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## Mighty Bulldog Band Marches in London Parade



Leading the Roysel City Mighty Bulldog Marching Band in the cold rain in London, England on January 1, 2017, as invited participants of the New Year's Parade, are band members Abigail Stokes (left) and Garrett Nawrocki (right). The 'once in a lifetime event' took place in the City of Westminster Borough.

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by Millie Jean Coppedge

The Roysel City High School Mighty Bulldog Band was honored to participate in the New Year's Day parade in City of London, England on January 1, 2017. The event was hosted by the City of Westminster Borough. Also representing Texas in the parade was the Cleburn High School Marching Band.

According to the Mighty Bulldog Band Director Doug Fulwood, 212 people traveled to London for the six day event. They included 139 band members, 5 directors and 68 adult/family members who went as chaperones.

"Each traveler's cost was \$3,250.00. The total cost of the trip was \$690,060.00," Fulwood said. Different fundraisers were held to acquire as much money as they could, then each traveler going was responsible for coming up with the rest of the cost.

Fulwood said, "his former college band director, Jonathan Hooper is a liaison for the parade between London and Texas bands. Hooper came and heard the band play before UIL contest and mentioned The Bulldog Band to the LNYDP (London's New Year's Day Parade) people. They extended an invitation based on his recommendations."

In May, 2015 Kevin Worthy, Roysel City ISD Superintendent sent out a press release. It said that "Duncan Sandys, a former lord mayor of the City of Westminster and the great-grandson of Winston Churchill was coming to Roysel City High School to hear the band perform."

The release also said that Jonathan Whaley, director of international participation for the London New Year's Day Parade and Festival came with Sandys.

After hearing the band perform, the Bulldog Band received the following invitation:

"In recognition of an unparalleled reputation for outstanding performance abilities, the patrons and the organizing committee of London's New Year's Day Parade and Festival, in association with the City of Westminster, take great pleasure in extending an invitation to the Roysel City High School Mighty Bulldog Band, Texas, to participate in the 31st annual New Year's Day Parade and Festival, to be held in London, England between December 27th, 2016 and January 3rd 2017."

The weather was cold and rainy but the band never missed a beat, marching with Texas pride. This trip was truly a lifetime memory for all those from Roysel City who attended.

The parade route started at Piccadilly, and continued to Piccadilly Circus, Lower Regent Street, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, Cockspur Street, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and finished at Parliament Street. The band passed by nine grandstands.

Videos can be viewed on social media by going to The Roysel City Mighty Bulldog Band in London.



The Drum Line holds the center of the Roysel City HS Mighty Bulldog Band while marching in London New Year's Day Parade, January 1, 2017, in the City of Westminster, England. Shown above are Cade Baridon (left), Jordan McCain (center) and Chloe Lewis (right).

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# Opinions

## Economic ideas: Thomas Malthus on population, passions, property and politics

(Continued from the January 12, 2017 edition of the Rockwall County News)

by Richard M. Ebeling

Future Freedom Foundation

### The Checks on Mouths to Feed: Misery and Vice

Malthus then made his famous statement concerning the relationship between the “geometric” rate of unchecked population growth in comparison to the “arithmetical” growth in the rate of food production. Eventually, the rate of population growth would overtake the rate of food production, the result of which would be a “natural check” on population through poverty, starvation and death.

Assuming then, my postulate as granted, I say, that the power of population is indefinitely greater than the power in the earth to produce subsistence for man. Population, when unchecked, increases in a geometrical ratio. Subsistence increases only in an arithmetical ratio. A slight acquaintance with numbers will show the immensity of the first process in comparison to the second.

By the law of our nature which makes food necessary to the life of man, the effects of these two unequal powers must be kept equal. This implies a strong and constantly operating check on population from the difficulty of subsistence. This difficulty must fall somewhere; and must necessarily be severely felt by a large portion of mankind . . .

This natural inequality of the two powers of population and of production in the earth, and that great law of our nature which must constantly keep their effects equal, form the great difficulty that to me appears insurmountable in the way of the perfectibility of society.

