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## News Briefs

### Computer group plans Wednesday meeting

The Rockwall Computer Council will have its first 2009 meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at The Center, Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. Bob Alston, a veteran of more than 30 years in planning, designing, building and troubleshooting computer systems, will be the featured speaker. The group is open to anyone interested in home or office computer use. For more information contact Joe Conrad at 972-771-8712.

### Rockwall Newcomers to meet Thursday

The Rockwall Newcomers Club will observe its monthly meeting on Jan. 8 at Chandler Landing. The coffee social will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a program and short business meeting. Joy Davis will give January's program, "Lady Liberty." Call Kitty Colquhoun at 972-771-3491 or Ann Small at 972-771-1748 by 6 p.m. Jan. 4 for lunch reservations. Lunch cost is \$16.

### Mental illness support groups to meet

Two free NAMI support groups – one for individuals with mental illness and one for their family members – will be offered from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, located at 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Individuals with mental illness will meet in Room 205; their families will meet in Room 206, B Building. For more information contact Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030.

### Library plans closure for added construction

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Jan. 12 through Jan. 19 for the completion of construction, according to a recent library news release; however, ESL, GED, citizenship classes and Teen Game Night will be conducted that week as scheduled.

### Tutor training planned at library

Volunteer tutors are needed for the Adult Literacy/ESL Program. Training will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Rockwall County Library. Neither teaching experience nor the ability to speak Spanish is necessary. Anyone interested in participating should register in the ESL classroom located off the lobby of the new library or contact Gloria at 972-204-7705.

### Chamber member, awards dinner set

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce annual member and awards dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at The Hilton Bella Harbor.

### Registration under way for YMCA soccer

Early registration is under way for the Rockwall County YMCA Soccer Association's Spring 2009 season. Small Fry Soccer is open to 3-year-old boys and girls, while Youth Soccer is open to both genders ages four and older (as of July 31, 2008). Early registration will run through Jan. 31, costing \$25 per family, \$45 youth, \$70 plus \$30 for program membership. The regular registration period will run Feb. 1-9 with an additional \$15 non-refundable fee. Late registration will begin Feb. 10 and run until the teams are full; cost will be an additional \$25 non-refundable fee. (Financial assistance is available.) The eight-game season will begin March 7. Each player will receive a participation medal from the YMCA. For more information, call the Rockwall County YMCA at 972-772-9622 or visit rockwallymca.org.

### Disc Golf Weekend slated May 2-3

An event being billed as the "World's Biggest Disc Golf Weekend" is being planned for May 2-3 in Harry Myers Park. The non-competitive event will be open to all ages and levels – from professionals to first-time disc golfers. Visit wbdgw.com for more information.

## Rockwall Community Playhouse board plans January 10 meeting

### "Barefoot In The Park" opens February 6

The Rockwall Community Playhouse Board of Directors will gather on Jan. 10 for a daylong planning meeting.

The 2009-2010 season will mark the theater's 15th anniversary, and board members are forecasting many new additions and surprises in the coming year.

Serving as officers this year are president Darlene Singleton; vice president, Gary Freedman; secretary, Bob Breen; treasurer, Stacey Kluttz; and production director, Leticia Sykes. Board members include Deb Ballard, Jennifer Bennell, Jack Cecil, Wenzhen Chuang, Curtis Roughton and Catherine Tompkins.

The RCP's first offering of the new year, "Barefoot in the Park," is in rehearsal and will open on Feb. 6.

Also on the new season schedule are "Arsenic and Old Lace" March 20-29 and "Kiss Me" May 8-24. The Rockwall County Playhouse is located at 6000 Rusk in Rockwall.

For tickets or further information on the current season visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or call 972-722-3399.



Rockwall-Heath High School band members Darara Borodge (left) and Sean Williams (right) participated in the 31st Annual Merry Tuba Christmas concert at Thanks-Giving Square in Dallas on Christmas Eve. More than 200 tuba players, ranging in age from 11 to 79 years old, from the North Texas area gathered to play Christmas carols at the annual event. A sophomore at RHHS, this was Borodge's first year to play at Tuba Christmas. Williams, a senior at RHHS, has played for four years.

Staff photo by Kathy Williams

## Rockwall County Library welcomes 4 new U.S. citizens at special ceremony

Rockwall County Library's English as a Second Language (ESL)/Citizenship/GED program recently helped four Rockwall County residents become American citizens. Margarita Robles, who has lived in the U.S. for 22 years, Carmen Rivera for 17 years, Ninfa Juarez for 20 years and Jose Roldan for over 30 years are the newly-sworn in citizens.

The Reading for Adults program conducts citizenship classes for those preparing to take the U.S. citizenship exam. Citizenship classes are held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday mornings or from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. New classes will begin the week of Jan. 12. Persons wishing to enroll in the class may fill out an application the week of Jan. 5 at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane in Rockwall.

The Reading for Adults program includes many classes, ranging from beginning to high intermediate English class, citizenship classes and GED preparation. Classes will start the week of Jan. 12, with registration taking place the week of Jan. 5 at the library's ESL classroom.

Student sponsorships are accepted as the program is dependent upon grants or donations. Volunteer tutoring opportunities are also available. Training for new tutors will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at the library.

Further information about class enrollment or becoming a tutor is available from Gloria Bishop, ESL Coordinator at the library, at 972-204-7705 or gloriab4@verizon.net.



Library staff and volunteers recently celebrated with Rockwall's newest citizens, including (left to right) Library Director Kathy Melston; Ninfa Juarez, new citizen; Carmen Rivera, new citizen; Margarita Robles, new citizen and citizenship tutor Jim Baird. Not shown Jose Roldan, new citizen.

Photo courtesy of Gloria Bishop

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## 'Imagine' exhibit at Hilton Bella Harbor

"Imagine... It's Easy If You Try" is an exhibit at the Hilton Bella Harbor Fine Arts Gallery. The exhibit, organized by the Rockwall Area Artists and the gallery, includes 44 works by local artists. Open to the public and free of charge, the exhibit will run through Jan. 10.



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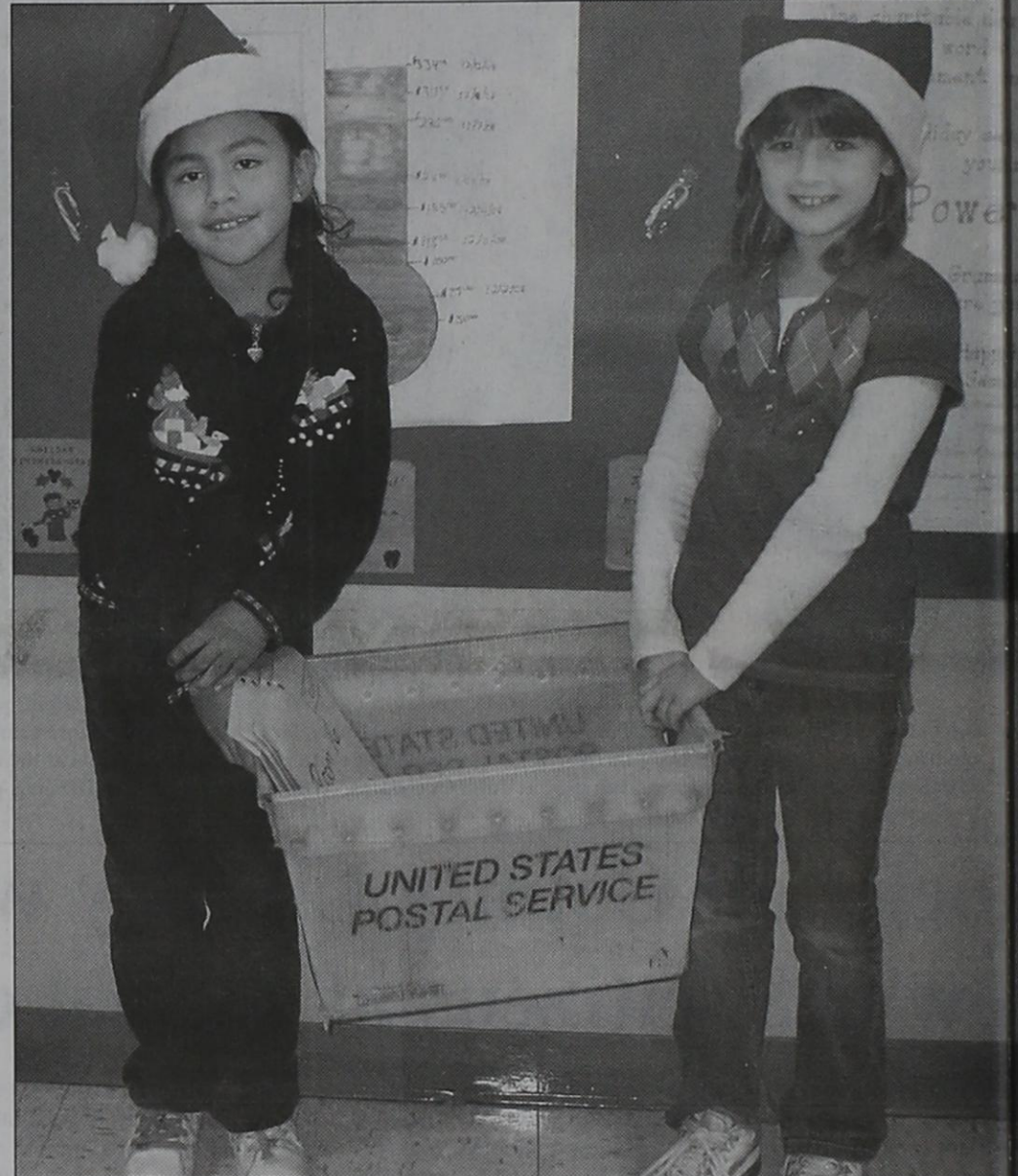
The recent Rockwall Women's League fall social featured a Mexican theme, and salsa dancers kept participants limber and highly entertained, as illustrated in the above photo. To learn more about the charitable organization, visit [rockwallwomensleague.org](http://rockwallwomensleague.org). For more information on membership, contact Melody Hail at 214-232-2819 or Amy Butler at 214-763-9614.

