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News Briefs

Municipal pools open today

at Harry Myers Park and Gloria Williams Park will be Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will be free to children through 24 months, 50 cents for children ages 2 through 17, \$2.50 for individuals ages 18 and over and \$5 for a family (six individuals in the same household).

Dinosaur Exploration Camp set

Children ages 6-8 can attend a Dinosaur Exploration Camp from noon June 8-12 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$80 for Rockwall residents, \$120 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Lunch Bunch event is June 12

Lunch Bunch meets on the second Friday of each month at various restaurants. This month's location is at the Harry Myers Community Center on June 12. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents and \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

All-Class Alumni Banquet nears

The annual Rockwall High All-Class Alumni Banquet is set for June 13 in the RHS cafeteria. Classes of '39, '49, '59, '69, '79, '89, '99 and 2009 will be honored. Tickets cost \$10 for Rockwall residents and \$15 for non-residents. Tickets are available at the Community Bank and American National Bank or at rockwallhighschoolalumni.com. Reserve space by calling Frasier, 214-863-6960. Tickets or reservations are available at rockwall.com/parks.

Pirate Island Art Camp slated

An art camp with a pirate theme will be offered for children at the Harry Myers Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 15-19. Cost will be \$139 for Rockwall residents and \$179 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Chamber plans Breakfast Club

The City Chamber of Commerce will conduct its breakfast club event from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Royse City. A light breakfast will be served for a \$3 donation. Participants are urged to bring a business card to the door prize. Call 972-636-5000 for more details.

Women's summer Bible study offered

The United Methodist Church of Heath will offer a Bible study, Vertically Inclined-Climbing Higher, beginning at 9:30 a.m. June 17. The seven-week study will be based on Phillipians 3:14 and was the author who penned "Conversation Peace."

Chemistry is focus of summer camp

Smoke & Explosions will be offered to youths ages 10-14 at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon June 22-26. Cost will be \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Drama camp set June 22-26

A Time's Drama Camp will be offered to youths ages 10-14 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Campers will perform their favorite characters from storybooks. Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 22-26. Cost is \$150 for Rockwall residents, \$225 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Art camp set

Four-day art camps where students will use five different media will be offered to youths ages 6-13 on June 29 and July 1 and July 20-23. The event will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at The Center. Cost will be \$120 for Rockwall residents, \$150 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Garden camp to focus on sciences

The Garden Camp, open to youths ages 3-5, will focus on several areas of science. The event, which will run from 10 a.m. to noon, will take place June 29 through July 3 at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost is \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

FourthFest planned in Royse City

Royse City's 4th Annual FourthFest Parade and Festivities will take place July 4. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. in the downtown area, followed by activities, music and food at the football stadium. A professional fireworks display is scheduled for 9 p.m. For details visit roysecity.com or call 972-636-5000. Entrants must register in advance.

Fireworks show at Harry Myers Park

Rockwall Parks & Rec Department-sponsored fireworks synchronized to music will be offered at dusk on July 4. Residents are encouraged to bring picnic baskets, FM radios and lawn chairs.

Camp with Barbie

Children ages 5-8 and their Barbies will learn how to dress for occasions, practice good manners, make new friends and the importance of school as part of Camp with Barbie. Camp will run from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost will be \$85 for Rockwall residents, \$128 for non-residents. For details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

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Rocky Dial receives life sentence from Rockwall County jury following guilty verdict on child sexual assault charges

by Kathy Williams

After a week of testimony and less than an hour of deliberation, a Rockwall County jury returned a guilty verdict in the Aggravated Sexual Assault and Indecency with a Child trial of Rocky Dale Dial.

On Tuesday, June 2, that same jury also unanimously sentenced Dial to life in the Texas State Penitentiary, even though he had been eligible for probation.

"The jury certainly sent a strong message that people who commit sexual offenses in this community will be severely punished," said Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County District Attorney.

"We applaud the courage of the young victims who were called to testify against the defendant

and are glad to see that justice has finally been served in this case."

Culpepper said the offenses were committed against Dial's two young stepdaughters, who were eight and 10 years old when the abuse began in 2002.

She said the Indecency with a Child charge was levied for acts against the 10-year old. The abuse happened for only a few weeks, she said, before the girl told Dial to stop. Culpepper said Dial continued to sporadically abuse the girl between 2002 and 2007.

Dial was charged with Aggravated Sexual Assault on offenses committed against eight-year old, whose abuse continued throughout the five year

period.

Culpepper said the sexual abuse was discovered when an outcry was made by the younger girl in 2007 to a counselor at church camp.

Dial was arrested in 2008. This was the first felony case tried to a Rockwall County jury by lead prosecutor Damita Sangermano, who was hired in April 2009.

"I am impressed by the sense of community in the District Attorney's Office," Sangermano said. "Many members of the office, including Stephanie Woodward, who sat second chair, worked on various aspects of the case and contributed to its successful outcome."



Rocky Dale Dial

Honey bee swarm collected in Rush Creek area a regular springtime occurrence in county

by Kathy Williams

First it was alligators at The Shores, now it's bees at Rush Creek.

A swarm of honey bees was removed on Wednesday, May 27 from the backyard of a house on Craig Drive in the Rush Creek neighborhood of Heath.

According to Bee Charmer and extermination expert Jim Rowe of Lavon, bees swarm in the spring as they breed and look for bigger homes for their expanding hives.

Rowe and his wife, Janet, a third generation bee charmer, are the owners of The Bee Charmer, a business that rescues swarming bees and also helps remove wasps and hornets.

He explained that a swarm of bees is not a bunch of bees madly flying around stinging anything that crosses their path. A swarm is a tightly grouped family of bees, usually balled up resting in a tree or bush that is protecting its queen bee while worker bees hunt for the new homestead.

Rowe said a healthy swarm could have between thirty- to forty thousand bees. The Rush Creek swarm, about the size of a

football, had approximately ten- to fifteen thousand bees.

