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Upgrades underway at Royse City High School

Royse City High School students and staff will find newly renovated classrooms on Aug. 22, the first day of school. The \$10 million project, designed by Claycomb Architects, will transform unused common areas into 21st century learning spaces that look more like college campuses than traditional high school classrooms, according to a news release from the Royse City Independent School District. The project includes the removal of largely unused lockers in the lower and upper concourse areas. The lockers were removed and replaced by state-of-the-art seminar rooms that feature modular furniture, white board surfaces and large glass walls. In 2015-16, fewer than 40 lockers were requested for use by students, according to the release. Textbooks are typically stored in classrooms and students now utilize tablets rather than carrying heavy backpacks. Transforming the locker areas into learning centers increases the capacity of RCHS by 225 students and better utilizes existing facilities. "It is exciting to see these innovative classroom spaces come to life for our students. RCISD has become a statewide leader in fostering learning among students and staff. This renovation further demonstrates our commitment to preparing students for the world that they will enter after high school," said Kevin Worthy, superintendent. In addition to the added classroom spaces, students will enjoy new common areas that allows for collaboration. A portion of the building will be opened to the main hallway, encouraging students to utilize resources available to them.



RHS Robotics team advances to UIL State meet

Rockwall High School Robotics Team members winning the 2016 Texas Robotics Invitational, July 24-25 in Houston, are (back row left to right) Chris Cannon, Gillian Weaver, Harrison Smith, Keith Buchanan, Lindsey Baumgartner, Glenn Bray, Brian Bray, Aren Hill, Bruce Charbonneau, (front row) Hannah Cowgill, Gabe Colmenares, Brandon Taylor, Austin Taylor, Eric Bray, Alex Beattie. The "Full Metal Jackets" are set to compete in the first annual UIL State Robotics Competition July 29 and 30, at the Austin Convention Center in Austin. The event will coincide with the "Texas Robot Roundup," July 31-Aug. 1, also at the Austin Convention Center in Austin. The team is currently raffling a 2017 Ford Mustang. For information and to buy tickets visit www.rockwallrobotics.com.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

University scholastic honors

Davis named to Chancellor's List

Davis of Rockwall, an American Sign Language Interpretation/ASL/English major, was named to the Chancellor's List at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, according to a news release from the Little Rock, Arkansas, university. To be named to the Chancellor's List, a student must have completed at least 12 credit hours and maintained at least a 3.9 grade-point average.

Davis tapped for UALR Dean's List

Davis of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List for the first semester at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, according to a university news release. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must carry at least nine credit hours with a grade of A, B, or C, and maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average to achieve a Dean's List honor, according to the release.

Newman named to Dean's List

Newman of Rockwall was named to Schreiner University's Dean's List, according to a news release from the Kerrville, Texas, university. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a full-time student must have completed at least 12 credit hours in all courses and earn at least a 3.50 grade-point average and carry at least 12 credit hours for the term.

Mosquito abatement continues in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall's mosquito abatement program continues to monitor mosquito populations in live traps throughout the city, according to a news release from the municipality. Samples are sent to the Texas Department of State Health Services to be tested for West Nile Virus. The state determined that contents of one live trap did test positive for West Nile, but there have been no reported human cases of the virus within the city limits, according to the news release.

The city now is fogging the entire community once a week over the next month. City crews began fogging city streets between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. on Monday, July 18, according to the release. In August, city officials will reassess the circumstances based on the results of live mosquito trap tests.

For more information or to request that an area residence not be sprayed, call 972-771-7761 or email the Parks & Recreation Department at wyoung@rockwall.com.



More than 50 law enforcement officials, firefighters, first responders and government officials from several counties attended a prayer circle gathering at the Royse City Police Station at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 8, honoring the officers killed and wounded in the Dallas ambush. Royse City resident and DART security officer Brent Thompson was among the officers who died during the shootings. An estimated 400 were in attendance. Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

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Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



BEYOND GUM DISEASE

If you neglect your oral health to the point where you develop gum disease, you are placing more than your teeth and gums in jeopardy. Aside from developing the bleeding gums characteristic of "gingivitis" (gum inflammation), research shows that your immune system will become compromised. As a result, white blood cells (which fight off infection) move more slowly and randomly instead of heading directly toward an infectious invader, indicating that inflammation has spread to the entire body. If the inflammation is not slowed and becomes chronic, it can lead to damage of systems and organs throughout the body. This is certainly good reason to brush and floss daily, as well as to have your teeth professionally cleaned and examined.

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P.S. If left untreated, gingivitis can lead to "periodontitis" (inflammation around the tooth), in which gums pull away from the teeth and form spaces (pockets) that become infected.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Yvonne Marie Hodges



Services for Yvonne Marie Hodges, 59, were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Rockwall at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2016. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died July 13. Born Aug. 8, 1956, to R.W. Pat Murphy and Valentina Murphy, she married her best friend and soul mate, Jack Caswell Hodges, on Oct. 20, 1978.

