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Rockwall City Council adopts new ordinance in place regulating 'mass meetings'

By Anna Matejka

Members of the Rockwall City Council have changed the city's ordinances for parades and mass gatherings and are reviewing the rules for signs. Both ordinances deal with the first amendment of residents and businesses as the city regulates the time, place and manner of demonstration and speech.

The new "special events" ordinance repeals and replaces the old ordinance for parades and mass gatherings. One change in the new rules is to make it easier for businesses to stage these kinds of events, which, in the past, have required businesses to partner with non-profit organizations.

Now, businesses won't have to go to what city staffers termed a "letter of intent" but simply having a letter from some non-profit organization to request a permit for events such as tent- or side-walk-sales or other activities such as parking-lot events that commonly accompany the opening of a new building.

The council is also seeking council opinion on changes to the city's sign ordinance. Among many considerations, the city is seeking to apply definitions to clarify the difference between commercial and non-commercial messages, strengthen the definition of political signs, remove from businesses no longer existing and change ordinance language to better match language used in state law.

Council members are considering new rules for poll signs, of which there are many along the Interstate-30 corridor. The council may also want to prohibit those signs in many areas of the city that are not fully developed and in some where a few polls signs already exist.

Several council members expressed a great dislike of the poll signs and called for movement toward the use of monument signs in more rural areas.

The council also asked council to consider human signs, people dressed in costumes or holding signs for a commercial purpose. Council members showed a section of video of human sign-spinners common in parts of California. An internet search would direct readers to video of sign spinning.

The council also suggested council look at their options for encouraging development to offer comprehensive sign planning for projects. Signage that allows for such things as large shopping-center signage shared by multiple businesses, which reduce the number of signs needed and often benefit businesses.

Council members also discussed "vehicular" or signs on cars and signs at length. Council members express the difficulty of keeping regulations within what the city is able to enforce as well as balancing what helps businesses while holding high standards for the safety of the city.

An example of a rule that might be in a new or amended sign ordinance: residents might be restricted to a single sign, of a 16-square-foot not greater than 5-ft high to display any non-commercial message on their property. A sign ordinance might exclude Christmas signs, for example.

The ordinance for signs is not set yet. Staff has brought the topic to council for consideration and guidance.

Business groups or individuals should contact the city for permits when requesting a special event.

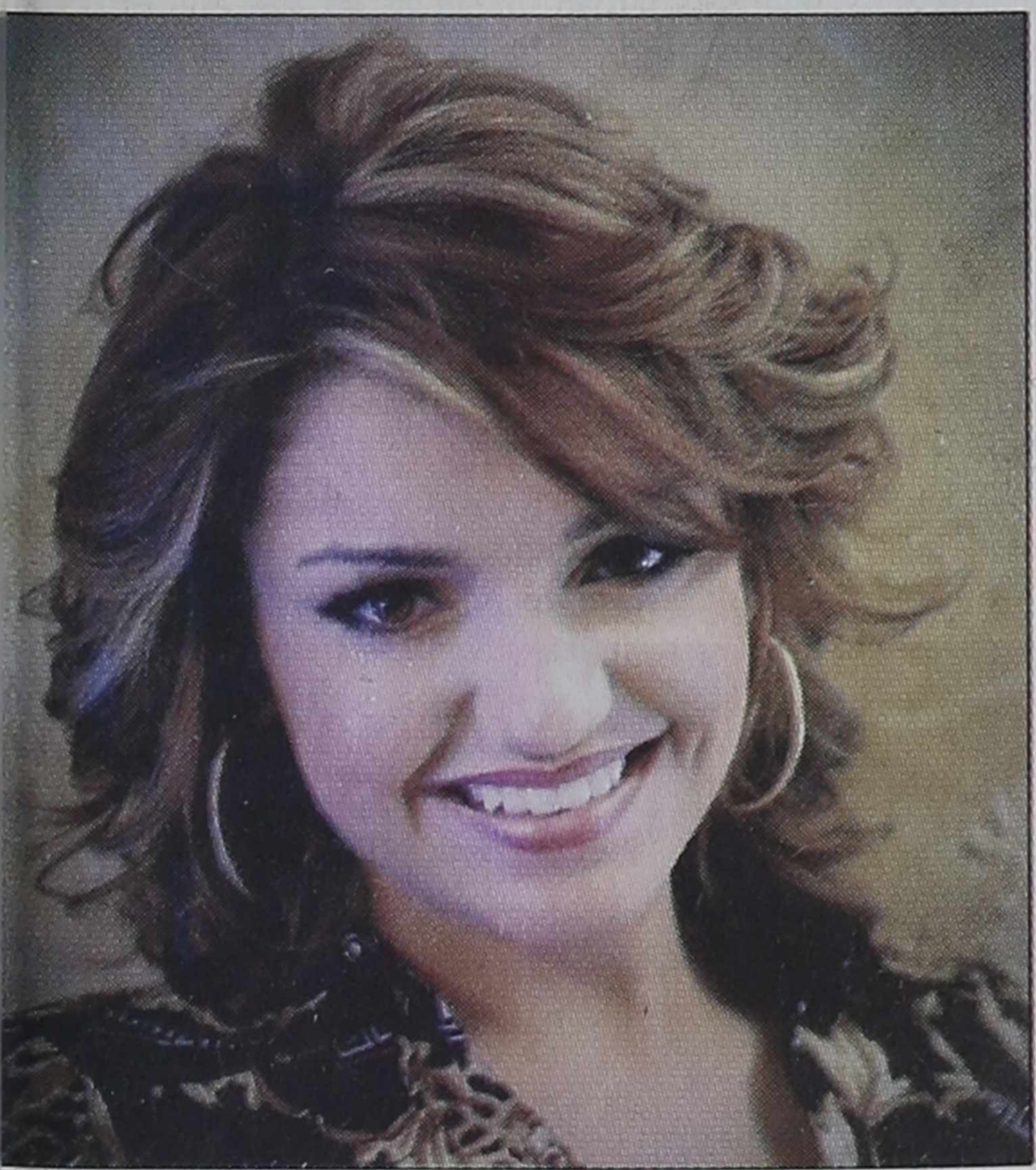
Pullen Road residents seek road maintenance

By Anna Matejka

Residents of McLendon-Chisolm's Pullen Road suggested seceding from the city and into county control during a time for public comments at the last meeting of the city council.

The residents, calling themselves the Committee for a Safer Pullen

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Marguerite "Elizabeth" Triplett of Heath recently was named Miss Teen Dallas International 2010 and will represent the greater Dallas County area at the 2010 Miss Teen Texas International Pageant in San Antonio March 28. She will compete for more than \$15,000 in cash and prizes and the chance to proceed to the Miss Teen International Competition in July.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The Holy Trinity Players will present a live production of "Smoke on the Mountain," a gospel musical set in a small North Carolina church, at 7 p.m. today and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Pictured above are cast members Roberta Pavlov, Phil Alford, Christal Sager, Nicole Sager and Michael Sager. Tickets cost \$15 each for the Friday and Sunday performances; the Saturday performance already has sold out. Tickets may be purchased at holylakechurch.org or by calling the church at 972-771-8242. Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church is located at 1524 Smirl Drive in Heath.

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The Rockwall County Special Olympic Basketball teams were introduced at halftime of the Rockwall High School Varsity Girls' Basketball game, February 9. The program consists of three teams with one being a skill building team. The teams are all preparing to compete in the Area 10 Basketball Tournament in Allen February 26-27th. Rockwall County Special Olympics offer track from March to May, Swimming from June to August, Bocce from July to September, and Bowling from August to November. The athletes start at 8 and there is no upper limit. If you or anyone you know would be interested in playing or volunteering please contact Rose Antony at antonyr@rcisd.org

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To serve as a sponsor or auction item donor for this year's ball please contact Lisa Johnson at 469-576-2000. Go to www.rockwallwomensleague.org to purchase tickets.



The Rockwall-Heath Hawks varsity basketball team recently collected food to be donated to Rockwall County Helping Hands. Participating in the project were (back row, left to right) Tom Franza, John Taylor, Anthony Haake, Conner Geiser, Aaron Gladney, Jonathan Fuller, Demi Leonard, Preston Wynn, Landon Duhon, Jordan Points, Zachary Morett, (front row) Wayne Cunningham and Bronson Skinner.

Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News



Amanda Kraemer's kindergarten class at Amy Parks Heath recently celebrated their 100th day of school. Pictured here are a handful of class members - from the left, Abi Carroll, Ali Wiprud, Cao Moody, Dylan Kerr, Ruby Knox and Bella Statham.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary first grade students celebrated the 101st day of classes recently by dressing up as though they were 101 years old and enjoying activities that involved the number 101. Pictured here with teacher Tanya Hunt are, from the left, Kyle Grimsley, Rainee Perry and Daniell Banuelos.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Pullen Road maintenance

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Road, detailed the problems of inadequate repairs to the road impact its state has on their property values and the safety concern of the road that may put drivers in danger as well as pose challenge to emergency vehicles.

Residents expressed a liking for the maintenance done to the on the county-controlled section and expressed the goal of being to extend that quality to the entire road.

Estimates for repairing the road range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and the city budget for road maintenance was almost completely tapped after repairs needed already this year following excess rains and freezing.

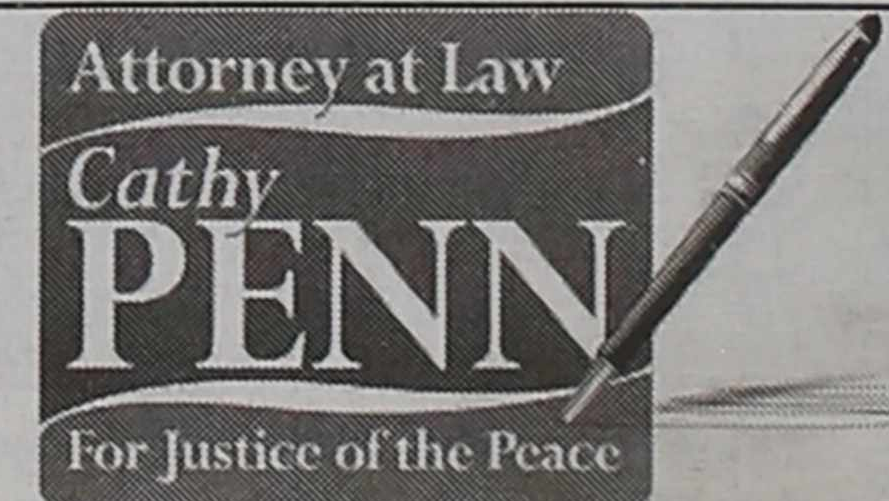
"The city does not have the money for the repair and the new valorum) tax is just enough to keep the city alive, not to address conditions," resident Dale Brantetter said.

"We have no ill will, we just want road maintenance," he said. Council members are able to hear the comments of residents cannot respond to or discuss topics not on the council's formal agenda.

At the same meeting, council members heard ideas for financial municipal improvements from financial advisers.

The council is expected to keep road maintenance a high priority on upcoming meeting agendas.