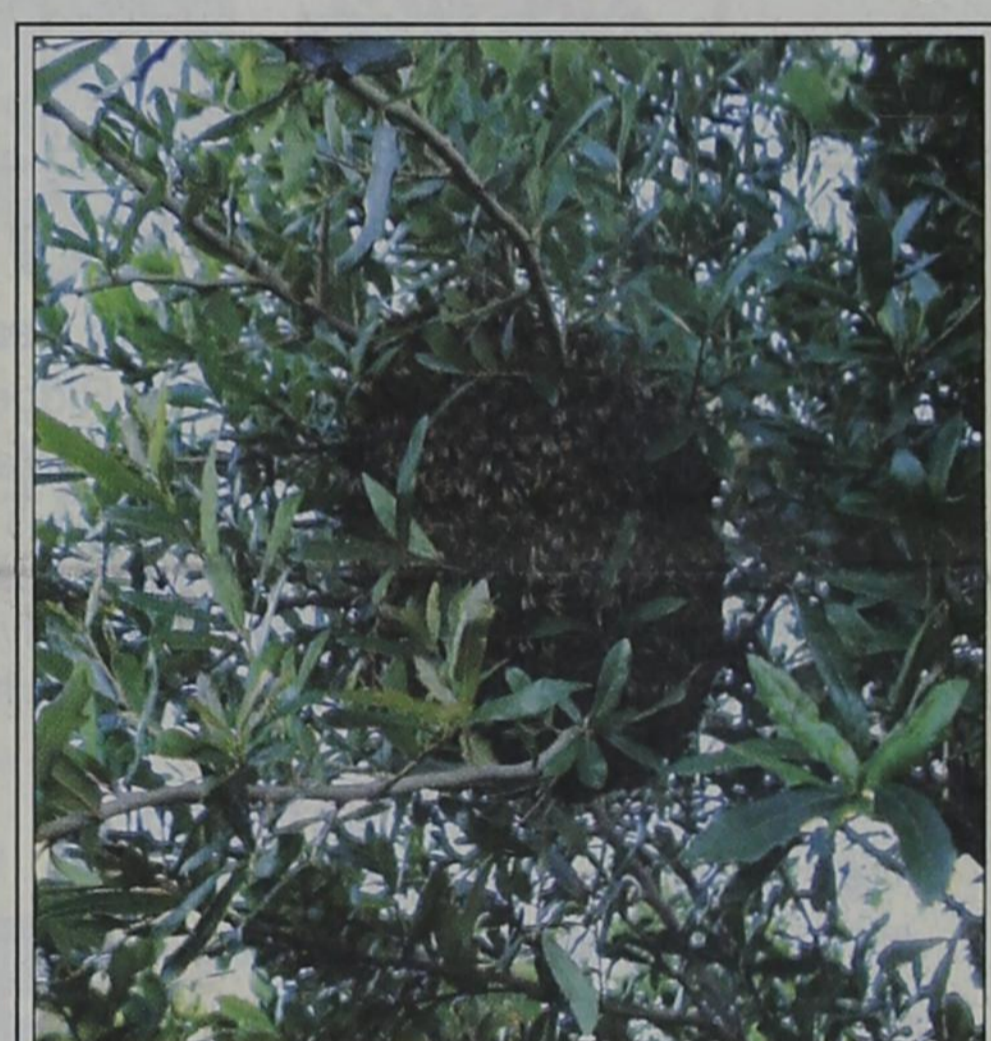
"It was a relatively small swarm," according to Rowe.

He said if a swarm is found in a tree, it is most likely only about a mile from the hive from which it came.

Although he has removed the more aggressive and dangerous Africanized "killer bees" from around the North Texas area in the past, Rowe said that last Thursday's swarm was not that type of bee.

Rowe said the lifecycle of bees explains their need to look for new homes in the spring. During the winter when it is cold, the queen bee does not lay eggs and the size of the hive (or family of bees) stays relatively the same. Once warm spring weather arrives, the queen may lay eggs one to three times a day. Within three weeks, each egg becomes a bee, rapidly increasing the size of a hive by thousands.

Once the bees run out of room, the queen may split the hive in half, with the existing queen taking half the hive with her to a new location, and leaving the other half with a new queen on



This swarm of honey bees was collected by Lavon bee charmers Jim and Janet Rowe from a backyard on Craig Drive in the Rush Creek neighborhood of Heath. The Rowes said swarms like this are common in trees and bushes in the Rockwall County area in springtime as breeding bees look for bigger hives to hold their increasing population.

Photo Courtesy of Karen Palin

the throne.

Rowe said that when a swarm is seen, residents should call a bee charmer or the county extension agent for assistance in removing the bees. He said many people have the attitude to "wait a day or two and they will go away. But they are looking to move into your house."

He said the bees can get into a space one-quarter of an inch wide on the side of a house and establish their hive. Their favorite places in chimneys, garbage cans, sheds, behind siding and in the soffits of houses.

At least 75% to 80% of soffits (the joint where the wall meets the roof) do not have insulation and make a perfect location for the hive, Rowe said.

When the bees are swarming, they are usually non-aggressive. They are not breeding right then and do not have a brood (baby bees) or honeycomb to protect. Rowe said if they are approached intentionally or unintentionally, such as when mowing the grass, they may become agitated, but "they are not hostile, just defensive," he said. "They are conditioned to be cautious."

Rowe also said if the bees have already made their hive inside a home, residents should not kill the bees. He said when the bees are killed, "you now have a dead animal in your wall. Flies are attracted to dead animals and

if you have flies, you will soon have maggots. Plus, the comb is rotting and the honey, which although it doesn't rot or go bad, will attract more flies, and other insects like cockroaches and silverfish."

Rowe said he and Janet consider education an important part of their job when people are confronted with bees, wasps and hornets and their nesting habits. Rockwall County has been an active area for bees for about the last three years, he said, especially around The Shores and in Heath. When asked, he said he doesn't have an explanation for why the county is especially attractive to the bees.

Once captured, Rowe and his wife try to salvage the bees and place them in the approximately 60 hives they have on their property in Lavon. He said in the last few years, honey bees across the United States have been plagued with a growing litany of health issues and the number of bees has seen a significant decline. Bee mites, tracheal mites and small hive beetles are just some of the pests endangering honey bees.

Rowe said bee keepers worldwide are also trying to figure out a mysterious phenomenon called Colony Collapse Disorder, where the honey comb and brood are in the hive, but all the worker bees

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Barb Welch of Wylie, a member of the Texana Living History organization, demonstrated spinning on her spinning wheel during the Saturday, May 30 Rockwall Founder's Day celebration. The group travels to schools and events demonstrating Texas life in the 1800s. In addition to the spinning, visitors were treated to a talk by a fur trapper about animals that lived in the area when Rockwall was first founded, candle dipping, butter churning and weaving instruction. Partially shown in the photo is Kathy Ogle of Dallas.

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Rockwall-Heath HS wind ensemble earns top ratings, awards

The Rockwall-Heath High School Wind Ensemble received superior ratings at the Peak Music Festivals competitive event conducted at the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts in Richardson.

The ensemble is under the direction of RHHS Director of Bands Benjamin Davis.

Band and orchestra programs from throughout the state were represented.

In addition to winning superior

ratings, the Heath High School Wind Ensemble won Best Band in 4A Classification, and the following students received Outstanding Soloist awards:

- Wind Ensemble Outstanding Soloist: Lauren Peek, piccolo;

Matt Krusz, euphonium; Davis, oboe; Cynthia bass clarinet; Brian I pet; Jake Prentice, bass

- Outstanding Section: French horn section



Heather Rowe has been elected as the new President of the Rockwall County Rockin' Riders 4-H Horse Club for the 2009-2010 season. Heather will be a junior next year at Rockwall High School. She has participated in drill team since the eighth grade, is a member of National Honor Society, the National Society of High School Scholars, Mu Alpha Theta, Academic Booster Club, is a two year Rockwall County Clovers 4-H member and the Rockin' Riders, D-FY-IT and National Junior Honor Society. She plans on attending Texas A & M and becoming an equine veterinarian.

Just say you saw it in the "County News"

News Brief

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Intro to Computers class offered

An Introduction to Computers course designed for individuals 50 and older will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. July 7-10 at The Center. Cost will be \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$25 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch set July 10

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. July 10 at Garden. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Art camp to focus on safari fun

A safari-themed art camp for youths ages 3-6 will be from 9 a.m. to noon July 13-17 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Disposal of unserviceable flags offered

The Rockwall American Legion Post 117 will conduct a unserviceable U.S. flags ceremony from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. July 10 at Myers Park in the lower parking lot. The public is invited to bring unserviceable flags during that time or at Congressman Rostenkowski's office on the Rockwall Courthouse square during business hours.

NAMI meetings scheduled

Two free NAMI Support Groups – one for individuals with mental illness, Room 121, and one for their family members, Room 122, will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 13 at the United Methodist Church in Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee V. 972-412-6030 for more details.

