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City citizens had prayed all week that July 12 would be a beautiful, sunny day, and their prayers

around 9:30 a.m., vehicles began to line both sides of FM 2642 near the corner of the gravel Road 2515 that runs between the Royse City High School and the land owned by Imperium. n was the dedication to rename the gravel road Shaw Drive in honor of 97-year-old Runelle ig resident of Royse City and resident of the Royse City Health and Rehabilitation Center. a.m., Mayor Jerrell Baley began the ceremony with a prayer and words concerning the occasion dged the presence of Shaw and her four children.

em Janet Nichol read the dedication and the new street sign reading Shaw Drive was unveiled. y, friends and city representatives clapped and cheered as the sign was unveiled. Shaw and her was given a keepsake sign of the original. Some tears were shed at the emotional, but happy

to rename the gravel road began when the issue was addressed and passed unanimously in the City Council meeting. Joan Shaw Cantrell, her sister Sandra Easley and brothers Ronnie and ere instrumental in getting the council to make the move while their mother could attend. Il said her family had farmed the land where the Royse City High School now sets for more than ir old home place was originally on the northwest corner of the property. The land was sold in e family no longer was able to work the farm.

I prepares for 'The King and I'

nfancy, three-year-old Rockwall Summer Musicals continues to raise the bar on performances. a highly successful production of "1776," the organization now sets the stage for one of ost popular shows, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The King and I."

ace wants as close to a Broadway-style experience as we can get," said Rockwall Summer ident David Johnson. "To enrich the experience for "1776," we brought together a 28-piece g with 25 gifted actors to the stage with plans to more than double the number of actors in 'The

n's operations are evaluated through the collection of patron surveys at each performance where all roductions are reviewed. The survey addresses ticket sales and audience accommodations, sound onstruction, show selection and other information critical to RSM's continued improvement. It is isure the best experience for an ever growing audience. The success of each function is critical to a company's growth as they continue to fine-tune for the next performance.

s of RSM has given us the opportunity to invest in our first grand set for 'The King and I,'" said ara Doudt. "This amazing set adds richness and character to the show, but will have me in tears to truck it 1,500 miles back to the east coast."

lements of a big Broadway-style musical come together over the coming weeks of rehearsals, dience members alike will be absorbed in the lavish presentation of the classic story of romance ash involving a Siamese king and a British teacher.

nows perform at the group's home venue, the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center at School, 1201 T.L. Townsend. Tickets for Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The King and I," playing re available by calling the RSM ticket hotline at 1-888-71-TICKETS (718-4253). For group sales (\$1 off per ticket), dial RSM at: 972-771-3700 or visit Rockwallsummermusicals.org.



ured above is "The King and I" primary set piece as viewed in the context of the Rockwall hool PAC theater fly space. rtesy photo/Rockwall County News



abers of the Heath United Methodist Church, touting their upcoming vacation Bible school eptured the award for Best Civic Float as part of the City of Heath's annual Independence Day

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July 4 festini.

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Runelle Shaw, 97, was honored July 12 as the City Council of Royse City and other city officials conducted a dedication to name Collin County Road 3515 in her honor: Shaw Drive. The Shaw family farmed much of the land in the area for many years and especially the land where the Royse City High School now sets.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Water restrictions in Rockwall prompts 13% drop in usage

Water usage in the City of Rockwall is down 13 percent thanks to residents' compliance with mandatory water restrictions that took effect June 1 due to drought conditions, according to a city news release

The city's goal is to reduce water usage by at least 10 percent -- as advised by its water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District -- to comply with Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan. Stage 3 regulations include limiting landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to once a week based on the last digit of the service street address.

Officials want to avoid implementation of Stage 4, which prohibits landscape watering, according to the news release.

Under the current restrictions, no outdoor watering is allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Rick Sherer, the city's water/wastewater manager, urged residents and businesses to continue adhering to the restrictions because recent rains also contributed to the usage decline.

In addition to low lake levels, the NTMWD is without 28 percent of its water supply from Lake Texoma, which can't be used due to invasive zebra mussels. Currently 46 miles of pipeline is being laid to connect from an existing Texoma line to the district's main water treatment plant in Wylie. When completed in January, more than a quarter of this area's water supply will be restored, according to the release.

"We urge residents and businesses to reduce water usage as much as possible," said Sherer. "Due to the uncertainty of future rainfall and soaring summer temperatures, we all need to work together to protect our

The city continues efforts to enforce Stage 3 water restrictions, he said, noting that residents or businesses not adhering to the water schedule or wasting water are subject to a fine.

For additional information, contact the City of Rockwall's Water Department at 972-771-7730 or via e-mail at waterwasters@rockwall.com.

Heath Independence Day parade winners announced

Laurence Drive in Heath was flooded with a sea of red, white and blue July 4 as hundreds of area residents and guests lined the street for the annual Independence Day parade.

Unseasonably cool temperatures embraced parade-goers and those who participated in the event.

- Winners recognized during the parade were as follows:
 - · Mayor's Award Home, Sweet, Heath float
 - Best Citywide Patriotic pirates and princesses • Most Community Spirit – Rush Creek Yacht Club
 - Best Civic Float Heath United Methodist Church • Best Bicycle/Wheels - Hannah Moore
 - Best Kiddie Car Kylie Jones
 - Best Wagon/Stroller Ferris Sellers
 - Best Golf Cart Howe family
 - Best ATV Don and Jacob Rogers Best Antique Car – Mike Moore
 - Best Costume Chris Kuhn and Max · Most Patriotic Pet - Grace DeAlessandro and Gypsy



Kylie Jones and her Barbie Jeep won Best Kiddie Car as part of the City of Heath's annual Independence parade.

