library. For more details about the organization, visit rockwallfriends.com. to courtesy of Nell Welborn/Rockwall County News

lo kwall sets briefing session on new gun laws

GO Group and the City of Rockwall will host a meeting to es involving the new Open Carry law, 6:30 p.m., Saturday 115 at The Center located on 108 E. Washington Street in kwall arking is available on both sides of The Center and in nearby

nJan. y 1,2016, the right to openly carry a weapon will be reinstated prote d by law in the State of Texas.

ccore; to the City of Rockwall release, the meeting will address stion ich as, "How will the public react to seeing firearms openly citizens call 911, how will the Police Department handle e type of calls?"

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stands for Citizens Association for Responsible Gun Assistant Chief Kirk Aldridge and Lieutenant Joseph com the Rockwall Police Department, will be present to procedures the Rockwall Police Department will follow an resending to calls that involve open carry.

be available to answer questions and educate the community urding he new law.

as invited State Senator Bob Hall, who was active in passage o provide opening remarks.

According to the State of Texas Legislature website, House Bill 910 was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott on June 13, 2015.

from licensing requirements, but merely uses the previous concealed carry laws to require license to openly carry a hand gun.

The Bill also amends Penal Code Section 46.02 to allow local municipality and county governments to adopt ordinances that allow holders of open carry license to openly carry a hand gun within the jurisdictional limits of the local governments. In essence, the new Bill allows local governments to not adopt ordinances that permit the open carry of hand guns.

Following a brief review of the Texas Constitution, it was found that Article 1 Section 23 Right To Keep And Bear Arms states, "Every citizen shall have the right to keep and bear arms in the defense of himself or the State; but the Legislature shall have the power, by law, to regulate the wearing of arms, with a view to prevent crime."

A brief comparative study reveals that the new Bill follows the lead of the previous concealed carry law, by expanding the power of the Legislature to regulating and licensing not only the wearing, but the use

is open to the public and free to attend. If you received this copy of Rockwall County News, and are not a subscriber -- Enjoy the County News and call 972-722-3099 for Your New Subscription Delivered by USPS Mail.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Glenn A. Elliott

Graveside services for Glenn A. Elliott, 89, of Dallas were conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park, Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 9.

Born Aug. 20, 1926, in Van Zandt County to Omer Melvin Elliott and Audrey (Childress) Elliott, he retired from Sears Mail Order after 34 years. He had lived in Dallas for 67 years and was a member of the Rylie First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Lenora (Massey) Elliott; two sons, Billy Elliott and his wife, Sherry, and Charles Wayne Elliott; three grandchildren, Michael Chad Elliott and his wife, Heather, Lori Ann Elliott and her husband, Barrett Christie, and Curtis Glenn Elliott; one great-granddaughter, Chaney Danielle Elliott; and two sisters, Viola Holloway and Nellie Davis.

His parents and one brother, Eddie Ray Elliott, preceded him in death.

Ida M. Morrow

Services for Ida M. Morrow, 84, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, in the First Baptist Church, M.L. Jones Chapel, with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park, Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

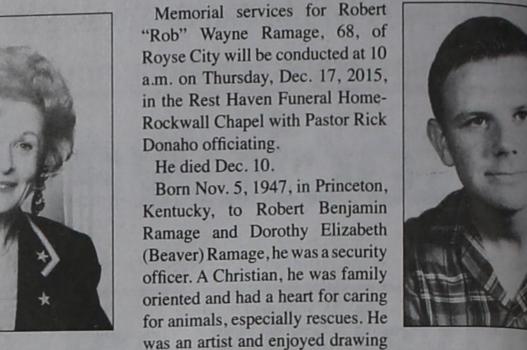
She died Dec. 10.

Born March 16, 1931, in Talpa to Dillard and Vida (Pelton) McIntire, she worked as a realtor for Coldwell Banker Real Estate

and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Poindexter and Mark Poindexter, both of Rockwall; one daughter-in-law, Christine Riley Poindexter of Allen; one sister, Della Nelson of Garland; seven grandchildren, Mandee Freeland and Melissa, Michele, Andrew, Mindy, Ginger and Zach Poindexter; and seven great-grandchildren, Colby, Makyna, Layla, Trey, Ty, Tripp and Levi.





caricatures and animals, as well as working on woods projects. He loved collecting rocks and traveling and often conthe two hobbies, even asking friends who traveled to brine back to him.