All the arguments are of slight and subordinate consideration in comparison of this. I see no way by which man can escape from the weight of this nature. No fancied equality, no agrarian regulation in their utmost extent, could remove the pressure of it even for a single century. And it appears, therefore, to be decisive against the possible existence of a society, all the members of which, should live in ease, happiness, and comparative leisure; and feel no anxiety about providing the means of subsistence for themselves and families.

Malthus argued that taking periods of 25 years as a benchmark, the accelerating growth in population would finally reach a crisis point relative to the rate of food growth. What, then, may check this growth in an unsustainable population? Malthus concluded only two factors. What he called “vice” and “misery.”

Fearful of marrying before he can support a family and bring about starvation and ruin to his off-spring, a man may delay and defer marriage until he feels financially able to care for a wife and children. But this results in “vice,” since the sexual urges lead men to search out physical gratification outside the bonds of matrimony, and the birth of illegitimate offspring.

Or it brings about “misery,” due to a failure to defer marriage, and the bringing into the world children for which means of subsistence do not adequately exist. This results in starvation and premature death of children and adults that brings the population and its growth down, again, to a level sustainable from existing food production.

Malthus added that if Godwin’s proposal for a greater community of property and equality of distribution of its output were to be introduced it would soon diminish the incentives for work and effort and set men into conflict with each other. Or as he put it, weakened private property rights would soon set in motion “the black train of distresses, that would inevitably be occasioned by the insecurity of property.”

### Tempering Nature’s Constraints through Moral Restraint

In 1799, after the publication of An Essay on the Principle of Population, and then again in 1802, Thomas Malthus went on trips around parts of Europe. He collected a large amount of historical and demographic data on population (to the extent that such data then existed). He used this to publish a second edition of the book in 1803 that was substantially increased in size and factual information, as he had been able to gather it.

To his previous argument, Malthus now added an additional factor that could serve as a check on population, and could even

keep population growth sufficiently under control so that standards of living might rise, even in the long run. This was what he called “moral restraint.” This was a conscious act to defer marriage until an individual had the financial means to adequately support a family, and the will to renounce the temptations of “vice.” That is, to abstain from sexual gratification outside of marriage. Said Malthus:

It is of the utmost importance to the happiness of mankind that population should not increase too fast; but it does not appear that the object to be accomplished would admit of any considerable diminishment in the desire for marriage.

It is clearly the duty of each individual not to marry till he has a prospect of supporting his children; but it is at the same time to be wished that he should retain undiminished his desire for marriage, in order that he may exert himself to realize this prospect, and be stimulated to make provision for the support of greater numbers . . .

And if moral restraint be the only virtuous mode of avoiding the incidental evils arising from this principle, our obligation to practice it will evidently rest exactly upon the same foundation as our obligation to practice any of the other virtues.

### Unleashing of Free Markets Negated Malthus’ Prediction

Given what was pointed out at the beginning about the seven-fold increase in world population since 1820, accompanied by an even more dramatic fall in global poverty over the last two hundred years, Malthus’ warnings and fears seem to have been totally undermined by the facts of history. Population has exploded beyond all experience in human history during the last two centuries, yet all of these billions of additional mouths are increasingly fed and with a rising standard of living for a growing number of them.

Clearly, Malthus, writing in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries underestimated one important influence that was beginning during his lifetime: market-based industrialization. Investment in productive capital equipment, especially in agriculture, began to dramatically increase the output and the nutritive quality of food produced per unit of land brought into cultivation. This included the development of modern chemistry to increase harvests and productive strains of crops. Thus, food production has grown exponentially, and not, as Malthus feared, “arithmetically.”

Urbanization has resulted in a conscious choice by married couples to reduce the size of families. In farming societies with limited mechanization each child is an additional mouth that comes with two hands to help in the working of the land. Hence, children are “investment goods” in agricultural society, both for work to be done and offering support for parents in their old age.

In industrial, urban society children are additional mouths to feed that supply little or no extra income to the family during most of childhood. Hence, children are “consumer goods” that consume income, and reduce the standard of living of the family the more children that need to be taken care of. In addition, the cost of urban residential living space has influenced the incentives about sizes of families. And, of course, the development of birth control has greatly influenced the ability and widened of the choice of how many children to have, and when.

