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Rockwall High student Tyler Hughes is pictured at the Fort Worth Livestock Show. He is one of many local students preparing for the 57th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair, which will take place March 24-27.

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FFA, 4-Hers gearing up for Rockwall Youth Fair

Rockwall FFA and 4-H Club members are preparing for the 57th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair.

Bobby Fowler, Rockwall High School FFA adviser, said RHS FFA members and Rockwall County 4-H Clubs had a presence in major shows in Fort Worth and San Antonio and will be well represented in the upcoming Houston Livestock Show before the 57th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair March 24-27.

Every animal shown at a major competition represents months of work and preparation on the part of the presenter.

"Anyone can enter and each person is responsible for their project," Fowler said. "For the major shows, the entry's are done in November through early December."

The validation process gives proof that the exhibitor has been in possession of the animal since the validation date, and the animal has not been presented at a show by any other exhibitor.

The goal of an exhibitor is to place an animal in the auction sale at one of the major shows. The San Antonio Livestock Show provides scholarships to

winning animals. Winners in the breeding events will often keep their animals and raise their own animals.

RHS FFA and Rockwall County 4-H Clubs have been competitive in the breeding show divisions. During the Fort Worth Livestock Show registered Poland China exhibition Jake Termin's swine project placed sixth and Will Morris' registered Yorkshire swine project placed seventh. During the open swine breeding competition Molly Kate Evans' project placed third, Ted Gates placed fourth and Luke Termin received a fifth-place ribbon. Competing during the open breeding swine exhibition were Sam Evans, Cale Merritt, Jacob Hillman, Emily Ullom and Ryan Ullom. Also representing Rockwall during the show were Tanner Howey who received first place with his breeding heifer project. Tyler Hughes exhibited a market wethered goat and placed 33 out of 84. Also participating in the goat exhibition were Samantha Giovannegi and Devon Pazos.

Participating in the San Antonio Livestock Show in February were Cale Merritt, Jake Termin, Will Morris and Tanner Howey. This

marks the first time Rockwall FFA youth have participated in the San Antonio show.

Jake Termin and Will Morris' trip to San Antonio was the completion of a year-long Calf Scramble Project. Both young men participated in the 2009 Calf Scramble catching calves and were awarded \$800 certificates to purchase a breeding animal. Termin placed fifth in the registered Poland China division and Morris placed sixth in the registered Yorkshire division. Cale Merritt placed third in the registered Yorkshire division.

Rockwall will be represented at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in March. The Agriculture Mechanics Show Team will participate in the AG Mech show. Rockwall County 4-H and FFA members also will participate with animal projects.

Between the major show dates, several of the county FFA and 4-H members also compete in jackpot shows around the northeast Texas area. A jackpot show is a one day competition.

Rockwall FFA advisers are Fowler and Casey Jones. Rockwall County 4-H adviser is Todd Williams.



Raymon Adamson (22) puts another two points on the board for the Lady Jackets during the Area Championship win last Friday. The Lady Jackets won the Area trophy with a 67-38 score (see details on Page 11). The Lady Jackets closed out the season Tuesday night with a 5-51 loss to Frisco Wakeland in the Regional Quarter Final game at Allen High School.

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Stephan Turner (23), Charlie Wilson (22), Raymon Stewart and Elvis Below (at right) celebrate another basketball playoff victory for Rockwall Christian Academy last Saturday. The Warriors outscored Temple Central Texas Christian 86-73 in the TAPPS 2A Regional Championship (see details on Page 11).

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Locals unhappy with state of The Shores golf course

by Jo Anna Matejka

According to Rockwall city manager Julie Couch residents concerned about the state of The Shores golf course should look to the first week in March for an indication of progress in resolving the many complaints about the courses' maintenance and appearance.

This month more than 250 people gathered in a public meeting to express concerns to members of the city council.

At the beginning of the meeting the city manager explained the city's involvement with the course as being the landlord on the lease of part of the course. The city leases that land from city of Dallas and, in turn, leases it to course owners, IRI Golf Group.

While the city has no involvement in the golf club membership, its operation or operation of the club's pool, or the homeowner association, it does collect a rent based on percent of revenue with a \$25,000 per year minimum. In 2009, the city collected about \$50,000 in rents.

The city conducts three audits per year, with the most recent in January, after which the city issued a letter of default based on agreements stemming from a 2007 legal settlement requiring owners to adhere to maintenance and irrigation requirements.

According to Couch, the course has until the first week of March to correct items of concern in the default letter. If the concerns are not addressed within the correction period, the city cannot predict what the next course of action may be, she said.

Speakers at the public meeting brought a long list of complaints including the complaint from some residents of other areas of the city and county of depressed property values and tax revenue collections.

The situation is "not just hurting the club and its members," real estate agent Jeff Stone said.

Other speakers characterized the club ownership as "lousy" and "the slumlords of the golf world" and called the course "too horrible to consider even playing golf there."

Speakers called the city's efforts at auditing a "play to sidestep the anger of citizens" and accused the city council of "sticking its head in the sand" and "selling the neighborhood down the river."

In response, council members assured residents that the city would stay on the case and keep inspections going and default letters flowing for violations. Council members also promised to keep residents informed and apologized for not holding a public meeting on the matter sooner.

Early voting ends today

Early voting in the March 2 primary elections, both Democratic and Republican parties, ends today.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early ballots may be cast at the Elections Office, 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall; Roys City Hall, 305 N. Arch, Roys City; or the Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence, Heath, according to Rockwall County election officials.

See Page 8 for primary elections voting locations.

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Weather slows SH 205 work

Weather has slowed the opening of additional southbound lanes on SH 205, according to a City of Rockwall news release. The traffic switch was scheduled to take place this week, but the opening of more southbound lanes has been rescheduled for Thursday because of weather delays.

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Thinking Day was observed Feb. 21 at the Rockwall High School gym. More than 200 girls in 19 troops participated. The Girl Scouts "traveled" around the world, gathering stamps in their passports, sampling foods and collecting souvenirs called SWAPS. Pictured above are Lauren Kimmel, Caroline Couch, Emily Green and Meredith Cooper from Troop 2029. They represented the country of Egypt and their booth featured information about how Egyptian children wore make-up created from crushed beetles. The girls made hieroglyphic bookmarks and served honey cake. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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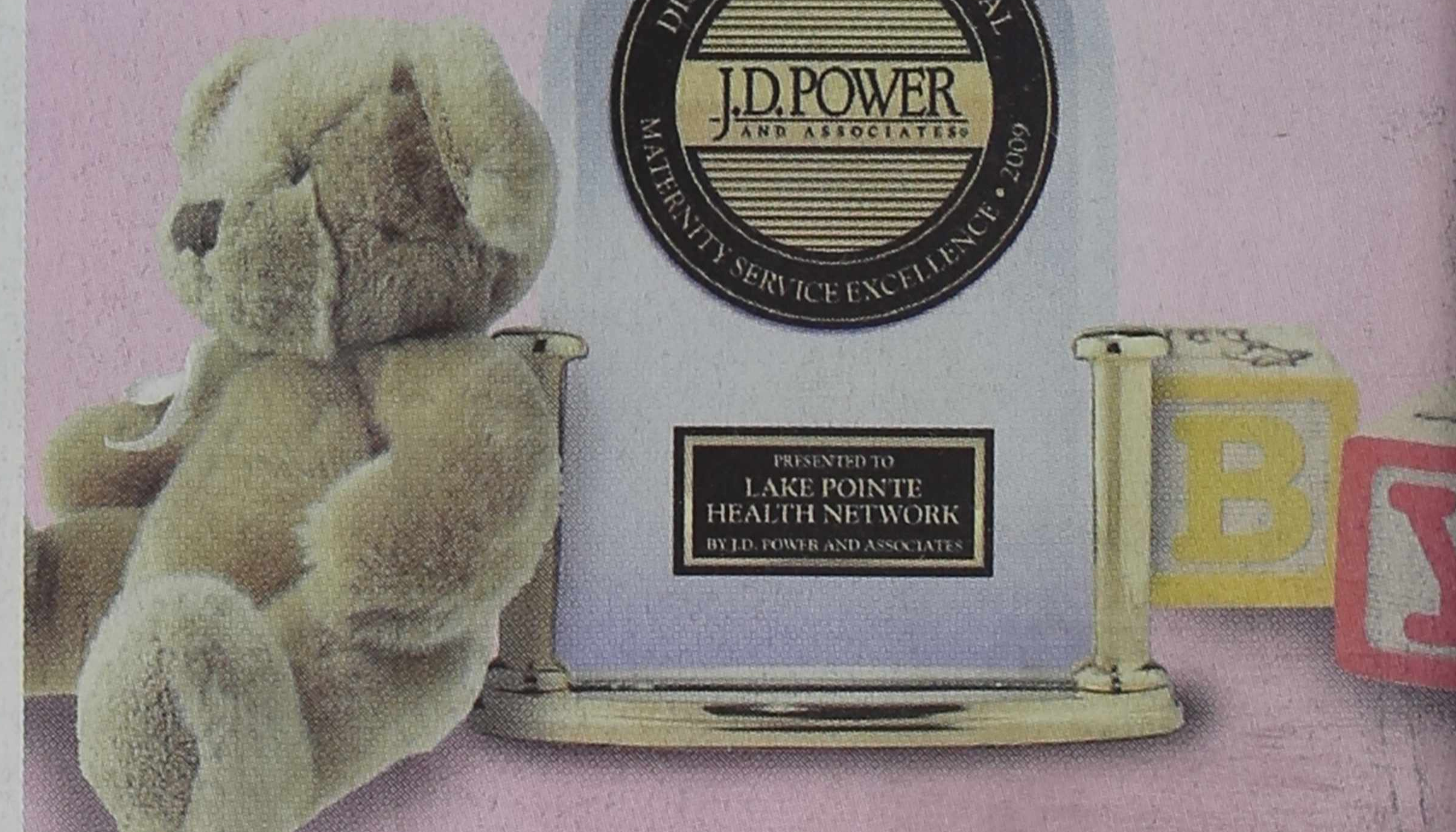
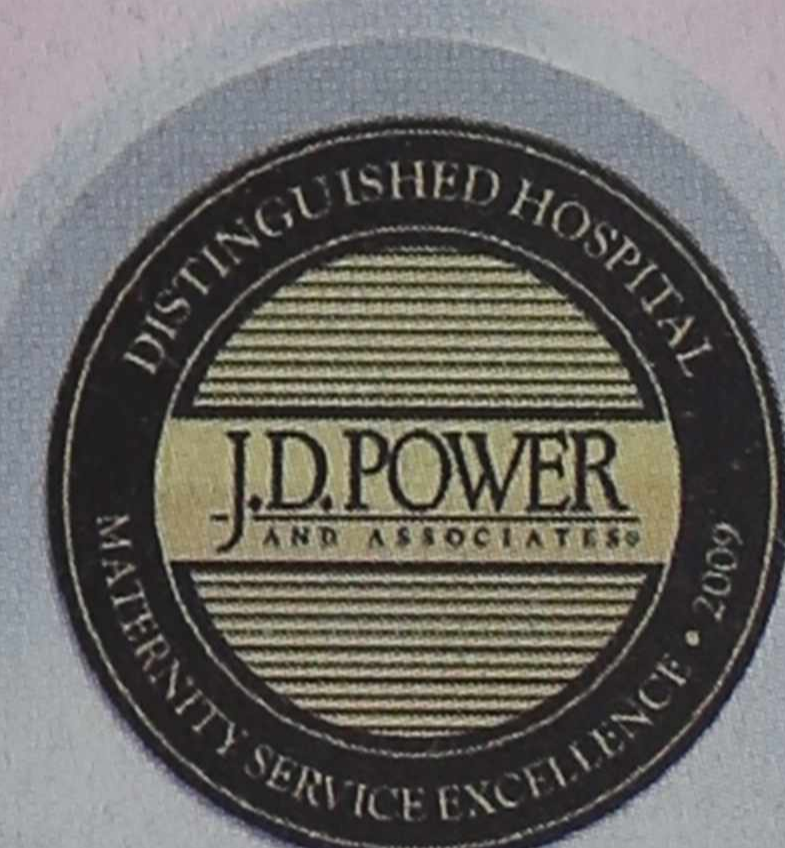
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Bring home honors at the recent Region 10 U.I.L. competition are Williams Middle School students (back row, left to right) Alex Bridges, Andrew Paul McIntyre, (middle row) Ian Hastings and Savannah Haynes, (front row) Coach Sandy Bridges, Zander Henley, Bailee Wilson and Riley Eidsen.
Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

Williams Middle School Earns U.I.L. First Place

Modern Oratory team at Williams Middle School top honors in recent Region 10 U.I.L. competition taking First Place Overall. The team is coached by Mrs Sandy Bridges. Modern Oratory, seventh and eighth grade contestants choose one of five pre-selected topics, develop the critical issues, and acknowledge both pro and con points citing support discovered in their research. Contestants then choose a side they will defend with the skills of analysis, research, note-taking, documentation, and decision-making come those of delivery and the skill of memorization. Williams Middle School students participating and their placement were seventh grade students Zander Henley and Bailee Wilson, 6th place; Riley Eidsen, 1st place; Savannah Haynes, 5th place; eighth grade students Ian Hastings, 2nd place; Alex Bridges, 1st place and Andrew Paul McIntyre, 4th place.



More than 40 Rockwall High art students competed at the Visual Art Scholastic Event at North Tarrant County High School recently, with several students scoring high with their artwork. Kystin Lattimer won 1st place with her life-sized self portrait in clay juried into the state competition, while Christian Carreon had a mixed media plaster piece accepted for the state contest. Pictured at front, from the left, are Parker Stone, Kendal Stone and Cecilia Olivares. At back are Madeline Smith, Lattimer, Carreon and Megan Carreon. When they attend the state competition in Clear Lake, Lattimer and Carreon will have the opportunity to attend workshops and network with other top student artists from throughout Texas.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Boland, Stragglers to perform March 6

As artist Jason Boland & Stragglers will be in concert March 6 at the Southern Junction Club & Steakhouse. The group's hits include "Crazy Man" and "17." The Dirt Road Gypsies will perform with them.

Doors will open at 6 p.m.; the show will begin at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 to \$20. For ticket and reservation information, call 972-771-2418 or visit southernjunctionlive.com.



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Rockwall County Obituaries

Kathy Lee Goins

Kathy Lee Goins, 55, of Roysse City died Feb. 17, 2010. No services are planned. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysse City was in charge of arrangements.

Born May 19, 1954, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Arnold Schley Jr. and Mary Ann (Crute) Jones, she was a happy person who enjoyed children. She was a "people person" who enjoyed taking trips to Las Vegas and spending time at the Wellness Center. She was employed at a retirement home in laundry services.

Survivors include her brother, Roger Jones, and his wife, Karen, of Burleson; her sister, Cynthia Jones of Roysse City; her niece, Kelly Barker, and son, Ethan; her nephews, Cody Jones, and his wife, Maria, and Scott Henningson, his wife, Lynda, and daughter, Tehya; and close friend, Steve Miller.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Vince Romo

Services for Vince Romo, 46, of Roysse City were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at the Lakeshore Church in Rockwall with Pastor Brad Howard officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Feb. 19.

Born Dec. 21, 1963, in Dallas he was a devoted husband and father. He was an encourager who spent time helping and counseling people. He was creative in woodworking, ironwork and jewelry making. He enjoyed helping the troops and was particularly proud of his son, Zach, who is serving in the Marine Corps. He enjoyed animals and the rodeo. He had a passion for singing and worshipping the Lord, but enjoyed playing pranks on his pastor.

Survivors include his wife, Joy (Harris) Romo; his son, Zach Romo; his daughters, Chelle Jones and her husband, Danny, and Lexi "Cricket" Romo; his parents, Rick and Sheila Romo and Melvin and Beverly Witty; his sisters, Lisa Edwards and Niki Hawkes; his brothers, Sean Romo and Ryan and David Witty; and a grandson, Skylar Romo.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Elizabeth and Wesley Witty, Opal Farmer Persons and Rose and John Romo.



Vivian Marie Willess

Vivian Marie Willess, 79, of Rockwall died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010.

No services are planned. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She was born July 30, 1930, in Rockwall County to Homer and Pearl (Passon) Willess.

Survivors include her sons, James Ronald Young of Bonham and Donald Ray Young of Mesquite; her daughter, LaRinda Gay Young of Gainesville; her grandchildren, Brandon Mason, Jeanette Olson and Terry Don, Josh and Cody Young; six great-grandchildren; three sisters; four brothers; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Announces Tax Day Golf Shoot-Out!

Rockwall Breakfast Rotary will be hosting its first annual Tax Day Shoot-Out Golf Tournament on Thursday afternoon, April 15th, 2010. This is a charity fundraiser with 50% of the net proceeds going to Haiti Relief and the other 50% to help fund the Assistance and Referral arm of Helping Hands. As Helping Hands President Margo Neilson recently explained, "we will have to find creative ways in 2010 to help support the increasing demand for our services and creative partnerships with other Rockwall organizations such as Rockwall Breakfast Rotary will be critical in our efforts to meet this increasing need".

Big Plans for Rockwall Area Habitat in 2010!

In its February Board Meeting Rockwall Area Habitat For Humanity (RAHFH) set a goal to build three new homes in 2010 for the first time in its 15 year history where it has never built more than two in any one year. RAHFH President Larry Wells put it simply: "with the increasing need for decent affordable housing brought on by current economic conditions, this is an easy decision, albeit a very challenging one as well".

The first 2010 home, currently under construction in Roysse City, expects to be completed in about four weeks. At about that same time the construction of a second home in the vicinity of the main Rockwall Post Office will commence and should be completed by early summer, with a third home planned to be started in the late summer and completed by year end.

While more volunteer labor will be needed, the greatest challenge will be obtaining the necessary funding to purchase building lots and additional construction supplies. RAHFH Treasurer Mike Duvall estimates some \$65,000 will need to be raised within our Rockwall community for this dream to become a reality in 2010 and the entire RAHFH team will be working hard to make that happen. Community Covenant Coordinator George Russell commented that 'Rockwall has a long history of responding in time of need in taking care of its own, and rarely has there been a clearer

need than now'.

How can the Rockwall community help? Three ways: 1) Sign their website to volunteer to help with the construction which takes each Saturday from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM (and you will receive a nice email each week about construction details on any given Saturday); 2) up to provide food and/or drinks for the construction team on any Saturday; and/or 3) Provide financial support through a tax deductible donation to RAHFH. Complete details can be found on their website: Rockwall Habitat.org.

The golf tournament will be a Four Man Scramble event hosted by River Golf Club in Roysse City with a shotgun start at 12:30 PM. This is \$ 75 per player and includes green fees, cart, lunch, additional prizes following the event, as well prizes for closest to the pin, 1 drive and longest putt (plus a few other surprises). Come early for a completion!

Registration to participate in this very worthwhile cause is easy: email or phone Dave Michie (dave.michie@yahoo.com; 214-455-6939) or George Russell (brogeor@att.net; 214-934-1142) to sign up.

Tournament Director Dave Michie has dialed up a perfect day of fun for everyone to come out and vent whatever tax day frustrations need released-and all to give back to others in our community in great support.

Heath eyes nature trail

by Jo Anna Matejka

The Heath City Council has directed staff to look into a proposed volunteer-maintained nature through dedicated easement across property linking Antigua Bay to Towne Center Park.

Resident Jeff Kerr first brought the proposal to the park board in December 2008. Through a series of four meetings in the intervening time board and Kerr have sought answers to several questions including concerning insurance liability, land surveying, safety and maintenance standards.

The trail Kerr proposes would be built to standards similar to mountain bike trails such as the Squabble Creek trail in Rockwall. The dirt-trail would be temporary, replaced a concrete trail similar to those already existing in the city when the land is fully developed.

