

# Rockwall County News

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In keeping with its motto "Service Above Self," the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club recently delivered winter coats to 198 students at Springer, Jones and Dobbs elementary schools. Pictured above are representative students accepting the gifts on behalf of Dobbs Elementary and the RBR members participating in the presentation. From the left are Jose Chabolla, Abigail Perez, Maritza Galvan, Barbara Carreon, Adrian Colunga, Ivan Paredes, Joseph Howard and Felix Juarez, along with the school's counselor, Dina Rowe, and principal, Teresa Twedell. Also shown are RBR members Stephen Straughn, Johnny Tomasino, John Perser, George Russell, David Hamilton, Karen Straughn, Carl Jackson, Mike Lucas and Trenton Cornehl. Coats for Kids is one of the RBR's many annual programs. For more information on the club, visit [rockwallbreakfastrotary.com](http://rockwallbreakfastrotary.com).

Photo courtesy of George Russell/Rockwall County News

## Got Talent' events set for Jan. 15-16

The final round of auditions in the Rockwall's Got Talent event will take place Sunday, setting the stage for the semifinal and final contests set for Jan. 15-16 at Utley Middle School.

More than 80 acts registered for the Got Talent competition, sponsored by the Rockwall Community Playhouses. Earlier this month, the first round of auditions were conducted and a dozen acts made the cut. Those acts will be pared even further prior to the Jan. 15 semifinal competition.

The semifinals and finals will begin at 7 p.m. each night, culminating in the awarding of the top three places – grand prize, \$1,000, sponsored by Vicky Chesna Real Estate; second place, \$500, sponsored by Community Bank; and third prize, \$250, sponsored by Bath Hair & Day Spa.

## NHS group collects items for library

The Rockwall High School National Honor Society is collecting used books and current magazines for the Rockwall County Library.

Collections take place all day long on every third Saturday.

To donate, drive up to the library's delivery entrance; NHS students help unload books and deposit them in the donation area. Books should not be left outside the library unattended.

Audience members will have a say in the decision, voting to determine who wins the contest.

The Rockwall's Got Talent competition was organized to mark the RCP's 15th anniversary in the community.

Tickets cost \$10 for each of the two final nights. Tickets may be purchased at [rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org).

## RCN Web Page Popularity

by Wesley W. Burnett

With the closing of 2009, we are pleased to report that our web site ([rockwallcountynews.com](http://rockwallcountynews.com)) registered a total of 519,859 hits for an average of 43,321 hits per month. In December 2009 the site recorded 34,278 hits.

Visitors to the site viewed a total of 178,108 pages during 2009. December 2009 visitors looked at 12,613 pages.

In 2009, a total of 27,061 unique visitors took advantage of the on-line features provided by the Rockwall County News. December 2009 recorded 3,449 unique visitors to the site. One of the reasons for our web site popularity is the presentation of our weekly news pages, which are images of our printed pages.

For information about taking advantage of reaching more than a half million viewers in 2010 on the popular Rockwall County News web site, call 972-722-3099.

## Slate of Republican candidates named for March Primary

Several races have developed for voters to decide in the upcoming Republican Primary election.

Four individuals are vying for the post of Rockwall County Judge. Other contested races include the Precinct 2 and Precinct 4 commissioners' seats, both justices of the peace offices and the county Republican chair.

Primary elections are scheduled to take place March 2.

Deadline to register to vote is Feb. 1.

The following is the list of Republican candidates as provided by local elections administrator Glenda Denton:

- District attorney – Kenda Culpepper, incumbent
- County judge – Chris Florance, incumbent; Jerry Hogan; Kenneth R. Jones; Kevin Fowler
- District clerk – Kay McDaniel, incumbent
- County clerk – David Sweet, Shelli Miller
- County treasurer – David Peek
- Commissioner, Precinct 2 – Lorie Grinnan, incumbent; Fred Lively
- Commissioner, Precinct 4 – David Magness, incumbent; Stanley McWhirter
- Justice of the peace, Precincts 1, 4 – David Karr, incumbent; Jack D. James; Michelle L. Sutton
- Justice of the peace, Precincts 2, 3 – Richard L. Holloway, incumbent; Nancy Beaty; Cathy A. Penn
- Rockwall County Republican chair – Paul C. Wilson, Brenda T. Zielke
- Precinct chair, Precinct 2B – Ralph Mount, Andrew Hall

As of press time, no list of Democratic Party candidates had been received by the *Rockwall County News*. Watch this publication in coming weeks for additional information about early voting, ballots by mail and other primary election details.

## City: No adverse impact from Dec. 25 sewer spill

There was no adverse impact to the City of Rockwall's water supply following a Christmas day sanitary sewer spill, according to a news release from the municipality.

The spill occurred at the wastewater collection facility in the area of Yellow Jacket Lane between State Hwy. 205 and FM 740. The affected area included the creek adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad, upstream of FM 740 and the drainage way between Yellow Jacket and the creek.

The incident, reported on Dec. 28, was contained and cleaned up the same day, according to the release.

The spill was disinfected and deodorized, and the solids were removed and disposed of in the city's wastewater system.

Grease buildup in the apartment's private wastewater service, probably from cooking grease, was the suspected cause of the spill, according to the news release.

The spill involved about 169,721 gallons of domestic wastewater; however, city officials, who are in the process of confirming the calculations used to estimate the spill volume, said that number could be reduced.

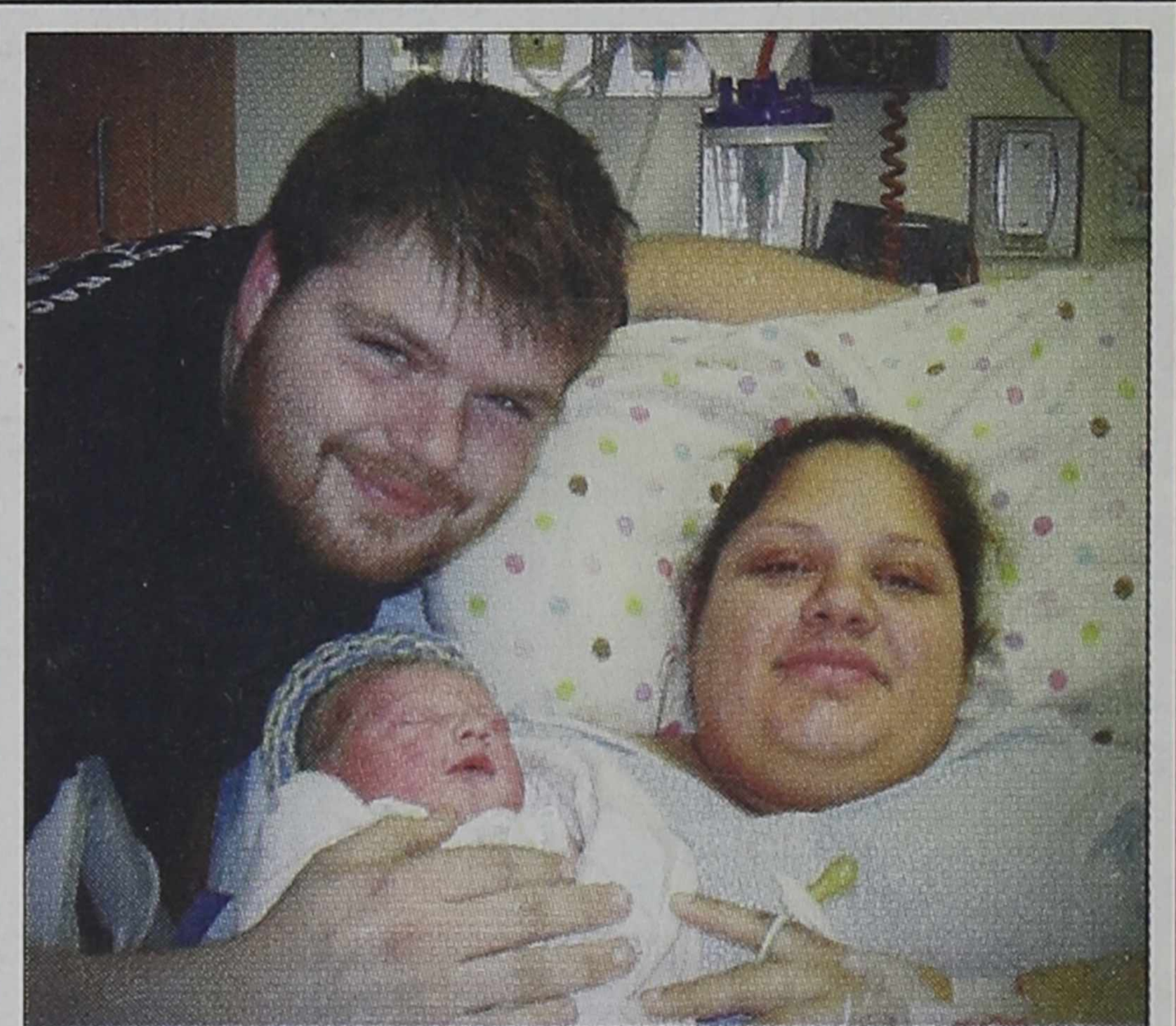
The municipality has notified the appropriate local governmental officials and the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality regional office. Although it is believed there was no adverse impact to Lake Ray Hubbard, the city also has contacted the Dallas Department of Water Utilities that oversees and manages the lake.

## Rockwall County New Year Babies



Nicole and Corey Chambers were the parents of the first baby born in 2010 at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, Landyn, at 1:36 p.m. Jan. 1. Weighing in at 7 lbs., 10 oz., the baby will share his birthday with his great-grandmother, Shirley Whetzel-Lambert of Bridgewater, Va., who celebrated her 73rd birthday on Jan. 1. Baby Landyn will be welcomed home by a big brother, Corey Jr., as well as his grandparents, Diana and Kenneth Sautter and Reubin Jr. and Kimberly Chambers. Pictured above with Nicole Chambers and her newborn son are, from the left, Diane Cross, RNC, BSN, labor and delivery; Angie Akin, RN, nursery; Theresa Baucum, RN, labor and delivery; and Cindy Paris, RN, MSN, vice president. The Chambers were presented with two baskets containing baby and gift items, including gift certificates to Wal-Mart and Shoe Zone Kids.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Raquel Sanchez and Joshua Adams are pictured with their new son, Nathaniel Alexander Sanchez Adams, born at 3:18 p.m. Jan. 1, 2010, at Lake Pointe Medical Center. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## "Grandma Brag Pages" deadline February 5

The annual Rockwall County News "Grandma Brag Pages" special edition will be published Friday, February 12, with a Friday, February 5 deadline for photo submission. Just in time for Valentine's Day, the special edition features photos of grandchildren with their names and names of grandparents in full color.

Three sizes are offered: \$20, \$40 and \$80. High resolution images with information should be sent by email to [rcn.news@yahoo.com](mailto:rcn.news@yahoo.com), by mail to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or to the office at 107 E. Bourn Ave.

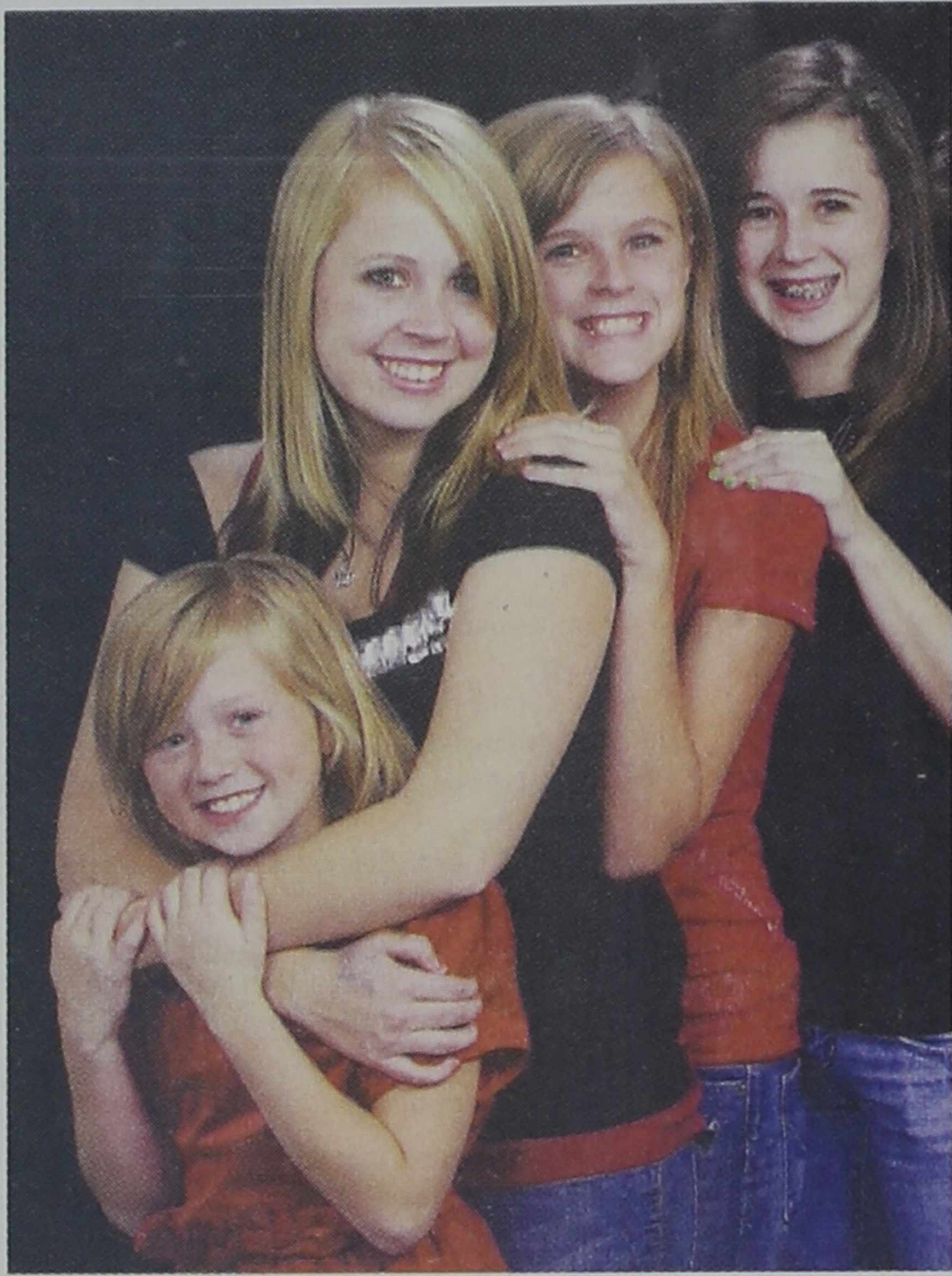
# It's All About Rockwall County

## Enrollment under way for RCP's Camp Broadway

Enrollment now is under way for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's Camp Broadway/After School Academy, 609 E. Rusk St., Rockwall. Classes are open to students in grades 1 through 6 and will meet from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays. Classes will culminate in a mini-production, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned by Being in a Really Bad Play." The mini-production will take place April 9, 10 and 11 on the RCP stage.