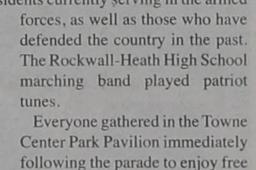
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and her horse, Gypsy, were winners of the Most Patriotic Petaward given as part of the City of Heath's annual Independence Day parade.

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Timmermann, Picker to marry in October

Matthias Picker and Lindsey Timmermann

David and Lisa Timmermann of Rockwall are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lindsey Michelle Timmermann, to Matthias Rene' Picker, son of Monika and Norbert Picker of Stolberg, Germany,

The bride-elect, a 2001 graduate of Rockwall High School, holds a bachelor's degree from Ouachita Baptist University and a master's degree from Southern Methodist University. She is employed by Phorms Education, an international bilingual school in Hamburg, Germany.

The prospective bridegroom holds a master's degree in industrial engineering from RWTH Aachen University in Germany. He is employed as an engineer with Blohm Jung GmbH in Hamburg.

An Oct. 5, 2013, wedding at the Royse City First United Methodist Church is planned.

Four feted at SFASU

Four local residents were among students named to the Dean's List following the spring semester at Stephen F. Austin State University, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Kierra Tatum of Fate, an interior design major; Shelby Taylor of Rockwall, a professional accountancy major; Mary Winkler of Rockwall, an environmental science major; and Steven Petrea of Royse City, a nursing major.

Arizor named to Dean's List

Ezinne Chinenye Arizor of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., according to a university news release.

In order to quality for the Dean's List, a student must earn a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded

McCormack, Park wed in double-ring ceremony

Nadia Kay McCormack of Rockwall and Casey Patrick Park of Dallas were married June 15, 2013, on Paradise Island, Bahamas. The Rev. Matthew Sweeting officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Rod and Julia (Talge) McCormack of Rockwall.

The groom is the son of Larry and Beth Ann Park of Weston, Fla. Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose for her wedding a

figure-fitting Pima long cotton dress with double rhinestone straps and a three-foot-long sheer cotton train. She designed the dress.

Serving as maid of honor was Sarah Austin. Amanda Clipp was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Claire McCormack; Kelli Park, the bride's new sister-in-law; Jurhee Freese, the bride's cousin; Shelby Baynard; and Ashley Meredith.

Flower girls were Hudson Noble, Marlow Noble and Luella Townend,

Best man was Brian Park, the groom's brother. Groomsmen were Jeff Davis, Jason Jones, Cameron Baynard, Todd Earsley, Sean Simigran and Kevin Lowry.

Ring bearers were the bride's nephews, Tristan Browning and Gavin Browning.

Gerald Austin served as usher.

Providing the wedding music was violinist Cathy Jirjahlke, who played 'You Look Wonderful Tonight" and "Just the Way You Are."

The destination wedding had 118 people in attendance. Following the ceremony, a reception took place inside the lower level of the Royal Tower at the Atlantis, Bahamas.

The bride, a graduate of the University of North Texas, is employed as a first grade teacher in the Frisco Independent School District.

The groom, who received his bachelor's degree in finance from Southern Methodist University and his master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, works for a major investment company in Dallas. The couple is now at home in Dallas.

Jones, Corneau plan September wedding

Jon and Lisa Jones of Bryan are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Kay (Libby) Jones, to Justin Michael Corneau, son of Max and Michelle Corneau of Rockwall.

The bride-elect, a 2007 graduate of Bryan High School, earned a bachelor's degree in management from Texas A&M University in 2011. She is employed as the youth director at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Garden Grove, Calif., and works with the Boys & Girls Club in Irvine,

The prospective bridegroom, a 2008 graduate of Rockwall High School, graduated from Texas A&M University in 2012 with a degree in electrical engineering. He is employed with Boeing in Huntington Beach, Calif.

A Sept. 28, 2013, wedding at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in College Station is planned.



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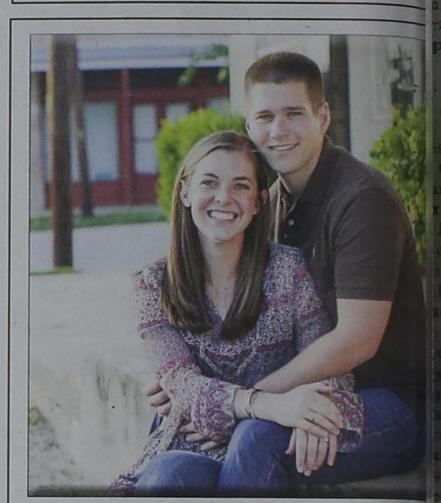
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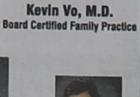


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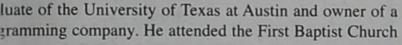
se City and was a 36-year resident of Royse City. clude his wife of 62 years, Marjorie Ann (Williams)

children, Shelia Gail Hickman and her husband, Kirk, Hickman and his wife, Kimberly, and Shirley Ann her husband, Brent; his siblings, Gene Hickman, Troy wife, Shirley, Leo Steele and his wife, Betty, Marion ary Venable and her husband, John, Judy Pate and her and Julia Imler; his grandchildren, J.M. Garza and his e, Michael Garza and his wife, Linda, Matt Garza and his Kristin, Katherine and Kurt Hickman and Jacob, Jacklyn anstaff; and his great-grandchildren, Gracie, Austin and

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er ISO rating could drop wall fire insurance costs

Rockwall has been notified that its Insurance Services ating was lowered from a 3 to a 2 after an evaluation of Fire Department's protection services, according to a city

ting measures a community's local fire protection for ance rating purposes. Ratings range from 1 to 10. usiness owners with fire insurance based on ISO could get e, according to the release. The decrease would affect only premiums based on the Rockwall Fire Department's recent vices Offices Public Protection Class (PPC) & Outside a (OPA) Rating based on the department's new PPC Class xemplary and Class 10 is no protection.