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Pullen Elementary second grade students Jackie Lomo and Mallory Kelly are pictured delivering "Kindness-gram," which were sold by students earlier this month to raise funds for community service projects. Students, faculty, staff and parents participated by sending the special notes to favorite staff members and friends. Each "Kindness-gram" cost 50 cents and included a personalized note and a piece of candy. Using borrowed U.S. Postal Service bins, the special mail was delivered each day during morning announcements. The effort raised more than \$300.

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## Father-Daughter dance set Feb. 7 at Hilton

The annual Father-Daughter Black & White Ball, will be conducted from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Hilton. The event will feature a deejay and dancing, refreshments and photos. Cost is \$45 per couple for City of Rockwall residents, \$67 for non-residents. Tickets are now on sale at The Center, 108 E. Washington. For more information visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks) or call 972-771-7740.

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The Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation recently was presented with a \$1,250 grant check from Lake Pointe Medical Center. Making the presentation was the center's CEO, Carolyn Jackson, pictured at center. Also shown are Gene Burton, superintendent, and Karan Clements, foundation president. The funds will be used for Innovative Teaching Grants offered to RISD teachers.

## VNA to offer 'Coping with Grief' program and January luncheon

The Visiting Nurse Association will offer a five-session support group beginning Jan. 23 for adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

"Sharing the Journey: Coping with Grief" will meet on Fridays from 1 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 23 through Feb. 20 at the VNA branch office, 2414 W. University Drive, No. 200, in McKinney. Topics to be discussed include "Strength through Sharing," "Grief is Work," "Caring for our Needs," "Saying Good-bye" and "Grief to Hope."

Participation is free of charge; however, reservations should be made by calling Molly Harrison, VNA bereavement coordinator, at 214-733-5500.

### Rogers to speak at VNA luncheon

The author of the book "Help! I'm a Christian. Why am I Sick?" will be the featured speaker at the Jan. 26 hospice family luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association.

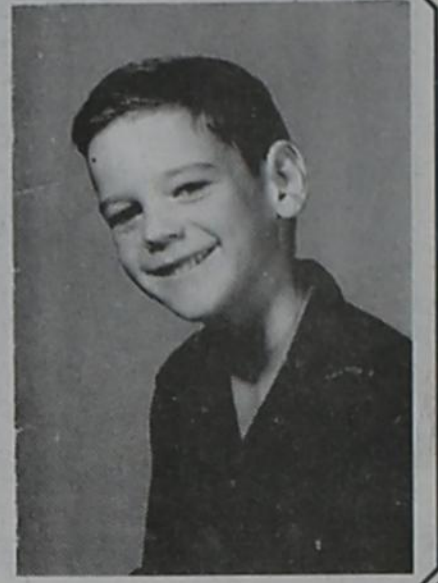
Klay Rogers will speak on "My Journey to Find New Hope."

The luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grand Texas Senior's Community on 2491 Country View Lane in McKinney. There is no cost to attend, but reservations

are requested and can be made by calling the Visiting Nurse Association at (214) 733-5500.

Hospice family luncheons offer supportive company from friendly and understanding people to individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

**Happy Birthday to the Old Man! Love Kathy & Sean**



Students at Poetry Community Christian School have chosen to organize a school-wide community outreach project instead of the usual in-school program. Playing Christmas carols at an area nursing home are (left to right) Hannah Horton, Jaynie Jones and Elizabeth Arnold.

Photo Courtesy Anne P. Horan.

## Royse City museum plans new hours for the new year

The Zaner Robison Historical Museum at Royse City announced new hours beginning in 2009. Visitors may tour the museum January through May from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays and from noon to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The museum staff offers Wednesday tours for school groups, scouts, homeschoolers, day cares and other organizations with prior reservations.

The mission of the "Z" museum is to "preserve, protect and promote Royse City area history from the early settlers through the economic boom of the thirties to the year 1960." Vintage items, such as furniture, clothing, kitchen utensils and cookware, and early electronics are accepted on loan or as a donation to the collection after an assessment to ensure the item represents the eras set forth in the mission statement.

In addition to the items on regular display, the museum

features a monthly collection in its Community Cabinet. Recent collections have included a display of apples made of ceramic and other materials courtesy of Jane Kemmis, spooky movies

in October from Ray Holt and Carroll Macon, collectible Barbie Dolls from Sue Holcomb, military toys from Jarrell Bailey and 3-piece nativities for the Christmas season from Sue

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Blue Canyon Restaurant, in partnership with the Rockwall County Relay for Life Survivor Committee, recently hosted a sunset reception for Rockwall cancer survivors. Pictured above are Paul Rottman, Karen Sterry, Susan Allen and Debby Rottman. The annual Relay For Life, which is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, will return to Rockwall on May 1-2.



Attending the recent sunset reception for Rockwall cancer survivors were Chris Cuny, Lori Gerritsen and Martha Evans. The event was sponsored by the Blue Canyon Restaurant in partnership with the Rockwall County Relay for Life Survivor Committee. Last year the community raised more than \$130,000 through Relay for Life. For more information on Relay, contact Lori Gerritsen at 469-273-3377.

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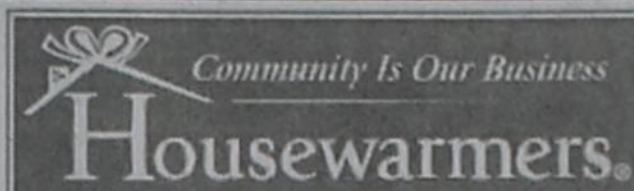
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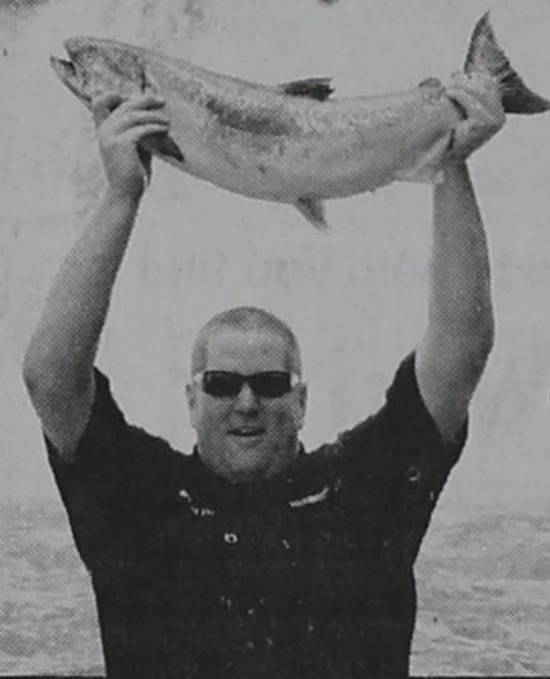
Sharon Shannon Elementary fifth grade students Kaitlyn Birdsong, Germesha Booker, Courtney Beaster and Leah Moore, pictured above, helped run the school's charity drive in support of the Rockwall Independent School District's effort to help school libraries affected by Hurricane Ike. The girls created songs and posters and made appeals on the school's daily broadcast to help raise awareness of the need.



The Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation's board of directors recently was treated to the Education Foundation Innovative Teaching Grant Rap written and directed by Holli Belt, a teacher at Dorris A. Jones Elementary School. The students wore T-shirts specially designed by sixth grade teacher Stacy Bryant and were under the guidance of Michelle Williams, assistant principal. Pictured are, at front, rappers Brenna Biggerstaff, kneeling, and Briann Pitt, Lalo Borodge, KcKenzie Bryant and Destiny Grace and, at back, Belt and fifth grade teachers Kelly Henry and Sara Bishop.



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## City of Heath to recognize first Citizens' Academy graduates Jan. 6

The City of Heath will honor the first graduates of the Heath Department of Public Safety's new 12-week Citizens' Academy during the Jan. 6 City Council meeting.

The graduates include Rich Krause, Les Horvath, Jack Ream and City Councilman Robert Hille.

The Citizens' Academy was designed to offer a view into the inner workings of public safety in Heath through classroom instruction and hands-on experience with public safety equipment and vehicles. Participants also learned about specialized units within the department.

"I signed up for the DPS Citizens' Academy because I wanted to learn more about the activities and services provided by our officers and share this with friends and neighbors," said Ream. "I gained appreciation for the high caliber of our officers and the sophisticated equipment they use to maintain a safe community for all of our citizens."

"Through discussion, example and practical exercise, we were able to experience a taste of what our officers may be called upon to do at any moment," said Hille. "I will not quickly forget wearing a 80 pounds of equipment of a fireman, the use of his breathing apparatus and the difficulty in trying to move the dead weight of a 175-pound person. I am proud of the people who do such things. This is a program that I want to see grow and recommend it to all citizens of our community."

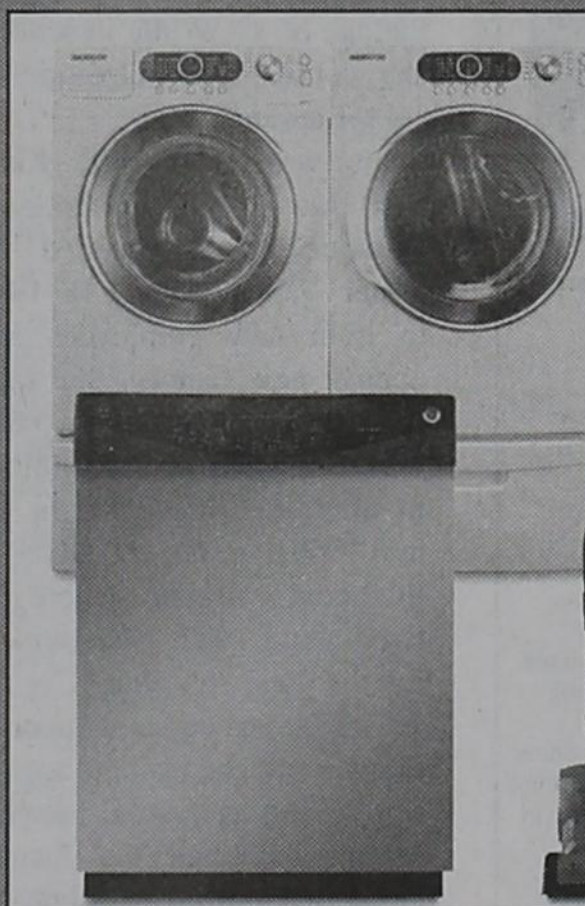
Horvath, who is environmental projects coordinator for the City of Heath, said he attended the academy to show support for the DPS officers. But he ended up gaining new insight through his participation.