In fairness, what Malthus and many others failed to see or anticipate was the explosion of production, industry, and commerce that was soon set loose by expanding economic liberty in the nineteenth century. This unleashed entrepreneurial innovation and discovery of market opportunities in the pursuit of profits that was made possible by ending the trade protectionism, domestic regulation, heavy tax burdens, and paper money inflations that enveloped all of Europe, including Great Britain, during nearly the quarter of a century of war from 1791 to 1815 between first Revolutionary and then Napoleonic France against practically all of the rest of Europe.

Only with the arrival of peace and the beginning of a conscious introduction of economic liberalism, first in Great Britain and then other parts of the European continent, and, of course, independently

at the same time in the United States, was free market capitalism’s potential horn-of-plenty able to begin to release its bounty upon humanity.

### Malthus’ Contributions to Human Understanding

Many historians of economic thought have pointed out the various weaknesses, exaggerations, inconsistencies and factual errors in Malthus’ argument and the changing premises and arguments in the various editions of his Essay on the Principle of Population. Indeed, one of the leading of such historians, Edwin Cannan, stated that Malthus’ analysis, “falls to the ground as an argument, and remains only a chaos of facts collected to illustrate the effect of laws which do not exist.” And Joseph A. Schumpeter even said that the actual pattern of birth rates with industrialization and urbanization accompanied by growth in food production suggested “a sort of Malthusianism in reverse.”

But even with its weaknesses and factual errors others have seen an enduringly valuable contribution in Malthus’ theory of population. No less than an authority than the Austrian economist, Ludwig von Mises, in his treatise, Human Action, suggested that in Malthus’ work can be seen a contribution equal to the discovery of the logic of division of labor and the spontaneous workings of the market order for the betterment of human circumstances:

The Malthusian law of population is one of the great achievements of thought. Together with the principle of the division of labor it provided the foundation for modern biology and the theory of evolution; the importance of these two fundamental theorems for the sciences of human action is second only to the discovery of the regularity in the intertwinement and sequence of market phenomena and their inevitable determination by the market data . . .

Malthus showed that nature in limiting the means of subsistence does not accord to any living being a right of existence, and that by indulging heedlessly in the natural impulse of proliferation man would never have risen about the verge of starvation. He contended that human civilization and well-being could develop only to the extent that man learned to rein in his sexual appetites by moral restraints . . .

Nonhuman beings are entirely subject to the operation of the biological law described by Malthus . . . But the case is different with man. Man integrates the satisfaction of the purely zoological impulses, common to all animals, into a scale of values, in which a place is also assigned to specifically human ends.

Acting man also rationalizes the satisfaction of his sexual appetites. Their satisfaction is the outcome of a weighing of the pros and cons. Man does not blindly submit to a sexual stimulation . . . He refrains from copulation if he deems the costs – the anticipated disadvantages – too high.

Thomas Malthus, even with the limits and incompleteness of his analysis, can be seen to have made essential contributions to understanding the inescapable human condition. First, man at any time exists under a scarcity of the means for his ends. Other things held given, the larger the population the greater needs to be the available supply of food and other necessities of life, if the standard and quality of life are not to be diminished or reduced. The only way to prevent a decline in standards of living is for there to be increases in capital investment that increase production and the productivity of the workforce more than any increase in the population.

Second, given the level of capital investment and technological knowledge, there is an optimal size of a society’s population, below which more people means greater net output, and above which there results less net output. And, third, the political and economic institutional circumstances can make a difference in that they may foster capital investment, more forward-looking choices by individuals, and incentives to save and work.

On this latter point, Malthus was well aware of the dangers from overreaching and expanding governmental power in terms of their threat to liberty and its resulting restraint on people having the freedom to guide their own lives as they think best to improve themselves. In the expanded, fifth edition of his Essay on Population, which appeared in 1817, he warned of how ignorance of the laws of nature and the essential the institutions of free commercial society can easily lead astray mobs of people whose violent actions may open the door to despotism.