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Services for Mikie Gillispie Stringer, 66, of Garland were conducted at 10 a.m. July 15, 2013, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Darryl Phillips officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died July 12. Born March 23, 1947, in Kilgore to William T. and Vasta Lee (Ross) Gillispie, she attended the First

Baptist Church of Sunnyvale. Survivors include her husband, Michael Stringer of Garland; her children, Amy Waddell and her husband, Keith, of Rowlett, Lezlie

Holt of Allen, Shawn Stringer of Garland and James Stringer of Wylie; her brother, Jerry Gillispie and his wife, Vicky, of Garland; her sisters, Pat Massingill and her husband, Richard, and Jane Smith and her husband, Mitch, all of Garland; Martha Grimaldo and her husband, Manuel, of Las Vegas, Nev.; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Robert Louis Watson III

Services for Robert Louis "Doc" Watson III, 51, of Royse City were conducted at 10 a.m. July 15, 2013, at the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall with Brent Williams and Ryan Lewis officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died July 10.

Born Nov. 28, 1961, in Monterey, Calif., to Robert Louis Watson Jr. and Hannelore (Jaeger) Watson,

he married Robin Renee Talasek on Sept. 8, 1990, in Rosenberg. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration at East Texas State University in Commerce and worked as a sales manager at John Eagle Honda in Dallas. He was a member of the Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his wife, Robin Watson; a son, Robert Louis Watson IV, "Doc'r" and Michelle Osborn, all of Royse City; his daughter, Jade Kirsten Jaeger Watson-Rodgers and her husband, Aaron Christopher Rodgers, of Sachse; a son, Jager Christian Watson of Royse City; his parents, Robert and Hannelore Watson of Commerce; his sisters, Angela Christine Burkhalter, Jeanette Hite and Jeanine Rakow, all of Illinois; his grandmother, Henrietta Watson of Greenville; and many members of his extended family.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Robert "Doc" Watson Benefit, c/o Robin Watson at any American National Bank location.

Harold Ray Westmoreland Services for Harold Ray Westmoreland, 83, were conducted at 10 a.m.

July 16, 2013, in the First United Methodist Church, Rockwall, with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park

Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel He died July 12. A 1947 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, he joined the

under the direction of the Rest Haven

U.S. Navy, serving for four years in the Korean War. He graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in 1958, earning a degree in architecture and design. He was elected Phi

Beta Kappa in his junior year and received the American Institute of Architecture Silver Medal Award for general excellence in design, as well as the Henry Adams Award.

In 1962 he moved to Dallas to join WRA Architects Inc. At his retirement in 1996 he held the position of partner, CEO and secretary/ treasurer of the firm. During his tenure, he designed, supervised and constructed more than 450 schools, banks, hospitals and municipal and university buildings. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have been educated in several of the buildings.

In his leisure time he enjoyed fishing, golfing and traveling with his wife, Peggy. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, where he served on the Building Committee for two major expansions.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy J. Westmoreland; a brother, Warren

Gaston; and six children, Pamela L. Wood, Harold S. Westmoreland, Timothy A. Westmoreland, Steve Morgan, Diane York and Sharon Foster; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lottie M. and Howard A. Westmoreland; his wife, Mary L. Westmoreland; his daughter, Carol R. Westmoreland; and a granddaughter, Rebecca F. Wood.

The family has suggested memorials may be made in his name to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall, TX 75087.

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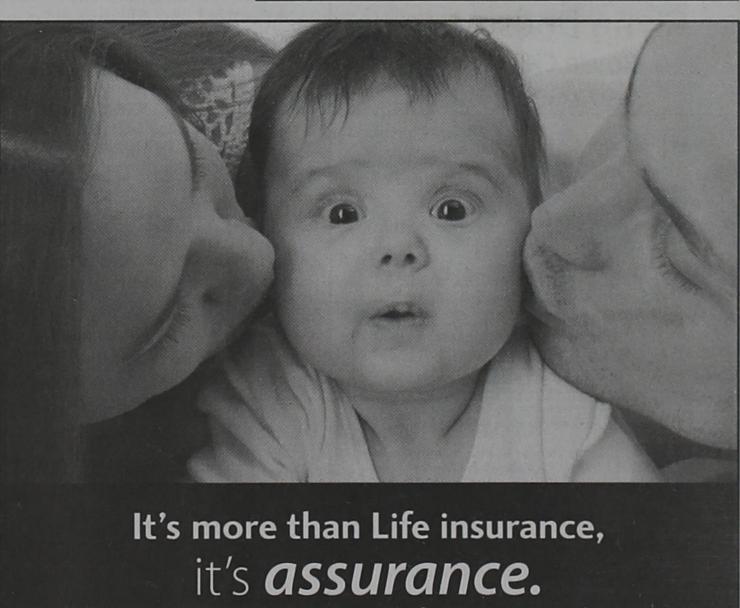
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Lower ISO rating could drop **Rockwall fire insurance costs**

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The city has a split class rating of PPC 2 and OPA 9.

A 2 rating is the highest that Rockwall can receive since it currently has a combination paid/volunteer department.

The ranking took a number of key factors into consideration: the addition of two new fire stations, a second ladder truck, a third elevated water storage facility, a new radio system and the addition of more full-time firefighters since that last grading in 2003.