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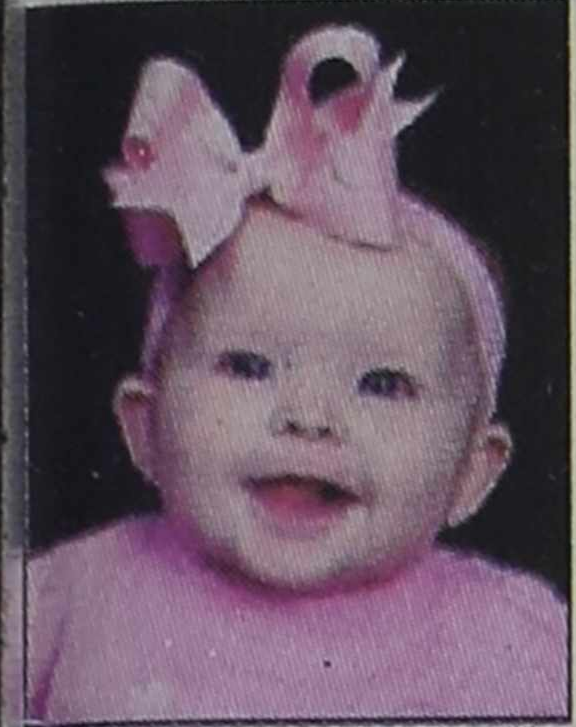
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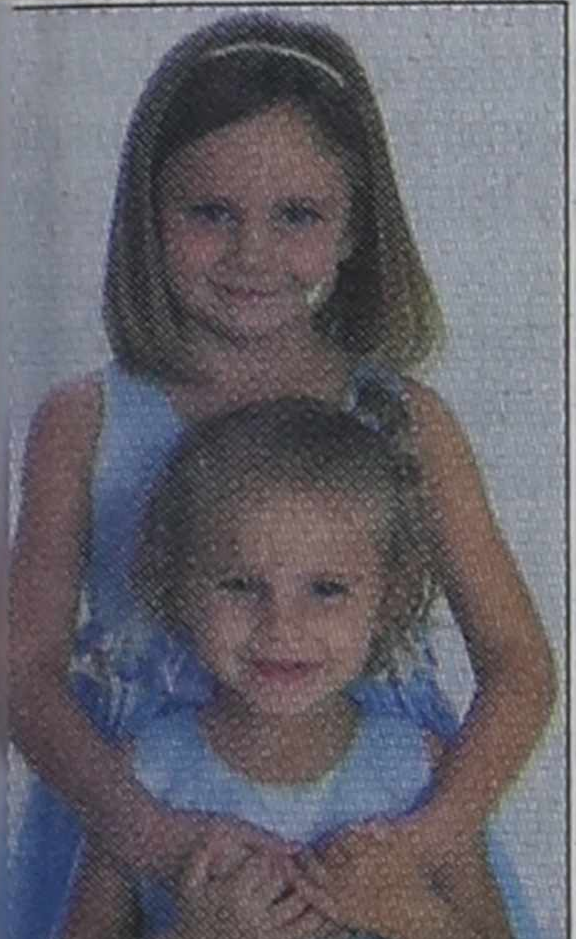
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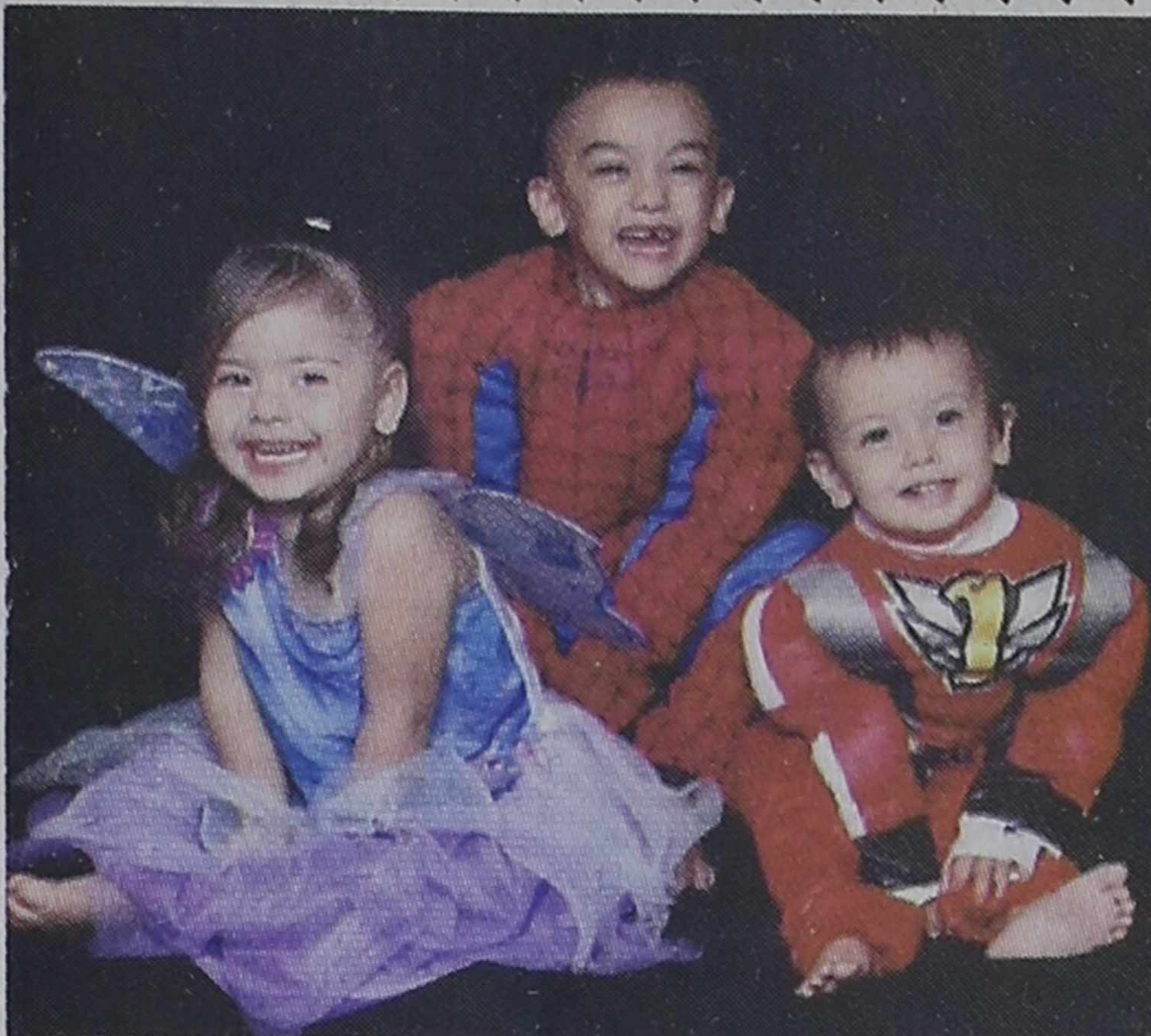
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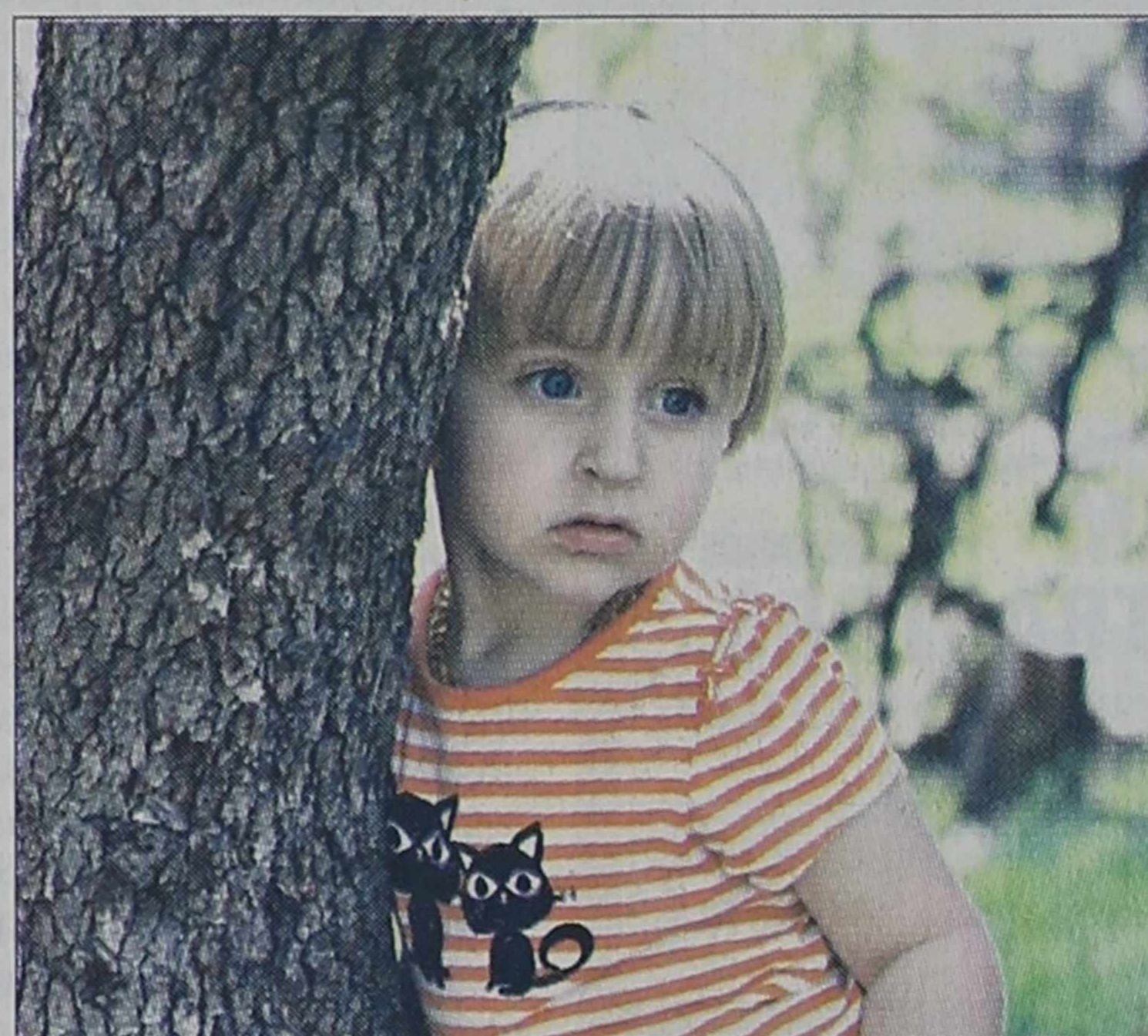
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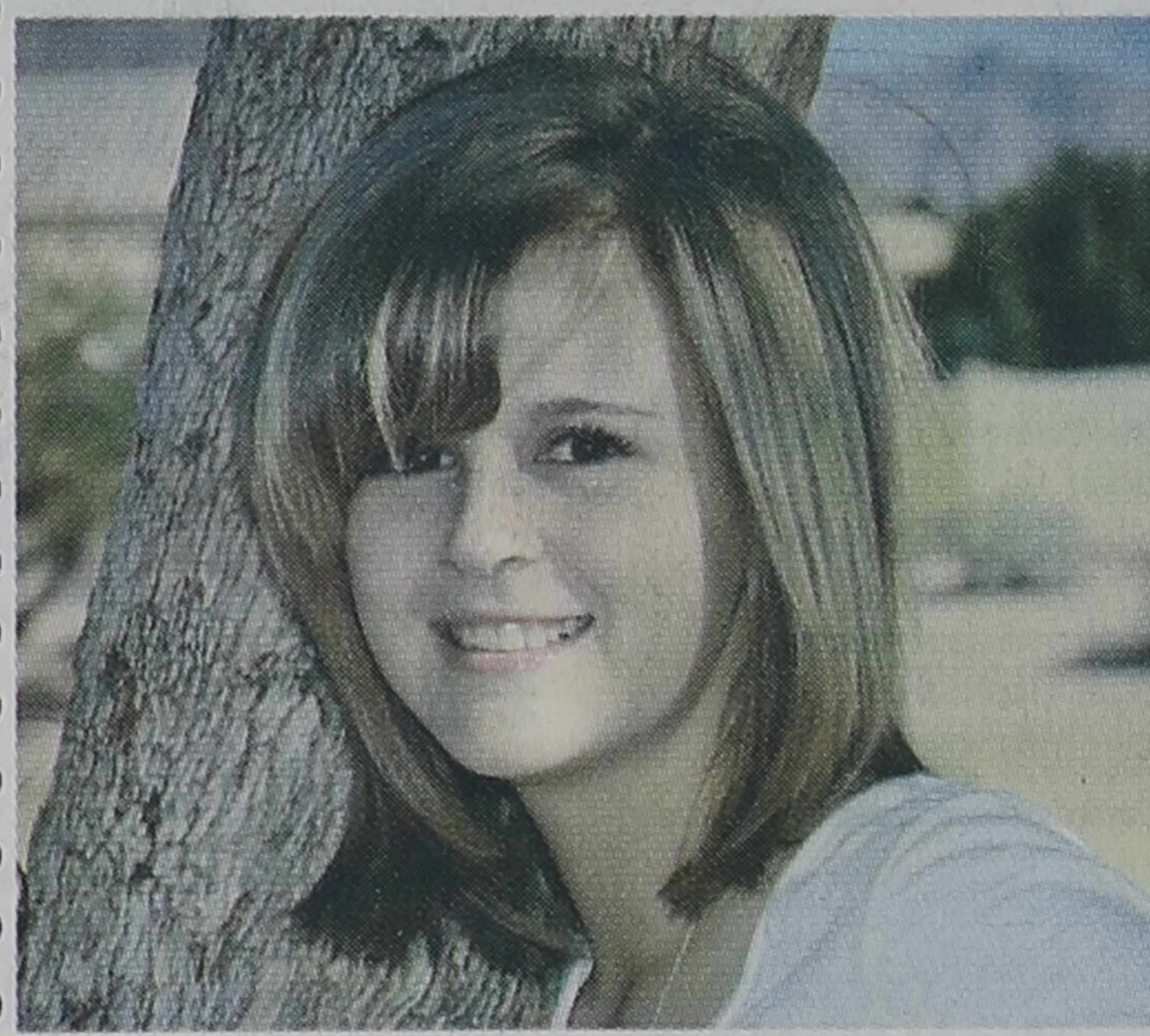
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Whitney Faith Dolberry
 Grandparents Pat & Wes Burnett

