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Bailey wins runoff election

Former mayor gathers almost double as many votes as opponent

By MARCUS FUNK
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Dennis Bailey defeated Randy Puckett in the Republican runoff election for Precinct 3 county commissioner.

The former Heath mayor captured nearly twice as many votes as the Rockwall police officer, with Bailey receiving 290 votes and 63 percent of the electorate and Puckett winning 169 votes and 37 percent of the total.

"I'm pleased and honored to be the commissioner elect in Precinct 3, and I'd like to give a huge thank you to everyone who worked hard on the campaign," Bailey said. "And I'd like

to thank Mr. Puckett and Mr. [third place finisher Leon] Tuttle for a good, clean campaign."

The regular primary was a closer competition. Bailey led with 806 votes and 46 percent, followed by Puckett with 543 votes and 31 percent. Former Rockwall Mayor Tuttle finished third with 22 percent and did not qualify for the runoff.

Puckett said he was disappointed with the result but satisfied with the campaign, adding that he believes Bailey will be a strong commissioner when his term begins next January.

"I think it all went well. The people spoke and got what they wanted,

and I don't have any problem with that," Puckett said. "I think Mr. Bailey will do a good job."

Both candidates were challenged by low turnout rates and stormy weather on election day. Runoff elections typically garner less public participation than regular primaries or general elections, and this year's runoff was no exception — only about a quarter of primary voters turned out for the second round.

No Democrats filed for the seat and Bailey will be uncontested in the general election. Republican incumbent Bruce Beatty did not seek reelection.



Dennis Bailey

City Council upholds controversial P&Z ruling

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A contentious spat about lot frontage, drainage and shared driveways divided the Rockwall City Council at its last meeting — and came close to breaking a common precedent.

The initiative directly affected only a handful of homeowners living near a roundabout in Chandler's Landing. The council approached the issue only after the city's planning and zoning board rejected the proposal, which set in motion an uncommon appeal. The council rejected the proposal, but if it had passed it would have provided a strong exception to the city's standard procedures — the city council rarely overturns rejections from the planning and zoning board, although second round denials are more common.

Developer Chad Hudson of Hudson Properties

purchased three lots at the southern end of Independence Pass near Ridge Road, located within the Chandler's Landing subdivision and city ordinance jurisdiction. The large and vacant lots occupied a portion of a small roundabout, and Hudson hoped to construct six new homes on the three lots.

Hudson said the homes would be the same size as most houses in the subdivision and would not generate an aberration in city policy. He proposed using extended — albeit shared — driveways to access the homes and said similar properties could be found nearby.

Hudson had the support of the local homeowners' association but earned the ire of his neighbors. Nearby homeowners said the development would cramp a small roundabout and challenge a drainage system that was already stretched by the area's

topography. They also said the shared driveways could generate confrontation and lower property values. The Rockwall Fire Department also expressed concern about the measure, which it said would congest the roundabout and complicate firefighter efforts.

The council was split right down the middle. Council members David Sweet, Matt Scott and Cliff Sevier opposed the measure, while members Margo Nielsen, Glen Farris and Mayor Bill Cecil voted in favor of the proposal. Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Straughan abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

A "super majority" was necessary to overrule the planning and zoning board's decision — in this case, five of the six eligible votes. The vote was postponed for several weeks to ensure that the entire council would be present for the vote.

Rockwall's Castro expected to dodge elimination in Thursday competition

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It may be safe to say that Rockwall resident Jason Castro will dodge elimination Thursday night after performing one of his best performances yet Tuesday evening on the "American Idol" stage.

The show's top eight performers took to the stage Tuesday in a live performance singing inspirational tunes. There's very little doubt that Castro will not move on to become one of the show's top seven performers after Idol judges unanimously applauded and praised his rendition of Israel Kamakawiwo'ole's version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Taking to the stage performing the rendition with a ukulele, Castro offered Idol

audiences a breezy and soft song choice which judge Simon Cowell deemed "fantastic."

Judge Randy Jackson claimed Castro was "back in the hunt" of becoming the next American Idol after finishing a performance he described as "blazing molten hot."

Paula Abdul summed up

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American Idol finalist Jason Castro

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Rockwall High School theater students (from left) Sara Means, Michelle Ritter, Miles Carrington, Cole Ragsdale and Trevor St. John-Gilbert show off individual medals they received after finishing a district competition in March.

Curtain closes on RHS theater season

By BRITNEY TABOR
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The curtain closed on the Rockwall High School theater department's contest season after it was announced April 5 that they would not be one of two groups advancing to the University Interscholastic League's regional competition.

Coming off two consecutive contests — zone and district — where the group placed as one of the top theater departments to advance to the next UIL contest, last weekend's announcement at the area competition, held at Plano East High School, came as a surprise to the group.

"When we weren't announced, it was a shock. I was so disappointed," said RHS senior and cast member Michelle Ritter. "It was such an emotional ride."

Ritter said from the first win at zone contest March 27 until last weekend when the group closed their contest

to terms with her mother's death and was afraid of turning into the stereotypical "gothic weirdo."

"My mom died not too long ago, but the way I figure it she'd want me to keep on living and enjoying life, remembering the good times," McKay wrote on her page. "About me?? Whatever your endeavor, be sure it makes you happy. You never know which day might be your last."

Alsbrook said McKay's body could have been at the location for up to 24 hours before it was found.

Following her death, RPD investigators interviewed McKay's family, friends and people that knew her in an attempt to find out how she died. RPD almost immediately felt that foul play wasn't a factor in her death.

Sheri Fowler, Rockwall ISD communications director, wasn't available for comment at press time.

Officials rule suicide in Rockwall teen's death

By TEREASA NIMS
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The Texas Tech Southwest Institute of Forensic Science shed light this week on the February death of an 18-year-old Rockwall girl's cause of death.

SWIFT ruled April 8 that Rachel McKay's cause of death was suicide by hanging, said Rockwall Police Department Lt. Carl Alsbrook.

"We don't know what precipitated it exactly," Alsbrook said. "I don't know that we'll ever know."

McKay, a Rockwall High School graduate, was found dead Feb. 11 near Reinhardt Elementary School in a heavily wooded area. McKay's mother died three months prior, reportedly from a drug overdose.

McKay last logged into her MySpace account, an online network, on Feb. 7.

In her online writing she had difficulty coming

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relax Academy, a non-profit, will host its 'Joint Efforts Fundraising Auction' on April 26. Donations of items are needed. No duplicates. Proceeds will fund scholarships, general materials and equipment. Call (72)636-3777.

ISI REGISTRATION

Registration for elementary school will be held April 15 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the student's home. Students who attended school last year are exempt and do not need to register. Please refer to website at www.rockwallisd.com for campus addresses, numbers and documents.

Garage Sale

at the Lake Catholic Church conducting a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 12 at the southeast corner of the intersection of Rockwall and Wal-Mart. The sale will benefit the St. Paul Society of which provides assistance to individuals in need in Rockwall County. Claudette Johnson (972) 771-3070.

Open Garden

The Rockwall County Master Gardeners invite the community to the Open Garden at 875 G. Road from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 12 for an "Open Garden."

Retired Teachers

Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet April 14 at ISD Administration Education Center 150 Williams St., Room 1010. Refreshments will be served 10 p.m. The meeting will start 7 p.m. Cindy Baker will present program, "Crow's Feet." Darlene Bear.

Family Carnival

Hartman PTA will host family carnival from 2-6 p.m., April 4. Fun houses, games, auction, prizes. All proceeds benefit PTA. Marti Prisock (972) 525-3255.