The Class 2 rating ranks Rockwall in the top 6 percent in Texas and in the top 13 percent in the entire nation, according to the news release.

The new rating goes into effect in July 2013.

When the ISO rating schedule took effect in Texas in 1994, the city's volunteer department was rated Class 6.

"It's been a long road over the last nine years to lower our ISO rating," Fire Chief Mark Poindexter said in the news release. "Many improvements were made by the department to help reach our goal."

It was a group effort to attain the Class 2 rating, the chief said.

"I credit engineering, water, police communication, internal operations, the building department and the fire marshal's office for their help," he said. "If it were not for the support of city management and funding provided by the City Council, we could not have achieved this goal."



Seth Neds, of Rockwall, was recently awarded a \$1000 Educational Chickfil-A Scholarship. Employed by the Rockwall Chick-fil-A for two and a half years, Neds is the 5th sibling in his family to receive the award. He plans to attend Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, Florida where he will major in Computer Schience and minor in Graphic Design. Neds is the son of Keith and Joy Neds. Photo courtesy/

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Jamison named to KU honor roll

Elise Jamison of Heath was one of approximately 4,450 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas named to an honor roll following the spring 2013 semester, according to a university news release.

Jamison, a senior studying strategic communication, was named to the honor roll for the School of Journalism.

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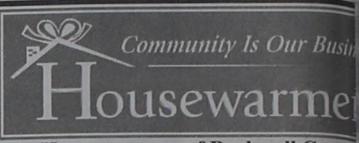
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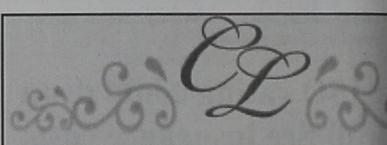
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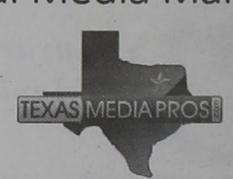
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American Legion Post meets today

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Local Democrats to meet July 20

The regular meeting of the Rockwall County Democratic Party will begin at 9 am. July 20 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. Jeff Casper, organizer with Battleground Texas, will serve as guest speaker and provide an update about the organization and its efforts in North Texas. He also will provide information about North Texas training. Interested parties are invited to attend.

FUMC Heath to host

Bible school

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Church of Heath, 140 Smirl Drive, will host vacation Bible school for children ages 4 through fifth grade. Activities will begin with a 5 p.m. July 21 with a hot dog kick-off party. Classes will begin immediately following the hot dog supper at 6 p.m. Classes will continue from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 22, 23 and 24. Participants will showcase what they've learned during the 11 a.m. July 28 FUMC service. For more details or to sign up visit

Church plans Kingdom Rock event

fumcheath.org, stop by the church

or call 972-771-6732.

Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church will host a summer children's event, Kingdom Rockwall, July 21-25. Children can participate in Bible-learning activities, sing, play teamworkbuilding games, enjoy treats and test "Sciencey-Fun Gizmos" that can be taken home and enjoyed all summer long. Children also will learn to look for evidence of God through 'God sightings." Each day will conclude with the Fanfare Finale, a celebration open to family members and friends. Kingdom Rock is open to youths from age 3 to 7th grade and will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more details call 972-771-8242.

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Legal Notices

Application has been made for a Private Club Registration Permit for Smart Aces Oasis Private Club, Inc. Dba Smart Aces Oasis At 5757 State Hwy 205, McLendon-Chisolm, Rockwall County, Texas

Said application made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

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Application has been made for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant Permit with FB/ for Gumbo All In Fun LP Dba Dodie's Cajun Diner At 2067 Summer Lee Drive, Suite 115, Rockwall, Rockwall, Tx.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Rockwall County invites sealed proposals on the following:

Department of Public Safety and Driver's License office build-out at the County Service

Specifications are on file in the Rockwall County Auditor's office, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Ste. 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087 and also on the Rockwall County website: www. rockwallcountytexas.com.

Proposals must state a lump sum price for all services and/or products and be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside "13-07-008 Department of Public Safety and Driver's License office build-out", to Lisa Constant Wylie, Rockwall County Auditor, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Ste 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087, on or before Friday, July 26, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. The bids will be opened on Friday, July 26, 2013 at 2:15 p.m. in the Rockwall County Auditors office. A pre-bid conference will be held at the County Services building on July 19, 2013 at 2:00 P.M.

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

Upon acceptance of proposal and award of a contract by Rockwall County Commissioners Court, remittance shall be made through invoicing at the lump sum price.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

Rockwall County Lisa Constant Wylie **Rockwall County Auditor**

NOTICE ESTABLISHING OFFICES OF DISTRICT

TO THE RESIDENTS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with V.T.C.A., Water Code, Chapter 49.062, as amended, the Board of Directors of Rockwall County Consolidated Municipal Utility District No. 1 (the "District") has, on May 28, 2013, established an additional office outside the boundaries of the District at the Hampton Inn, 1549 Laguna Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, which may be used for meeting purposes and for the transaction of such business as is not required to be done within the District, which office is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public for the purpose of conducting meetings. In addition, the District continues to maintain offices at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, 689 East I-30, Rockwall, Texas 75087, the offices of Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP, the District's attorneys, at 201 Main Street, Suite 2500, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 and 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701, which are used for the storage of District records, for the mailing address of the District and may be used for meeting purposes and for the transaction of such business as is not required to be done within the District, which offices are hereby declared to be public places and open to the public for the purpose of conducting meetings. Also, the District maintains an additional office for the purpose of the storage of engineering records and for the opening of construction bids at the offices of Petitt & Associates, Inc., the District's engineer, 300 Municipal Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080. All prior office designations are hereby rescinded and replaced with the office designations set forth herein.