Bell, Sawyers to wed Dec. 4

Mr. and Mrs. Buz Sawyers of Rowlett are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Taylor Sawyers, to Adam Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bell of Fate.

The bride-elect, a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas, is a third grade teacher in the Rockwall Independent School District.

The prospective bridegroom also received a bachelor's degree from UT Dallas and is a high school world geography teacher in the RISD.

A Dec. 4, 2010, wedding in Dallas is planned.

Utley students take 2nd in UIL division

The first Utley Middle School seventh grade class earned a second-place finish in the recent district University Interscholastic League academic competition against Williams and Cain middle schools from Rockwall and Wylie Junior Highs (Cooper, Burnett and McMillan).

The 35-member team results, according to a release from the school, were as follows:

- Art – Zachary Birt, sixth place;
- Calculator Applications – Jefferson Larman, third place; Coleton Hervey, fifth place;
- Dictionary Skills – Michael Chadwick, fourth place;
- Editorial Writing – Grace Fowler, sixth place;
- Impromptu Speaking – Victoria Darrington, third place; Cailyn Brooks, sixth place;
- Maps, Graphs and Charts – Michael Chadwick, fifth place;
- Math – Noah Falls, first place;
- Modern Oratory – Victoria Darrington, third place; Branson Long, fourth place;
- Number Sense – Noah Falls, second place;
- Oral Reading – Jalee Blackwell, first place; Sarah Schneider, third place; Katrina Bond, fourth place;
- Ready Writing – Kenesia Sumpter, first place;
- Science – Dustin Jackson, sixth place;
- Social Studies – Erica Headley, fourth place;
- Spelling – Brittany Chanhmisay, second place.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Paul Wm. Laning Jr.

A memorial service for Paul Wm. Laning Jr., 67, will be conducted at the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall in the near future.

He died Sunday, Feb. 7, surrounded by his family.

Born Nov. 30, 1942, in Liberty, N.Y., to Paul and Ada Laning, he graduated high school and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Following his honorable discharge, he pursued a career in the civil service with the Department of Defense, National Security Agency, and retired after 34 years of service. He received numerous meritorious awards, honors and special recognition for his cryptologic, communications, managerial and logistical expertise. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a BS in psychology. After retiring to Florida, he worked for the Pall Aerospace Corp. In 2005 he and his wife relocated to Fate where he worked as assistant director for security for IPC at Firewheel Town Center, Garland.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Maggie L. Laning; his sons, Whitney P. and wife, Bobbi, and Bradley C. and wife, Kim; four grandchildren, Kyle, Emily, Brandon and Ryan; and his brother, Franklin H. Laning.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested donations may be made in his memory to the Legacy Brain Foundation, 1325 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 690, Fort Worth, TX 76104.

Alvin Trammell Mays

Services for Alvin Trammell Mays, 86, of Rockwall were conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Feb. 4.
Born May 24, 1923, in War Eagle, Ark., to Alvin Travis and Margaret Augusta (Trammel) Mays, he served



in the Army Air Corps during World War II, flying 30 missions over Germany without injury. He worked as an auditor for Mobil Oil and was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the First United Methodist Church of Richardson.

Survivors include his brother, Dallas Mays and his wife, Tracy, of Overland Park, Kansas; his sister, Margaret Owens of Rockwall; and eight nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William Scott Mays, in April.

Ruth Roberts

Graveside services for Ruth Roberts, 92, of Rockwall were at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, in the Center Point Cemetery in Wilburton, Okla. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Feb. 2.

Born Dec. 30, 1917, in Lutie, Okla., to the Rev. James Thomas "Tom" Lucas and Lydia Frances (Vinson) Lucas, she retired from the Ector County ISD in Odessa and previously worked for the Latimer County Agricultural Agency and Easter Oklahoma College in Wilburton. She returned to Texas in 1986, where she lived until her death. She was a member of the Lake Pointe Church, formerly Dalrock Baptist Church, for 24 years. A woman of faith, she loved the Bible and taught Bible study classes for 64 years.

Survivors include her son, John E. Roberts II and his wife, Elsa Patricia (Beam) Roberts of Kerrville; her daughter, Rayma Ruth (Roberts) May and her husband, D.H. May, of Rockwall; her sister, Helen (Lucas) Lutke and her husband, Walter, of Conroe; seven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, John E. Roberts; her parents; her brothers, John and Jim Lucas; and her sisters, Rithma "Betty" Willbanks and Ruby McGee.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to The Gideon's International of Lake Ray Hubbard Camp, P.O. Box 2046, Rockwall, TX 75087-4446 or the Pregnancy Resource Center of Rockwall, 709 W. Rusk St., Rockwall, TX 75087.

Bobbie Jean Stovall

Services for Bobbie Jean Stovall, 75, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial followed in the Heath Cemetery.

She died Monday, Feb. 8.

Born Sept. 6, 1934, in Lone Oak to Bennie F. and Inez (Reed) Bowman, she was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lone Oak.

Survivors include her husband, Donnie Stovall of Rockwall; her sons, Wayne Tipton of Rockwall, Michael Tipton of Batesville, Ark., and Stephen Tipton and Ronnie Stovall, both of Rockwall; her daughters, Debbie Burns and her husband, Joe, of Rockwall and Tamera Sneed and her husband, James, of Ashflat, Ark.; her sisters, Jeanette Riley and her husband, Bill, of Alabama and Julia Schultz and her husband, Martin, of Rowlett; her brothers, Bennie Bowman Jr. and his wife, Joann, of Lone Oak and Jimmy Bowman and his wife, Kay, of Paris, Texas;



a half-sister, Louise Patterson of Greenville; eight grandchildren great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Suite 750, 4144 N. Central Expy., Dallas 75204.

Charles M. Thompson

Graveside services for Charles M. Thompson, 78, of Wills Point were conducted at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

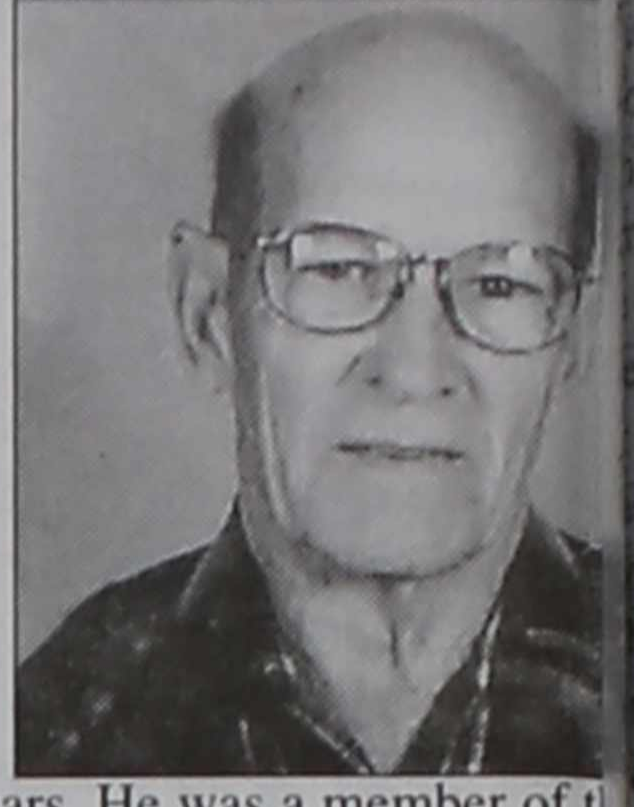
He died Feb. 3.

Born March 4, 1931, in Rockwall County to Jesse Marion and Floy Mae (Dawson) Thompson, he graduated from Rockwall High School in 1948. He enjoyed fishing and worked as a machinist for John E. Mitchell for 35 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include his daughters, Rita Isaacs and her husband, Cliff, donia, Susan Hall and her husband, Ron, of Wills Point, Tina Wilfong, her husband, David, of Rockwall and Janet Kenney of Garland; her children, April, Scott, Autumn, Sara, Ronnie, David Jr., Zach, Austi, Paula and Krystal; her great-grandchildren, Scott Allen, Justin, Colby, Thomas, Kaitlyn, Chase, Noah, Nolan and Makyna; a sister, Frazier of Emory; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joan (Fischer) Thompson in 2007; and a sister, Joann.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Suite 750, 4144 N. Central Expy., Dallas 75204.