"Anyone attending the academy will come away with an understanding of DPS operations and an appreciation for the character, dedication and expertise of our DPS officers," he said.

In addition to providing a behind-the-scenes look at the department, the Citizens' Academy provides officers and staff an opportunity to connect on a personal level with the community they serve. The Citizens' Academy will be offered again this year. For more information, contact Brian Burton, community resource officer, at 972-961-4900 or at bburton@heathtx.com.

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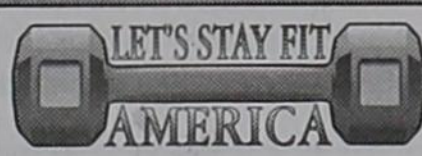
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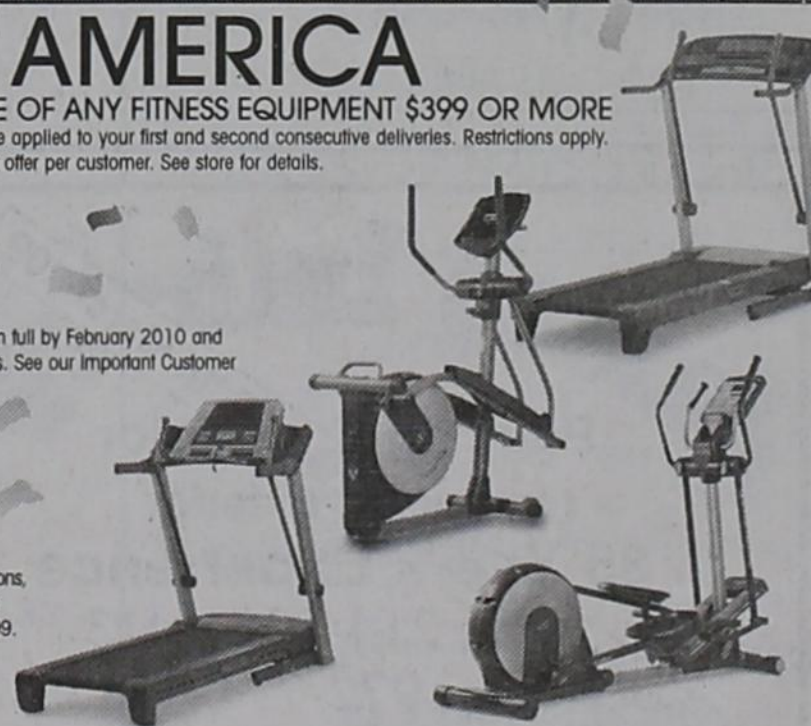
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# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Gladys (Granny) Bradley

Graveside services for Gladys (Granny) Bradley of Roysse City were conducted at 1 p.m. Dec. 24, 2008, in the Wylie Kramer Cemetery in Wylie. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Dec. 22.  
Born Sept. 30, 1929, in Spartanburg, S.C., she was a Baptist and had worked in the retail mail order industry.

Survivors include her daughter, Sylvia Walker of Roysse City; one brother, Barry Duggins of Drayton, S.C.; her sisters, Linda Coker and Shirley Lester of Drayton; her grandchildren, Alan Walker of Antlers, Okla., Kerry Athey of Roysse City, Tommy Walker of Rockwall and Michelle and Jenny Bradley of Electra; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Tempie Duggins; her husband, Luther S. Bradley; and one son, Michael Bradley.



## J.E. Dismore

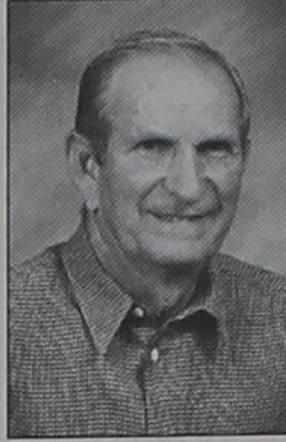
Services for J.E. Dismore, 76, of Rockwall were conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, in the First Baptist Church's M.L. Jones Chapel in Rockwall with Mike Shupp officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Dec. 24.  
Born Nov. 4, 1932, in Roysse City to Calvin Leonard and Ella Ruth (Edwards) Dismore, he served in the U.S. Army and was a former justice of the peace in Rockwall County. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Carolyn Ann (Williams) Dismore of Rockwall; one son, Greg Dismore of Garland; his daughters, Donna Dismore and Kerri McEntee of Rowlett; one sister, Florelle Page of Richardson; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, James L. and Elmer Dismore.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, TX 75219.

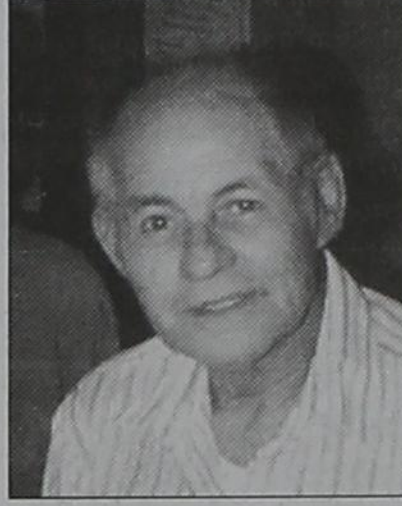


## Ollie Duffy McCall

Services for Ollie Duffy McCall, 79, of Clyde, formerly of Rockwall, were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

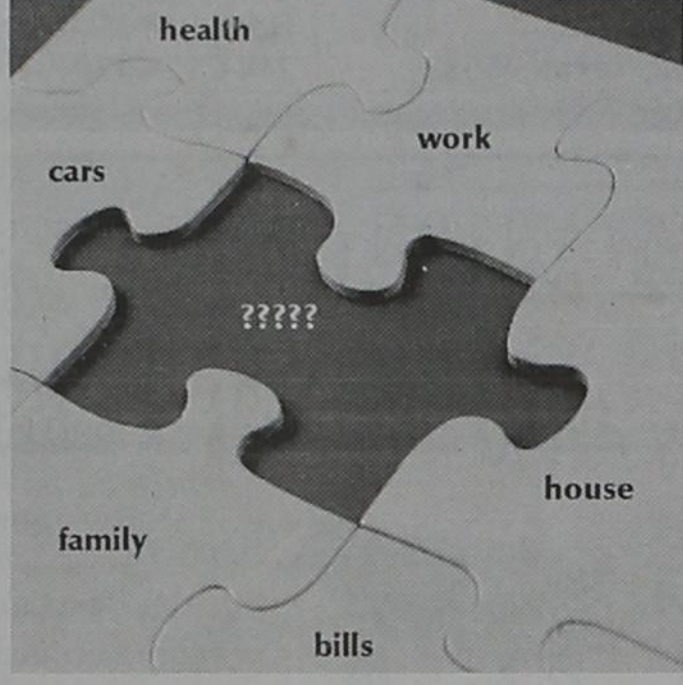
He died Dec. 26.  
Born May 30, 1929, in Baird to David and Gladys (Gilberth) McCall, he served in the U.S. Army and made a career in public works.

Survivors include his daughters, Florence Jean Simmons of Buffalo Gap and Barbara Barnett and husband, George, of Rockwall; one brother, L.J. McCall and his wife, Wanda, of Clyde; one sister, Mae Pearl Collins of Clyde; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



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at the Uncle Dudley's clothing store. In 1982, she moved to City, Missouri, to assist in the care of her only grandchild who daughter worked. In 1996, she returned to Bismarck to live with her brother. She moved to Heath in 2006 to live with her daughter. A member of the First Baptist Church in Bismarck, she was independent, helpful and loving and enjoyed gardening, sewing, cooking, fishing and attending family gatherings.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda F. Fate and her husband, Gary, of Heath; her grandson, Harrison A. Epps and his wife, of Houston; one nephew, Wayne A. Cox and his wife, Darlene Lacygne, Kansas; and a sister-in-law, Pauline Cox of Farmington, Wyo. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Robert W. and M. (Barney) Cox, and her sister, Marcile L. Cox.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested contributions be made for the maintenance of the IOOF Cemetery in Bismarck, Missouri.

## Jo Ann Swan

Services for Jo Ann Swan, 76, of Heath were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, in the St. Michael Catholic Church in Garland. Burial followed in the Beth El Cemetery in Cheyenne, Wyo. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Dec. 27.  
Born Jan. 12, 1932, in Crowell to Sherman and Jessie (Wilde) Nichols, she married Bill Swan of Thalia on March 15, 1948. She was a member of the St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Garland and was a homemaker who was devoted to her family.

Survivors include her son, Gary Swan and his wife, Jan Weatherford; her daughters, Sandra Dotson and her husband, of Heath and Kim Swan of Garland; a brother, Duane Nibbles Clarendon; her grandchildren, Amber Blocker, Samantha Eason, Amanda Chidgey and Brandon and Lauren Jessie Okane; and her great-grandchildren, Jayden Dotson, John Luke and Taylor Chidgey.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Wilbron Nichols; and one sister, Lalah Malone.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested donations be made to Helping Hands of Rockwall.

# Rockwall County Yesteryears

compiled by **Judy Schneider & Sarah Schneider**  
from the archives of the **Rockwall County Library**  
**10 Years Ago**  
**January 1, 1999**

The fourth graders at Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary School showed "How To" do something interesting. Lauren Singleton read as her partner Sarah Rodney demonstrated how to make a chocolate milkshake. All the fourth grade students were required to write a composition and then demonstrate their topic.