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Citizen questions Texas abortion bill

Our County Commissioners', City Council, and Rockwall County Republicans talk a lot about fiscal responsibility and keeping taxes low. I ask myself, "Do people know every special session Rick Perry calls costs Texas taxpayers one million dollars for payroll for 181 legislators and the lieutenant governor?" This amounts to \$27,300 a day spent to take away women's rights and to force an unpopular agenda.

A Second Special Session of the Texas Legislature was called by Rick Perry when Republican legislators were unable to pass extreme antiwoman legislation during the Regular Session and the First Special Session. I ask myself, "If Special Sessions are for Emergency Legislation, why were two special sessions called to take on divisive, highly partisan legislation?" It is my theory that our Republican "governor who wanted to be President" is using this to attract Republican Primary voters. Republican politicians in Austin are happy to join in and play to their base showing little genuine concern for Texas women.

Reasonable women know that no woman intentionally sets out to create a situation that will lead to abortion. They know this bill will not stop a teenager or a woman in crisis from having an abortion. Abortions are legal in the United States. This bill will simply make it unsafe for thousands of Texas women. It forces the closing of all but 5 Texas clinics that provide abortion services. Clinics that also provide women access to preventative care such as birth control and health screenings for cancer, diabetes and other diseases. Texas women will die if this bill is passed by the Texas Legislature.

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Viable development needed in Heath

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What comes next should be publicizing an overdue compendium catch-up of the project's progress, which should emanate from our City...perhaps in its Newsletter. For some time now, I have urged the City to do this.

Why has information about such a major undertaking by private developers, that has been up for discussion at numerous Council meetings for years, not been disseminated to our Heath citizens long before now? A snooze-you-lose agenda announcement on the internet posted the Friday before a Tuesday Council meeting simply does not cut it. I know that our citizens have not been adequately informed, because I have been the solitary soul at many of these vital public meetings.

Just what will the Heath Golf & Yacht Club's 782-acre project actually look like? The black and white one-dimensional magnifyingglass-required photo of the HG&YC concept printed in the Rockwall County News several weeks ago was woefully inadequate.... not the newspaper's fault because the May 2012 "map" was the only one available from our City. Perhaps a 3-D architectural mod a visual concept of the HG&YC and placed in a promi our community (Heath City Hall ?), would go a long bringing the project to the attention of our citizenry.

Heath citizens should be informed that the Heath Golf & multi-million dollar project involves development of a hr land in the southern part of Heath. All shapes and sizes construction are planned by the developers. Some of it in exciting. Some of it requiring code and pre-construction.

The HG&YC project, when completed, can be a gr our Heath community. Viable projects from developers together with consideration of citizens' input, are needed. right, all of us can look to the future for a development proud of and happy to have shared in its success.,

Meanwhile, we must convey, to the City of Heath 's elec and staff that, going forward, transparency in the process of significant community projects is a requirement....not an JOAN REAM

Heath citizen/taxpayer

Some new items of County interest

Many citizens have asked what is going on in the County in terms of being proactive against the West Nile carrying mosquito that caused so much pain and suffering last summer in the North Texas area. While our County was not hit with this virus, Dallas County led the nation in number of cases and deaths. As you probably remember, massive aerial spraying was done in that County but still the virus hit a record number

Here in the County of Rockwall, the efforts to counter this threat is being widely distributed among our cities with the help of the County Emergency Management personnel and our health care Doctor, Dr. Bonacquisti. In the city of Rockwall trapping of targeted areas is being conducted with no positive results to date. Royse City and Heath are also doing the same with again no positive results of the virus being carried by any mosquitoes trapped to date. Fate discussed this type action in a recent city council meeting and are in the decision making process. McLendon-Chisholm is checking water sources for potential breeding sites and the County is already in the process of treating these type sites with a larva killing chemical.

Please follow all of the advisory information that has been provided to avoid contact with mosquitoes: empty any standing water in your yard, use mosquito repellent, avoid going outside in your yard during the evening early hours, etc. You will be kept informed on this subject by local authorities as the summer progresses.

Many of you have visited the State Drivers License office which is located in the County building at 108 Fannin Street, the old Library location across from the Rockwall City parking lot. To assist Rockwall in the development and implementation of their "Down Town Revitalization" plan, the County has sold this building, at its appraised price of \$200,000, to the city of Rockwall. They have advised the County the building will be torn down and the area converted to additional parking for down town shoppers and visitors.

Both the Drivers License facility and the State Troopers who also office at 108 Fannin will be moving to the County Services Building located on Whitmore Street. This building also houses the Juvenile Services office as well as the County maintenance personnel and the Texas Agriculture Extension office. Sufficient parking is available for the new offices which was one of the issues with their location on Fannin Street. Construction is now in process and the move will be completed with the new offices open for business on November 4. No disruption to current operations will occur.

The County and our citizens are investing a significant money and effort to improve our transportation. First it million bond in 2004 and then a \$100 million bond in ; be used to jump start the building of new major State n Rockwall County.

These roads, when finished, will make our getting from another a lot easier. But what about the people who don't How are they going to get around in our County?

Did you know, for example, that 7,540 of our citizens, alm our population, are 65 or older; 781 or 1% of our total popu or over. 3.6% of our population has some form of a disab of these people need assistance in the form of transportati going to the doctor or the grocery store or going to Wal-Ma a big deal when you don't have a car or a relative who can

We have a solution now and most of us don't even know i Have you seen those maroon buses running around town Transit" labeled on the side? This service is a Federal and § service specifically designed to provide local type transport people who need assistance. All ANYONE needs to do service is call up and make a reservation on when and wher to go someplace.