Modern Art Camp set

Youths ages 6-10 will learn about a variety of contemporary art in the Modern Art Camp that will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 13-17 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Surfing the 'Net class available

A Surfing the 'Net class for individuals ages 50 and older will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at The Center. Cost will be \$50 for Rockwall residents, \$75 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Red Hot Robots Camp offered

Robots of all types will be the focus of a camp for youths from 9 a.m. to noon July 20-24 in the Rockwall ISD Center Gym. Cost for Rockwall residents will be \$140; non-residents will pay \$210. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Science camp scheduled

A camp covering a multitude of sciences – from biology to chemistry – will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon July 27-31 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The program is for youths ages 6-9. Cost will be \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

FUMC Heath to host Bible school

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host its annual Bible school, Camp Edge, from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7. Bibles are available at the church office, 140 Smirl Drive. For more information, visit the church Web site: fumcheath.org. Registration costs \$15 per person, \$35 for three or more children in the same family. Scholarships are available. For details call 972-771-6732.

Secret Agent Camp set

CSI-themed science activities will be offered in a Secret Agent Camp for youths ages 9-12. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost will be \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

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Boys named winners Merit Scholarships

of area residents, two Rockwall boys among the 2,800 National Merit identified last week.

Tech University Scholarship. According to the news release, Griffin lists religious service as his probable career field, while Williams lists medicine. Pharmacy is Le's probable career field, while Parker's is mechanical engineering.

For St. John-Gilbert music scholarship

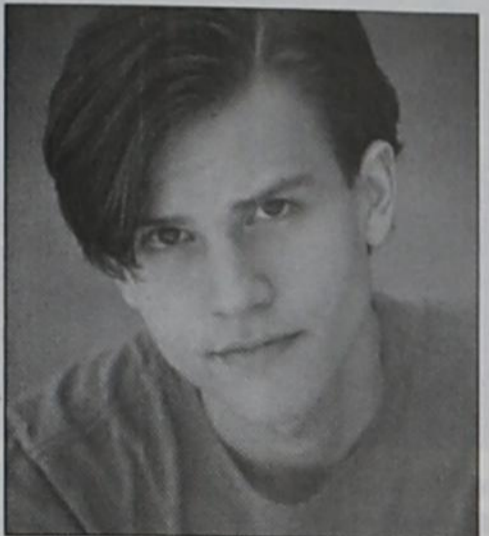
ohn-Gilbert, son of the St. John-Gilbert recently was named the LCC Marilyn Scholarship.

Austin and was selected as "one of the best choral singers in the All-Region Choir." A member of the Spotlight advanced theatre class, he has been in numerous productions and held the lead role in last year's musical, "Man From La Mancha."



Megan Janik, Travis Wood plan June 20 wedding

Diane Janik and C.T. Floyd of Rockwall are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Megan Elizabeth Janik, to Travis Burdett Wood, son of Travis and Barbara Wood of Rowlett.



Honey bees ...

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simply vanish. "There's no answer for it," he said.

He also said that when collecting a swarm, "it is an unknown entity. They are wild bees and I don't know their breeding. If I buy a bee from a supplier, I know the history of the queen. With a swarm, I may have to nurture the queen to utilize it."

The Craig Drive bees were introduced into one of the Rowe's hives without a queen.

Rowe said that when a swarm is collected, it brings its health issues with it. The health of the swarm is assessed and, using passive therapies as opposed to chemical treatments, the bees are treated and introduced into a new hive.

The honey produced by the Rowes is bottled at a sanitary, approved facility. It is only strained before bottling to retain as much natural goodness as possible and is not pasteurized, filtered or heat-treated.

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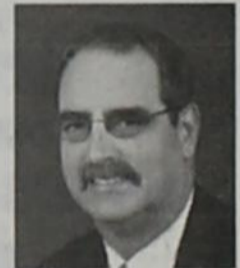
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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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Rockwall Children's Chorus wraps up active season with concert at First United Methodist Church Heath

The Rockwall Children's Chorus wrapped up its 2008-2009 season with a Friday, May 22 concert at the First United Methodist Church of Heath. The season-ending offering was titled, "How Can We Keep From Singing?"

Led by Director Alan Clark and accompanied by acclaimed pianist Ken Frerichs, the choir sang old favorites like "Dry Bones" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and international tunes "Dona Nobis Pacem" and "Niska Banja." Other numbers included "How Good and Joyful When

Nations Can Live in Peace Together," "To Singing," "Simple Gifts," "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," and "How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Former members of RCC and special guests, Emily and Cole Ragsdale, sang the beautiful and moving duet "The Prayer,"

and a small ensemble of seven girls sang "Every Time I Feel the Spirit."

The concert ended a productive season for the choir, which during its season appeared around the community at the Rockwall Public Library, the Rockwall Alliance for the Arts

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The Rockwall Children's Chorus is made of members (back row from left) Bria Schwarz Hopman, Wednesday McKinney, Grace Nelms, Lauren Gallander, Kaitlyn Bingham, Tara McRagsdale, Caroline Couch, Caroline Slater, (middle row from left) Nick Messick, Crysta Janie Knoff, Shelby Jenkins, Kaylee Chuang, Sierra Lynn Jordan, Anne-Marie Thacker, Kenzie St. Jaeger, Chorus Director Alan Clark, Accompanist Ken Frerichs, (front row from left) Brian Ryan Ullom, Madison Engle, Brooke Janich, Anna Kate Slater, Ashlie Frederiksen, Kayla W Villareal, Katie Hyland, Reagan Brummett and Emily Ullom.
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
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The number of people crucified with Jesus ...

In this study on the number of people crucified with Jesus Christ, we will look at the meaning and use of the word "robbers" in Matthew 27:38 and Mark 15:27, and the word "malefactors" in Luke 23:32.

After facing a most painful scourging, Jesus was marched off to be crucified.

According to Luke 23:32, "there were also two others, malefactors, lead with him to be put to death." The word "malefactors" was translated from the earlier known Greek word, "kakourgoi," which meant "evildoers." All three men were accused of committing evil acts. The malefactors were on each side of Jesus.

Later in the day two other people were lead out to be crucified at the same location as Jesus and the other malefactors. This event is found in Matthew 27:38 where it says, "Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left."

This same information is revealed in Mark 15:27. According to both records the other two men arrived after the Roman soldiers put Jesus' accusation over his head, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." The thieves were also on each side of Jesus.

The word "thieves" in both scripture comes from the earlier known Greek word "lestai," which meant robbers. The Greek word lestai is distinctly different from the word kakourgoi (referred to above). The thieves were basically brigands or highway bandits, while the malefactors were evildoers.

When the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are allowed to harmonize the story, Jesus was first lead out with two malefactors or evildoers. Then, after the accusation was put over Jesus' head, two thieves or robbers were brought in to be crucified.

Having seen how the above three Gospels harmonize to tell the whole story, it's time to tackle the account found in John 19:18-19 where it says, "Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the saying was, 'Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews.'"

The account of John includes the words "on either side one." This phrase comes from the earlier known Greek phrase, "enteuthen kai enteuthen." The Greek phrase meant on this side and on that side. By replacing the verse with the more accurate translation it could read, "...and two others with him on this side and on that side, and Jesus in the midst."

The word "midst" fits perfectly with the verse because it refers to being in the center of four or more people. If he was crucified with

only two others, it would have used the word "middle."

Having established that Jesus was crucified with four other men, let's look briefly at John 19:31-37. The Jewish leaders urged Pilate to make sure all the men were dead. Braking the legs was meant to accelerate the process. This may have been because the crucifixion process had to be complete before the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Passover, which was fast approaching.

According to verses 32-33 the soldier broke the first man's leg, then the other who was crucified with Jesus. Then he came to Jesus and found him dead.

By allowing God's word to interpret itself, we can see that the first man would have been a robber and the second a malefactor. Jesus would have been third in line, with another malefactor and another robber on his other side.