The Skorburg Company and Rob Whittle own the two parcels of privately owned land the trail would cross. It would run from the end of an existing trail that goes through the Highlands of Heath through to the corner of FM 740 and Hubbard Drive.

All council members expressed unanimous support for the city to have more trails and "more trails faster," but indicated concerns for public safety and protecting the city's liability.

Mayor John Rateliff instructed city staff to continue working with the public to answer council concerns and make effort toward accomplishing the project.

March 8 is deadline for city council filing

March 8 is the final day to file for a place on the City of Rockwall for the May 8 municipal election.

Three council seats - Place 2, Place 4 and Place 6 - are scheduled to be filled in the upcoming election.

Incumbents Mark Russo, Place 2, Cliff Sevier, Place 4, and Margo Owen, Place 6, each have filed as candidates for another two-year term.

Application packets are available in the city secretary's office on the floor of the Rockwall City Hall.

For information on filing, contact Kristy Ashberry, city secretary, at 972-6406.

Early voting will begin April 26 and run through May 4.

To register to vote or for information concerning polling locations, contact the Rockwall County Elections Administrator's Office at 972-204-6200.

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Library needs GED tutors for night classes

Rockwall County Library needs GED tutors for its night classes from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone interested should contact Gloria at the library.

Kid's Game Night is tonight

Kid's Game Night, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, is open for children ages 3 to 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in the Ed. Center gym. Age-appropriate activities are planned, and snacks will be provided. Cost will be \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents.

RISD Foundation event planned

RISD Education Foundation's "Beyond the Big Top... Reach for the Ring" will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at Southfork Ranch. Tickets cost \$10 and include dinner, entertainment and live art auction; purchases made in advance by calling 972-771-0605, ext. 7032. For more details visit risdfoundation.org.

Parent & Me Storytime scheduled

Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Parent & Me Storytime, open to children ages 1 through 3 and their parents, will run from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays, March 1 through April 5, in the Myers Community Center. Stories and activities are planned.

Blood drive Monday at Fulton School

Fulton School National Honor Society will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday. The Carter BloodCare Bus will be parked in the school's parking lot. For more details call the school at 972-722-4445 or e-mail n.h.society@thefultonschool.org.

FOL fundraiser set Monday

A fundraiser for the Friends of the Library will run from 11 a.m. until closing Monday at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant. Ten percent of the total sales collected (dine-in or carry-out) with a FOL flier will be donated to the Friends of the Library. Fliers are available at the Rockwall County Library or will be mailed to the restaurant the day of the event.

Rockwall Newcomers Club to meet

March 11 regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Rockwall Newcomers Club will feature the annual Newcomers Got Talent Show. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, just off Royse City. Call Marion Duhamel, 972-722-9896, by Monday for details or information.

RCC meeting to address identity theft

Representatives of the Rockwall Police Department will give a presentation on identity theft at the Rockwall Computer Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at The Center, Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. The meeting is open to anyone interested in computer use in the home or office. For details contact Joe Conrad at 972-771-8712.

Beans & Bazaar fundraiser planned

Royse City Order of the Eastern Star No. 642 will host a Beans & Bazaar fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 6 at the City Hall Melody Room, 305 N. Arch St. Beans, cornbread, hot dogs, drinks and desserts will be served. Tickets cost \$6 per person or two for \$10 (children ages 3-12, under 3 eat free). Proceeds will help be used for Masons hall upgrades. Tickets call Mary Johnson at 469-387-9620 or Ann Cornelius, 972-816-1972.

Wii Afternoon set at library

Wii Afternoon teen program, free and open to students in grades 6-12, will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 6 in the first floor meeting room, Rockwall County Library. For details visit rocklibteens.blogspot.com, follow on Twitter @rocklibteens, search Rockwall Library Teens on Facebook or call 972-204-7700.

RHHS band dinner concert, auction set

RHHS band will host their 2nd annual Dinner Concert & Silent Auction from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 6 at the school. The RHHS band, along with the bands from Utley and Cain middle schools, will perform. For more information contact Sandra Nelson, fundraising chair, at 469-864 or e-mail snelson1@classinet.net.

Fate ministry to host revival

Marie Sorensen Ministries of Fate will host a Holy Ghost Revival from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 6 at the La Quinta Inn, 689 E. I-30, Rockwall. For more details, call 214-810-9782.


DAR plans March 7 meeting

The Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on March 7 for the annual Awards Tea. Carolyn Duckworth, chapter president, will host the event at her home, 617 Liechty Ct., Heath. Recipients of the Good Citizens awards and American History Essay winners will be recognized.

Mental Illness Support

Two NAMI free support groups – one for those with a mental illness (Room 121) and one for their families (Room 123 BBLdg.) will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Saturday, March 13 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 Hollow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030 for more information.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Call upon the name of the Lord...Part 2

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be called?" (Romans 10:14-15).

The above scripture is set in the context of Romans 10:9-10, which shows the pre-requisites for salvation. It sets a pre-requisite order that culminates in salvation. The order may be understood better in reverse as follows: God calls the preacher to preach the Gospel, the preacher preaches, people hear the Gospel from the preacher, people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ which they heard from the preacher, and people call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in whom they believed.

According to Romans 10:13, to "call upon the name of the Lord" results in salvation. With this in mind, the next verse is understood as follows, "How then shall they call on him [for salvation], in whom they have not believed." To believe is set as a pre-requisite to calling upon the name of the Lord. The requisite of believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead must be met before anyone can start calling upon the name of the Lord for salvation. Based on Romans 10:9-10 it could be said that the condition of righteousness, or being filled with holy spirit, must be met before people can begin calling upon the name of the Lord for salvation.

Wait a minute! It says in Romans 10:9-10, "if you shall confess with the mouth." How can this be so? Two different phrases are used to describe something that results in salvation. They are "confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus," and "call upon the name of the Lord." God's word is not ambiguous. If God uses two different phrases for something that results in one thing, then the two phrases must refer to the same thing.

We haven't completely established in this study what the two phrases refer to, but we do know a few things about it. It involves the vocal use of the mouth to declare the Lord Jesus. It is calling out to be rescued in the name of our Lord

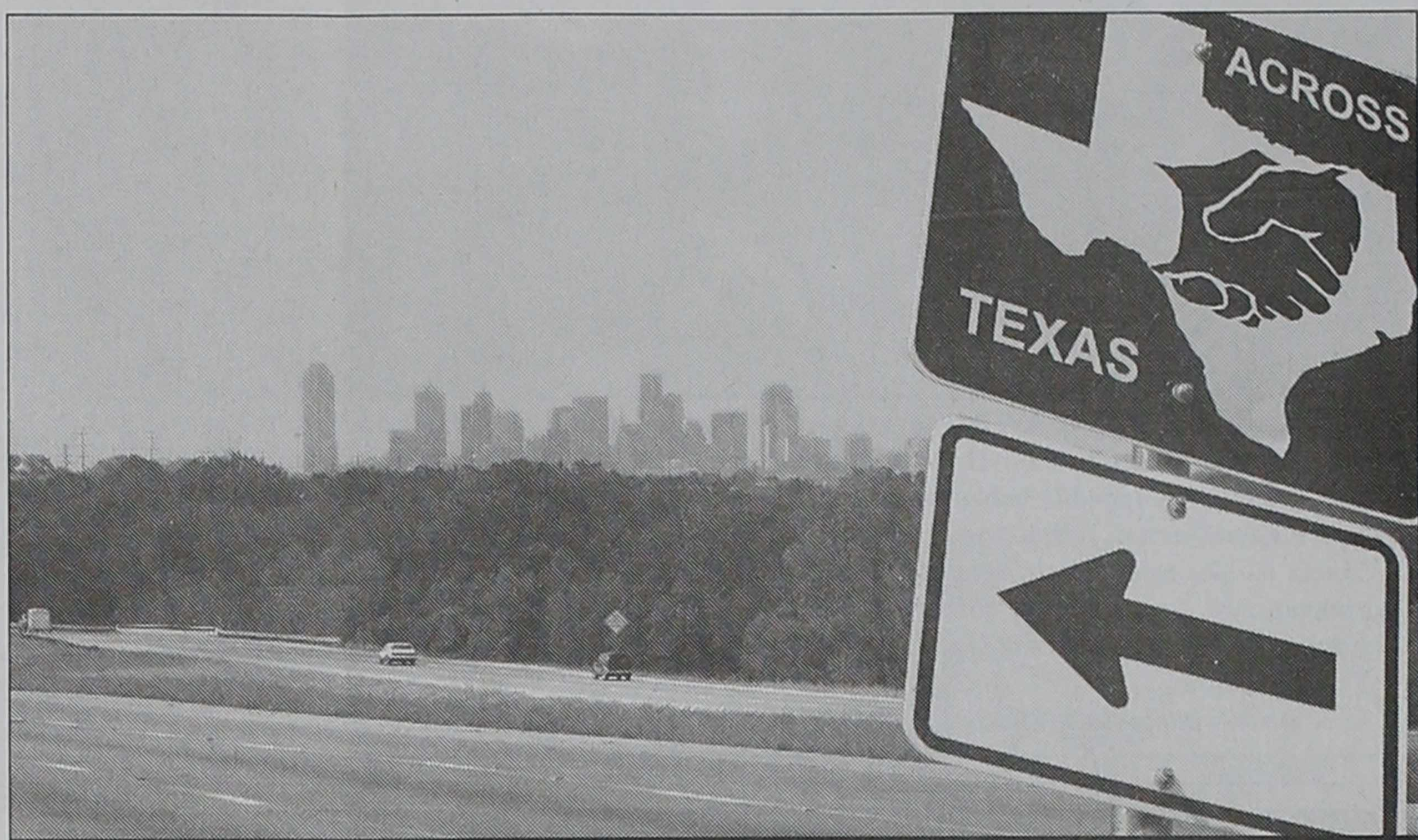
Jesus Christ. It can not occur until after people believe with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, which is unto righteousness or being filled with the spirit of God.

A study of the word "confess" leads to 1 Corinthians 12:3, "...no man speaking by the spirit of God

calls Jesus accursed. And no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." The thing that ties this verse with Romans 10:9-10 is the reference to saying that Jesus is the Lord. In essence, this phrase refers to the same thing as confessing with the mouth the Lord Jesus. The word "confess" in Romans 10:9-10 meant to declare something freely. It can refer to a mental and/or vocal confession. One exception is when

it is used with the word "mouth," in which case it would only refer to a vocal declaration.

Both phrases, to speak by the spirit of God and to say that Jesus is the Lord by the Holy Ghost refer to spoken words that are given by the spirit of God. Next week we will look at 1 Corinthians 14:1-18 which shines more light on what it means to speak with the spirit of God.



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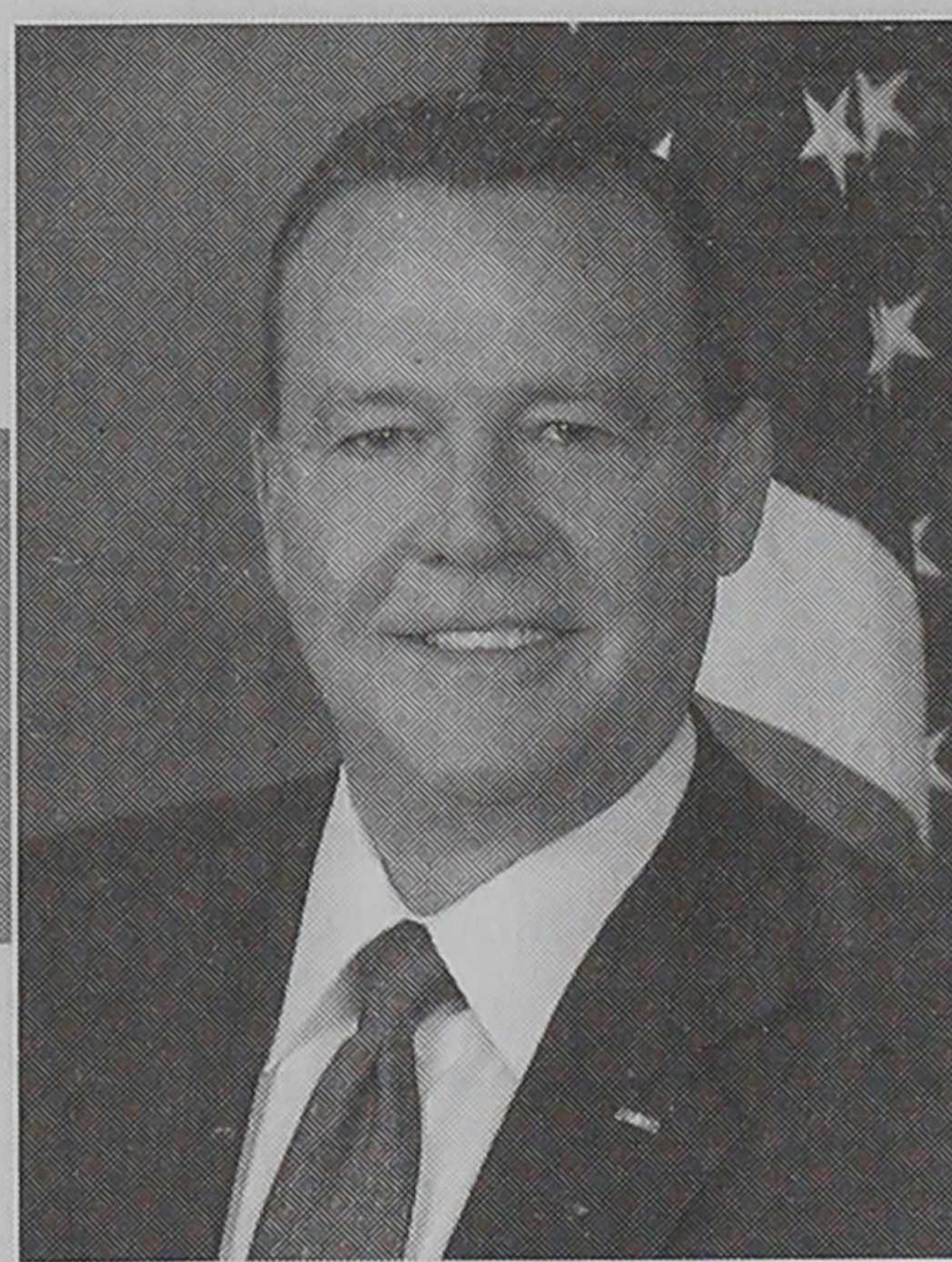
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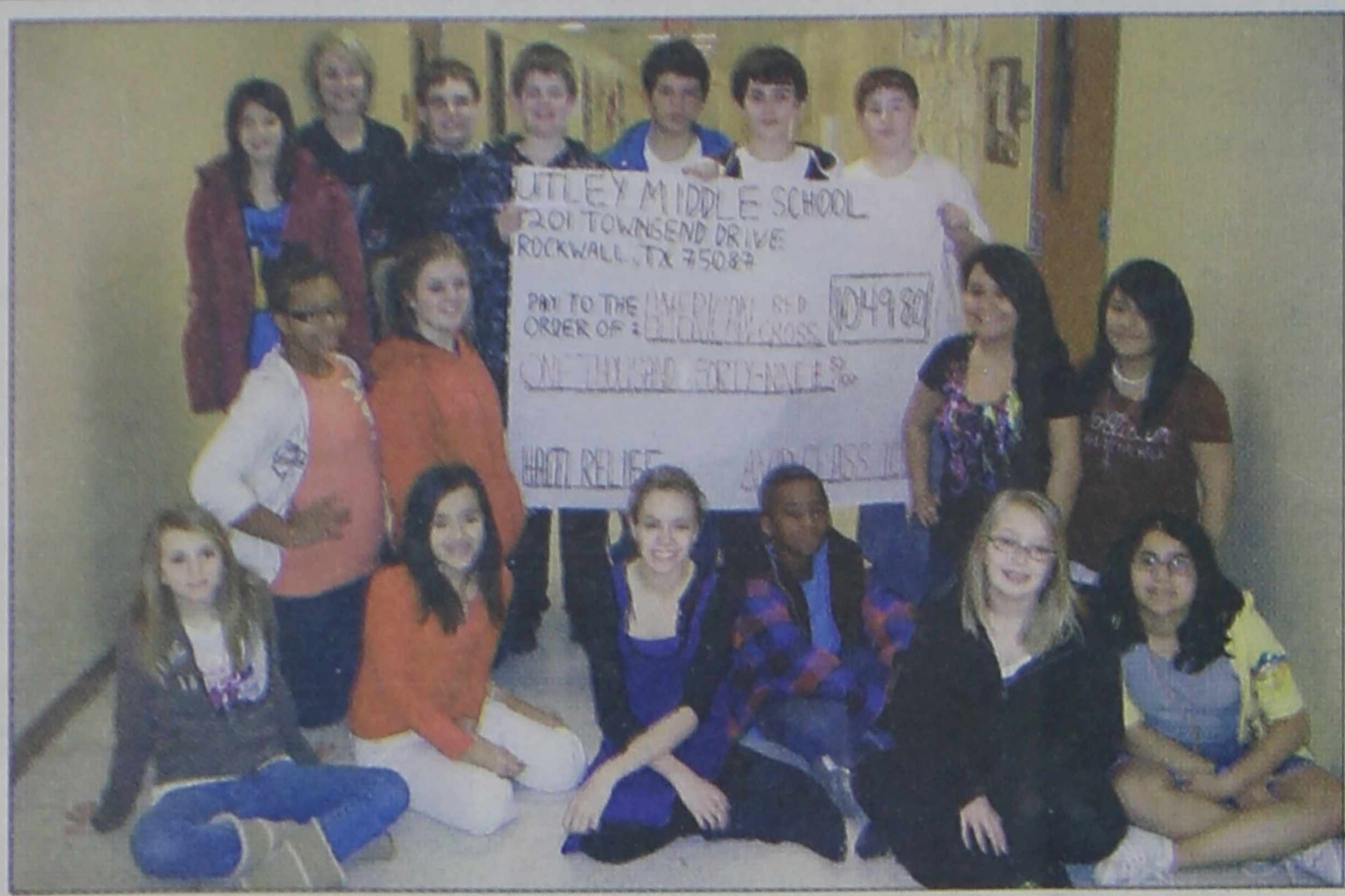
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Utley Middle School AVID students recently teamed up with a local restaurant to raise \$1,049 for the American Red Cross for Haiti earthquake relief. AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a class designed to help students prepare for and succeed in college. Pictured above are, bottom row, Kaiton Garner, Elizabeth Leyva-Valdez, Kenzie Sauters, Lekendric Carwile, Alicia Moncrief and Maria Rubio; middle row, Mariah McGraw, Skylar Boles, Alyssa Martinez and Cynthia Mendoza; and top row, from the left, Nicole Holguin, Mrs. Timmermann, Michael Chadwick, Tyler McLeod, Adrian Artiga, Kenneth Allen and William Nantz. Not pictured are Carson Hall, Adisyn Joplin and Tyler Williams.

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Art students at Celia Hays Elementary recently enjoyed Prehistoric Art Week, a multi-sensory art experience designed to expose students to some of the earth's earliest forms of art. Pictured, from the left, are Ethan Harris, Hudson Gielow, Marco Rodriguez, Justin Dower, Ashlyn Hays, Lauren Hogan, "caveman" Barrett Clark, Brandon Taylor and Clayton Miser.

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Pilot Kevin Watts recent visited with Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary fifth grade students as part of the Southwest Airlines Adopt-a-Pilot program. Watts walked to students about the importance of school and related flight activities to math, science, social studies and language arts skills. He discussed his commercial flight experience, as well as his military experiences. Pictured above with pilot are, at front, Jenna Knight and Mary Gonzalez and, at back, Dawson Alt, Dylan Strong, Dawson Michel, Ethan White and Cory Rinkevich.