This sets the stage for a dangerous confrontation between individual liberty and political authority, in which people must always be watchful and knowledgeable so as to check the government’s drive for unchecked power. Malthus warned:

The checks which are necessary to secure the liberty of the subject will always to some degree embarrass and delay the operations of the executive government. The members of the government feeling these inconveniences while they are exerting themselves, as they conceive, in the service of their country, and conscious perhaps of no ill intention towards the people, will naturally be disposed on every occasion to demand the suspension or abolition of these checks; but if once the convenience of ministers be put in competition with the liberties of the people and we get into the habit of relying on fair assurances and personal character, instead of examining with the most scrupulous and jealous care the merits of each particular case, there is an end of British freedom.

If we once admit the principle that the government must know better with regard to the quantity of power which it wants than we can possibly do with out limited means of information, and that therefore it is our duty to surrender up our private judgments, we may just as well at the same time surrender up the whole of our constitution. Government is a quarter in which liberty is not nor cannot be very faithfully preserved. If we are wanting to ourselves, and inattentive to our great interests in this respect, it is the height of folly and unreasonableness to expect that government will attend to them for us.

Thus, Thomas Malthus’ contribution may be said to be the following: Man is above all other life forms on earth in that he is able to use his reason to control his passions when they may entail costs greater than the anticipated benefits; at the same time he can use his rational faculties to devise ways to escape limits that nature places upon him by planning ahead to increase his future productive and income earning capacities to improve his standard of living. And that to do so most successfully there must be the necessary institutional prerequisites, among which freedom, property, and peace are the most essential.

## Will Trump continue the Bush-Obama legacy?

by Ron Paul

Ron Paul Institute

This week, Congress passed a budget calling for increasing federal spending and adding \$1.7 trillion to the national debt over the next ten years. Most so-called “fiscal conservatives” voted for this big-spending budget because it allows Congress to repeal some parts of Obamacare via “reconciliation.” As important as it is to repeal Obamacare, it does not justify increasing spending and debt.

It is disappointing, but not surprising, that the Obamacare repeal would be used to justify increasing spending. Despite sequestration’s minor (and largely phony) spending cuts, federal spending has increased every year since Republicans took control of the House of Representatives. Some will attribute this to the fact that the Republican House had to negotiate with a big-spending Democratic president — even though federal spending actually increased by a greater percentage the last time Republicans controlled the White House and Congress than it did under President Obama.

The history of massive spending increases under unified Republican control of government is likely to repeat itself. During the presidential campaign, President-elect Donald Trump came out against reducing spending on “entitlements.” He also called for a variety of spending increases, including spending one trillion dollars on infrastructure. One positive part of the infrastructure proposals is their use of tax credits to encourage private sector investments. Hopefully this will be the first step toward returning responsibility for building and maintaining our nation’s infrastructure to the private sector.

Unfortunately, the administration appears likely to support increased federal spending on “shovel-ready” jobs. Claims that federal spending helps grow the economy rely on the fallacy of that which is not seen. While everyone sees the jobs and economic growth created by government infrastructure projects, no one sees the greater number of jobs that could have been created had the government not

taken the resources out of the hands of private businesses, investors, and entrepreneurs. Despite what some conservatives seem to think, this fallacy applies equally to Republican and Democrat spending.

President-elect Trump has criticized the past two administrations’ reckless foreign policy, and he has publicly shamed the powerful Lockheed Martin company for wasting taxpayer money. Yet, he continues to support increasing the military budget and has called for increased military intervention in the Middle East.

The fact is the United States already spends too much on militarism. Not only does the United States spend more on the military than the combined military budgets of the next eight highest spending countries, but Pentagon waste exceeds the total Russian military budget.

America can no longer afford to waste trillions of dollars on a militaristic foreign policy. Donald Trump should follow-up his attacks on wasteful military spending by dramatically changing our foreign policy and working to cut the Pentagon’s bloated budget.