Jesus' death was so precise in timing that none of his bones were broken, which fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy, "A bone of him shall not be broken." This scripture is found in Psalm 34:20, "He keeps all of his bones. Not one of them is broken."

Rockwall County Obituaries

Mary Lucille Barnes

Services for Mary Lucille Barnes, 97, of Bryan, formerly of Rockwall, were conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Ed Kolbe officiating.

She died May 31. Born May 12, 1912, in Rockwall to John Titus and Lucy Estelle (Curry) Bailey, she worked at City National Bank in Bryan and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bryan.

Survivors include her daughter, Gary Lou Geddes and her husband, Earl, of Fort Worth; her sister, Joe Zuspahn of Grand Prairie; her grandchildren, Earl Geddes Jr. and his wife, Jacquelyn, of Overland Park, Kansas, and Gina Gonzales and her husband, Harry, of Hurst; her great-grandsons, William Geddes of Overland Park and Jared Gonzales of Hurst; her nieces, Kay Wagoner and her husband, Eddie, of Grand Prairie and Joan Bronstad and her husband, Jack, of Dallas; and numerous grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gary Barnes; and her sisters, Faye Bailey and Kidy McDaniel.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to American Hospice, 3124 S.E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76140 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

George E. Brown

A memorial service for George E. Brown, 86, of Heath, was conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009, in the First Christian Church of Rockwall with the Rev. Mark Irons officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements. He died May 30.

Born Nov. 1, 1922, in Framingham, Mass., to George and Eleanor (Foss) Brown, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He attended the First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Brown; his sons, Brown and Michael Brown; his daughter, Karen Kelleher; his grandchildren, Kristen Novak, Carl Brown, Erin Hayes and Key and his great-grandchildren, Victor Brown Rodriguez and Brown Rodriguez.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Brown.

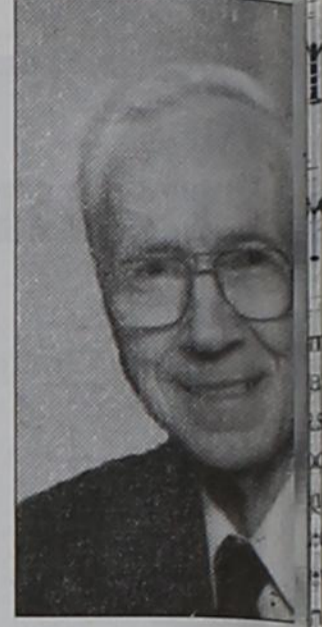
Morris Ray Holman

Services for Morris Ray Holman, 79, of Roysse City were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Mac Costlow officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died May 31.

Born Aug. 5, 1929, in Clarksville, Ark., to Pierce O. and Elizabeth (King) Holman, he had lived in Roysse City for 4 1/2 years after having been a resident of Balch Spring for 40 years. He attended the Calvary Baptist Church of Mesquite. He was an offset printer, retiring from American Graphics Press. He was a member as a loving and devoted family man and faithful member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Mesquite.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Betty Jo Holman, Robert Holman and his wife, Glenna, of Lavon and Holman and his wife, Barbara, of Prosper; his grandchildren, Rachael, Ashley and Paige Holman; his step-grandchildren, Taylor Jones; and his sisters, Juanita Cole and Ruth of Clarksville.



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Matthew 7:7

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Psalm 150:6

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
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"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."
Matthew 5:8

"That if you will confess with your mouth the Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9

"Therefore I say unto you, Whatsoever ye desire, when ye pray, believe ye receive them, and ye shall have them."
Matthew 7:7

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."
Proverbs 10:13

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Friday Opinions

Another runaway entitlement program

After more than seven decades of experience with entitlement programs, Franklin Delano Roosevelt introduced the first big one in 1935. Barack Obama is pushing another big entitlement program — a health care. We don't need to rely on his promises, since we have our own experience.

When the current cost estimates might seem to be, actual costs will be thousands of times higher. Entitlement spending by its nature is not controlled. Having determined the qualifications for an entitlement program, the government is obligated to pay up. If, as often happens, it turns out that more people than expected qualify for an entitlement program and therefore spending exceeds what was expected, it's almost impossible to stop.

When Social Security was being debated, nobody talked about the unfunded liabilities. "Trillions" was beyond comprehension. It generates unfunded liabilities because current Social Security taxes go to pay for current benefits, and nothing is set aside for future beneficiaries. FDR's smart advisors assumed that the number of people collecting benefits has grown faster than the number of people paying into the program. Social Security is going broke.

The Social Security Trustees estimated that covering future liabilities will cost \$15.1 trillion to be placed in an interest-bearing account now collecting Social Security payroll taxes. This \$15.1 trillion is 10 percent of the U.S. economy, estimated to have been \$14.2 trillion in 2008. There's no way of putting together such an investment portfolio in the current market. The outlook is bleak.

President Johnson pushed Medicare through Congress. At the time, it was thought that it would cost \$500 million a year. He thought it would be easy, but he was wrong. By 2008, Medicare's total cost was \$468 billion. Medicare has a staggering \$36.4 trillion of unfunded liabilities.

Bruce Bartlett reported that "federal income taxes for every dollar will have to rise by roughly 81 percent to pay all of the benefits of these programs under current law over and above the payroll tax which is already the biggest tax paid by three quarters of the workforce. Higher payroll taxes give employers incentives to hire people. Higher payroll taxes give employers incentives to outsource work, move operations offshore and do not reduce headcount. Taxes on employees who remain in the U.S. will be higher.

Payments for the federal-state Medicaid program have soared from \$10 billion annually in 1966 to \$339 billion in 2008, and it's the biggest budget item.

Obama's government-run health care plan would flush even more money into the health care system, there would be more waste and fraud. It's going on for years, whether Democrats or Republicans were in charge. Politicians aren't as careful with other people's money as they are with their own. Medicare paid a dentist who submitted many as 991 procedures per day. Medicare has sent millions of dollars to phony medical offices. Medicare issued \$4.8 billion in bills that didn't indicate a diagnosis. Some \$10 billion of Medicare payments for medical equipment were bogus. Medicare paid as much as \$16,500 for dead doctors.

Obama's effort to cut costs wherever possible, Obama would resort to rationing and degrade the quality of health care. Sometimes this is done by classifying procedures as low priority and reduce their priority as a consequence patients would have to wait for months. Obama means that government-run health insurance wouldn't cover procedures or medications. Non-invasive virtual colonoscopies (CT scans) are reportedly on Obama's no-no list now.

Obama's terrible government-run health care for veterans makes one skeptical about Obama's plan. The Cleveland Plain Dealer cited doing their jobs; unsupervised residents rotating in and out of veterans' medical care postponed; and death rates for surgery would be unacceptable at any other hospital. The Washington Post Pulitzer Prize for its story about "a vast outpouring of accounts of anger and frustration about the mistreatment of wounded outpatients" at the Army Medical Center. Although Walter Reed isn't a VA facility, it's clear that many similar problems occurred at VA facilities. In 2009, the VA began notifying about 10,700 veterans that they might be exposed to HIV or hepatitis because of unsterilized colonoscopy.

Would anybody in his right mind want to have his taxpayer money spent on government-run health care? Indeed, why would anybody want any involvement in health care at all?

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Housing Boom and Bust

by Walter E. Williams
Hot off the press is my colleague Dr. Thomas Sowell's 43rd book, "The Housing Boom and Bust." The book is an eye-opener for anyone interested in the truth about the collapse of the housing market that played a major role in our financial market crisis.