She was dedicating to leading people to Christ. A member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall, she served by helping with the children's choir, adult choir, vacation Bible school and children's Sunday school classes. She was devoted to her family and her belief in God, dedicating herself to God and raising her children to love the Lord.

Survivors include her husband and the couple's daughters, Michelle Jordan, Julie Swann and Natalie Edwards and their husbands, Joseph Jordan, Dustin Swann and Marcus Edwards; her nine grandchildren, Haley Swann, Austin Swann, Jack Swann, Isabella Jordan, Aidan Jordan, Sophia Jordan, Addison Edwards, Avery Edwards and Cason Edwards, to whom she was known as Mame; and her siblings, Patrick Murphy and his wife, Cathy, Dennis Murphy and his wife, Leigh Ann, Gina Blair and her husband, Randy, and Madalynn Hardgrave and her husband, Jeff.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers memorials may be made in her name to the First Baptist Church of Rockwall World Mission Offering, 610 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087.

Helping Hands seeks school supply sponsors

Rockwall County Helping Hands is seeking sponsors to help local families with school supplies.

Eligible children are enrolled in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Of the 15,000 students in the Rockwall ISD, approximately 23 percent fall within the federal income poverty guidelines, while in the Roys City ISD, the number is 30 percent, according to information from Helping Hands.

A \$20 sponsorship provides one basic school supply pack.

To make a donation, visit friendraising.donorpro.com/campaigns/333.

Fundraising for Brown approaches halfway mark

As of 3 p.m. Monday, \$4,365 had been contributed to the gofundme account by 32 donors. The goal for the account, set up on July 7, is \$10,000.

The gofundme account was established for the family of 8-year-old Makenna Brown, who was injured July 3 in a fireworks accident.

The child sustained injuries to an eye when a firework fell over during lighting, went off and struck her in the eye, according to information included on the gofundme page. She was taken to Children's Hospital in Dallas where she underwent surgery. According to an update last week, the child was to have her injured eye removed and fractured socket repaired in order to make preparations for a prosthetic eye.

In the page's most recent update, dated Monday afternoon, July 18, reports indicated Brown was taken to the Roys City Frosty Hut for one of her favorite treats.

"The owner let her know that like so many others she has been praying for her, then wouldn't charge her," according to the update on the gofundme page. "This is just one of the many examples of love that their family has experienced from members of the community"

Contributions to the fundraising account may be made at gofundme.com/makennabrown.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love casts out fear. 1John 4:18

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Thompson family fund tops \$95,000

The Go Fund Me family fund set up for slain DART Officer Thompson, a Roys City resident who was killed in the line of duty on July 7, surpassed the \$95,000 mark over the weekend.

According to the website page dedicated to raising money for Thompson's family, located online at gofundme.com/2deba, a total of \$95,105 of the \$100,000 goal had been collected as of 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17. The site remained open for additional donations.

A total of 1,058 people had donated to the account over the nine days, according to the website.

The page was set up by Thompson's DART co-workers.

Thompson and four Dallas Police Department officers were shot in an ambush on police that took place in Dallas.

Rockwall County News Briefs

YMCA offers weekly summer camp

Traditional day camps at the J.E.R. Chilton YMCA provide fun with activities that allow them to experience a variety of different adventures, teach core values, conflict resolution and leadership skills. Participants attend weekly field trips and camps include weekly swim time. Campers spend at least 80 percent of the day engaging in outdoor activities. Camp Dakotah operates weekly from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through Aug. 19. For more information visit ymcaddallas.org/locations/jerechilton/programs/day_camps.

Hispanic Republican Club to meet tonight

Ben Rangel, director of Concerned Veterans for America and a Marine Corps veteran and Purple Heart recipient, will be the speaker at the Rockwall County Hispanic Republican Club meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, at Soulman's BBQ, 691 I-30, Rockwall. For more details contact rwcountyhispanicrepublicanclub@gmail.com or call Enid Reyes at 214-215-1736.

RISD plans Super Summer Registration

The Rockwall ISD is planning a Super Summer Registration, which will allow parents/students new to the district to complete enrollment for all children at one stop rather than driving to individual schools from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, at Utley Middle School. Parents of returning students also may attend to complete their back-to-school forms. This event has been scheduled in addition to normal August registration dates.

Holy Trinity schedules vacation Bible school

Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church will host Cave Quest vacation Bible school, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in its parish hall, 7311 E. Edgewood, from July 31-Aug. 4. Each evening will begin with dinner, followed by crafts, music, drama, outdoor play and other activities. Participants will spend each session "spelunking" through activity stations in small groups of up to five, each with its own leader. Each station is designed to reinforce the daily Bible point in a hands-on, interactive way. Register at groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/holytrinity2/gpgs/htm.asp or email htbtl.org.