Rockwall Relay For Life

Relay For Life is seeking sponsor for May 2-3 fundraiser at Middle School. Sponsorship starts at \$100 and goes to \$500. Benefits include: logo on T-shirts, company name on banner and/or program, recognition during open house, listing in all press releases and company name on signs around track. Sponsor on level of commitment. To become a sponsor, call (972) 676-5007.



A photograph of Rockwall in its early days. The city will celebrate its 154th birthday in May.

Rockwall prepares for fifth annual festival

Rockwall is finalizing plans for its annual Founder's Day Festival, May 31. The event will be held in honor of the city's 154th birthday. Rockwall was platted as a community on April 17, 1854.

For the fifth consecutive year, Rockwall is celebrating the occasion with a massive festival. The Marshall Tucker Band headlines the community's fifth annual Founder's Day Festival on May 31.

Continuing its reputation as the "Live Music Capital of North Texas," Rockwall prides itself on presenting quality entertainment free of charge to the community.

"I don't know of any place else you can see a legendary band like The Marshall Tucker Band for free," said Angie Smith, recreation supervisor for the City of Rockwall.

The band still plays up to 150 shows each year and released their new album, "The Next Adventure," on Ramblin' Records last summer. They will be making their first Rockwall appearance at this year's festival.

The Marshall Tucker Band will cap off an

entire day of entertainment at the festival. Voodoo Blue, Angie Stevens and the Beautiful Wreck and Jeanne Lay and Fat Tuesday are among the stage acts scheduled for earlier in the day.

The Rockwall Founder's Day Festival celebrates the community's 154th birthday. The festival still boasts free admission and free parking.

In addition to music, the festival also will feature food and entertainment from performers such as George Draghici (art performed to music), Todd McKinney (magician/comedian) and strolling entertainers such as stilt walkers, face painters and balloon artists.

Rockwall residents also can sign up to win free trees courtesy of the Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 31 at Rockwall's historic downtown square.

For more information, visit the festival's Web site at <http://rockwallfoundersday.com>.

Curtain

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season at a UIL area contest, the cast and technical crew have been on an "emotional rollercoaster." She said in an interview on Wednesday that despite not advancing from area, looking back on the whole contest experience, she found every moment of it to be rewarding where everyone involved could take something special away with them.

Throughout the contest season, the cast of six along with four students in the crew and four alternates, have performed a 40-minute play titled "Over the River and Through the Woods," the story of a child's memories visiting with grandparents.

Kali Katzmann, a member of the cast said the group all worked in tune together to provide a performance for its audience where they offered a strong and thorough understanding of the characters they were portraying. The group, she said, presented a performance deserving of advancing to the regional contest but there were many other group's with talent that showed the same drive.

"I think it was just a really good competition ... and not everyone can advance," Katzmann said.

Becky Henderson, the students' theater arts instruc-

tor and director, said that her students gave their best, and "that's all that you can do." Students started preparing for contest season in February and from the start, they've been "completely dedicated" and willing to do whatever it took to bring their characters to life on stage, she said. That work was evident in the groups successes this season, Henderson said, – it showed on stage.

"They've given up their days, nights, weekends and even spring breaks," she said of the work students put into rehearsing for contest season. "They just put their heart and soul into it, and they're just very talented kids."

Despite not advancing to regionals, the contest was not a total loss for the RHS theater group – some students were recognized for their talent with individual awards. RHS senior Miles Carrington and junior Trevor St. John-Gilbert earned all-star cast honors while senior Bobby Gaylor received the technical award and 12th-grade Katzmann received an all-star cast hon-

orable mention.

Henderson said it worked together and a chemistry that some never find on or off stage, she said they "did a fabulous this year and they're proud and excited. Strides they made and their hard work was nized.

Castro

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the 21-year-old's "Some Over the Rainbow" test stating he "did a great job." "You have the most diverse sound ... and that's a great thing," she tro Tuesday night. "He God, it was a perfect so-

The final verdict whether or not Castro main safe for anothe will be aired in a one-h results show at 7 p.m. Th on Dallas television FOX 4, KDFW-TV. For information on Castro www.americanidol.co

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ocial Seminar
 Core Church hosting a seminar by Crown Financial from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 19. Topic: "How to Prepare for Retirement." Deadline for registration: April 6. (972) 771-1942.

Voyagers
 Voyagers weekday children's program at FUMC Health Center from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays. (972) 771-1942.

Rockwall YMCA
 Rockwall County Youth Center partnership with the YMCA. Join more than 10,000 other children in the 7th annual YMCA Kids Day on Saturday, April 19. Opportunity for kids to "Put Play in their lives" with this special event. Fun, engaging and educational activities to encourage children and families to adopt healthy lifestyle. YMCA Kids Day is part of the YMCA's initiative designed to activate children and adults and sustain their health and well-being. Healthy eating and physical activity are associated with an increased risk of chronic health conditions including overweight and obesity. In fact, 1 out of 3 young people are overweight and in the last 25 years a panel of experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that school-age children should participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily.

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Art Seminar

The Church hosting the seminar by Crown Fire from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. Deadline for registration is Friday, April 11. Call (972) 771-1942.

Voyagers

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Art show at 140 Smirl Dr. in Heath from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thurs., April 10. Art pieces created by 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds will be featured. Deena Gonzales, (972) 771-6732.

HCA Gala

The Sufin' HCA Gala Auction will be held Friday, April 25 at the Hampton Inn and Suites-Mesquite Convention Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 a person and may be purchased in the HCA office.

Tour of Gardens

Mark your calendar for May 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. when the Rockwall County Master Gardeners will host the annual Tour of Gardens. Tickets are \$8. AgriLIFE Extension office, (972) 882-0375.

Aspasian's Art Fair

Aspasian's Art Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat., April 26 in downtown Rockwall. The fair features vendors for home decor, handmade jewelry, unique baby gifts, fun boutique clothing and more. All money raised from booth rentals goes to local high school students for college scholarships.

Republican Women

The Rockwall County Republican Women will meet on Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Keller Williams Real Estate office in the Kroger Center in Rockwall. All area Republican women are invited to attend. The program will be the presentation of a scholarship to a Rockwall County high school senior.

UIL Accounting



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The Rockwall High School Accounting Team, coached by Linda Burrows, won first place at the District UIL meet on March 29. The students, who advanced to regional competition, also placed individually. Pictured are (from left) Randall Wright, 2nd place; Kyle Morris, 3rd place; Linda Burrows, coach; Desmond Moore, 7th place and Adam French, 4th place.

Rockwall YMCA participates in Healthy Kids Day

Rockwall County YMCA is partnering with other YMCAs nationwide for the annual Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 12. This special event is designed to encourage children and families to adopt a healthy lifestyle. YMCA Healthy Kids Day is part of a national initiative designed to help children and adults understand and sustain healthy living. Healthy eating and physical activity are associated with an increased risk of chronic health conditions, including overweight and obesity. In fact, one out of every three children in the United States is overweight or obese. A panel of experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that school-age children should participate

in moderate to vigorous activity for a minimum of 60 minutes a day. Studies have shown that children who develop healthy exercise and eating habits while they are young are more likely to continue to lead healthy lifestyles through adulthood. "The need is as strong today as ever before," said Pru Loya, wellness director at the Rockwall YMCA. "Families are under increased stress and struggle to balance work, family and health to find supportive communities. More physical activity through play helps children better manage stress, succeed in school, reduce frustration, build energy and, most of all, learn skills that encourage a lifetime of activity." Activities taking place during YMCA Healthy Kids Day will include a family fun run that will start at 3 p.m. Registration for summer programs also will take place at the event. Parents can get connected by participating in activities with their kids. A free YMCA giveaway for

parents with tips on raising healthy, active kids will be available. For more than 150 years, YMCAs have developed initiatives and programs that have helped improve the physical, social, emotional and spiritual health of millions of Americans in diverse communities across the country. Participation in YMCA health and wellness programs such as Healthy Kids Day provides kids and families a chance to build friendship and community, a sense of well-being and confidence and improved physical, mental and cognitive abilities. YMCA Healthy Kids Day is supported by the American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, American Public Health Association, American Cancer Society, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors. The Rockwall County YMCA is proud to host representatives from the Rockwall Police Department, the

Rockwall Fire Department, Rockwall EMS, CVS Pharmacy and Smoothie King. YMCA Healthy Kids Day is sponsored by companies dedicated to improving the health and wellness of American kids and families, including the Disney Channel, Kellogg's Corporate Citizenship Fund, the Kimberly-Clark Corporation and Tropicana. For more information about YMCA Healthy Kids Day, call the Rockwall County YMCA at (972) 772.9622.