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Members of the Rockwall Children's Chorus delivered singing telegrams earlier this month as part of a Valentine's Day fundraiser. Organized by Lori Ullom, the choristers traveled throughout the community Feb. 12-15 to spread joy through delivering cookies, songs and hugs. Along the way they stopped at the Rockwall Housing Authority to brighten the day of 93-year-old Cleo Holland, pictured above. She is with her are, from the left, Allie Magee, Lucy Ragsdale, Anne-Marie Thacker, Abby Lowry and Kass Turner. The group also made a stop at the Rockwall Nursing Home where they visited with residents.

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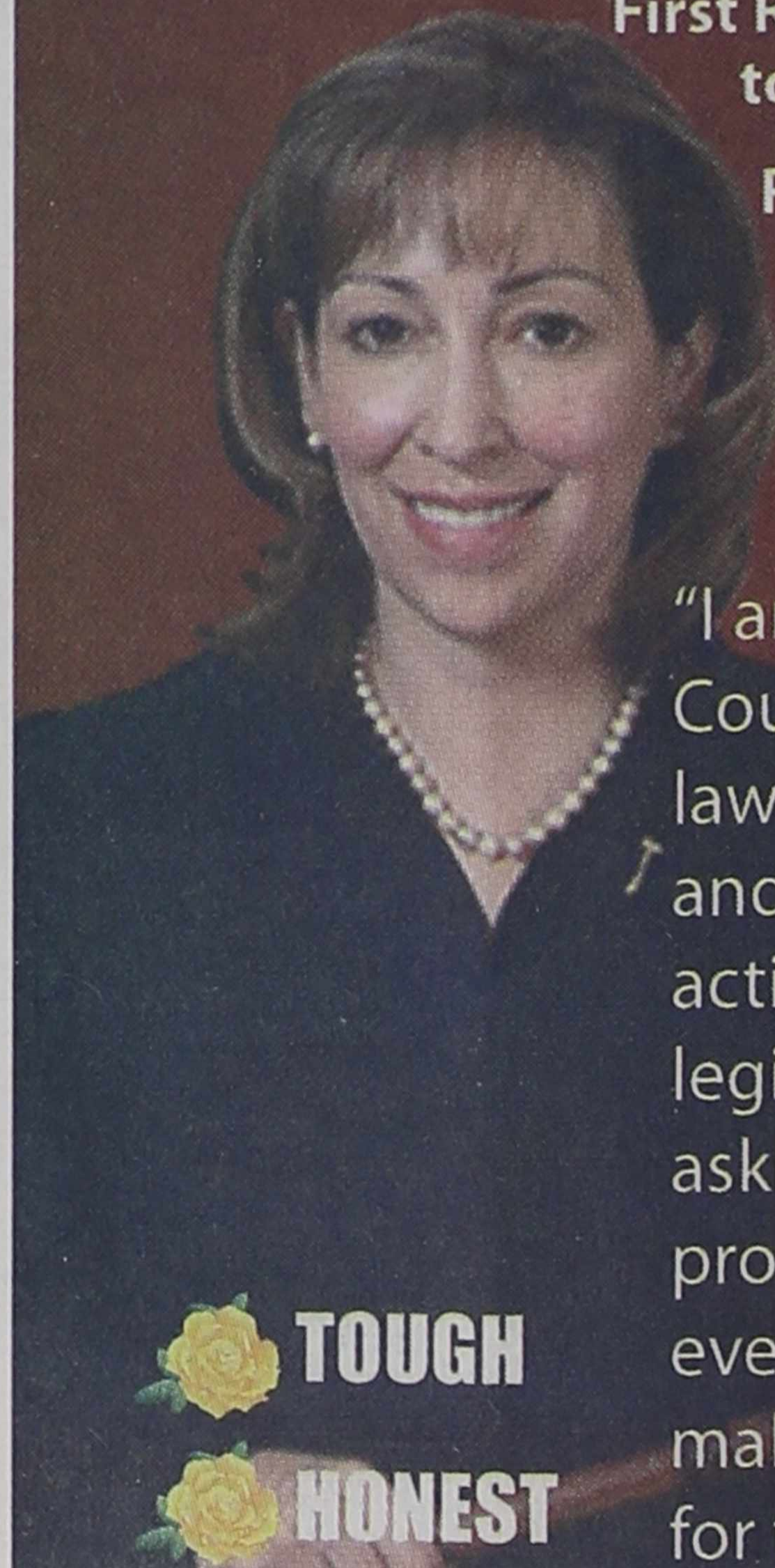
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Bernanke Has the Whole World in His Hands

by Sheldon Richman

Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke has a big task ahead of him. He must withdraw most of the \$2.2 trillion the Fed created and pumped into the system since 2007 before a monster inflation strikes and robs of us of our purchasing power. But he has to do it without sending the economy back into recession in the process.

In a nutshell is a powerful argument for abolishing the Fed and turning the monetary system over to the free market. Today our economic fate — our future — rides on the judgment essentially of one man. If he gets it wrong, we are in the soup.

Free banking is a form of central planning. To be sure, it is not the kind of wide planning that totalitarian regimes practice. But since money is the medium of every transaction in a modern economy, central monetary planning is more than a little in common with central economic planning. Through the price mechanism, money emits signals that guide investors and entrepreneurs. In a free market, which would include free banking, interest rates emerge when they express the intensity of their preference for present goods over future goods (time preference) through decisions about consumption and saving. An increase in savings and the resulting lower rates for loans tell investors and entrepreneurs that people are putting more emphasis on future rather than present consumption. Long-term projects, which won't yield consumer goods for a while, now appear worthwhile. On the other hand, when people increase their saving and shift their emphasis to present consumption, interest rates rise, telling entrepreneurs to switch from longer-term to shorter-term

investment. The market process coordinates decision-making by producers, investors, consumer/savers over time. It's not perfect, of course, and errors are possible. But what accounts for its remarkable success — when it is allowed to work — is its high degree of decentralization. The decisions of many people acting on their local and specialized knowledge drives the system. Errors, like a few drops in the ocean, are unlikely to have a big impact on the entire system. People can hedge against the misjudgments of others.

As opposed to an economy with a central bank. Everyone is at the mercy of the chairman or a small group. While the chairman of the Fed can't literally set interest rates — the international capital markets are huge and flexible — his actions can still have a huge impact on the economy. Policies to pump fiat money into the banking system can help push interest rates lower, changing the calculus of investors, entrepreneurs, and consumer/savers. Projects that are not feasible at the natural (market) rate can look attractive at a lower rate. That lower rate is the result not of real savings but rather of arbitrary fiat money. The Fed can create money out of thin air, but it cannot create real savings. Thus the seeds of boom and bust are sewn.

When the current economic debacle began, the Fed has created trillions of dollars in part by buying up banks' mortgage-backed securities that may or may not have value — the so-called toxic assets. Because of skittishness about the value of that money, most of that money has been idle. The Fed encouraged the banks to lend by paying interest on reserves kept in the banks' Fed accounts. The problem now is that if confidence increases, and banks start lending the money, a new inflationary boom will erupt. If at that point the Fed starts selling securities to sop up the money, the apparent recovery would be thwarted and the economy will return to a sticky wicket for sure.

The Fed put us in this mess, and now it has the job of getting us out unscathed. Why should anyone be confident that the Fed and his colleagues know what they need to know to pull this off? When will we finally learn that when important matters are transferred to a marketplace to government, we foolishly trust our lives to a few individuals? A false sense of security is worse than none at all.

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The Census and the Constitution

by Walter E. Williams

The Census Bureau estimates that the life cycle cost of the 2010 Census will be from \$13.7 billion to \$14.5 billion, making it the costliest census in the nation's history. Suppose you suggest to a congressman that given our budget crisis, we could save some money by dispensing with the 2010 census. I guarantee you that he'll say something along the lines that the Constitution mandates a decennial counting of the American people and he would be absolutely right. Article I, Section 2 of our constitution reads: "The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct."

What purpose did the Constitution's framers have in mind ordering an enumeration or count of the American people every 10 years? The purpose of the headcount is to apportion the number of seats in the House of Representatives and derived from that, along with two senators from each state, the number of electors to the Electoral College.

The Census Bureau tells us that this year, it will use a shorter questionnaire, consisting of only 10 questions. From what I see, only one of them serves the constitutional purpose of enumeration — namely, "How many people were living or staying at this house, apartment or mobile home on April 1, 2010?" The Census Bureau's shorter questionnaire claim is deceptive at best.

The American Community Survey, long form, that used to be sent to 1 in 6 households during the decennial count, is now being sent to many people every year. Here's a brief sample of its questions, and I want someone to tell me which question serves the constitutional function of apportioning the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives: Does this house, apartment, or mobile home have hot and cold running water, a flush toilet, a bathtub or shower, a sink with a faucet, a refrigerator, a stove? Last month, what was the cost of electricity for this house, apartment, or mobile home? How many times has this person been married?

After each question, the Bureau of the Census provides a statement of how the answer meets a federal need. I would prefer that they provide a statement of how answers to the questions meet the constitutional need as expressed in Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution.

The Census Bureau also asks questions about race, and I want to know what does my race have to do with apportioning the U.S. House of Representatives? If I'm asked about race, I might respond the way I did when filling out a military form upon landing in Inchon, Korea in 1960: I checked off Caucasian. The warrant officer who was checking forms told me that I made a mistake and should have checked off "Negro." I told him that people have the right to self-identify themselves and I'm Caucasian. The warrant officer, trying to cajole me, asked why I would check off Caucasian instead of Negro. I told him that checking off Negro would mean getting the worse job over here. I'm sure the officer changed it after I left.

Americans need to stand up to Washington's intrusion into our private lives. What business of government is the number of times a citizen has been married or what he paid for electricity last month? For those who find such intrusion acceptable, I'd ask them whether they'd also find questions of their sex lives or their marriage fidelity equally acceptable.

What to do? Unless a census taker can show me a constitutional requirement, the only information I plan to give are the number and names of the people in my household. The census taker might say, "It's the law." Thomas Jefferson said, "Whensoever the General Government (Washington) assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthorized, void, and of no force."

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He Won't Be Back

by Bill O'Reilly

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will leave office in November, but, unlike The Terminator, he will not be back.

According to a recent Field Poll, the governor's job approval rating stands at a paltry 27 percent, and 64 percent disapprove of the job he's doing. Also, 59 percent of Californians say Gov. Arnold will leave the state worse off than it was seven years ago, when then-Gov. Gray Davis was recalled, that is, directly thrown out of office by the voters.

Right now, the Golden State is spending \$20 billion a year more than it takes in. Even Lehman Brothers could predict looming bankruptcy. In fact, Schwarzenegger flat-out says the state cannot pay its bills. So it is issuing IOUs. Wouldn't you like one of those?

The primary problem out here is massive entitlement spending and out-of-control pensions and disability benefits for state employees. The unions are so strong, they can kick sand in the governor's face any time they want. The

golf courses are full of former state employees too impaired to work any longer. Thank God they have enough cash for greens fees.

In addition, elected far-left loons are running wild. In San Francisco, for example, the city now wants to spend taxpayer money on measuring how much sunlight hits city parks. I am not kidding. The environmental nuts rule, and the folks pay and pay and pay.

I believe Schwarzenegger was well-intentioned in the beginning, but the arcane system wore him down. Faced with an overwhelming Democratic presence in the state legislature, the Republican governor simply could not stop the madness.

While his charisma worked with voters, the career politicians mocked it. So he eventually folded, and the rest is history: His approval rating fell from 65 percent to below 30 percent.

A great fear is that President Obama will follow in the big guy's footsteps. The federal government now owes \$13 trillion, and if Khalid Sheikh Mohammed is tried in New York City, that could quickly add another trillion.

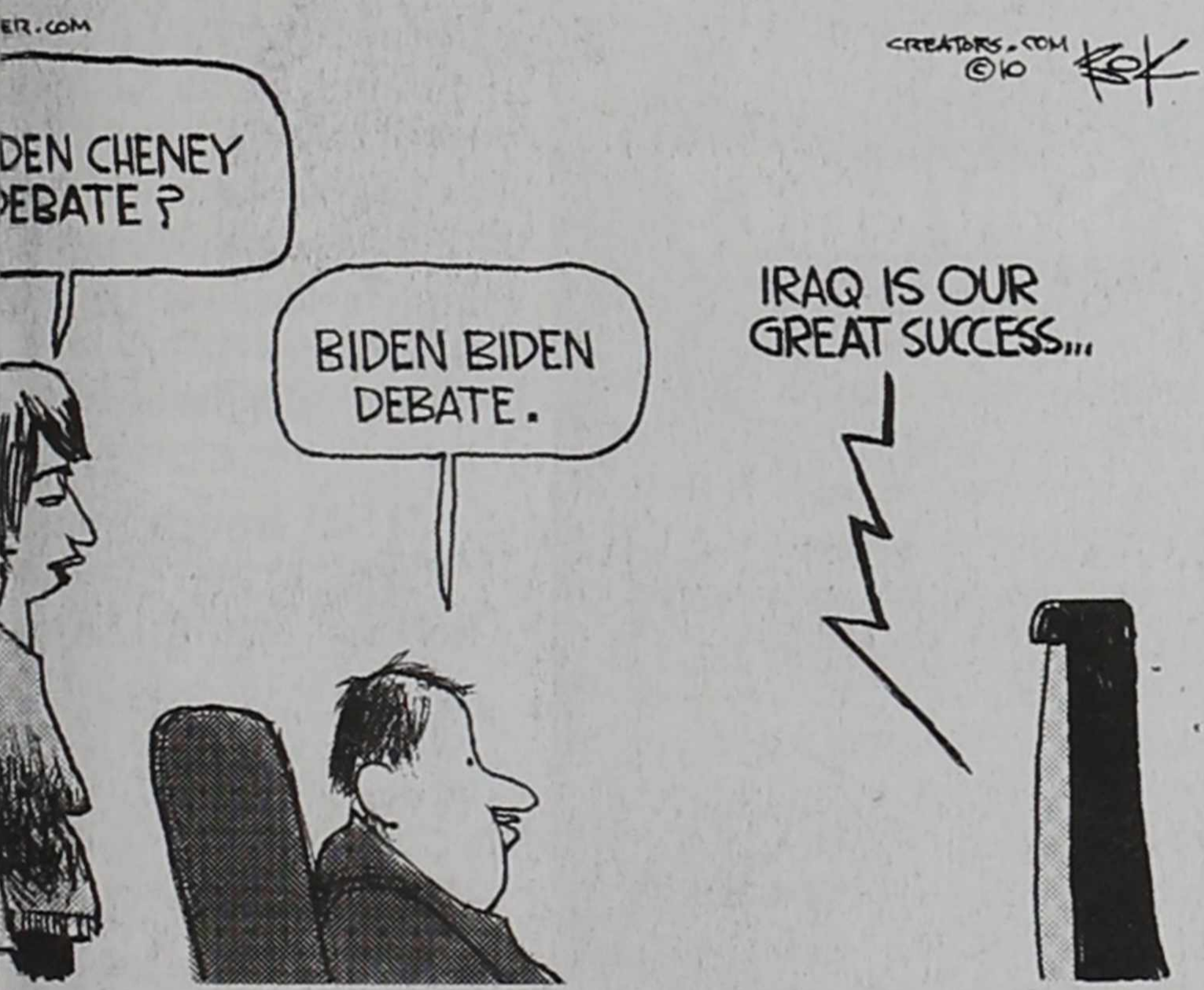
There is little fiscal discipline in Washington right now, and the president has at least three more years in office. If Obama does not rein in federal spending, the USA could very possibly experience a Greece-like economic meltdown. The president only has to look west to California to see the wreckage of poor financial management.

So the folks here in the Golden State can't get rid of Schwarzenegger fast enough. The Terminator has been terminated. A once promising charismatic outsider was elected to run the nation's largest state. Hope was in the air. But good feelings vanished as California's finances collapsed on Schwarzenegger's watch.

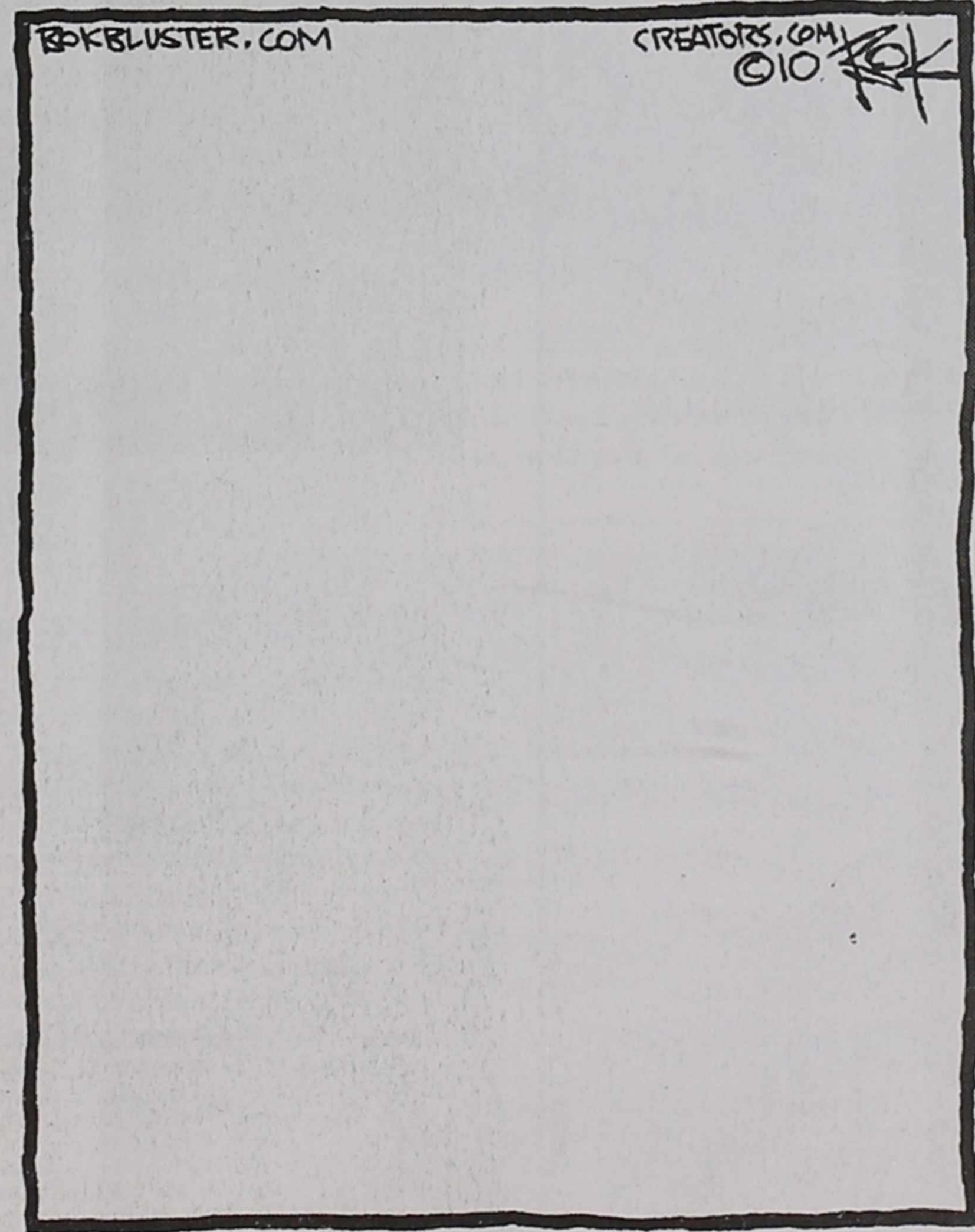
Quite the cautionary tale, isn't it?
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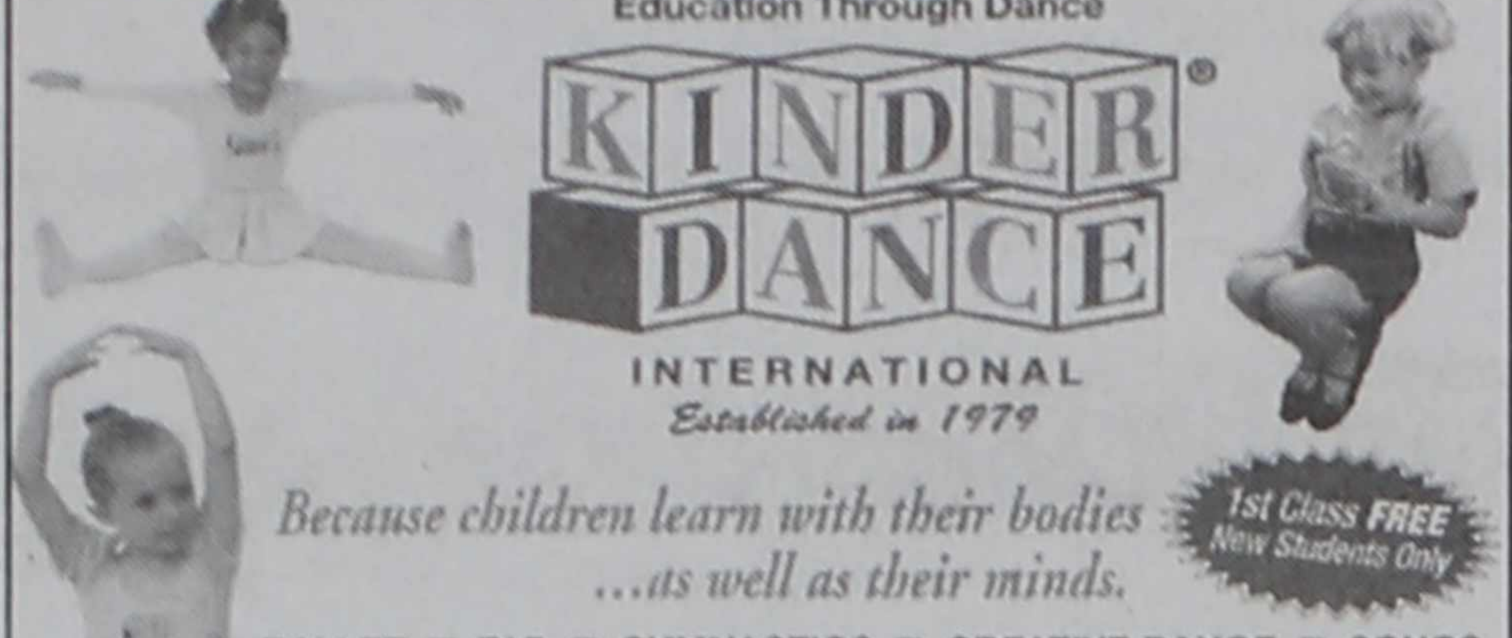
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"We're voting for Cathy Penn!" for Justice of the Peace, Pct 2&3