Adventure Guides Program offered at YMCA

Registration for Adventure Guides 2016-2017 school year begins on Aug. 1. YMCA Adventure Guides is about adventures, fatherhood, experiences and the building of life-long memories. It is a program designed to strengthen the relationship and bond between parents and their children between the ages of kindergarten through first grade. For a complete list of scheduled events, visit ymcaddallas.org/locations/jerechiltonymca/adventure_guides.

Next mobile spay/neuter hospital set Aug. 5

The Spay/Neuter Network 45-foot Hospital Bus, promoted by Rockwall PAWS, will be in Rockwall on Aug. 5 in the I-30 Rockwall Mart parking lot. Procedures are done on site. Low-cost packages available; walk-up vaccines also will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check for specials at spayneuternet.org. To make appointments or for more details call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500. Spaces fill quickly. Be sure dogs' collars cannot be slipped and that cats are in carriers. Services also available throughout the Metroplex, including the clinic in Crandall, the Hope Mobile or via transport, dependent on locations.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Live music events offered weekly in downtown R'wall

Downtown Rockwall's newest public space, San Jacinto Plaza, will play host to weekly musical events scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings through September. Performances will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Café-style tables and chairs, as well as walls, are available in the space. Guests are welcome to bring their own chairs, food and beverages, according to information on the Rockwall's website. Visit rockwall.com/mainstreet/events.asp for a list of upcoming bands.

'Legally Blonde the Musical' set at RCP

"Legally Blonde the Musical," a story about a sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend and defies everyone's expectations while remaining true to herself, will be performed at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk (two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall) on July 22. Show times are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Sundays, July 23 and July 29-31. Parental guidance is suggested. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office a half-hour prior to show times.

RSM presents 'Evening with David Gaschen & Friends'

Former Broadway star of "Phantom of the Opera" David Gaschen will perform a special benefit performance at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, at the Performing Arts Center at Utley Middle School, 1311 T.L. Townsend Dr. Gaschen, an internationally renowned voice and stage performer who has performed as the lead in "Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway, will perform an array of classical songs and Broadway favorites. Proceeds from the Rockwall Summer Musicals presentation will benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Rockwall County. Tickets can be purchased through the RSM Office at rockwallsummermusicals.org/tickets. Cost is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youths 8-17.

County library offers Teen Reading Program

The teen reading program at the Rockwall County Library will run until Aug. 6 and is open to students entering grades 6-12. A completed/returned log entitles the participant to a raffle ticket. The end-of-summer prizes that will be drawn on Monday, Aug. 1, include a Perot Museum Tech Truck (exploration of science concepts via the museum's mobile discovery lab), a book on Tuesday, July 19. Attended events count as two hours on reading logs.

Library offers adult programs

In addition to the Adult Reading Program currently underway at the Rockwall County Library, the facility also is offering several sessions this summer, including Mat Pilates with Brenda, 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, and Restorative Yoga with Twyla, 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26. Call 972-204-7700 to register.

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- what opponents try to do to Fomo
- first name of former Ranger catcher "Pudge" Rodriguez
- "up ___ good"
- crust that forms over a cut or wound
- little bit
- TX-born Reynolds 1962 film: "How the West ___ Won"
- TXism: "___ hook" (fish)
- ___ Zavala helped preserve The Alamo
- this actress Merry was in 1964 "The Quick Gun" starring TX Audie Murphy
- TXism: "risky as making ___ a gambler"
- book: "1941: Texas ___ War"
- TXns would just call this a kettle drum
- Gulf shrimp catchers large tubs
- TXism: "want it ___ could spit"
- rub out pencil marks
- Arab country south of Saudi Arabia
- he did the TX-based documentary, "The Thin Blue Line"
- TXism: "he'd be unarmed in a ___ wits" (stupid)
- Bobby of TX-filmed "State Fair" (1962)
- "I'm content to sit ___ ___ fire"
- actor Cesar of "Romance of the Flo Grande" (1941)
- egg layer
- this Christian was a French fashion designer
- TX George Jones hit "The Race ___" (1964)
- pecan, e.g.
- TX Roddenberry of "Star Trek" fame
- Cincinnati ball team
- "bear" south of the border
- Charley Pride sang "You ___ Again" in 1980
- TX country singer, Stuckey
- TXism: "got ___ of woe" (very sad)
- TXism: "neon light ___" (inspiration)
- exam
- "Houston Museum of Fine ___"
- dir. from Andrews to Amarillo
- "Texas, Our Texas! ___ wonderful so great"
- TXism: "sure ___ shooting"
- TX-born John Morris was "Andy" on 1995 "___ Story"
- "Honest" Lincoln
- ___ Mott, TX
- TX film critic, Rex
- Batman's sidekick
- silent film heart-throb, Novarro
- Dunne of 1941 "Penny Serenade" with TX Ann Doran
- polite way to address a man
- 2,000 pounds
- TX Nolan pitched seven ___-hitters
- ___ Wells, TX
- oil structures
- TXism: "___ go off half cocked"

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
Cleave to good ...