Ruby Wood

Services for Ruby Wood, 85, of Rockwall were to be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall with the Rev. Ken Ashlock officiating. Burial was to be at 2:30 p.m. New Prospect Cemetery in Beckville.

She died Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Born Jan. 18, 1925, in Panola County, Texas, to Frank and Pauline (Ross) Ross, she graduated from Beckville High School and worked as a teacher for 38 years. She enjoyed shopping, talking with friends and spending with her family. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rowlett.

Survivors include her son, John Wood and his wife, Dinah, of Royse City; a daughter, Mary Melton and her husband, Ron, of Terrell; her grandchildren, Lori Skinner and her husband, Kevin, of Fate, Stephen Shell, his wife, Valerie, of Rockwall, Lisa Maillet and her husband, Cliff, rollton and Lannie Pinson and his wife, Kim, of Mabank; her great-grandchildren, Lauren Skinner, Morgan Shellito, Jennifer Smith and her husband, Frank, Justin and Julie Pinson and Joshua and Lydia Maillet; and a twin sister, Eddie Lewis and his wife, Retha.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John H. Wood; a grandson, Gregory Scott Melton; a great-granddaughter, Shelby S. Wood; and a twin sister, Ruth Lewis.

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Kid's Game Night set Feb. 26

A Kid's Game Night, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be open for children ages 3 to 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 26 in the RISD Ed. Center gym. Age-appropriate activities are planned, and snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost will be \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents.

RISD Foundation event planned

The RISD Education Foundation's "Beyond the Big Top... Reach for the Brass Ring" will begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 27 at Southfork Ranch. Tickets cost \$50 each and include dinner, entertainment and live art auction; purchases must be made in advance by calling 972-771-0605, ext. 7032. For more details visit risdeducationfoundationinc.com.

Parent & Me Storytime scheduled

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

RHHS band dinner concert, auction set

The RHHS band will host their 2nd annual Dinner Concert & Silent Auction from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 6 at the school. The RHHS band, as well as the bands from Utley and Cain middle schools, will perform. For tickets or more information contact Sandra Nelson, fundraising chair, at 469-338-1864 or e-mail snelson1@classicnet.net.

RARTA to meet March 8

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 1:15 p.m. March 8 at the RISD Administration building. Local author and teacher Kim Wiese will review her book, "My Name is Fallen." Dues for the coming year will be collected. The meeting is open to all retired school personnel and their guests.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch trip planned

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will travel to Dallas March 12 to visit the Corner Bakery. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Brown Bag Lecture Series continues

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag Lecture Series will continue at noon March 12 at the Historic Courthouse. "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" will detail local city teams in Rockwall and fire up those looking forward to the April 18 RCHF Vintage Baseball Game. The program is free and family-friendly.

'Rock through Spring Break'

A week's worth of field drips, Rock through Spring Break, will be offered March 15-19 through the Rockwall Parks & Rec. Youths ages 6-12 are eligible to participate and will meet at the RISD Education Center gym at 8 a.m. daily. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Cost is \$75 for Rockwall residents, \$113 for non-residents.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Students' work on display at library

Amy Parks Elementary art students have their artwork on display this month at the Rockwall County Library. 'Nonsense' performances under way. Tickets to the Rockwall Community Playhouse's 'Nonsense' are available. Performances are set for today, Saturday and Sunday and Feb. 19, 20 and 21.

Brown Bag Series returns today

The first lecture in the Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag Series, "The Almost True History of Roysse City," will be presented by local historian and performer Annie Cornelius at noon today in the Historic Courthouse. Lectures are free and family friendly.

BGCR volunteer orientation planned

A volunteer orientation for the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the BGCR facility, 901 E. Interurban St., Rockwall. For more details call 972-722-2462.

Conservatives & Coffee meeting set

The Rockwall County Conservatives & Coffee group, a grassroots organization of citizens of all ages dedicated to conservative values and the betterment of the community, will meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at The Well, 103 E. Main St. Roysse City, Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman and Adryana Boyne/VOCES will speak.

Feral Friends plans Valentine's adoption event

Feral Friends will host its Valentine's Adoption Weekend from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at PetSmart-Rowlett, Hwy. 66 and Liberty Grove. All cats and kittens are domesticated and well socialized; spayed or neutered; microchipped; rabies and FVRCP vaccinated; and FIV/FeLV tested. For more details visit feralfriends.org, e-mail info@feralfriends.org or call 972-671-0429.

Library closed for President's Day

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Monday for President's Day and will reopen at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Intro to Computers class slated. An Introduction to Computers class open to individuals ages 50 and older will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at The Center. Cost will be \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For details visit rockwall.com/parks.

POP to host pancake supper Wednesday

People of Prayer children at the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall will host a pancake supper beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 602 White Hills Drive. Donations will be accepted. Funds generated will be used to upgrade the youth Sunday school classroom. Ash Wednesday services will follow at 7 p.m.

Candidate debate set Thursday

The Rockwall County Republican Women's Club will host a debate featuring candidates for Rockwall County judge at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the RHS cafeteria. Guest moderator will be Carolyn Wright, chief justice for the 5th Court of Appeals. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the candidates. For more details visit rcrw.org.

Conservatives group to meet

Rockwall County Conservatives and Coffee, a grassroots group of citizens of all ages dedicated to conservative values and the betterment of the community, will meet at 8 a.m. Feb. 20 at The Well, 103 E. Main, Roysse City, and at 10:30 a.m., Her Secret Garden, 203 S. Fannin St., Rockwall. For more details call 214-793-2923.

Learn ARC first aid, CPR and AED

A class teaching American Red Cross first aid, CPR and use of an Automated External Defibrillator will be offered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 20 at The Center. The course is open to individuals ages 15 and older and also will teach care for children and infants in emergency situations. Cost is \$90 for Rockwall residents, \$135 for non-residents.

Wii Afternoon set at the library

Wii Afternoon for Teens will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Rockwall County Library.

TA&M Singing Cadets to perform Feb. 20

The "Voice of Aggieland," the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets, will perform at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the RHHS Performing Arts Center. Ryan Day, a Rockwall 2008 graduate, is a member of the group. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. For ticket information contact Vickie Day at vday95@gmail.com or at 972-463-8921.

Pop in and Study Night scheduled

The Rockwall County Library's Pop in and Study Night for teens will run from 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Feb. 23. Students should bring their homework; popcorn will be provided. Look for the library's teen events on Twitter and Facebook or call 972-204-7700.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

More on Peter's explanation...Acts 2:17-21

spend more time on Acts 2:17-21. explained that what they saw was that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, "And it shall come to pass in the last days," said God, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your men shall dream dreams. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days my spirit. And they shall prophesy." The prophet Joel spoke of the time when people would be filled with the spirit of God. And being filled with holy spirit, they would be able to speak the word of God. This fits with 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 which lists nine different ways people can profit from the manifestation of the spirit of God. The Holy Spirit is part of the list.

Continuing with Peter's explanation, "And I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come." (Acts 2:19-20). In the future, some amazing things will occur as seen in the sky and also on earth. They will take place prior to an event known as the "great and notable day of the Lord." The book of Revelations is more descriptive about these events.

Throughout the period of time known as "the Lord's Day," it will be available for people to be filled with the spirit of God. Being filled with the spirit, we are sanctified and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. They are called in the Epistles and the book of Revelations. This same period of time is also known as the great and notable day of the Lord.

Continuing with Acts 2:21, "And it shall come to pass, that who ever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." To be saved meant to be freed or rescued from something. To understand what the saints could be freed from, we need only look at the previous verses 19-20.

Call upon the name of the Lord results in being rescued from the great and notable day of the Lord. On a side note, it also saves them from having to face the seven year tribulation period mentioned in Revelations. In fact, the reference to being saved is related to the events described in Revelation 4:13-17. This is commonly called the rapture. More information about this event is found in 1 Corinthians 15:51-57.

Understanding the chronology of these future events helps to distinguish between "the great and notable day of the Lord" and calling upon the name of the Lord unto salvation. This is important because it stands to reason that calling upon the name of the Lord saves the saints from the great tribulation and notable day of the Lord, then to "call upon the name of the Lord" unto salvation would be available after the salvation is fulfilled. Therefore, Acts 2:21 would not be referring to being filled with holy spirit. In fact, the events of Acts 2:1-4 launched the beginning of a period of time in which it became available for anybody to believe with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead unto righteousness (Romans 10:9-10), and that we are to be filled with the spirit of God unto everlasting life. And it also is available for these saints to spiritually call upon the name of the Lord unto being saved from all the future events recorded in Revelations. This week will begin a study to ascertain how God's word interprets what Acts 2:21 "call upon the name of the Lord" unto salvation.

UMC-Heath

Plans busy spring

Members of the First United Methodist Church of Heath have planned a schedule of events beginning Sunday with a romantic Valentine's Day evening. UMC Youth babysitting service will run from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the church. A sign-up sheet is posted at the church. New Christian couples/marriage workshop, Fireproof, will begin Monday and will meet at the church from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Childcare will be provided. Cost will be \$10 for the manual. Individuals planning to attend RSVP to the church secretary, Kerrie. Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper provided by the United Methodist Church will begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 24. A love offering will be accepted. Ash Wednesday service will begin in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 25.

The Heath UMC Youth will travel to Tahlequah, Okla., during spring break to work in a mission ministry. The group will leave March 13 and return March 18. Contact the church office for more details.

Weekly events begin on April 5 with the cantata, "A Time for All Things," performed at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Mandy Thursday (April 9) and Good Friday (April 10) services will begin at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Easter sunrise service, the children's Easter Egg Hunt, will begin at 8:30 a.m. and worship services will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on April 25, a group will meet at 9:30 a.m. and travel to the Terrell State Hospital to provide brunch.

On April 30, the Little Voyagers Day Care program will have an open house at the church. For more information, sign-up procedures or directions, contact the church at 972-771-6732 or visit fumcheath.org. The church facility is located at 140 Smirl Drive in Heath.

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Claire Walters brings home five medal at recent swim meet

The Greater Southwest Swimming Invitational held in Addison on February 5-7 and hosted by The City of Plano Swimmers has been a big draw to swim teams from surrounding states and to the top swimmers in Texas for several years, and this year was no exception boasting 766 swimmers from 35 teams. Medals were awarded to the top 8 individuals in each event.

The Rockwall RACE swim team entered 11 of its "A" level swimmers in the meet.

Claire Walters made her mark at the Greater Southwest Invitational this past weekend medaling in five out of her six events in the 13-14 girls division. The five-foot-eleven-inch 14-year-old girl blazed her way to the top of the gold medal stand by cutting off 2 seconds from her prelims time to finish 1st in the finals in the 100-yard butterfly with a 58.36 Senior Circuit Automatic time.

She made two more Sectionals times with her 3rd place medal finish in the 100-yard free with a time of 53.37 seconds, and she tied for a 3rd place medal in the 50-yard free with a time of 25.00 swimming against 72 swimmers. She finished with a 4th place medal in the 200-yard butterfly with a AAA TAGS time of 2:15.42 in the finals. In the 200-yard free she cut two more seconds off her prelims time and ended up with a AAAA TAGS time 1:56.87 to land her in the 5th place medal position.

Her Sectionals cuts will allow her to swim at the higher level Senior Circuit meets that are held around the state, which makes her the third swimmer on the RACE team to attain sectionals times. Claire is coached by two-time Olympian and senior head coach, Neil Walker. She is the daughter of Kelly and Randy W. Forney.