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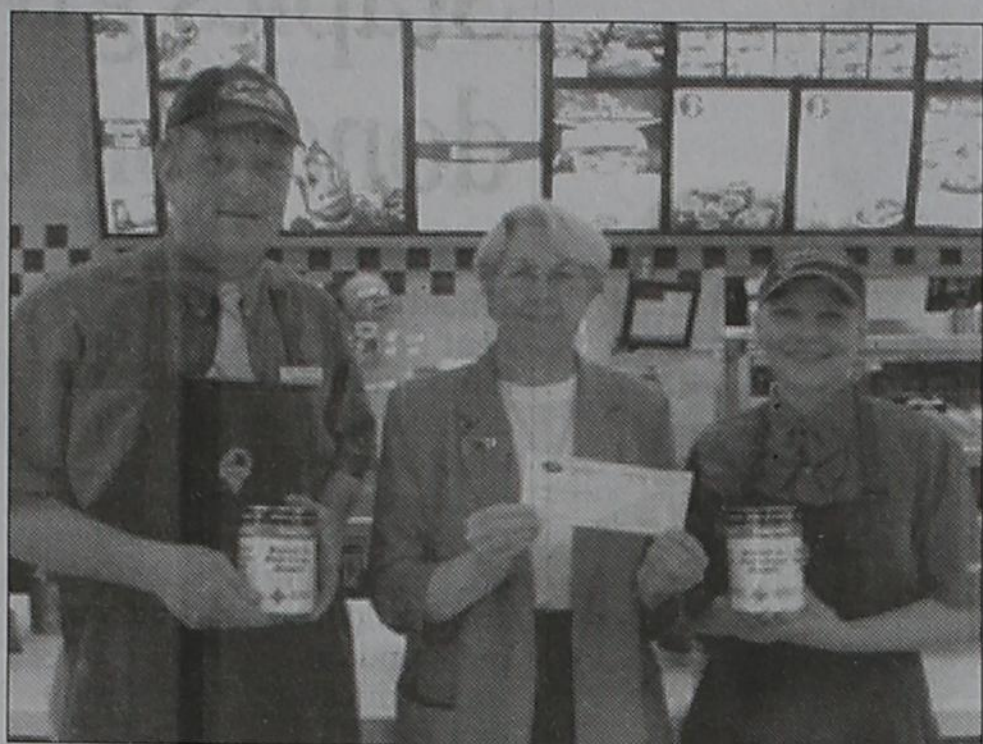
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Legally Speaking Culver's Day of Giving benefits Red Cross

support for the Red Cross in the days in which they are so important, Culver's participated in the "Day of Giving" on March 5. Located in Rockwall, the event consisted of donating 10 percent of their proceeds, but the donation canister is good for the entire month. More than \$10,000 was raised to benefit the Rockwall Branch of the Red Cross which serves Rockwall.

Support is greatly appreciated. We rely on contributions as this to assist in disasters," said Michelle Hamilton, Terrell Branch manager for the Red Cross. "I think we don't see disasters here, but the county service center in Rockwall, Kaufman and Lindt - we respond to about once every six weeks. Without donations we would not be able to provide clothing, food, clothing, and other essential items. Families meet needs and begin to recover from their losses. In addition to helping raise money, Culver's and the Red Cross teamed up to educate the community about how each of us can be prepared for a disaster through three actions - make a plan, and



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Mike Mangrum, manager of Culver's in Rockwall (left), Michelle Conrad, branch manager for American Red Cross, and Michelle Hamilton, first assistant manager for Culver's took part in the chain's nationwide Day of Giving on March 5. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Terrell Branch of the Red Cross which serves Rockwall County.

be informed - can mean the difference between safety and tragedy.

"Culver's is committed to supporting our community and making it a great place to live," said Michelle Hamilton of Culver's in Rockwall. "We hope people will join us in supporting the Red Cross by volunteering, giving blood, or making financial contributions."

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Fulton students become world travelers

While some Rockwall students spent their spring break preparing for Easter, going to the beach, working around the house or catching up on sleep, students and teachers at The Fulton School embarked on their first international trip. This adventurous group from Heath's highly acclaimed college preparatory school took a nine day tour from Rome to Athens.

The trip itinerary centered on numerous world renowned historical venues including the Roman Coliseum, St. Peter's Basilica, Pompeii, The Pantheon, Ancient Olympia, The Parthenon and the Oracle of Delphi. In addition to these household names the group visited dozens of additional significant historical sites.

The tour of these magnificent sites offered an invaluable educational experience to the Fulton travelers. Knowledgeable guides explained the significance of each site and helped students recognize the historical im-

portance of the ancient attractions. The group visited the original Olympic stadium just days before the Olympic flame was lit in preparation for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Observing Greek culture up close during a three day stay in downtown Athens left an indelible mark on all the travelers.

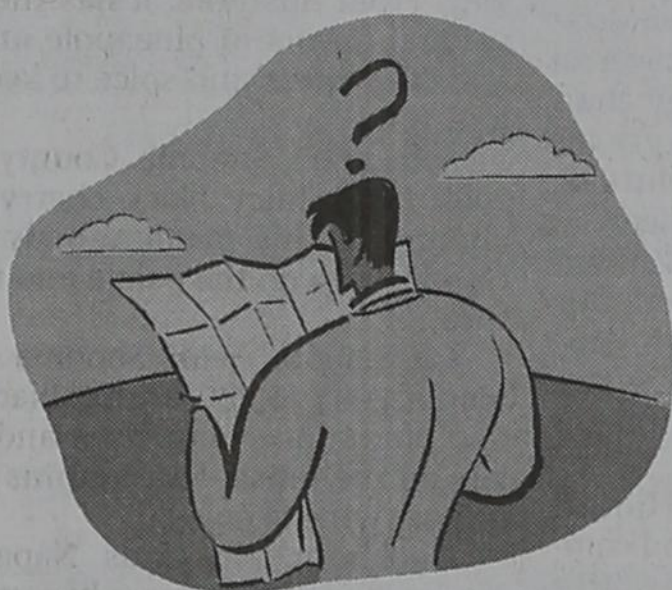
Extensive road travel throughout these two spectacular countries was an unexpected treat. Ancient monasteries, vineyards, and cozy mountaintop villages shortened the drive from Rome to the heel of Italy. After a night cruise from Italy to Greece on the gentle Ionian Sea the group woke up to a breathtaking view of the Western Greek Isles. On the Peloponnesian Peninsula the scenery only got better. Sinuous mountain roads, olive groves and rustic Orthodox Churches made traveling to Athens half the pleasure. Plans are already in motion for a Fulton trip to the United Kingdom next year.