God's word uses the word cleave in beautiful and perfect contexts that deserve our undivided attention.

This word is used in Romans 12:9 as a basic rule of thumb for people's relationship with each other and with God, "Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."

According to Joshua 23:8, God told Joshua, "But cleave unto the Lord your God ..."

The word cleave was translated from a Hebrew word that meant to cling or press close to. An important aspect is directing attention to, and running to the object of our cleaving.

God is known by His word and through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, cleaving to God means cleaving to His words of life and love, pressing close to Him in prayer.

A special part of cleaving is being pulled toward the one who loves. God's perfect love through Jesus Christ draws and pulls people. Because of His love, they are pulled in to cleave close to Him.

This is understood beautifully in God's design for the relationship between man and woman.

It's written, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh."

Jesus declared the same truth in response to a trick question posed

by the Jewish Pharisees who asked about marriage (Matt. 19:3-6).

When the two are joined together by God, it is guaranteed that they will truly be one body -- a perfect fit.

The dynamics are equally as beautiful.

Proverbs 5:19 provides additional wisdom about the relationship, "And be ravished always with her love."

The word ravished was translated from a word that meant to be magnified, intoxicated, and prone to error. Isn't that so true?

Yet, there exists an important part of this relationship dynamics. It doesn't say to be ravished by her looks or personality -- of course they are part of the overall attraction -- but it says to be ravished by her affectionate love!

This means the man is magnified and intoxicated because he is the object of the woman's affectionate love.

The natural dynamics are that he runs to her, and clings to her like a strong bonding glue. On the other side, because of her affectionate love for the man, she lets him cleave close to her. She wants him close to her, and does things out of love to pull and draw him in.

Being intoxicatedly prone to error, he trusts her to be a prudent woman who helps him overcome and correct errors (Prov. 19:14).

Cleaving to God in heaven has the same dynamics. Because we are the object of God's expressed and shown love, we are pulled and drawn to Him -- passionately and fervently run and cling to Him.

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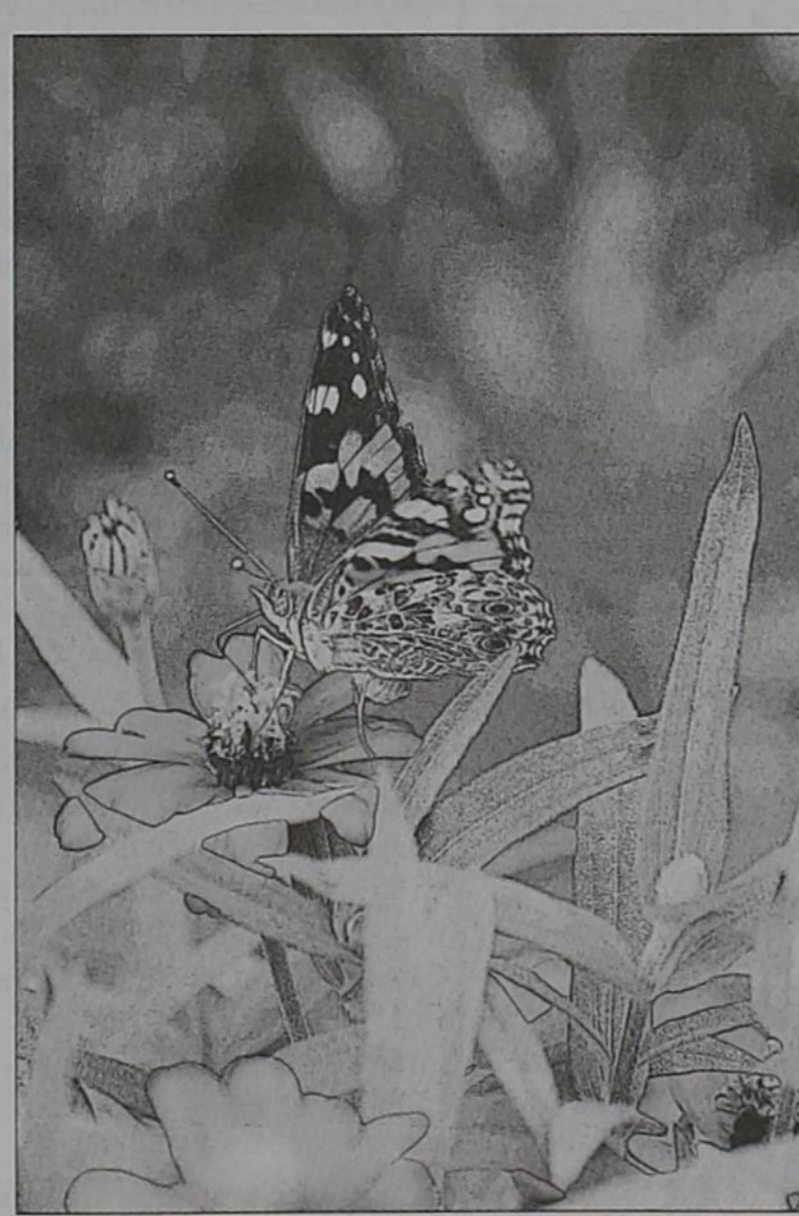
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Psalm 150:6