The root of the problem lies in Washington. The Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, later given teeth during the Bush and Clinton administrations, forced financial institutions to make risky mortgage loans they otherwise would not have made. President Clinton's Attorney General Janet Reno threatened legal action against lenders whose racial statistics raised her suspicions. Bank loan qualification standards, in general, came under criticism as being too stringent regarding down payments, credit histories, and income. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two government-sponsored enterprises, by lowering their standards for the kinds of mortgage paper they would purchase from banks and other mortgage lenders, gave financial institutions further incentive to make risky loans.

In 2002, the George W. Bush administration urged Congress to enact the American Dream Down Payment Assistance Act, which subsidized down payments of homebuyers whose income was below a certain level. Bush also urged Congress to pass legislation requiring the Federal Housing Administration to make zero-down-payment loans at low-interest rates to low income Americans. Between 2005 and 2007, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac acquired an estimated trillion-dollar's worth of subprime loans and guaranteed more than \$2 trillion worth of mortgages. That, Sowell points out, is larger than the gross domestic product of all but four nations.

There were numerous warnings that went unheeded. In congressional hearings, U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow said, regarding the risks assumed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, "The concern is, if something unravels, it could cause systemic risk to the whole financial system." Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute scholar, warned that if Congress did not rein in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, "there will be a massive default with huge losses to the taxpayers and systemic effects on the economy."

There were many other warnings of pending collapse but Congress and the White House in their push for politically popular "affordable housing" ignored them. Congressman Barney Frank, who is now chairman of the House Committee on Financial Services, said critics "exaggerate a threat of safety" and "conjure up the possibility of serious financial losses to the Treasury, which I do not see." Chairman Chris Dodd, of the Senate Banking Committee, called Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac "one of the great success stories of all time" and urged "caution" in restricting their activities, out of fear of "doing great damage to what has been one of the great engines of economic success in the last 30 or 40 years."

Sowell provides numerous examples of government actions at both the federal and state levels that created the housing boom and bust and its devastating impact on domestic and foreign financial markets, but here's what I don't get: What can be said about the intelligence of the news media and the American people who buy into to congressionally created lies that our problems were caused by Wall Street greed and Bush administration deregulation? In the words of Barney Frank, "We are in a worldwide crisis now because of excessive deregulation" and "mortgages made and sold in the unregulated sector led to the crisis." The fact of the matter is our financial sector is the most heavily regulated sector in our economy. In the banking and finance industries, regulatory spending between 1980 and 2007 almost tripled, rising from \$725 million to \$2.07 billion. I challenge anyone to come up with one thing banks can do that's not covered by a regulation.

For the Washington politicians to get away with spinning the financial crisis the way they have suggests that American people are either stupid or ignorant. I hope it's ignorance because "The Housing Boom and Bust" is the cure.

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The Birds, the Bees and Cell Phones

by Bill O'Reilly
With America moving left politically and socially, it might be wise to take a moment and consider what might happen to kids if the drift continues. Already, children are under pressure from high-tech machines that can instantly provide them with images and information far beyond their ability to emotionally comprehend the material. Even vigilant parents are up against it. On nearly

every playground in America, there are cell phones that can transmit X-rated material in the blink of an eye. The result is grim. Children in a dozen states have been charged with child pornography for "sexting" — sending nude pictures of themselves or others using cyberspace. A published study last December claims that 20 percent of American children had participated in some form of "sexting," including the extreme act of kids actually photographing themselves having sex.

The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that is their right and duty to be at all times armed and that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of press.
Thomas Jefferson

But instead of outrage, the reaction has been largely muted, and in some cases adults are even excusing it. This week in Ottawa, Canada, about 8,000 academics from around the world attended a convention to discuss the latest in social trends. At the event, Peter Cumming, a literature professor at York University in Toronto, introduced a paper on "Children's Rights." The loon put forth that "sexting" is actually no worse than the old kissing game "spin the bottle." Cumming then went completely off the rails, writing: "In Bush's America, is there no middle ground between child pornography, sexual assault, abuse and exploitation on the one hand and children's 'abstinence' on the other?"

"When, in Western culture, did nudity become pornography, did children's sexuality become perverse, and when and how and why have we forgotten children's participatory rights as sexual beings?"
Wow! That's right out of the North American Man-Boy Love Association handbook. The loopy teacher says he is not advocating child-adult sex, only that kids should be allowed sensual freedom with each other. Oh, is that all?

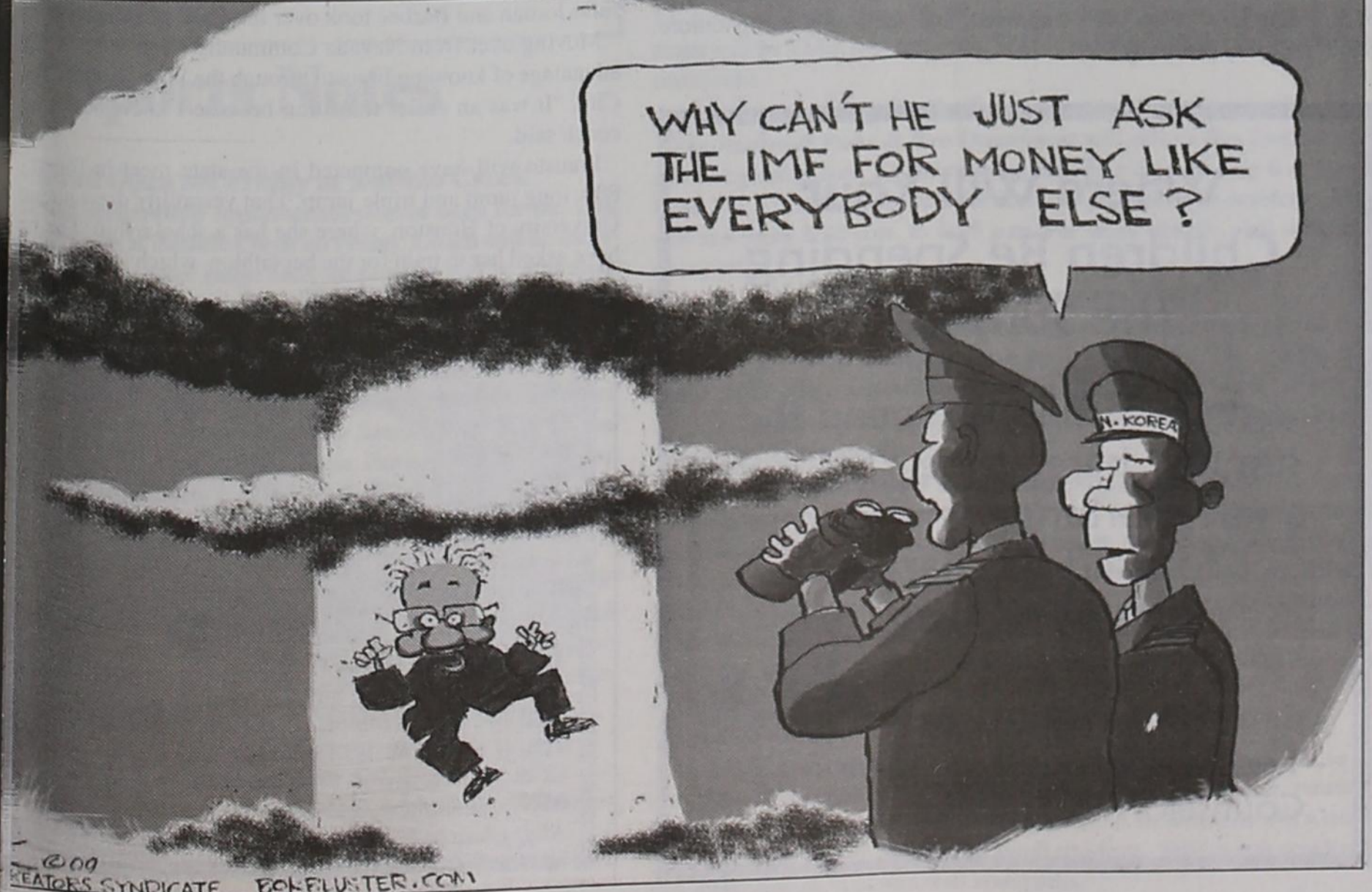
By the way, bud, it's "Obama's America" now. There was a time when Cumming would have been ostracized from serious discourse, but those days are long gone. There was no widespread outcry from the academics over his thesis, and most media chose to ignore the situation. After all, a condemnation of Cumming would require making a judgment, something far-left secular progressives are loath to do.