I want to tell everyone that I support Cathy Penn for Justice of the Peace in precincts 2 & 3. I met Cathy Penn when she was an Assistant DA for Rockwall County and I was the victim in a criminal case. Cathy, along with other DA staff, made sure that my rights as a victim were protected throughout the case.

Leslie Cavanaugh Bird

I urge everyone to look closely and objectively at the qualifications of candidates for elective public office. In the Justice of the Peace race for precincts 2 and 3, only one candidate is a licensed attorney, a former 11+ year prosecutor and experienced municipal court judge—Cathy Penn. As a law enforcement officer and citizen, I will have greater confidence in search and arrest warrants issued by Cathy Penn, an experienced and qualified judge.

Vincent G. Zubras, Jr.

As a Rockwall County citizen, I will look at the education and work background before I decide who I think should be "hired" for these elected positions. I will vote for Cathy Penn because she is an attorney, she is an experienced judge and she has over 14 years experience in the courtroom. We are fortunate to have such a superbly qualified candidate for this judicial position.

Robin Adams

I have observed Judge Cathy Penn in the courtroom patiently explain the law in understandable language to those without lawyers and rule fairly on several difficult cases. Judge Penn obviously has extensive knowledge of the judicial process and the law. Cathy Penn has the qualifications and background that our citizens should expect of the Justice of the Peace.

Michelle Gross


I first met Cathy Penn when she was responsible for protective orders, child protection cases, juvenile cases, and the justice of the peace courts, among her other duties as a Rockwall County prosecutor. As an attorney and a citizen of Rockwall County, we are fortunate to have a candidate for this judicial position who is a lawyer, who has relevant work experience, and who is dedicated to helping those in need. Please join me and vote for Cathy Penn for Justice of the Peace in precincts 2&3.

Pamela Miley

While serving as a juror in Judge Penn's court, I was impressed with how Judge Penn managed the courtroom with professionalism, efficiency and order and made sure the trial was fair to the defendant. Since the State has an attorney, I believe that it is important to have a judge that is an attorney as well to protect the rights of the defendants. I am proud to support Cathy Penn as I know she will perform the job with fairness and integrity.

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City; or the Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence, Heath, according to Rockwall County election officials.

Today's early voting will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voting hours on March 2 election day are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The following is a list of precincts and voting locations provided by Glenda Denton, elections administrator:

- Precinct #1 – Reinhardt Elementary, 615 Highland Drive, Rockwall
- Precinct #1A – Lake Pointe Medical Center, 6800 Scenic Drive, Rowlett
- Precinct #1B – Ridgeview Church, 1362 E. FM 552, Rockwall
- Precinct #1C – Nebbie Williams Elementary, 350 Dalton Road, Rockwall
- Precinct #2 – Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence, Heath
- Precinct #2A – Lake Pointe Church, 701 E. I-30, Rockwall
- Precinct #2B – Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary, 5701 Scenic

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

The Fulton School questions water tower placement

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to City of Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe concerning The Fulton School opposition to the city's plans for a water tower.

Dear Mayor Ratcliffe,
"Do what's best for the child." These are the guiding words given to The Fulton School by Dr. Bernard Fulton. Our school was named after the late Dr. Fulton, who dedicated his life to educating children and was nationally recognized for his accomplishments. The Board, the Administration, and the Faculty of the school use this advice whenever we approach a decision concerning our students. This is the reason that over the last seven years, representatives from our school have spent numerous hours and significant resources working with the city officials to reach a mutually beneficial solution for the best location of the water tower. In responding to your letter of February 16, 2010, I reached again for his words. "Do what's best for the child." If building the water tower in the middle of a playground is best for the children of Heath who attend The Fulton School, then I would be writing a very different letter. But it's not best. It's not right. And it's not safe.

Our concern is for the safety and security of our students and the families who attend The Fulton School. I do not feel that this concern has ever been adequately addressed. Has the City Council discussed the potential danger to the children? Have the members of the City Council visited our campus and walked through our playground to fully understand the potential dangers? The construction of the water tower on the proposed site would endanger our students with the ingress and egress of heavy equipment through our students' playground, as well as with the number of workers that would

have access to our school grounds. It is the strict policy of The Fulton School to control access to the grounds. Any personnel that have uncontrolled access to the grounds must have a background check for criminal and/or deviant behavior. Anyone that fails these checks is denied access to the grounds. If the City Council ignores the previous commitments and proceeds with this construction on our site, it is incumbent on the City of Heath to fulfill the minimum safety standards for our children and perform these checks at no cost to The Fulton School. Is the City of Heath ready and willing to meet the minimum safety standards for our children? How will the City of Heath guarantee the safety of the children of Heath citizens who have chosen to send their children to The Fulton School?

The concerns for safety during construction must be addressed, but the parents and the Board have

- Drive, Rowlett
- Precinct #3 – Chisholm Baptist Church, 1388 Hwy. 205, Rockwall
- Precinct #3A – Amanda Rochell Elementary, 899 Rochell Court, Rockwall
- Precinct #3B – City Municipal Court Building, 205 W. St., Rockwall
- Precinct #3C – Pullen Elementary, 6492 FM 3097, Rockwall
- Precinct #4 – Roysse City City Hall, 305 N. Arch St., Rockwall
- Precinct #4A – Fate Community Center, 104 S. W.E. Crawford St., Fate
- Precinct #4B – Rockwall ISD Administration Building, Williams, Rockwall
- Precinct #4C – Rockwall Fire Station No. 1, 305 E. Boydston, Rockwall
- Precinct #4D – Dorris Jones Elementary, 2051 Trail Glen, Rockwall

Sample ballots for Tuesday's primary election are available at www.rockwallcountytexas.com

concerns for the long range plans for the school as well. The construction easement necessary to build such a mammoth tower will intrude into our playground and our football field, rendering both unusable. Fencing of this easement will split our campus in half, preventing our students access from one side of the campus to the other and severely limiting expansion of our facilities. Our property value will be decreased by the placement of the tower in the center of our campus. If the City of Heath owned this property, would the City Council vote to put the water tower on this proposed location?

As a parent yourself, I hope you can imagine that the parents of our students are very upset and have a number of concerns. I requested in written form (by email and standard mail) that the parents of our students be placed on the agenda for the city council meeting on March 2nd. On February 2nd, in our meeting with the city representatives, with attorneys present, we were told the parents had been given a place on the agenda. (To clarify, this request is for the parents who live in Heath to speak, not the Board of the school to speak.) When I emailed Mrs. Dobbs for written confirmation, I was informed the parents had been taken off the agenda. Our parents who live in Heath want to express their concerns directly to their elected officials. They would like to hear the council's reasoning for this decision which will so drastically impact the safety, well being, and daily lives

of their children, as well as of arding the long range plan school they love. Why wo members of the City Coun want to hear the concerns, th and feelings of their consti I am requesting that you giv a place on the agenda for the 2nd meeting.

As you know, The Fulton has submitted proposals in ti providing alternatives for th tion of the water tower. We received a formal response to proposals, so I am unclear a the reasons why these pro weren't discussed with us in depth. I have heard that the financial barriers to these p als. I hope that money is no important than the safety o dren. I would hope that the Heath would want to work v to find a fiscally responsible solution to this problem. I w cited by Mr. Thatcher's con creative thinking as he pr another site on Laurence Di Hillview, which he said wou the city a considerable am construction costs and wot a more palatable location f school. In fact, Mr. Farah estimated the cost of laying th at \$10,000/ft. Given that th run is approximately 280 fee would equate to a savings f city of 2.8 million dollars! was the City Council's respo Mr. Thatcher's recommend. What other alternatives hav Council investigated? We ar to discussing any options o posals that the city might off

Although your letter state the Council is not inclined consider its decision, we all that a good decision will a hold up under scrutiny. Wit in mind, the Board of Dir of the Fulton School respec requests that the Council rec ers its decision. We ask you what's best and right for the dren.

Sincerely,
Mary Crutchfield, M.D.
Chair, Board of Directors
The Fulton School

WTAMU honors

Dale R. Waite of Rock has been named to the D Honor List at West Texas University for the fall 2009 semester. Waite was one of 739 students earning the honors, maintaining a minimum of 3.50 and 3.99, earning a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Waite is freshman biology major.

TSU honor student

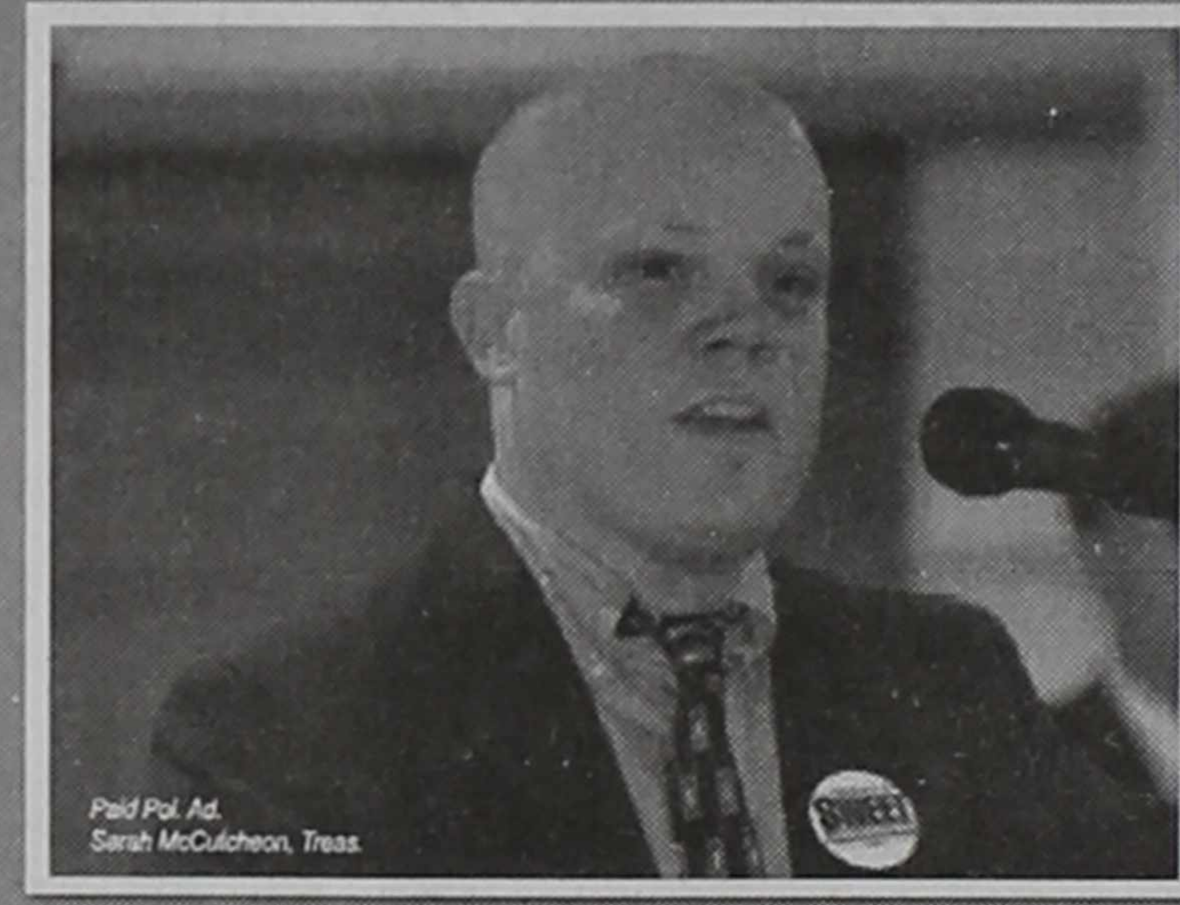
Lauren M. Stiegelmar Rockwall earned Dean's List recognition at Texas State University San Marcos for the fall 2009 semester. Earning the honor requires a GPA of 3.5 and complete at 12 semester hours.

UNT President's List

Lindsey Tell, a Rockwall School 2005 graduate, earned President's List honors at University of North Texas Denton for the fall 2009 semester. She maintained a 4.0 point average. She will graduate in December 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and plan to enter Master's degree in Sociology in January 2011.

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Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center

"It was a miracle"

That's the way Linda Jefferson describes her near-death experience in Galveston with her 81 year old mother. On the weekend trip to Galveston, Linda woke up the day after arriving with severe back pains. "I couldn't move, the pain was excruciating." She was admitted to University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston Hospital where she was diagnosed with kidney failure. While in ICU, hospital staff informed her mother about the seriousness of Linda's condition, not expecting her to live.

"I remained in a semi-conscious state for several days," Linda explained. "I was still in pain and couldn't walk or do anything for myself." After 10 days she was ready to be released from the hospital, with recommendations to

seek help in a rehabilitation facility to help her regain strength and be able to walk again. "I wanted to be close to home, so I told them to take me to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda said. "I was unable to make the trip back by car, so it was a seven hour ambulance ride to Royse City."

"I was at an all time low," she added, "but in a few days I slowly came out of that state, because the staff was so attentive and caring. They literally saved my life! I couldn't do anything by myself upon arrival, but every day got just a little bit better. They just kept encouraging me."

Linda is at home now, and returns to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center once a week as a volunteer. "I made some good friends there," she said, "and I enjoy calling bingo, it's a wonderful outing for me and I get to see my friends again."

"If you need special attention, I can tell you that you'll get the very best personal care at Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda concluded.



Linda Jefferson with Cherise Wright, O.T. (left) and Pam Ragsdill, P.T. (right)

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Elle Baumber and Meredith Almy Blake are shown experimenting with "mystery chemicals" as part of the Parks Elementary School's annual Science Night event, Feb. 16. More than 28 stations were set up for the event, with each focusing on a specific scientific principle. Students rotated through as many stations as they wished while student and parent volunteers and teachers assisted. One of the evening's highlights was a huge planetarium that required viewers to crawl through a tunnel in order to see the constellations.

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Pictured Ruth Peck, Carolyn Duckworth and Carolyn Francisco, hostesses for the February meeting of the Friday Study Club. Presenting the program were Claudette Hatfield and Barbara Coleson, Friends of Downtown Rockwall, and Bethany Golden, Rockwall Main Street USA manager. The presentation included an overview of activities scheduled to take place on and near the Rockwall Downtown Square. Activities include Farmers Market, Aspasians Arts & Crafts Fair, Sip & Stroll Wine Tasting, Dog Days of Summer, Rockwall Rib Rub, Scare on the Square and 'Tis Christmas Time. The meeting was conducted in Duckworth's home.

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Rockwall High's AP art students recently toured SMU's Meadows Museum. The tour included early printing samples of Gutenberg Bible pages, an art history lecture by a SMU professor, masterworks by Spanish artists Murillo, Rivera and Picasso and commentary by master teachers Anne Foster and Michelle Pauken. Pictured from the left are Shannon Krikorian, Jack Eidson, Foster, Payton Larman, Sena Jenkins, Quade McKenzie, Mark Nelson, Nick Benke, Darian Moseley, Reem Abdulzarik, Megha Chhi, Whitney Norris, Drew Bryson and Pauken.

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 314 collected canned goods during their annual Scouting 4 Food service project conducted Feb. 20. More than 1,250 cans were collected and donated to the Helping Hands Food Bank. Pictured above with the collected items are, top row, Karstin Steinmeyer, Lawson Hobbs, Greg Schmeemann, Malachi Morrell, Zack Thacker, Ethan Smith, Matt Graves and Anthony Schmeemann, and bottom row, Mark Whitten, Logan Jones, Nigel McGregor, Josh Roland, Hamrick Morgan, Will Wilcoxson, Jacob Hogue and Jeremy Bayliss. Troop members are from Heath and Rockwall.

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Commissioners Court handles routine matters

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court conducted its bi-weekly meeting Tuesday at the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse. County Executive Chris Florance presided and all four commissioners were in attendance.