If you call the day before you want to go, city rides for citi 60 are \$2.00 each way; if over 60 it's \$1.00 each way. anyplace in the County for \$5; or \$3.00 if over 60. Out of C for medical appointments are \$15.00 each way; that include Dallas for \$15.00!

Prices go up a little if you have to call on the day you wan Now city rides for all ages are \$5.00 each way, County rides each way, and out of County rides go up to \$30 each way.

If you live in Rockwall County, call 214-771-0023 to s ride; that's 214-771-0023. Tell them your name, address, d appointment time, and return home time. That's it...and it we is supposed to work. The bus will be in front of your door to up at the scheduled time and they will deliver you back to door when your trip is finished.

Jerry Hogan, Rockwall County Judge jerryhogan@sbcglobal.net or 214-394-4033

Local residents boost Last Well's Liberian eff

Forty individuals and couples from Rockwall County committed a total of \$4.5 million to help boost The Last Well's mission "to provide every man, woman and child in Liberia with clean water and the gospel," according to a news release from the nonprofit organization.

Known as the RC40, these individuals and couples represent different churches, denominations and backgrounds, but have assembled to boost The Last Well campaign. The group initially met April 18 and set a goal to raise \$6 million in commitments prior to the end of the decade. In

fewer than 60 days, the RC40 reached 75 percent of its local f goal, according to the news release.

Funds generated by RC40 will help cover all operational exp TLW, ensuring that all future donations to the organization w the organization's field partners as they work to bring clean wa gospel to residents of Liberia. Funds also will be used as dollar matching grants.

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Opinions

Zimmerman case is no grounds for gun contr

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by Sheldon Richman **Future Freedom Foundation**

From the beginning, people who would ban all private guns if they could have used the George Zimmerman case to push their agenda. They push on two fronts: First, they argue that Zimmerman's 2012 fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin, who had no gun, demonstrates that guns are an unmitigated evil. Second, the antigun lobby is using the case to agitate for the repeal of "stand your ground" laws, which are on the books in many states.

It is hard to see how this case, in which Zimmerman was acquitted of murder and manslaughter, condemns gun ownership or concealed carry. Zimmerman claims he shot Martin in self-defense. The prosecution was unable to impeach that claim. It's true that Martin had no gun and Zimmerman did. For many people, this in itself proves that Zimmerman used his gun unjustifiably, hence demonstrating that guns are bad per se

But that makes no sense. Are we to believe that a gun is the only means of threatening a person with death or serious injury? People were killed by a variety of means before guns existed, including fists. So there is no prima facie case that a gun was used improperly merely because the person shot had no firearm. (In the murder case, the jurors apparently believed Zimmerman's account that Martin knocked him down with a sucker punch to the face, then sat on his chest, banging his head against the pavement.)

Thus the Zimmerman case furnishes no ammunition — pun intended — for gun controllers. How could a justifiable homicide — the jury's finding — provide evidence for banning or restricting guns?

We may go further and note that even a guilty verdict would have been no grounds for gun control. No matter what gun laws are on the books, bad guys will always get firearms. Gunrunning is as old as guns themselves. It is only the innocent who would be without guns, and that means more murders, more rapes, more assaults. The answer to gun violence is not to deprive the innocent of guns.

Let's move on to "stand your ground" laws. Many states have passed these laws to clarify the law of selfdefense. It is an old principle that one may use deadly force to defend one's life (or other innocent life) in one's own home. In other words, one has no "duty to retreat." Elsewhere, however, there is a general duty to retreat. If you are threatened but can get away safely, the law requires you to do so rather than confronting the threat. This rule presumably evolved to prevent escalation of violence and to preserve the peace. The "stand your ground" principle clarifies things by holding that if one cannot retreat safely from a deadly or other serious threat when away from home, one may use deadly force to counter the threat. That's all it does. It does not permit one to shoot someone else casually with impunity. You may be asking what this has to do with George Zimmerman. The answer is - nothing. Zimmerman

did not invoke "stand your ground" after the shooting last year. He could have asked for a hearing on the matter, but he did not. (Had he prevailed in that hearing, there would have been no murder trial.) The reason Zimmerman did not invoke the principle is obvious: His account of events rules out "stand your ground." Remember, he claims that Martin knocked him down with a blow and then sat on his chest beating him. If you're on the ground, you can't stand your ground.

Ironically, Martin's actions look more like a case of "stand your ground." The prosecution's account is that Martin saw Zimmerman following him. The residence to which Martin was walking was a short distance away, but instead of retreating for protection, he ended up in the deadly altercation. Why? If he felt he could not retreat safely, then he was standing his ground when he confronted Zimmerman.

"Stand your ground" is reasonable law. The Zimmerman case provides no reason to repeal it.

Sheldon Richman is vice president of The Future of Freedom Foundation and editor of FFF1 journal, Future of Freedom.

