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What might have been a disastrous fire Tuesday afternoon was snuffed out by county volunteer firemen before it reached any structures west of McLendon-Chisholm.

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## Volunteer firemen snuff out potentially dangerous fire

by Kathy Williams

Sparks from a welder's torch is the suspected cause of a large grass fire that burned between 175 and 200 acres of rural grassland in southwestern Rockwall County late Tuesday, Nov. 25. Firefighters and support personnel from at least 10 cities and agencies in Rockwall and Kaufman Counties were called to assist the McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department in extinguishing the fire near the intersection of McDonald Road and Stevens Road. The blaze threatened homes in and around the Falcon Crest subdivision.

McLendon-Chisholm Fire Chief Glenn Walters said the McLendon-Chisholm VFD received the first alarm at approximately

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## News Briefs

### Holiday schedule at library

The Rockwall County Library will be closed through Sunday for the Thanksgiving holidays. The library will re-open at 10 a.m. Monday.

### November is Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month

Senior Friends is among the many shelters and rescue groups celebrating November as Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month. Seniors pets already "trained" and don't chew or scratch; they are loving and friendly. For a socialized cat that has been vaccinated, micro chipped, spayed or neutered, visit feralfriends.org or call 972-671-0429 or visit weekly FF adoption from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at PetSmart, Richardson, 16821 Coit Road.

### Brown Bag lecture slated for Tuesday

The final Brown Bag lecture of 2008 will begin at noon on Tuesday at the Historic Courthouse on the square. The topic will be "The Hobo Ranch: A Personal History." Members of the Zollner family will share memories of life on the famous Hobo Ranch. The program will be free and open to the public.

### Reception set for Melston

Friends of the Library and the Rockwall County Library Board will host a reception for Kathy Melston, Rockwall County Library director, on 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday in the library's Community Room. Melston, who has served in the position since 1988, will retire at the end of December. The public is invited to attend.

### Republican Lunch Bunch meets Wednesday

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet on at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Luigi's Italian Café in Rockwall. The cost is \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; participants would pay at the door. Reservations are not required. This informal social gathering is open to all area Republicans. For information call Don Tuttle at 972-771-6874.

### CLYTC Sailing Banquet set Wednesday

The Chandlers Landing Yacht & Tennis Club will conduct its annual Sailing Banquet beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Awards will be presented and music for dancing will be provided; dress will be casual festive holiday. Cost for the buffet will be \$19.95. RSVP (by Nov. 26) to 972-771-2051.

### Parents Night Out at FUMC Heath

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host a Parents Night Out from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 5. Childcare will be provided at the church for children up to the sixth grade. Children will participate in crafts, snacks, movies and games. Cost is \$15 per child; \$5 for each additional child. Registration is required by calling 972-771-6732.

### Lions Club to give away model train

The Rockwall Noon Lions Club is raising money for the "We Serve" Rockwall program by giving away a model train. An HO scale Bachman train set with a Santa Fe Comet engine, it is valued at more than \$1,800 and was built by the North Central Texas All Scale Model Railroad Group in conjunction with HobbyTown USA. Tickets cost \$5 each or three for \$10. Winner's name will be drawn Dec. 6 at the Rockwall Christmas parade. For more details visit rockwallnoonlions.com.

### Class on Christmas decorating set

A free class on decorating Christmas trees and wreaths and coordinating a holiday decorating theme will begin at 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at Covington's Nursery Landscape Co., 5518 Liberty Grove Rd., in Rowlett. For information call 972-475-5888.

### Teen book, movie discussion slated

A Twilight Book & Movie Discussion will run from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Dec. 9 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Rockwall County Library. The event will be open to teens in grades 7 through 12. A poster will be given away as part of the discussion.

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## 'Woman Set Free' offers hope and freedom to incarcerated women

by Amy Van Vleck

Contributed to the Rockwall County News

Some of the statistics are surprising. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice reported watching over nearly 3/4 of a million people in Texas in 2007: 152,661 offenders in prisons and state jails, supervising 431,495 people on probation and 103,122 parolees. Tack on the 71,000 incarcerated in county jails, and that's one out of every 21 adults. And, some of those are not even adults. According to the report, the youngest offender who entered the criminal justice system in 2007 was age 15. The oldest was 88.

Of those incarcerated in 2007, 10,936 were women.

The good news is that the parole board clearly has plenty of leeway to manage the inmate population. Of those incarcerated in prison (as opposed to state jails or Substance Abuse Felony Punishment (SAFP) programs), 66% are eligible for parole. But, will their lives be changed for the better once they emerge from jail?

Susan Odom, founder and president of Woman Set Free (WSF), a Rockwall-based woman's prison ministry, hopes so. "Society is just realizing that women are incarcerated too," Odom said. "The Lord sees each woman as an individual and will meet her individual needs." That is the basis for this prison ministry.

Not going it alone, Odom has team members who regularly visit women in jails in Dallas, Rockwall, and Hunt counties. "We are not church ladies," she said. "We are all equal; we all were once prisoners of sin before the Lord set us free." This perspective comes straight from Scripture where it reads: "The Lord sets prisoners free" (Psalm 146:7).

Many years ago, the Lord placed a personal passion in her heart to teach women the Word of God so they could claim all of His promises. Therefore, Odom taught a home-based bible study, worked with women at area crisis centers, and ministered to women in general.

During one particular quiet time, she began to pray that the Lord would send women to her who were hungry for the His Word. She believes that God told her to consider women in prison. While this surprised her, having no prior exposure to the criminal justice system, she prayed in faith that God would reveal His plan to her.

Meanwhile, she made some promises of her own: that she would not put a [metaphorical] hand on a [metaphorical] doorknob to open a door; and that she would not personally recruit any team members. "I wanted all to be called by God and for Him to get all of the glory," she said.

WSF now has 26 ministry team members, whom she says "without exception" have stated, "I really don't know why I'm here, except that God called me to this ministry." Every woman brings a different gift of service to WSF: gifts of worship, administration, encouragement, and prayer. "It's been a series of events from Heaven's throne room," she added.

The jail "church" services are so unique, welcoming and fun, Odom said, that inmates want to attend, regardless of their spiritual stance.

So, let's take a peek into what an incarcerated woman might find at a WSF service. Odom explains that there is a high energy level

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In these days of Thanksgiving, Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall nurses Karen Mead (left) and Jamila Lee (right) care for the newborn babies in the maternity ward. It's a time to remember the most precious blessings of all.

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Members of the Woman Set Free Hunt County ministry team are (standing from left) Kay Maxwell, Debbie Dennis, Christine Redding, WSF President and CEO Susan Odom, (seated) Kim Bunnel, Beth Way, Team Leader Marcy Brown and Sherry Sparks. Not pictured is Heather Cullins. Woman Set Free is a Rockwall-based woman's prison ministry that also ministers in Dallas and Hunt Counties.  
Photo courtesy of Kay Maxwell

## Threatening fire...

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3:30 p.m. The call quickly went out for mutual assistance from the Heath Fire Department. Multiple alarms were then sent to the Forney, Terrell, Royse City, City of Rockwall, McLendon-Chisholm and Fate fire departments.

The Rockwall County Road and Bridge Department sent heavy earth-moving equipment to help cut fire lines to contain the blaze. The Forestry Service also sent a bulldozer to assist with the fire lines.

Wind was not a factor in spreading the fire, but unusually dry conditions for November contributed to the blaze jumping McDonald Road and working its way towards the Falcon Crest neighborhood. Walters said a creek between the grassy area and the subdivision helped protect homes from the fire.

Rockwall County Fire Marshall Wesley Roberts called in a helicopter with a water bucket rig from Five Star to help battle the fire from the air. By 5:15 p.m., commanders on the ground were reporting the fire was being brought under control with the help of the aerial assault.

Fire departments from Dallas County called to offer the use of their air tankers to help fight the fire, but at the time of the call, the fire was under control.

No residents were evacuated and no structural damage was reported. Fire personnel remained on the scene until approximately 8:30 p.m. to ensure no remaining hot spots flared to reignite the fire.

The official cause of the fire remains under investigation by the McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department.

## Lakeside Civic Chorus plans Dec. 9 concert

The Lakeside Civic Chorus, under the direction of David Bush and accompanied by Ken Frerichs, will open its 25th season with its holiday concert, "Sing We Now of Christmas!" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 9 in the First Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 Yellowjacket Lane.

The concert is designed to appeal of individuals of all ages and will feature the chorus, orchestra and the Rockwall Children's Choir directed by Alan Clark and accompanied by Frerichs.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the chorus, this event will be open to everyone with free admission.

For more information visit lakesidecivicchorus.org or call 972-679-4227.

## RHS Choir plans concert Dec. 15, 16

The Rockwall High School Choir will present an opera in one-act, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Gian-Carlo Menotti, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15-16 in the RHS cafeteria annex.