Tuition for the 12-week will cost \$125. Limited need-based scholarships are available. To enroll, call 972-722-3399 or visit [rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org).

## Grandma Brag Pages February 12, 2009

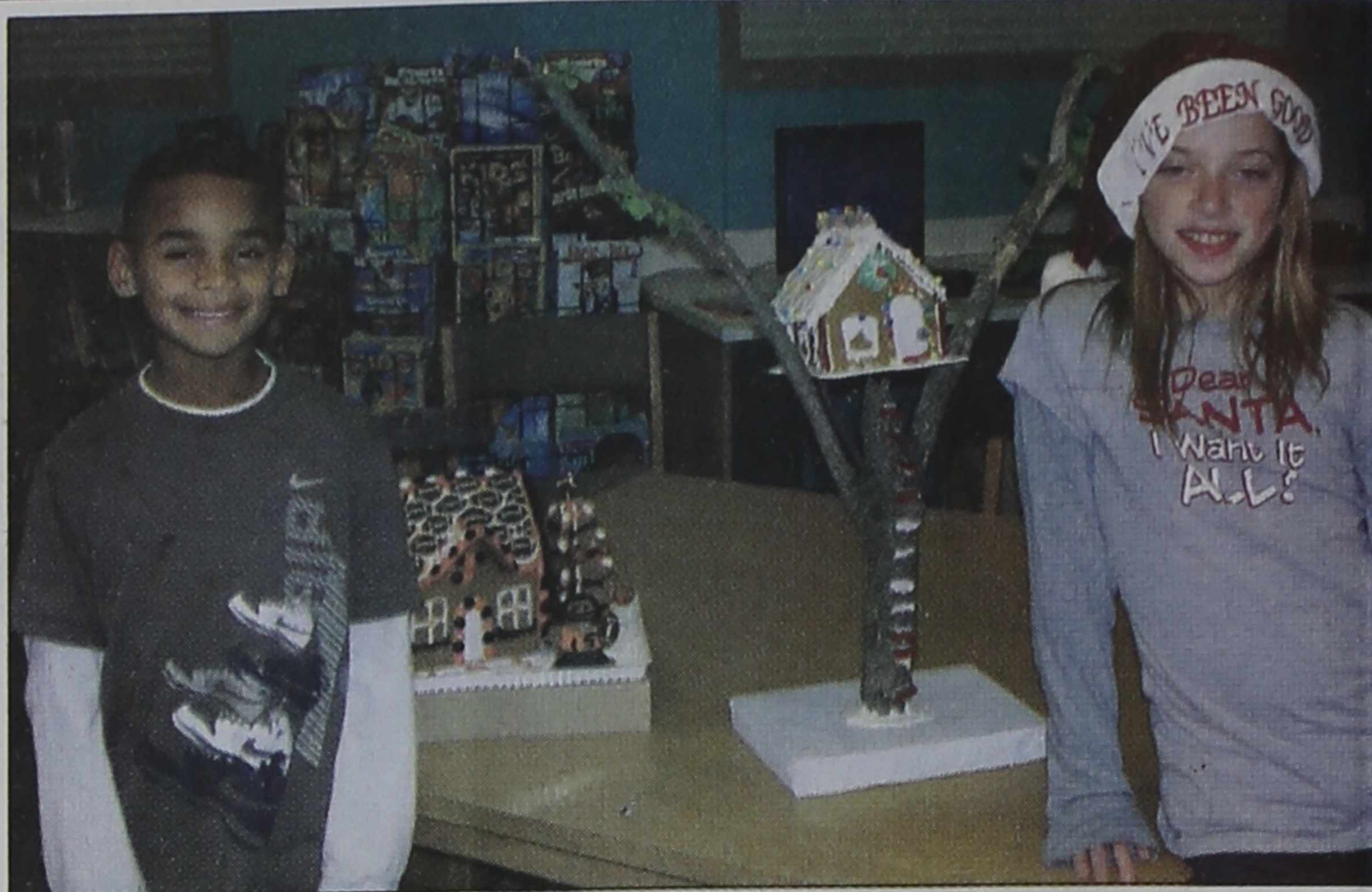


Bring your favorite photo of your grandchild or grandchildren to The Rockwall County News before Friday, Feb. 5 for our annual Valentine edition! Please include names of children and grandparents, with phone number of submitter.

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Fourth grade students at Cullins-LakePointe created gingerbread houses for a Christmas project, and students voted for their favorite houses. Winners were Ginger Stephenson (right) with her treehouse representing Carla Rhodes' class, and Drew Gladney, a student of Stephanie Rinkevich, with his Rockwall house.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary fifth grade students delivered a sweet treat to seniors at the Lake Pointe Senior Care Center prior to the holidays. Students created a life-sized gingerbread house with holiday designs made from candy and icing. They then visited the residents, giving them cards and caroling throughout the facility. Pictured in the gingerbread house are, at front, Pauline Ngo, and, from the left, Maddie Thompson, Daria Howard, Sydney Chalk and Pamela Grifaldo.

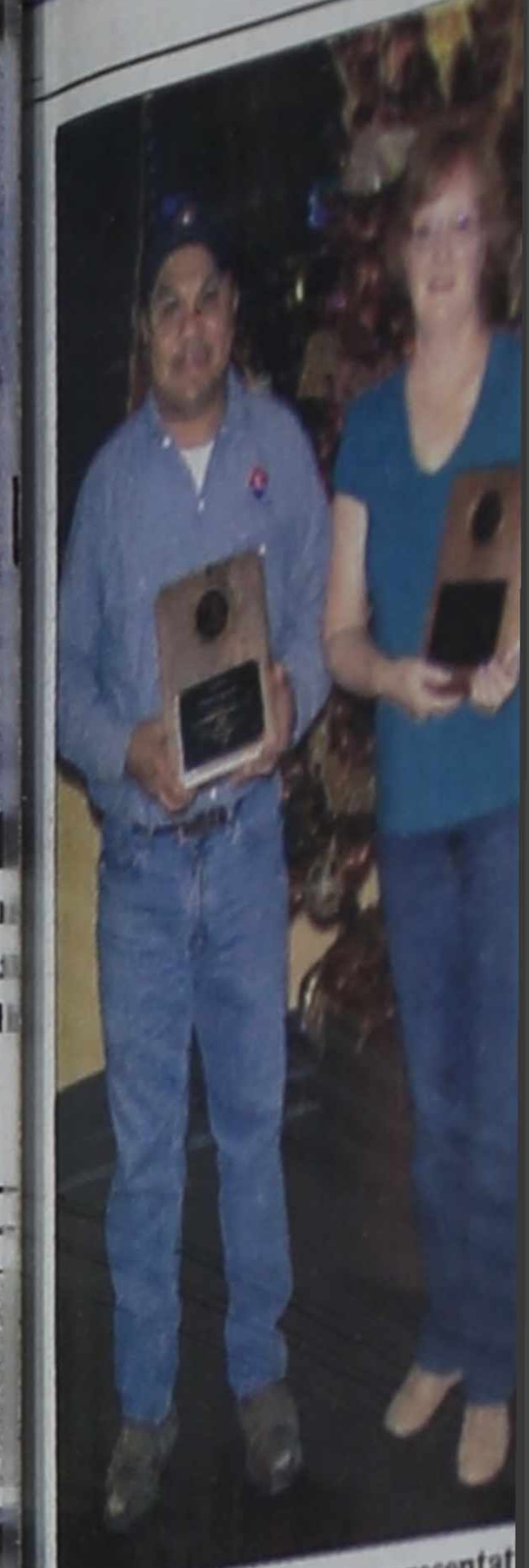
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The youngest of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church's Littlest Angels Preschool is shown during a performance at the annual Christmas presentation. The school's students sang carols for their families, followed by Christmas activities and treats.

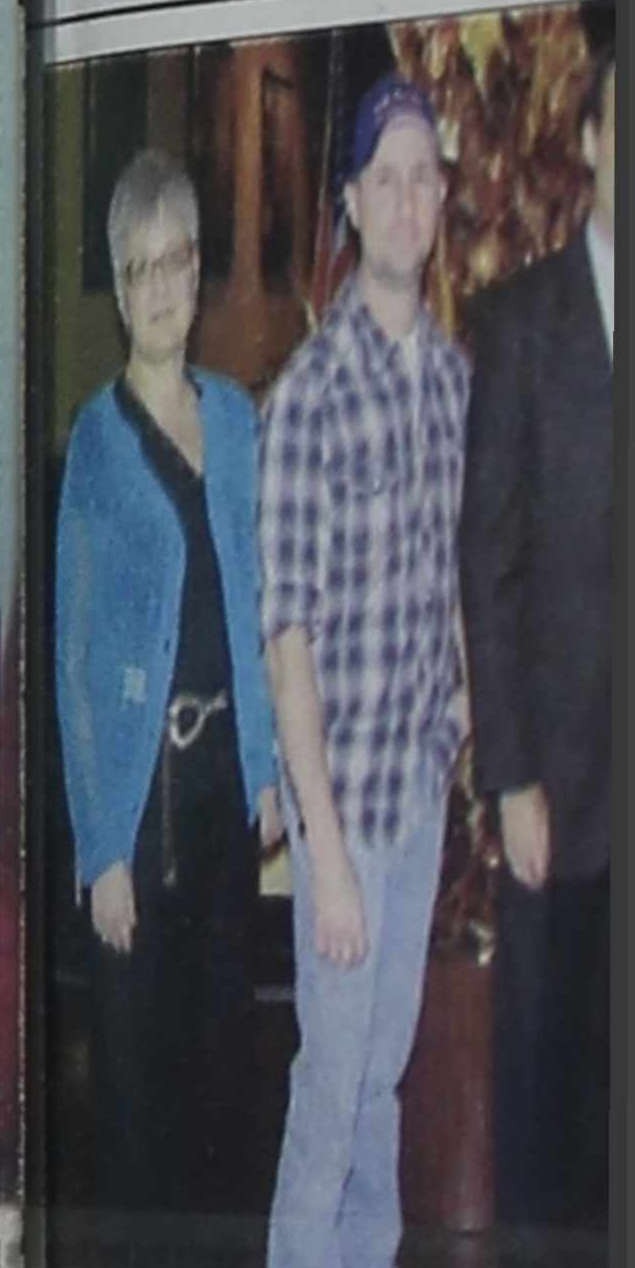
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Heath City



Pictured above are representatives who recently received awards from the City of Heath. From left are Francisco Gonzalez, 2009 Deputy Employee of the Year; Debby Crum, 2009 Employee of the Year; and Brian B. Crum, 2009 Public Safety Employee of the Year.

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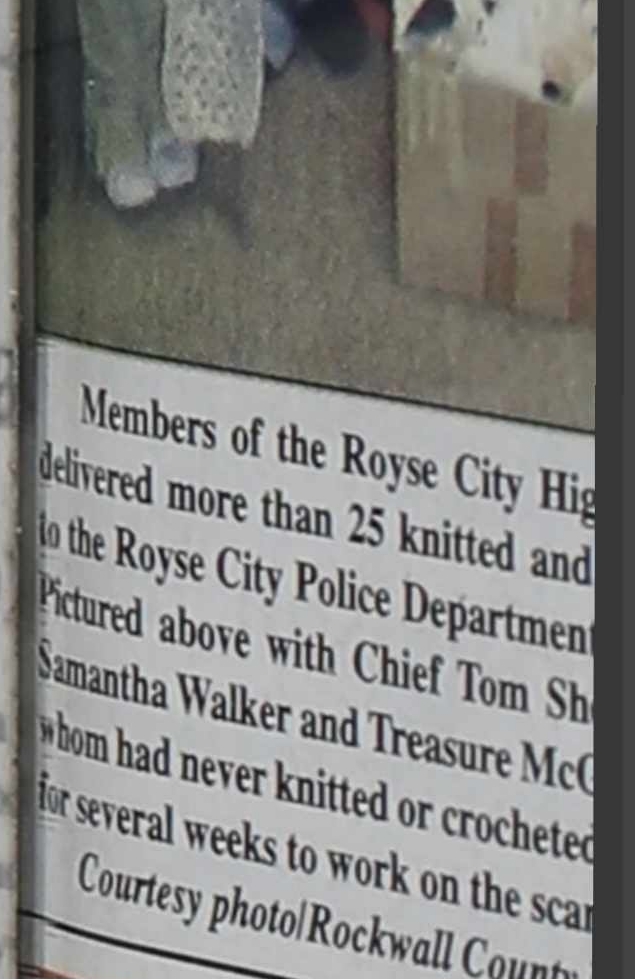
The City of Heath honored three employees for 10 years of service. Pictured from left to right are city secretary, 10 years; John Taylor, Mayor John Ratcliffe, who presented the award; and maintenance worker Billy "B.J." Williams.