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the historian, Union Pacific Chief Clerk, soldier, paragon, brother, husband, friend are just a few of the Bob has proudly earned in his life. Bob's home health nurse, Susan, refers to him as, "one of the most interesting people I have ever met." Susan has spent the last few years of her life at Bob's side as he has lived another of his fascinating lives. It was obvious that Susan was deeply endeared to Bob by the way she smiled at him and squeezed his hand.

During this particular visit Bob mentioned about joining the army at the end of WWII and training to be a paratrooper for the invasion of Japan. Bob wanted to know if he remembered what it felt like to jump out of a plane. Bob remembered. He said the first time was a challenge, not because he was scared, but because he didn't know what he was doing. Susan did not miss the pride in his voice as he described how he eventually earned his parachute wings. He mused "Since the US didn't invade Japan, I was all dressed up with no place to go." Susan beamed "Bob your life has been such an adventure!" He responded "It was just a good boyhood adventure."

Bob is the epitome of an author. Every story he tells sounds like a great adventure. He told Susan about a book he wrote several years ago recounting the first 18 years of his life. He named the book Hilter, after his former school. Bob paid to have 25 copies printed and bound, but never officially had it published. Recently, Bob finished his second book entitled Bastion, meaning a fort within a fort. Bastion, is about a descendant of a man who fought with Sam Houston at San Jacinto. Susan asked him if he'd done a lot of research for the book. He said he'd written the book to sound wild enough so that people would wonder if he'd researched or not. Bob declared that the book was currently in the query process with a well known publisher.

Susan switched subjects and asked him about his recent doctor's visit. He started by saying that he loved his doctor, Dr. Smithers. Susan listened carefully to the details of the visit and probed for more information. Bob admitted Susan for telling the doctor on him. Susan just smiled and lovingly chided that it was for his good. Susan and her team from American Home Care, have provided much needed nursing and therapy services to Bob for the last five years. Although Susan has been Bob's main nurse for the last two years, he knows the nurses in her office. Of the nurses and therapists he said "They're all jewels, everyone of them!" Bob is relieved and comforted to have the "extra protection" that his home care team symbolizes to him. Frequent monitoring of his heart condition, strength training and early interventions under doctor's orders, saves Bob from the doctor's office and hospital. He doesn't hesitate to call Susan for everything.

Bob's condition limits his mobility, but he gets around Summer Ridge quite well in his power chair. Everyone that stops to speak to their friend, Bob obviously knows everyone and everyone knows Bob. The fact that Bob is the ladies as he exits the dining room in the evenings with his own rendition of "Good Night Ladies" is part of the reason he's so unforgettable.

Susan is a caregiver through and through, and she knows Bob inside and out. She's also quite familiar with Bob's wonderful daughters, his beloved dog, Gray Lady, (who belongs to his daughter now) and the excellent care team at Summer Ridge; believing that it is very important that they all work together, as a team, to keep Bob as healthy as possible. Since the death of his wife, of 52 years, in 1999 his daughters are devoted to their father and communicate often with Susan about him.

When Susan left, Susan pulled-out a mug filled with sugar-free cocoa and crackers and handed it to Bob. "This little Valentine from us to show you how much we care". Susan was offering a gift from American Home Care, her employer for the last four years. The gift that Susan offered was part of an annual campaign called Operation We Care. American Home Care proudly participates in this campaign during the week of Valentines. Operation We Care was started by the Texas Home Care Association four years ago to encourage home care agencies to show their patients how much they appreciate them and enjoy caring for them.

Bob returned the favor just a few days later, by getting everyone at Summer Ridge to sign a birthday card for Bob's 80th birthday. She declared it was the best gift she had received because she knew what an effort it took for all of his friends to sign the card.

The special bond shared between Susan and Bob is just one example of many shared by the caregivers at American Home Care and throughout the United States. Lecia Pritchett, RN BSN, Administrator remarked, "We are so fortunate to have a team made up of some of the kindest, and most caring health care professionals." She added that American Home Care plays an important role providing needed medical care to the elderly and disabled people throughout the year, we truly do make a difference."

For health care offers skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapies, education, social services and support. To find out about home care in your neighborhood, you can call American Home Care at 972-524-5800. They serve 17 counties throughout the Dallas Metroplex and parts of East Texas from four convenient offices in Mesquite, Rockwall and Emory. Their goal is to help people with complicated medical conditions stay in the comfort of their home. American Home Care also provides home medical equipment and participates in the Home Care (PHC) and the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) programs.

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Wine enthusiasts toast Paul Draper as zinfandel king

If we had to anoint a king of zinfandel, it would have to be Paul Draper at Ridge Vineyards. But Paul would have an impressive court including the likes of Joel Peterson, Mike Grgich, Robert Biale and Kent Rosenblum - people who specialized in zinfandel long before it gained a cult following.

For years we have enjoyed the creations of these pioneers, so it was with great anticipation that we recently had a chance to meet Kent Rosenblum and taste some of his great zinfandel and syrah.

Kent recently introduced his wine under the ownership of Diageo Chateau & Estate, which wanted a zinfandel producer in its growing wine portfolio. With \$105 million in his pocket, the 63-year-old says he can now get around to some of those things he never had time for - like building a barn. A barn?

If he builds the barn like he built this winery, it isn't coming down.

Now in its 30th year, Rosenblum is hitting full stride in the all-American zinfandel market. It has 58 wines in its portfolio, mostly single-vineyard zinfandels from all over California. Tasting through dozens of these wines, it is easy to taste how each vineyard can impart vastly different flavors.

A former veterinarian, "Dr. Zin" told us that when no one wanted zinfandel in 1978, he could get grapes for \$400 a ton. Today the going price is more like \$4,000 a ton.

Among the lessons he has learned along the way include knowing how different vineyards and clones can change the characteristics of wine, and, don't pick the grapes before they are ripe.

Accordingly, Rosenblum zinfandels are generally rich, ripe and fruit-forward with good complexity.

One of our favorite Rosenblum wines is the Rock Pile zinfandel. Made in a Cote Rotie style, it comes from grapes grown in a rocky soil much like that found in the Rhone Valley of France. The seven clonal selections in the vineyard provide an incredibly complex and well-

balanced wine that quickly sells out. A 2002 version we tasted was holding up well. It isn't likely you'll find the 2005 on the shelf.

Rosenblum makes some great cuvees - blends from the various vineyards - and a whimsical wine, called Chateau Le Paws, that denotes his background in veterinary medicine. But it is his single vineyard zinfandels, syrahs and petite sirahs that wow us.

Here are some to try:
 Rosenblum Redwood Valley Annette's Reserve Zinfandel 2005 (\$35). From northern Mendocino County, this zin is blended with 15 percent petite sirah and 5 percent carignane. We liked the exotic, perfumy aromatics of this wine. It has layered flavors of cherries, mint, chocolate and spice. Big in body and rich on the palate.

Rosenblum Sonoma Valley Reserve Monte Rosso Vineyard 2006 (\$45). Taking grapes from a vineyard 1,240 feet up the Mayacamas range, the fabled Monte Rosso vineyard produces powerful wines with a masculine, brawny character not for the timid. Blackberry notes with firm acidity and sweet vanillin oak. You will want to serve this with beef.

Rosenblum North Coast Zinfandel 2005 (\$18). More value-priced, this multi-region blend has the rich, ripe characteristics of the reserve wines. Blackberry, black currant and raspberry notes.

Rosenblum Sonoma County Hillside Vineyards Syrah 2005 (\$25). Good complexity in this exceptional syrah with a decent price. Blackberry, pepper, mint and currant flavors with a long, rich finish.