The entire choir will be featured in the performance, and several of the group's top performers will be showcased in lead roles.

Singing the role of the mother is Mary Bander, a senior selected in June, as an Outstanding Soloist at the State UIL Competition in Austin. Singings in the roles of the three kings are Cole Ragsdale, Jason Bias and Scott Shelley. The page will be played by Travis Griswold, and Derek Wetzel and/or Ryan Nguyen, seventh grade students and members of the Williams Middle School Tenor-Bass Choir, will be featured as Amahl.

Featured dancers will be Vicki Hill, Tracie Shippy, Tracey Zurbrick and Nicki Derack.

Tickets will go on sale Monday.

**Classified Ad Deadline Tuesday 5 p.m.**

## 'Woman Set Free'

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when the service begins. The team and the prisoners are there, she said. "For that hour and a half, there is freedom."

Because the ministry is non-denominational, they all feel accepted, she explained. During worship, they are all she describes their worship as "pure." Then the lesson, comes straight from God's Word. During group time, they break into smaller groups and talk with a team member. The lesson they just heard, take prayer requests in an intimate and receive homework, which is Scripture memorization.

Perhaps their favorite portion of the service is the performed at the end of each gathering. These skits off application to the Scripture lesson they just heard. A team then presents the salvation message and the service concludes. Odom says that the women are so grateful to have that they have even started a prayer group for Woman Set Free inmates who pray for the ministry in-between prison visits.

But, not all inmates are quick to accept this form of attention. She shared the story of an inmate named Kimberly who would come to the services and be intentionally disruptive several visits with the same outcome, Odom took her aside. "Our team has been praying for you by name." Kimberly with, "What's my name?" When Odom replied, "Kimberly," she changed immediately and her countenance softened. She received a note from Kimberly. It read: "Thank you for being quiet in church; it's the first time anyone had, and I heard that God loves me."

In addition to the church services, WSF has begun a program emphasizing the life skills that these women will need when they are released. The Well, a program based on the story of the Samaritan, the Gospel of John, offers "hope," Odom said. "We want them a head start before they are released." The extensive program includes, but is not limited to, classes on finances, computer resume writing, and interview skills. WSF also tells them stories in their area that will embrace them.

The vision for The Well program is that it become a center for WSF former inmates to receive additional classes, Bible study, and encouragement. Until that vision is realized, this team of committed women will continue to visit and share God's love.

Their paycheck comes when a prison guard encourages them to work, saying that he saw their service and he knows their work is not in vain. Or when Tammy who, after being released from prison, sends this note to Susan: "I am leaning on you that I am set free. Thank you."

Are inmates living for the better through exposure to ministry? To the WSF team, these affirmations are "little pieces of the cheek from God," Odom said. And, she believes that's the right thing by claiming this promise of Scripture: "The prisoners free."

## News Briefs

**Drum clinic offered at Lake Pointe Church**  
American Idol® drummer Teddy Campbell, who has worked with several pop artists, will offer a drum clinic beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 in Room C100 of Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall. Cost is \$5 per person; tickets will be available at the door. For more information visit drummersforjesus.com.

### Library to host Ladies Night Out

Christmas music, holiday refreshments and craft fun will be offered as part of a Ladies Night Out event set for 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Rockwall County Library's Meeting Room. Participants bring a pair of scissors to make custom gift tags. For more information contact a library Youth Department staff member.

### Santa to appear at library

Santa Claus will be at the Rockwall County Library at 11 a.m. Dec. 16 and Dec. 17 to visit with children. Holiday cookies will be made and children can tackle craft projects.

### ARC blood drive set Dec. 18

The City of Heath will conduct an American Red Cross blood drive from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Community Room at City Hall. Visit givelife.org and use sponsor code 'cityofheath' to make an appointment or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Donors should be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, feel well and be in good health. It must be at least 56 days since any previous blood donation.

### Support the library through holiday shopping

Gently used books, videos, CDs and book bags may be purchased at the Rockwall County Library's Book Sale Alcove. All proceeds from these sales benefit the Friends of the Library's project that supports the Children's Summer Reading Program.

## Heath alters council meeting schedule

The Heath City Council has adjusted its regular meeting schedule for the month of December to accommodate the holidays. In place of regularly scheduled meetings on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month, the council will meet on Dec. 8, 15, 22 and Dec. 30.

The City Council will resume its normal meeting schedule on Jan. 9. For further details contact City Hall at 972-771-5222 or cityhall@heathtx.com.

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# Kenda Culpepper sworn as new Rockwall County District Attorney

by Williams  
 left hand on her fable, Kenda Culpepper path of office as Rock- nty's new District At- nning unopposed as blican candidate in the general election. Cul- was administered the justice Carolyn Wright th District Court of Ap-  
 District Judge Brett Hall swore in assistant D.A.'s Suzanne Fichtel, Stephani Woodward and Mike Carnes, all felony prosecu- tors.  
 Rockwall County Court at Law Judge David Rakow swore in Jonathan Thatcher, Jeff Shell, Valerie Tabor, Sharon Diaz and Tiffany Quindt, all misdemeanor prosecutors.

Jones, her husband, Jim Pruitt, and their young daughter.

In addition to Culpepper, the members of her staff were also sworn in. County Judge Chris Florance swore in assistant D.A. Brian Williams. Justice David Bridges, also of the Fifth District Court of Appeals, administered the oath of office to First Assistant Craig Stoddard.

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Bethany Byrd and Dustin Hughes

# Byrd, Hughes plan January wedding

Ron and Amy Byrd of Rockwall are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bethany Lauren Byrd, to Dustin Wayne Hughes of Georgetown, Ky., son of Danny and Rhonda Hughes of Frankfort, Ky.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Rockwall High and a 2008 graduate of Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky. She plans to attend medical school.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Franklin County High School in Frankfort in 2004 and Georgetown College in 2008.

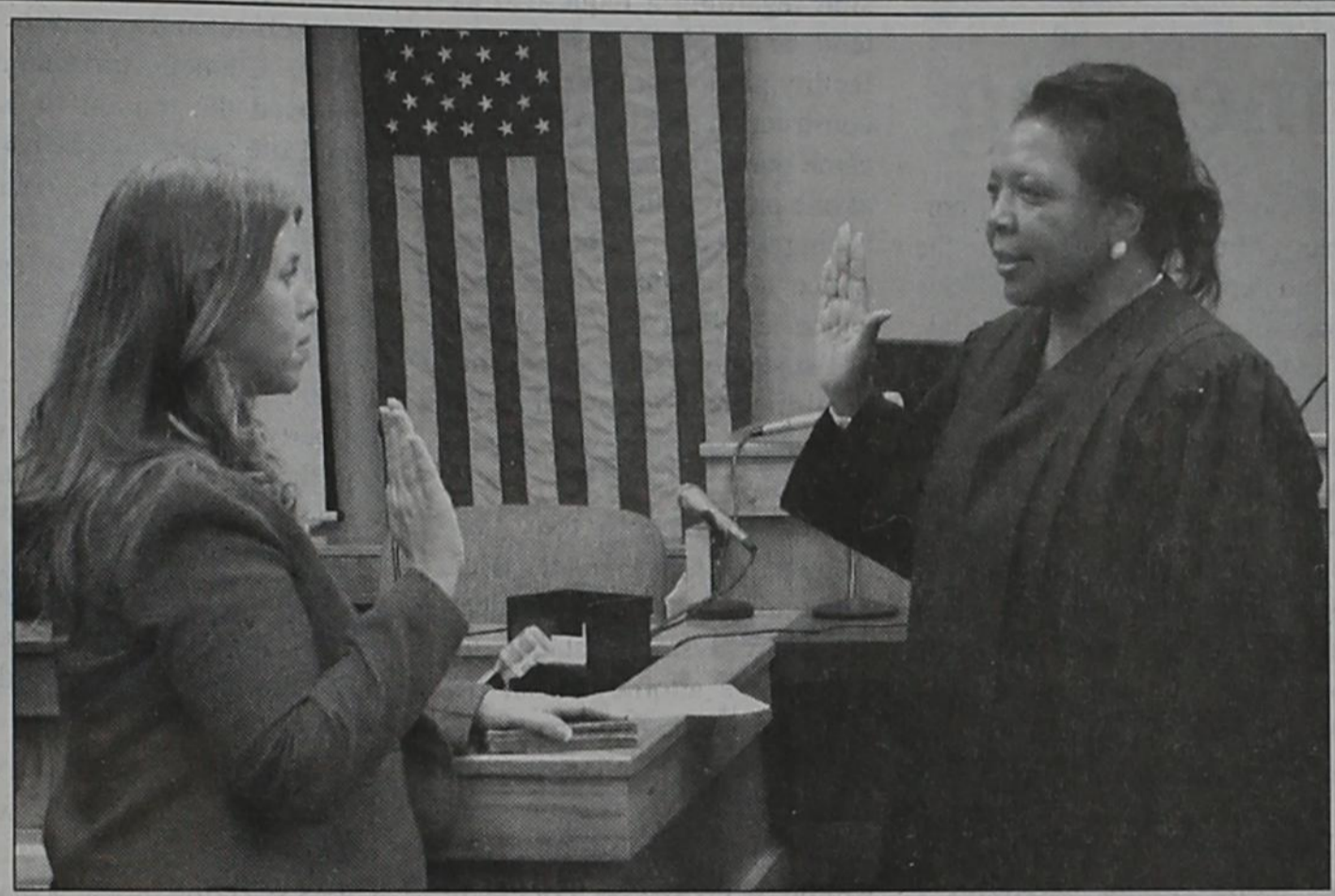
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Kenda Culpepper (left) is sworn in as the new Rockwall County District Attorney on Nov. 24 by Fifth District Court of Appeals Justice Carolyn Wright. Staff photo by Kathy Williams