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He was married to his wife for more than 40 years. The enjoyed a 25th anniversary trip to Austria.

He had been a resident of Royse City for 29 years. Survivors include his wife, Diane Ramage; his son, Michaelw Ramage; his daughter, Elizabeth Suzanne Brice, and her his Ben; his grandchildren, Jessie Taylor Vantreese, Benjamin Brice and Brandon Alexander Brice; his sister, Linda Sue Ro and his puppy friends, Buddy and Penny.

His parents preceded him in death.

William 'Bill' Arthur Sechrest Graveside services for William "Bill" Arthur Sechrest were conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of

He died Thursday, Dec. 10, in Deer Park.

arrangements.

Born March 17, 1930, in Chattahoochie, Florida, to John Clay and Minnie Lee Sechrest, he graduated from Gadsden County

High School and served in the U.S. Air Force. A year before service ended, he married Jacqueline Mae Morris. He gnifrom Florida State University with a degree in finance. In 2009, following a successful and varied career, he retired

Lakeside National Bank in Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Jackie Sechrest children, Marsha, Arthur and Mark; his grandson, Matthew granddaughter, Samantha; and his great-granddaughters, Ha and Sadie.

Mike Shipman

Services for Mike Shipman, 55, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Elmo Cemetery in Elmo. He died Dec. 7.

Born Nov. 27, 1960, to Walter Robert Shipman and Dollie Jean (Lawson) Shipman, he loved his country and served in the U.S.

Army, where he enjoyed his tour in Germany. He loved and was proud of all U.S. veterans. He was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, where is workers called him Rocket Man because of the speed with white

did his job. He enjoyed baseball, especially watching the Cincinnati Re had many hobbies and enjoyed music from the '60s and' classic rock and had an extensive collection of albums and memorabilia. He loved Dr Pepper; T-shirts and shorts; his pit Jasper and Scarlett; being Papa to his granddaughter; and his

and best friend. He would do anything for anyone. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Shipman; his daugate Amber Wells and Mollie Shipman; his granddaughter, Mei Wells; his siblings, JoAn McKee, Walter Shipman and his Gwynn, Paula Stowe, Jeff Shipman and his wife, Lisa, Greg State of the Company of and his wife, Lori, and Billy Shipman and his wife, Dona; his sale in-law, Michelle Brown, and her husband, Billy, and Crystall and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Diana Hammo parents; and his dog, Jasper.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers memorial made to Wounded Warriors at woundedwarriorsproject.org.

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Live nativity planned Dec. 20 at FCC Rockwall

The First Christian Church Rockwall will re-enact the Ch nativity story for the public from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday 20. A costumed cast of all ages will perform every 20-30 m followed by a group caroling session led by the church choir. will be given the opportunity to pet animals at the scene, an hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the church building the Rush Creek Yacht Club church is located at 3375 Ridge Rd., about 1.4 miles south of enter from White Road and follow the signs to the parking area

Reindeer food, cooking-making event planned An event where reindeer food will be made and cookies will decorated in preparation for Santa's visit from 5:30 p.m. 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at The Center. The event will be of children ages 2-8. Fee to participate will be \$17 or \$11 for Room residents. The event is being organized by the Rockwall Parks 81

Department. Tickets available for Daddy/Daughter Dance

A Daddy/Daughter Dance, sponsored by the Rockwall Pan Recreation Department, will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sall Jan. 23, at The Hilton Bella Harbor. Each participating girl will no a flower at the end of the evening. Light refreshments will be so Cost is \$99 or \$65 for Rockwall residents (\$25 for each addition child). A limited number of tickets are available; pre-registrarequired. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

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University Scholastics News

Littlefield enrolls at McMurry University

Brianna Littlefield of Royse City has enrolled as a first-year student at McMurry University in Abilene, according to a university news release.

The university, founded in 1923, enrolls more than 1,200 students and has an average class size of 16.

"Refugee" surge risks srpeading viruses ...