"Let the peace from God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body, and be thankful ..."
Colossians 3:15

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"
"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path;"
Proverbs 3:6

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History – Love and Hate in America

Keneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas

This article is my opinion as provided by my research and to first define the true meaning of LOVE and HATE. Webster's Dictionary:

LOVE: a strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties; the fatherly concern of God for humankind

HATE: intense hostility and aversion usually deriving from fear, sense of injury; extreme dislike or antipathy.

SIN: to do something that is considered wrong according to religious or moral law.

AGAPE LOVE: Bible definition: AGAPE is love which is of and from God, whose very nature is love itself.

According to the interpretation of the Bible, CHOICE began when Lucifer the chief Angel decided he was equal to God. Lucifer then was cast out of Heaven with his angel followers. Satan made the choice that he was equal to God, the sin nature began.

With the removal of Satan from heaven, hate was introduced in the form of GOD'S AGAPE LOVE. After Adam and Eve were tempted by God, Eve believed Satan that it didn't matter about the forbidden fruit and that God's warnings were meaningless. When Adam ate the forbidden fruit from the tree of life, they were cast out of the Garden of Eden forever.

God warned Adam and Eve the results of eating the forbidden fruit, you will surely die. That is when sin entered the world. The separation of man from mankind, throughout history, is from choices made by man.

When we choose to follow God's way or we are drawn from God through Satan's way, we are drawn to a loving God. Hate is Satan's way. Love is the divine rule. God has promised each of us whoever turns his life over to Jesus, His Son, will spend eternity in paradise (John 3:16).

Paradise will be a place more pleasing than we could ever imagine, as explained by God's word in the Bible, will be a place of total darkness in an extremely hot environment, who will be cast into this lake of fire will be burned up and remain dead for an eternity. This same "lake of fire" will be the eternal punishment set for the Devil and his angels.

According to God's rule of love, we will always be able to overcome all adversity and problems during our lifetime. Each of us is given the ability to make a choice of love or hate.

God gives each of us so much and he has given us the ability and power to make choices. The choice to live a Godly life on earth is not an easy choice, so therefore the only way we can live is by turning our lives over to God through Jesus Christ.

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When we made GOD'S LOVE our choice, we continued to be the light of the world. Now we are no longer perceived as a Godly nation. America has become full of greed, corruption and sin, especially our government.

We have not followed our God given freedom of choice. The more government is in control, the less freedom people have.

WE THE PEOPLE can change this.

When the day of the Lord is at hand. Born-again Christians could be sent into heaven any day.

As written in the Bible, the period of time recorded in the Bible will be fulfilled, and Jesus will return back to earth for judgment. At this time, each of us is responsible for our own choices. Let God's freewill, grace and love shine forth in America, or the darkness of the Devil prevail. What choice will you make?

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YMCA Angel Camp benefits from annual Crawfish Festival

Staff and families of the J.E.R. Chilton YMCA at Rockwall gathered at Dodie's Cajun Diner at The Harbor on June 24 for a check presentation to the YMCA's Angel Camp program.

The restaurant's co-owners, Mike McRae and Gabe Nicoletta, along with general manager Dan Keils, presented the \$5,400 check to the program.

Each year, the restaurant donates proceeds from its Annual Crawfish Festival to Angel Camp, which provides day camp experiences like sailing, swimming, archery, riflery, horseback riding and field trips to youth ages 5 to 18 with special needs. This year's Crawfish Fest in April drew a sellout crowd of 300 people and dished out more than 2,300 pounds of mudbugs. In addition to all-you-can-eat crawfish, Dodie's served up corn, potatoes, jambalaya, red beans and rice accompanied by the live music of Kenny and the Kasuals. Raffle drawings helped raised additional funds.

"It's mudbugs and music for a really good cause," said McRae, who introduced the Crawfish Fest in 2013 as a way to celebrate crawfish season while supporting the local community. The Crawfish Fest has benefited Angel Camp for the past three years.