# Volunteers recognized

ers in Reading for Rockwall County adult literacy program. Recently honored with a ceremony and awards ceremony community Room of the County Library.  
 timately 70 volunteer om the Rockwall com- received certificates of ment in recognition of service as volunteer t- nish as a Second Lan- ED test preparation and zenship preparation.  
 s for exceptional service ven to volunteers Joan assessment coordinator), ler (data base coordina- kie Gilbert (Royse City iteracy coordinator), and xwell (grant and public- im Manager Gloria received a gift to ac- ge her leadership of the Library Director Kathy was honored for her on- port of the program.  
 past year, Reading for volunteers have given an 5,700 volunteer hours GED and citizenship tu- Services have been pro- more than 300 students 3 different countries. Of mber, 205 ESL partici- progressed from one per- ce level to the next, 47 ants earned a GED, and me U.S. citizens. A total participants met their goal ing a better job, and four hir goal of attending col-

levels of tutoring from the basic beginner level to the proficiency level. In addition, the program offers a variety of class meeting times to fit the busy family and work schedule of adult students.

Classes are available six days a week (Monday through Saturday) and two evenings each week (Tuesday and Thursday).

Reading for Adults volunteers

are needed for spring semester assignments. Interest in helping others is all that is needed to become a tutor. Teaching experience is not required and training is provided. For information about becoming a Reading for Adults volunteer, call Gloria Bishop at 972-204-7705 or send an e-mail to gloriab4@verizon.net.



Volunteer Joan Wells, left, recently received special recognition from Library Director Kathy Melston, center, and RFA Program Manager Gloria Bishop in recognition of her 300 hours of service to the Reading for Adults literacy program.

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The Jones Elementary Student Council, in conjunction with the Rockwall Independent School District's Power of One program, adopted a two-mile stretch of Hwy. 276 in front of the school. The council has agreed to clean that stretch of roadway four times per year. The first clean up occurred recently and participants included the organization's officers and fifth- and sixth-grade room representatives. Pictured are council sponsors Marcus Edwards and Jeanie Colvin and students Keirstin Tawney, Merrin Turner, Briann Pitt, Nick Moore, Zach Davis, Arlinda Savoravong, Sarah Schneider, Jake Salinas, Carson Hall, Andrew Cope and Preston Jones.

## County rejected 'burn ban' request at Tuesday meeting

by Kathy Williams

The Rockwall County Commissioners took action on several agenda items at their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Among them were a request for a countywide burn ban, approval to hire an independent auditor to review procedures in the district attorney's office and the selection of a candidate to replace the retiring head librarian at the Rockwall County Library.

Assistant District Attorney Brian Williams brought to the court his office's request to hire the accounting firm, Singleton Fincher & Co., CPA of Greenville, to review money flow and auditing procedures within the District Attorney's office and make recommendations for improvement. He said the expenditure was not to exceed \$2,500.

Williams said those within the office see the audit as a "positive thing to move forward." The D.A.'s office manages several accounts and the CPA firm's representative, Tommy Blackwood, would be called on to ensure the public that "everything is on the up-and-up," according to Williams.

Rockwall County's newly elected District Attorney, Kenda Culpepper, was sworn into office on Monday, Nov. 24. She will serve the remaining two-year term of former Rockwall County D.A. Ray Sumrow, who was convicted of theft by a pub-

lic servant and is currently serving a 15-year prison term. He resigned his position in June 2008.

Culpepper said she and others in her office "are open-minded to do things better and improve public perception of the district attorney's office."

The commissioners unanimously approved the motion to hire Singleton Fincher.

### County Burn Ban Request

In other business, commissioners turned down a request by Rockwall County Fire Marshall Wesley Roberts to initiate a countywide burn ban in the face of a higher than average number of grass fires this fall. Roberts said that although grass fires are common in the fall, the North Texas area has experienced exceptionally high winds for most of the month of November that have dried dying vegetation faster than normal. These conditions have contributed to what Roberts called, "a rash of grass fires" in Rockwall County that he said, "are only going to get worse." He said the county has not reached drought conditions, but the windy days and dry grass make for a volatile combination.

He relayed one fire incident to the commissioners, in which

### Royse City outlines holiday plans

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Christmas Parade and Chili Cook-Off on Dec. 13.

a resident was legally and correctly burning trash, but the wind conditions should have prevented any burning that day. Cinders from the trash fire blew to the neighbor's yard, setting 4-5 large hay bales on fire and nearly burning down the neighbor's house. Roberts said a burn ban is normally in effect for 90 days, and if the commissioners implemented a ban, it could be reviewed and possibly lifted in that time frame if weather conditions improved.

Commissioners expressed concern with issuing a ban for the entire county based on a few incidents. Commissioner Jerry Wimpee said he would not support the ban, as he "didn't want to take away the liberties of others" because one or a few needed to review the policies for safe burning.

### Head Librarian Search

The commissioners have been working to find a replacement for retiring Rockwall County Library Director Kathy Melston, whose last day is Dec. 31. In a unanimous vote, commissioners selected Marcine McCully as the lone candidate for the position. McCully is currently the public services manager at the library and has been employed there since January 2004.

Events will begin at 2 p.m. with the cook-off, children's activities and vendors at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center. The parade will kick off on Main Street at 6 p.m., followed by the tree lighting at 7 p.m. and a visit from Santa.

New to this year's event is the Christmas storefront-decorating contest for downtown-area merchants. Businesses are being asked to decorate their storefronts, and citizens will vote for their favorites by placing change in each store's designated container. The store collecting the most money will win a cash prize, and proceeds from the contest will be donated to the Royse City Texas Main Street program.

Voting in the storefront decorating competition begins Monday and will run through Dec. 13.

On parade day, Main Street will be shut down from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Parking will be available at the City Hall parking lot, located at the corner of Arch and Church streets. Parking must be accessed from Church Street prior to 6 p.m. Parking also will be available behind businesses on the south side of Main Street, as well in the grass lot beside the railroad tracks on Front Street. Parking will not be allowed on Josephine, Church, Elm or Main streets, according to chamber officials.

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## Heath City Council approves annexation public hearing date

by Kathy Williams

The Heath City Council met in regular session Tuesday, Nov. 18 to discuss and take action on several agenda items, including the proposed annexation of approximately 185.58 total acres into the City.

The Council had previously approved the required dates for public hearings on the annexation, but a discrepancy was discovered in the timeline after the vote. A motion was approved to rescind the previous vote, and the correct dates for the public hearings were set. The City Council will hear public comments on the matter at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8 and Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the Heath City Hall Council Chambers.

### Permit Issue

In other business, the discussion regarding a request to extend an expired onsite sewer facility permit for a house under construction on Myers Road, became quite animated and heated at one point, with the discussion lasting well over an hour. A variance to the subdivision ordinance allowing the installation of the septic system, rather than requiring the homeowner to use city sewer services, was granted in 2006.

Representatives for homeowner Larry and Tricia Knowlton, the homebuilder, the septic system installer, the Knowlton's attorney Jason Berent, and neighbors affected by the construction, all gave their version of why the one-year permit was allowed to expire without being renewed or extended, and why a system was installed after the expiration date without proper authority.

After much finger pointing and blame from both sides of the council table, City Attorney Pete Eckert redirected the discussion back to the subject on the agenda, giving notice to the assembly that the Council would only consider the agenda item as written, to allow for the use of a septic system at that address. He warned that no other issues would be allowed for discussion.

Berent attempted to once again discuss the difficulty of running a city sewer line through adjacent properties to the Knowlton's home, due to actions taken by the Council at least two years prior when it relinquished easements in the area. Eckert reminded Berent again that that topic had no bearing on the permit discussion, to which he replied that it did matter and if Eckert,

"had answered any of my phone calls or e-mails, he would know that, and we wouldn't be here now."