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being monitored in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. The viruses originated in monkeys in Uganda, and are known to be transmitted by mosquitoes, that are also found in Texas. Viruses include the Zika and Chikungunya viruses, lately found in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, among other countries. These, and other viruses found in Central America, result in respiratory influenza complications and significant aching of joints especially in people with arthritis issues, that can be debilitating.

The CDC reported high risk alerts for people traveling to Central America. The agency also warned that people traveling from Central America to the United States carry a high risk of transmitting the viruses to others.

The Rockwall County News will continue to contact various federal and state officials for more information and related documents.

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Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



A REAL SNORE While snoring used to be regarded as nothing more than a noisy habit, it's now known that snoring may be a symptom of a potentially unhealthy sleep problem. "Sleep apnea" has been linked to high blood pressure and heart problems. Snoring is a sign of a narrowed space either in the nasal passages or at the back of the throat caused by excess throat/nasal tissue or vibrating floppy tissue. While this problem may be addressed with "laser-assisted uvuloplasty," which involves shortening the hanging piece of tissue at the back of the throat (uvula), more conservative treatments should be tried first. One potentially effective option involves wearing a mouth appliance that pulls the jaw slightly forward, thereby opening the

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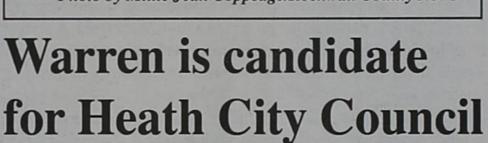
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David Warren has announced plans to seek the Place 5 Heath City Council seat in the May 7 city election.

Warren serves on the city's Planning & Zoning Commission, according to the news release announcing his candidacy, and has played a role in guiding the municipality's growth while working to balance economic and residential development.

"Heath is faced with a booming housing market that has over

2,500 home sites slated for construction," Warren said in the release. "This building boom will almost double the current population of Heath and add new stresses to the community."

Warren said "intelligent decisions" are needed to help guide economic development, infrastructure and transportation as the city grows, according to the release.

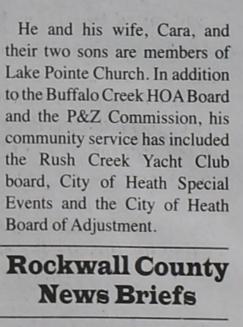
"Management is key to balancing growth with the desires of all citizens," he said.

To prepare himself for service on the city council, Warren has attended every possible meeting, including budget planning special meetings, according to the release.

"I wanted to be informed on the processes and procedures of the council and municipal management prior to making the decision to run for council," he said.

A resident of Heath since 2009, Warren has served on two homeowners' association boards, which provided him with experience in dealing with community budgets, architectural covenant controls

and community members.



Jan. 14 luncheon

For more details or to make a

lunch reservation, call Barbara at

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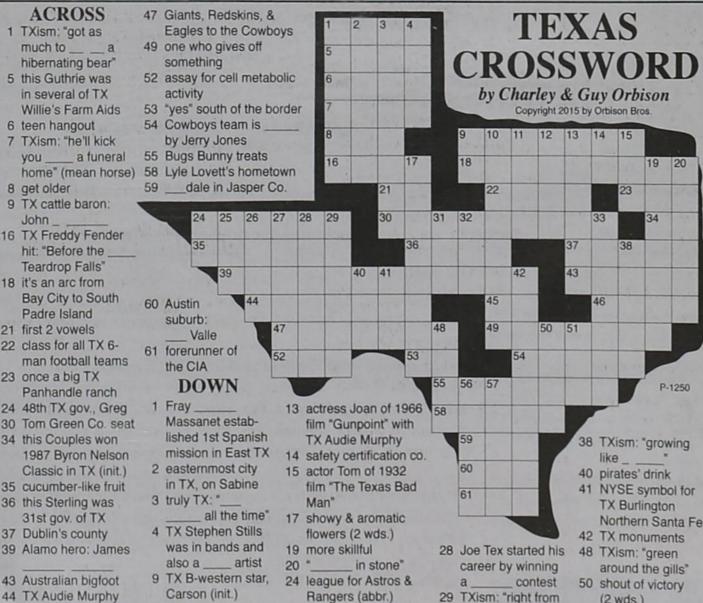
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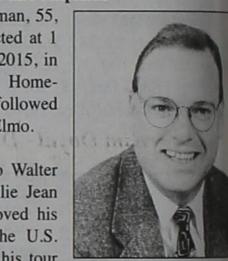
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Brenda Craft, left, spoke through laughter and tears as she received various awards and gifts at her retirement party Friday, Dec.11. She has been the secretary for the City of Royse City for 22 years. Mayor Janet Nichol presented her with a plaque honoring her service. Many who attended the event spoke briefly, telling of Craft's dedication and service and of how she went over and beyond to see that the city operated smoothly.