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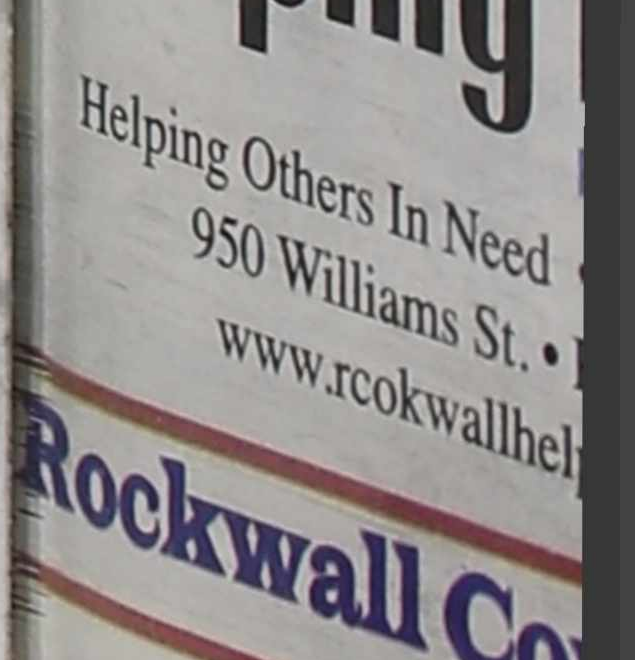
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Weldon Collier, his sister Guyrene Randles and niece Carolyn Bryan

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## One-act plays set a Talent Bo

Talent Box Productions, a profit community theatre located in Wills Point, will conduct an Evening of One-Act Plays on Jan. 29-30.

The show will begin at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29 and at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 30.

Plans include "Novelty Afternoon," "Support Desires," "If Men Played as Women Do" and "Fit Fiddle."

Admission for the Jan. 29 event, which includes the plays and reception, will cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and \$5 for children ages 12 and under; reservations recommended.

Cost for admission to the Jan. 30 event, which will include dinner and the plays, will be \$15 per person; reservations will be required.

Call 309-865-1418, 903-1665 or 903-873-8945 and a name, phone number, date of performance and number of individuals attending.

Calls will be returned.

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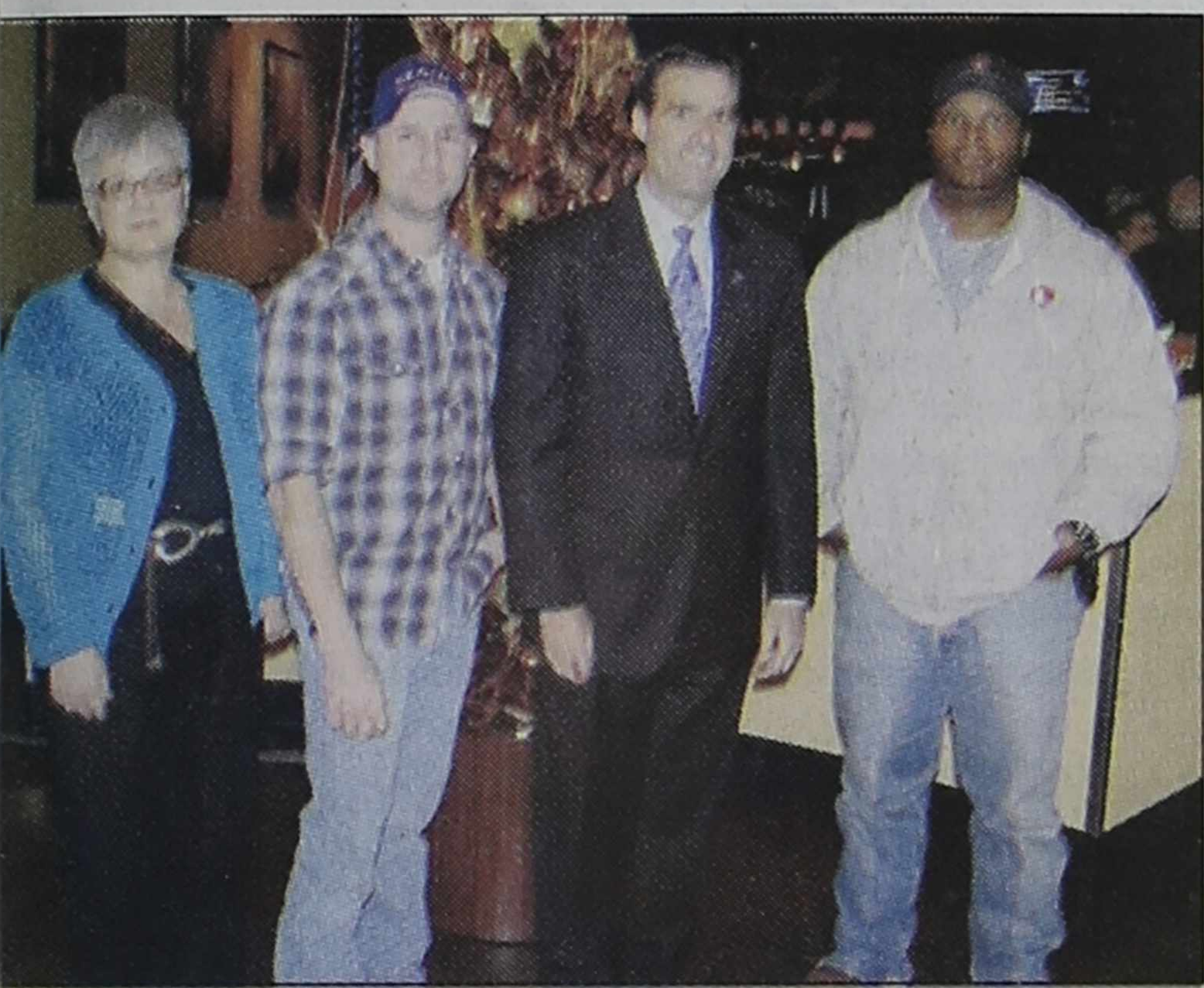
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### Heath City Awards



Pictured above are representatives of the City of Heath who recently received awards from the municipality. From the left are Francisco Gonzalez, 2009 Department of Public Works Employee of the Year; Debby Crider, 2009 Administrative Employee of the Year; and Brian Burton, 2009 Department of Public Safety Employee of the Year.

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The City of Heath honored three employees recently for their years of service. Pictured from the left are Stephanie Galanides, city secretary, 10 years; John Taylor, DPS officer, five years; Mayor John Ratcliffe, who presented the awards; and parks maintenance worker Billy "B.J." White Jr., five years.

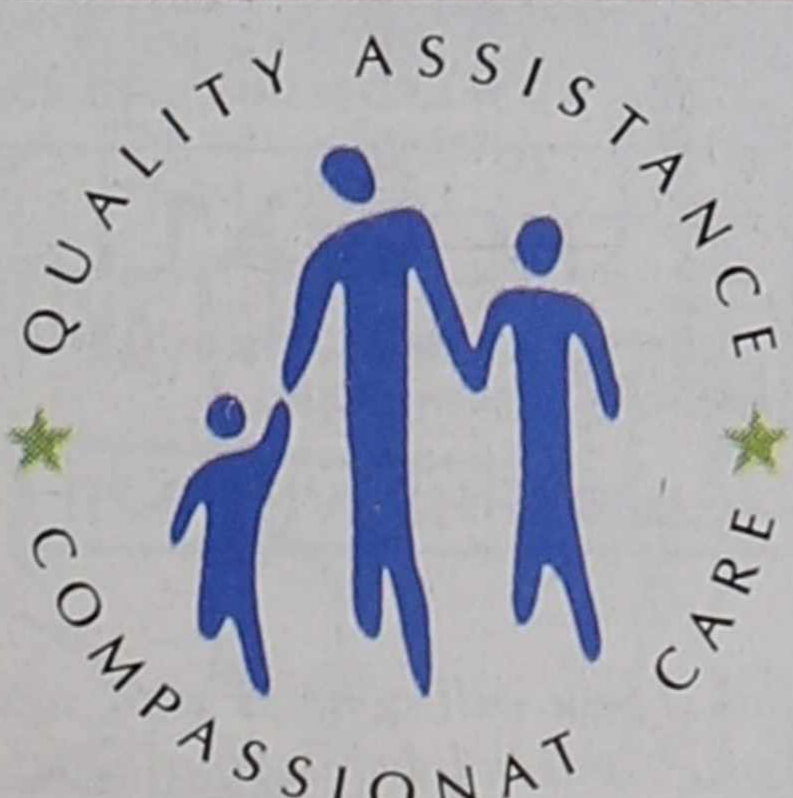
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Members of the Roysse City High School Art Club recently delivered more than 25 knitted and crocheted scarves and hats to the Roysse City Police Department for Christmas distribution. Pictured above with Chief Tom Shelton are Shelbi Thompson, Samantha Walker and Treasure McGarity. The students, many of whom had never knitted or crocheted before, met every Thursday for several weeks to work on the scarves and hats.

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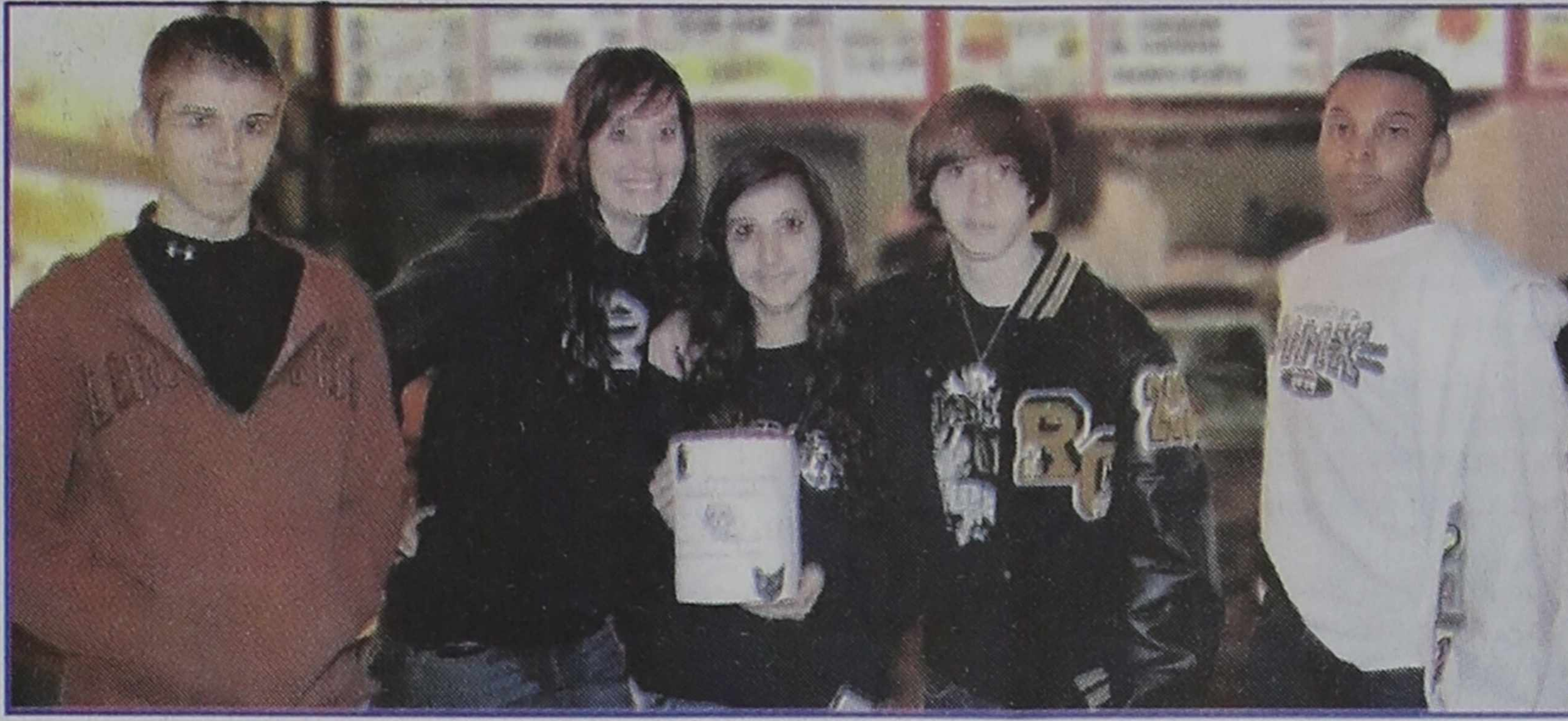


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Members of the Roysse City High School Interact Club recently conducted a fundraiser at Soulman's to raise money for the Roysse City Animal Shelter. Pictured from the left are Austin Wallace, Brittney Sturrock, Linda Ferelle, Tim Gilliland and James Drake. The students raised \$125, which will help the shelter purchase food and supplies.

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Yana McGowan, pictured above, recently was recognized as the 2009 City of Heath Employee of the Year. McGowan is a customer service representative in the Finance Department. She has been employed with the city since 2007.

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### Births

#### Savannah Grace Divine

Jeff and Brandi Divine of Forney are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Grace Divine, at 12:57 p.m. Dec. 17, 2009, at Lake Point Medical Center.

The infant weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her siblings, Jewel Divine and Faith Divine.

Maternal grandparents are Randy and Cathy Johnson of Garland. Bruce and Yvonne Divine of Garland and Barbara Divine of Garland are paternal grandparents.

Opal Weaver of Garland is the infant's maternal great-grandparent.



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### Roysse City Health & Rehabilitation Center

#### Martha Taylor walking again

Martha Taylor is headed home after seven weeks of careful and attentive care at the Roysse City Health and Rehabilitation center following a major ankle injury and surgery in October. "I can't say enough about how great the staff has been for me," she emphasizes. "They are very caring and careful, helping me through all the stages of recovery, especially Martin."

Martha fell in her Rockwall home and broke her ankle. After surgery she was informed that she would need extensive rehabilitation

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assistance in order to return to normal activities. Of all the various choices available, she chose Roysse City Health and Rehabilitation. "It was a very good decision," Martha explained that she started out with a cast, and with the daily rehab services, moved to a walking boot, then to a walker, and now able to put about 50 percent weight on the ankle. "If it weren't for the help I got here," she said, "I think I'd be in a wheel chair."

Martha Taylor is happy to be going home, and praises Roysse City Health and Rehabilitation for making that possible.