Rosenblum San Francisco Bay Heritage Clones Petite Sirah 2006 (\$18). You won't find many wines from San Francisco Bay, which makes this a unique wine. Typical of the grape, it sports opaque color, firm tannins, raspberry and ripe blackberry and plum flavor with a healthy dose of black pepper and chocolate.



Recommendations

Donati Family Vineyard Chardonnay 2005 (\$18). Choosing grapes from the Central Coast of California, this classic chardonnay has tropical fruit flavors and good body and texture.

R Collection Monterey Chardonnay 2006 (\$12). Here's an excellent value in chardonnay. Grapefruit and citrus aromas with pear and apple flavors. Medium in body, it can be enjoyed as an aperitif or alongside simple fare.

Leasingham Bin 7 Riesling 2007 (\$18). We love riesling as an alternative to chardonnay and this one reminds us why. From Australia, it has the classic varietal flavors of pineapple and mineral with citrus and spice to keep it interesting.

Sebastiani Sonoma County Merlot 2005 (\$17). Juicy black cherry flavors abound in this medium-body merlot. Good length on the palate and rich texture.

Chateau St. Jean Sonoma County Merlot 2005 (\$25). Jammy black berry and plum notes with clove and chocolate on the finish. Soft tannins make it an easy wine to enjoy.

Duckhorn Vineyards Napa Valley Merlot 2005 (\$52). If you like your merlot with body, this is a homerun. Forward black cherry fruit with spice and full body.

Wine of the Week

Kim Crawford Marlborough Dry Riesling 2007 (\$17). Orange and grapefruit aromas tease the palate of this wonderful New Zealand riesling. Citrus and peach dominate the flavors and it finishes with a mineral note.

Staples gives \$1,500 donation to RISD

Staples, Inc., recently presented the Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation with a \$1,500 donation in conjunction with the store's opening.

Staples general manager Keith McCallum joined Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil and President of the Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation Ron Evans, in a unique ribbon-shredding ceremony to officially open the new store.

The donation, awarded from Staples Foundation for Learning, will support the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation's efforts to encourage and reward innovation in the classroom.

"Staples is committed to building a better communi-

ty in Rockwall by supporting organizations that help youth succeed," said McCallum, general manager of Staples. "Through this \$1,500 donation, we are supporting the Rockwall Education Foundation's commitment to the of educational excellence in Rockwall."

"Staples is supporting Rockwall not only as an able economic resource, but also as a community that supports local causes," said Ron Evans, president of the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation. "We greatly appreciate this \$1,500 donation that will help us provide resources needed to help our students and help them achieve academic excellence."

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ROCKWALL SPANISH STUDENTS STUDY IN SPAIN



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The Rockwall-Heath High School advanced placement Spanish students joined their teacher, Nina Myers for a visit to Spain during Spring Break. Pictured are members of the class in front of the Royal Palace of Spain. The group visited many historical sites and toured Barcelona, Granada, Madrid, and Segovia.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

The filing period for Homestead Exemption, Disability Homestead Exemptions, Over 65 Homestead Exemptions, Service Connected Disabled Veteran Exemptions and also 1-d-1 Open Space Land Agricultural applications is between January 1 and April 30, 2008. Those property owners who attain the age 65 should file for the Over 65 Homestead Exemption as soon as they have their 65th birthday. If you have already filed for any of these exemptions in your name and no change has occurred during the 2007 tax year, you do not need to re-file for the 2008 tax year.

Tax Deferrals are also available to those homeowners aged 65 and older and property owners having a Disability Homestead Exemption. Contact the exemption department for more information.

You may also "render" your property by filing a rendition to report your opinion of value, your correct mailing address or a decrease in value. Owners of tangible Business Personal Property that is used to produce income must render their property. In addition those that do not render their business personal property will be assessed a penalty for not filing. All renditions must be filed by April 15th, 2008.

A free pamphlet titled Taxpayer's Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities, which explains the Texas Property Tax System is available at the Rockwall County Appraisal District, 841 Justin Road, Rockwall, Texas 75087. If you have any questions please call 972-771-2034.

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Relay For Life scheduled for May 2-3

American Cancer Society is planning a Relay For Life on May 2-3 at Cain Middle School in Rockwall. The event is both a fundraiser and a celebration for those battling cancer. The event is spread to more communities in Texas and 22 foreign countries. There will be approximately 50 Relay For Life teams from all over North Texas alone. Through these fund-raising efforts, this overnight event raises an average of \$1 million for research, education, advocacy and cancer prevention. The event is a check-in for the

event will be from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the track at Cain Middle School and, as survivors, will receive a purple Relay For Life T-shirt. After the opening by John Ratcliffe, mayor of Heath at 7 p.m., all survivors will be honored and asked to make the first lap of the Relay around the track. They will be joined by their caregivers for the second lap. Survivors will have an opportunity to send a message to their caregivers by writing on the large poster that will be placed on the fence of the track. Pictures will be taken around 7:20 p.m. Past participants have found this to be a very meaningful event in their fight against cancer.

At 7:30 p.m., survivors and their caregivers are invited to attend a barbecue dinner catered by Eddie Deens in the cafeteria of Cain Middle School that faces the track. A speaker is planned for the dinner, there will be prize

drawings for gift certificates donated by area merchants and an opportunity to sign the Survivor Banner that is passed from year to year at every Rockwall Relay. Survivors can also send a message to their caregiver(s) by purchasing a river rock for \$5 at the "You are My Rock" table that will be set up in the cafeteria. Following dinner, all attendees are invited to continue the celebration back on the track.

If you are a cancer survivor and wish to attend, e-mail Mike Manning, Survivor chairman, at mlmanning@txairmail.net or call (972) 965-5408.

Medal Winners



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Heritage Christian Academy high school students brought home several medals from the regional ACSI science fair April 1. Pictured are: Joe McConnell, second place; Noah Ward, first place; Asa Burke, first place; Spencer McAfee, first place; Roxanne Lamarre, first place; and Taylor Insuaste, first place. Not pictured: Audrey Salter, second place and Austin Pettit, first place.

Grand Opening



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Baskin-Robbins Franchisee owner Jasson Price cuts the ribbon for his new Rockwall store at the grand opening on May 15. The Baskin-Robbins, located at 2951 Ridge Rd., held the event to introduce the new store to the community and celebrate by donating \$500 to Rockwall Habitat for Humanity.

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The current Rockwall String Orchestra is composed of RISD students who were previously exposed to string instruments. This group will promote the introduction of the RISD orchestra program that will be introduced in the 2008-2009 school year.

For more information, contact Davis at (972) 771-0605.



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Explorer Team

Roys City teens Tanner Dietz, Jordan McDowell, Cody Roan (second from right) and Marco Montanez (far right) members of the Roys City Fire Department Explorer team, a group for young people interested in being a firefighter stand along with their advisor Lio Obregon (center) after winning first-place and setting a record time in one of many competitions against 20 Metroplex Explorer teams at an all-day contest in Dallas March 29. The group competed in competitions that included contest where students were tested in areas such as CPR, spinal and immobilization, room search and ladder raise. Overall, the RCDF Explorer team walked a third-place finish.

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DAN RATCLIFF
 Dan Ratcliff, of Texas, passed away April 9, 2008. She was born Oct. 19, 1924 to James W. Deen (Bud) and Mrs. Ratcliff. She was a member of the Free Methodist Church in Rockwall.