Also, in the 11-12 division, another top swimmer, Emily Manly (11) picked up fifth TAGS time in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:15.42.

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Claire Walters with out of her five medals.

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Opinions

Hall joins 186 others opposing new debt ceiling

Editor's Note: We applaud Congressman Ralph Hall for his common sense in not raising the national debt one more time. The following explains the congressman's vote.

Ralph Hall (R-TX/4) voted 'no' three times last week in opposition to Democrats' efforts to increase the debt limit by \$1.9 trillion to \$14.294 trillion. For the second time in two months, Democrats have forced an increase in the debt ceiling. On final passage, all Republicans and 15 Democrats voted 'no', the measure passed by a vote of 233 to 187.

"The debt limit puts our economy further at risk," Hall said. "This is a double-edged sword, yet the President sent us a budget this week that calls for more spending and that will require Democrats to raise the debt limit again before 2011."

President Obama talks about cutting spending and appoints commissions to study the economy, but what we need to do is just stop spending money where we can and actually cut spending," Hall said. "One of the best ways to improve the economy and create jobs is to pay down the massive national debt — and we need to do that if Congress keeps raising the debt ceiling." "The President's means are calling for an end to runaway spending — but this Administration's Democratic leadership in Congress don't seem to be listening."

President Obama and Common Sense

Bill O'Reilly

Months ago, I wrote an article for Parade magazine about what President Obama could teach America's kids. Basically, the piece told children that despite the father present and a rather loopy mom, the president was able to prosper in the most powerful position in the world. If young Barry Obama could overcome his chaotic upbringing (which included a stint in Indonesia), most parents and kids in difficult circumstances can do the same.

There is no question that Obama is a brilliant man. After graduating from Harvard Law, he worked his way up the political ladder quickly, using Chicago's political machine as a launching pad. That's tough turf, so Obama had to combine book smarts with guile, which he did.

So it is simply stunning to see how poorly Obama is faring in the common world as president. The best example of his failure to anticipate trouble is his handling of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

Remember sitting there with some friends in New York City last November when Attorney General Eric Holder announced that old Khalid would be leaving Guantanamo Bay and heading for the Big Apple to be tried by civilians instead of a military tribunal. We looked at one another incredulously. Is Obama joking? We know how raw emotions still are in the city? And then the expense of the trial began rolling in — it would take hundreds of millions of dollars to try Khalid and four other al-Qaida thugs.

I was reminded that Congress had passed a law specifically allowing overseas terrorists to be judged by the military. Since a military trial would cost \$39.95 a day (participants are already on the federal payroll), why would anyone OK an incredibly expensive dog and pony show for these terrorists?

Remember, Mohammed already admitted to planning 9/11 and gave up his names in the effort, most of whom, upon capture, confirmed that he was Osama bin Laden. Also, Mohammed says he personally slit the throat of Wall Street Journal columnist Daniel Pearl. (SET ITAL) He has admitted doing this. (END ITAL) So why waste time?

Obama says it's because we want the world to see the U.S. justice system on display. Again, why? The people who hate us are not going to change their minds by a jury condemns the terrorists to death instead of military officers. Do you think the president got that?

Obama shows that most Americans realize the Mohammed decision is stupid. Now we have Democrats like Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Chuck Schumer have publicly called for a review. And he has. Last Friday, the White House announced a review of the trial. Well, why was this deal allowed to get out of control? That is very troubling. If Obama is so smart, why did he not realize the absurdity of the situation?

At this point, I simply don't know.

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When is it okay to steal?

1. I am commanded, "Thou Shalt Not Steal"

2. I did not command, "Thou Shalt Not Steal, except to help the poor."

3. I did not command, "Thou Shalt Not Steal, unless government needs more money."

4. I did not command, "Thou Shalt Not Steal, but it's okay to steal to help the homeless."

5. I did not command, "Thou Shalt Not Steal, other than to steal from those who have, and give to those who have not."

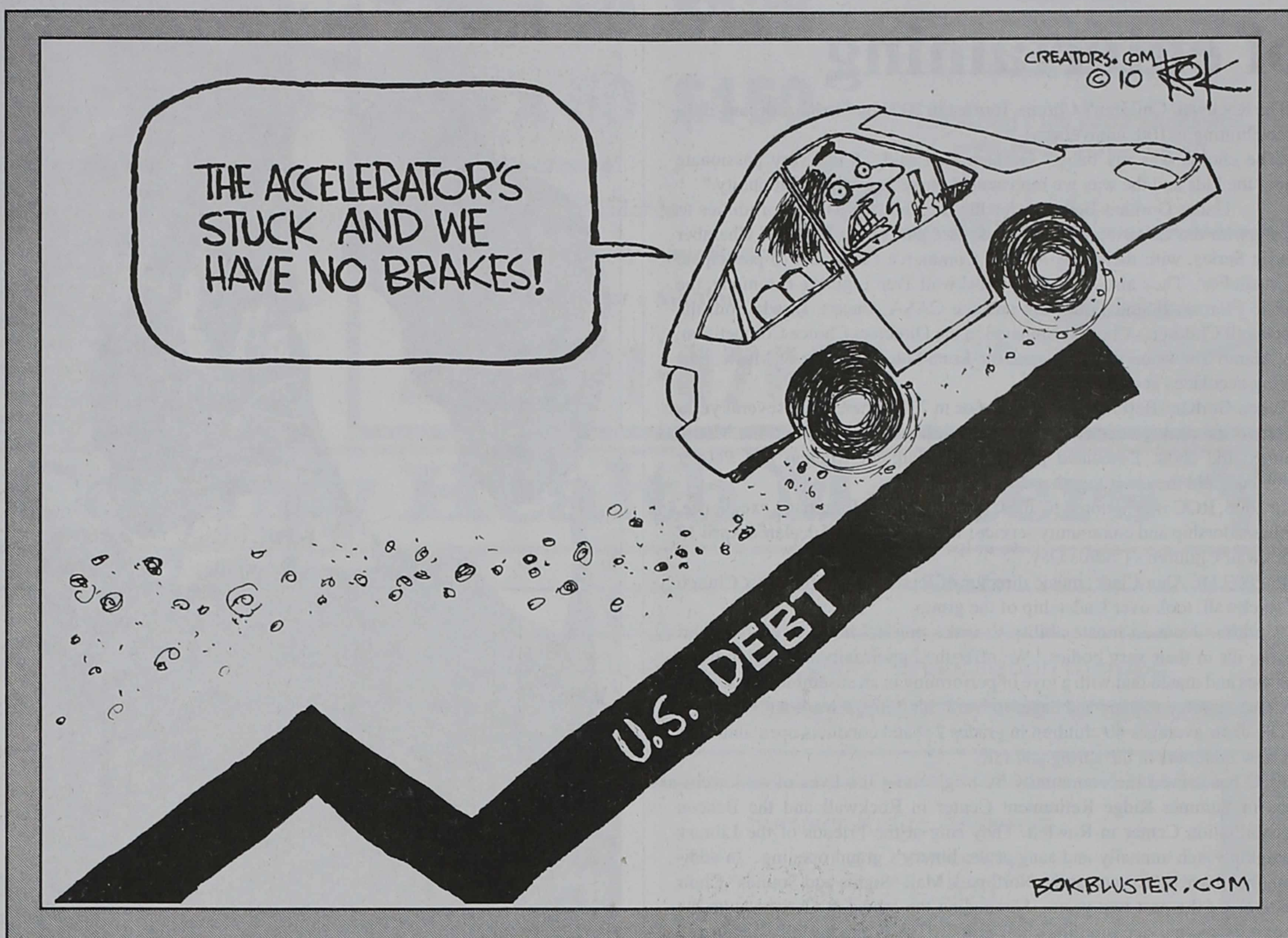
6. My word is solid, complete, plain spoken and profound ... there are no exceptions to his commandment:

Thou Shalt Not Steal

7. My right: Taking property against the owner's permission.

8. My obligation: Taking property against the owner's permission.

9. I cannot claim to follow God's commandment while at the same time condoning, supporting or participating in theft of property from others.



Global warming update

by Walter E. Williams

John Coleman, founder of the Weather Channel, in an hour-long television documentary titled "Global Warming: The Other Side," presents evidence that our National Climatic Data Center has been manipulating weather data just as the now disgraced and under investigation British University of East Anglia Climate Research Unit. The NCDC is a division of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Its manipulated climate data is used by the Goddard Institute of Space Studies, which is a division of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration. John Coleman's blockbuster five-part series can be seen at www.kusi.com/weather/colemanscorner/81583352.html.

The Coleman documentary presents research by computer expert E. Michael Smith and Certified Consulting Meteorologist Joseph D'Aleo. During the 1960s and into the 1980s, the number of stations used for calculating global surface temperatures was about 6,000. By 1990, the number of stations dropped rapidly to about 1,500. Most of the stations lost were in the colder regions of the Earth. Not adjusting for their lost made temperatures appear to be higher than was in fact the case. According to Science & Environmental Policy Project, Russia reported that CRU was ignoring data from colder regions of Russia, even though these stations were still reporting data. That means data loss was not simply the result of station closings but deliberate decisions by CRU to ignore them in order to hype their global warming claims. D'Aleo and Smith report that our NCDC engaged in similar deceptive activity where they have dropped stations, particularly in colder climates, higher elevations or closer to the polar regions. Temperatures are now simply projected for these colder stations from other stations, usually in warmer climates.

Mounting evidence of scientific fraud might make little difference in terms of the response to manmade global warming hysteria. Why? Vested economic and political interests have emerged where trillions of dollars and social control are at stake. Therefore, many people who recognize the scientific fraud underlying global warming claims are likely to defend it anyway. Automobile companies have

invested billions in research and investment in producing "green cars." General Electric and Phillips have spent millions lobbying Congress to outlaw incandescent bulbs so that they can force us to buy costly compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL). Farmers and ethanol manufacturers have gotten Congress to enact laws mandating greater use of their product, not to mention massive subsidies. Thousands of major corporations around the world have taken steps to reduce carbon emissions including giants like IBM, Nike, Coca-Cola and BP, the oil giant. Companies like Google, Yahoo and Dell have vowed to become "carbon neutral."

Then there's Chicago Climate Futures Exchange that plans to trade in billions of dollars of greenhouse gas emission allowances. Corporate America and labor unions, as well as their international counterparts have a huge multi-trillion dollar financial stake in the perpetuation of the global warming fraud. Federal, state and local agencies have spent billions of dollars and created millions of jobs to deal with one aspect or another of global warming.

It's deeper than just money. Schoolteachers have created polar-bear-dying lectures to frighten and indoctrinate our children when in fact there are more polar bears now than in 1950. They've taught children about melting glaciers. Just recently, the International Panel on Climate Change was forced to admit that their Himalayan glacier-melting fraud was done to "impact policy makers and politicians and encourage them to take some concrete action."

What would all the beneficiaries of the global warming hype do if it becomes widely known and accepted that mankind's activities have very little to do with the Earth's temperature? I don't know but a lot of people would feel and look like idiots. But I bet that even if the permafrost returned as far south as New Jersey, as it once did, the warmers and their congressional stooges would still call for measures to fight global warming.