If the new administration and Congress increase spending, they will need the Federal Reserve to monetize the growing debt. The need for an accommodative monetary policy gives the Federal Reserve and its allies in Congress and in the deep state leverage over the administration. This leverage could be used, for example, to pressure the administration to abandon support for the Audit the Fed legislation.

Fed action can only delay the inevitable day of reckoning. Raising levels of federal spending and debt will inevitably lead to a major economic crisis. This crisis is likely to be reached when concerns over our national debt cause more countries to reject the dollar’s status as the world’s reserve currency. The only way to avoid this crisis is to stop increasing spending and instead begin reducing spending on all aspects of the welfare-warfare state.

# Yellowjackets gymnastics win fourth consecutive meet

The Rockwall High School men's gymnastics team competed Thurs. Jan. 12, 2017, against Rockwall-Heath and L. D. Bell. According to Coach Cameron Sweny, the Yellowjackets scored their highest of the season and won their fourth consecutive meet, to remain undefeated.

Highlighting the meet was Aaron Cory's first place finish of 9.8 on the High Bar. McKay Larman finished 1st with 9.8 points in the Parallel Bars event.

TEAM: 1st - 172.0 Rockwall; 2nd - 169.5 Heath; 3rd - 163.7 L. D. Bell.

INDIVIDUAL:

FLOOR: 3rd - 9.4 Preston Gage; 5th - 9.3 McKay Larman; 5th - 9.3 Sean Denny; 9th - 9.2 Jake Hodges.

POMMEL HORSE: 2nd - 9.8 McKay Larman; 3rd - 9.7 Wyatt

Logan; 4th - 9.6 Louis Jelic; 6th - 9.5 Keil Pauga; 7th - 9.4 Zach Dougal; 7th - 9.4 Jake Hodges.

RINGS: 2nd - 9.6 Jake Hodges; 3rd - 9.4 McKay Larman; 4th - 9.3 Wilson Farris; 8th - 9.0 Ryan Szafran.

VAULT: 1st - 9.8 Jake Hodges

4th - 9.5 Brett Garcia; 10th - 9.3 McKay Larman; 10th - 9.3 Connor Campbell; 10th - 9.3 Aaron Cory; 10th - 9.3 Sean Denny.

P-BARS: 1st - 9.8 Larman; 1st - 9.8 Preston Gage; 5th - 9.5 Jake Hodges; 6th - 9.2 Jonah King; 7th - 9.0 Scott Mackenzie; 10th - 8.7 Garrett Sutherland; 10th - 8.7 Jack Butcher.

HIGH BAR: 1st - 9.8 Cory; 2nd - 9.6 Jack Butcher; 3rd - 9.5 McKay Larman; 3rd - 9.5 Connor Campbell; 8th - 9.2 Preston Gage.

ALL AROUND: 2nd - 57.1 McKay Larman; 6th - 53.1 Preston Gage; 7th - 51.9 Ryan Szafran; 10th - 47.5 Jake Hodges.



Yellowjackets gymnast, Aaron Cory takes first place in the High Bar routine with a score of 9.8, Thurs. Jan. 12, 2017, during the meet against Rockwall-Heath and L.D. Bell.

Photo by Kathleen Cory/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall High School basketball updates

The Rockwall High School Yellowjackets traveled to North Mesquite Friday Jan. 13, 2017.

The freshmen B team lost close 34-35 game, and the freshmen A team won 43-37.

The JV team fell to North Mesquite 35-55, and the Varsity got a 67-64 win.

For the varsity, Sam Williamson hit a 3 pointer at the buzzer to propel the Jackets to 4-1 in district play. Williamson finished with 15 points. Tevin Williams led with 16 points, and Alec Grandstaff hit four 3 pointers to finish with 12 points, while Andrew Taylor added 11 points.

The Mesquite Skeeters came to Rockwall, Tuesday Jan. 10, for a 54-45 loss to the Yellowjackets varsity team.

Williamson led with 15 points and Cameron Crayton added 14 more points. The win put the Yellowjackets at 3-1 in district play.

The Freshmen B team lost to Mesquite 24-47, and the A team lost a nail-biter 37-38 game. The JV team struggled in their 48-60 loss.