With the current board nearing the end of its term and having addressed major issues in prior sessions, this particular meeting was much more of a housekeeping session to clear out a range of minor issues. They were as follows:

- Discuss/Act on Identity Theft Prevention and Training—tabled to seek input from County Human Resource Office;
- Discuss/Act on approving Lisa Constant as signatory on the County's Mutual Government Investment Pool—Passed
- Discuss/Act on County Library Meeting Room Policy—Passed
- Discuss/Act on County Library Examination Proctoring Policy—Passed
- Discuss/Act on Approving a maintenance agreement ending 9/30/11 for TFE Connect for additional routers for the county networking system at a cost of \$4,481.06—Passed
- Discuss/Act on approving an Insured Cash Shelter Account through First National Equity Corporation to improve yield and protection of invested funds—Passed
- Discuss/Act on renewing a maintenance agreement for a six month period, 3/1/10-8/31/10 with Avian Flyaway Inc for migratory bird removal services at the historic Courthouse at a cost of \$7,900—Passed
- Discuss/Act on approving an interlocal agreement with the City of Rockwall for tree and shrub maintenance to city-owned right of ways when led to be performed by the County Road and Bridge Department at an upon cost and available schedule—Passed
- Discuss/Act on approving an agreement with National CineMedia for a public service announcement for the Rockwall County Emergency Management Department in the amount of \$3,905 to be paid from the CRI Fund—Passed
- Discuss/Act on Rockwall County Veterans Memorial—No New Activity
- Discuss/Act on roads and bond issues—No New Activity
- Discuss/Act on 2010 Census—No New Activity
- Discuss/Act on County space issues—No New Activity
- Discuss/Act on new courthouse architectural/construction management/contract orders—No New Activity
- Consent Agenda—five minor items either accepted or approved
- Property Acquisitions/Dispositions—None
- Non-Emergency Budget Transfers—Approved
- Approval of Accounts, Bills, Claims and Payrolls—Approved

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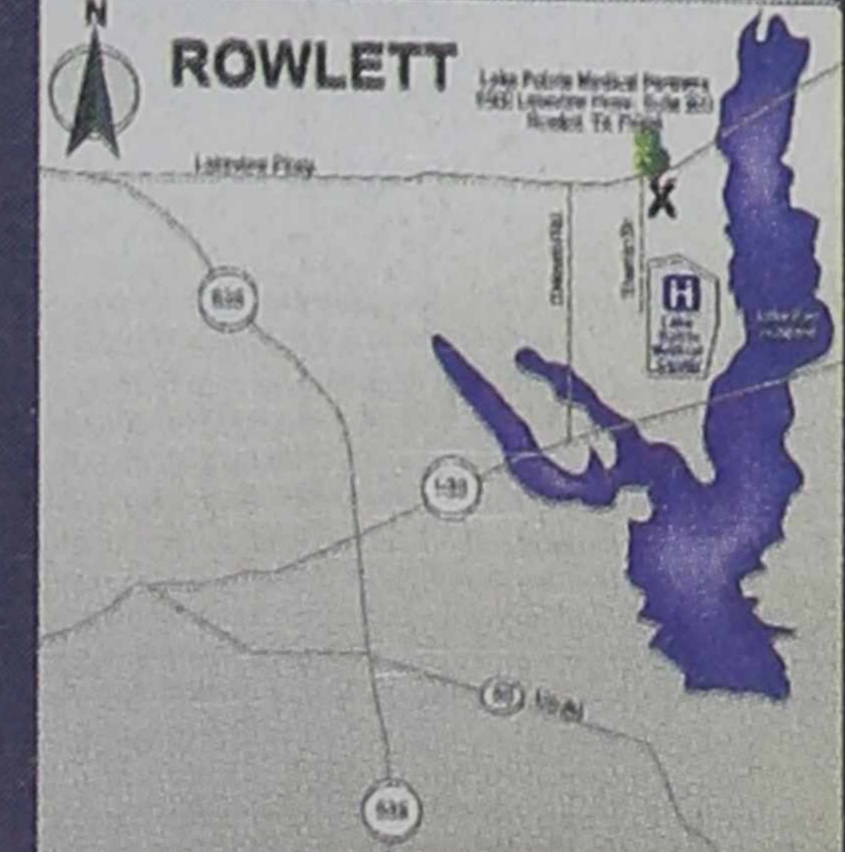
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Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors' Alan B takes them to state semifinal

By Bump
The first half was all about offense, but defense ruled the final 16 minutes of Friday's TAPPS 2A regional boys' basketball championship Saturday at Fort Worth Nolan Catholic. They will play TAPPS 7-2A at Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills, which upset Cedar Park Summit 65-63 in another regional final.

Rockwall Christian Academy's defense that broke loose from a narrow halftime lead to cool off Temple Central Texas Christian for an early victory. The Warriors' 15th consecutive win put them into a state semifinal Friday afternoon at Fort Worth Nolan Catholic. They will play TAPPS 7-2A at Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills, which upset Cedar Park Summit 65-63 in another regional final.

Rockwall didn't win using its usual aggressive defense pressuring the ball. "Everything we talked about all week went completely down the drain," said head coach Ryan Hankins. "Usually when you play against a team that's good on-the-ball defense works."

Rockwall Christian's defense did produce seven first-half turnovers, but really worked. Unofficial statistics showed the Lions making 17 of 25 goal attempts (52 per cent). Included were seven 3-pointers, five in the second quarter when Central Texas cut a 12-point deficit to 15-27.

Hankins said, "As the game wore on, we switched to a 3-2 zone. It didn't work, but they were swinging the ball on the perimeter to get off picks."

Rockwall's result was just 27 points in the second half on 37 per cent shooting (7-19) and just three 3-pointers.

Rockwall's offense fell off somewhat, but still produced 39 points. The Warriors had a season-high 86 points and continued a playoff run when they defeated three opponents by an average score of 81-54.

Rockwall's fast-paced offense also might have tired Central Texas and led to the sluggish second half.

At the same time, seven players from the two teams already had reached double-digit scoring. Raymon Stewart had scored 11 of RCA's first 21 points and led Rockwall Christian to a 26-19 lead into the second quarter. He led Rockwall Christian to 11 points in the first half and 25 for the game.

Stewart had a huge game. He has only been averaging about nine points per game, Hankins said.

Stewart used just six players, and went to the bench for Aaron Eastin only once. Charlie Wilson and Sherman Peoples had some early foul trouble and limped off late. Eastin contributed two points, five rebounds and one assist.

Hankins said, "We got a huge game out of Aaron. He came in and really hustled and did a good job of keeping the floor spread."

There is no doubt my guys' heart and they never get tired," Hankins said. "The Warriors will be going up against a tall opponent that has won its last three games by an average margin of 70-46. Kerrville (25-4) is riding a 10-game winning streak."

Rockwall's Hawks could cause problems up front for RCA with 6'6" senior

Austin Reyes and 6'3" sophomore David Tilley. They are Our Lady of the Hills' statistical leaders. Reyes has team highs of 18 points, 15.2 rebounds and three blocked shots per game. Swingman Tilley has 13.2 points and 3.3 steals per game.

Reyes had 26 points and 18 rebounds against Summit Christian. The winner will advance to the TAPPS 2A final at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mansfield Legacy High School against the winner of Friday's other semifinal between Kingwood Northeast Christian (28-7) and DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal (29-5).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	26	21	18	21	86
CTCS	19	27	13	14	73

Saturday at Plano John Paul II

Rockwall Christian (24-5): Raymon Stewart 25, Charlie Wilson 21, Stephan Turner 19, Elvis Below 15, Sherman Peoples 4, Aaron Eastin 2.

Temple Central Texas Christian School (20-10): Jonathan Sulak 23, David Crittenden 22, Scott Rizvi 13, Kevin Morales 11, Jordan Togami 3, Matt Clark 1.



Warriors' Sherman Peoples (11) and Charlie Wilson (22) defends against CTCS's David Crittenden (12) attempt to make a pass. Assisting at back is Aaron Eastin (3). Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Wakeland ends Lady Jackets' season at 33-5

By Bump
The last eight games came down to the wire, but the Rockwall girls' basketball team ended its season with a 33-5 record.

Rockwall broke a tie with four wins to take a 55-51 victory at Wakeland High School in a regional final game that ended the Lady Jackets' season.

It was a series of unfortunate events that happened very quickly," said head coach Jill McDill.

Specifically, the Lady Wolverines' Jackie Patterson missed a shot that would have tied the game.

Rockwall's Alyssa Lang was called foul. With the clock at 17:80, McDill called timeout.

Rockwall returned to the floor and shot to give her a 6-for-10 shooting night. She told the Morning News she couldn't believe a game when she had 11 of her foul shots.

Rockwall still had a chance to win, but Wakeland pressing, Haley Criner jumped to intercept a pass.

The Lady Jackets fell to the 33-5 record. A game called time out with 3:66 left. Rockwall rolled the ball to Peyton Adamson, whose long-range 3-point attempt expired as time expired.

McDill said, "I really thought we were going to win. When we were down seven, when we were down seven, when we were down seven, I thought we'd come back. I thought when it was tied, I thought we'd come back."

Wakeland almost had let point fourth-quarter lead get before hanging on to defeat Lincoln 49-48 in the Area Friday, Feb. 19.

Wakeland's lead again was nine when Jackie Patterson capped a run with two foul shots for a 33-5 advantage 3 minutes, 17 seconds into the third quarter.

Wakeland rallied with its own 8-0 run to its largest lead of the game, on Adamson's 3-point shot 58 to play. The Lady Jackets' lead was 51-50 when Kayla Smith made one of two foul shots 24 left.

Wakeland tied the game by hitting the first one-and-one foul-shooting attempt with 1:49 remaining. It was that way until the fatal final shot.

At the game, McDill, the mother of three sons, consoled her other

family, the players who all seemed to take personal responsibility for the loss.

Two areas of strength worked against the Lady Jackets in the game.

They had made 51 of 63 fouls shots (81 per cent) in their first two playoff games, but were just 15-for-22 (68 per cent) against Wakeland.

The Lady Wolverines were only slightly better (11-for-16), but went 5-for-6 when it really counted in the fourth quarter.

Rockwall's defense also wasn't as sound as it has been most of the season. Where McKinney had run up 76 points in the Bi-District round in part by attacking with straight-away 3-point shots, fellow District 9-4A member Wakeland spread out the Lady Jackets trying to stop 3-pointers. Junior Haley Texada and her freshman sister, Kindell Texada, each hit two treys on the way to a 29-25 halftime lead.

When Aimee Coleman wasn't in the game to stop Haley Texada, she drove into the lane to score. Fourteen of her 20 points were from inside the lane.

The Lady Wolverines, with 6'0" Jackie Patterson and her 5'11" twin sister, Jasmine Patterson, controlling the inside, outnumbered and outrebounced RHS.

McDill seemed embarrassed while accepting praise from Chris Adamson, Dana's father: "She coached them way up. She's the best coach in the state." The coach offered a list of positives from this season.

"I'm really proud of our seniors, Aimee and Vertashia (Dean) and certainly Peyton," McDill said.

Dean stepped up in the second half to score eight of her nine points. Adamson's game-high 25 points gave the Lady Jackets' all-time scoring leader an RHS-record 1,105 points this season.

McDill continued, "I'm very proud. This team really bonded. I knew we'd have a good year, but 33-5 was really remarkable. That's the third-best record in our history and the best outside of the years that we went to Austin (for the state championship). To be ranked third in the state for a long time ... I'm proud of the way we fought the whole game tonight."

Rockwall's 6-footer, sophomore

center Alyssa Lang, and the 5'8" Dean had to battle the Patterson twins. Lang played with a shiner under her left eye, the result of a collision chasing a loose ball during the 67-38 Area-round victory over Dallas Samuell Friday, Feb. 19.

Lang had 18 points, 15 rebounds and five blocked shots in that game. As she limped out of the gym at Garland Lakeview Centennial with an ice pack on her bruised right knee, she said, "The playoffs mean everything to me. I want to go out and win for these seniors so bad. I'll be ready to play"

What about her injuries? "You should see the other person."

Now it's the Lady Wolverines who will be moving on to the Region II tournament and knowing they have been in a battle.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Samuell	8	9	11	10	38
RHS	18	8	22	19	67

Friday, Feb. 19, at Lakeview Centennial

Dallas Samuell (18-12): Kelsey Criner 14, Raqualla McAdams 12, Katora Criner 4, Ashley Williams 4, Sarenate Estelle 2, Chelsea Griggs 2.

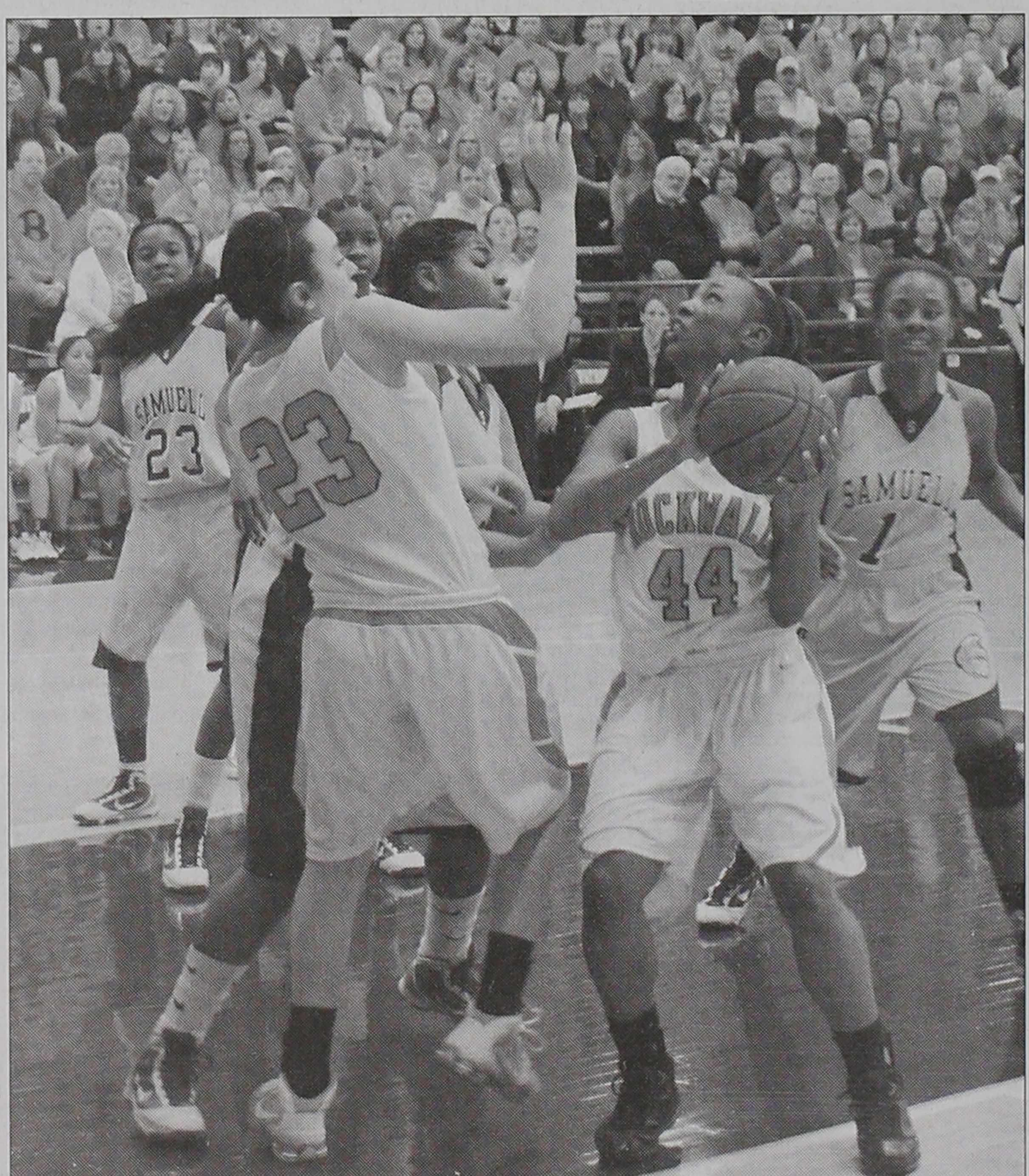
Rockwall (33-4): Peyton Adamson 35, Alyssa Lang 18, Aimee Coleman 7, Kayla Smith 3, Bre Castille 2, Vertashia Dean 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Wakeland	16	13	13	13	55
RHS	14	11	12	14	51

Tuesday at Allen

Frisco Wakeland (27-6): Haley Texada 22, Jackie Patterson 14, Kindell Texada 12, Jasmine Patterson 6, Faith Hunt 1.

Rockwall (33-5): Peyton Adamson 25, Alyssa Lang 10, Vertashia Dean 9, Caitlin White 4, Kayla Smith 3.



Lady Jackets' Vertashia Dean (44) starts up for two points as teammate Bre Castille (23) assists during last Friday's Area playoff 67-38 victory against Samuell at Sachse High School. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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Benefit playoff preview set this weekend

The 3rd Annual Ernie Wilson Playoff Preview, hosted by Royse City High, will take place today and Saturday and feature teams vying for a shot at the 2010 Texas High School Basketball Championships. Two games – Wills Point vs. Highland Park at 6:30 p.m. and Plano West and Carrollton Newman Smith at 8 p.m. – are set for tonight. Saturday's games include Boles-Roxton, Caddo Mills-Miller Grove, Frisco-Tatum and Wolfe City-Itasca. Admission will be \$5, which is good for the entire day. Proceeds will go to the Ernie Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund, which benefits local student-athletes. For more details visit commerceref.com.

Memorial basketball tourney planned

The 4th Annual Cameron Echols Memorial Basketball Tournament is set for Saturday at the Rockwall YMCA and Williams Middle School. The event honors Echols, a WMS student who, after playing in a league basketball game, collapsed and died. The tourney will raise funds for the YMCA's Partners Campaign and include several youth divisions as well as adult divisions for men, women and co-ed teams. Registration forms are available at the YMCA; entry fee is \$25 per player. For details contact Gina Lancaster, 972-772-9622, or e-mail glancaster@ymcdallas.org.

Disc golf event to boost Helping Hands

The Rockwall Disc Golf Association will host a Saturday tournament at Myers Park to benefit Rockwall County Helping Hands. The "Not-so-Sub-Zero Shootout" tournament will feature two divisions, and each player will receive a tournament-stamped disc and a T-shirt. Anyone interested should visit rockwalldga.com/icebowl. Players and attendees are asked to bring canned food for the agency's pantry.

Tennis Night in America set Saturday

Tennis Night in America will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the RHHS tennis courts. Admission will be free. Parents, youths, coaches and pros are invited to participate. Activities and games will be organized on different courts for different age groups, and parents can learn more about local tennis. For details about the local event, visit rockwalltennisunlimited.com. For details about the national event go to tennisnight.com.

RCYC Frostbite Regatta nears

The RCYC Frostbite Regatta will take place March 6. To register online visit rcyc.org/frostbite.