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# Rockwall County Obituaries

### Andrea Canady

Memorial services for Andrea Canady, 52, of Roysse City will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, in the M.L. Jones Chapel of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died Jan. 1.  
Born Jan. 28, 1957, in Greensboro, N.C., to Russell Edward and Betty (Sleight) Kidd Jr., she was a teacher's aide in the Mesquite Independent School District, working with special needs children. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include her husband, Mack Canady of Roysse City; her son, Andy Canady and his wife, Brittney, of Rockwall; her daughter, Heather Williams and her husband, Brad, of Springtown; a brother, Randy Kidd of Lexington, N.C.; and her grandchildren, Colleen, Lindsey, Mackayla and Carolina.

### John Ell Gibson

Memorial services for John Ell Gibson, 71, of Forney were conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, in the First Baptist Church in Heath. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Sunday, Jan. 3.  
Born Aug. 30, 1938, in Brasher to Ross and Loretta (Wilmon) Gibson, he served in the U.S. Navy and worked as a commercial truck driver. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and riding motorcycles. He had a passion for his family and his church, the First Baptist Church of Heath.

Survivors include his mother; his wife, Patricia Gibson of Forney; his

sons, Derek Gibson of Forney, Steve Carmel and his wife, Linda, of Washington, Richard Carmel of Colorado, Donald Carmel and his wife, Michelle, of Washington and Kelly Phelan and husband, Mike, of Washington; his daughters, Kym French and her husband, Michael, of Quinlan, Monica Perez of Washington, Diana Salgado of Florida and Joanna Sheinberg and her husband, Robert, of Florida; his grandchildren, Stone Gibson and Jonathan and Joshua Wortham, as well as 17 others; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and his wife, Montez Gibson. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund in memory of John Ell Gibson, 224 Smirl Drive, Heath, Texas 75032.

### David Lee Hartless

Services for David Lee Hartless, 45, of Roysse City were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Saturday, Jan. 2.  
Born April 16, 1964, in Garland to Herman Lee and Norma (Reeder) Hartless, he was a civil engineer who enjoyed fishing and hunting.

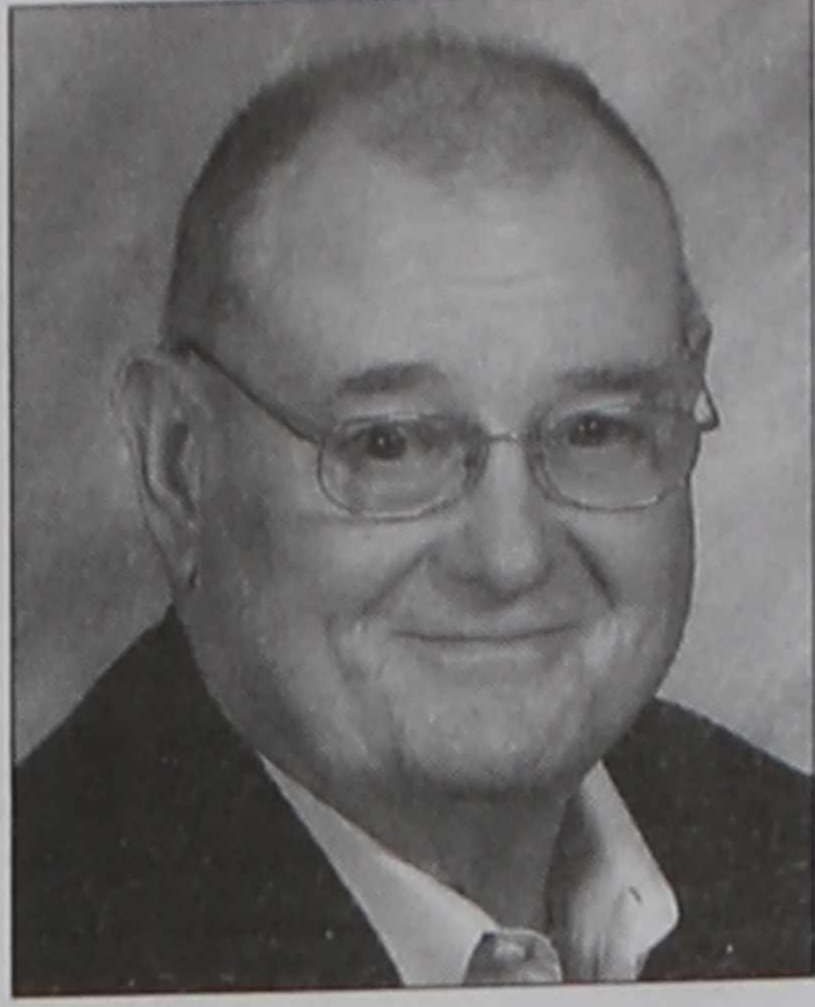
Survivors include his wife of 14 years, Becky (Feagin) Hartless, his daughters, Ashley, Samantha and Hope Hartless, his brothers, Pat Crawford and his wife, Jan, and Jimmy Crawford and his wife, Terri, and his mother, Norma Randolph and her husband, George, all of Roysse City; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

### Jeff Lawrence

Services for Jeff Lawrence, 47, of Heath were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, in the Lake Pointe Church, Rockwall, under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Heath Cemetery.

He died Sunday, Jan. 3.  
Born June 19, 1962, in Dallas to James Leeman Lawrence and Patricia Ann (Brown) Lawrence, he was the owner and operator of a Lawn Doctor franchise that operated in Rockwall, Rowlett, Allen and Wylie. He attended Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Wendy Lawrence, his daughters, Audrey and Megan Lawrence and a son, Evan Lawrence, all of Heath; a son, Zachary Donald Lawrence of Mesquite; his father, James Lawrence of Mesquite; his brother, Chris Lawrence of Venus; his sister, Kim Lawrence of Garland; his parents-in-law, Dale and Kathi Fleming of Rockwall; a brother-in-law, Scott Fleming and his wife, Jennifer, of Heath; and his nieces and nephews, Ben and Blake Lawrence and Patrick, Cole, Isabelle and Gracie Fleming. He was preceded in death by his mother.



### Ed Miller

Services for Ed Miller, 75, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Cheryl Taylor officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Saturday, Jan. 2.  
Born May 26, 1934, in Chicago, Ill., to Edwin Booth and Irene (Jay) Miller, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and retired supervisor from AT&T in 1987 in Garden Grove, Calif. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Dorothy (Sorensen) Miller of Rockwall; his daughter, Susan Kraft and her husband, Steven, of Roysse City; his son, Scott Miller and his wife, Marita, of Fate; his grandchildren, Ja Brian, Tyler, Lindsay, Paris and Olivia; and a great-grandchild, Alexis. He was preceded in death by his parents.

### Lourdes (Romero) Mosher

Funeral Mass for Lourdes (Romero) Mosher, 44, of Wylie will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, in the St. Anthony Catholic Church, 404 N. Ballard Ave., in Wylie with the Rev. Andrew Semler officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

She died Tuesday, Jan. 5.  
Born Jan. 31, 1965, in El Paso, she was a registered nurse in the healthcare industry. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso and was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Wylie.

Survivors include her husband, Rick Mosher of Wylie; one daughter, Linda Mosher of Wylie; her parents, Jesus and Yolanda (Hernandez) Romero of Chaparral, N.M.; her sisters, Martha Romero of El Paso and Cecilia and her husband, Martin, of Chaparral; her parents-in-law, Barbara Eugene Mizen of Tiffin, Ohio; and a brother-in-law, Keith Mosher and wife, Keturah, of Las Vegas, Nev.



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## Hudgins added to FaithBridge staff

FaithBridge Church had added Jan Hudgins to its Children's and Family Ministries staff. Hudgins previous served in the same capacity for several years at Spring Valley United Methodist Church in Dallas and at the First United Methodist Church in Dallas.

She and her husband, Charles, are the parents of three children. FaithBridge Church meets each Sunday, with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and a 10:30 a.m. worship service at Celia Hays Elementary, located at corner of FM 1141 and FM 552.

For more information on the church, visit [faithbridgechurch.net](http://faithbridgechurch.net).

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# In Our Opinion

## Economic Outlook

**By John White**  
 National debt now runs over \$12,000,000,000,000 (12 trillion) as of January 1, 2010. Food stamp applications are at a record high, contributing to the nutritional needs of one in eight US residents and expand at the rate of 20,000 per day. Forty-six percent of financial executives, responding to a recent survey, predict a double-dip recession. These executives say "the worst is not behind us".

Gold bugs and technical analysts of commodities agree on little except their mutual expectation of inflation. Even homeowners and small business owners anticipate inflation. How much? No one can predict inflation - the best we can do is anticipate it.

A close up view of Texas economics suggests our fair state is somewhat immune to the economic decay beyond our borders. I suggest seeing our national situation as a big ship, slowly sinking. You remember cinematic scenes where passengers scramble for the high end of the ship as its opposite end disappears below the waves. That's the way I see Texas, the stern of Titanic a temporary refuge.

We now have the most Fortune 500 companies of any state. Tort reform and no income tax continue to draw medical professionals from the great state of Texas. But, what do we really know about Rockwall County?

Helping Hands is a reliable indicator. Margot Nielsen says Helping Hands "is doing less with less". Requests for services dramatically increased over the past year. Lake Pointe Church served just over 300 families last year; over 900 this year. Ms. Nielsen says homelessness has a new meaning: 12 people living in the same home.

Property tax revenue is another reliable economic indicator. According to Standard and Poor, property tax revenue will probably remain flat with a 1% growth in 2010. Foreclosure.com reports continuing foreclosure and bankruptcy activity in our county.

Contract workers are the untold story of unemployment in Texas. SA Today, The Houston Chronicle and other news sources report massive migration of Mexican workers who are leaving the US, returning to Mexico due to the economic crisis. Contract workers do not show up on unemployment statistics. Here in Rockwall County highly-skilled professionals: engineers, project managers and like, that have been unemployed over one year.

Global markets are alarmed at US deficit spending. I think we would be concerned, too.

### A Call for Fiscal Restraint

We Rockwall County property owners want to continue our standard of living. However, unbridled spending by local government will surely, dramatically increase property taxes.

As reported by Bob Lewis of PlanetRockwall.com, Rockwall County Commissioners approved a \$3,000,000 deficit budget for 2010. Rockwall ISD is operating in the red with a \$7,900,000 deficit, according to recent news reports.

Could taxes increase 50%? According to Nicholas Kreekon, it is a very real possibility. Present economic conditions and an uncertain economic outlook make a strong case for fiscal restraint: municipal, Rockwall County and RISD.



## Modern day lunacy

**by Walter E. Williams**

Sen. John Rockefeller, D-W.Va., chairman of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health Care, and Rep. Joe Courtney D-Conn., a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, have introduced the Pre-existing Condition Patient Protection Act, which would eliminate pre-existing condition exclusions in all insurance markets. That's an Obama administration priority. I wonder whether President Obama and his congressional supporters would go a step further and protect not just patients but everyone against pre-existing condition exclusions by insurance companies. Let's look at the benefits of such a law.

A person might save quite a bit of money on fire insurance. He could wait until his home is ablaze and then walk into Nationwide and say, "Sell me a fire insurance policy so I can have my house repaired." The Nationwide salesman says, "That's lunacy!" But the person replies, "Congress says you cannot deny me insurance because of a pre-existing condition." This mandate against insurance company discrimination would not only apply to home insurance but auto insurance and life insurance as well. Instead of a wife wasting money on costly life insurance premiums, she could spend that money on jewelry, cosmetics and massages and then wait until her husband kicked the bucket to buy life insurance on him.

Insurance companies don't stay in business and prosper by being stupid. If Congress were to enact a law eliminating pre-existing condition exclusions, what might be expected? Say I'm a salesman for Nationwide and you demand that I write you an insurance policy for your house that has already gone up in flames. I send an appraiser out to your house to get an estimate how much money it would take to make you whole. Let's say it comes to \$400,000. Guess how much I'm going to charge you for the policy? If you said somewhere in the neighborhood of \$400,000, you'd be pretty close to the right answer. You might say, "Williams, you're right. Forcing fire and auto insurance companies to sell policies for a pre-existing fire or auto accident is bizarre and stupid, but it's different

with health insurance." Yes, health insurance is different from fire and auto insurance but the insurance principle remains the same.

If Congress and the president are successful in making the Pre-existing Condition Patient Protection Act the law of the land, their treachery won't stop there. Insurance companies will attempt to charge people with pre-existing health conditions a higher price to compensate for their higher expected cost. Those people will complain to Congress. Then Congress will enact insurance premium price controls. Insurance companies might try to restrict just what treatments they will cover under such restrictions. That means Congress will play a greater role in managing what insurance companies can and cannot do.

The dilemma Congress always faces, when it messes with the economy, was aptly described in a Negro spiritual play by Marcus Cook Connelly titled "Green Pastures." In it, God laments to the angel Gabriel, "Every time Ah passes a miracle, Ah has to pass fo' or five mo' to ketch up wid it," adding, "Even bein God ain't no bed of roses." When Congress creates a miracle for one American, it creates a non-miracle for another. After that, Congress has to create a compensatory miracle. Many years ago, I used to testify before Congress, something I refuse to do now. At several of the hearings, I urged Congress to get out of the miracle business and leave miracle making up to God.

For a president and congressman to shamelessly propose something like the Pre-existing Condition Patient Protection Act demonstrates just how far we've gone down the road to perdition. The most tragic thing is that most Americans have no idea that such an act violates every principle of insurance and it's something that not even yesteryear's lunatics would have thought up.

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## Merry Christmas, al-Qaida Style

**by Bill O'Reilly**

It was puzzling to read opinion pieces in liberal newspapers like The New York Times and Newsday lamenting the Christmas Day al-Qaida attempt to blow up a Northwest Airlines jet. Most of the liberal press agreed: That was not a nice thing to do, and those terrorists should stop the attacks this very minute. But no actual solutions to stopping terrorism were put forth by the progressive press.

Of course, 23-year-old Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, a loser from Nigeria, was not exactly 007 in executing his mission. That might speak to how badly al-Qaida has been downgraded by aggressive measures put in place by the George W. Bush administration.