Eckert became angry at the taunt, threw a stack of papers in his hand onto the table, and asked acting Mayor Karen Lewis for a 10-minute recess. Eckert approached Berent and said, "You, come here." Both attorneys left the council chambers for approximately five minutes, and when they returned, the permit discussion continued in a more congenial atmosphere.

Council member Robert Hille stated that, even after such a long discussion, the fact remained that the Council had allowed the variance and that does not have an expiration date. He said he would support issuing the septic permit and encouraged the other Council members to do the same.

The Council unanimously approved the motion to issue an on site sewer facility permit for one year from the date of issuance.

The Knowlton's also came before the Council for approval to build a guesthouse and 8,000 square foot barn on their property. The guesthouse will use the same waste system as the main house, but the family will once again have to put forth a request to the Council for a septic permit for the barn. Council approved the building of both structures.

### Newspaper of Record

The meeting's agenda once again included the issue of the City's selection of a newspaper of record. The Dallas Morning News was given the designation after bids were received from several local newspapers and the cost for publishing legal notices was considered by the Council. The Rockwall County News has challenged that selection based on several discrepancies with Texas Go-

vernment Code 2004. Repeated phone letters requesting to City officials to disclose have gone unanswered requests from the attorney, Don Richard.

City Attorney Peter Berent stated that, in the City's sticking point is the word "publish" 2051.048 of the Code states the record must be published in which subdivision is located in Rockwall County New among other issues, las Morning News is in Dallas County - located at 508 Young las, 75202 - and "Rockwall County; lifying them from Heath's newspaper Eckert said, "rati-

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The Council voted to seek the opinion of the Attorney General, with the stance of the Rock District Attorney's o-

## FUMC Heath details holiday plans

The First United Methodist Church of Heath is organizing a wide variety of holiday-related activities.

Activities will begin on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. with the Hanging of the Greens following the 11 a.m. worship service. Church members and guests are encouraged to stay for lunch and help decorate the church.

An overview of activities includes:

- Dec. 3 - HATS (Heath Terrific Seniors) Christmas luncheon, noon, with caroling provided by the Rock School Singers. Church members should RSVP to the church at 972-771-6732.

- Dec. 5 - Parent/Teacher Night 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. This will be provided for children up to 1st grade. Children will participate in crafts, snacks, and games. Registration cost is \$15 per child. Each additional child is \$5.

- Dec. 6 - Terrell Hospital Christmas dinner 11 a.m.
- Dec. 7 - Children's Choir Concert, 11 p.m. Progressive Dinner

- Dec. 14 - Christmas Cantata, "Go Tell it a.m. and 11 a.m.

- Dec. 19 - Christmas play, "Christmas WUMC," 6:30 p.m. on sale Sunday (Nov. 30)
- Dec. 24 - "Honoring" candlelight service 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. light services with at both.

- Dec. 28 - "Blessed Toys," 8:30 a.m. worship services.

Everyone is welcome to participate in these activities according to church calendar. For additional contact the FUMC 6732 or visit the site at fumcheath.org

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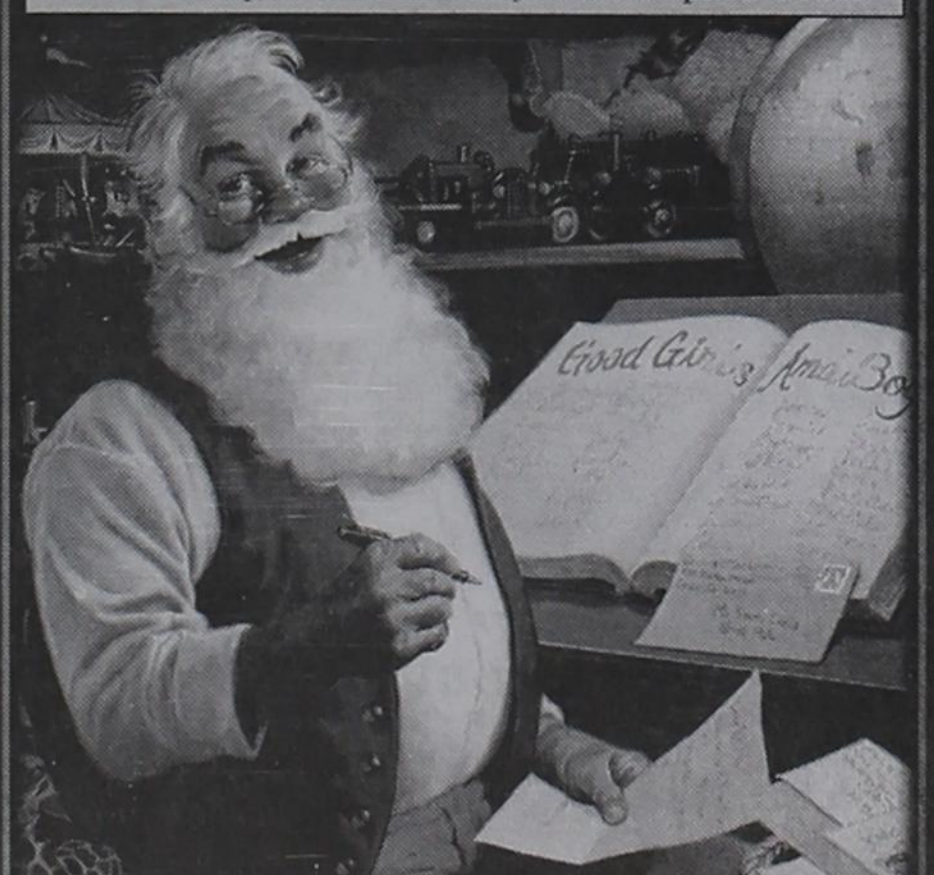
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# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Leatha Leona Dry

Services for Leatha Leona Dry, 87, of Rockwall were conducted at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008, in the Auman Funeral Home in Reading, Pa. Burial followed in the Forest Hills Cemetery.



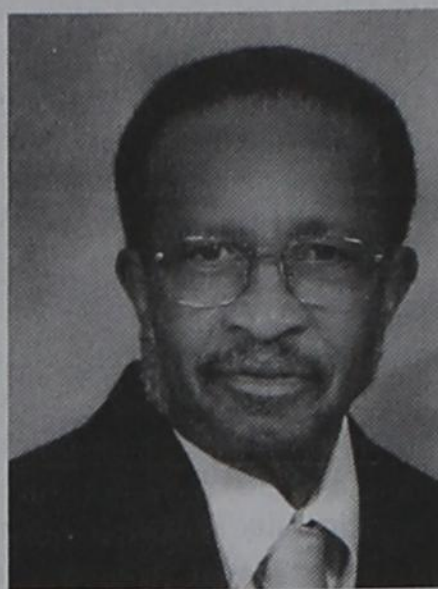
She died Nov. 18. Born Jan. 15, 1921, in Rochester, N.Y., to William H. and Louise Lauderman, she was a homemaker and a Rockwall resident for 26 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Heidi Crockett and her husband, Glenn, of Rockwall, and Sandra Van Bergert and her husband, Tom, of St. Charles, Ill.; her sister, Irma Reimold, and her husband, Donald, of White Haven, Pa.; her grandchildren, Jonna and Heather; and her great-grandchildren, Abigail, Alexandra, Ethan, Eamon, Bianca, Dakota and Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Dennis Clark; sisters Mae Krumm, Esther Klotz, Neva Lauderman and Pearl Oleksa; and her brother, Kenneth Lauderman.

## Melvin Lee Griffin

Services for Melvin Lee Griffin, 69, were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



He died Nov. 17. Born Nov. 18, 1938, in Panola County to Chappie and Rosie Lee (Hodge) Griffin, he lived in Roysse City for 41 years and was a member of the Eastside Church of Christ in Garland. He was a machinist and an Intercontinental until his retirement in 2005.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie Griffin of Roysse City; two sons, Lonnie Griffin and his wife, Kaye, and Gerry Griffin and his wife, Jennifer, all of Rowlett; five daughters, Marie Griffin of Roysse City, Helen Chism and her husband, Rickey, of Garland, Deloise Griffin and Carol Griffin, both of McKinney, and Michelle Griffin of Allen; seven brothers, Curley Griffin and Donnell Griffin, both of Albuquerque, N.M., Wilbert Griffin of Easton, Willie Griffin of Longview, Larry Griffin of Lindale, Rickey Allison of Easton and Elton Allison of Longview; six sisters, Pearlina Bell of Red Oak, Theada Ray Earl and Lillie Mae Griffin, both of Longview, Matha Wallace of Fort Worth, Glenda Griffin of Austin and Shirley Griffin-Thomas of Mesquite; six grandchildren, Destiny, Demell, Leslie, Isaiah, Kade and Gerry II; and one great-grandson, Montray.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Matthew Griffin.