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The Road to Health-Care Serfdom

by Sheldon Richman

I sensed a bit of frustration during President Obama's state of the union address when he said, "The longer it [the health-care overhaul] was debated, the more skeptical people became." I'm not totally sure what point he thought he was making. After all, it wouldn't speak well for a proposal if prolonged discussion of its particulars created doubt about its value. But surely he didn't want to convey that message.

Perhaps he and his speechwriters overlooked that subtle message and had another complaint in mind: Any idea, bad or good, can be talked to death by Congress.

Recall that Obama did not want a lot of talking about his health-care proposal. He wanted a bill fulfilling his ambition to redesign 17 percent of the U.S. economy on his desk before the August congressional recess. On its face that schedule was ridiculous, not to mention dangerous. Congress is never more threatening than when it rushes. Of course that deadline was missed, as were the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's deadlines. He badly wanted this gold star in his first year. He didn't get it.

Now, with the loss of the Democrats' 60th vote in the Senate, the once-awesome health-care juggernaut has ground to a virtual halt. Obama's rush suggests that he didn't expect Sen. Edward Kennedy to be available for long to cast his pro-overhaul vote and that he feared that if things went on too long, a Republican could win Kennedy's seat — which is exactly what happened.

Obama's venting of his frustration brings to mind F.A. Hayek's classic, *The Road to Serfdom*. That book, published in 1944, argued that if a democratic society seriously pursued central planning of the economy, despotism would inevitably emerge. Hayek's argument is simple and powerful: Everyone could favor government planning in principle, but that does not mean that everyone favors the same plan in every detail. Yet there can be only one plan. Legislatures, being the "talk shops" they are, are not likely to dissolve all the differences and arrive at a single plan, certainly not in a timely manner. In such circumstances, it would be tempting to turn to a "strong leader" to seize control of the process and impose a plan.

Thus, in the real world of politics the choice is between government planning and freedom.

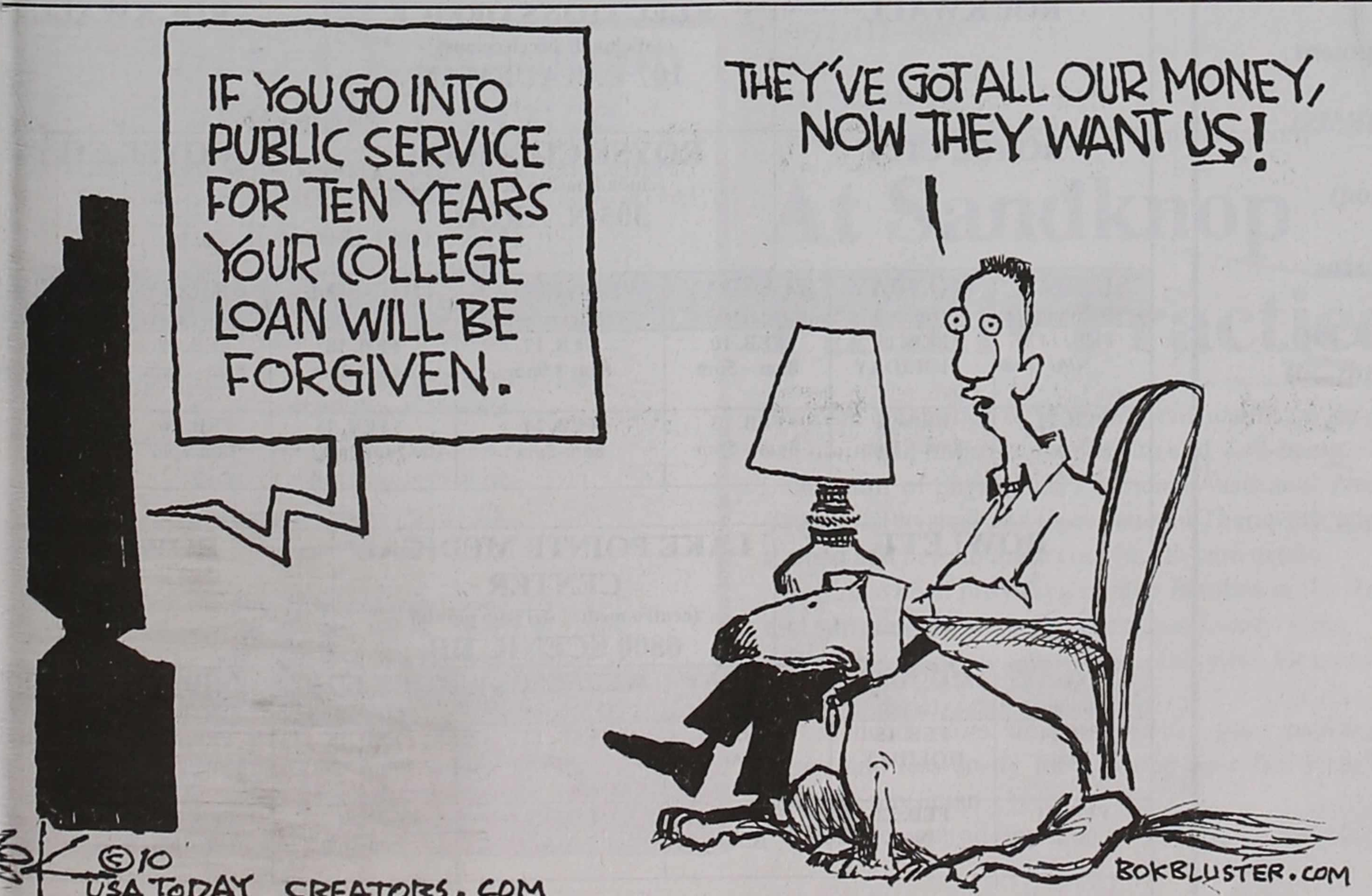
The controversy over health care is a microcosm of Hayek's thesis. Obama wants Congress to devise a plan for health insurance and, by implication, health-care delivery. A majority in both houses favors having a plan but not the same plan. So the debate has gone on for close to a year. Fortunately, the American people seem skeptical of government planning and would not tolerate Obama's assuming the role of "strong man." So the danger Hayek warned of is small. It also means that comprehensive planning of health insurance and health care is unlikely.

Obama urged his party to keep pushing "reform" despite all that has happened. But in an election year, especially with the Massachusetts omen, it also seems unlikely they will do that.

But that does not mean the threat of further government intervention in health care has passed. While many people have a healthy aversion to a big comprehensive plan, they may be less concerned over what looks like lots of small adjustments — even if they add up to a big comprehensive plan. Leading Republicans, who like to pretend they are for freedom and strict limits on government power, have long been on record as favoring many individual components of the 2,000-page bills pushed by the Democrats. For example, Republicans favor mandating insurance companies to cover preexisting conditions — which is welfare, not insurance. They also favor taxpayer subsidies for health insurance and defended Medicare and Medicaid, which together make up close to half the health-care spending in the United States.

The upshot is that what Obama could not get in one big bill, he may well get in a lot of small ones — with Republican votes. Instead of being freed, the health-care market will be deeper in the government swamp.

Outright central planning is not the only road to serfdom. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.



Children's choir celebrates 10 years of entertaining

The Rockwall Children's Chorus, formed in 2000 by Shelba Gorham-Bell, is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

"The chorus was my baby," Gorham-Bell said. "I felt very passionate about the kids and the way we represented ourselves in the community."

Under Gorham-Bell's leadership the children had opportunities to sing with the Lakeside Civic Chorus, as a part of the Hubbard Chamber Music Series, with the Texas A & M Commerce Choir and to participate in MusicFest. They also sang at the Rockwall Tree Lighting ceremony, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Walk and the CASA concert. In addition, the Rockwall Children's Chorus competed in the Directors Choice Competition, the Alamo Showcase of Music, and the Lone Star Showcase of Music, garnering accolades at each event.

When Gorham-Bell resigned as director in 2004, there were several years of transition during which Shannon Barnes, Jayne McFadin and Pat Moore helmed the choir. Dedicated parents like Margaret Kochan and Palmer Ragsdale held the choir together during that time.

In 2006, RCC was honored by the City of Rockwall for artistic excellence, ambassadorship and community service. Mayor Bill Cecil declared April 17 Rockwall Children's Chorus Day.

In 2007 Dr. Alan Clark, music director of First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, took over leadership of the group.

"Children have an innate ability to make music," he said. "It's in their hearts; it's in their very bodies. We offer the opportunity to develop those abilities and match that with a love of performing in an ensemble. These children are smart, energetic and eager to learn. It's a joy to work with them."

The choir averages 40 children in grades 2-9 and conducts open auditions for new members in the spring and fall.

RCC has served the community by brightening the lives of senior citizens in Summer Ridge Retirement Center in Rockwall and the Beacon Rehabilitation Center in Rowlett. They sing at the Friends of the Library Pumpkin Patch annually and sang at the library's grand opening. In addition, they have performed at the Northpark Mall "Sights and Sounds" Choir Festival for the past two years. Serenading the crowd at Christmas on the Square is another occasion the choir enjoys. The group has also conducted public concerts at First United Methodist Churches of Rockwall and Heath, First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wylie and First Christian Church of Rockwall.

Their Christmas concert at Castle Douglas is always a favorite, this year including a vocal solo by Lucy Ragsdale with original music composed by Clark and a stirring violin solo by Emily Davis. Lakeside Civic Chorus invited them to be a part of their holiday concert in 2008, as did the Mesquite Symphony in 2009.

Since RCC is a non-profit organization, the group sells singing valentines each year during the month of February as a fundraiser. They also receive an Open Door Grant from the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts. To show their gratitude for the support of RCAA, the choir has performed at several Alliance galas.

"Singing for the people of Rockwall makes the children aware of ways that they can serve others by expressing themselves through their musical gifts," RCC president Karen Slater said. "Making a tax-deductible donation to RCC is an investment in the children of our community."

To celebrate a decade of performance, the choir will perform the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." They anticipate having a small musical tour in 2011 and plan to travel to New York to sing at Carnegie Hall in 2012.



Kylie McClung, 7th grade student at Cain Middle School, led the singing of the National Anthem at last week's basketball game between Cain Middle and Erickson Middle School. Cain won 42-20. (Rockwall County News) Photo by Carl McClung www.flickr.com/photos/carls_sideline_pics

Weather forces work changes on SH 205

The Texas Department of Transportation has rescheduled work and traffic flow changes on State Highway 205.

A traffic switch has been changed to Thursday for northbound and 22 for the opening of the remaining southbound lanes.

The schedule change was made necessary by recent inclement weather according to a City of Rockwall news release.

The State Highway 205 expansion project through the City of Rockwall is nearing completion, marking the end of a project that started in 1993 when 13 alternative routes were presented to city officials.

The 205 project extends from Sids Road north to just north of the town square.

The final route for SH 205 wasn't selected until 1993 when the six design was approved by City Council under then-mayor Alma Williams.

Lack of state funding for highway projects delayed construction the beginning of 2007 when work on the estimated four-year project underway.

City Manager Julie Couch remembers the years of debate between council members, residents and state officials over the selection of a route.

"We are so thrilled to have the main artery through town opened," Couch said. "It's been a long time coming. I'm thrilled."

After the traffic switch, there will be periodic lane closures in some of the roadway while minor work is completed, said city engineer C. Todd, but the state has not provided a final completion date for the project.

Contact Kevin Lay, TxDOT project manager, at 214-320-6100 or Tel. 972-771-7746 for more information about the upcoming traffic switch.