Now, the al-Qaida agents of slaughter are smuggling explosives in their underwear instead of trying to hijack the entire plane. Instead of being handed over to the military, this Umar nitwit will be tried in civilian court so the world can understand that the U.S. justice system really, really works. Like the world cares.

Apparently, Abdulmutallab was

trained in Yemen -- the same Yemen that on Dec. 20 accepted six Guantanamo Bay detainees. That's another puzzling deal. In the fall of 2007, the United States sent two other Gitmo terrorists to Saudi Arabia for "rehabilitation." Now one of those guys, Said Ali Shari, is reportedly a top al-Qaida commander in -- wait for it -- Yemen! As the Church Lady once said, "How convenient!"

I am beginning to think we are in the "Twilight Zone" in this country. The liberal press screams all day long about closing Gitmo and providing civilian trials for captured foreign terrorists. Then when an overseas terrorist almost blows up 300 innocent people, the press goes, "Gee, that's not acceptable."

Also, everybody except Al Franken knows that Yemen is an al-Qaida stronghold, but the Barack Obama administration sends six incarcerated terror suspects to Yemen? Paging Rod Serling.

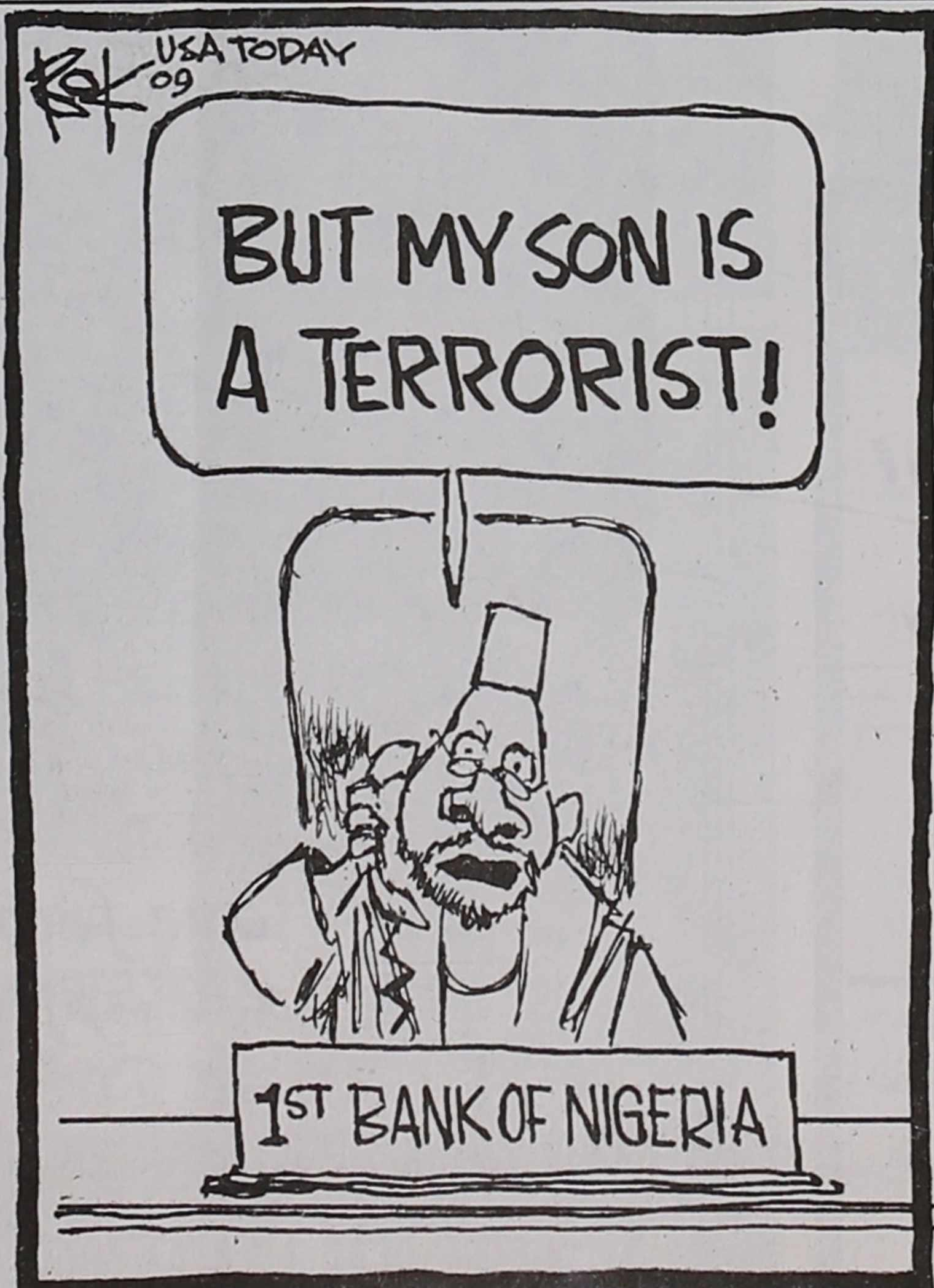
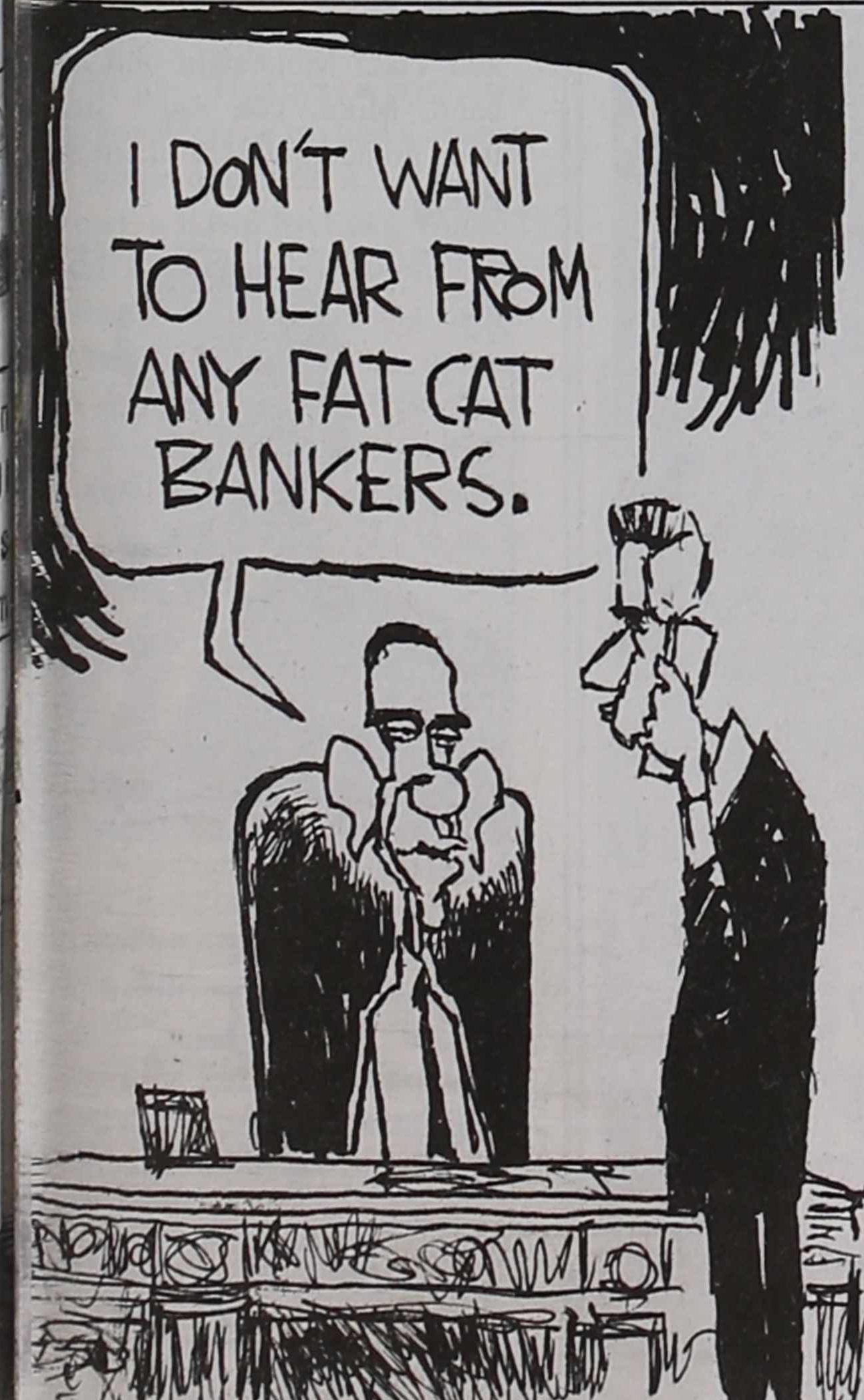
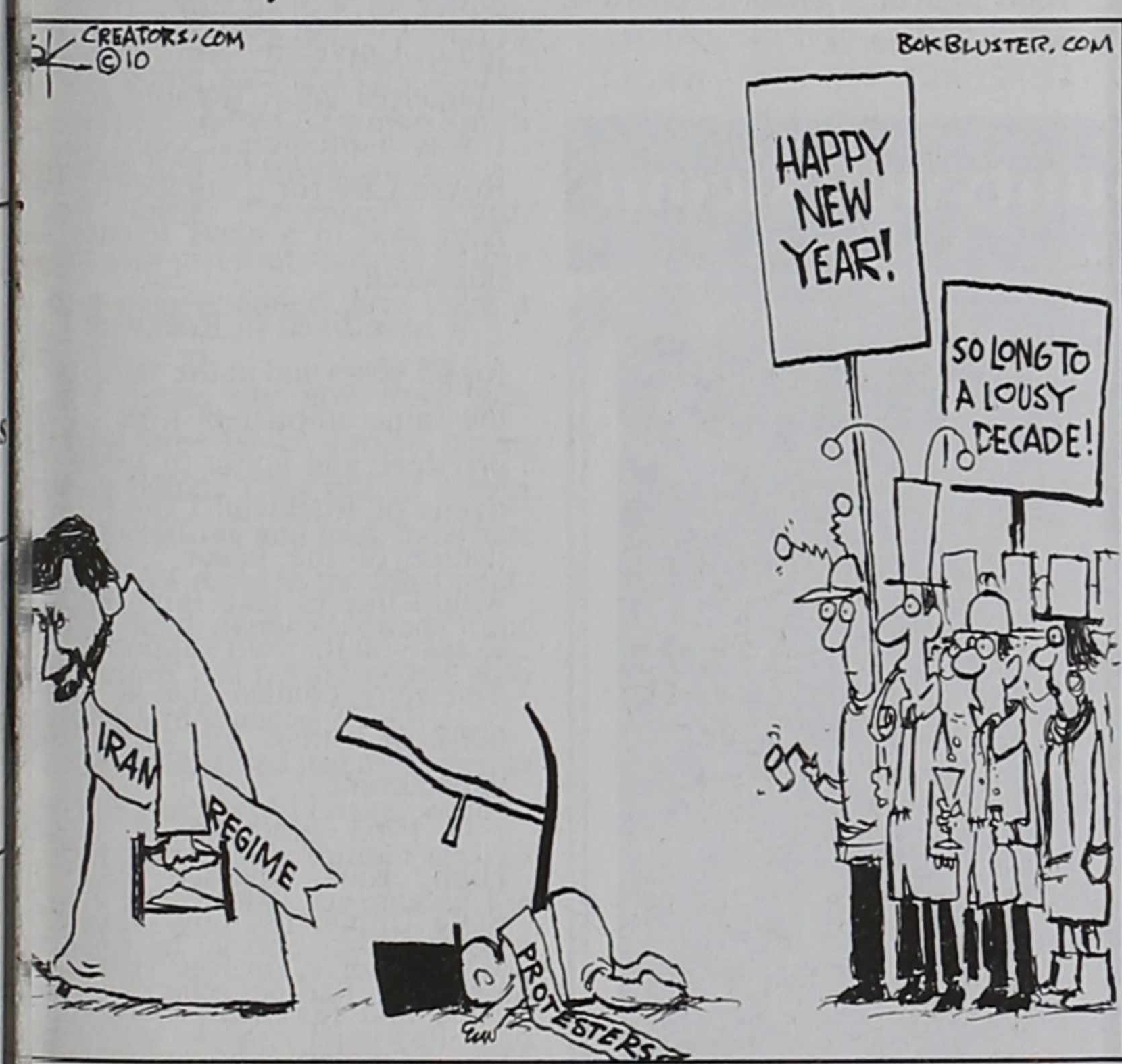
This would be laugh-out-loud absurd if lives were not at stake. I mean, why don't we just close Gitmo and send the misunderstood inmates there directly to the mountains of Pakistan? Why delay the process with stops in the Arabian Peninsula?

I'm surprised at CIA chief Leon Panetta. He surely understands that countries like Yemen are chaotic cauldrons of violence where terrorists openly roam. Leon, why are you sending Gitmo bad guys there? Help me, I'm trying to understand.