As a New Year public service, the newspaper printed cures for a hangover. A hangover is caused by the body not being able to digest congeners, which build up in the bloodstream when combined with the dehydration of alcohol. It is advisable to never drink on an empty stomach. When you eat, eat fatty foods which will slow the release of alcohol into the bloodstream. Use antacids to ease your upset stomach and aspirin can ease your head pain.

## 20 Years Ago

Rockwall offered a variety of New Years Eve activities. Cajun Catfish featured Rod Summers and Carol Brandon on twin pianos entertaining in the lounge. The evening also included a lobster dinner. Cactus Moon performed Culpepper's, while The Gridiron featured Hillbilly. Along with the entertainment, guests were served hot hors d'oeuvres, black-eyed peas and cornbread. The Scoreboard had a band called Standby with John

Mayberry. They also served black-eyed peas and cornbread with champagne served at midnight.

David Brooks, a Rockwall County Commissioner, received a miracle. David was supposed to go to the Veteran's Hospital on Monday to get a prescription refilled, but he decided to go on Friday. When he arrived at the hospital he started having chest pains. He took a nitroglycerin pill and felt better. He continued into the hospital and while standing in line at the pharmacy he passed out. As soon as he went down, a nurse passed by who knew of his heart condition and right behind the nurse was a friend of David's daughter pushing a gurney. They picked him up, and put him into the emergency room only 40 feet away. He was immediately worked on for fifteen minutes, while during this time his heart stopped. The doctors were ready to give up on him because he had turned blue, until he moved his arms. They revived him and sent him to intensive care. He was later moved to a room and had full recovery.

## 30 Years Ago

Marine Private First Class Johnnie L. Anderson, son of Robert L. and JoAnn Barnett of Rockwall, reported for duty at 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California. Johnnie graduated from Rockwall High School in 1978 and joined the Marine Corps in December.

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## The Original

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by Charley & Guy Orbison

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "\_\_\_ your chaps" (hurry)
- car
- mineral springs
- TX Janis Joplin's "Full-\_\_\_ Boogie Band"
- nat'l nurse group
- TX Debbie '59 film: "\_\_\_ One for Me"
- TX Janis' "\_\_\_ Bobby McGee"
- TX Don Henley "Eagles" tune: "Tequila \_\_\_"
- "Texas Goat Raisers Assn."
- TXism: "got a heart as big \_\_\_"
- corrected for publication
- "panhandler"
- TXism: "happy as \_\_\_ with two tails"
- TXism: "quick as \_\_\_ York minute"
- some TXns \_\_\_ 2nd language
- TX Quaid's "The Night the Lights Went \_\_\_ Georgia"
- TXism: "put a pencil \_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ bottom of the barrel"
- fanned at the plate (2 wds.)
- rub out
- TXism: "he can't see the \_\_\_ an eye chart"
- TX Waylon tune: "\_\_\_ Sure Hank Done It This Way?"

**DOWN**

- TXism: "dancing like a bobber \_\_\_ line"
- Jackson Co. seat
- vegetables found on salad bars
- "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ it in a heartbeat"
- So. Padre Is. feature
- historically black univ. in Houston (abbr.)
- slang word for "excellent"
- TXism: "six of \_\_\_ half a dozen of the other"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ in TX rafter" (very quick)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ texensis is scientific name for state flower"
- in Jefferson, TX, Jay Gould private railroad car
- Garza Co. seat on 4/30/83 TX
- Willie hit the "Big \_\_\_"
- TXism: "confused \_\_\_ Turf"
- TXism: "does a fat man sweat?"
- funder for many TX college students: "Sallie \_\_\_"
- bald eagle is \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ in TX
- TXism for "against"
- musical symbol
- noted Cowboy WR Pearson (73-83)
- \_\_\_ River
- "Anno Domini" (abbr.)
- Cowboy Hall-of-Famer Lilly (init.)
- wide boot width
- slang for guns or pistols
- cavers' group: "UT \_\_\_"
- trapped possum
- ranchers feed \_\_\_ cattle & horses
- "those" south of the border
- "Last Picture Show" actress Cloris (init.)
- euro is currency in this union (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ outhouse on a cold morning"
- cattle auction action (2 wds.)
- TXism: "nekkid"
- clothes pressing appliance (2 wds.)
- TXism: "lapped it \_\_\_" (believed)
- TX semiconductor maker (abbr.)
- "flash \_\_\_ the pan"
- TXns do it on water
- holder of TX Blue Bell product
- regretted

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

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## The birth of Jesus Christ... Luke 2-19

Continuing chronologically, we come to the birth of Jesus Christ. Luke 2:1-7, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (Now this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

The God-given record of Jesus Christ's birth is filled with information that helps to pinpoint the exact date of his birth. This will be covered in a later article. But please note that this decree from Caesar Augustus is recorded history. The word "tax" is a bad translation for earlier known Greek word that meant to enroll or register. It was actually the taking of a census.

Verse 4 reveals that Joseph and Mary went because they were of the house and lineage of David (See the genealogy of Mary Matthew 1:1-16). In verse 5 we learn that Joseph and Mary had led their marriage and were living together. This means that by that time, Mary was no longer a "virgin" as defined today. It is also noted that Jesus was Mary's "firstborn" child, which means she had other children later.

While in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, the son of God. Please note there was nothing miraculous about his birth. It was

no different from any other birth. There was something special about his post-birth preparation.

Joseph and Mary followed the proper procedures for the birth of a royal child. In Light Through an Eastern Window, author K.C. Pillai explained the eastern Biblical tradition for the birth of a noble son. Whenever a King's son was born, he was "salted" and "swaddled." Bathing the child in salt water symbolized he would have the qualities of truth and honesty. After the salting, strips of fine linen cloth were wrapped around his body. This was the "swaddling." He was wrapped from head to foot, with only his face showing. His straightened body and limbs symbolized that he would be free from crookedness and waywardness (See also Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed, by Victor Wierwille, pp. 205-208).

Verses 8-18 provides the wonderful record of the angel from God appearing to the shepherds that were watching their flock during the night. The angel said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us."

They immediately proved God and found the baby Jesus lying in a manger. Next they made this known to everybody in the area. And with sweet humility, Mary kept all these things to herself, and pondered upon them in her heart.

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## Yesteryears...

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Barbara Ortale joined Maurine's Boutique as a hair stylist. Barbara moved to Rockwall from San Diego, California. Barbara and her husband, Mike, had four children. Her husband worked for a Dallas bakery and her children attended Rockwall Schools. Barbara began as part-time help, but hoped to earn full-time employment.

### 40 Years Ago January 3, 1969

A fire at the Double "H" Chevrolet Company was caused by a wall heater in the office. There was extensive damage to the offices and much of the building. Firefighters had a hard time containing the flames. The cleanup operation took place the next day, but the building was left without heat.

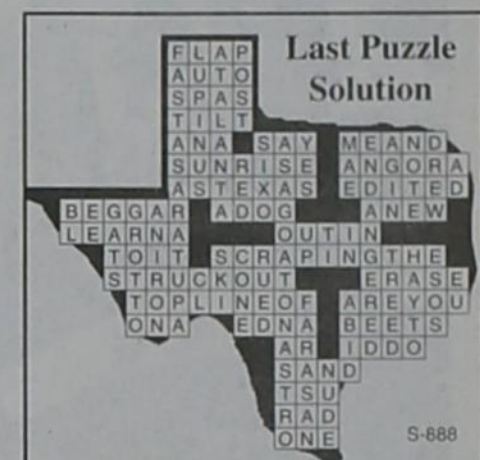
Postal rates for second-class mail increased. Second class mail included newspapers and magazines. The rate increased from 3 cents to 3.2 cents per pound. There were special

lower second-class rates for classroom publications and publications of non-profit organizations. This rate went into effect on January 1, 1969.

### 60 Years Ago December 31, 1948

B.H. McGuire opened a Shoe and Repair Shop in Rockwall. He was located in the building between the Corner Sandwich Shop and the Mecca Café. He encouraged people to stop by and get acquainted with him.

New officers were sworn in for Rockwall County. The new County Clerk was Mr. Derwood Wimpee and the new Justice of the Peace was Mr. Shirley Barnes. The other officers were held over to continue their positions.



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# Rockwall County Sports

## Hawks place nine players on All District first team, Lawrence MVP

By Matt McGillen

Just as he led them on the field, Rockwall-Heath senior running back Kendial Lawrence showed the Hawks the way off the field as well, as he was selected unanimously as the Most Valuable Player for District 10-4A for the 2008 season.

Lawrence topped a contingent of nine first-team All-District selections that included the Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year linebacker Austin Moss and Coach of the Year Mickey Moss, as well as six second-team choices.

Mickey Moss, in his first year as Heath coach after coming over from South Garland, led the Hawks to the first district championship in school history in any sport and to a 13-1 record. Ranked eight in the final high school Class A state poll, under Moss the Hawks made it all the way to the Division II regional final before they lost 52-47 to eventual state finalist Sulphur Springs.

Also named to the first team defense were Moss' wingmen in the line-backing corps, George Bamfo and Ryan Moseby as well as defensive lineman David James and cornerback Darius Jones.

Other first team offensive players were wide receiver Everett Gilbert and lineman Austin Woods and David Abercrombie. Woods was the only

Heath junior named to the first team.

Gilbert, Moss, Bamfo and Moseby were also unanimous picks.

Second team offensive selections were quarterback Drew Hollings and tight end Will Smith, wide receiver Matt Bielski and lineman Ike Pennington.

Named to the second-team on defense were junior lineman Zach Salinas and senior safety Charlie Wilson.

Lawrence topped all Metroplex rushers with 2,686 yards and scored 46 touchdowns before missing the Hawks' final game with an injured shoulder.

Gilbert rushed for 1,058 yards and caught 55 passes for another 755 and finished the season with 18 TDs.