## John David McAtee Jr.

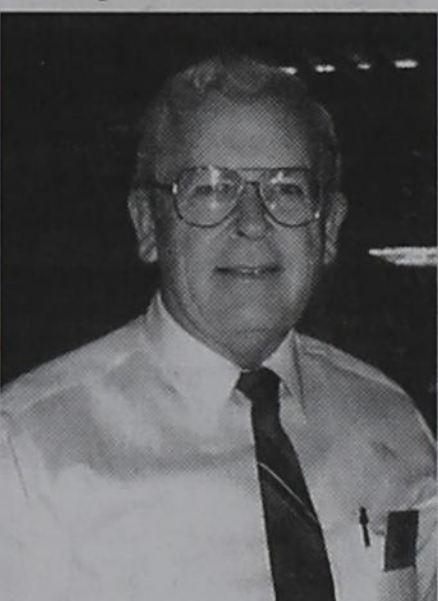
Memorial services for John David McAtee Jr. were conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Friday, Nov. 21, following a battle with cancer.

Born Jan. 7, 1933, to John David McAtee and Anna Coulter McAtee in Paraloma, Ark., he was the youngest of their nine children. Following graduation from Mineral Springs (Arkansas) High School, he moved to Alice and began working for an oil-field service company, PGAC, in 1950. Interrupting his work there, he served two years in the U.S. Army on a tour of duty that included Korea. Returning to PGAC following his military service, he was transferred to Long Beach, Calif., as an electrical logging engineer. After he spent a year and a half there, PGAC was purchased by Dresser Industries. He and his family were transferred to Hobbs, N.M., where they resided for 13 years. He then became area engineer in Odessa, ending his career as district manager of the Odessa Base of Dresser Atlas.

He retired in 1986 following 35 years of service, but then took up a second career, working nine years for Service Merchandise before retiring again in 1996.

A Baptist, he served in the



First Baptist Church in Alice, the First Southern Baptist Long Beach, Taylor Memorial Baptist in Hobbs, the First Church in Midland (as head usher of the 8:30 a.m. service) and the First Baptist Church of Rockwall. While vital in 2004, he reported having a spiritual encounter through his life, although he had been saved many years prior to that. To him, service to the Lord meant being with people. After moving to Rockwall, he helped the men of the Adult VI Sunday School Class start a Monday morning coffee meeting at McDo. Meetings eventually grew to take place on Wednesday evenings. He was affectionately known as Catfish, Dad, Pawpaw and Johnny.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Dorothy Goetz, two sons, David Earl McAtee and his wife, Debbi, of Frisco, John Douglas McAtee and his wife, Jennifer, of Frisco, children, Chelsea and Brian Shock of Aztec, N.M., Tara Lubbock, Jessica and Chris Mills of San Antonio, Kenneth of New York, N.Y., Kristen Padgett, Dustin and Allison Tyler and Shalako and Bo Bradberry and Chance McCruce, N.M.; his great-grandchildren, Brennan and Bry Kennedy Padgett and Kate and Elizabeth Mills; and his next-door neighbor grandchild, Hailey Geraci.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, be made to the FBC Rockwall "Extending the Vision" Program, 610 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087.

## Esta Mae Weathers

Graveside services for Esta Mae Weathers, 95, of Amarillo were conducted at 2 p.m. Nov. 7, 2008, in the Memorial Park Mausoleum with Dr. Stan Coffey officiating. The Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

She died Nov. 4.

Born on May 25, 1913, in Rockwall County to Henry and Lillie Jacobs, she moved to Rockwall to Amarillo in 1951 and retired after 31 years as a service assistant with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. where she was a member of the Pioneer Church and a member of The Church at Quail Creek.

Survivors include one son, Henry "Buddy" Dowell and Phyllis, of Amarillo; a daughter, Carolyn Vaughn and her husband, Dan, of Amarillo; two sisters, Dottie Lillard and Lillian, both of Rockwall; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Weathers, Carlane Ridler.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers be made to the donor's favorite charity.

## Rest Haven 'Tree' event continues through December

The Rest Haven Funeral Home "Tree of Remembrance" will be under way through Dec. 22.

The observance, which offers families a way to recognize loss and pay tribute to loved ones, allows area families to personalize a tree ornament in the foyer of each facility.

Ornaments will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Rest Haven locations, personalize a tree ornament on the "Tree of Remembrance" in the foyer of each facility.

Ornaments also will be available for personalizing at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall prior to the program-wide holiday music program, "Sounds of the Season," scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., will feature "The Rockwall High School Show Choir ensemble, performing selections.

Attendance will be free and open to the public. Families are invited to attend.

For more information call 972-771-8641.

## Chisholm Baptists wrap up revival

The Chisholm Baptist Church on Hwy. 205, just south of Rockwall, recently concluded a revival led by Dennis Erwin and his wife, Linda. The members of Chisholm, as well as many new families, participated in five worship services over four days.

Brother Rocky Weatherford would like to invite all to visit the church. Services are scheduled as follows: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 6 p.m.; and mid-week services, 7 p.m.

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- TXism: "enough to pucker a pig"
- Fredericksburg paper: "Standard"
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- SMU alum actress, Dorothy
- "Texas Hold 'em" is usually \_\_\_\_\_ in TX
- great 4-octave TX singer Roy (init.)
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- rodeo steer wrestler: "bull \_\_\_\_\_"
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- slipshod
- TXism: "right handy with a \_\_\_\_\_ (fat)"
- Gen. Robert \_\_\_\_\_
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- TXism: "sidekick" (2 wds.)
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- Cowboy Barber alma mater (abbr.)
- TXism for "hand"
- River
- TX "\_\_\_\_\_ Bell" ice cream
- San Antonio amphitheater: "Lone Star \_\_\_\_\_"
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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

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## The life of Jesus Christ...

During the time of the Gospels, only one man could truly claim to be God's child. A precise understanding of Jesus Christ's life will allow all the difference in understanding his identity and ministry. In 5:26 we see the following, "For as the Father has life in himself, so has He given to the son to have life in himself." To start with a basic spiritual truth, Jesus Christ's life came from the original source of life, God. A closer look at the life of mankind in general will help to better understand the life God gave to Jesus Christ. Above scripture, the word "life" is the English translation of the biblical Greek word "zoe." It referred to the state of one who is alive or possessed of vitality. The word "zoe" was also used in the Septuagint to translate the Hebrew word "chai" in Genesis 2:7, "For just as God gave life to the first man Adam, so also did He give life to Jesus Christ." Genesis 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the earth, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Here we learn that mankind was first formed out of the earth with no life in it. Next God put life into that body. It became a soul. The word "soul" comes from the earliest known Hebrew word "nephesh" which simply meant a living being. This word is used throughout the Old Testament for people and animals that breathe air. Genesis 3:1-19 gives the record of man's disobedience toward God as the results of his action. See verse 19, "...for dust thou art, and to dust shalt thou return." Adam's disobedience brought about the result for all of mankind after him. What happened? See Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Adam's sin caused sin nature

to enter into his blood. And that same corrupted blood was passed down from generation to generation even unto this day. See how the simplicity of God's rightly divided word puts everything together so nicely? It just fits together like a hand in a glove.

The living being that God first made continued his soul life by giving life to his sons. To this day all of mankind has the same soul life that was passed down from Adam. There was one exception. Jesus Christ got his life from God, and not from his mother's husband Joseph. Having been conceived by God, the sin nature from Adam was not in Jesus' blood. He did not partake in the same blood as the rest of mankind. This tremendous truth can be found in Hebrews 2:14, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."

The descendants from Adam are partakers of both his fleshly body and his corruptible blood. Jesus Christ had the same fleshly body that was passed down through his Mom, but he did not get Adam's corruptible blood. Why? Because God was the Father who gave him life.

As we study the birth of Jesus Christ, we will find that God conceived him in Mary's womb. God, who is able to give life, miraculously gave life to the egg in Mary's womb that eventually formed and developed inside of her womb. Just like clockwork, Jesus later breathed in his first breath of life outside of Mary's womb. God did not break any of His life-giving rules.

Being the son of God, Jesus did not have corruptible blood. The reason Jesus did not have the same corruptible blood found in the rest of mankind was because he was conceived not by a man, but by God in heaven.

Jesus definitely was a man of flesh and blood, as was confirmed by all who witnessed his crucifixion. Yet, his blood was without the sin nature that was passed down from Adam through the generations. Based on the basic principal found in Leviticus 17:11, the life of Jesus' flesh was in his blood. Since his life came from God in

heaven, his blood had to be without sin nature, or the ability to eventually die. Those who understand biology might suggest that Jesus had no "free radicals" in his blood system. It was incorruptible.