To learn more about J.E.R. Chilton's Angel Camp, contact Bonnie LaVieille, executive director, or Angel Camp director Melissa Cotner at 972-772-9622.

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Opinions

Six steps in analyzing political issues

by **Andy McElroy**

Freedom Foundation (fff.org).
Every political issue can be analyzed or argued on at least six levels, which are usually conflated, but they should be addressed separately even when there is overlap. Otherwise, confusion rather than clarity results. Indeed, sometimes the only way to make sense of a disagreement is to peel away the layers and inspect them one by one. The gender "wage gap" issue illustrates this dynamic. (The wage gap is the percentage by which the rates of pay between men and women differ.)

On Equal Pay Day (April 12), Hillary Clinton prominently noted the wage gap and vowed that her presidency would postulate fair-pay practices on employers, especially the private sector.

Clinton's speech was organized by the Silicon Valley job-search marketplace Glassdoor, which also provided fresh statistics in a report titled "Demystifying the Gender Pay Gap."

The findings included, "Men earn 24.1 percent higher base pay than women on average. In other words, women earn about 76 cents per dollar men earn." Applying statistical controls, the figure shrinks to 5.4 percent (in other words, women make 94.6 cents for every male dollar).

54 percent of the gap comes from sorting men and women into different pay differently. Therefore, "overt forms of bias may be a primary cause" but they are unlikely to be the main cause.

Salary transparency helps "eliminate hard-to-justify gender pay discrimination. Admittedly, Glassdoor argues that the discrimination

is largely unintentional and indirect rather than overt. Nevertheless, the report explains, unintentional discrimination may still cause employers to sort men and women into jobs with different pay. From the other side of the divide, the Washington Times offers a standard free-market rebuttal. It observes,

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in 2014 that women employed full-time spend less time working than men: 7.8 hours compared to 8.4 hours. That's an average of 36 fewer minutes or a 7.7 percent labor disparity — which more than accounts for the 5.4 percent difference in pay. Top producers generally get top pay. Performance counts.
Thus, the article's subtitle is "It's not a gap in pay, but a gap in what men and women produce."
Women generally work fewer hours because they invest more time in caring for their families. In short, the wage gap results from women's choices, including how long to work each day.

The fourth dynamic is to analyze the underlying theories, assumptions and definitions that create conflicting interpretations. On the wage gap, the extremes are established by politically correct liberals and free-market advocates. The two political philosophies clash across the board, from definitions of equality to the purpose of law, from the propriety of state intervention to the relationship of men and women.

Consider how disparately they view the free market. To PC liberals, the free market or laissez-faire capitalism is a tool by which men oppress and exploit women; it is a form of force. To free-market advocates, it is a mechanism for coordinating supply and demand through which individuals, male and female, express their preferences; it is a form of freedom.

The fifth level deals with strategy — how best to solve the problem. A free-market advocate who agrees that women are underpaid would point out that the free market is a better corrective mechanism than government, because it provides strong incentives against discrimination without infringing the human right to control one's own property, including businesses. The incentives are basic economics. If an employer offers to pay a worker less than the prevailing wage, then one of three things will happen: there will be no applicants; there will be fewer applicants to choose from; or the quality of the applicants will be poor.

At the extreme, an employer who refused to interview women altogether would hand his competitors the great advantage of an untapped pool of talent.

Similar penalties for discrimination do not exist within politics, which redistributes power and entitlements through force.

The last and sixth step is to examine any moral implications there may be to earlier steps, especially strategy. PC liberals increasingly equate morality with "social justice," which refers to the equitable distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges throughout society. Achieving equity requires legally advantaging those who are deemed to be marginalized and so to have a collective claim against society at large. The redistribution occurs through the flexing of government muscle.

To free-market advocates, individual rights and nonviolence are prerequisites for morality. The key question comes down to this: "Do you resolve the problem through peaceful means, or do you use violence?" Their answer is consistently, "peaceful means." Only then does it make sense to consider which peaceful behavior expresses the most morality.

Conclusion
Political discussions can be whirlwinds of fact, theory and moral pronouncement, with accusations or insults thrown in. Before boarding the whirlwind, it is useful to filter an issue through the preceding questions so that you remain the coherent voice. The voice of reason ultimately wins.

TxDOT offers answers about pending SH 205 improvements

The Texas Department of Transportation recently conducted two public meetings about pending improvements to State Highway 205, and hundreds of area residents attended to learn more, according to a TxDOT news release.

After the meetings, some questions still persisted, and below is a list of answers to the most frequently asked questions.

Q: Has John King always planned to be a bypass?

A: It has been shown on planning documents as a six-lane roadway that was planned as early as June 1984 and has served as a bypass route since the initial section was built. TxDOT and Rockwall County built an interchange at its intersection with I-30. A project to reverse the I-30 interchange/exit ramps is also currently underway.