After the "Great Northern" cold spell that swept through Rockwall on Friday, the Varsity made up their Fri. Jan. 7 game against Tyler Lee on Saturday afternoon Jan. 6.

The Jackets came out to a quick start in the first quarter going up 16-2, and led the rest of the game to a 69-56 district win.

Andrew Taylor led the Jacket assault with 18 points, Crayton drove to the rim and added 17, and Williamson caused match up problems scoring 12 points.

Rockwall traveled to Mesquite Horn, Tues. Jan. 3, in district play. The Yellowjackets lost to Horn 51-55 with Jarrod Winston Pendleton scoring 14, Williamson with 13, and Williams added 11 points.

The Freshmen A team won a close back and forth 44-43 game, and the JV faced a 45-72 loss.

The Yellowjackets are scheduled for a cross-county rivalry game against Rockwall-Heath, 6:30 p.m., Fri. Jan. 20, at the RHHS gym.

The men will return home, Tues. Jan. 24, to take on Longview with a 6:30 p.m. start time.

### Rockwall High School women's basketball

The Lady Jackets varsity team swiped the North Mesquite Stallions, Fri. Jan. 13, with a 79-35 win. Leading scorers for Rockwall were Jordan Mathis and Faith Mason-Vestal both with 17 points. With the win, the Lady Jackets pushed to 5-2 in district.

The JV team defeated North Mesquite 58-26. With everyone scoring tonight, Mikki Witcher lead the way with 15 points. The JV team is 6-0 in district.

The Freshman team won 52-24. Leading scorer was Rachel Ivanosky with 13 points. The Freshman are also 6-0 in district.

Lady Jackets traveled Mesquite High School, Tues. Jan. 10, and they out stung the Skeeter's 47-29. Lead scorer for the night was Alena Johnston with 13 points.

The JV team won 37-35 against Mesquite. Madeleine Hunt scored with 17 points.

Freshman won 66-16. Scoring was Emma Stelzer with 17 points. We are 6-0 in district.

After a game cancellation due to inclement weather, the Fri. Jan. 6 game was moved to 3:00 p.m., Sat. Jan. 7, at Tyler Lee.

The Lady Jackets defeated Tyler Lee 49-35, while holding Tyler Lee to only 2 points in the fourth quarter.

Leading scorers for the game were Jordan Mathis with 13 points and Mya Culiver with 11 points.

The Lady Jackets lost to Mesquite Horn 44-60, Tues. Jan. 3.

Leading scorers were Jordan Mathis with 15 points and Faith Mason-Vestal with 10 points.

The JV team defeated Horn 54-39. Scoring for the Lady Jackets was Madeleine Hunt with 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Brette Thornton with 11 points and 9 rebounds.

The Freshman defeated Horn 72-8. Scoring was Sydney Gober with 16 points.