Culver's plans ARC fundrais

Culver's will have a fundraiser Tuesday to generate contributions for Haiti earthquake relief efforts.

Ten percent of all sales on Tuesday will benefit the American Red Cross International Relief Fund, according to a news release from the restaurant.

Rockwall Welcomes The Mansions of Rockwall

Luxury living comes to Rockwall County with the announcement of The Mansions of Rockwall, a rental townhome community with attached garages, and the Mansions of Rockwall Active Adult Community, a 100-unit condominium and duplexes designed exclusively for active adults age 55 and better.

"Rockwall's ideal location, safe neighborhoods, great schools and excellent quality of life along with our rental townhomes with attached garages are a perfect fit," said Marcus Hiles, founder and principal owner of Western Rim Property Services and its affiliate Mansions Custom Homes, whose goal is to develop "dream" communities in which everyone would love to live.

The City of Rockwall was named as one of the "Family Circle 100 Towns" in America for families to live in by Family Circle magazine. 1,700 communities were considered, according to the popular national publication with over 21 million readers.

"The most important thing that we look for in a new development is quality and value. I believe The Mansions of Rockwall is 100 percent up to this standard," said Mayor Bill Cecil.

The Mansions of Rockwall opened January 2, 2010 to a surge of new tenants immediately ready to start a new life of luxury both in their private home residences and at the on-site 13,000 square foot European Spa and Health Club.

"The Mansions of Rockwall has exceeded our expectations for a rental community," said Melody Garcia, Regional Manager for Western Rim Property Services. "We attribute the leasing success of this community to its superb design, great locations, luxurious amenities and top quality on-site management. When we first announced the Mansions of Rockwall, we were immediately flooded with Internet contacts asking when homes would be available. We have since toured 165 Rockwall residents and have secured 45 Mansions residents in the first 30 days of operation."

The Spa Clubhouse includes a 3,500 square-foot California Health & Fitness Club, indoor jacuzzi, dry sauna, steam therapy room, private treatment room, Wifi Starbucks® Café and coming soon - a fully staffed day spa offering extensive services such as full-body massage, manicures, pedicures, facials and a hair salon.

One to four bedroom town homes feature individual first floor entries, covered porches, one or two car attached garages, hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances and 75-ounce carpeting. Uncommon interior features include 9-12 foot ceilings, wood-burning fireplaces with marble surround, custom mantels, oversized marble jacuzzi garden tubs and gourmet kitchen with maple cabinets, granite counter tops. Town homes range from 69 to 2,524 square feet.

Community features include a resort-style swimming pool and deck and a pet-friendly Central Park area with BBQ / Picnic areas, a community pond, a professional sand volleyball court, playground and an equestrian jogging trail.

The Mansions of Rockwall Active Adult Community will open its doors to its first residents on March 15, 2010, offering adults 55 or better a life that is relaxing and full of beauty, sophistication and convenience.

Chlorine maintenance planned for Rockwall water systems

A free chlorine maintenance will be conducted on the City of Rockwall distribution systems and the Wylie water transmission system from Feb. 19 to March 25.

According to a City of Rockwall news release, the project is being conducted by the North Texas Municipal Water District.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality allows water suppliers to perform a free chlorine maintenance. The effort is designed to help reduce the need for water suppliers to flush systems in order to maintain chloramines residual during the warm weather periods, thus conserving water.

Free chlorine maintenance lasts about 30 days and is performed in cool weather months when water temperatures are lower. The NTMWD utilizes chloramines, a combination of chlorine and ammonia, in the water treatment process and to provide the disinfectant residual in the transmission and distribution systems as required by the TCEQ.

Free chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality and remains safe for use. During this period, consumers who are sensitive to taste and odor changes in drinking water might notice a change during this period. This palatability change does not alter the quality of the drinking water the city provides.

Anyone with questions concerning this process should contact Denise Hickey, public relations coordinator for the NTMWD, at 972-442-5405, ext. 203, or e-mail dhickey@ntmwd.com.

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Agriculture Mechanics Team member Marcus explain is shown welding a foot car transport trailer built by students enrolled in Agriculture Mechanics I and II. Students are preparing for the upcoming ag mechanics competition in San Angelo and Austin. The Rockwall Youth Center will host the 2nd Annual Ag Mechanics Show on March 24-27 at the RISD on Riding Club Road. photo/Rockwall County News



First annual Fulton basketball sweetheart fourth grader Delaney Mallory (right, from Wylie), with her teacher Pam Huston. Mallory is the child of Diana and Troy Mallory. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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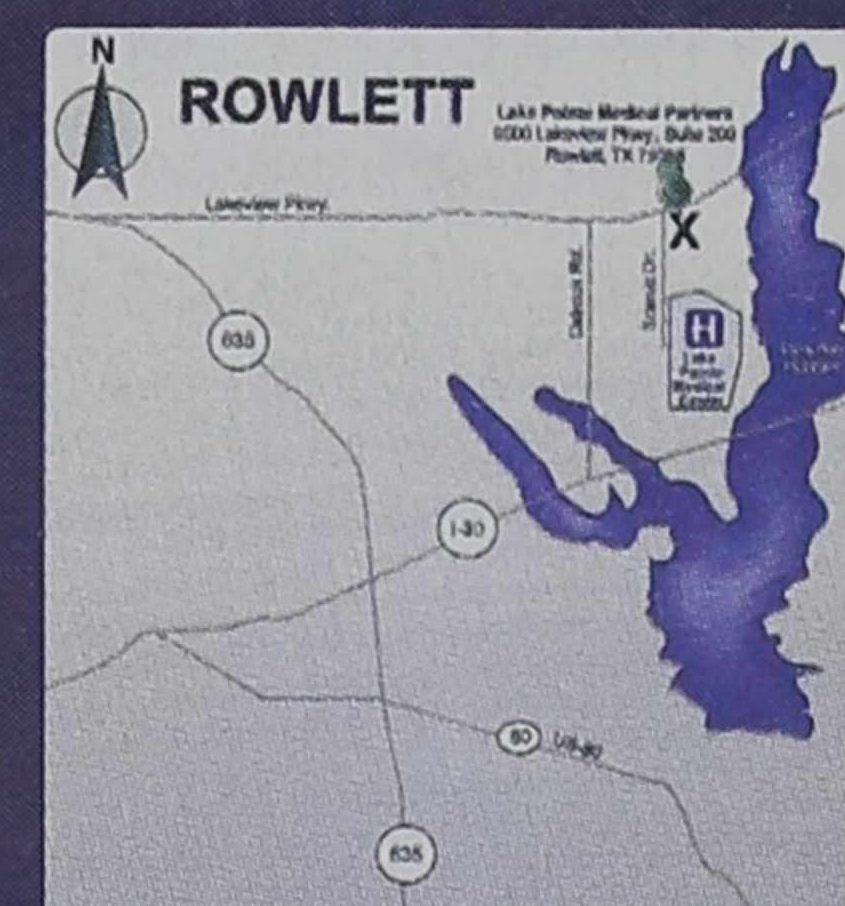


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Royse City Bulldogs defeat R.L Turner in 40-39 OT win

by Lary Bump

Royse City took over seventh place in District 10-4A boys' basketball Tuesday night by pulling out a 40-39 overtime victory at Carrollton R.L. Turner.

The teams had been tied for seventh with 1-10 district records. Now, with two games remaining, RC has a one-game lead and a tiebreaker advantage because it has defeated Turner both times the teams have met this year.

That's some solace for a lost season during which the Bulldogs lost all six games in between their two victories over the Lions.

RC's season scoring leader, Pierre Hayden, again led them with 16 points. The teams were tied 29-29 after regulation play, then went on an

absolute scoring spree in overtime. The Bulldogs' 11-10 advantage was good enough to win.

The one-two scoring punch of Pierre Hayden and Cory Stapleton had carried Royse City to its first district victory this season, a 67-52 decision over Carrollton R.L. Turner Friday, Jan. 15.

After that, the Bulldogs weren't able to play even a spoiler's role in the district, losing six games in a row even though they had a chance to win in four of them. The game Friday, Feb. 5, at home against district leader Carrollton Newman Smith wasn't even close. Despite Hayden's 26 points, the Trojans won 79-61 for their 20th victory overall.

The Bulldogs shot just 18 per cent (3-for-17) from the field in the first

half, and 22 per cent (2-for-9) in the third quarter, but rallied in the fourth quarter. They made seven of their first eight foul shots and shot 43 per cent (6-for-14) from the field.

Royse City moved within four points at 45-41, but made only one field goal and had two costly turnovers down the stretch to lose 53-43.

In the first win over Turner, Hayden matched his average with 20 points. Stapleton added 15. RC had an advantage over the Lions in each quarter, taking an 18-13 lead after the first quarter and continuing to build it throughout the game.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, Royse City played even with Rockwall for three quarters, but the Yellowjackets' 17-5 first-quarter bulge was too much to overcome. RHS held on to defeat the Bulldogs 51-41. Again Hayden and Stapleton led the scoring, with 17 and 10 points.

RC threw a scare into Richardson Pearce, trailing the district's second-place team just 34-33 at halftime and 44-41 after three quarters. The home team then ran away from Royse City for a 25-11 fourth-quarter advantage and a 69-52 victory Friday, Jan. 22. Hayden scored a game-high 22 points.

It was more of the same Tuesday, Jan. 26, at home against Greenville, which is fourth in 10-4A. The Bulldogs had control of the game through three quarters, leading 49-43. Then the Lions broke out to out-score RC 26-12 in the fourth quarter and win 69-61.

Greenville held Hayden to 11 points, but Bryan Wyrick (15) and Stapleton (13) picked up the Bulldogs' scoring.

Royse City's game, Tuesday, Feb. 2, never was close. Visiting Highland Park took a 12-0 lead after the first quarter and stretched it to 41-11 through three periods on the way to an easy 55-23 victory. No Bulldog scored more than six points.

1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
Turner 13 12 10 17 52
RCHS 18 13 14 23 68
Friday, Jan. 15

Carrollton R.L. Turner (5-14, 0-5): Travis Cleghorn 15, Lucas Amann 11, David Hernandez 10, Larence Davis 9, Cody Holmes 7.

Royse City (8-14, 1-4): Pierre Hayden 20, Cory Stapleton 15, Joseph Beck 9, Matt Stone 6, Dajon Avery 5, Nick Stone 4, Bryan Wyrick 4, David Frye 4, Alex Williams 1.

1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
RCHS 12 21 8 11 52
Pearce 20 14 10 25 69
Friday, Jan. 22

Royse City (8-16, 1-6): Pierre Hayden 22, Cory Stapleton 9, Nick Stone 6, David Frye 6, Bryan Wyrick 5, George Gomez 2, Trey Bowers 2.

Richardson Pearce (17-9, 6-2): Cole Holland 19, Kenny Slocum 18, Darius Revels 15, Brooks Vehslage 6, Curtis Gile 4, Stennis Hill 3, Jake Allen 2, Casey Lane 2.

1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
GHS 19 11 13 26 69
RCHS 12 17 20 12 61
Tuesday, Jan. 26

Greenville (12-14, 5-3): Byron Mack 25, Devonte Green 17, N.J. Mason 15, Alton Dennis 8, Cal Crabtree 2, Dijoun Sheppard 1, Blake Taylor 1.