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ut the history of mankind God has given all the ability to es between God and Satan (good and bad). Throughout according to the Bible and supporting documents, Satan, of earth, influences and controls people to destroy all that ng to God's way of life.

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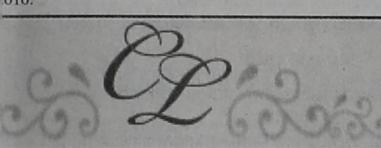
51/I-30 interchange will enter its next phase of construction, 1 551 in two stages for traffic to cross under the interstate, a Texas Department of Transportation news release.

currently detoured to other cross streets, but as of last will be able to stay on pavement - some temporary, some - under I-30 for more direct north/south access. This stage s scheduled to have been completed by Wednesday, Nov. 25, the news release.

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ways to draw people into his world. Today we are under some of his strongest threats such as terrorism, greed, corruption, power and control. This involves some World Leaders and so-called religions, along with other followers of Satan.

Throughout the old testament of the Bible, God provided prophets to provide information to people about the promise of a Savior to deliver forgiveness of people's sins. This is a gift from God to spend eternity, living in Paradise and Heaven, instead of eternity with Satan in the pits of Hell.

(Luke 12:4-5), 4 "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him"

God, over 2000 years ago, fulfilled His prophesies in the Bible and provided His son's conception and birth as a way to complete the free forgiveness gift to mankind. This keeps God's free gift promise as described in the New Testament John 3:14-18. The heart of this promise is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Part two next week (December 24, 2015) will complete the importance of the birth of Jesus, God's Son.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Salvation ... Call on the name of the Lord, Part 2

Continuing on the subject of salvation in relation to calling on the name of the Lord, let's look closely at Romans chapter 10, which clearly reveals a chronology of prerequisites that includes believing with the heart and calling on the name of the Lord.

Verses 9-10 set the foundation of spiritual prerequisites for salvation. The chronology of the two verses are mirrored, with the second verses revealing the actual chronology. By applying the information in both verses, we can say that with the heart it is believed that God raised Jesus from the dead unto righteousness, and with the mouth the declaration of Jesus' Lordship is unto salvation.

Continuing with verse 11, "For the scripture says, "Whosoever believes on Him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord Shall be saved."

The prerequisite criteria are established in verse 14, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?" This rhetorical queston drives in the important truth that it's impossible to call upon the name of the Lord without first believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead.

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Romans 10: 9-10

"Have I not commanded you; be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whereever you go." Joshua 1:9

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul." Proverbs 18:7

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path;" Proverbs 3:6

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known ..." Proverbs 3:6

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The Developer, Southstar Woodcreek Developer, LLC, will be the Payor for Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 9.

Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at http://www.civcastusa. com; Keyword: 05024-21. Contract Documents may be downloaded or viewed free of charge at this web site. It is the downloader's responsibility to determine that a complete set of documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders are received. Printed copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased at the website for the cost of printing. The cost for printed Contract Documents is non-refundable. This web site will be updated periodically with addenda, plan holders lists, bid tabulations, additional reports or other information relevant to bidding the Project.

Pre-bid conference for the project will be held at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER, and is not mandatory.

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1 of 3 is just the tip of the iceberg, and, as you can see, is is it engaging in theorizing. This is what the law calls mstar I evidence, evidence that the law treats just as validly

we to make of all this circumstantial evidence? Well, beyond dispute: All those people did not get together to pin the Kennedy assassination on the U.S. nationalsecurity state. They were obviously just telling the truth, each independent of the other.