Hollingshead completed 129-of-189 passes for 1,829 yards with 13 touchdowns and just one interception. Bielski caught 35 passes for 563 yards and five scores.

Through 13 games Moss led the Hawks with 155 tackles while Bamfo and Moseby had 131 and 96, respectively.

Jones had three interceptions and 54 stops while Wilson had two interceptions and 81 tackles.



Hawks running back Kendial Lawrence (32) is voted All District 10-4A Most Valuable Player of the Year. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Lady Bulldogs' Skyler Strahm voted for All District first team

by Lary Bump

Skyler Strahm, a senior who led Roysce City in four statistical categories this season, was the only Lady Bulldog named to the All-District 10-4A volleyball first team.

Also receiving All-District status were Kellie Wyrick and Fayrina Merrick, second team, and Shelby Pille, Autumn Landers and Lacy Osborne, honorable mention. All are seniors.

Strahm topped RC's team with 233 digs, 54 service aces and 33 blocks, and tied Wyrick for the team lead with 222 kills.

Wyrick also had 134 digs, 43 assists, 39 aces and 30 blocks. Merrick produced 230 digs, 120 kills and 19 blocks.

Pille's totals included 202 digs, 77 kills, 26 aces and 24 blocks. Setter Landers led Roysce City with 486 assists, and added 202 digs and 27 aces.

The Lady Bulldogs were scholars as well as athletes. Strahm, Wyrick, Merrick, Pille, Landers and Osborne also were named academic All-District, as were juniors Amanda Boudreaux and Sydney Cole and sophomore Taylor Jordan.

by Lary Bump

Just as he did all season for Roysce City's offense, quarterback Richard Morrison led a group of seven Bulldogs voted to All-District 10-4A first-team honors.

In RC's first season of 4A football, Morrison was named the district's Offensive Player of the Year as well as a first-team All-District quarterback. During his senior season, the University of Arizona-bound Morrison completed 189 of 319 passes for 2,472 yards and 22 touchdowns in just 10 games. He also was Roysce City's leading rusher with 110 carries for 586 yards (5.3 per carry) and eight TDs.

The Bulldogs' other six first-team selections also are seniors.

Protecting Morrison and powering the running game was 6'3", 290-pound offensive lineman Brook Wempa. He also received honorable mention All-State recognition from The Associated Press Sports Editors. Wempa has changed his non-binding college commitment from UTEP to Iowa State.

Wide receiver Justin Jacobs was Morrison's favorite target, leading the team with 59 catches, 995 yards and seven touchdowns.

Roysce City wasn't just a high-powered offensive team. The Bulldogs also had some superlative defenders - from the line (defensive tackle Eddie Mancias) through inside linebacker (Oscar Hernandez) to safety (Cameron Nichols).

The Bulldogs' first-team special teams player was punter Kollin Padon.

B.M. Farrar was on the All-District second team at two positions, cornerback and return specialist. Also earning second-team All-District honors were running back Ryan Fedric, wide receiver Devin Bryant, offensive lineman Gabriel Martinez, defensive end Ernesto Vargas, outside linebacker Scotty Arterberry and kicker Padon.



Roysce City Bulldogs' quarterback Richard Morrison (5) is voted Offensive Player of the Year in District 10-4A. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Rockwall-Heath coach, son enjoy historic championship football season together

by Matt McGillen

The practice field stands empty.

The uniforms have all been washed and put away.

There are no more midnight coaches meetings, no more wild blackboard sessions, no more trying to come up with new schemes and dreams to upend another playoff opponent. No more game films to watch. No more defenses to break down. No more X's and O's.

With the Rockwall-Heath football season having finally come to a tear-inducing end after 13 consecutive wins when the Hawks lost 52-47 to

Sulphur Springs in the regional final, the only thing that hasn't been put away is the memories from a most magnificent season.

And while for the rest of the senior Hawks players and families, the genesis of those memories likely started as mostly skinny, awkward freshmen four years ago, for the man in charge of creating those memories, Heath head coach Mickey Moss, you'd have to go back a little farther.

Say, 1996.

As a high school coach in Arkansas that year, Coach Moss only needed to take a look at his own sideline to see the future of Heath football: six-year-old ball boy Austin Moss.

Unbeknownst to anyone at the time, Austin would eventually grow up to be the heart and soul of the Hawk defense. A 6-foot-2, 210-pound human hammer, Austin would become one of the top high school linebackers in America, and was named the 2008 Outstanding Defensive player in District 10-4A.

Punishing anyone who came into his space and inspiring his teammates with his sheer will to excel, Austin led all Heath defenders with 167 tackles despite spending the equivalent of two full games on the sidelines because of blowout wins.

Although he played football in middle school, Austin remained a ball boy for his father until he reached high school, where his dad coached him all four years, three at South Garland and his final one at Heath.

"That's probably the hardest thing," said Coach Moss, who was voted the top coach in the district. "To not have him on the sideline after all these years. It's been a long journey for us. Going to work every day together, eating lunch together. And most of the time riding home from school together. I'm very thankful as a father to have gotten to spend that time with my son."

And the Heath community is thankful to have had them both.

## Hawks fall to Amarillo 65-42 at Midland Bryan Johnson

by Matt McGillen

Unable to overcome a 17-point halftime deficit, the Rockwall-Heath Hawks fell to Amarillo 65-42 in their opening game of the Bryon Johnson tournament in Midland Dec. 29.

Now 6-10 for the year, the Hawks were scheduled to play at 10:30 Dec. 30 in the eight-team tournament.

Dustin Morrett, a senior guard, topped Heath scorers with 15 points. Down 34-17 at the half, the Hawks could get no closer as they were outscored 31-24 in the last two quarters.

"They shot the ball real well," said second-year Heath coach Justin Morrett. "They weren't very tall, but they had a real wide body down low. We didn't shoot the ball real well."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Amarillo	18	16	15	16	65
Heath	10	8	10	14	42

Dustin Morrett 15, Demi Leonard 8, Tony Tension 9, Chase Nielsen 4, Andrew Tweddle 3, Lewis Snowton 3.

Editor's note: See next week's Rockwall County News for complete tournament details.

## Lady Hawks pound Conrad during DISD tournament

by Matt McGillen

After getting pummeled by one of the better teams in the state, the Rockwall-Heath lady Hawks did some pummeling of their own as they crushed one of the newer teams in the state, in their first two games of the Dallas ISD Coca Cola tournament Dec. 29.

On the wrong end of a 72-26 defeat to third-ranked Irving MacArthur in their opener, Heath bounced back and pounded Conrad 67-37, which is fielding its initial varsity team.

The Lady Hawks were scheduled to play at 9 a.m. Dec. 30 against an underdog opponent.

"We had a much better overall effort against Conrad," said Heath coach Donna Walker after her team improved to 4-10 for the year. "We had much better intensity and cut down on our turnovers, and we shot the ball a lot better. We did not shoot very well against MacArthur."

Junior Shanae Lowrance led the way against Conrad, recording a double-double with 21 points and 11 rebounds, both game highs.

Junior Katelyn Morris added 16 points while sophomore Brooke Eddy also reached double figures with 11 points.

Overall, the lady Hawks nailed 27-of-43 field goals (62.8 percent) and 4-of-13 three-point tries (30.8) while Conrad, just 1-12 for the year was a respectable 14-for-32 (43.8) from the field for the game, but came up empty from three-point land, missing all seven attempts.

As a team, Heath turned the ball over 14 times against Conrad (compared to 29 against the Lady Cardinals (19-1)).

Lowrance topped the Lady Hawks in the game with MacArthur with seven points as the entire starting lineup for the Lady Cardinals reached double figures.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	19	15	19	14	67
Conrad	9	10	7	11	37

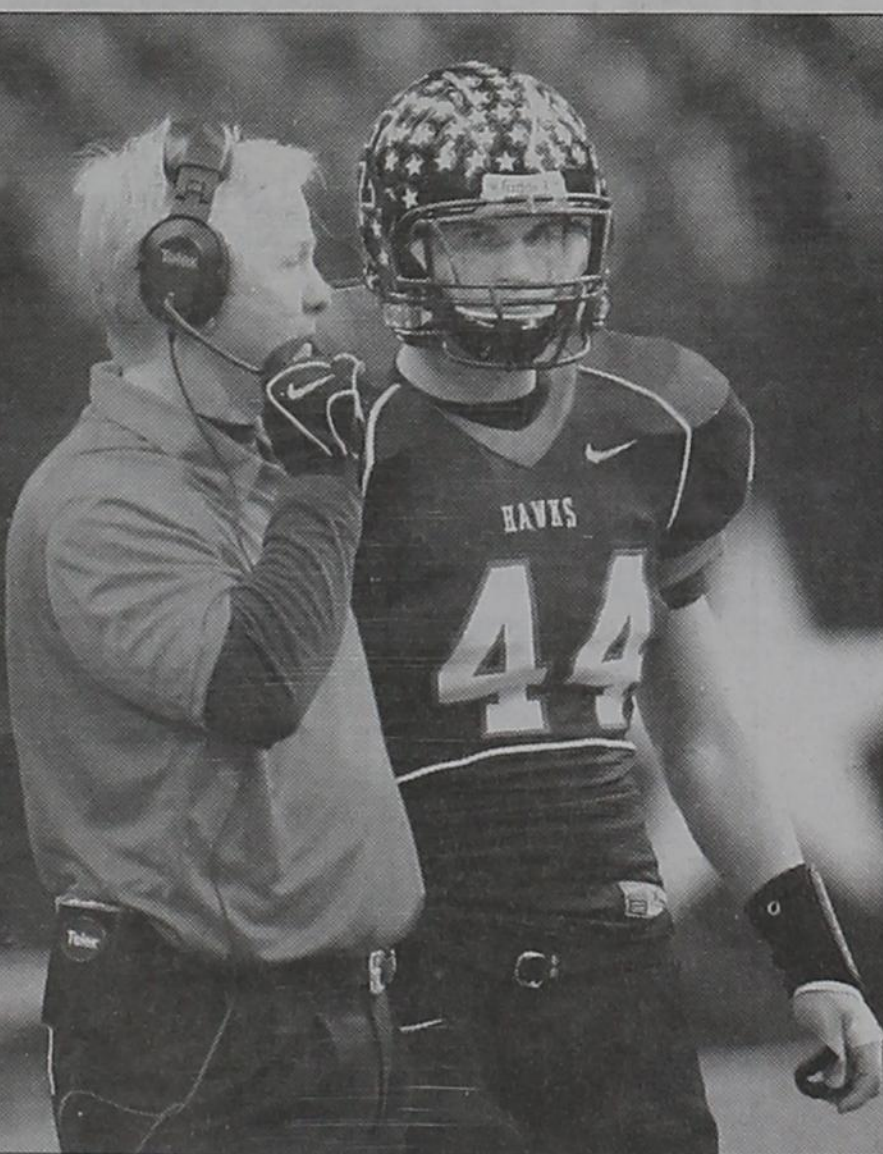
Heath (67) - Brooke Eddy 11, Shanae Lowrance 21, McColl Smith 5, Katelyn Morris 16, Lyndsey Renta 6, Meredith Deere 2, Heidi Holmes 6.