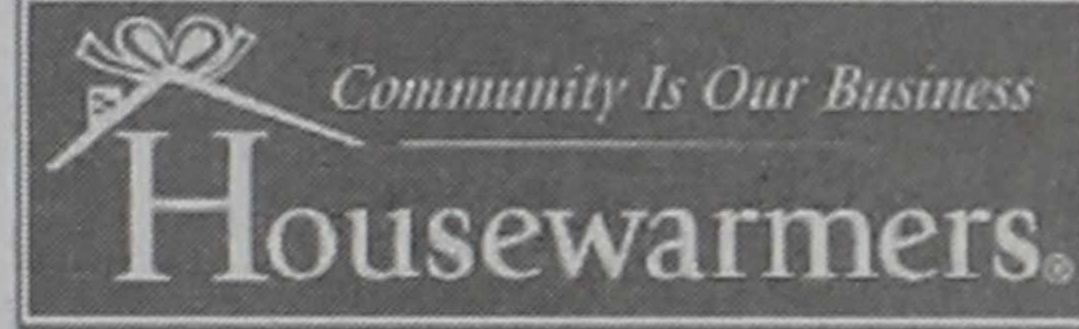
Junior Olympics Skill contest slated

A free national skills participation program, the Junior Olympics Skills Competition, will begin at 10 a.m. March 6 in the RISD Ed. Center gym. Open to boys and girls ages 8 to 13, the competition will allow young athletes to showcase their abilities in four sports: basketball, soccer, tennis and track and field (may participate in any or all). Participants must provide copies of their birth certificates. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Poker Run to benefit local Relay For Life

The March 27 Poker Run, slated to begin at 11 a.m. at Rockwall Honda Yamaha, will benefit the Rockwall County Relay For Life. *continued on page 13*

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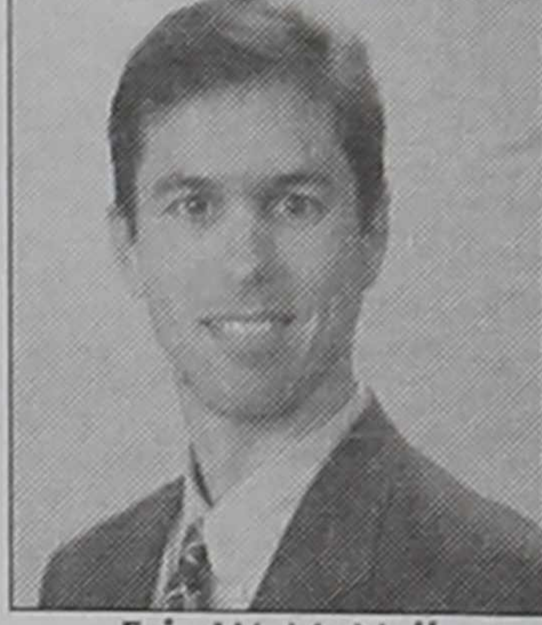


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Lady Hawks second in Saginaw gymnastics

Rockwall-Heath placed second among nine teams in the Saginaw Invitational girls' optional gymnastics meet Friday, Feb. 19.

The Lady Hawks showed depth and balance, with Jade Bowerman finishing third, Lori Williamson fourth and Ashlee Reese sixth all-around.

Bowerman was second on the uneven bars (9.70 points) and balance beam (9.60), and in the floor exercise (9.50). She totaled 38.25.

Williamson's winning score of 9.65 on the beam propelled her to an overall score of 38.20. She also was second in floor exercise (9.65), fourth on the bars (9.50) and fifth in the vault (9.40).

Reese's best event was the beam, where she was sixth at 9.20. Her overall score was 96.35.

San Angelo won the meet with a score of 114.90, barely two points off Rockwall-Heath's 112.80. Hurst L.D. Bell was third at 108.30.

Said head coach Jennifer Bolli, "The Lady Hawks had a great meet our second optional, level 8, meet of the season, and the girls show of confidence."

RHHS competed again this week in the L.D. Bell Invitational, a meet before Rockwall-Heath hosts the five-team district championship March 9 and 10. Rockwall, Garland, South Garland and Garland La Centennial will provide the competition.

Win over Rockwall would help Lady Hawks' playoff chance

The Rockwall-Heath girls' soccer team maintained its strong defense last week, allowing just three goals in two games, but lost them both.

Richardson Pearce won 1-0 on Gayle Ziegler's goal at RHHS Friday, Feb. 19, and visiting Lovejoy earned its first district victory 2-1 on Tuesday.

The loss to Lovejoy dropped the Lady Hawks (0-3-2 in District 21-4A) into

last place among the six teams at the halfway point of the district. They could move back into playoff position by defeating Rockwall 2) Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. RHHS and the Jackets played a scoreless tie in their district season opener.



Lady Hawks' Brittany Gray (14) keeps the ball from The Colony during the recent 0-0 tie game.
Photo by Michele Hierholzer/Rockwall County News

Heath Hawks take losses into 'home' game vs. RHHS

Losses to the two top teams in District 21-4A dropped the Rockwall-Heath boys' soccer team into fifth place halfway through the district season.

Guillermo Medina's goal wasn't enough for RHHS at first-place Richardson Pearce Friday, Feb. 19. The Mustangs took a 2-1 victory.

The Hawks also lost Tuesday at Lovejoy, 2-0, as Byron Butler scored both goals. The Leopards finished the first half of the schedule as the district's

surprising second-place team.

Rockwall-Heath will begin the second half as the designated home against Rockwall at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, where Yellowjackets play most of their home games. The Hawks (2-3 in 2) defeated RHS (2-2-1) in the district season opener as the visiting team.

Lady Hawks softball win once at Bryan Tournament

Rockwall-Heath's softball team won one of four games in the Bryan Tournament Feb. 18-20.

The Lady Hawks opened the tournament against Celina, which won 8-3 by pounding 10 hits. RHHS managed just three hits against Lady Bobcats pitcher Katelyn Drummond, including a double by Dakota Whittern. Victoria combs was the losing pitcher.

RHHS then scored its only victory in the tournament, 9-4 over Frisco

Liberty.

After that, Sachse struck for 18 hits, seven for extra bases, in a 15-tory. Rockwall-Heath had just five hits, including a triple by Sarah Deit. The Lady Hawks finished the tournament by losing to Van 14-4.

Snow and cold canceled their game Tuesday against Mesquite Horn. It is competing this weekend in the Wylie Varsity Tournament.

Wimpee plays golf with pro Dustin Johnson

Rockwall insurance agent Joe Wimpee realized a dream when he had a chance to play a round of golf with touring pro Dustin Open in the pro-am before the PGA-sanctioned tournament at Torrey Pines Golf Course in California.

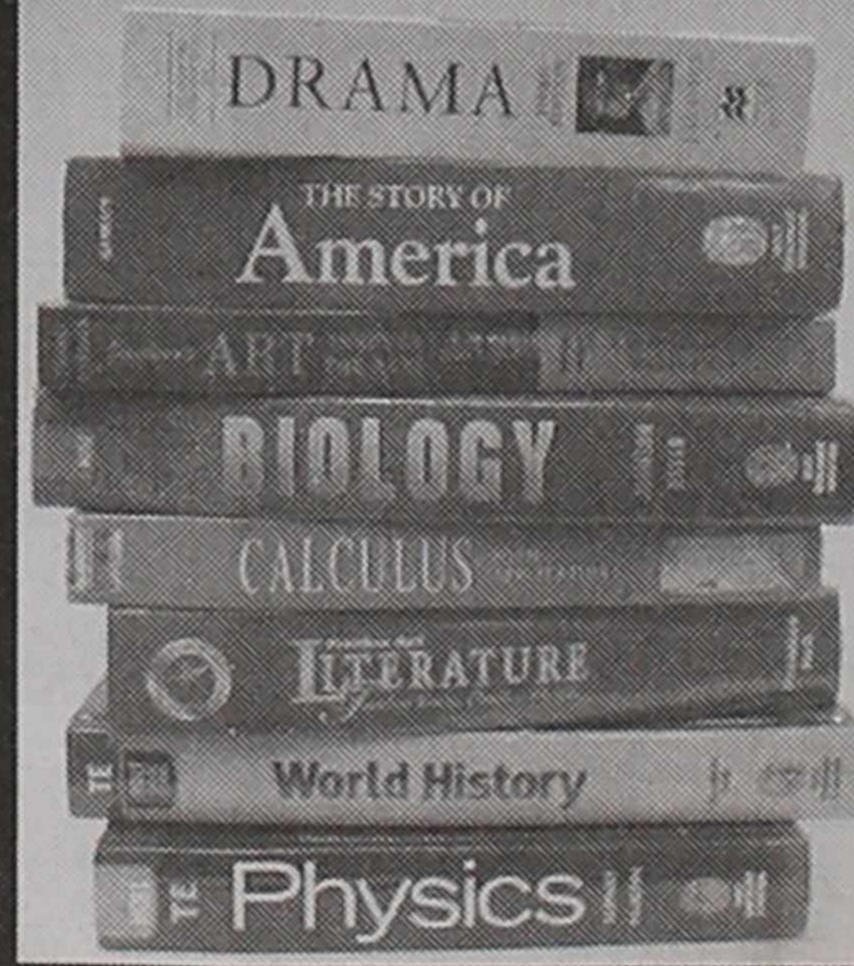
He said, "It was an incredible experience. Being able to play with one of the world's great players, on one of the best courses in the country, is truly a

great way to start the year.

"I got some good tips and advice from Dustin Johnson. I look forward to seeing how much my golf game improves this year as a result of experience."

Wimpee was one of 29 specially selected agents and district managers invited to participate in the pro-am. Ben Crane of Keller went on to win main event.

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Rockwall Lady Jackets, The Colony remain deadlocked

Rockwall and The Colony tied in girls' soccer, in more ways than one. Giovens scored the Lady Jackets' goal in a 1-1 tie at The Colony Feb. 19.

lost Tuesday at second-place Richardson Pearce 1-0 on a goal by Matthews. That left Rockwall remained tied for third place in District with The Colony halfway through the district season. The Cougars

also are 1-2-2 in district games.

Because of the Feb. 11 snowstorm, the Lady Jackets played three games between the following Monday and Friday.

Head coach Melissa Garcia remained upbeat, saying, "Congratulations to the Lady Jackets soccer teams this week! It was a hard week having to play three tough district games, but both teams stood strong."

The varsity finished that week 1-1-1, and the junior varsity was 2-1. Rockwall begins the second half of the district season against Rockwall-Heath at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium. The Lady Hawks are 0-3-2 in the district. They held RHS to a scoreless tie in the 10-4A season opener.

McKinney North avenges loss to Yellowjackets

McKinney North's 2009 softball season ended with an epic best-of-three series loss to Rockwall.

There might have been some justice in the Lady Bulldog's hard-fought home victory over RHS is this year's opening game for both teams on Feb. 16.

The Lady Jackets are playing this weekend in the Allen Tournament.

North Forney falls to Lady Bulldogs girls again

Rockwall City began the second half of the District 23-4A girls' soccer schedule the same way it began the first half, with a 2-1 victory over North Forney Feb. 19.

It is the Lady Bulldogs' third district victory in just their second year in the district.

The next scheduled game is Friday night at Quinlan Ford.

Plano edges Lady Bulldogs

Rockwall City lost to 5A Plano, but just by a 3-1 score, in Bryan Tournament on Friday, Feb. 19.

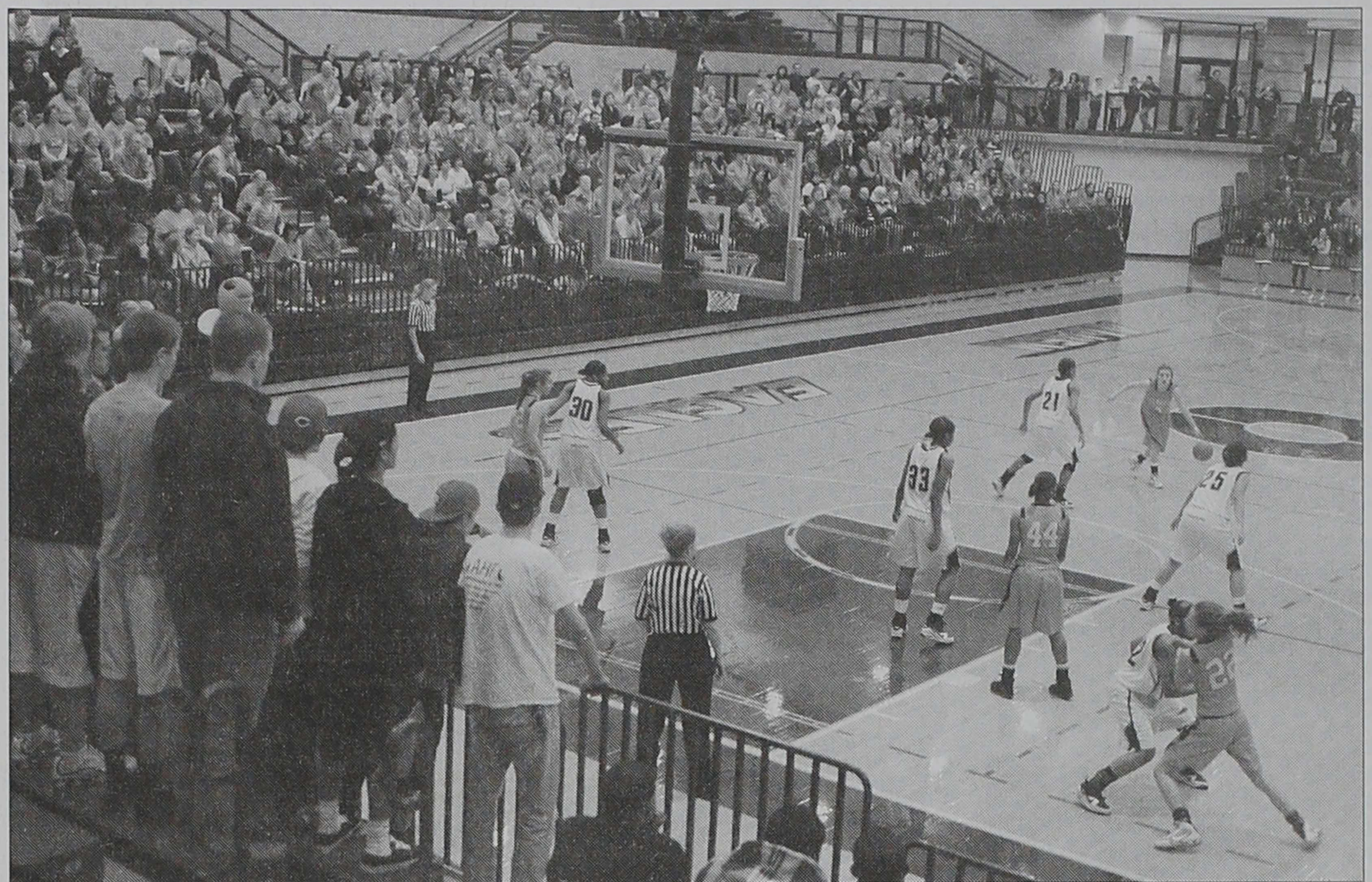
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Royse City Bulldogs fall to Sherman in season opener

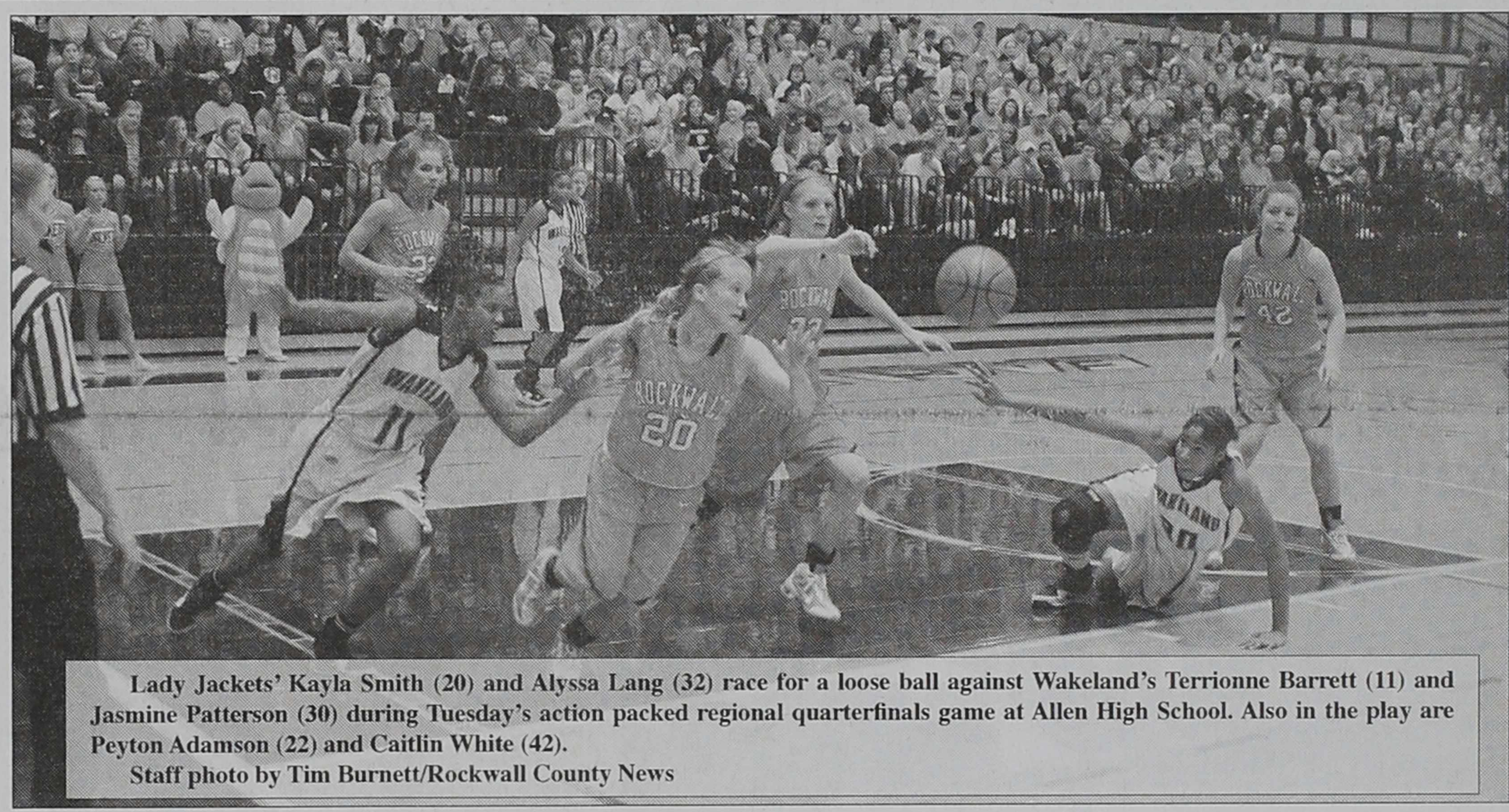
Sherman's pitching was the only thing hot Monday night when Royse City begins its baseball season on the road.

The Bearcats' Garrett Powell and Kyle Crick combined for a five-inning effort to lead their team to a 10-0 victory. The game ended when Tyler Smith hit a three-run double in the fifth inning to give Sherman the 10-run lead for a mercy-rule victory.

Steve Lane was the losing pitcher for the Bulldogs, who allowed the home team to hit eight hits. Royse City's only baserunners were the three batters who were struck out against Crick. Sherman's pitchers struck out eight batters.



Rockwall Lady Yellowjackets' fans nearly packed two sides of the gym at Allen High School during Tuesday's UIL Regional Quarterfinals game against Frisco Wakeland. The lady's fans seemed to bring the building down with support to the end as their Lady's pushed Frisco to a 50-50 tie during the last 17 seconds of the game. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Lady Jackets' Kayla Smith (20) and Alyssa Lang (32) race for a loose ball against Wakeland's Terrienne Barrett (11) and Jasmine Patterson (30) during Tuesday's action packed regional quarterfinals game at Allen High School. Also in the play are Peyton Adamson (22) and Caitlin White (42). Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The competition will end at Softails in the evening at 3 p.m., with three stops scheduled in between. At each checkpoint, a judge will draw a playing card. The cyclist with the best poker hand at the end of the event will be the winner. For more information visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx or pre-register at Rockwall Honda Yamaha.

Rotarians plan Tax Day Golf Shoot-Out

The Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club will host a Tax Day Shoot-Out Golf tournament on April 15 at the Stone River Golf Club, Royse City, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$75 per player (includes green fees, cart, additional food, awards and prizes). Proceeds from the four-man event will be split between the Assistance and Referral arm of Helping Hands and Haiti earthquake relief. To register e-mail or phone Dave Michie at dmichie@yahoo.com, 214-455-6972, or George Russell, brogeo@att.net, 14-934-1142.

Golf tourney set April 16 in R-City

The 9th Annual Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser, sponsored by the Royse City Chamber of Commerce, will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start on April 16 at the Stone River Golf Club in Royse City. Check-in will begin at 10 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places; prizes also are planned. Entry fee is \$75 per person. For more details, contact the chamber at 972-636-5000 or e-mail info@roysecitychamber.com.