Q: How will the road be expanded by the city to how many lanes if SH 205 is moved to John King Boulevard?

A: It will likely need to be expanded to four lanes to meet the traffic volumes. The actual lane configuration has not been determined at this time. It could be four lanes (two in each direction) with a continuous left turn lane from the downtown area to north John King Boulevard. Final design, scheduling, phasing and financing have not been completed.

Q: Will any money exchange between the City of Rockwall and TxDOT to make it an equal value trade?

A: Every TxDOT roadway project done in Rockwall has included a level of joint participation involving use of federal, state, county and local money. It is anticipated there will be consideration for use of local funds associated with the SH 205 project regardless of which route is selected. However, no participation levels have been established.

Q: Will there be some design control to be sure setbacks are preserved and appropriate berms and such can be installed to buffer John King Boulevard from neighborhoods?

A: The city would have the option to consider pursuing landscape, hardscape and/or roadway lighting enhancements. At the time when the SH 205 project is funded, TxDOT may or may not have programs available for their financial participation in such enhancements if these enhancements are pursued by the city. At this point, the city has not considered any enhancements.

Q: Will lights and crosswalks be installed at the major cross streets?

A: TxDOT generally provides crosswalks at major intersections. TxDOT provides and pays for signalization at intersections that meet "warrants" as provided in their policies. If warrants are met, signalization is provided. If warrants are not met, TxDOT prohibits signalization.

Q: Why would TxDOT choose John King Boulevard if it's \$20m+ more than widening existing SH 205?

A: The city has selected its preferred route. TxDOT will be making its decision as to the state's "technically preferred route." TxDOT has conducted public meetings to receive additional public input. They likely will include such factors as public input, city input, design, ability to move traffic through the city and along the route, and cost in their selection of the technically preferred route. With that said, TxDOT is a better source to answer questions about the course of action they may choose.

Q: Why did the city allow residential development along John King Boulevard if they knew it was the preferred route for SH 205 or even a distinct possibility?

A: The City of Rockwall Comprehensive Plan does not envision development that will result in all major roadways being lined with "strip" retail or commercial properties. Residential properties currently abut several major thoroughfares and state roadways, such as FM 740, SH 276 and FM 3097.

Q: Are there citywide and/or countywide traffic studies and projections?

A: North Central Texas Council of Governments studied the major arterials for 2040 in Rockwall and Rockwall County in 2015.

Q: Will sound walls be included in the project?

A: The TxDOT policy for sound walls includes study of this issue as environmental studies are done. TxDOT policy provides a "warrant" system for determining if sound walls are needed and will be effective. If sound walls are warranted in accordance with the TxDOT requirements, TxDOT will host a meeting with owners of property, which abuts the right-of-way. At this meeting, property owners will vote as to whether or not they would prefer sound walls be provided. If more than 50 percent of the property owners vote for the sound wall, a sound wall will be included in the project. This process has resulted in inclusion of sound walls being included in the FM 740 project and the upcoming SH 276 project.

Q: Did the council officially vote on John King Boulevard being the preferred route?

A: Yes.
To provide input on this issue, TxDOT requests written public comments that must be submitted to the City of Rockwall by Friday, July 22.

Pokémon Trail now outlined in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall has begun planning for a 'Pokémon' trail. The trail is about 1.5 miles long one way, allowing game participants to hit 10 different Pokestops and one gym, according to the Rockwall Parks & Recreation website. The trail will begin at Lofland Park and extend east to Harry Myers Park.

The trail can be extended some to reach more Pokestops to the east (the old courthouse on the square) or further east (down to the Center at Washington/John King), according to the website. The central portion of the trail features water fountains in the park; Pokestops at the Harry Myers Kids Zone, Harry Myers West and Harry Myers; shade opportunities along the way; and high Pokémon activity so it's more likely that Lures are being used).

RISD plans new student registration event July 26

The Rockwall Independent School District will host a new student Summer Registration event from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, according to the school district's website. The event will take place at Herman E. Utley Middle School, 1201 L. Townsend Dr., Rockwall.

Those planning to participate should pre-register online at rockwallisd.com/newstudent. Students who attended a Rockwall ISD event last year are pre-registered and do not need to participate in this event.

Those attending the Super Summer event should bring the following information:
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- Those who need to but are unable to attend the Super Summer event should contact officials on their child's home campus for registration information.

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Democratic Men's Group to meet Aug. 6

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon at noon on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Johnny Carino's, 819 E. I-30, Rockwall. The group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the direction of Texas and Rockwall County are welcomed. Guest speaker for this month will be David Smith, a longtime activist in Rockwall political and community affairs.

Gospel quartet to perform at FUMC

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7, at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, a gospel harmony quartet, Spiritual 4-Cast of Rockwall, will perform in the Open Door contemporary worship space. The public is invited. The event is being sponsored by the FUMC active seniors group, the Sailsetters. No advance tickets will be required, but a donation basket will be passed around.