You don't have to support charging kids with child porn to figure this one out. "Sexting" will not do any child any good. Children should be taught that America has become the most powerful country in history by embracing a Judeo-Christian philosophy based upon good works, noble intentions and personal discipline. None of that is found in exposing yourself.

The far left wants to tear down traditional tenets. What better place to start than with the kids? It never was "Bush's America." It was always our America. And if we want to keep it the way we've known it, we'd better start confronting the barbarians soon.

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Rockwall County Sports



Heritage Christian Academy softball team members picked for the TAPPS All State team are (left to right) Lauren Pettit, Megan Trapane, Jordan Miller, Audrey Salter and Brandi Hawkins. Not pictured is Roxanne Lamarre.
Photo courtesy of Rick Trapane

HCA's Miller, Trapane make TAPPS all-state softball first team

by Lary Bump
Megan Trapane and Jordan Miller made the TAPPS 1A/2 first team, heading a list of six Heritage Christian Academy players received all-state recognition.
Teammates Audrey Salter and Lauren Pettit made the all-state team, and Brandi Hawkins and Roxanne Lamarre received mention.
The six all-state players were one more than HCA had in the playoffs. The Lady Eagles finished 17-5 and reached the state quarterfinals before losing to eventual runner-up Shiner St. Paul. HCA won the 2-2A championship with a 6-0 record, and all six players were named all-district first team.
"It was a great season," said head coach Rick Trapane.
Second baseman Megan Trapane also was the district's most player. She led the team with four home runs, 24 runs batted in and 63 stolen bases while batting .451.
Pitcher Miller had a 15-5 record, 3.71 earned run average and 91 strikeouts in 91 innings. She also batted .413 with three home runs and 43 stolen bases.
First baseman Pettit led the Lady Eagles with a .544 average and contact hitter drove in 10 runs and stole 70 bases.
Shortstop Salter batted .400 with three homers, 22 RBI and 63 stolen bases. Catcher Lamarre belted three homers, drove in 10 runs, batted .451 and stole 50 bases.

Lady Jackets' Kennard, Janke have good shot at UIL state pole vault

by Lary Bump
When Shelby Kennard was in seventh grade, she received some good advice from her elders.
The eighth-grade pole vaulters in middle school told her, "You just take this stick and run down there, and stick it in the hole."
Simple as it was, the advice allowed Kennard to win the pole vault on her first try.
She has been winning ever since.
On Friday, the day before she graduates from Rockwall High School, she could achieve two goals: winning a state championship and clearing 13 feet.



Lady Jackets' Shelby Kennard (left) and Alicia Janke (right) are slated to compete at the UIL State Track and Field meet at the University of Texas in Austin. The two athletes will start competition at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 5 in Myers Stadium.
Staff photo by Lary Bump

Toby Howell, RHS' pole vaulting coach, believes Kennard's toughest competition from her teammate, sophomore Alicia Janke. They finished 1-2 in both the District 10-4A and Region II-4A meets to earn their way to the state meet at the University of Texas' Myers Stadium in Austin.
"Alicia has a chance to make a two-foot improvement in her PR (personal record) this year," Howell said. "She's improved by at least a foot every year."
Janke said she has a goal for the state meet. "12-6 (12 feet, 6 inches) would be nice. That would raise my PR two feet in a year."
Her PR currently is 12 feet.

Kennard has gone as high as 12-10, when she won the high school elite championship this spring at the Pole Vault Summit in Reno, Nev. Here's an idea of how good that is. The women's record at the University of Kentucky, where Kennard has a full scholarship beginning this fall, is 12-6 1/4.

This will be her fourth trip to the state championships.
"When I was a freshman, it was real overwhelming for me. I was pretty new to the whole sport. I was kind of an amateur; I didn't even know any of the terms."

Janke entered her sophomore season with more of a plan. "I was honestly hoping to get this far. Now I'm hoping to go out with a bang."
Over the years, Kennard has found that pole vaulting is somewhat more complex than running with and planting a long stick.

Howell said, "It takes a certain mindset to run at that box with a piece of fiberglass in your hands. It takes a special kind of athlete."
Kennard's background was as a cheerleader. Strange as that sounds, it's not an unusual background for a pole vaulter.

"The sort of girls I like to get and the gymnast and cheerleader types. They have that core strength, and the swing (through the air) comes from core strength. They have air awareness," Howell said.

Kennard developed that awareness as a flier, a cheerleader who is thrown into the air and trusts her teammates to catch her on the way down.

Janke began by playing soccer, then moved on to volleyball, basketball – and track and field. She was a sixth grader when she first went to Howell's summer pole vaulting camp.

He has been conducting the camp for a decade, but it – and the Rockwall program – took off when Kennard was a seventh grader.

"I picked athletes out of junior high," Howell said. "That year, Shelby, Grant (Gunderson), Ryan (Hughes) and Chase (Lawshe) all took to pole vaulting and liked it."

Kennard was second in last year's state 5A meet, and Gunderson was third. Hughes reached 16 feet and Lawshe 13 feet this season.

Her classmates pushed Kennard, whom Howell called, "the most competitive athlete I've ever coached."
"Her and Ryan had the same PRs for a while. She picked up the pole vault like a duck to water. She was doing 10-6 in junior high, and Ryan was at 9-6 and 10 feet. Once Ryan got to his sophomore year, there wasn't any competition anymore."

But then Kennard could battle Lawshe, who surpassed her PR height just this spring. No doubt overtaking his 13-foot vault is another motivation for her. Now she has Janke for competition, though their friendship is more one of cooperation.

Janke said, "Along with Coach Howell, Shelby's been teaching me to vault."

Said Kennard, "We've gotten really, really close over the last year or two. We both take stress off each other. Alicia's future is unlimited. I've been seeing how much she's improved, and she's only a sophomore. She'll probably break my PR."

RHS' pole vaulting program has taken off to the point where now seek out Howell. He'll have 42 pole vaulters from north Oklahoma in this summer's camp. There could be more budding champions among them.

Frausto likes being underdog position

by Lary Bump
Megan Frausto will be in an unaccustomed position at Friday's UIL track and field championships.

The venue won't be strange. This will be the third trip to the venue for Frausto, who won the 3A girls' 400-meter dash as a sophomore and placed fourth in the 3A long jump last year.

No, the difference will be in her position among her competitors. "I'm coming in as an underdog. I'm coming in in last place. I've never been in this position before," she complained jokingly.

"I've never gone in second in the region. But I like being the underdog. There's nowhere to go but up."

Frausto also was surprised by the event in which she qualified for the 800m. "It kind of threw me that I made it in the 800," she said. "I qualified for everything from the 400 on down."

"I'm glad to make it back in 4A. I thought I could make it in the 800m, but it's good to get there regardless."