It's with this in mind that we launch into the fantastic record of Jesus' birth.

## TEA taps RISD as 'gold' performer

The Texas Education Agency recently recognized the Rockwall Independent School District with Gold Performance Acknowledgments for performance beyond minimum standards.

In recognition of their high academic performance, 15 Rockwall ISD campuses received one or more GPA, according to a RISD news release.

The TEA awarded a total of 65 acknowledgments to Rockwall ISD using the GPA system, which is an increase of eight from last year. Commendations given for high academic performance are based on 14 separate indicators. Attendance rates and TAKS performance levels were utilized by the TEA in the calculations.

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# Rockwall County Sports

## HCA beats Bracken to reach TAPPS semifinals

Rockwall's Heritage Christian Academy spotted Bulverde Bracken Christian School an 8-0 deficit Saturday, but that was it for the Warriors.

HCA scored the game's only other points, 56 in all, to take a 56-8 victory, advancing the Eagles to the TAPPS Six Man Division I semifinals.

Heritage Christian (10-2) will play Temple Central Texas Christian (7-5) at 2 p.m. Saturday at Moody High School. Moody is north of Temple and east of Fort Hood off I-35.

Senior Josh Points again led the Eagles to their second victory this season over Bracken (9-2). During the regular season, they defeated the Warriors 86-44 on Sept. 11, with Points running for 168 yards and catching four passes for 68 more yards.

This time, points scored four touchdowns on runs of 14, 60, 58 and 26 yards. He gained 222 yards on 16 carries.

Senior Zach Read ran the offense, including a 17-yard touchdown run, and on defense intercepted a pass for a 44-yard score. The Eagles held Bracken to four first downs and 141 yards.

HCA's other touchdown came on senior fullback Kevin Prater's five-yard run. Sophomore Aaron Mateer kicked five conversions and a 24-yard field goal.

By beating Temple, the Eagles would advance to the state championship game Dec. 6 against the winner of the Greenville Christian-Austin Hill Country Christian semifinal. Unbeaten Greenville (10-0) defeated HCA for the district championship.

	HCA	Bracken
First downs	15	4
Rushing yds.	36-310	28-123
Passing yds.	106	18
Passing	10-15-0	5-13-1
Punts-avg.	2-46.5	5-33.6
Penalties-yds.	5-51	0-0
Fumbles-lost	2-0	2-2

BBCS - Gray Achilles 36 run (Tye Sanders kick)  
 HCA - Josh Points 14 run (Aaron Mateer kick)  
 HCA - Points 60 run (kick failed)  
 HCA - Zach Read 17 run (Mateer kick)  
 HCA - Points 58 run (Mateer kick)  
 HCA - Read 44 interception return (Mateer kick)  
 HCA - Points 26 run (Mateer kick)  
 HCA - Kevin Prater 5 run (kick blocked)  
 HCA - Mateer 24 FG

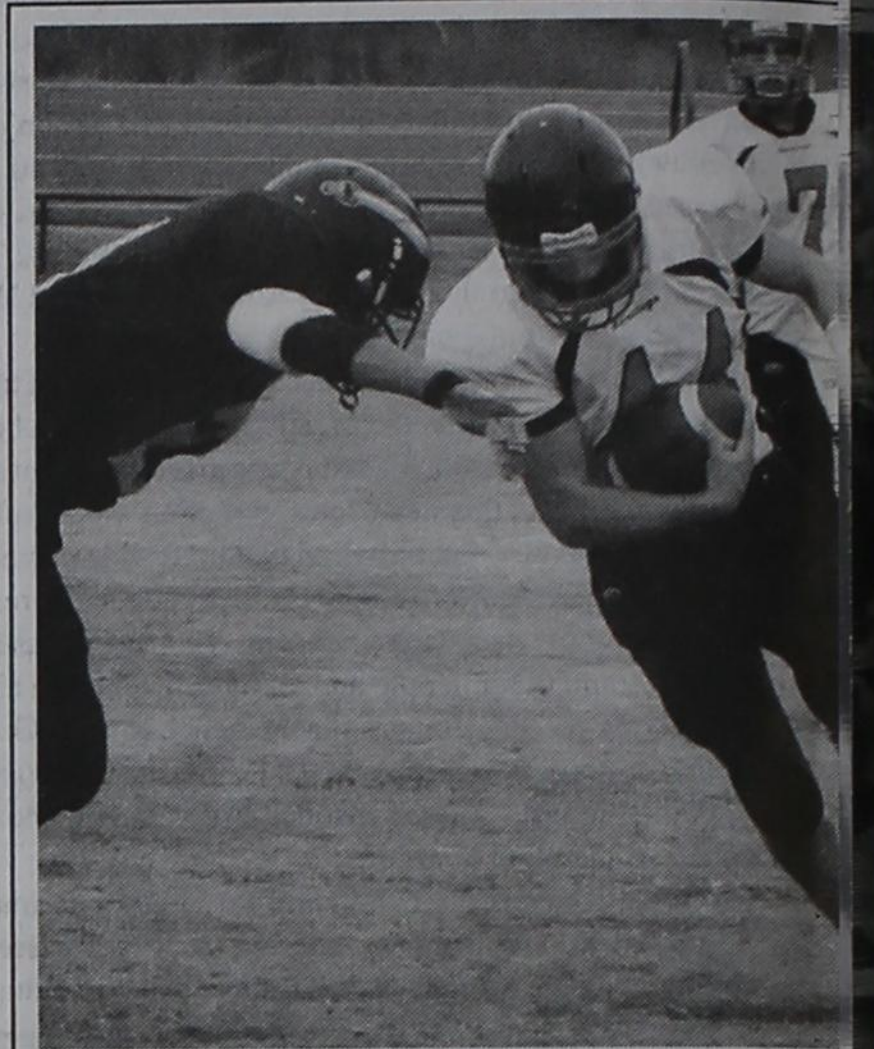
### Individual statistics

Rushing - HCA: Josh Points 16-222, Kevin Prater 10-33, Zach Read 5-24, Josh Peschell 4-21, Travis Arterburn 1-10; BCS: Gray Achilles 15-76, Jake McCrum 7-28, R.J. Braune 4-22, Cody Blackman 2-minus 3.

Passing - HCA: Zach Read 9-13-0-92, Josh Peschell 1-1-0-14, Austin Pettit 0-1-0-0; BCS: Cody Blackman 5-13-1-18.

Receiving - HCA: Josh Peschell 3-48, Josh Points 3-35, Noah Ward 4-23; BCS: Tye Sanders 1-10, R.J. Braune 3-5, Gabe Cruz 1-3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA	22	16	8	10	56
Bulverde Bracken	8	0	0	0	8



Heritage Christian Academy Noah Ward (44) rushes for four touchdowns during last Saturday's playoff game at Bulverde Bracken Christian School. The Eagles will advance to the TAPPS semifinals, Saturday at 2 p.m. in Moody field at Temple Central Texas Christian.  
 Photo by William Crowe

## Tough competition drops Lady Jackets to 4-4

Playing five games in five days wasn't kind to the Rockwall girls' basketball team, which lost three of those contests to drop to a 4-4 record this season.

A .500 winning percentage is unfamiliar territory for the Lady Jackets. The last time they were there was Nov. 12, 2004, when they were 1-1. Over the last three seasons, they lost just 11 times. It took them all of the 2005-06 and '06-07 seasons to lose four times.

Of course, those two were exceptional teams - state 5A runners-up and state champions.

So head coach Jill McDill is hardly panicking.

"We've played a lot of close games. All four losses have been against really good teams," she said after Monday's 59-49 loss at Plano West.

That score is deceiving because it was 51-49 after Rockwall's Vertashia Dean put in a rebound with 2 minutes, 32 seconds to play. Fouling after that to get the ball back, the Lady Jackets sent the Lady Wolves' Alexann Yancey to the line for eight shots. She made all of those.

That made Plano West, ranked 17th in 5A, 5-2 for the season. The four teams that have defeated RHS are a combined 24-7. Mesquite Horn is 19th in 5A, Bishop Lynch is second in the TAPPS large-school poll and 4A Denton Ryan is 6-2.

McDill pointed out, "Horn beat Mansfield Timberview, which I thought was the best (4A) team in the state. Denton Ryan made it to the championship game in the Allen Tournament."

A better measure of Rockwall's ability could be in the respect it received in the latest TABC rankings. Despite a 4-3 record going into this week, the Lady Jackets were ranked 12th among the state's 4A teams.