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ockwall County track and field athletes, including nine ipions, have qualified for the USA Track & Field Junior anal Championships in 36 individual events. Two relay

placing first in the Region 12 Championships at Turner mble was 2013 Rockwall graduate Gaines Kinsey. In ning the 17-18 men's 800-meter run in 1 minute, 54.48 lified in the 1,500 meters by placing fourth in 4:10.17. mpions included Fiona Dunleavy in the 17-18 women's ce walk (17:48.69), RHS' Kaylee Hinton in the 15-16 n (3641 points), Savanah McKenzie in the 13-14 girls' 4), Kyle Garcia in the 17-18 boys' 3,000 (9:05.36), Lilly 7-18 girls' 3,000 (12:03.74) and Brock Collins in the 15echase (6:46.64). Luke Littlefield and Rockwall-Heath's tied for the title in the 15-16 boys' pole vault at 13 feet,

nated the heptathlon, taking first place in four events les, 200-meter dash, high jump and long jump. McKenzie the high jump with a third-place height of 4-9

a and Collins, teammates with Herrscher in the Texas alified in multiple events. Collins also was third in the h in the 3000; Garcia took third place in the 3,000, and 1 the 1,500.

aultitude, Caleb Estes qualified for the national meet in three - 13-14 boys' pentathlon (fourth, 1894), high jump and pole vault (fourth, 9-0 1/4).

second place were Elizabeth Oberle in the 15-16 girls' 18); Heritage Christian Academy's Wyatt French in the cathlon (5573, just 300 points behind champion Rodney

Ripley of Spring); Kyle Oldham in the 15-16 boys' decathlon (2651); Noah Sewell in the 13-14 boys' pole vault (10-0), and Thomas Dunleavy in the 3,000 race walk (18:33.50).

Among those finishing third were Justin Wood in the 15-16 boys' 400-meter hurdles and Diego Munoz in the 15-16 boys' steeplechase. Tiffany Jones placed third in the 17-18 women's pole vault at 10-11 34. Natailie Hawthorne cleared the same height, but placed fifth (the last qualifying spot) because of more misses.

Fourth-place qualifiers included Marco Morales in the 17-18 boys' 3,000, Damon Lewis in the 15-16 boys' steeplechase, Eric Newman in the 17-18 boys' steeplechase and the Titans' 15-6 boys' 4X800-meter

In the 13-14 girls' competition, Sierra Gunter was fourth in the high jump (4-3 ¼), and Rachel Hyvl took fifth in the pentathlon (1886).

Also placing fifth were Greg Morua in the 17-18 boys' steeplechase, Tyler Connelly in the 17-18 boys' 3,000 and the Titans' 17-18 boys'

Thirteen of the area's individual qualifiers are from Club Vaultitude, and 11 from the Titans. The Dunleavys are in the Rockwall Mustangs Track Club.

The USATF Junior Olympics are scheduled for July 22-28 at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, N.C.

Some of the same athletes were among last weekend's qualifiers from the Lakepointe and Rockwall track clubs for the Summer Games of Texas from the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Region 7 at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

The five individual regional champions from Rockwall County were all pole vaulters from Lakepointe, including Hinton among 16-and-under girls and Sewell in 14-and-under boys, both at 11 feet. The others were

Michael Weisser (18-and-under boys, 12 feet); Clark Norris (16-andunder boys, 10 feet, 6 inches), and Sarah Graves (14-and-under girls,

Hinton and Graves headed 1-4 sweeps from Lakepointe in their age group. Finishing behind Hinton were Oberle (9-0), Abigail Tucker (8-0) and Julia Watson (8-0, but with more misses than Tucker). Among the 14-and-under vaulters, McKenzie was runner-up behind Graves at 8-0 with more misses. Third was Zoe Elledge (7-6), with Hyvl fourth

Oberle also placed fifth in the triple jump at 32-3.

Each region receives three qualifiers in each event, with additional spots added in districts with more competitors registered. Region 7 has had five qualifiers in each of the last two years.

Other second-place finishers were Gaines Kinsey in the 18U boys' 800-meter run (1 minute, 59.88 seconds); Mie Pighee in the 18U girls' shot put (32-4 ¼), Tiffany James in the 18U girls' pole vault (11-0), Matt Graves in the 16U boys' pole vault (9-6), Kajol Maheshwari in the 16U girls' 3,200-meter run (13:06.18) and 1,600 (5:55.69), Estes in the 14U boys' pole vault (9-0) and Jacob Torgerson in the 14U boys' 1,600

Cole McCrary placed third at 8-6 to complete a 1-2-3 sweep for Lakepointe in the 14U boys' pole vault. Also finishing third were Sarah Schneider in the 18U girls' pole vault (9-6) and high jump (4-10), and Lauren Torgerson in the 10U girls' 1,600 (6:35.37).

Rockwall County's other fifth-place athletes were Kaitlyn Stark in the 16U girls' 1,600 (6:20.08) and Chase Howerton in the 14U boys' pole vault (8-0).

The Summer Games of Texas are scheduled July 25 through 28 at the Cabaniss Multi Purpose Complex in Corpus Christi.

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vallas Police Department created a tactical unit for critical is called SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics).

erved in the mounted unit. In 1993 he transferred to SWAT een for 20 years. He has had approximately 300 hours of

as a counter-sniper, but now works in negotiations. He 600 hours of crisis negotiation and is a certified technical per rifle he carries is a 308. He said he likes the negotiations illing to talk someone out of hurting themselves, someone

28 years with the Dallas Police Department. From 1991

life, often their own by means of suicide. unit has a trauma doctor on the team who can operate on

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Vacation Bible school set at FCC

istian Church Rockwall will host its vacation Bible school noon July 22-26. Children ages 4 through fifth grade are d. This year's theme is Athens-Paul's Dangerous Journey uth. Register online at fccrockwall.com or for more details office at 972-771-5526.

ans info sessions for potential volunteers

CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking erested in helping area children who are involved in the ult of abuse or neglect. As a CASA volunteer, individuals best interests of the child and help ensure a safe, permanent 1. Info sessions, all of which will begin at 6:30 p.m., will as follows: July 22 at the CASA Kaufman office, 209 N. , Kaufman; July 25, St. Martin Church, 9470 CR 213 (at July 29, Terrell Library, 301 N. Rockwall, in Terrell; and Rockwall office, 108 Kenway St., in Rockwall. For more 2-772-5858 or email vickie@lonestarcasa.org.