RISD convocation set Aug. 15

Convocation for the Rockwall ISD will run from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, at Lake Pointe Church Rockwall, 701 E. I-30, Rockwall.

Lecture to focus on Flight of our Fathers

The Sept. 9 installation of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse. The topic will be the history of the No. 1 British flight training school in Terrell. Commander Joe M. Hood, USN (Ret.), will share the story of how the largest facility of its kind was used to train more than 2,000 British and American pilots between 1941 and 1945.

Talking Tombstones lecture set Oct. 14

Meddie Bowles (aka Nancy Beaty) will present the circumstances surrounding the trail and murder conviction of her husband in 1949 as part of the Oct. 14 installation of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse.

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Jeff Schmitt of Rockwall placed first overall in the Y Rock Sprint Triathlon, held Sunday June 26, 2016. Schmitt competed against 120 participants in a race which included a 300-yard snake swim in the Rockwall YMCA's 25-yard pool, a 9.5-mile bike course, and 3.1-mile run.

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More than 100 triathletes compete in Y Rock event

More than 100 triathletes of all skill levels took part in Rockwall's newest triathlon, the Y ROCK (formerly known as the Dirty Rock) Sprint Triathlon 2016, produced by PlayTri Racing and hosted by the J.E.R. Chilton YMCA on Sunday, June 26.

The event saw 120 participants hit the race course, beginning with a 300-yard snake swim in the Rockwall Y's 25-yard indoor pool, followed by a 9.5-mile bike course and a 3.1-mile run to the finish line.

Coming in first overall was 44-year-old Rockwall resident Jeff Schmitt with a time of 52:11:42. Schmitt, a member of the Rockwall YMCA, said while the humidity was certainly a factor

for the participating triathletes, the most difficult aspect for him was maintaining a sprint-like pace throughout the course.

"It's like a sprint the whole way -- you can never back off," Schmitt said. "That was the only real challenge was staying on the gas for minutes."

Net proceeds from the triathlon benefitted the J.E.R. Chilton YMCA, whose mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Funds help ensure that everyone is able to participate in Y programs regardless of their financial situation.

Full race results may be found at playtri.com/yrock.

Future Lady Bulldog Volleyball Camp set

The 2016 Future Lady Bulldog Volleyball Camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 8-10 in the Royse City High School gyms.

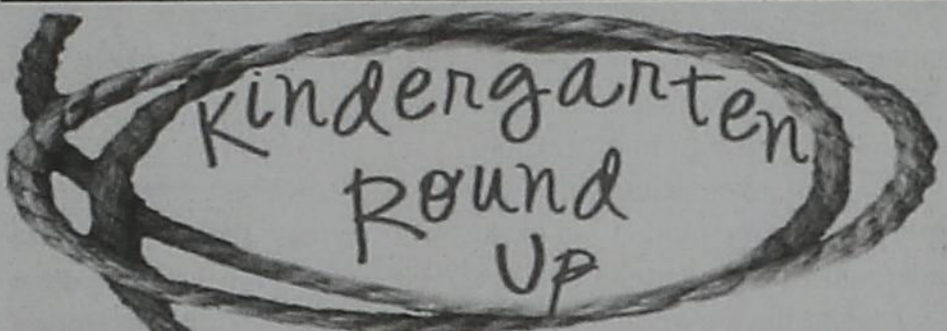
The camp will be open to incoming fourth, fifth and sixth grade students, according to the Royse City Independent School District website.

The camp will offer instruction in volleyball fundamentals, including terminology, court knowledge, serve receive and team concepts.

Cost is \$40. The district is offering 50 percent off for RCISD employees, as well as a \$10 sibling discount. Cost includes a camp T-shirt for each paid participant; T-shirts will be ordered the first of camp and will be available for pick up the following week.

For more information or a registration form, visit rcisd.org/athletic-camps.

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"Legally Blonde the Musical" opens at the Rockwall Community Playhouse at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 22. Cast members include, at front, Allie Magee, Sydney Turbeville, Amy Adams, Gracie Walsh, Maddy Grimes and Brayden Parmelly; second row, Kendall Magee, Rebecca Hundley, Josh Hauptert, Holden Magee, Brooke Parent, Hailee Gregory, Kenedy Matthew, Ryan Kester, Chad Pflieger, Caroline Edwards, Anne-Marie Thacker, Micaela Hemmer holding Holly Hemmer (Bruiser), Cosette Lehmann, Alex Zolkowski, Alexandra Mendoza and Rachael Van Vleck; and third row, Blake Seabourn, Emily Maxwell, Wil Maxwell, Avery Mahan, Hannah Snyder and Jacob Turner.

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