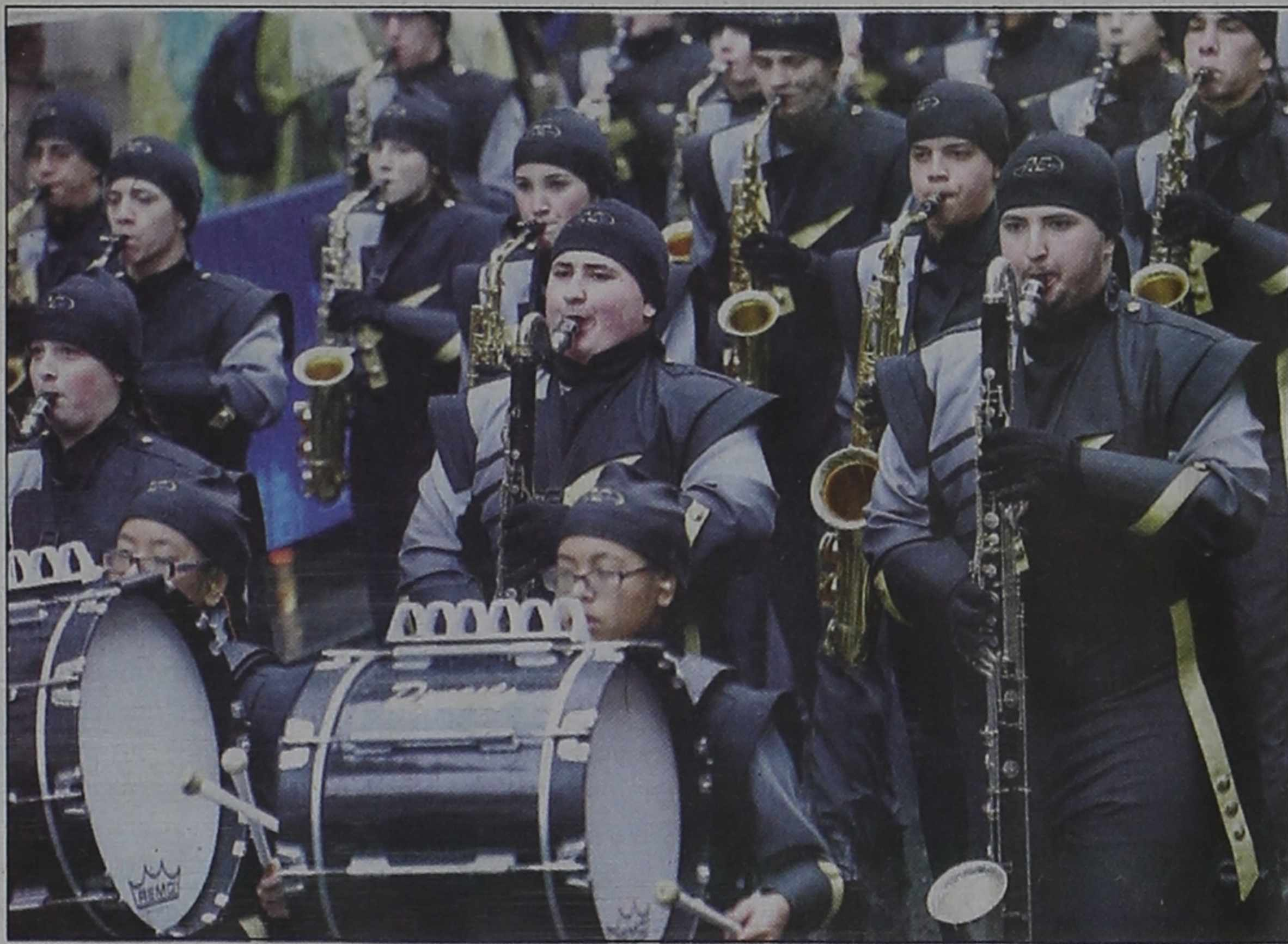
The Lady Jackets are set for their second cross-county rivalry game, 6:30 p.m., Fri. Jan. 20, at Rockwall-Heath HS.

The team will return to home court, 6:30 p.m., Tues. Jan. 24, to play against Longview.