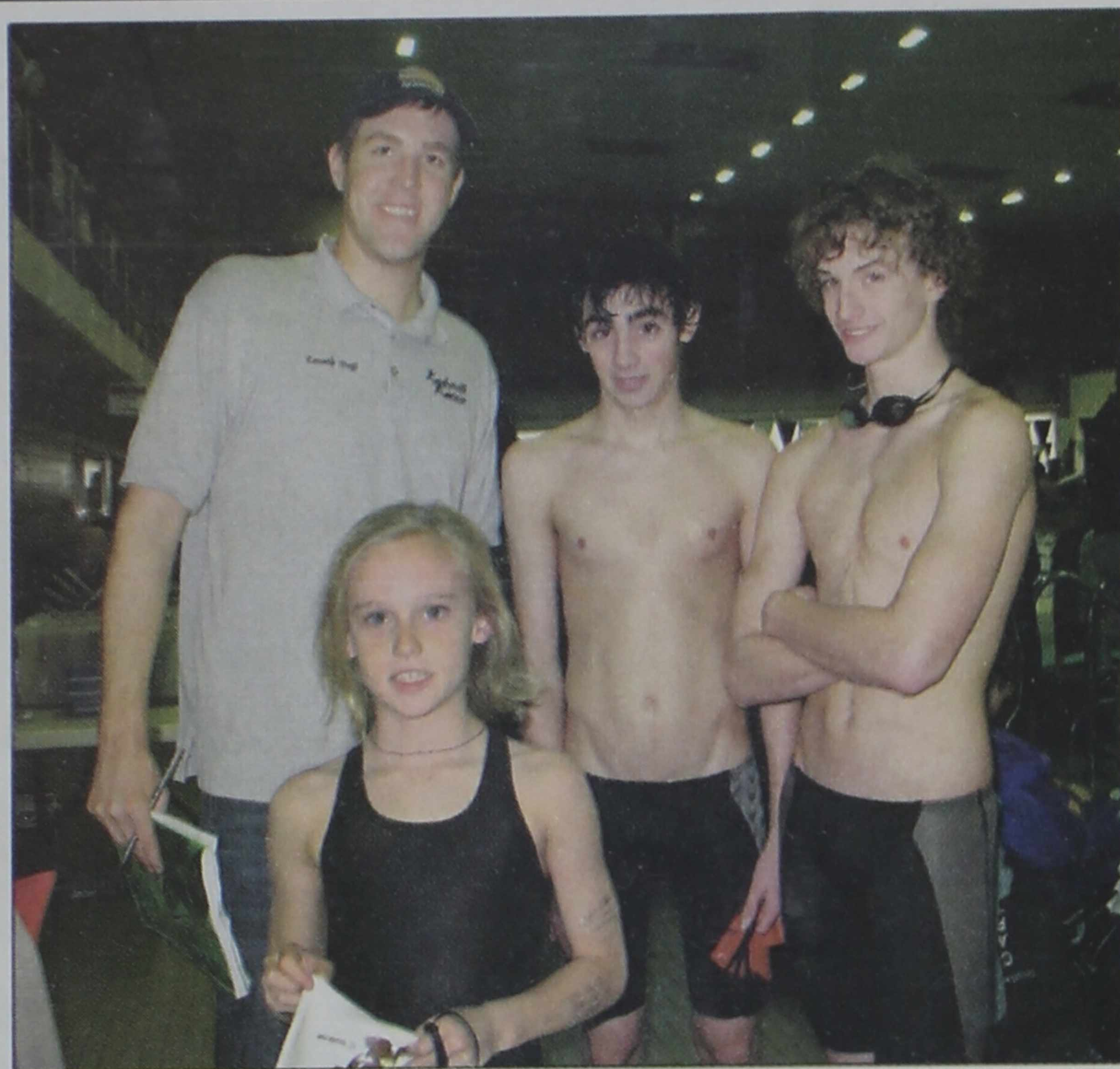
Most Americans, I believe, have little idea how dangerous the jihad really is. If they did, the Obama administration and the liberal press could never get away with the lunacy that is now underway. The latest al-Qaida fanatic may have gotten tangled up in his underwear, but some other killer will do better down the road. And don't be surprised if he's from Yemen.

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# Rockwall County Sports



Rockwall's RACE Swimming Club members (back row, left to right), Head Coach Neil Walker, Justin Tokuz, William Rapp and (front) Rachel Hyvl at a recent meet.  
Photo courtesy/Rockwall County News

## Rapp, Walters lead RACE swimmer

William Rapp scored 85 points to lead four members of Rockwall's RACE swimming club who earned points in the City of Richardson "A" Winter Classic Meet Dec. 4-6 at Loos Natatorium in Addison.

Among the 10 RACE swimmers who had qualified for the meet by reaching at least three "A" Texas Age Group Swimming time standards for their age group, Claire Walters, Brooke Arnold and Coach Brigitte Heuer also scored points.

The meet attracted about 800 swimmers from 32 teams from Texas and other states. Nitro swimming won the event with 2,885.5 points. RACE was 19th with 151.

Rapp was competing for the last time in the 11-12 age group before moving up to the 13-14 division. To qualify for the finals, he had to finish among the top eight in the preliminaries for each event. In the 13 and above age groups, 16 qualified for the finals, making them eligible to score points.

He reached the finals and lowered his former best time in all six of his events. Rapp's top finish was second in the 50-yard freestyle in 25.25, behind only the North Texas Natadore's Colin Giddings in 24.02. Rapp placed third in the 100 freestyle in 54.97 and fifth in the 200 free (2 minutes, 27

seconds). All three times reached AAA qualifying times.

In the 50 backstroke, Rapp placed fifth (29.47) and in the 100 back he was eighth (1:04.06), both AAA times. Rapp was sixth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:13.90, a AA time that beat his previous best by four seconds.

In all four events in which she qualified for the finals, Walters achieved TAGS times, enabling her to swim in the prestigious age group swimming event in The Woodlands next March.

The 14-year-old reached personal bests in all six of her events, and contributed 51 team points. In the 100-yard butterfly she beat her prelim time by two seconds with a 1:00.40 AAA time good for second place, barely a second behind Shanny Lin of the West Texas Typhoons. In the 200 fly, Walters swam a 2:16.95 AA time for eighth place. She swam a 2:53.55 AAA time in the 50 free to place fifth among 88 girls, and a 54.81 AAA time in the 100 free to move up to ninth in the finals after placing 14th in the morning prelims. In the 200 free she swam a AA 2:03.52, but finished 18th. She was 31st in the 200 individual medley in 2:24.23.

## Lady

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Barbara Tokuz.

## Lady Hawks win 3, solidify hold on 2nd place

After two tough losses in the Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament, Rockwall-Heath won three consecutive games last week, including two from District 10-4A girls' basketball opponents.

The Lady Hawks came back to defeat Roysce City 46-42 Saturday, then ripped Richardson Pearce 54-42 to improve to 4-1 in District 10-4A. That record trails only Rockwall. The twin victories put RHHS a game ahead of Roysce City and Highland Park, tied for third at 3-2.

Before that, Rockwall-Heath had left no doubt in a 42-20 victory over Dallas Roosevelt. The Lady Hawks led 13-2 after the first quarter, 25-9 at halftime and 31-13 through three quarters. Shanae Lowrance led eight RHHS scorers with a game-high 13 points.

Roysce City jumped to a 16-11 af-

ter one quarter, and still led 31-29 entering the fourth quarter. Playing at home, RHHS had a 17-11 advantage in the final eight minutes to pull out the victory. The Lady Hawks offset the 25-point effort by RC's Tayler Young with balanced scoring led by Lowrance's 16 points.

The outcome at Pearce wasn't in doubt for long. Rockwall-Heath led 13-6 after one quarter and stretched the gap to 43-22 before the Lady Mustangs took a too-little, too-late 20-11 advantage in the fourth quarter. Lowrance scored 20 to lead the Lady Hawks.

RHHS will host Carrollton R.L. Turner Friday, then will be off for a week before finishing the first half of the 10-4A schedule Jan. 15 at Highland Park.

**Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Cobb Field House**

Rockwall-Heath (11-6): Shanae Lowrance 13, Brooke Eddy 7, Macall Smith 5, Lyndsey Renta 4, Aly Coughlin 4, Willette Rankin 4, Brianna Richardson 3, Katelyn Morris 2.

Dallas Roosevelt (6-10): LaRhonda Rush 7, Shaderick Bend 7, Latisse Hall 5, Micaela Strange 1.

## Home is no place for Hawks this season

Richardson Pearce, ranked 17th among Texas' 4A boys' basketball teams, had the Rockwall-Heath Hawks right where they wanted them Tuesday: on the Hawks' home court.

The Mustangs led 39-24 after three quarters, then held off RHHS' fourth-quarter rally for a 49-41 victory. Pearce stayed unbeaten (3-0) in District 10-4A, and Rockwall-Heath dropped to 0-3. Furthermore, the Hawks fell to 0-5 at home.

Rockwall-Heath had been impressive in their first district victory Saturday, defeating Roysce City 62-38. But that game was on RC's home court.

The Hawks had received a boost from 6'3" freshman Jordan Points, whose 12 points were just one fewer than scoring leader Jonathan Fuller put in for RHHS. They outscored Roysce City in every period.

Against Pearce, the teams had a scoring advantage in alternating quarters. However, Rockwall-Heath didn't catch up after the Mustangs went ahead 16-7 in the first quarter. Fuller's 10 points led the Hawks.

Rockwall-Heath also lost to South Garland 55-41 Tuesday, Dec. 29, in the Bronze Bracket of the Tommy Thomas Cougar Classic in The Colony. The Colonels broke away from a 27-24 halftime lead to give RHHS losses in all three of their tournament games. Fuller paced the Hawks with 12 points.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
RCHS	16	6	9	11	42
RHHS	11	8	10	17	46

**Saturday**

Roysce City (11-10, 2-2): Tayler Young 25, Taylor Jordan 7, Maci Newton 5, Jennifer Null 4, Sarah Shelton 1.

Rockwall-Heath (12-6, 3-1): Shanae Lowrance 16, Macall Smith 7, Lyndsey Renta 7, Aly Coughlin 7, Willette Rankin 4, Brianna Richardson 3, McKenzie White 2.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
RHHS	13	20	10	11	54
Pearce	6	9	7	20	42

**Tuesday**

Rockwall-Heath (13-6, 4-1): Shanae Lowrance 20, Brooke Eddy 9, Katelyn Morris 5, Aly Coughlin 5, Lyndsey Renta 2, Macall Smith 1.

Richardson Pearce (1-4): Cara Tolmas 12, McKenzie Russell 9, Katherine Kimell 9, Anna Gerber 7, Sara Witcraft 5.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
RHHS	16	18	12	16	62
RCHS	10	9	9	10	38

**Saturday**

Rockwall-Heath (8-11, 1-1): Jonathan Fuller 13, Jordan Points 12, Aaron Gladney 8, Todd Franza 8, Anthony Haake 8, Demi Leonard 6, Wayne Cunningham 4, Preston Wynn 2, London Duhon 1.

Roysce City (6-11, 0-2): Pierre

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
Garland	13	14	18	10	55
RHHS	11	13	10	7	41

**Tuesday, Dec. 29, at The Colony**

South Garland (6-10): Chris Williams

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## Karr seeks re-election to JP position

David Karr has announced he seek re-election to the office of justice of the peace, Precinct 1.

Karr has filed as a candidate in Precinct 1 serves the cities of Rockwall, Fate, Roysce City and of Rowlett, Wylie and the Black community.

"I have a total of 26 years' experience as a justice of the peace over 500 hours of judicial training in the areas of family violence, criminal and civil procedure, evidence, residential and commercial evictions, traffic laws, inquests, enforcement of judgment, emergency mental commitment, credit card filings, penal code duties of a magistrate from Texas State University-San Marcos municipal court training for w...

Karr said in a news release is this week.

"I have lived in Rockwall County for 65 years and in the same precinct the same amount of time... It's a privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Rockwall County as a justice of the peace," he said. "I would like to take this opportunity to ask you for your support and you may contact me at 214-6002 or e-mail me at [tuffjud@yahoo.com](mailto:tuffjud@yahoo.com)."

A 1963 graduate of Rockwall High, Karr attended East Texas State University, now Texas A&M at Commerce, for four years.

He and his wife, Carolyn, have two daughters who graduated from Rockwall High - Wendy and Traci McDonald and her band, Mike. The Karrs also have two granddaughters, Brittany Bailey.



Last Puzzle Solution

# Rockwall County Sports

## Lady Jackets, unbeaten in district, 5th in state

**By Lary Bump**  
Rockwall lost a game and finished fifth in a tournament over the holiday break, yet the Lady Jackets rose to fifth place in the state 4A girls' basketball rankings. That's because the one loss was Tuesday, Dec. 29, to Euless Trinity, ranked 11th among 5A schools, at the prestigious, 32-team Sandra Meadows Classic in Duncanville. Trinity lost to Duncanville, Texas' second-ranked 5A team, in the tournament final. Before that, Fayetteville, Ark., which hadn't lost since 2007-fell to Bishop Lynch, the perennially top-ranked TAPPS team. Then Rockwall knocked off Bishop Lynch — and Plano West in the game that ended in a tied fifth place. Back down from that rarified atmosphere, RHS dispatched two District 10-opponents, Richardson Pearce 64-31 Saturday and Carrollton Newman 46-34 Tuesday. Those victories left the Lady Jackets (22-4 overall) with a 5-0 record this season and 19-0 over their two seasons in 10-4A. Trinity played defense superior even to Rockwall's own, which regularly sets its goal of holding opponents under 40 points. The Lady Jackets' 29-point effort in the 37-29 loss was their lowest in at least the last five years. "They're a 5A real good, physical team," said Lady Jackets head coach McDill.

She said her team, which pulled within three points early in the fourth quarter, might have been fatigued down the stretch. "We beat a real good team (Amarillo Palo Duro, 57-52) in overtime today. Trinity played two yesterday. This was their only game today. We didn't meet out with a lot of energy. We're disappointed but we lost to a really good program. (The officials) let us get physical, a little too physical for how we wanted to play. Peyton Adamson, RHS' all-time scoring leader, had 18 of her team's 29 points. Half of her points came on three 3-point shots. Against Palo Duro, Adamson totaled 29 points — nine in the first quarter, five in each other quarter and the overtime period. Again she made three 3-pointers, but one that she missed might have been more important, the closing seconds of regulation play, leading by three points, Palo Duro fouled Adamson on a 3-point attempt. She made all three foul shots to send the game to overtime. "Palo Duro went to the regional semifinal last year against (Mansfield) in the interview. They have two kids (Jasmine Patterson and Brianna Taylor) who are going to New Mexico next year. Our kids did a pretty good job on them."