He is survived by her sons: Ratcliff and wife of Mesquite, and Ratcliff and wife of Monroe, and children: Stephen and wife Stephanie, and Shelley Gadsden Beau of Michelle Williams of Brian of Grand Steelman and of Mesquite, and Andrew, and Whit of Monroe; great-grandchildren: Madison, Ha-Zaary Ratcliff, Lisa, and Shelby and Trey, Joseph, and Steelman; former law: Sharon K. case friend: Becki family; niece: Grove, and seven nieces and nephews: George Wil and sister: Ima in. Mrs. Ratcliff died in death by her husband: Beaufo Ratcliff; five brothers, and sisters.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 10, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Deacon Sid Little officiating. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. The family will receive friends Monday evening at the funeral home.

GLORIA MARIE SCARPINATO

Gloria Marie Scarpinato, age 70 of Richardson, passed away April 1, 2008. She was born Oct. 29, 1937 to Hillory and Evelyn (Dupre) Guillory, in Plaisance, La. Mrs. Scarpinato was a hospital nurse and a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Plano. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother. Mrs. Scarpinato loved people, enjoyed decorating for every holiday, camping, vacationing in Florida and eating out.

She is survived by her husband: Anthony Scarpinato of Richardson; daughter: Renee Scarpinato and fiancé Mathew Walker of Frisco; sons: Frank Scarpinato of Little Elm, and Jay Scarpinato and wife Holly of Plano; grandchildren: Nick, Paige, Chelsie and Dylan Scarpinato; and sister: JoAnn Lloyd of Rowlett. Mrs. Scarpinato was preceded in death by her parents; and sister: Norma G. Guidry.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 4, 2008, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rock-

wall Chapel with Deacon Sid Little officiating. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Thursday evening at the funeral home.

MARJORY L. HOLCOMB

Marjory L. Holcomb, age 83 of Rockwall, Texas, passed away April 2, 2008. She was born Jan. 11, 1926, to Frank and Marguerite Lyle in Laurel, Nebraska. Mrs. Holcomb was the founder and first president of the Rockwall Historical Society and held numerous offices at First United Methodist Church, where she was a member. She also served on many committees with the City of Rockwall.

Mrs. Holcomb is survived by her husband of 18 years: Don W. Holcomb of Rockwall; daughters: Terri Noel of Rockwall, Barbara Felder of Rowlett, Nancy Jennison of Richardson, and Sandy Mellick of Albuquerque.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and son: Steve Wickett.

Services were held Saturday, April 5, 2008, at First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellowjacket, Rockwall, with Dr. Joe Pool officiating.

PATRICIA PECENA ALLEN

Patricia Pecena Allen, of Rockwall, passed away April 3, 2008. She was born August 19, 1953, to William and

Lee (Green) Pecena in Dallas. Patricia graduated from the University of Texas with a bachelor of science in nursing, and later owned a private home healthcare business.

She is survived by her husband: Steve Allen; children: Sara, Aaron, and Rachael Parker, and Robert and Matthew Allen; brothers: Bill, Larry, Tom and Paul Pecena and wife Leslie; extended family: Helen Brown, Undre T Bynum, and J.J. Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; and sister: Julia Pecena.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. The family will receive friends Monday evening at the funeral home.

MILFORD RAY THERRELL

Milford Ray Therrell, age 74 of Terrell, passed away April 3, 2008. He was born May 10, 1933, in Vardaman, Miss., to Thomas Winfield Therrell and Ila Mae (Stewart) Therrell.

Mr. Therrell proudly served his country in the U. S. Navy from 1950 to 1952, and received his bachelors degree in business from Memphis State University in 1957. He was Founding Chair of the Propane Education & Research Committee and President of the National Propane Gas Association. Mr. Therrell retired as President from Squibb-Taylor Inc. in Dallas. The former mayor of Sunny-

vale, he was also active in church, serving the Lord in many capacities, most recently attending Rafter J. Cowboy Church.

Mr. Therrell is survived by his daughter: Betsy Therrell Collins and husband Randall of Portland, Tenn; son: Mark Williamson of Terrell; brother: Tom Therrell of Calhoun City; grandchildren: Timothy and Brett White, and Lydia, Sara and Rachel Collins; and great grandson: Tanner White. He was preceded in death by his daughter: Tara

Therrell White; wife: Gail Therrell; his parents; one sister and one brother.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 6, 2008, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Interment will follow in Oakland Cemetery, Terrell. The family will receive friends Saturday evening, Memorial contributions may be made to the NPGA Foundation Scholarship Fund, 1150 17th Street NW, Suite 310, Washington, DC, 20036, or www.npga.org.

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The Rockwall County Spelling Bee Champion, Lyyli Mattson and Rockwall County Spelling Bee alternate, Londyn Bull

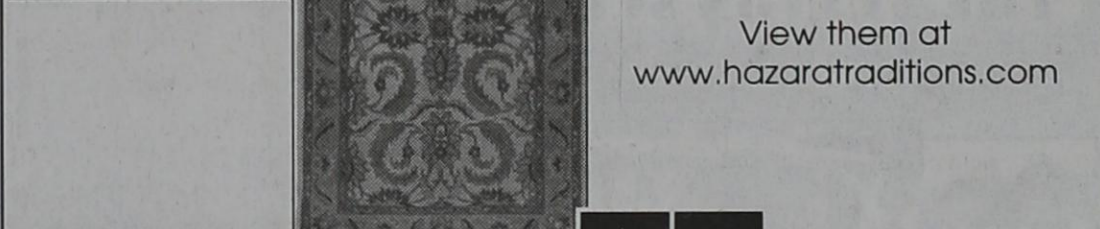
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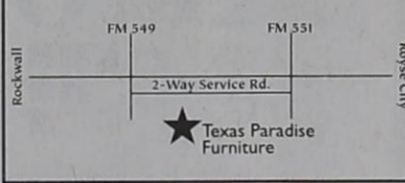
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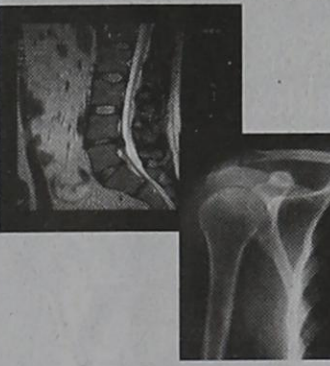
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IS fashion show scheduled

The fashion design class at Rockwall-Heath High School is preparing for a fashion show at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 17, in the high school cafeteria. The fashion design students will be modeling the latest spring fashions from retail shops and boutiques including Groovy's, Genuine Jake, Rue 21, U.S. and Stein Mart. Sponsors will also be on hand before and after the show, showcasing accessories, home décor and personal treasures. Tickets are available at the school. For additional information, please contact Julie Durst at rockwallisd.org.

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Frisco scores 8 goals to knock Rockwall from Silver League playoffs

PLANO - Rockwall (13-10-2) outlasted a tough Plano West team in a nail-biter in the first round of Silver League playoffs only to fall to top-seeded Frisco in the second round April 3 at the Dr. Pepper Star Center in Plano.

In the opening round of playoffs, Rockwall jumped on the board early in the opening frame against Plano West. Zack Jones stole the puck in the neutral and drove deep in the Wildcats zone passing to Josh Kinnear, who found a gap in the crease for the netter.

The goal was the fifth of the season for Kinnear and fifth assist for Jones.

But the game turned into defensive match with aggressive skating and hard checking backed by excellent goalie play on both sides.

The Rockwall defense, led by senior Sam White, senior Travis Stockard, Matt Kinnear, and Chase Kimberling combined to limit Plano West to only 14 shots.

Rockwall goalie Landon Cain turned in a fine performance with 13 saves.

Rockwall had a number of scoring opportunities including breakaways by Preston Roberts and Joey Ullmann, but the Plano defense held firm.

With less than four minutes remaining in the game, Plano knotted the score with a power play goal.