Course offered on fly fishing

A class on fly fishing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17 at Harry's Park. Open to individuals ages 12 and older (ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult), classes will be taught by Dallas Fly Fishers Club members. Cost will be \$25 for Rockwall residents, \$38 for non-residents.

Kickball tourney set April 24

A kickball tournament open to competitors ages 8 and older will begin at 6 p.m. April 24 at Myers Field No. 1. Family, youth and adult divisions are included; a minimum of eight players needed per team (can be co-ed and/or mixed ages). Each team guaranteed three games. Cost per team of Rockwall residents is \$25; non-residents, \$40. Deadline for entries is April 22. For details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Kickers Soccer set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Little Kickers Soccer program for youths ages 3 1/2 to 5 will run from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Mondays from Feb. 26 through May 31 on Myers Park Field No. 1. The program is designed to provide age-appropriate skill-building drills and exercise. Cost will be \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Sluggers T-Ball program offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Little Sluggers T-Ball program, for youths ages 3 1/2 to 5, will run from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays from Feb. 27 through June 1 on Myers Park Field No. 1. Children will be divided into teams to learn fundamental skills in a non-competitive environment; final two weeks will provide game experience. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

MOW Golf Classic planned

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will host its first Meals on Wheels Golf Classic July 23 at Buffalo Creek Golf Course, Heath. All proceeds will benefit the senior nutrition program in Rockwall County. To register or help sponsor a team call 972-771-9514.

High school schedules

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Friday, Feb. 26 – Varsity boys' basketball: at TAPPS 2A state semifinal vs. Kerville Our Lady of the Hills, Fort Worth Nolan Catholic, 6:30 p.m.

Rockwall Yellowjackets

Friday, Feb. 26 – Varsity tennis: at Wills Point Invitational, 8 a.m.

Varsity wrestling: at State Championships, Austin ISD Delco Center, 9 a.m.

Varsity swimming: at 4A State Championships, Jamail Texas Swim Center, University of Texas, Austin, 10 a.m.

JV baseball: home vs. McKinney North, Orange 5 p.m. and White 7 p.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: at Rockwall-Heath, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 5:30 p.m.

JV girls' soccer: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Rockwall High School, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity girls' soccer: at Rockwall-Heath, Wilkerson Sanders Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

JV boys' soccer: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Rockwall High School, 7:30 p.m.

Varsity baseball: at Waco ISD Invitational, Veterans Field

Varsity boys' golf: at Austin ISD Invitational, Jimmy Clay Golf Course

Varsity softball: at Allen Tournament, Allen High School

Saturday, Feb. 27 – Varsity swimming: at 4A State Championships, Jamail Texas Swim Center, University of Texas, Austin, 9:30 a.m.

Varsity wrestling: at State Championships, Austin ISD Delco Center, 10 a.m.

JV White baseball: at Rowlett, 2 games, noon

Varsity baseball: at Waco ISD Invitational, Veterans Field

Varsity boys' golf: at Austin ISD Invitational, Jimmy Clay Golf Course

Varsity softball: at Allen Tournament, Allen High School

Track: at Bulldog Relays, Royse City

Monday, March 1 – JV and freshman boys' golf: at Rockwall-Heath JV/Freshman Invitational, Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 8:30 a.m.

Softball: at Plano, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

JV Orange baseball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, 6 p.m.

JV White baseball: at Rockwall-Heath, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2 – Softball: at Plano, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Highland Park, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Highland Park, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:10 p.m.

Thursday, March 4 – Varsity baseball: at Jesuit Baseball Classic, vs. TexasArkana Texas 5:30 p.m. and at Jesuit 8 p.m.

Gymnastics: Optionals at Richardson Invitational, MST, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity softball: at Wylie Varsity Tournament

Varsity boys' soccer: home vs. Rockwall, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 5:30 p.m.

JV girls' soccer: at Rockwall, Rockwall High School, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity tennis: at Tyler Lee Tournament, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity girls' soccer: home vs. Rockwall, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

JV boys' soccer: at Rockwall, Rockwall High School, 7:30 p.m.

Varsity baseball: at Waco ISD Invitational, Veterans Field

JV Black baseball: at Plano East Tournament

Varsity softball: at Wylie Varsity Tournament

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Varsity wrestling: at State Championships, Austin ISD Delco Center, 10 a.m.

Varsity baseball: at Waco ISD Invitational, Veterans Field

JV Black baseball: at Plano East Tournament

Varsity tennis: at Tyler Lee Tournament

Track: at Bulldog Relays, Royse City

Monday, March 1 – Freshman boys' golf: home for Heath JV/Freshman Invitational, Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 8:30 a.m.

Boys' soccer: at The Colony, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

JV Red baseball: home vs. Rockwall, 6 p.m.

JV Black baseball: at Rockwall, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2 – Softball: at Forney, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. The Colony, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3 – Girls' gymnastics: Optionals at L.D. Bell Invitational, FEW, 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 4 – Boys' gymnastics: Optionals at L.D. Bell Invitational, FEW, 6 p.m.

Varsity baseball: at Burleson Tournament

JV Black baseball: at Garland Tournament

Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, Feb. 26 – JV2 softball: at Wylie East, 4 p.m.

Varsity girls' soccer: at Quinlan Ford, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: at Quinlan Ford, 7:15 p.m.

Varsity baseball: at McKinney ISD Tournament

JV Gold and JV Black baseball: at Crandall Tournament

Varsity softball: at Alvord Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 27 – Varsity baseball: at McKinney ISD Tournament

JV Gold and JV Black baseball: at Crandall Tournament

Varsity softball: at Alvord Tournament

JV softball: at Argyle Round Robin

Track: home for Bulldog Relays

Monday, March 1 – JV boys' golf: at Rockwall-Heath JV/Freshman Invitational, Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 8:30 a.m.

JV2 softball: at Allen, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2 – Softball: at Canton, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Mesquite Potect, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at Mesquite Potect, AC New, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 4 – JV tennis: at Carrollton Newman Smith, 8 a.m.

Varsity baseball: at Mesquite ISD Tournament

JV Gold and JV Black baseball: at Lovejoy ISD Tournament

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Rotarians plan Tax Day Golf Shoot-Out...
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, additional food, awards and prizes). Proceeds from the four-man...
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Golf tourney set April 16 in R-City...
The 9th Annual Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser, sponsored...
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Heath Mayor John Ratcliff asks residents to exercise rights

by Joanna Matejka

City of Heath mayor John Ratcliff has asked residents to exercise their right to be part of the Texas Department of Transportation public meeting process dealing with the movement of and installation of a signal light at farm-to-market roads 740, 549 and 550.

It seems the preference of TxDOT is to move the intersection about 300 feet to the northeast in order to make the roads meet at a right angle; however, council members and several residents have expressed that they don't think much of that idea.

Property owners and council members have indicated they hope the intersection can remain as near to the current position as possible.

"We don't know if those are TxDOT preferences, regulations under the law," Ratcliff said. "We don't know if what we have are reasons or explanations or excuses, but the process of TxDOT is to take input from the community."

The first chance to take part in that process in person will be at City Hall from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 25.

No formal presentation will be made; however, the project team is available to explain the drawings and answer any questions about the project in a one-on-one setting.

Schematic drawings and other information also will be on display. Written comments may be submitted either at the meeting or by e-mail to Michael A. Renfrow P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, District Office, P.O. Box 133067, Dallas, TX 75313-3067.

City of McLendon-Chisholm discusses annexation, tax advantages for developers

by Joanna Matejka

Members of McLendon-Chisholm City Council returned to the discussion of annexing a 1,200-acre site known as the Koch property at the group's first February meeting.

The council tabled the discussion that had become bogged down in speculation about how the city should provide services to the development and whether the city should attempt to become a provider of water and sewer services.

Since December, the mayor, city manager and property developers have been in discussions with water and sewer providers along with neighboring

cities and have returned with new options.

For example, the development could, if an agreement with the cities of Fate and Royce City can be made, sewer at Sabine Creek.

The council is expected to consider the matter in a workshop planned for March. Members have requested solid research and engineering recommendations from staff and the developer.

The developers, United Engineering Group, have been waiting more than a year. After several new council members were elected, developers re-initiated the process of negotiating a developer's agreement with the city in

September. UEG representatives had suggested a schedule that would be completed this year.

Annexation and cooperation with the city would provide developers valuable right-of-way accesses and tax advantages among other considerations.

The Koch property is in the city's extraterritorial district on its north side. The purchase of water rights and infrastructure provisions may be a condition of its annexation.



Student Council members at Miss May Vernon recently organized a fundraiser to collect for UNICEF to help Haitian children. Each student who made a \$1 contribution was allowed to wear a hat for a day. Students also will be manning buckets in front of the school to encourage parents to "chunk their change" for Haitian relief. Shown on hat-wearing day are, at front, Justin Hicks, Braden Padgett, Lindsey Cox, Olivia Morin and Joy Schumann. At back are Danny Hanna, Molly Thatcher, Alicia Weeks, Taylor Boris and Annie Villegas. The Student Council challenged the Harry Herndon Student Council to join in the effort to assist earthquake victims.

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Fifth grade SAGE students at Celia Hays Elementary recently organized a fundraiser, Coins 4 the Quake-Help 4 Haiti. Students donated coins and cash, raising \$600 for the American Red Cross-Haiti fund. Pictured at front, from the left, are Emily Chapin, Kayla White, Maya Wiemokly and McKay Larman. At back are Caroline Slater, Kenan Hurd, Grant Miller, Reid Rakow, Tyler Clemmer and Nick Cascio.

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Locals make marks at FCCLA regional

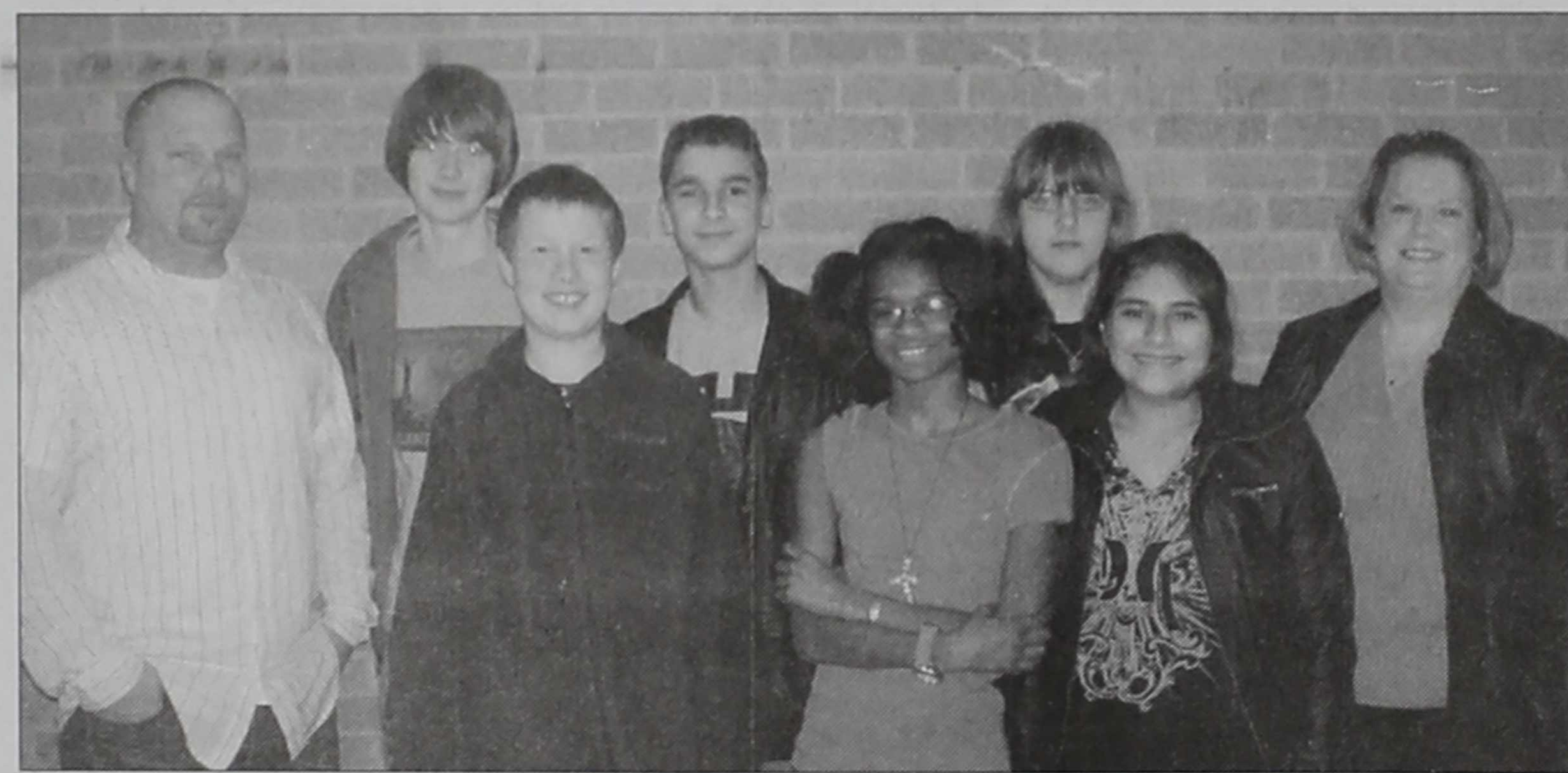
A pair of Rockwall-Heath High School students garnered recognition at the Family Career Community Leaders of American annual regional meeting conducted recently in Plano.

Meagan Hackler, a RHHS senior, finished in second place in the Fashion Design competition. Hackler created a label, Reign, and designed and constructed garments that could be sold to young women just entering the workplace.

As a result of her win, Hackler will compete in the state FCCLA contest on April 9. Her garments also will be shown at the RHHS LUX Fashion Show on April 14 sponsored by Groovy's, Cindy Swanson Photography, Bin 303, Jersey Lillie and Provence Place.

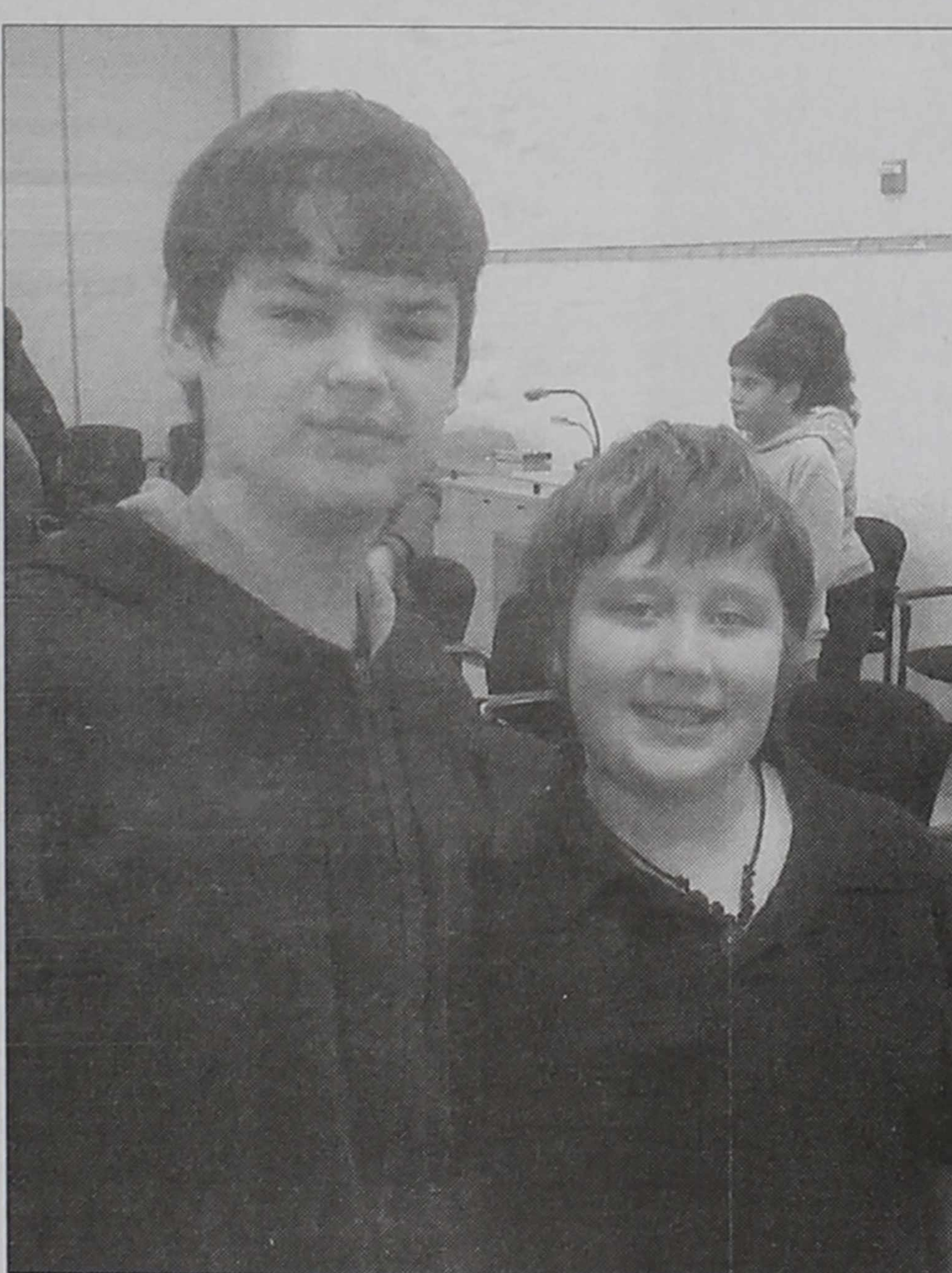
Fellow RHHS student Kate Walton also was elected 2010-2011 regional vice president of membership at the FCCLA regional meeting.

Walton will represent her school at the state and national meetings.



Jade and Heather Joplin of Joplin Private Investigator addressed students at Utley Middle School earlier this month as part of activities hosted by the school's Friends of Rachel and DFYIT groups. Topics of discussion included law enforcement and investigations of court-appointed cases. Speakers emphasized the need for students to always be aware of their surroundings. Jade Joplin is the Utley campus head for the WATCH DOG program while his wife was a member of the first DFYIT Governing Board in Rockwall. Pictured here with the speakers are, on the front row, Will Wilcoxson, Kenesia Sumpster and Lauren Segura and, at back, Jade Joplin, Darius Butler, Jonathan Hart, Skyler Willess and Heather Joplin.

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Matthew Bergman, left, a Williams Middle School seventh grade student, was winner of the Rockwall County Spelling Bee on Feb. 10. Also pictured is runner-up Daniel Smith, a Cullins-LakePointe Elementary fourth grade student. The contest was comprised of 13 spellers and lasted seven rounds. Bergman will represent the Rockwall ISD in the regional spelling bee later this spring, while Smith will serve as alternate.