For decades, the U.S. national-security establishment kept most of this evidence secret from the American people. Over the decades, the evidence began surfacing, owing partly to the House Select Committee investigation in the 1970s and owing largely to the ARRB in the 1990s. The great weight and preponderance of that circumstantial evidence that had been kept secret and then later released points in the direction of assassination and cover-up on the part of the U.S. national-security state.

Why would the CIA suddenly have a crisis of conscience and confess to a "benign" cover-up in the Kennedy assassination? The answer lies in how U.S. officials, from President Lyndon Johnson on down, were able to successfully shut down any serious investigation into a conspiracy, an investigation that could have led directly to

As I detailed in my ebook Regime Change: The JFK Assassination, Johnson and the national-security establishment were operating on two tracks after the assassination. On the one hand, they were telling the American people that a lone nut had assassinated the president and that there was nothing left to investigate.

On the other hand, they were telling officials in Washington and Texas that a full-scale investigation could lead to nuclear war and, therefore, that it was necessary to shut it down. For example, Johnson told both Earl Warren and Sen. Richard Russell that their country needed them on the commission and that it was their duty to serve, in order to keep America from being embroiled in a nuclear war that would kill some 40 million Americans.

Ask yourself: How could a lone-nut assassination lead to nuclear war?

It's because the president actually was shot from the front, just as the Dallas doctors had attested, just as Saundra Spencer attested, and just as many other witnesses have attested.

Now, ask yourself: If you've got a purported communist supposedly shooting from the rear and also people shooting from the front, who would be the co-conspirators firing from the front? Wouldn't the most logical answer be the Soviets and the Cubans, given Oswald's supposed connections to them? That would inevitably mean war between the United States and Cuba and the Soviet Union. And we all know what war would have meant: All-out nuclear war.

What Johnson was telling Warren and Russell was that it was necessary for the commission to settle for pinning the crime solely on Oswald and leave it at that. An all-out nuclear war would not bring the president back. What's done was done. America could fight the

communists in Vietnam and elsewhere, without all-out nuclear war. But what if those shooters from the front weren't Soviet or Cuban? What if the assassination wasn't a communist plot? What if the national-security state orchestrated the assassination?

Then, the conjuring up of WMDs, mushroom clouds, and all-out nuclear war would succeed in scaring most everyone into totally shutting down an investigation into conspiracy, one that might conceivably end up targeting the national-security establishment.

The question naturally arises: If the communists really did kill Kennedy, why not go to war against them?

That's where the CIA's assassination plots (in partnership with the Mafia) against Castro come into play. As I contend in Regime Change: The JFK Assassination, rather than keep such plots secret from the Warren Commission, as the CIA's recent "confession" asserts, it is a virtual certainty that the Warren Commission was made aware of such plots on a top-secret basis, either by Allen Dulles, the former director of the CIA who Kennedy had fired and who Johnson had appointed to serve on the Warren Commission, or by Johnson, or by the CIA itself.

Think about it: That information would have immediately and permanently shut down the investigation. It would have enabled Johnson to say: "Although the communists have killed our beloved president, we can't go to nuclear war against them because it was our government, under the Kennedy brothers, that started the assassination war by trying to assassinate Castro first."

There certainly is precedent for that type of secretive action on the part of the Warren Commission. As I state in Regime Change: The JFK Assassination, when Warren was confronted with evidence that Oswald was an employee or asset of the FBI and the CIA, Warren called a top-secret, emergency meeting of the commission to discuss the problem. Warren ordered that the meeting and the discussions of the meeting be kept secret and that the transcript of the meeting be destroyed. The members of the commission honored his request for secrecy. The only reason we know about the meeting today is that the court reporter for the meeting failed to destroy her tape recording of

What was the national-security state's motive for removing Kennedy from office? The same motive for removing so many other officials from office in foreign countries during the Cold War: "national security." That details of that motive is fully set forth the ebook Kennedy's War With the National Security Establishment: Why JFK Was Assassinated, by Douglas Horne.

Why do 30 percent of the American people still believe the lonenut findings of Warren Report despite the overwhelming amount of circumstantial evidence pointing toward a regime-change operation by the U.S. national-security establishment?