The game looked headed for overtime when, with three seconds left, senior Wade MacDonald drove deep into the right side of the Wildcat zone then fed Morgan Cook crossing the high slot for a rocket shot that the goalie never saw.

In three previous games against top-seeded Frisco (22-2-1), Rockwall had come up short but had always con-

tended until the very end of the game. The quarterfinal playoff matchup appeared no different at the start.

On the initial faceoff, Garrett Phillips won the puck and drove into the Frisco zone passing to Chris Thirion who found a gap in the goalies pads for his 18th goal of the season.

Rockwall continued to mount surges in the first period, with Chris Rogers and Brandon Bambico both getting good scoring changes, but the Frisco goalie showed why they are the least scored upon team in the Silver League.

Through the second and third periods, Frisco's speed proved difficult for Rockwall to defend. Though goalies David White and Cain combined for 13 saves, Rockwall suffered through six unanswered goals.

Rockwall continued to push deep into the zone, with seniors Dustin Roy and Tyler Abbott both pressuring Frisco, but the defense held.

With five minutes left, Cook drove into the Frisco high slot and got the defense to commit before feeding the puck to senior Jory Tedton who found the high left corner of the net open for his 14th goal of the season.

Frisco added 2 more goals with time winding down for a final of 8-2 and a date in the semi-finals.

"The team went down fighting and held their pose against a strong Frisco team," coach Mark Burack said. "We will miss our graduating seniors. They contributed both character and leadership to make Rockwall Hockey a success."

The Rockwall Ice Hockey Club will be participating in Summer League at Ice Training Center starting in May.

Hawks' postseason hopes getting smaller by the day

By MATT MCGILLEN
sports@rockwallcountynews.com

HIGHLAND PARK - Whatever tiny playoff hopes the Rockwall-Heath Hawks may have been holding onto probably disappeared like the three home runs that third-place Highland Park launched during a nine-run fourth inning in a 14-1 loss to the Scots on April 8.

The loss was the Hawks' third in a row and dropped their District 10-4A mark to 4-6 and to 11-8 overall.

The Scots improved to 7-3 in the district and 22-5 overall.

Already down 5-1 entering the bottom of the fourth, it took the Hawks three pitchers before they recorded the first out of the inning.

The Scots' Joey Hainsfurther and Jonathan Periman hit back-to-back homers on consecutive pitches to nearly the same part of the ballpark to start the inning off Hawk pitcher Trevor Holland.

Seth Gardner then lofted a towering pop fly on the next pitch that fell in for a double when the Hawk defense lost

sight of the ball.

After missing outside for a ball on his next pitch, Holland yielded another home run - his third in a five-pitch sequence - this one to dead center by Dutch Crews to make the score 9-1 and bring in Calvin Wallen in relief.

Wallen proceeded to walk three straight hitters before giving up a two-run double and another walk to push the score to 11-1 and he himself was replaced by Jace Hudson, who gave up two more runs, one on a wild pitch and the other on a sacrifice fly, to set the final score.

Zach Frazier bounced a one-out, ground rule double over the left field fence and scored on Conor Lewis' RBI single to cut the Scots' lead to 2-1 at the point.

But Highland Park came right back with three runs in the bottom of the second on three hits and two walks.

Drew Benefield took the loss against Forney.

Heath resumes district action April 11 when it entertains Terrell (1-8, 5-17) at 7:30 p.m.

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though Rockwall pounded South Garland 21-0, Garland and Rowlett both won to make it impossible for the Lady Jackets to finish higher than third.

At 7-4 in the district, Rockwall is three games behind Rowlett (10-1) and 3 1/2 behind Garland (10-0).

RHS would lose tiebreakers because of an 0-2 record against each of the leading teams.

"We were looking forward to playing at home," Acosta said. "We knew what we were going to see."

What she and the spectators saw was Rodriguez pitching a two-hitter to make single runs in the first and third innings.

Triples by Mary Morrison and Jordan Leff contributed to those runs, but shaky defense also led to one.

"We may have been able to hold them to one run, but

we've still got to board."

The Lady Jackets had chances to score some of their best bats, but Rodriguez best in those situations April 8 on

Rockwall took 18 errors by the Lady Jackets to score almost at will.

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RHS can clinch berth and third place one more win.

That could happen April 11 contest at North Garland (0

After that, the Jets will host Naam (4-6) on April 15 at 7

"We're using every as a practice," Acosta

"We're looking to get and get ready for offs and get out of funk."

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Each garden, whether large or small, offers something unique. The tour offers examples of beautiful gardens in full sun and shade, many water features (including a large koi pond), magnificent mature trees, outdoor entertainment areas, and a vast array of plants well adapted to the local climate and rainfall conditions that may well provide the answer to area residents' landscape dilemmas.

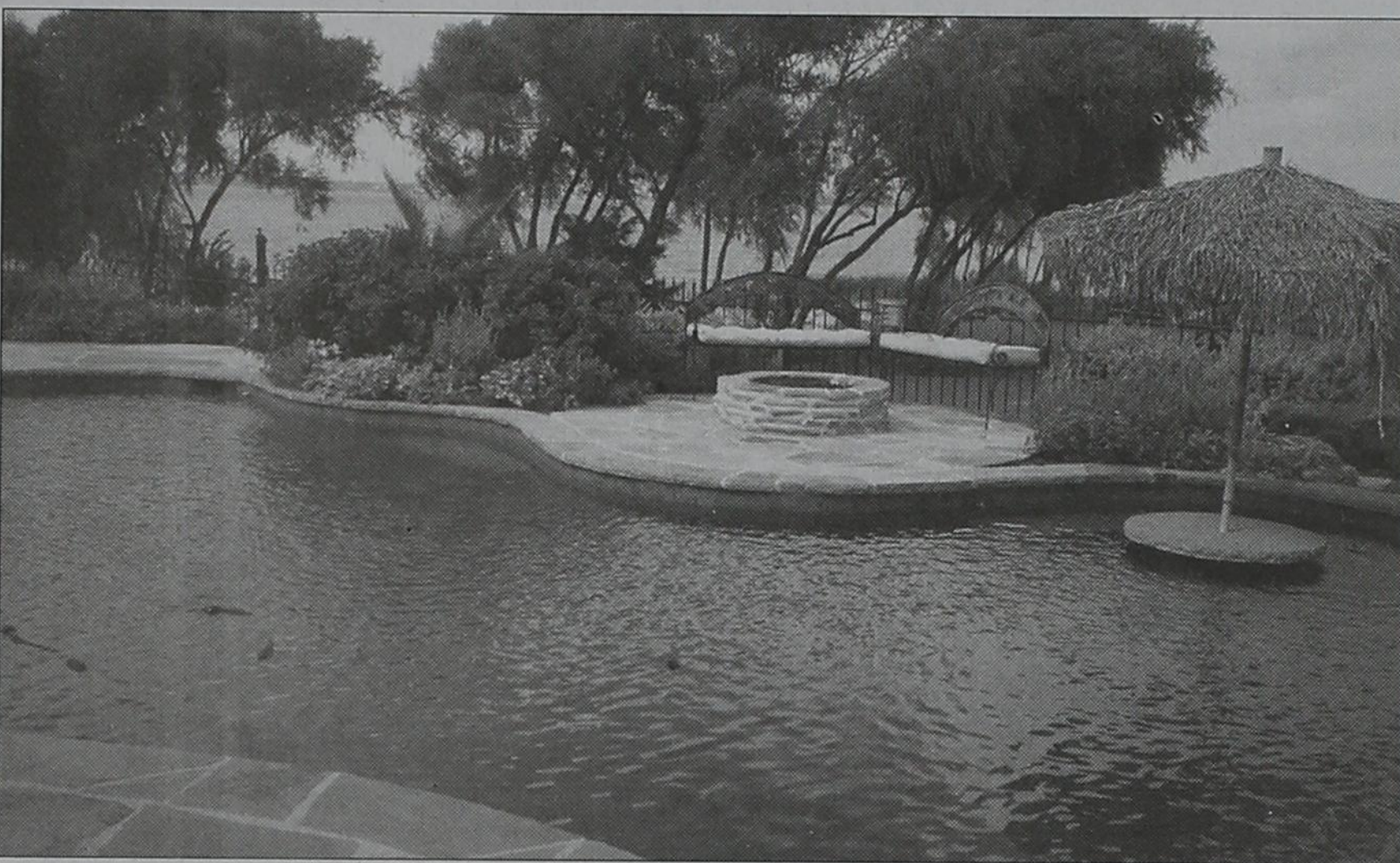
Residents are invited to come and enjoy the pleasure of the beautiful and tranquil surroundings. Master Gardeners will be on hand to share their knowledge and present demonstrations on composting, herbs, drip irrigation and tool care.