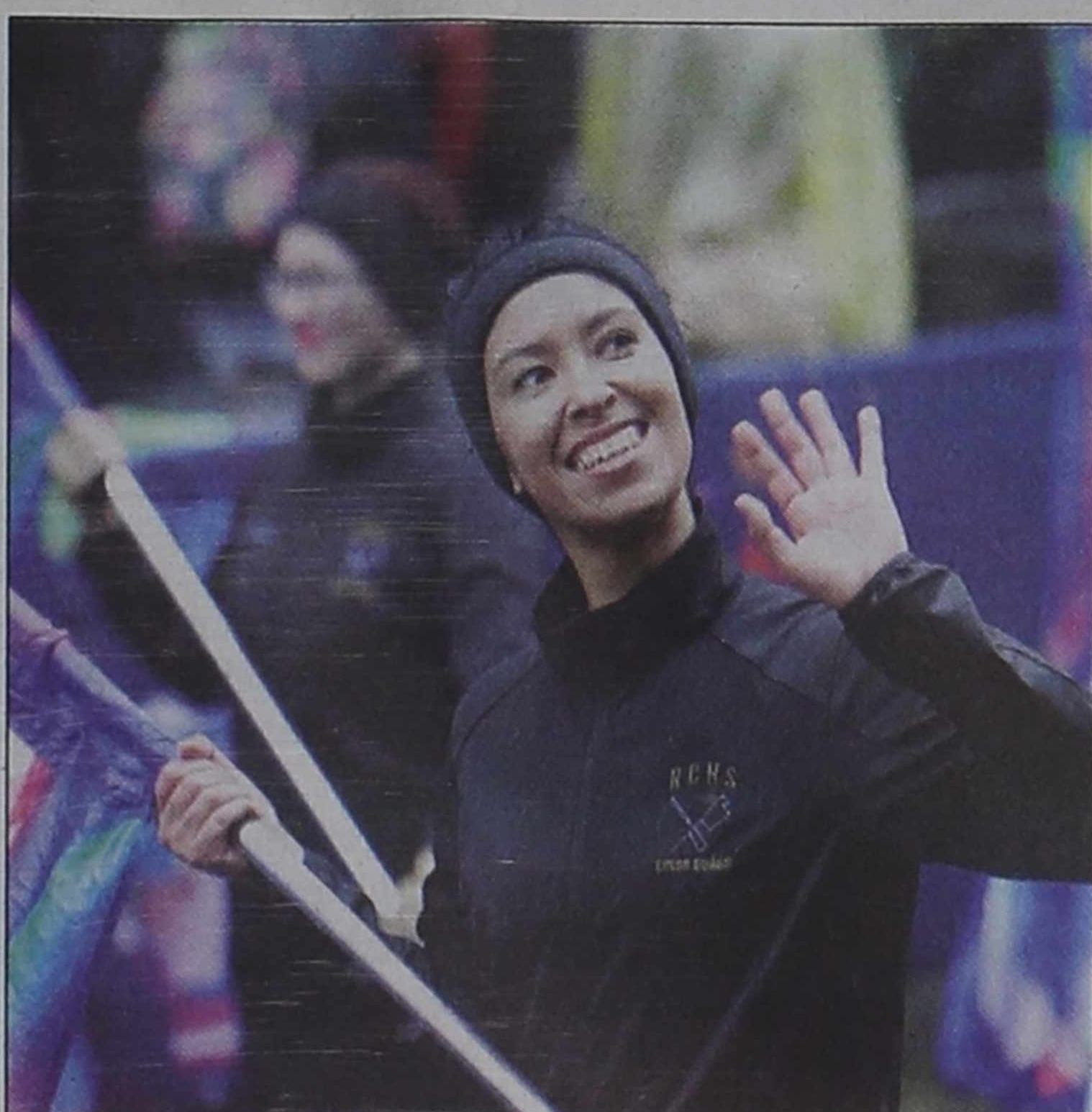


Royse City 8th Grade A Team member Jacie Elliot (14) is ready to receive a pass from teammate McKaylin Coffman (left), Thurs. Jan. 12, 2017, during the game against Utley Middle School. The Lady Bulldogs' 52-17 win pushed their record to 4-1 for the season.

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The Royse City HS Mighty Bulldog Marching Band entertained people from the London and guests from different parts of the world during the 2017 London New Years Day Parade held in the City of Westminster. Shown above (front, from left) Victoria Cadungog, Veronica Cadungog, (second row) Mathew Earnhart (bass clarinet), Ryan Earnhart (bass clarinet), (third row) Ellie Homan (saxophone), Thatcher Davis (saxophone), Jaret Richardson (saxophone) and Patrick Cortez (saxophone). Photo by Matt Sprake, Courtesy of LNYDP/Rockwall County News



Royse City HS Mighty Bulldog Band Color Guard member Ximena Martinez, happily waves to onlookers while marching in the 2017 London New Years Day Parade in the City of Westminster.

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Royse City Mighty Bulldog Band trumpet players marching in London New Years Day Parade, January 1, 2017, in the City of Westminster, England, are Sydney Zoch (front, left) and Jacob Barrera (front, right).

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