Conrad (37) - Offord 9, Conway, 2, McCauley 12, Benjamin Johnson 13.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	5	10	4	7	26
MacArthur	18	21	16	17	72

Heath (67) - Shanae Lowrance 7, Heidi Holmes 5, Lyndsey Renta 4, McKenzie White 3, Katelyn Morris 2, Brooke Eddy 2, Meredith Deere 2, Macall Smith 1.

MacArthur (72) - Odyssey Sims 15, Jenise Gentry 13, Rashaun Mosley 12, Karmyn Jackson 10, Ayriel Anderson 10, Alexis Jones 6, Khoriah Newman 4, Ivory Coleman 2.



Hawks' Head Coach Mickey Moss (left) defensive strategy with his son Austin Moss (44). Staff photo by Carl McClung

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Royse City Lady Bulldogs battle back in Dallas Tourney

**By Lary Bump**  
Kellie Wyrick scored 21 points in each game Monday, but Royse City did no better than splitting its first two games in the Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament at Skyline High School. A 57-44 loss at noon to West Mesquite (12-6) relegated the Lady Bulldogs to playing for no more than the consolation title, but they bounced back well to rout Dallas Bryan Adams 67-27. RCHS head coach Dallas Bookout said, "In the early game, we didn't play well. It was one of those early games where you don't come out and play with energy."  
The Lady Wranglers took a 13-8 lead after the first quarter, and blew open to 35-21 at halftime. Royse City's 23-22 advantage in the second didn't do much to close the gap.  
"We played a lot harder in the second game," Bookout said. "I was pleased that a lot of kids got to play and did well. They definitely can play for us, and we're going to need some of those kids later in the season if

we get in foul trouble or somebody gets hurt."  
The big story was the 6'2" Wyrick, who scored 10 points in the first quarter, when the Lady Bulldogs (14-4) took a 24-5 lead over Bryan Adams (7-6). She scored eight more and grabbed six rebounds in the second quarter as the advantage grew to 41-12 at halftime, then didn't play at all in the fourth quarter.  
Bookout said, "She's going to make that next step in the second half of the season and the district schedule. She's doing a good job challenging people on defense too."  
At least one more tournament game Tuesday morning against Fort Worth Brewer (3-10), with two games possible after that if the Lady Bulldogs kept winning.  
"Hopefully, if you're going to play four games in two days, you're going to be able to use more than six or seven players. It's good when you can play 11 or 12."

The Lady Bulldogs added a player for depth in the tournament. They brought up sophomore Jennifer Null from the junior varsity; she scored four points against Bryan Adams.  
Royse City (2-1 in District 10-4A) will return to district play Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at home against Rockwall-Heath (1-2).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	8	13	8	15	44
West Mesquite	13	22	12	10	57

Royse City: Kellie Wyrick 21, Tayler Young 8, Raven Alexander 7, Taylor Howard 6, Ariel Freese 2.  
West Mesquite J'Tierra Brown 17, Latericka Anderson 17, Re'nikia Meshack 13, Desiree' Johnson 5, Dominique Taylor 3, Shaneiqua Johnson 2.

## Bulldogs split first 2 games in Kaufman Holiday Tournament

**By Lary Bump**  
Playing four basketball games in two days makes it difficult for even high school athletes to keep their energy level up.  
That's what Royse City and head coach Anthony Howerton found out Monday, their first day in the Kaufman Holiday Tournament at Norman Senior High School.  
Even though the entire roster played in a 55-21 romp over Kemp, the Bulldogs came out flat in the first half against Forney that evening. The Jackrabbits (8-3) ran to a 24-13 halftime lead. Rejuvenated at halftime, Royse City came back with a furious pressing defense that tied the game midway through the third quarter. Then Forney regrouped to take the Bulldogs' press, scored the last seven points of that quarter to lead 36-29 and held on for a 60-54 victory.  
Howerton said, "We just didn't play in the first half. I thought we'd have some legs under us because a lot of guys got a lot of time in that first game. But our players came out a little flat. They responded and played in the second half. We were right there with Forney."  
However, even in the 14-3 run that tied the game at 27-27 with 4 minutes, 14 seconds remaining in the third quarter, RCHS (7-7) didn't shoot especially well. During the first minute of that quarter, the Bulldogs stole the ball twice and grabbed three rebounds, but didn't score.  
"We don't have a lot of size," Howerton said, "so we have to shoot it. In the first half, they packed it in and gave us the outside shot. We have to take what they give us."  
By the time Royse City started hitting 3-point shots, it was in a catch-up mode. Scotty Arterberry hit two of his three treys to get the offense

going in the third quarter. In the final eight minutes, the 'Dogs made five 3-pointers - including three by Wynn Posey, who scored 11 of his 15 points in that quarter.  
Whatever outside shots RCHS was missing, Trey Crutchfield seemed to rebound and put back up. He had seven rebounds and eight of his 15 points in the fourth quarter.  
Posey also scored 15 points against Kemp. He had help from DaJon Avery's 11 points and 10 from Justin Jacobs.  
The loss to Forney eliminated the Bulldogs' chance to play for the overall tournament championship. They had a chance to reach Tuesday's Silver championship game by beating Brownsboro earlier in the day.  
Royse City (1-0 in District 10-4A) will resume its district schedule Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Rockwall-Heath (0-1).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	10	18	14	13	55
Kemp	3	6	7	5	21

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	16	8	12	24	60
Forney	8	5	16	25	54

Forney: Jordan Hancock 12, Zac Seaman 11, Eubanks 11, Rosado 8, Shaw 6, McGee 5, Kendrick 5, Luckie 2.  
Royse City: Wynn Posey 15, Trey Crutchfield 15, Scotty Arterberry 9, Stephen Edwards 7, Cory Kawesa 3, DaJon Avery 3, Justin Jacobs 2.

### Royse City Bulldogs' schedule

**Monday, Dec. 29:** Varsity boys' basketball: at Kaufman Holiday Tournament, Kaufman Junior High, vs. Kemp 2 p.m. and vs. Forney, 6:30 p.m.  
Varsity girls' basketball: at Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament, Dallas Skyline High School, vs. West Mesquite, noon  
**Tuesday, Dec. 30:** Varsity boys' basketball: at Kaufman Holiday Tournament, Kaufman Junior High, vs. Brownsboro, 12:30 p.m.  
Varsity girls' basketball: at Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament  
**Wednesday, Dec. 31:** Varsity girls' basketball: at Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament

### Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

**Friday, Jan. 2 -** Varsity wrestling: at Grapevine Duals, 9 a.m.  
Boys' soccer: home, Alumni scrimmage, 5:30 p.m.  
Girls' soccer: home, Alumni scrimmage, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 3 -** Varsity wrestling: at Grapevine Duals, 9 a.m.  
Girls' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, freshman A and JV, 1 p.m., and varsity, 2:30 p.m.  
Boys' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Freshman boys' basketball: vs. Richardson Pearce at Williams Middle School, 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 6 -** Girls' soccer: home scrimmage vs. Garland, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
Girls' basketball: home vs. Carrollton Newman Smith, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Freshman A girls' basketball: vs. Carrollton Newman Smith at Williams Middle School, 6 p.m.  
Boys' basketball: at Carrollton Newman Smith, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Boys' soccer: home scrimmage vs. Denton Guyer  
**Wednesday, Jan. 7 -** JV White boys' basketball: home vs. Plano Vines, 6 p.m.  
Varsity and JV wrestling: at Plano, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday, Jan. 8 -** Varsity boys' soccer: at Temple Tournament at Korompai 2, 6 p.m.  
Freshman B girls' basketball: home vs. Home School Athletic Association, 7:30 p.m.  
Varsity and JV girls' soccer: at Allen Tournament  
**Friday, Jan. 9 -** Varsity boys' soccer: at Temple Tournament at Korompai 2 10 a.m. and at Wildcat 4 p.m.  
Varsity wrestling: at Cy Ridge Tournament, 4 p.m.  
Boys' basketball: home vs. Highland Park, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Freshman boys' basketball: vs. Highland Park at Williams Middle School, 6 p.m.  
Girls' basketball: at Highland Park, freshman A and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Varsity and JV girls' soccer: at Allen Tournament

## Lady Jackets drop to Waxahachie in tournament

**By Lary Bump**  
The second time around wasn't so good for the Rockwall girls' basketball team against Waxahachie Monday.  
In last month's DeSoto Tournament, the Lady Jackets took a 14-8 lead. Their defense held the Lady Indians in check throughout the game, but allowed RHS to gain a 51-42 victory that started a six-game winning streak they took into the Sandra Meadows Classic Varsity Girls Tournament at Duncanville High School.  
Rockwall started even better in their first-round game in Duncanville, leading 19-11 after one quarter.  
However, Waxahachie came back to lead 27-26 at halftime and 45-34 at the last minute of the third quarter.  
The Lady Jackets' press and foul shooting allowed them to come back and tie the game, but the Lady Indians (13-4) regained their composure to win 60-55.  
What was the difference between the two games?  
Head coach Jill McDill and assistant Casey Reeves agreed, "They made a lot of easy shots."  
McDill added, "Sixty points is too many for us to give up. We had a lot of turnovers and some missed baskets we should have made. We were down 11, but we got back in there."  
Rockwall took six points off the lead by generating turnovers that led to two foul shots apiece by Kayla Kimmons, Alyssa Lang and Peyton Adamson - who made 12 of 13 in the game.  
It was 45-40 entering the fourth quarter, but Briana Jordan stretched the Lady Indians' lead to seven points by making two foul shots.  
The Lady Jackets kept the pressure on, and made 9 of 11 free throws. Those helped them tie the game 53-53 with 3:21 to play when Jordan Anterhaus scored off an offensive rebound.