The tour will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased from any Rockwall Master Gardener or by mail. Make checks payable to Rockwall County Master Gardeners Assoc., 2008 Tour of Gardens, c/o Texas AgriLIFE Ext. 1350 E. Washington, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

Tickets are also available at the following locations: Culver's, Rockwall; Homesley's Nursery, Forney; Covington's Nursery, Rowlett; Landscape Source, Rockwall; LandArt, Rockwall and American National Bank, Rockwall.

The Texas Master Gardener Assoc., as a part of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Texas A&M System, is a non-profit organization and is composed of a group of volunteers dedicated to educating the citizens of Rockwall County in practical gardening and horticulture methods. For more information call (972) 204-7660.



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DATE: Monday, May 19, 2008

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Rockwall City Hall
City Council Chambers
385 S. Goliad
Rockwall, TX 75087

Purpose of this hearing is for the City Council to consider amendment of Land Use Assumptions, Capital Improvement and Impact Fees that may be imposed for water and wastewater facilities. The maximum assessable impact fee per living unit equivalent is \$2114.52 for water facilities and \$4 for wastewater facilities. The City Council may impose a fee per living unit equivalent that is less than the maximum.

Every member of the public has the right to appear at the hearing and present evidence for or against the impact fee amendments. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning department at (972) 771-7745 for any questions. More information, including the detailed agenda reviewed by the City Council, can also be found on our website at www.rockwall.com/planningzoning.

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PEDRO VASQUEZ, * AT LAW OF
DECEASED * ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration in the Estate of Pedro Vasquez, Deceased, were issued to Andrea Fite, Administrator, on March 19, 2008, in Cause No. PR07-23, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against the estate being administered are hereby required to present same within the time prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed to the Administrator, and may be presented at the following address:

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Signed this 10th day of April, 2008.

/s/ D.G. Majors
D.G. Majors

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CSP#04242008-1

Pogue Construction Company will receive subcontractor proposals for **Rockwall Heath High School Additions and Renovations for Rockwall ISD**. Pogue Construction is the Construction Manager at Risk for the Rockwall Independent School District and will receive proposals at 405 Interchange Street, McKinney, TX 75071 for all trades.

Before **April 24, 2008 @ 2:00 P.M.** Pogue Construction shall receive the proposals at their office and shall open all proposals at **2:00 PM, April 24, 2008** - proposals will be kept confidential as required by the Texas Education Code. Drawings, specifications, and proposal forms may be obtained beginning March 31, 2008 from K&M Re-prographics (214-369-4333). A total deposit of \$100.00, payable to Rockwall ISD, will be required to obtain one set of drawings and one project manual. Deposit checks will be returned if the Proposal Documents are returned to the construction manager's office in good condition, within twenty five (25) days after the Proposal opening.

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BEST RATES IN TEXAS. Any doctor or hospital with no deductible in most cases. Optical and dental included. Fully tax deductible. Call 1-800-343-0791 for quote.

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EXPERIENCED REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED to recruit families for FE Students. Willing to complete with pay/benefits of current employer. Contact: rlether@laafi.org or 1-626-964-9588 ext. 113.

MECHANICS: UP TO \$20,000 bonus. Keep the Army National Guard Rolling. Fix Humvees, Strykers, etc. Expand your skills through career training. Be a Soldier. 1-800-GO-GUARD.com/mechanic

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7BR/4BA HUD \$12,882! 3BR/2BA only \$10,000! 5BR/3BA only \$10,886! FORECLOSURES & BANK REPOS! These Homes Will Sell! For local BNI listings call 1-800-544-6258 Ext. 9847

ACT NOW! 6BR/3BA HUD \$199/Mo Or buy for \$21,900! Must sell Fast! \$down, 20yrs call: 1-877-774-6448 For BNI listings call 1-800-544-6258 Ext. 5633

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STOP RENTING! GOV'T & Bank foreclosures! Consumer Resource Network, HUD, VA, FHA. call now. 1-800-724-2318.

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SCOOTERS & POWER WHEELCHAIRS. Did you know in most cases Medicare, Medicaid and Insurance pay 100% of the cost? Call Melissa or Jon for details. 1-800-606-9860. www.medcaremedicalsupply.com.

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Rockwall-based Texas Star Express has an immediate opening for a part-time administrative assistant to work 12 hours per week. The selected candidate will have at least one year related experience with excellent typing skills. Filing and phone duties will also be included in job duties. Qualified candidates should call
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Fax resume to:
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Positions open in trailer shop for an experienced trailer mechanic. Competitive pay. Benefit package includes paid uniforms, safety shoes, tool allowance, safety bonus, vacation & group insurance. Apply in person at:
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To roll, bag and throw Rockwall County News paper at different locations as instructed.
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MOVING SALE
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972-551-0141
214-912-4157.

Career Opport.

Construction Job Superintendent
For commercial bldg. projects in NE TX. Min. 5 yrs. exp. as super. req. Send resume to: Audley Moore Construction Co. P.O. Box 595 Sulpher Springs, TX 75483

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Mobile Home Lots & RV Lots for Rent (includes utilities) Call 903-454-8900

Property For Rent

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Real Estate

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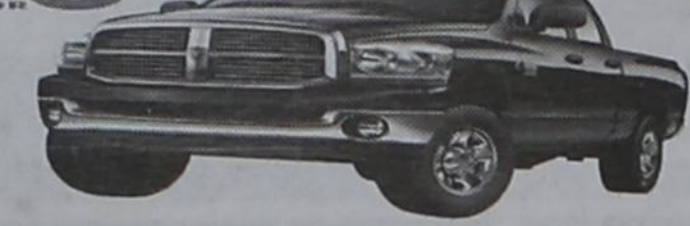
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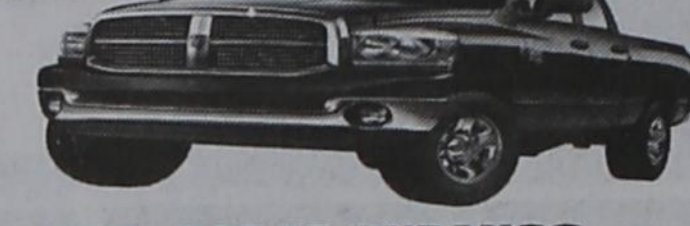
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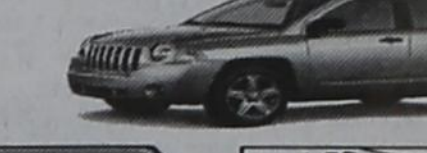
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