Her goals for her final high school meet are finishing eighth in the 800m and beating her personal record of 2 minutes and 15 seconds.

After qualifying for five events in the Region II-4A meet, Frausto had the luxury of training for just one event at the state level. Only state qualifier, she has worked out for the last three weeks one with coach Brooke Barbee.

"I've watched her for several years," said Barbee, in her coaching and teaching at Royse City. "She looks like a 400-meter runner."

Frausto might be a natural athlete, but she didn't know enough to be a prodigy.

"I didn't start sports till seventh grade," she said. "I didn't know I was good at so I tried them all."

She played basketball until her junior year when she thought her career on the court would be much longer. "I went out for the team in seventh grade, when I didn't even know how to play. I saw that I wasn't on the B team, so I walked out of practice. Later, a friend told Frausto she had made the A team."
Barbee explained what makes Frausto a good track and field athlete.

"She has a lot of knowledge of track. She has discipline. She has to wonder if she's working her hardest. She's very driven. She's got everything that's asked."

Frausto explained how she got that way.
"I have really good parents who did a really good job. I'm grateful that they gave me discipline, gave me morals. I learned a lot from them. (Greg) Strahm. He gave me a lot more than just 'Go out and run.'"

When Strahm moved up to athletic director and head football coach, Julie Jordan and Barbee took over the girls' track team.

Moving over from Nevada Community High School, Barbee has the advantage of knowing Frausto through the First Baptist Church of Royse City. "It was an easier transition because I knew her as a peewee coach said."

Frausto will have competed in the state meet in four events: 400m, long jump and triple jump. That versatility drew attention from the University of Houston, where she has a scholarship. The Lady Bulldogs have asked her to train for the heptathlon, which is five events and a mile. Doubt she will be on the A team.



Lady Bulldogs' Megan Frausto (right) advanced to the UIL State Track and Field and is set to compete in the 800M run at 6:20 p.m. on Friday, June 5 at the University of Texas in Austin Myers Stadium.
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Hawks' Connor Lewis 10-4A offensive MVP; four other Hawks gain first-team baseball honors

Connor Lewis, Rockwall's 10-4A All-District baseball MVP, said, "But I feel like we have a great base. We have some good young players that can come in and be able to carry on the tradition we have begun. The juniors had a good year."

As did a pair of talented freshmen, Thompson, and Jack-of-all-trades Jayson Hernandez. Not only did Thompson top the team in home runs (6) and RBI (34), he fashioned a 6-1 record as pitcher while Hernandez was hitting .315 and compiling a 3-1 record on mound.

Perhaps even more important for next year will be the return of all but one thrower from the pitching staff that set a school record with 27 wins.

"Other than Cody (Sargent), we return every single pitcher, which is huge. Our pitching staff will be intact," said Harvey. "Having our entire pitching staff back should be a huge part of being able to carry on the tradition we've started this year."

For Connor and Lewis, who was also named team MVP at the Hawks' award ceremony, their high school career isn't quite over.

Both Martin, who will play for Texas Tech, and Lewis, who play for Southern Arkansas University, were selected to the North Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star team, scheduled for June 6 at 5 p.m. at Hoge Stadium in Grand Prairie.

Martin was also selected to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star team.

"Hopefully this is the first year of many."

Hawks place eight on 10-4A District teams, topped by MVP Chelsey Eddy

The biggest shoes to fill will be that of the Lady Hawks' batters Eddy and Edgemon, the heart and soul of the Hawks' program since its inception.

"Dakota Whittem, who earned a starting position this year at third base, will be leading the team from behind the plate next year," Harvey said. "She will be teaming up with Victoria Combs who will take the mound for us. She has a fierce presence on the mound, and we are expecting great things from her as well." (Combs went 16-4 during Eddy's injury rehab in 2008.)

Harvey also noted that the seniors leave an excellent model for next year's team as well as future Lady Hawks.

"The seniors have established this program," said Harvey. "When we started this four years ago, I sat down with that group, and we talked about what we wanted Rockwall-Hawks softball to represent. We wanted to build a program with class, a commitment to excellence in all areas on the field and in the classroom, and a tradition of success."

The six seniors leaving the program this year have worked four years to leave that legacy. They took ownership in this program, and Harvey believes they have accomplished what they set out to do four years ago.

The health team awards MVP — Eddy, Offensive Player of the Year — Decimone, Defensive Player of the Year — McLaughlin, Hawk Heart Award — Dakota Whittem and Lady Hawk Award — Taylor Blair.



Hawks' quarterback Kevin Rogers (10) launches a pass during last week's spring scrimmage at the RHHS field. Photo by Carl McChang

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Rockwall Open set Friday at Buffalo Creek
The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer a flag football program beginning June 22 and running Mondays through July 6 at Myers Field No. 1. Cost will be \$25 for residents, \$38 for non-residents. Play will run from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Flag football program planned
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Skyhawks Golf program slated
Skyhawks Sports Golf will run from 9 a.m. to noon July 6-10, offering youths ages 5-8 the chance to learn proper golf technique and foundational skills. The event will take place in Harry Myers Park. Cost will be \$13 for Rockwall residents, \$170 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Applications sought for Ten Star Camp
Applications are being evaluated for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp, which is open by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible. Camp locations include Commerce, Phocax, Babson Park, Ha, Gainesville, Ga., Champaign, Ill., Glassboro, N.J., Ilwaco, N.Y., Mantoloking, N.J., and Blacksburg, Va. A camp also is offered for youths ages 9-18 of all skill levels. For details call 704-373-0873 or visit tenstarcamp.com.

Triathlon training set
A triathlon training class will be offered on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. July 18 through Aug. 8 at Harry Myers Park. Swimming, running, biking and practicing the transition area will be included, as will a nutrition class. Cost will be \$45 for Rockwall residents, \$68 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Skyhawks Basketball program set
Skyhawks Basketball, which will run June 8-12, will teach youths ages 5-14 or 15-18 of all skill levels. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Golf event set Saturday at Stone River
A scramble benefiting the Caddo Mills High FOCCLA organization will be held on Saturday at Stone River Golf Club. Lunch will be provided by a 3 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$40 per person. Sign up by contacting Brian McKamy or Lacey at 271-3164 or lmalis@cadodohillsisd.org.

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Angling program for youths available
A program designed to teach parents and children ages 5-12 the basics of angling will be offered on Saturday and July 18 and 19 at Lake Fork. Cost will be \$10 for Rockwall residents, \$15 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

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Agility, conditioning camp offered
A Sports Agility and Conditioning Camp will be offered in the Rockwall Education Center Gym. Weeklong camps for 10- to 12-year-olds, June 15-19, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 13- to 15-year-olds, June 15-19, 11 a.m. to noon; 16- to 18-year-olds, June 15-19, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

100M dash at State meet
Head Lady Hawks sprinter, Jasmine Williams is set to compete in the 100M dash at the U.S. State Track and Field Championships, June 5 at 7:55 p.m. at the University of Texas at Myers Stadium. During the May 13 U.S. Regional Championships, Williams placed 13th in the 100M dash. Williams is set to compete in the 100M dash at the U.S. State Track and Field Championships, June 5 at 7:55 p.m. at the University of Texas at Myers Stadium. During the May 13 U.S. Regional Championships, Williams placed 13th in the 100M dash. Williams is set to compete in the 100M dash at the U.S. State Track and Field Championships, June 5 at 7:55 p.m. at the University of Texas at Myers Stadium. During the May 13 U.S. Regional Championships, Williams placed 13th in the 100M dash.