The answer lies in the deep fear that some people have of even pondering the notion that the national-security state, the totalitarianlike structure that was grafted onto America's original governmental system after World War II in order to wage the Cold War orchestrated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, just as it orchestrated assassinations and regime-change operations practically since its

Oh sure, such people will usually accept that the CIA and the military have engaged in regime-change operations in other countries and even that they have assassinated countless people, including Americans. But assassinate an American president, John F. Kennedy? Their minds do not permit them to look in that direction. The national security state has become their idol, one that deserves unconditional praise and thanks for "keep us safe" and preserving "national security" an idol that, in their minds, can do no wrong. To them, it is simply inconceivable that the national-security establishment would protect national security by eliminating an American president whose policies were considered to be a grave threat to national security.

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ces ason of celebration. Happy holidays, Merry Christmas, kah or Festive Festivus - whatever your phrase of choice, me to celebrate and believe in miracles. People all around 1 giddy with cheer.

illustrate the magnificence of the holiday, ugly Christmas ack in style. Some of them even feature blinking lights. t to love about an over-the-top time of year filled with elec-

wrapped gifts, a tree in the living room, parties for hosting, ookies, eggnog and fruitcake? It's exuberant celebration and making. There's only one problem. I wasn't feeling 5 - January 2, 2016 Il be test; it comes from the pressure of trying to do it all. Have it

iet it z done – from scratch – bigger and better than ever before. bak 4 varieties of cookies without gaining any holiday weight. time so the kids get to make the annual gingerbread house. ave a nily night solely dedicated to watching "Elf." To find the n any bids or the and rired items so everyone is shocked and awed by their gifts. et the rfect family photo for the perfect card that perfectly illusfection of your family – without overt bragging or coming is like u think you are well, perfect. To wrap and decorate and trim le (it goes without saying) you remain calm and bright and rill receive bids heart filled with the true meaning of the season.

vhelming and I guess I was letting it show this year more was lacking in decoration motivation, cookie baking ability overal oliday spirit. But my ho-ho-hopeful husband wasn't going humbug mentality get the best of him. He suggested we

pick it out and I'll do the rest," he said. "I'll put it up and ou won't have to do a thing."

amou ist words. We dis ind a tree. It wasn't very tall or full but it had bark and husband propped it in its stand and tightened the bolts to runk. Our Charlie Brown sapling leaned to the left. We ad-

justed the bolts and straightened the sparse spruce. When my husband let go of the tree, it leaned to the right. We pulled and prodded and repeated the process. Still, our tree leans.

At least it hasn't toppled over - yet. (My husband's observation, not

"It wasn't meant to be straight," he said. "It looks good with a little lean in it. Gives it character."

Our youngest son contemplated the tree, cocking his head to the side presumably to make it appear straight. After about 30 seconds of scrutiny he said, "It's awfully small."

"That's because it doesn't have its lights yet," my glass-half-full husband told him. "Lights make a tree look bigger. Besides, size doesn't matter. It still smells like a tree." My husband took a deep breath through his nose. "Smell that?"

We all smelled the tree and had to agree it had a fine pine scent. My husband looped one string of lights around from top to bottom and even I had to admit our little tree was looking brighter. He got the box of ornaments from the basement and we put them on one by one.

There was a baby girl ornament from 1991 commemorating our daughter's first Christmas. Another of Mickey ears reminded us of a trip to Disney World. Snowmen with the message "I love the USA" were from Christmas 2001. We hung a tiny cable car from the year my husband and I traveled to San Francisco. We found a framed ornament of a Labrador retriever puppy and remembered our dear dog. This will be our first Christmas without her. There were countless ornaments handmade

by the kids over the years - each one a true treasure. As we adorned the branches, I was glad my husband talked me into getting the tangle of greenery that is our tree this year. We don't have time to do all the things we wish we could to get ready for the holiday. We don't have the money to buy huge and tremendous jaw-dropping gifts. We might not get the gingerbread house made or picture perfect

And that's okay, because we do have the things we really need. Right here. Hanging on the branches of our tiny tree.

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Civil papers:

- Citation 22
- Complaint with attached summons -- 1
- Criminal subpoena 2
- Notice to show cause 2 Order setting hearing -- 1
- Protective order -- 1
- Subpoena deuces tecum civil -- 5
- Writ of execution 1 Total civil papers served – 31; total civil papers – 35



nbers of the Springer choir were chosen to perform in downtown Rockwall during Saturday's Christmas treeceremony. Pictured above are choir members preparing for their performance.