RHS took two more offensive rebounds on its next possession, with a chance to overtake Waxahachie's 54-53 lead, but turned the ball over.  
The last best chance for the Lady Jackets came after Adamson's final two foul shots, giving her 28 points, with 26 seconds remaining. Trailing 57-55, Rockwall prevented the Lady Indians from making an inbound pass within five seconds. The Lady Jackets couldn't score, and Waxahachie wrapped up the game with three free throws.  
"Initially we did get a few steals off our press, and we didn't give up. Even there at the end, we got that 5-second call but turned (the ball) over when we could have tied it up," McDill said.  
Rockwall (11-8) was scheduled to play Kennedale (7-9) Tuesday morning, with at least one more game after that in the tournament.  
The 32-team Sandra Meadows tournament, in its 58th year, is a great place to see and be seen. Fifty-six college coaches are scouting the players there.  
The Lady Jackets will try to build on their 3-0 start in District 10-4A play Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Richardson Pearce (1-2 in the district).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Waxahachie	11	16	18	15	60
Rockwall	19	7	14	15	55

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Waxahachie	15	14	14	16	59
Rockwall	15	14	14	16	59

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## Yellowjackets lose twice in Dallas tournament

**By Lary Bump**  
Perhaps it just seemed too easy.  
Rockwall had already beaten Dallas A. Maceo Smith 57-54 this season. When the Yellowjackets lined up to play Smith Monday afternoon, the Falcons were without 6'3" Anthony Theus, who had caused RHS all kinds of trouble with his rebounding and 14 points in the first meeting.  
By the time the Jackets realized they were in a dogfight as the underdog, it was already the third quarter and they trailed 19-14. A 7-0 run gave them the lead on Tim Yeager's basket with 3 minutes, 32 seconds remaining in the quarter.  
Rockwall still led 24-23 after three quarters, but scoring leader Kyle Sandlin excused himself from the team huddle and vomited in a wastebasket in the corner of the gym at Dallas' Sprague Field House. He missed half of the fourth quarter, and didn't score again. Soon after, Yeager was over at that same wastebasket.  
Meanwhile, Verando Brown and A. Maceo Smith were feeling good. With Brown putting in 11 of his game-high 22 points in the fourth quarter, the Falcons (7-8) won 45-37 by scoring the final five points.  
That loss got Rockwall off to a bad start in the Dallas ISD Coca-Cola tournament. It didn't get any better in a 61-46 loss to DeSoto later that afternoon. At least, Sandlin was better. He was that game's high scorer with 22 points.  
Jackets head coach Alan Simmons said he had no indication earlier in the day that either player was sick. Even though Yeager didn't score against DeSoto, the coach didn't think illness was the key factor in RHS' losses.  
"I don't think we were ready to play," Simmons said. "We came out and didn't have any intensity. If you don't play well mentally, you can't play well physically. There's a difference between playing hard and playing hard with heart, intensity and passion."  
"I was surprised because they had the best workout I've ever had as a coach coming off the holiday break."  
Even without Theus, benched for the game because he had missed a practice, the taller Falcons were able to intimidate Rockwall (7-7). Simmons said, "We were timid about going inside. They did a good job blocking shots."  
Against DeSoto (11-6), the Jackets were in the game early, trailing by just four points at halftime. The Eagles expanded their lead by outscoring RHS 37-26 in the second half.  
Rockwall (7-7 overall, 1-0 in District 10-4A) was scheduled to play its final game in the tournament Tuesday morning against North Dallas (0-14).

The Jackets' district schedule will resume with a 7:30 p.m. game Saturday at home against Richardson Pearce (4-12, 0-1).

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8th grade girls' basketball: at Lovejoy, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
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It's unbelievable to think that Rockwall, one of the most affluent areas in the state, would have that many needy children and families. About 10 percent of our population lives below the federal poverty level and about 18 percent have no health insurance coverage. Children make up the majority of those in need.

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# Opinions

# Happy New Year, Barack Obama

by Bill O'Reilly

Put yourself in Barack Obama's sensible shoes. In less than a month, you'll be president of the United States and, upon entering the Oval Office, one of the biggest messes in history will be yours to sort out. So let's make a list and see exactly what the new president will be facing.

On the plus side, the media is still firmly on Obama's side and will continue to blame George W. Bush for everything until at least 2011. The media, in general, has a lot invested in the new president and will spin most events his way.

That gives President Obama some public relations room. He'll have a few months before any pressure from the media comes directly at him. Heck, if the liberal press didn't scream about the conservative preacher Rick Warren praying at the inauguration, you know the fix is in.

Also, Congress is now dominated by pro-Obama Democrats, and it will do pretty much what the new president wants, so that will make Obama's life a lot easier.

### Congress is out of touch

On the downside, Congress simply does not know what it is doing. The financial crisis caught our lawmakers by surprise, and the continuing chaos clearly demonstrates that these people have no idea how to deal with the recession. So Americans are just going to have to tough it out and pray the president and Congress don't make things even worse.

On the terrorism front, some Americans, including this one, are worried for a number of reasons, beginning with Obama selecting Eric Holder to be attorney general. This almost defies belief. In addition to lobbying for the pardon of uber tax cheat Marc Rich, Holder was part of the Janet Reno gang that made it impossible for the feds to investigate terror-related activities inside the USA.

You'll remember that then Attorney General Reno, with her assistant Holder's guidance, actually ordered the FBI not to share information with the CIA. Thus, the 9/11 hijackers were free to roam this country until doing their deadly deeds.

### Remember Reno and Holder from the past

Now, Holder may be running the show at Justice, and unless he has had a complete Epiphany (apologies to you secular-progressives), his selection is chilling. The fact that President-elect Obama has had so much trouble finding a new CIA chief speaks to Holder's situation. CIA veterans well understand that an anti-agency attorney general could cause them great harm.

Overseas, the military is calling the shots, and Obama will not take on Gen. David Petraeus, the genius behind the Iraq turnaround. So, here, the fight against terror will continue to be waged aggressively. However, the prison at Guantanamo Bay will be shut down, and coerced interrogation will not be allowed on Obama's watch. So the terrorists gain an advantage.

### Looking for a second term?

Barack Obama is a brilliant man. He knows his success hinges on getting us out of the recession and preventing another terror attack at home. He also understands that he has to do both of these things if he wants a second term.

And a Happy New Year to you, Mr. President-elect.

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# Global warming Rope-A-Dope

Walter E. Williams

Americans have been rope-a-doped into believing that global warming is destroying our planet. Scientists who have been skeptical about manmade global warming have been called traitors or handmaidens of oil. The Washington Post asserted on May 28, 2006 that there were "a handful of skeptics" of manmade climate fears. Bill Blakemore on Aug. 30, 2006 said, "After extensive searches, ABC News has found much (scientific) debate on global warming."

N. Framework Convention on Climate Change Executive Secretary de Boer said it was "criminally irresponsible" to ignore the urgency of global warming. U.N. special climate envoy Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland on May 10, 2007 declared the climate debate "over" and added "it's completely immoral, even, to question" the U.N.'s scientific consensus.

July 23, 2007, CNN's Miles O'Brien said, "The scientific debate is over." Earlier he said that scientific skeptics of manmade catastrophic global warming "are bought and paid for by the fossil fuel industry, ally."

The global warming scare has provided a field day for politicians and others who wish to control our lives. After all, only the imagination limits the kind of laws and restrictions that can be written in the name of saving the planet. Recently, more and more scientists are summoning up the courage to speak out and present evidence against the global warming rope-a-dope. Atmospheric scientist Stanley B. Goldenberg of the Marine Research Division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said, "It is a blatant lie put forth in the media that makes seem there is only a fringe of scientists who don't buy into anthropogenic global warming."

Dr. Goldenberg has the company of at least 650 noted scientists mentioned in the recently released U.S. Senate Minority Report: More Than 650 International Scientists Dissent Over Man-Made Global Warming Claims: Scientists Continue to Debunk 'Consensus' in 2008. The scientists, not environmental activists, include Ivar Giaever, Nobel Laureate in physics, who said, "I am a skeptic... Global warming

has become a new religion." Dr. Kiminori Itoh, an environmental physical chemist, said warming fears are the "worst scientific scandal in the history... When people come to know what the truth is, they will feel deceived by science and scientists." "So far, real measurements give no ground for concern about a catastrophic future warming," said Dr. Jarl R. Ahlbeck, a chemical engineer at Abo Akademi University in Finland, author of 200 scientific publications and former Greenpeace member. Atmospheric physicist James A. Peden, formerly of the Space Research and Coordination Center in Pittsburgh, said, "Many (scientists) are now searching for a way to back out quietly (from promoting warming fears), without having their professional careers ruined."

The fact of the matter is an increasing amount of climate research suggests a possibility of global cooling. Geologist Dr. Don J. Easterbrook, Emeritus Professor at Western Washington University says, "Recent solar changes suggest that it could be fairly severe, perhaps more like the 1880 to 1915 cool cycle than the more moderate 1945-1977 cool cycle. A more drastic cooling, similar to that during the Dalton and Maunder minimums, could plunge the Earth into another Little Ice Age, but only time will tell if that is likely." Geologist Dr. David Gee, chairman of the science committee of the 2008 International Geological Congress, currently at Uppsala University in Sweden asks, "For how many years must the planet cool before we begin to understand that the planet is not warming? For how many years must cooling go on?"