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A group of students from the Miss May Vernon Elementary School in Fate were treated to a luncheon recently. Shown are Katelyn Blackburn, Kobe Cooper, Tristan Burden, Apollo Tany Thomas, Austin Lizaudais, Luis Esquivel, Amber Williams, Ajayia Samarripa and The students were selected to receive the honor because of the outstanding character they showed throughout the school year. The celebration included a special lunch with the Chick-fil-A Cow mascot at the Core Essential Character Program at each of the Rockwall elementary schools, Royse City elementary schools.



Students involved in the Pullen Elementary School Drama Club presentation of "Peter Pan" include, front row, from the left, Branden Bobo, Isabella Burzair, Nicole Tompkins, Chandler Keith and Clara Molina; second row, Daniel Balli, Chloe Hail, Anna-Kate Weichel, Abagayle Smith, Tyler Clifton, Molly Moses, Taylor Frisby and Jonathan Smith; third row, Sage Wells, Brooke Johnson, Cameron Everitt, Ashley McGuire, Taylor Kerley, Molly Mosby, Genesis Quintero, Gracyn Jewett and Nikki Swiercinsky; and, fourth row, Tatiana Pineda, Melanie Cavendish, Callista Rinesmith, Bailey Anderson, Riley Callahan and Kayley Hernandez.

Lake Pointe celebrating 30 years with community giving program

Lake Pointe Church will observe its 30th anniversary on the weekend of June 13-14 and to mark the occasion the church membership is planning a celebration that will stretch across area campuses located in Rockwall, Garland, Mesquite, Sulphur Springs and Royse City. Plans are in motion for church members to continue their efforts to "share" and "build" by tackling community-oriented projects - collecting food for area food pantries, performing clean-ups and working in the Lake Rockwall Estates community.

Lake Pointe Town East's food drive. "It's not often that a project comes along that the entire church family can be part of. It's an awesome celebration of fellowship and servitude." Also scheduled is construction and landscaping within the Lake Rockwall Estates community. "These residents deserve a place where they can let their children play, gather for fellowship and have community just like the rest of the residents of Rockwall," said Mike Henry, project coordinator. "As a community of believers, we are called to reach out to our neighbors to help and encourage them."

A large church, but rather to be a healthy one that adds value to our community by sharing the love of God in word and deed," said Steve Stroope, lead pastor. Lake Pointe church averages about 8,100 in attendance at its Rockwall, Town East, Firewheel, Cross Creek and Sulphur Springs campuses. Weekly church services also are conducted at the Dawson State Prison in Dallas.

One of the biggest goals of the weekend celebration is to collect 30,000 pounds of non-perishable food for local food pantries. Church members wearing black T-shirts bearing a multi-colored shovel logo will go door to door in all campus communities to seek contributions. "We have the wonderful blessing to touch lives that are in need with both physical support and the word of God," said Kyle Sanders, team leader for

Many Lake Pointe volunteers also will dedicate an entire week to help run the church's vacation Bible school. "More than 700 people graciously donate their time and talents, and many of them take time off from full-time jobs because they know the value of pouring into our kids in this important way," said Sherrie Giles, the church's Bible school director. "We have never sought to be

Thirty years ago, however, the church began with seven families. As those families spread the word about a new church meeting in a bait house on the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard, the congregation began to grow. One morning, following a freezing rain, each of the founding families surprised one another, arriving at the church with shovels to clear the path and steps to the building. Today, the seven shovels represent service, one of the foundations of today's Lake Pointe Church. For more details about the weekend initiative and celebration visit igotmyshovel.com.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 314 spend Memorial Day weekend camping out and canoeing along the river. Sixteen youths and five adults made the trip, which resulted in 14 of the boys earning merit badges. Pictured are participants Matt Graves, Garret Jones, Justin Murphy, Jacob Bowyer.

Study slated at Joy Lutheran

Sunday school classes at Joy Lutheran Church in Rockwall will feature a video-based study that draws on epistles and the life of Jesus.

transcend social, racial and cultural barriers do so because they contain spiritual truth for which all people have a hunger," according to a news release from the church. The church is located at 302 N. Goliad St. (Hwy. 205) in Rockwall, one block north of the Rockwall County Courthouse.

Education classes for all age groups begins at 9:15 a.m. Sundays, and worship with communion begins at 10:30 a.m. A nursery with an attendant is available from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the church's pastor at 972-771-4161 or visit the Web site at joylutheranchurch.org.

Locals tapped for Paris Junior College Dean's List

Several area students were included on the Dean's List for academic achievement during the spring semester at Paris Junior College, according to a news release issued last week. Students named to the Dean's List included Makesa Richey of Fate, Zachry Frazier of Heath and Victor Hutchinson III and Angelia Rose, both of Royse City.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on at least 12 semester hours and no grade lower than a C.



Pictured above are the senior class officers for 2009-2010 at Rockwall-Heath High School. Officers include Macall Smith, president; Shelby Arledge, vice president; Courtney Murphy, secretary; and Meredith Moreau, historian.



Rockwall-Heath cheerleaders cheered together for the first time at the varsity, junior varsity and JV mascot Chandler Cox and JV mascot Morgan Johnson, Meredith Moreau, Brittany Wenger, Morgan Johnson, Megan McKenna; third row, varsity cheerleaders Katy Ray, Michaela Tomalin, Stefanie Cotner and Megan McKenna; fourth row, varsity cheerleaders Alynn Brown, Allie Lincoln, Rylie Mike-Mayer, Morgan Iles, Lauren Hartnett, Kayla Hall, Jordyn Leeuw, Hallie O'Connor, Cayley Lott, Meagan Naegle and Peyton Garner; fifth row, cheerleaders Paige Richardson, Holley Noe, Savannah Smith, Meagan Delozier, Kayla Wisner, and Elleott Amick and Chasity Rooney; sixth row, freshman cheerleaders Molly Wilson, Kelsey McKenzie Edwards, Amanda Zabolotny, Lindsay White, Kylie Reynolds, Mary Fields, and seven row, freshman cheerleaders Sarabeth Beauchamp, Erin Armstrong, Kelsey Megan Byrum, Lindsey Salinas, Shelbi Crawford, Leah Dunn and Erin Iles. The cheerleaders are preparing since last month for the NCA Cheer Camp they will attend next week at Southern University.

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Travis Valadez tapped for Dean's List

Rockwall's Travis Valadez was named to the 2009 spring Dean's List at Southwestern University in Georgetown.

To be selected to the Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded hours and be in good standing with the university, according to a Southwestern University news release.

Katherine Neal named to Dean's List

Katherine Neal of Heath was named to the Dean's List for the 2009 winter quarter at DePaul University, according to a news release issued by the university last week.

To receive Dean's List commendation, a full-time student must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a four-point scale.

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The Williams Middle School choirs, under the direction of Nancy Farrell, assisted by Kelli Satterwhite, recently attended their eighth consecutive Alamo Showcase of San Antonio. A total of 185 students and more than 25 chaperones made the trip, which resulted in the mixed choir being rewarded with "superior" ratings from all three. The girls' choir also drew the same marks. Also, both groups received Outstanding in Class recognition.

Photo courtesy of Nancy Farrell

Congratulations Rockwall-Heath Hawks 2009 Regional Semi-Finalist



We congratulate players and coaches for their record breaking historic season. Hawks baseball team members are (back row, left to right) Trevor Williams, Tyler Harding, Jake Thompson, Drew VerHagen, Cody Sargent, James Baune, Nic Warren, (middle row) John Branum, Crew Kinsler, Drew Baxter, Trevor Holland, Drew Benefield, (front row) Nick Peterson, Jacob Houpt, Charlie Martin, Matt Bielski, Jovan Hernandez and Connor Lewis.

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