"It was a back-and-forth game. We made six of our eight free throws in overtime; they made two of eight. That was the difference in the game." "We played great. Aimee Coleman scored seven points and had a really good game." After the loss to Trinity, the Lady Jackets went into the consolation bracket to defeat Bishop Lynch for the first time since 2006-07. They had similar success in a similar manner to defeat Plano West for the second time this season. Adamson was named to the all-tournament team. So were Bishop Lynch's Alexa Hardick and Plano West's Alexann Yancey. Adamson scored 25 points against Lynch and 28 against West, but Rockwall's defense held Hardick and Yancey to seven points each. In the victory over Lynch, Adamson was at her best early and late, scoring 10 points in the first quarter and another 10 in the fourth. Returning to district play, the Lady Jackets remained strong. Adamson's teammates gave her scoring help. She scored 22 at home against Pearce, with Alyssa Lang powering her way to 20 points and Vertashia Dean adding 11. At Newman Smith, Dean supplemented Adamson's 28 points with 10 of her own. The Lady Trojans hung tough, trailing just 37-30 after three quarters before RHS took the fourth by a 12-6 count. Rockwall will return home Friday to play Highland Park, which is tied for third with a 3-2 record in district games.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
RHS	13	11	14	10	9	57
Palo Duro	15	7	17	9	4	52

**Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Duncanville**  
Rockwall (18-3): Peyton Adamson 29, Alyssa Lang 14, Aimee Coleman 7, Vertashia Dean 4, Kayla Smith 2, Morghen Day 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	7	8	9	5	29
Trinity	14	8	8	7	37

**Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Duncanville**  
Rockwall (18-4): Peyton Adamson 18, Alyssa Lang 7, Aimee Coleman 2, Bre Castille 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	13	18	4	19	54
Lynch	8	10	18	13	49

**Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Duncanville**  
Rockwall (19-4): Peyton Adamson 25, Alyssa Lang 17, Kayla Smith 3, Bre Castille 3, Vertashia Dean 2, Aimee Coleman 2, Morghen Day 2.  
Bishop Lynch (18-7): Alex Green 18, Ashlee Nester 15, Alexa Hardick 7, Blair Bryce 5, Danyel Bradley 2, Gretchen Gerken 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
P. West	11	12	14	9	46
RHS	16	16	13	6	51

**Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Duncanville**  
Plano West (13-10): Carmen Holcomb 18, Kiran Lakhian 12, Alexann Yancey 7, Paige Womack 5, Rachel Wilson 4.  
Rockwall (20-4): Peyton Adamson 28, Alyssa Lang 12, Vertashia Dean 5, Mary Hinton 4, Aimee Coleman 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pearce	4	10	6	11	31
RHS	16	16	15	17	64

Saturday

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	12	13	12	12	49
N. Smith	9	11	10	6	36

Tuesday  
Rockwall (22-4, 5-0): Peyton Adamson 28, Vertashia Dean 10, Alyssa Lang 5, Aimee Coleman 4, Bre Castille 2.  
Carrollton Newman Smith (5-12, 1-4): Sharika Nash 8, Lauren Jumao-as 6, Mary Chris Vogt 6, Rani Hadley 5, Cassandra Florence 4, Faith Rolan 4, Mariah Bell 2, Janay Mundy 1.

## Lady Jackets lose another close call to Newman Smith

**By Lary Bump**  
Through 18 games, the Rockwall girls' basketball team is 6-12 but has been outscored by just 38 points, or an average of two points per game. The final score of Tuesday night's game wasn't as close, but the Lady Trojans' 48-41 loss to District 10-4A Carrollton Newman Smith was every bit as close as most of their games this season. "It came down to just a couple of possessions," said Rockwall head coach Alan Simmons, shaking his head. "I guess our frustration in playing all these close games is that it's when the possessions really matter."

"We talked about it in practice that the game goes on, that's when we've got to be mentally tougher." The Jackets were plenty tough in the early going, taking a 12-0 lead as their defense caused Newman Smith to miss its first 10 shots. Then Hunter Jorgensen's fourth point shot just four seconds before the first quarter ended gave them a 5-4 lead. The Trojans, who now have won their first three 10-4A games, began shooting better. They pulled within 14-21 at halftime and took their first lead at 26-24 early in the third quarter. The lead changed hands four times before that period ended with Newman Smith ahead 36-33. The lead remained just three points when the visitors' Al Lasker went to the foul line with a minute and 23 seconds left to play. He missed the first shot of a one-and-one, then stepped in to take the ball away from Rockwall's Adam Dingwell and made a layup for a 44-39 lead. Simmons said, "Now they're ahead by five. That was a pretty big possession because we had a chance to get within one or tie it."

Instead, a layup by Luke Wardell whose eight fourth-quarter points represented his only scoring in the game and all of the Jackets' scoring in the quarter — pulled RHS back within three points. Rockwall didn't make another shot as Lasker sewed up the game with four foul shots in the final 50 seconds. "Luke came off the bench and had his best game as far as shooting. He did a great job defensively," Simmons said. The play that turned a missed foul shot into a basket was out of character for the game. It was one of just an unofficial eight turnovers by Rockwall, which has turned the ball over more than 10 times in most games. However, despite the turnovers' pressure, Newman Smith had only one turnover.

Before the game against the Trojans, RHS had lost two games in the Wrangler-Pirate Classic, including a 36-35 loss to host West Mesquite when the Jackets had 16 turnovers. Blake Sandlin led Rockwall with 12 points, and Jorgensen added 10.

Rockwall (6-10): Griffin Fraser 23, Hunter Jorgensen 9, Adam Dingwell 6, Blake Sandlin 5, Collin Schmucker 4, Taylor Oden 4, Landon Knight 4, Wesley Davis 2, Luke Wardell 2, Rodney Watson 2.

Corsicana (0-13): Antonie Chaney 23, Corey Wilson 9, J.T. Alexander 8, Devin White 6, Paul Ballard 5, Hunter 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	12	7	10	8	37
Pearce	10	10	6	19	45

**Saturday**  
Rockwall (6-11, 1-1): Adam Dingwell 10, Hunter Jorgensen 10, Griffin Fraser 8, Blake Sandlin 5, Wesley Davis 2, Landon Knight 2.  
Richardson Pearce (13-7, 2-0): Darius Revels 18, Kenny Slocum 14, Jake Allen 7, Cole Holland 2, Brooks Vehslage 2, Conner O'Reilly 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
N. Smith	4	17	15	12	48
RHS	15	9	9	8	41

**Tuesday**  
Carrollton Newman Smith (12-9, 3-0): Al Lasker 13, Randall Joyner 13, Jalil Speed 7, Will Allen 5, Daron Maovern 5, Tripp Abbott 2, Edward Williams 2, Jeremy Pickney 1.  
Rockwall (6-12, 1-2): Hunter Jorgensen 17, Blake Sandlin 8, Luke Wardell 8, Griffin Fraser 6, Adam Dingwell 2.

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# Clark is candidate for congressional seat

Rockwall businessman Steve Clark has announced he will be a candidate in for Texas' Fourth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives in the upcoming Republican primary.

"I am running for Congress because I believe we need more conservatives with real work business experience in Congress," he said in a news release. "With Nancy Pelosi as speaker and Barack Obama as president, the stakes are simply too high to trust to the same politicians we've had for many years. If we don't stop the liberals' agenda for a more expansive government and protect our liberty, I believe our children and grandchildren will have less opportunity than my generation. We must act now to protect the promise of America."

Clark said he owes no allegiance to any organization or special interest group.



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"I will simply represent the people of the Fourth Congressional District," he said. "I have as my standard the Constitution, and the magnetic north on my moral compass is aligned with faith, family and country. We will take our republic back."

Clark said he recognizes the many years of service Ralph Hall as provided to the area, but believes it is time for a change.

"Congressman Hall was first elected to public office two years before 'I Love Lucy' was broadcast in America, and today, nine years after 'Seinfeld,' he is still in office," Clark said. "Our founding fathers never intended for the system to build a professional class of career politicians."

Clark has been a technology and telecommunications executive for more than 20 years, holding senior positions at AT&T, Lucent and, most recently, group vice president of Avaya, an S&P 500 company. In this capacity he has managed more than 2,000 employees, generating more than a half-billion dollars in revenue. Fluent in Chinese and Spanish, he was AT&T's senior executive in China from 1991 to 1993 and served as director of the American Chamber of Commerce in China. In that position he worked with U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills to open Chinese markets to American products.

He also is the former director of the National Association of Manufacturers, where he worked to enhance the competitiveness of American companies and create an environment for new job growth.

From 2004 to 2008, he founded, built, grew and sold a successful fixed wireless Internet company, NetPortUSA, creating additional jobs in the district. The enterprise provided broadband access to five counties in East Texas that did not have adequate coverage prior to the company's incep-

tion.

He currently serves as a member of the board of directors of a NASDAQ traded company, symbol JST, and is chairman of the audit committee.

Prior to his business career, Clark served in the U.S. Air Force and worked as a Texas and U.S. Government instructor at San Antonio College. He also served as program director of the AT&T Executive Education Program at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

A native Texan, he earned a bachelor's degree in political communication from Southern Methodist University in 1974 and a master's degree in environmental management from UTSA in 1976.

He and his wife, Marlene, have six children and reside in Rockwall.

## FUMC to undertake 'Great Days of Service'

The First United Methodist Church of Rockwall will host its first "Great Days of Service" event Jan. 15-17.

Throughout the event, volunteers will complete service projects for local nonprofit organizations.

Weekend projects will include making meals for firefighters; making liveries for Meals on Wheels; collecting food for the hungry in Rockwall; assembling goody bags and greeting troops arriving home or deploying service overseas; cleaning local parks; visiting seniors; remodeling at Helping Hands Health Center; serving in soup kitchens; and working at local Habitat for Humanity build.

To view the entire list of projects available and to register, visit [fumcrockwall.com](http://fumcrockwall.com) and click on the Great Days of Service link. For more details about Great Days of Service, contact Susan Gallander at 972-722-8907.

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ORDINANCE NO. 0-1136

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0-1036, SECTION 1, C) CLERK AND SECTION 1, D) VACANCY, REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance, in its entirety, is available for review in the City Secretary's office at 105 E. Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas.

Jean Dwinnell, TRMC, CMC  
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**Place:** Uteley Middle School  
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7	pecan is the TX state _____	52	In Fort Worth: "Kimball _____ Museum"
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19	positions held deeply		
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30	TXism: "frustrated _____ without _____ a donut"		
31	TXism: "happy as a _____ slop"		
35	to wear away land		
36	TXism: "it _____ and the bank" (on credit)		
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44	software issue: "terms _____"		
46	A&M won this in men's golf in '09 (2 wds.)		
48	TXism: "would melt the _____ off your molars" (hot chili)		
56	Johnny Ringo fought in TX "Hoodoo _____"		
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58	pronunciation of "y'all"		

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3	TX alternative band "Jackpierce" sang "Be _____"	13	Alamo city
4	"dip _____ in the water" (check temp)	14	LBJ and Lady Bird's youngest daughter
9	Sherilyn in film "Ruby" about Dallas nightclub owner	15	transgression (2 wds.)
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		24	"got no _____ for it"
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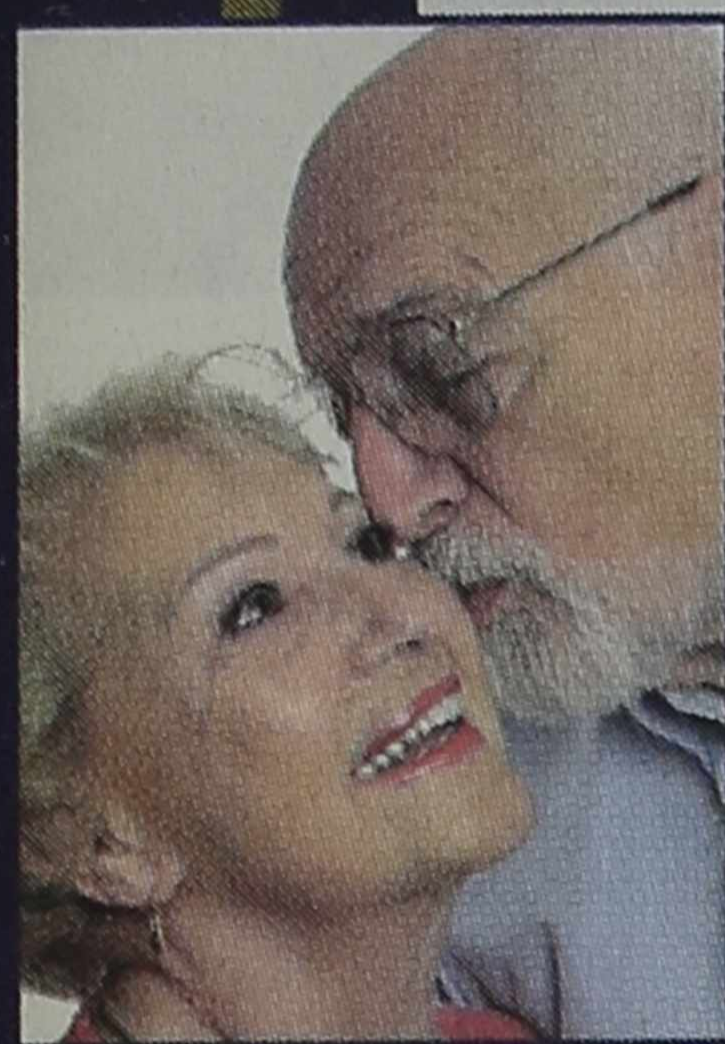
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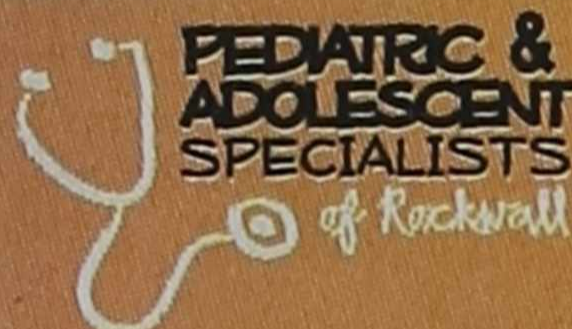
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## Your Surgical Weight Loss Solution for the Life You Desire

Opting to undergo weight-loss surgery is one of the most important decisions you can make for your health. It's also just the beginning of a life-long commitment to better health. *Your Surgical Weight Loss Solution (Your Solution)* at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall is your partner to long-term success.

**A unique commitment to successful long-term weight loss**  
Surgical director, Kenneth Bryce, MD and staff are dedicated to assisting you in finding your solution. The goal of our program is to enhance your ability to achieve significant weight loss so that you may ultimately have a healthy life. We are your partners from beginning to your success.