The losses to Ryan and Bishop Lynch came during last weekend's Allen Tournament. Ryan slowed down the tempo and frustrated Rockwall's high-scoring Peyton Adamson. She's averaging 26.4 points per game despite scoring just eight in Thursday's 35-34 loss to the Lady Raiders.

Adamson scored 34 in a 72-50 victory over Frisco Centennial in RHS' opening tournament game Thursday, and 34 again as Rockwall defeated the host team 74-69 Friday.

The Lady Jackets then fell to Bishop Lynch 54-47. The Lady Friars have handed Rockwall three of its last 11 losses. RHS will have a chance for revenge Monday when Bishop Lynch visits for a 7:30 p.m. game. Before that, the Lady Jackets were to host The Colony Tuesday.

McDill believes the tough early schedule, which will include the DeSoto Tournament next weekend, will help her team once District 10-4A begins Dec. 9.

She cautiously indicated that her team is growing from the experience.

"We're getting there. We have four new starters, kids who are finding out it's their turn to step up. We're just getting to the end of games, and we're close. We have to find a way to close out games and win. We're playing a great 30 minutes of basketball, but the games are 32 minutes long."

At Plano West, the Lady Jackets led 20-17 after the first quarter, but the Lady Wolves went ahead 30-27 at halftime. West stretched its lead to 35-27 by scoring the first five points in the third quarter, but three-point plays by Dean and Adamson and a basket by Jordan Anterhaus tied the game 35-35. The Lady Wolves then went on a 7-0 run, and Rockwall couldn't quite catch up.

RHS had difficulty handling Plano West's press, and the home team's defense made it difficult for the Lady Jackets to drive or score inside. Rockwall also hasn't had a second outside-shooting scoring threat to complement Adamson's 3-point shooting.

Adamson was that game's high scorer with 25 points; Dean was next with just nine.

Among the other players, Dean has most consistently stepped up as an offensive producer. She scored 18 against Centennial and 15 against Ryan at the Allen Tournament. Against Allen, Alyssa Lang contributed 11 points and Anterhaus scored 10.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	20	23	16	13	72
Frisco Centennial	16	15	13	6	50

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 34, Vertashia Dean 18, Kayla Kimmons 6, Raven Turner 4, Katy Mueller 4, Alyssa Lang 2, Jordan Anterhaus 2. Centennial: Brittanie Barton 16, Carlee Johnson 11, Katie Brakner 6, Jenika Sanchez 5, Alyssa York 3, Taylor Murphy 3, Courtney Javine 2, Shayna Chapman 2, Kaci Chandler 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	6	8	12	8	34
Denton Ryan	15	5	7	8	35

Rockwall: Vertashia Dean 15, Peyton Adamson 8, Alyssa Lang 4, Jordan Anterhaus 4, Raven Turner 3. Ryan: De'Amber Wilhite 12, Domineak Darrrough 8, Sarah Middleton 7, Kelsey Guertler 4, Emily Paramore 3, Keisha Blanson 1.

Rockwall 74, Allen 69 (final)  
 Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 34, Alyssa Lang 11, Jordan Anterhaus 10, Vertashia Dean 9, Raven Turner 6, Kayla Kimmons 2, Aimee Coleman 2. Allen: Brooke Jackson 21, Tory Whyte 13, Lena Rivera 13, Erica Jackson 13, Katie Hunter 3, Keisha Wainwright 2, Katie Coughran 2, Jackie Alvarenga 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	20	7	11	11	49
Plano West	17	13	14	15	59

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 25, Vertashia Dean 9, Alyssa Lang 5, Kayla Kimmons 5, Raven Turner 2, Jordan Anterhaus 2, Aimee Coleman 1. West: Carmen Holcomb 17, Alexann Yancey 10, Samantha Curtis 9, Xaviara Walker 6, Jessica Fromberg 6, Kiran Lakhian 4, Jacqueline Jeffcoat 3, Ashley Thomas 2, Morgan Fair 2.

## Rockwall boys 18th in TISCA

Ryan Lang placed in two events to lead the Rockwall boys to an 18th-place finish in the Texas Intercollegiate Swimming Coaches Association meet Friday and Saturday in Corpus Christi.

The junior was 11th in both the 200-yard freestyle and 100 backstroke in times of 1 minute, 51.44 seconds and 58.62. He earned 12 individual points out of the Yellowjackets' team total of 33.

The highest individual finish was 10th place by Jono Walters in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04.73. The Jackets received seven points for that finish.

Sean Eldridge placed 15th in the 500 freestyle in 5:21.33, good for two points.

Rockwall's 400 freestyle relay A team placed 13th in 3:33.71 (eight points) and the 200 medley relay A team earned four points by placing 15th in 1:49.45.

Westwood won the boys' meet with 288 points. Rockwall-Heath was 20th with 29.

In the girls' competition, Rockwall did not receive any points for finishing among the top 16, but there were strong performances. Aly Heuer was 20th in the 200 individual medley in 2:28.87 and 26th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:18.44. Rebekah Yount placed 44th in the 100 backstroke (1:11.51) and 62nd in the 50 freestyle (28.65).

Walters also placed 23rd in the 100 butterfly (59.36), and Eldridge was 23rd in the 200 freestyle (1:58.92). Matt Lang was 53rd in the 100 backstroke (1:09.46) and 55th in the 200 freestyle in 2:07.64. Nathan Eldridge finished 34th in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.34) and 65th in the 50 freestyle (25.20).

## Rockwall Rolls Over Grapevine 9-0

contributed by Shawn Rogers

Rockwall senior Chris Thirion scored five goals and goalies Cain logged his second shut out in a 9-0 romp of an undefeated Grapevine team at the Grapevine Star Center Nov 20th. Jackets raised their winning streak to 4 and overall record to 10-0.

"The stats say it all," said March Thirion, assistant coach. Rockwall recorded 29 shots on goal in collecting 9 goals.

The league leading Rockwall defense, with the lowest number allowed, limited the Wolves to only five shots on goal in the period. But Rockwall junior Joey Ullmann, seniors Matt Kinne Jones, and freshman Nick Ziebell really put the hammer down in the second period allowing only one additional shot on goal for the remainder of the game.

But it was Rockwall senior Chris Thirion's night scoring the first period, two in the second and finishing with the final goal in the third. The first three goals were a natural hat trick, where three goals are scored by a player when both teams are at even strength.

Wylie junior Morgan Cook added two netters and two assists, adding a goal and an assist in the second.

Rockwall sophomore Josh Kinnear contributed a short handed goal and an assist. Wylie senior and team play maker Stefan Skinnear added two assists with Ullmann and Jones each contributing an assist. Grapevine, whose home town crowd never lacked enthusiasm, managed to stay out of the penalty box racking up 36 minutes in the second period.

The statistics do say it all. Going into the game, Rockwall had a hockey stats trifecta with the highest number of goals scored, the highest number of goals allowed and the fewest number of penalty minutes any team in the league.

Rockwall will next face Grapevine again (2-6-0) Nov 21st at Grapevine Star Center.

The Rockwall Ice Hockey Club competes in the AT&T Texas High School Hockey League and is composed of young athletes from Rockwall, Royse City, and Wylie ISD's.

## Rockwall Yellowjackets schedule

Saturday, Nov. 29 - Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Mound Marcus, Williams Middle School, A 11 a.m. and B 11 a.m. Boys' basketball: home vs. Flower Mound Marcus, JV 12:30 p.m. and varsity 2 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 1 - Girls' basketball: home vs. Bishop Lynch, A 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

JV White boys' basketball: at Royse City, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 - Boys' basketball: home vs. Plano East, A 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

JV and varsity wrestling: at Frisco Centennial Tournament

Thursday, Dec. 4 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Mabank Tournament

Varsity girls' basketball: at DeSoto Tournament

JV girls' basketball: at Scurry-Rosser Tournament

JV White girls' basketball: at North Mesquite Tournament

Freshman A girls' basketball: at Kennedale Tournament

Freshman B girls' basketball: at Skyline Tournament

Boys' gymnastics: compulsories at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational

Friday, Dec. 5 - JV Wrestling: home, Rockwall JV Invitational, 4 p.m.

Varsity boys' basketball: at Mabank Tournament

Varsity girls' basketball: at DeSoto Tournament

JV White girls' basketball: at North Mesquite Tournament

Freshman A girls' basketball: at Kennedale Tournament

Freshman B girls' basketball: at Skyline Tournament

Girls' gymnastics: compulsories at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational

## Williams Wildcats schedule

Monday, Dec. 1 - 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade boys' basketball: at Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 - 7th and 8th grade boys' and girls' cross country, races at 4:15, 4:30, 4:45 and 5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4 - 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade boys' basketball: at Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5 - 8th grade girls' basketball: B and C Tournament, Mesquite Vanston, 4 p.m.