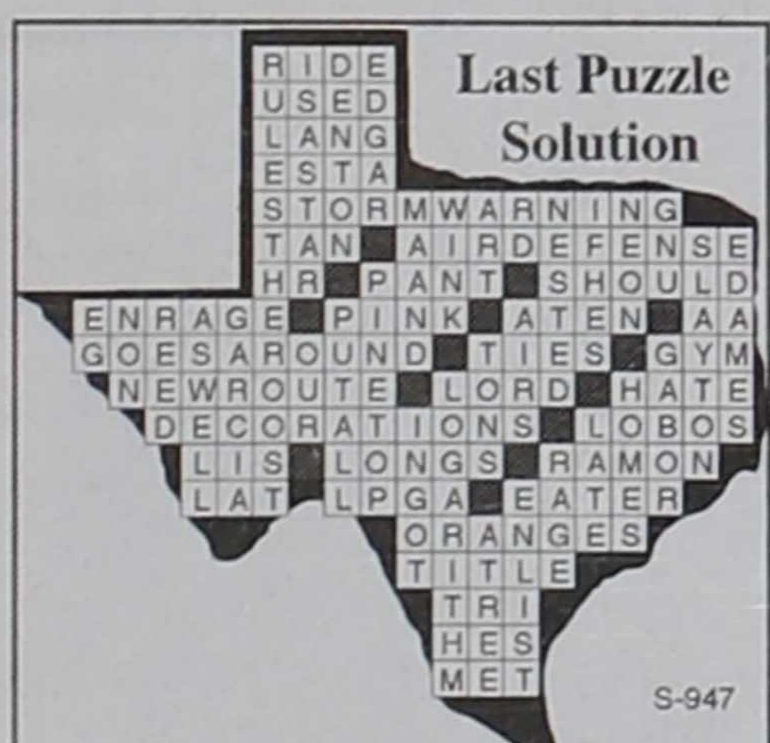
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Katherine Lindsey, right, an eighth grade student at Williams Middle School, recently won a competition that will land her name and a character she created in a book being penned by Kristie Smith-Armand, also pictured. Lindsey won the honor after attending a writing competition in December where she pitched her character idea to Smith-Armand. Smith-Armand is a blogger for Dallas Moms, a Dallas Morning News blog, and a former writer for such TV shows as "Happy Days" and "Joanie Loves Chachi." Lindsey's name also will be featured on the cover of Smith-Armand's book.

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Z2010-003: Proposed change from SF-10 to SF-11 specifically to allow for a change in use known as Lot Addition at the term of the subdivision.

Z2010-004: Proposed change from SF-10 to SF-11 specifically to allow for approval of a Special Use with more than one lot association with a 7.5 acre North Addition, between Tubbs Rd. and the City of Rockwall.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and zoning commission meeting. The meeting can be found at <http://www.rockwall.com>

THE REGIONAL HOUSING SECTION 8

Public Notice is hereby given that the following list of the Section 8 Housing Program for 2010 between the housing authority and the State of Texas, 75087. RHA has three bedrooms, Family Room, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, and two bathrooms.

Persons interested in applying for this program should contact the Housing Authority at 271-050.

All applicants will be required to provide a list of references and a letter of recommendation. The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. on the date of the public hearing.

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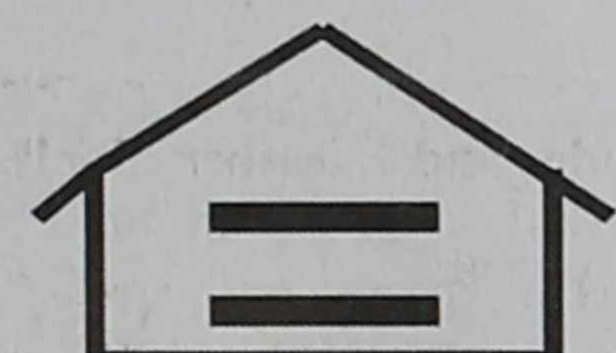
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 A public hearing will be held by the City of Rockwall on March 11, 2010. The following properties will be addressed during the public hearing: 505 E. Heath, and the vacant lot known as Pecan Grove Block 1 Lot 1. The meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087.

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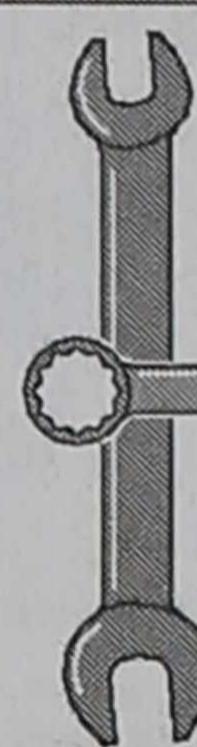
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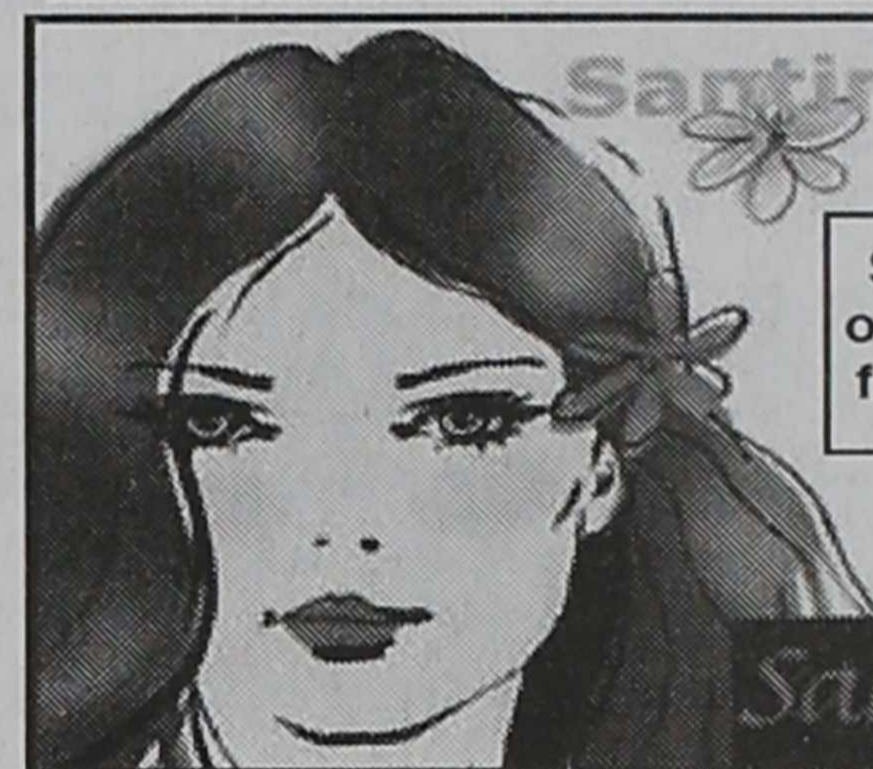
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- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 9, 2010** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, March 10, 2010** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

Z2010-003: Proposed Zoning Change - "The Cottages of Mary Rose"
 Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Matthew King for approval of a zoning change from (SF-10) Single Family Residential district to (PD) Planned Development district, specifically to allow for an assisted living development on the 2.642-acre subject tract, which is known as Lot AB, Block 87, B. F. Boydston Survey and located south of the Highwood Addition at the termination of Valley Drive.

Z2010-004: Proposed 7-Eleven at Horizon & Tubbs - SUP
 Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Jeremy Yee of CEI Engineering Associates for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "retail store with gasoline product sales with more than 2 dispensers" within (PD-9) Planned Development No. 9 district, in association with a 7-Eleven proposed to be located on Lot 1, Block B, Horizon Ridge Center North Addition, being a 0.9-acre tract situated at the southwest corner of Horizon Rd and Tubbs Rd.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions. Additional information can be found on all current Zoning cases on the City's website: <http://www.rockwall.com/Planning/ZoningChanges.asp>.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE ROCKWALL HOUSING AUTHORITY SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Public Notice is hereby given that the Rockwall Housing Authority will be opening its waiting list of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program on Monday March 1, 2010 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Applications must be made in person and completed at 100 Lake Meadows, Rockwall, Texas, 75087. RHA encourages submission of an application for families in two and three bedrooms. Families must be at or below the following income limits:

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\$7,050	\$30,400

All applicants will be placed on the Section 8 waiting list and will be selected based on date/time of submission of application.

This Notice is being provided in accordance with RHA's Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, which mandates the agency provide public notice when opening its waiting list. Without exception application taking will promptly end at 1:00 p.m.

For additional information call: (972) 722-5504.

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1 '40 film: "The Texas Rangers Again"

5 TX-born Harry Northup film: "Cars" ('80)

6 in '95 this David was Cowboys' special teams captain

7 TXism: "como (how are you?)

8 TX Ginger '51 film about KKK (2 wds.)

17 browned by the sun

18 at Fort Bliss, TX: "11th Artillery Brigade"

21 Astro long ball (abbr.)

22 huff and puff

23 TXism: "I ziggled when I have zagged" (erred)

24 get "ried up"

29 state capitol is made of TX granite

30 _____gallon hat

31 Friona h.s. class

32 TXism: "what _____ comes around"

34 bolos

35 where high school basketball is played

36 Spain found TX looking for a _____ to Orient

37 TX pro golfer Nelson was often referred to as "Byron"

38 TX-born Woody Harrelson '04 film: "She _____ Me"

39 Christmas ornaments

41 Sul Ross State University mascots

42 it once flew over TX: fleur-de-

43 LA Huey, the politician and TX Huey, the singer

44 TX Adams who published "Cowboy Lingo" in '36

45 slang for latissimus dorsi

46 TX "Babe" helped start this pro golf assn.

47 TX Sheb Wooley tune: "The Purple People _____"

48 Valley citrus

50 TX Foreman beat Frazier for his first _____

51 Amarillo has the "_____State Fair"

52 TXism: "_____lying through his teeth"

53 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since I _____ You Baby"

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1 TXism for "boss at home" (3 wds.)

2 TX-born Sly Stone's "Everybody _____"

3 home of UNT and TWU

4 this Lovett was 1st president of Rice

9 TX Edward Sedgwick directed film "_____ Pa Kettle Back on the Farm"

10 in Winkler Co. on hwy. 115

11 this Howe was Astro mgr. from '89 to '93

12 Duvall of film "Breakout" with TX Randy Quaid (init.)

13 these type of tables fit under other tables

14 TXism: "_____ a rooster, he'll crow"

15 TXism: "_____light idea" (inspiration)

16 wildebeest

19 TX astronaut, Deke

20 he was "Mingo" when TX Fess was "Daniel"

22 Guadalupe's "Hunter Peak" is aka _____ Mountain

24 "for example" abbr.

25 TX govt. bldgs. are _____ smoking

26 TX film critic Rex "do it" _____

27 "might _____ do it" _____

28 actor Andy _____

29 TXism: "_____ the cards on the table"

30 broadcasts

33 TX McFarland was on "_____ Gang"

34 Houston statute weighs 30 _____

35 Zsa Zsa or Eva _____

37 math term

38 residences

40 oblong gold bar

41 TXism: "he'll be _____ to his own funeral" (unreliable)

44 fury

47 join the military

49 TXism: "he's tighter than bark on _____" (frugal)

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Dear Friends,

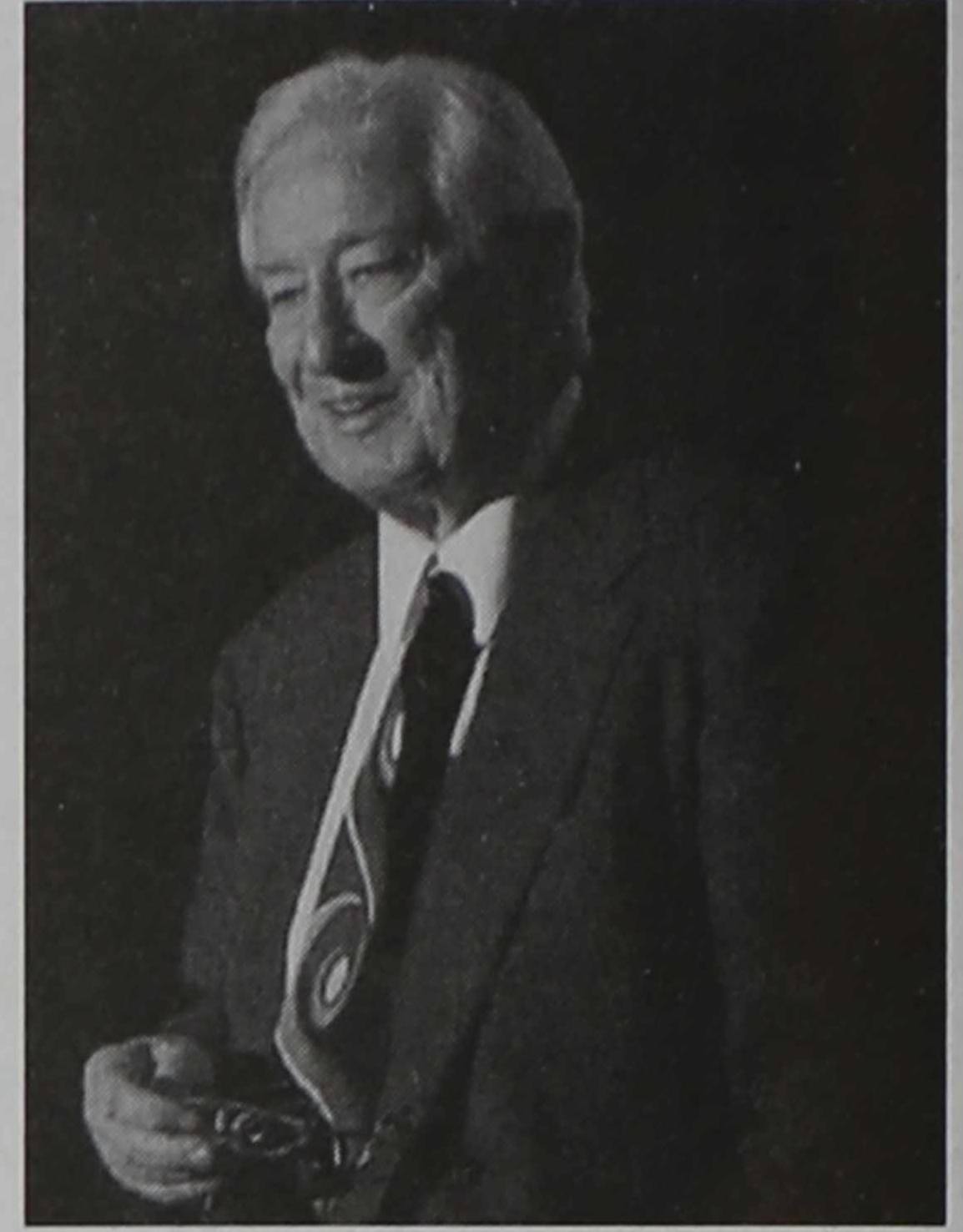
I am blessed to have the support and confidence of every Texas Republican Member of Congress, every State Legislator covering my District, and all sixteen County Chairmen in District 4.

Together, we stand on the threshold to expect an incredible victory in November of this year. A Republican Governor in Virginia, a Republican Governor in New Jersey – and we witnessed the end of the Kennedy era in Massachusetts – against unbelievable odds. We see the effect of a strong Tea Party, which gains day by day and election by election. We must perpetuate this force of determined men and women – who say “Enough is Enough!”

I am opposed by five men – two of whom reportedly have the financial clout to “buy” this seat in Congress. I can’t out spend them – but I can and will outwork them. I have the same good people who have always supported me and who know that we are in desperate times. The endorsement below is their answer – The 4th District is NOT FOR SALE.

I will continue working hard to merit their respect and support - and yours.

Ralph M. Hall
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I spent most of my Christmas holidays and the week ends following the New Year – seeking advice from those you have elected to be Republican County Chairmen of the 16 counties in District 4 – went to their homes – offices – courthouses, and sought their opinion on how I can best serve you – and each of them – all 16 of them expressed their support. I am blessed to have them on my side – as a couple of my opponents are apparently trying to “buy” the 4th Congressional seat. They may have the money – but I believe that I have the friends – and the ability to outwork them – so you can help me tell them on election day – the 4th District is NOT FOR SALE!

I am so blessed to have a family of chairmen – all 16 of them – supporting me.

WE'RE ALL FOR RALPH HALL

IN DISTRICT 4 ALL SIXTEEN GOP COUNTY CHAIRS SUPPORT RALPH HALL

These are their words:

Chairwoman Sue Evenwel – Titus County
“... need your seniority and experience and I support you and will surely vote for you.”

Chairman Buddy Lane – Bowie County
“Thanks for all you have done ... glad you are running ... Support you in every way.”

Chairwoman Maggie Boerner – Camp County
“Dennis and I endorse you – due to your experience. Our District is well represented.”

Chairman Joe Ward – Fannin County
“Sandra and I are 100% with you. We need your energy – and your determination to ‘take back our Country’”

Chairman Bert Edmondson – Franklin County
“We need your experience, your wisdom, and your seniority. We share the same conservative values. God bless you and our country.”

Chairman David Gibson – Grayson County
“Please use my name – I always support you.”

Chairman Fred Moses – Collin County
“You have always been there for us and Mazie and I look forward to your serving another term.”

Chairman Derrell London – Delta County
“We (Phyllis and I) thank you for your vote against the Healthcare Bill. We will be voting for you both in the Primary and the General Election.”

Chairman Donnie Wisenbaker – Hopkins County
“...you have been there for us. I endorse you and look forward to your serving another term.”

Chairman David Hale – Hunt County
“Thanks so much for standing strong against the bailout, nationalized health care, and cap and trade. I will proudly vote for you.”

Chairman Raymond Rosebrough – Lamar County
“You have been there for us. I endorse you and look forward to your serving another term. I will be praying for you and our country.”

Chairwoman Charlene Irwin – Morris County
“We need good people with common sense like you when we take back the House. I look forward to voting for you on March 2nd.”

Chairwoman Jeannie Prendergast – Rains County
“I endorse you and look forward to your serving another term. I will be praying for you and our Country.”

Chairman Shawn Tully – Red River County
“You have been there for us! I endorse you. I will be praying for you and our country.”

Chairwoman Eileen Collins – Cass County
“I would like to thank you for your conservative votes on health care, cap and trade, and the bailout...I will be glad to vote for you in the upcoming election.”

Chairman W. J. (Bill) Broderick – Rockwall County
“I have been privileged to work with you on behalf of my County. I will be voting for you in the upcoming election.”

EVERY REPUBLICAN TEXAS MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ENDORSES RALPH HALL

Help regain the Majority in the House of Representatives. This includes Pete Sessions – our NRCC Chairman – and independent thinker, Ron Paul whom Congressman Hall worked with to fight against the United Nations.

As you know, our Republican Party has been fighting an up-hill battle as President Obama, the Speaker and Senator Reid used their majority to pursue legislation that, if finally passed, would cripple our Country and put an unbelievable world of taxes on our children and our grandchildren.

The battle has brought our Texas Republican Delegation together – determined to derail Obama-Pelosi-Reid and their disastrous legislation.

I am really pleased to have those who know me best endorse me – those who work long hours with me – and who know my age and my energy – the Texas Republican Congressional Delegation – all of them! We are a TEAM – and I’m lucky to have their support.

Joe Barton
Kevin Brady
Michael Burgess
John Carter

Michael Conaway
John Culberson
Kay Granger
Louie Gohmert

Jeb Hensarling
Sam Johnson
Michael McCall
Kenny Marchant

Randy Neugebauer
Pete Olson
Ron Paul
Ted Poe

Pete Sessions
Lamar Smith
Mac Thornberry

...and I thank those State officials that I share territory with and cooperate with. Their endorsement tells me how fortunate I am to try to give them the support at the Federal level that they give us here in Texas. We do work together for our District, our State – and our Nation.

Representative Jodie Laubenberg
Representative Brian McCall
Representative Larry Phillips
Representative Dan Flynn
Representative Brian Hughes

Representative Leo Berman
Representative Tommy Merritt
Representative Jerry Madden
Representative Ken Paxton

Senator Craig Estes
Senator Bob Deuell
Senator Florence Shapiro
Senator Kevin Eltife

A Legacy of Conservative Leadership

Ralph Hall said no to both bailouts of Wall Street, no to a bad healthcare bill, no to higher taxes and no to big government.

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