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Rockwall Resident William "Bill" McCarron and Plano resident Nancy Wertz have co-written a book titled "WW II Army Infantry Training, Texas Style -- The Story of Dean H. Olson." The book is being published by Stephen F. Austin State University Press and is scheduled to come out in early 2016. Olson was the first cousin to Wertz's mother. He was killed during night patrol on Nov. 26, 1944, some 71 years ago in the North Ardennes in Belgium, where he was buried for three years before being reburied at the Arlington National Cemetery. Anyone interested in more information regarding the book may contact McCarron at william.mccarron@att.net.

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Texas Constitution Article 1, Section 16

No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, retroactive law, or any law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be made.

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Leadership Rockwall plan project for WIN, CAC

Members of Leadership Rockwall have pledged to create a landscaped area, a "refuge of Rock those served by Women in Need and the Children's Advocacy Center.

The group has pledged to raise at least \$24,500 for the project, which will be located at Washington St., according to a news release from the organization.

Security will be a project priority, with an 8-foot privacy fence and controlled entrance ga to provide maximum privacy in the landscaped area. Playground equipment, a sandbox, s pathways will be installed, as will an outside arbor space with furniture, landscaping and a fire Children who have been physically and/or sexually abused or neglected are safely interview neutral professional and receive counseling at the Advocacy Center. With the backyard refuse also will have an outside location to play and be counseled in a natural environment. Victims of domestic abuse also will be able to enjoy the refuge as a safe place to receive con

"This project will have a huge impact on the lives of both children and adults who have been of abuse," Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County district attorney, said. "I am so proud to be wo such an impressive group of individuals to provide a place for victims to safely find the help the Members of the Leadership Rockwall Class of 2016 include Brian Benitez, Vice & Henle Robin Chouteau, Honda Cars of Rockwall; Matthew Foster, AT&T; Valerie Egan, Lawson & LLC; Daniel Garcia, City of Rockwall Police Department; Judy A. Garza, City of Fate; Clir

Northstar Bank of Texas; Bryan Holloway, Lonestar Transfer; SarahKelley Turner, Stone & and Scott Lovett, Frost Bank. Also, Jennifer Maxwell, Alliance Bank; Ryan Miller, City of Rockwall; Stephanie Moore National Bank; Dannielle Rankin, Rockwall Chamber; Matthew H. Redman, Rockwall In School District; Kay Talley, Texas Health Presbyterian Rockwall; Blake Walker, ANB Wealth Ma

Group; Greg Welch, Rockwall County Sheriff's Office; and Jerry Welch, Ebby Halliday/I

For more details, contact dannielle@rockwallchamber.org.



Members of Leadership Rockwall, pictured above, have pledged to create a landscape area, a "refuge of Rockwall," for those served by Women in Need and the Children Advocacy Center. The group has pledged to raise at least \$24,500 for the project, while will be located at 1350 E. Washington St. It will serve children who have been abused an or neglected, as well as victims of domestic violence.

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Springer Robotics competed at the VEX IQ et at Cain Middle School earlier this month, qualifying for the regional competition. The team, pictured about earned the Teamwork Champion Award (first plant) Teamwork Challenge Alliance/robot performano STEM Research Project Award (most effective research project presentation/judged); Robot Skills Award (robot skills challenge team/robot performance); the Excellence Award (top all-around program/re performance and judged). Pictured at front are J Dales, left, and Donovan Copioli. At back, from the are David Granger, Jaxon Cleverly, Collin Rente Peyton Williams and Cathryn Lara-Ramirez.



Almost 30 people attended the joint meeting of the Ro City Independent School District and the City of Fate of Monday night, Nov. 30. Present and future enrollment for the schools in the two districts, present and predicted housing growth, and the new businesses coming to Roys City and Fate were among the topics discussed. Seated a the head table were, from the left, Kevin Worthy, Roji City ISD superintendent of schools; David Billings, vio president of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Fate (in background); Michael Kovacs, Fall city manager; Julie Stutts, Royse City ISD school board president; and Loren Megyesi, mayor of Fate. Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

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