HS Highsteppers annual Mini Camp

Highsteppers will hold their annual Mini Camp on July - 1 p.m. for K-6 grade girls. Participants will learn dane niques, traditions and a craft each day, as well as get a ith the Highsteppers at a varsity football game and perform Line before the game. Campers will get a Mini Camp shirt time for parents. Cost is \$75. Contact Jennifer Sands at or RHHSDRILL@yahoo.com for a registration form.

v-cost spay/neuter shuttle scheduled

Spay Neuter Network Shuttle will pick up pets at 7:30 the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot; pets ed at 6:30 P.M. Dogs must have no-slip collars; cats must arriers (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call (hablamos Español) or email info@spayneuternet.org. tance is available. Call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354 ittle dates are Aug. 15 and Sept. 19.

ditions set at RCP for 'Mockingbird'

or the Rockwall Community Playhouse's rendition of ockingbird," which will be performed Sept. 20-22, 27-29 will take place at 1 p.m. Aug. 10 and 7 p.m. Aug. 12 at which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit nunityplayhouse.org.

Vomen of Influence Tea set Aug. 17

omen of Influence Tea sponsored by the Rockwall County omen will be conducted Aug. 17. The doors of Occasions r will open at 10 a.m. to allow everyone to mingle and silent auction items. Lunch will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., tson of GOPbuzz serving as keynote speaker. The event intertainment and recognition of the Woman of Influence. 630 each; a reserved table for 10 costs \$300 (will receive nition). Space is limited; reservations should be made soon. ils call Marcia Gilbert at 972-771-1780. For tickets contact at donna@fcc1.com.

Dash to sideline Rubber Duck Regatta

Rockwall Rubber Duck Regatta will include a 5K race, the which will raise funds for the Rockwall Boys & Girls Club Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall. The Duck Dash will n. Sept. 21, followed by the Family Walk and Waddle at gistration costs \$35 for the 5K and \$20 for the walk. Duck will be distributed; racing caps will be given to the first ts. The best dressed male and female duck costumes will air of Newton running shoes. The race will be managed ithwest, using ChronoTrack timing technology. More than are expected. To register, visit https://register.bazumedia. :?eventID=3087.

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or the Rockwall Community Playhouse's rendition of "The hich will be performed Feb. 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23, will take 1. Dec. 14 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. ails visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

the spot if needed.

"The squad position line ups consists of counter snipers, gas chemical agent) officers, negotiators and entry team officers," Shelton said. "Each member was cross trained for functions/assignments. member is cross trained for other functions/assignments."

When a crisis occurs, there can be as many as 30 cars that show up with the unit, including various law enforcement agencies, ambulances, media, etc., Byas said. Handling suicides used to be one of the biggest, most difficult cases to handle, but now the SWAT team has to deal with terrorists, which is more difficult to deal with when law enforcement officers often do not know who they are dealing

Byas' presentation was well received by those attending the Rotary meeting. Because school is out, there were many young people in attendance and most said they were intrigued by Byas.

One of the final questions of the evening asked of Byas was whether the Dallas SWAT team was involved in the 51-day siege near Waco in 1993 at the Branch Davidian compound. As a result

of that event, 82 men, women and children, including the Branch Davidian religious leader David Koresh, died. According to information given by Shelton, "The Dallas (Police Department)

was not involved in the actual operations in Waco." Shelton said he and another DPD SWAT sergeant did go to Waco with the Dallas FBI, but only as observers.

Byas said he is fortunate to have

a job he looks forward to going to every day and he works with a great bunch of professionals whose aim is to make people's lives better.



The Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers visited Jones Elementary School to visit with students and distribute fliers to invite all the K-6th grade girls to attend their annual Mini Dance Camp July 22-25. The Highsteppers, from left to right, are Brittany Davidson, Megan Ingle, Jr. Lt. Allison Strother, Senior Lt. Christina White, Brittany Woodard and Brianna Aguirre. Information about the camp is available at rockwallheathhighsteppers.org.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Dallas Police Senior Corporal spoke on behalf of the Dallas

SWAT team at the Royse City Rotary Club on June 20. He has served 28 years with the Dallas Police Department and after transferring to the SWAT team in 1993, has served 20 years with the SWAT unit.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge Rockwall County News

Local residents boost Last Well's Liberian effort

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"This is truly an unprecedented gathering of people devoted to a single cause," said Todd Phillips, founder and executive director of TLW. "In less than 60 days, we've received commitments to cover 100 percent of the operational expenses for this ministry for more than six years. Every dollar donated to The Last Well not only goes directly to providing water and sharing the gospel, but is matched as well, so donors' kindness will have an immediate, magnified impact."

For more information about TLW, visit thelastwell.org.

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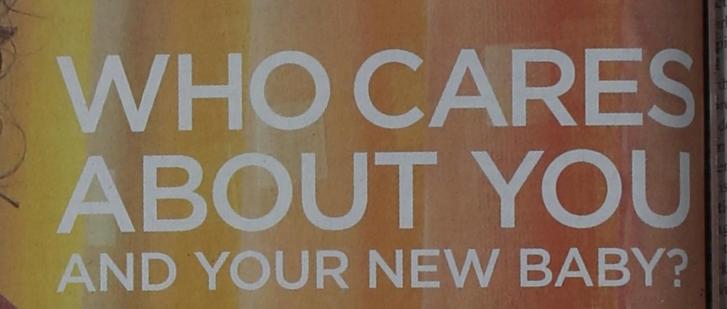
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Kristy Gregory cares because she sees miracles every day.

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