That's a vital question for Americans to ask. Once laws are written, they are very difficult, if not impossible, to repeal. If a time would ever come when the permafrost returns to northern U.S., as far south as New Jersey as it once did, it's not inconceivable that Congress, caught in the grip of the global warming zealots, would keep all the laws on the books they wrote in the name of fighting global warming. Personally, I would not put it past them to write more.

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# Madoff scandal exposes government failure

Sheldon Richman

The common reaction to the Bernard Madoff \$50 billion financial scam is wholly expected. As Los Angeles Times columnist Tim Rutten wrote, "The lesson is one that becomes clearer with each excruciating day of the Wall Street screw. The long, bipartisan experiment with financial deregulation has failed utterly."

The argument that a return to rigorous oversight will somehow stifle Wall Street's "creativity" is no longer convincing. Whatever its theoretical merits, regulation is dramatically cheaper than intervention. And the elitist insistence on the superiority of 'individual choice' and 'free markets' now is exposed as so much vacant rhetoric.

The system that permits a scam artist like Madoff to deceive not just the naive and orphans but also sophisticated investors, like Fairfield Greenwich Group's Walter Noel and Hollywood's Jeffrey Katzenberg, is a market at all; it's a shooting gallery."

### Don't count on government for security

The last sentence is a tip-off that something is wrong with this market. Financial regulation is usually proposed to protect the sophisticated. People knowledgeable about finance and securities can usually take care of themselves. But what makes the Madoff scandal so noteworthy is that the most sophisticated types were taken even though several experts sounded alarms. Why?

The other thing to note about Rutten's position is that there has been no relevant financial deregulation to speak of. In fact, since Enron's collapse, regulation has intensified and the regulatory budget has grown.

The SEC already requires investment and hedge-fund managers with assets over \$100 million to file quarterly reports. Under prodding from the SEC, the SEC looked at Madoff's operation more than once but found no major problems. Moreover, Madoff's alleged crimes involve no fraud. Have any laws against fraud been repealed?

Contrary to Rutten, whose prejudice against "individual choice" and "free markets" is palpable, these two facts — sophisticated victims and no relevant regulation — demonstrate the failure not of the free market (which did not exist) but rather of regulation.

How can that be? The obvious answer is a false sense of security is worse than none at all. When people believe government is protecting them from bad financial practices, they are more vulnerable to scams than if they knew they had to protect themselves. The government's huge regulatory apparatus broadcasts one unmistakable subliminal message: Have no fear because

Big Brother is watching over you. Is it any wonder that people are less wary than they would be if they did not believe that?

As long as government plays a regulatory role — or people believe it does — they will assume that key activities are being monitored. And even when an activity is known to be unregulated, the implication is that if regulation were needed, government would be doing it. Why else did worldly investors fall for Madoff's self-described "giant Ponzi scheme"?

The call for regulation assumes — without grounds — that government can protect investors from con men.

But government regulators have never been able to make good on that promise. Con men prosper no matter how much the government regulates. They often understand the system better than the people running it. (Madoff was an insider!)

Looking to government regulation for security merely adds another avenue for corruption. Ordinarily people are cautious when someone promoting a product stands to profit by its sale. But regulators are supposedly disinterested and don't profit by their activities. All they want to do is protect the public interest — and they have the state's imprimatur vouching for them. That's the theory at any rate.

### Ponzi schemes

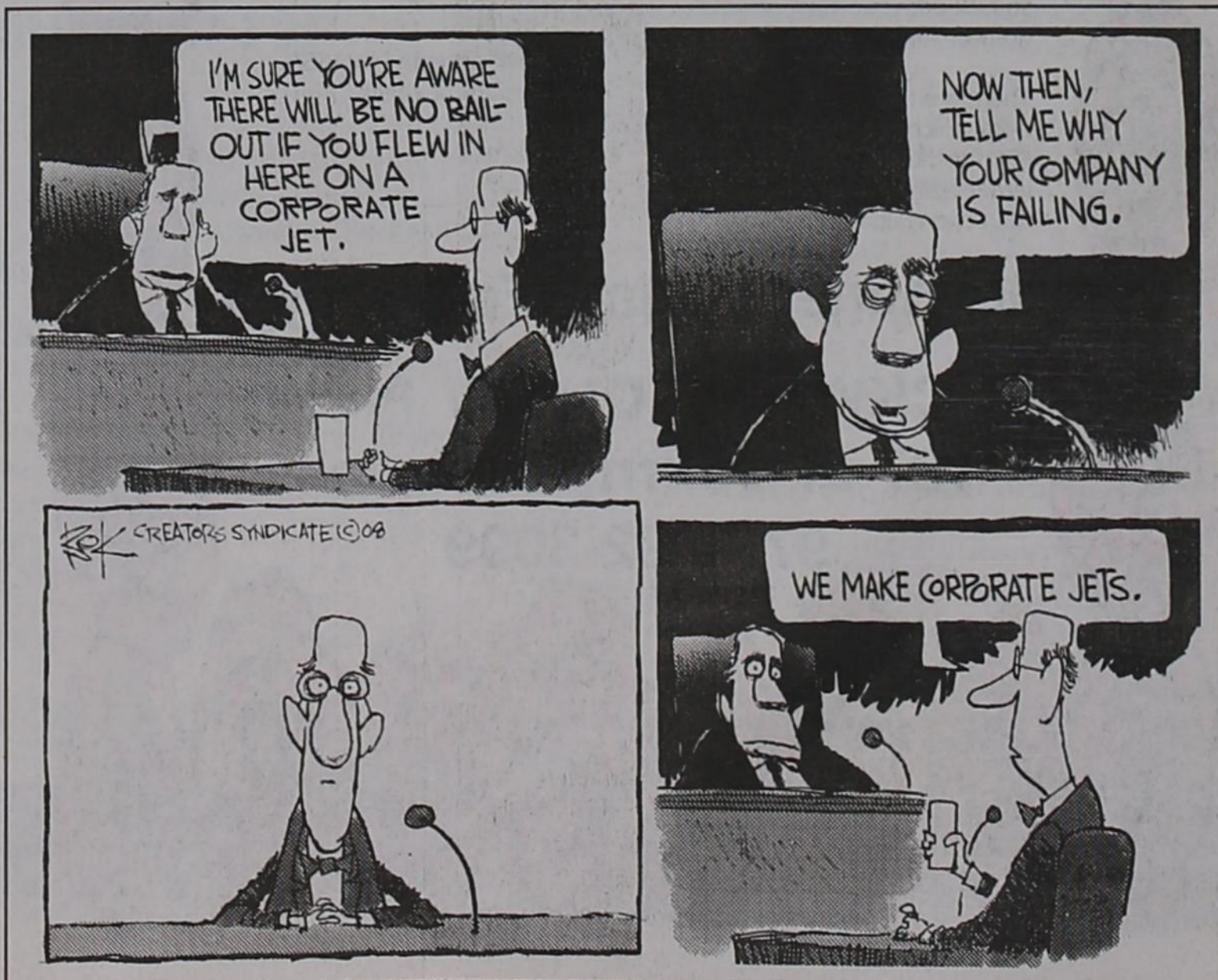
In fact, they are human beings like us all, with the same kinds of motives and goals — and temptations. To the extent we think they are saints, we make ourselves vulnerable to scams. (Speaking of Ponzi schemes, check out Social Security and Medicare.)

What's the solution? Super-

regulators to watch the regulators? And who watches the super-regulators? Face it: there is no security in regulation. Rather, there's only a dangerous illusion of security, not to mention a drag on economic growth as the bureaucracy interferes with honest traders.

The claim of free-market advocates is not that we need no protection from the unscrupulous. Rather, it's that protection is maximized by undiluted market discipline — profit and loss — and buyer-beware skepticism.

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The Grinch character from Dr. Seuss' "Grinch Who Stole Christmas" book visited first grade students at Dobbs Elementary earlier this month. The jolly green visitor is pictured above with just a few of the students with whom he interacted. It was reported that the Grinch, who did a little reading while he was at the school, enjoyed the visit so much he almost smiled.



The Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School Lighthouse Choir performed jazzy Christmas tunes for the crowd at the Rockwall-High School varsity and junior varsity girls basketball games against Newman Smith High School. The choir also sang the National Anthem before the first tipoff.

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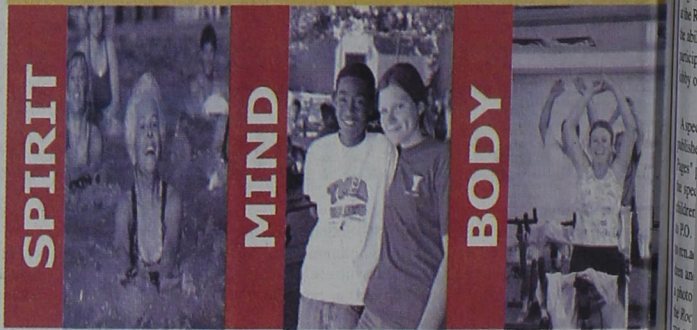
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The Rockwall High School varsity cheerleaders spread holiday cheer at a recent Lady Jacket basketball game at the school gym. Showing their seasonal spirit are (back row from left) Briani Packard, Alex Macalik, Amy Clough, Ashley Grandstaff, Kaitlin Akard, Amanda Shambeck, Midge Galloway, Ashleigh Elsik, Jackets Mascot Hillary Kinsey, (front row from left) Chelsea Ramirez, Jennifer Walthall, Melanie Day, Shelby Kennard, Jenny Cullins and Nicci Flores. Not pictured Haley Loftin and Jordan Daffron.

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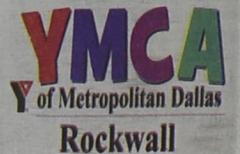
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