Royse City (8-17, 1-7): Bryan Wyrick 15, Cory Stapleton 13, Pierre Hayden 11, Nick Stone 8, Trey Bowers 5, Matt Stone 4, Dajon

Avery 3, Alex Williams 2.
1st 2nd 3rd 4th
HP 12 14 15 14
RCHS 0 5 6 12
Tuesday, Feb. 2

Highland Park (14-11, 7-3): Edwards 12, Rex Huddleson 11, Ben Strodel 7, Fraschilla 3, Ryan Massad 3, Braden 2, Caleb Robinson 2, Landes 2, James Mills 1.

Royse City (8-19, 1-9): Hayden 6, George Gomez 6, Duncan 3, David Frye 3, Nick Stone 2, Joseph Beck 2, Matt Stone 2.

1st 2nd 3rd 4th
NSHS 21 23 14 21
RCHS 11 14 17 19
Friday, Feb. 5

Carrollton Newman Smith (11-0): Al Lasker 27, Randall 14, Edward Williams 13, Jali 10, Trey Pickney 6, Jeremy 4, Kevin Hall 2, Will Allen 2.

Royse City (8-20, 1-10): Hayden 26, Matt Stone 7, Avery 6, Bryan Wyrick 6, Stapleton 5, Joseph Beck 5, Duncan 3, David Frye 3.

1st 2nd 3rd 4th OT
RCHS 3 14 8 4 11
Turner 5 11 9 4 10
Tuesday

Royse City (9-20, 2-10): Hayden 16, Dajon Avery 6, Beck 5, Matt Stone 5, Bryan 4, Cory Stapleton 2, Nick Stone 2, Carrollton R.L. Turner 1-11; Travis Cleghorn 11, Amann 8, Larence Davis 8, Hernandez 6, Cody Holm, Cameron Burwell 2, Goodsp

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- Complimentary Coffee & Pastries @ 10:00 am
- Complimentary Snacks & Refreshments @ 6:00 pm

OR

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- Complimentary Coffee & Pastries @ 10:00 am
- Complimentary Snacks & Refreshments @ 2:00 pm

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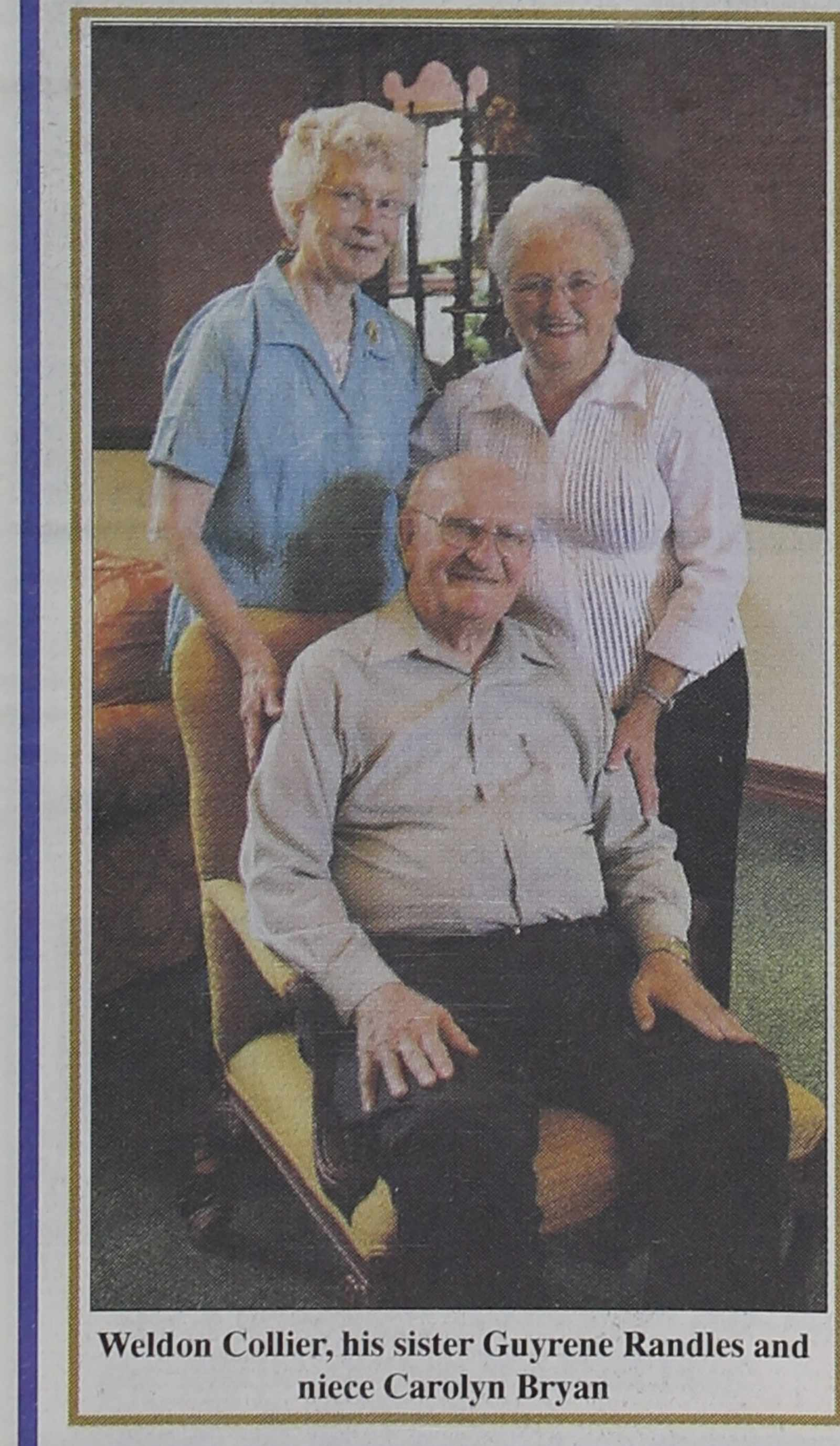
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DivorceCare meetings set at LakeShore Church


A local DivorceCare recovery group meets weekly at LakeShore Church, Rockwall.

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A new group is starting and meets at 7 p.m. each Wednesday at the church, 5575 Hwy. 10, South, in Rockwall.

For more details, contact church office at 972-771-1900.

Childcare is not provided during these sessions.



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Rockwall County Sports

Lady Warriors rally, make 3rd in district

Quarterly Bump
Rockwall Christian girls' basketball team already had clinched its playoff berth "in years," according to head coach Steven Turner. Before, there wasn't much to cheer about and a short-term for the first playoff game when the Lady Warriors of Greenville Christian in a tie for third place in TAPPS District 3-1A.

It didn't look good for RCA when the team trailed 22-16 early in the fourth quarter. The Lady Warriors still trailed 28-24 with just 1:44 seconds to play.

Turner said, "We played really great defense. We held down 40 (Shadell) early. Brittany was really big. She's like a coach on the floor."

The Lady Eagles made just 23 percent of their field goal attempts (14-for-61), but led much of the way because RCA was just 5-for-42 (12 percent) from the field through three quarters.

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deflecting off our hands. But (the players) are hungry for it. They want to work out, they want to compete. Next year will be even better.

"It was a major accomplishment to win that game. Finishing third in the district was huge."

Griffin and Widmer made the biggest difference. Unofficial statistics showed each with 15 rebounds. Griffin scored 19 points, Widmer added six and they teamed to control GCS' Jennifer Shadell (eight points) inside. Shenda Boulware's five steals paced a defense that created 21 turnovers.

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9 of 13 foul shots in the final eight minutes. Griffin was 7-for-8 in the quarter and 10-for-12 in the game.

It was won and lost at the foul line. The Lady Eagles missed all 16 of their foul shots.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
GCS	6	6	6	10	28
RCA	2	8	4	17	31

Saturday
Greenville Christian School (3-6): Breana Fairly 12, Jennifer Shadell 8, Hannah Wilhelm 6, Megan Nichols 2.

Rockwall Christian Academy (4-5): Brittany Griffin 19, Jessica Widmer 6, Shenda Boulware 2, Ashley Poland 2, Lauren Rorie 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	4	8	10	8	30
DCC	16	14	11	12	53

Monday
Rockwall Christian Academy: Brittany Griffin 12, Ashley Poland 8, Lauren Rorie 6, Shenda Boulware 4.

DeSoto Canterbury Christian: Kaitlyn Lucy 13, Claire Metoyer 12, Jamila Coner 8, Ronnie Vaughn 8, Ashlynn Ramirez 6, Mary Vaughn 6.



RCA Lady Warriors' Ashley Poland (3) drives the ball in for 2 points against Greenville Christian. At back left is Brittany Griffin (11).
Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Parkview ends Fulton's playoff hopes

Quarterly Bump
In the third quarter Friday night, Fulton School appeared on the verge of salvaging a spot in the boys' basketball playoffs. It came in the fourth quarter.

Falcons scored the game's even points, and still led entering the fourth quarter at Waco Parkview Christian. In the final regular-season game, Fulton trailed the Pacers by 14 points in a TAPPS District 3-1A's playoff berth. A win would have meant about a tiebreaker game Friday night in Waco, for which the

Falcons would have momentum. Those thoughts evaporated within three minutes in the fourth quarter. From a 35-35 tie, Parkview ran off nine consecutive points for a 44-35 lead and continued for a 53-38 victory.

"We fell apart," Falcons head coach Brian Peters said of the fourth quarter.

They made just 2 of 11 field goal attempts, couldn't come up with offensive rebounds for second-chance points and turned the ball over four times.

Peters said, "Rebounding has been our Achilles heel all year. We're just young."

Above all else, Fulton couldn't stop Parkview's burly, but quick, Bryce Frazier inside. He scored 11 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter, including five during the Pacers' 9-0 run.

Tim Borgen and Brett Steffen led the Falcons with 10 points apiece. Borgen made two 3-point shots in the first quarter, helping Fulton to a 14-8 lead. Harrison Cleek had unof-

Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center

"It was a miracle"

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

"I remained in a semi-conscious state for several days," Linda explained. "I was still in pain and couldn't walk or do anything for myself." After 10 days she was ready to be released from the hospital, with recommendations to seek help in a rehabilitation facility to help her regain strength and be able to walk again. "I wanted to be close to home, so I told them to take me to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda said. "I was unable to make the trip back by car, so it was a seven hour ambulance ride to Royse City."

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

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

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



Buffet City celebrates 4th Anniversary serving customers with top quality Asian cuisine

It's no surprise to Buffet City customers that the popular restaurant has been such a huge success during its four years in Rockwall. Buffet City's chef is noted for the highest quality Asian dishes, and the personal touch he has given Buffet City customers since the restaurant opened February 11, 2006 at its location just off Ridge Road and Vigor Way.

The "All You Can Eat" buffet features Mongolian Grill, Sushi and Buffet with more than 150 items from which to choose. The most popular items are Tokyo Chicken, Jumbo Shrimp and Snow Crab, all on the Lunch and Dinner Buffet, available seven days a week.

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The restaurant is celebrating its Fourth Anniversary, continuing its outstanding quality service, wide variety of delicious choices at very reasonable prices. The popular "All You Can Eat" lunch buffet is available Monday through Saturday for \$6.50 (adults) and \$3.99 for children (ages 4-10). The "All You Can Eat" dinner buffet is available Monday through Friday after 4 p.m. for \$8.50 and on Saturday for \$9.50.

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