Our bariatric center has been designed with the utmost care to ensure we provide a supportive and comfortable approach to your surgical weight loss needs. Dr. Bryce and program director, Jane Cauley are successful bariatric patients themselves; they understand where you are coming from. Our team is committed to your health and well being.

**Qualifications for surgery**

Bariatric surgery is intended for adults with morbid obesity those 100 pounds or more overweight (a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or more), or who have a BMI of 30 or more with at least one obesity-related condition, such as Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, sleep apnea, or arthritis.

**Expected Results**

Patients will generally lose about 70% of their excess body weight, ranging from 50 to 200+ pounds. Successful patients maintain a lower, healthy weight for life, especially if they continue with long-term follow-up and support from *Your Solution* team. Patients with other health issues in addition to weight (e.g., diabetes, joint pain, reflux) can see a reduction in symptoms or a full recovery once the excess weight is lost.

**Risks and complications**

All surgery has some risk of complications. People suffering from obesity have increased surgical risk due to stress on the body caused by excess weight. *Your Solution* team minimizes the risk by addressing potential health issues prior to surgery and managing post-surgery follow-up care for each patient.

**Your success**

Dr. Bryce and the entire team at *Your Surgical Weight Loss Solution* are committed to you, to your success, and to achieving the life you desire.

## Hatfield family chooses Pediatric & Adolescent Specialists

For the Hatfield family, Pediatric & Adolescent Specialists of Rockwall are the perfect fit.

The Hatfield daughters – Madi, 14, Macy, 12, and the soon-to-be-11-year-old Michaela – have been patients of Dr. Gregory Sonnen for more than 8 years. Madi recently underwent her first well-check for sports with Dr. Rana Pascoe.

"They make it personal. Both of them do," says the girls' mother, Maggie Hatfield. "They've established a great rapport with the kids."

An important part of that rapport starts as soon as the patient and his or her caretakers walk into the office. The building that houses the practice is broken up into a "well waiting room," a "sick waiting room" and an "adolescent waiting room," Maggie says. Having that special room for adolescents and not requiring them to wait for treatment alongside babies and toddlers illustrates how the doctors are "tuned in to young adults."

"What I love about Dr. Sonnen is that he's very professional," Maggie says, "but very personable with the adults and children. He talks to the kids, but he's very open, very informative. He listens to the parents and their instincts too."

When Maggie recently asked her daughters what they liked about Dr. Sonnen, they said, "He gets us. He talks to us."

Dr. Pascoe, too, makes her patients feel quite comfortable, Maggie says. The doctor quickly put her daughter at ease during the recent well-check.

"She made her relax," Maggie says. "She wasn't uncomfortable at all."

The office also is filled with friendly nurses who are good at what they do, she said.

"This (office) is great for this community. I've told all my friends," says Maggie, who already has persuaded one family member and several friends to give the office a try.

"I just can't say enough great things about them (the doctors)," says Maggie.

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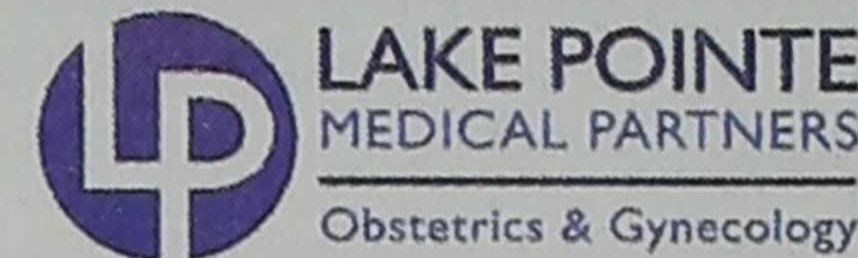
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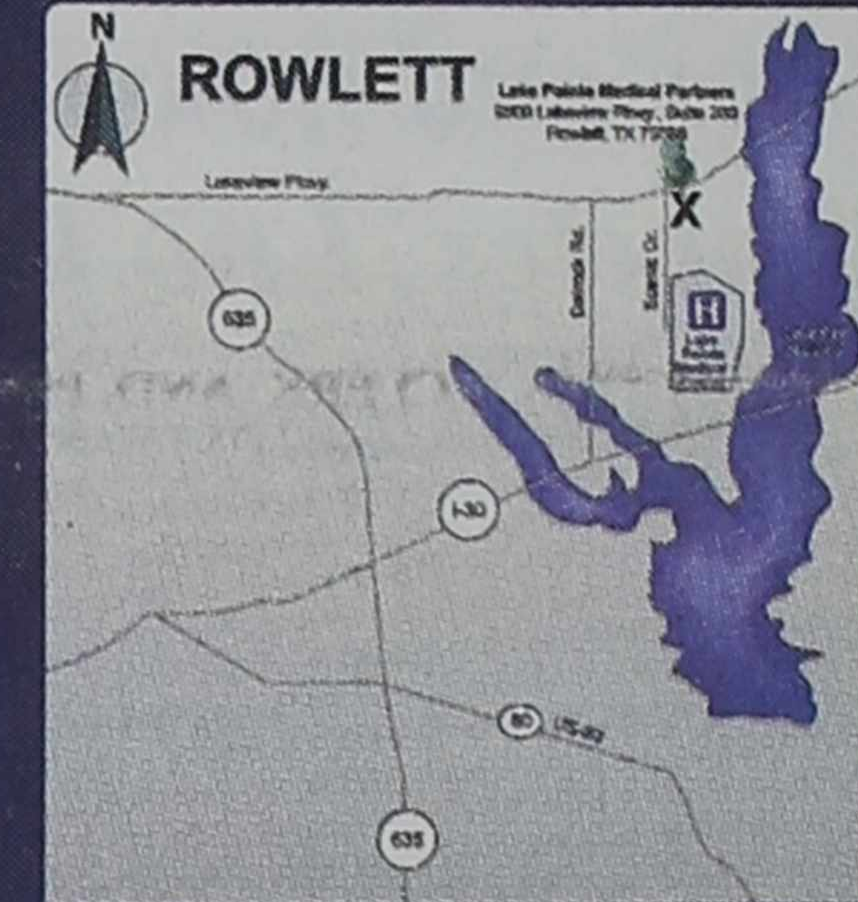


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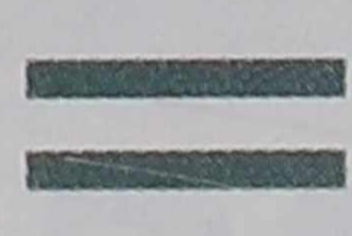


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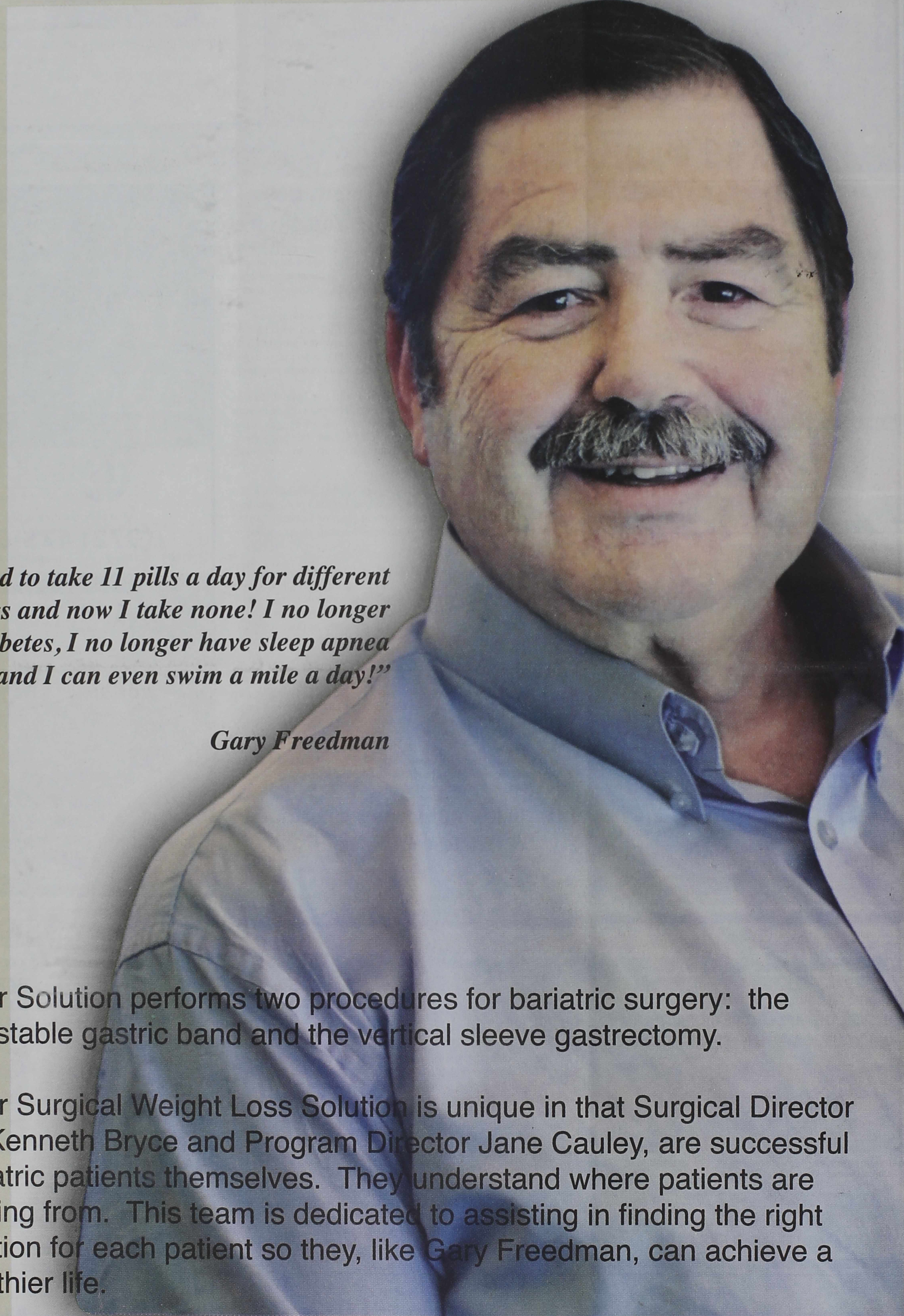
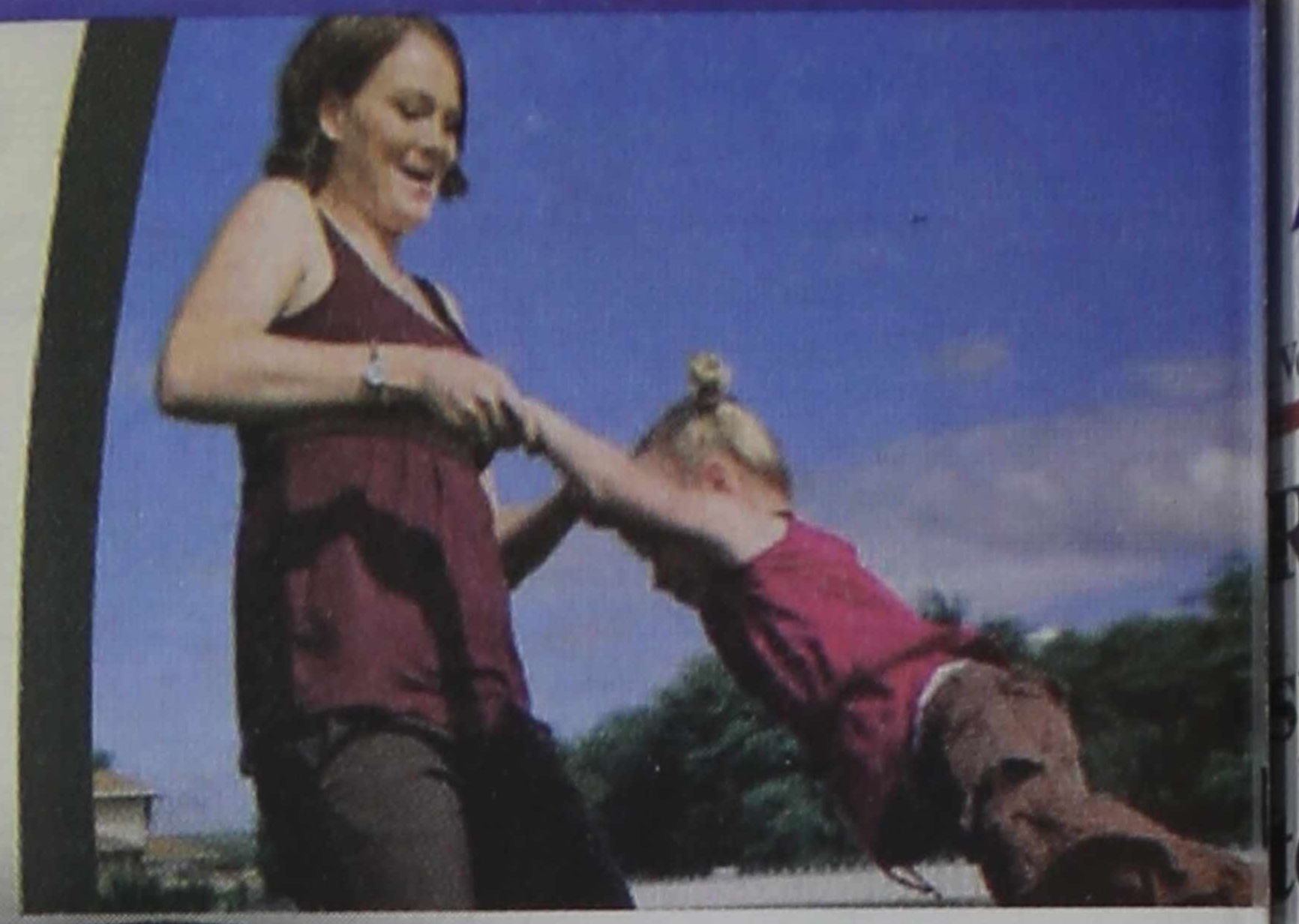
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