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Hawks down Corsicana 66-64 for first season win

Dustin Morett poured in 17 points as the Rockwall-Heath Hawks held fourth-quarter Corsicana rally for a 66-64 win in a non-district basketball game Nov. 25 at Rockwall-Heath High School.

The win was the Hawks' first of the year after opening the season with a 67-56 win over Fairfield, 67-56, and Denison, 67-53, and puts their record at 2-1. The Hawks entered the fourth quarter up by eight, 45-37, but was outscored 14-11 in the final period. T.J. Tennison led three Heath players in double figures with 16 points, while Andrew Tweddle and Lewis Snowton added 11 apiece. Chase Nielsen was the top Hawks' scorer in the loss to Denison, finishing with 20 points. Chase Nielsen added 10.

Scoring				
Corsicana	8	15	14	27 - 64
Heath	14	13	18	21 - 66
RH (66) - Dustin Morett 17, T.J. Tennison 13, Leonard 12, Chase Nielsen 10, McClung 7, Casebolt 5, Tweddle 2.				
Heath	12	12	14	18 - 56
Fairfield	14	19	15	19 - 67
RH (56) - T.J. Tennison 16, Andrew Tweddle 11, Lewis Snowton 11, McClung 5, Chase Nielsen 4, Casebolt 4, Tweddle 2, Leonard 2, Wynn 1.				
Denison	20	16	15	16 - 67
Heath	14	13	11	15 - 53
RH (53) - Dustin Morett 15, Chase Nielsen 10, Casebolt 8, T.J. Tennison 6, Leonard 4, Lewis Snowton 4, McClung 2, Tweddle 2, Wynn 2.				



Hawks' Chase Nielsen (20) drives in a lay-up shot during Tuesday's action against Corsicana in Heath. Staff photo by Carl McClung

## Lowrance's double-double leads Lady Hawks past Prestonwood 56-42

Shanae Lowrance led the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks to a 56-42 win in a non-district game Nov. 24 at Rockwall-Heath High School. Lowrance's double-double to overpower the Prestonwood Lady Hawks was the Lady Hawks' second of the year after a 0-4 start and a 2-6 record for the year. "It was a great overall effort, the hustle was definitely there," said coach Donna Walker. "We got a lot of buckets off transition, which we hadn't done much of so far. At least we're climbing out of the hole we've dug for ourselves." Lowrance, the top returning player for the Lady Hawks 2007 team that finished with a 128-6 overall, had a game high in points with 16 and rebounds with 11.

Points for the Lady Hawks, draining three of four three-point shots. The Hawks, in fact, shot the trey better than they did their two-point shots or their free throws. Heath finished the game 7-of-14 (50 percent) from beyond the arc but just 13-for-30 (43 percent) from everywhere else on the floor. They were even less accurate from the foul line, making only 9-of-24 attempts (37.5 percent). In other action last week at the Allen tournament, the Lady Hawks went 1-3, falling to Coppell 54-32, Frisco 54-41 and Lubbock Monterey 56-29 while beating Little Elm 49-39. Next up for Heath will be a home game against South Garland Dec. 2. Tipoff for the varsity will be 7:30.

Scoring				
PW	8	9	17	8 - 42
Heath	16	15	11	14 - 56
Heath (56) - Shanae Lowrance 16, Macall Smith 11, Lyndsey Renta 9, Aly Coughlin 8, Sidney Horton 7, Katelyn Morris 3, Meredith Deere 2.				

See next week's edition for complete details of your Hawks Regional game.



Moss attack against Hillcrest at Texas Stadium. Hawks Austin Moss (44) puts pressure on Hillcrest quarterback Jake Sherrington (12) during the Area playoff 58-21 win against Hillcrest Friday, November 21 in Texas Stadium. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Heath Hawks storm Texas Stadium. The RHHS Hawks offensive line paves the way for the explosive running back Kendial Lawrence during the Area playoff game against Hillcrest Friday, November 21 in Texas Stadium. The Hawks advanced to the Regional playoff game with a 58-21 win over Hillcrest. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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# Opinions

## Obama Should Oppose Preventive Detention

by Sheldon Richman  
Speculation is rampant over what will be President-elect Barack Obama's bold move when he takes power January 20. Will he bail out Detroit? Will he revamp the health-care system? Will he unveil a comprehensive plan for the economy?

Here's a good way to start, Mr. Obama: categorically oppose preventive detention.

According to the New York Times, Obama's hope for closing the Guantanamo raises concerns among his advisors over what to do with detainees being held there. Specifically, what about the ones who might be tried in a criminal court or who can't be prosecuted at all?

With typical criminal suspects, either of those two outcomes means release. Even some liberals are arguing that to deal realistically with terrorism administration should seek Congressional authority for preventive detention of terrorism suspects deemed too dangerous to release even if they are successfully prosecuted," the Times reports.

"The president-elect's transition office would not comment on whether he was even under discussion. But human rights groups have been mounting to counter pressure that they say is building on Mr. Obama to show perhaps by echoing the Bush administration's insistence that some detainees be held indefinitely.... But particularly inasmuch as the Bush administration invoked that authority [of international law] as a basis for its multilateral detention policies, a move by Mr. Obama to seek explicit authority for indefinite detention without trial would be seen by some of his supporters as betrayal."

Indeed. Obama, like Bush, has talked about closing Guantanamo, a symbol of barbarity throughout the world. Some of the prisoners have been locked up without being charged since 2001. People assume the prisoners are there for many of them that may not be true. Some number of them are held in, at best, meager evidence.

As a McClatchy Newspapers investigation found, "Dozens of men, according to several officials, perhaps hundreds — [have been] imprisoned in Afghanistan, Cuba, and elsewhere on the basis of flimsy evidence, old personal scores, or bounty payments."

But assume there are men being held who have committed violent crimes. What should be done with them? We have a precedent all men accused in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center were tried in criminal courts.

They were given the same protections that ordinary criminals are given and government obtained convictions and prison sentences. The same with Moussaoui, the so-called 20th hijacker of the 9/11 attacks. What about Guantanamo prisoners?

One common response is that some evidence against them is classified. A claim is too easily made and can be used by officials to abuse authority. In case, it is a pseudo problem because procedures exist for privately classified evidence at a trial. It's been done before.

That's not good enough for the preventive-detention advocates, who hold prisoners acquitted in court or for whom there is too little evidence to trial. But that would be an outrageous abuse of government power. It would be more contrary to the American legal tradition than holding people without charge or trial on the suspicion they might commit a crime.

The Supreme Court has already ruled that the detainees at Guantanamo must be accorded habeas corpus rights, enabling them to contest their imprisonment. They have not been given all the same rights as criminal suspects, so the system is incomplete.

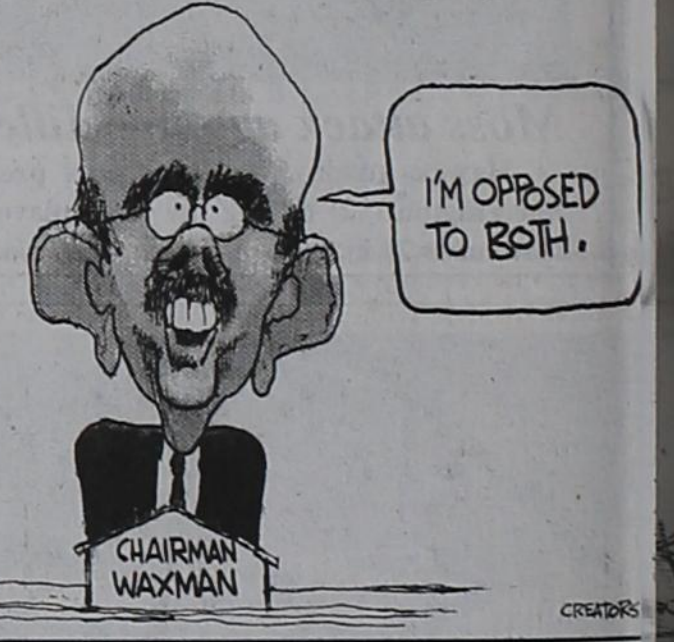
Too many people fought and died throughout history to stop governments engaging in this form of tyranny. Are we ready to discard basic rights of the people involved (at the moment) are foreigners picked up in a foreign land?

Mr. Obama, you can put a stop to this by vowing to veto any preventive detention bill.

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 Free Market* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at [www.sheldonrichman.com](http://www.sheldonrichman.com).

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## ENERGY and COMMERCE



## Evil concealed by money

by Walter E. Williams  
Evil acts can be given an aura of moral legitimacy by noble-sounding socialistic expressions such as spreading the wealth, income redistribution or caring for the less fortunate. Let's think about socialism.

Imagine there's an elderly widow down the street from you. She has neither the strength to mow her lawn nor enough money to hire someone to do it. Here's my question to you that I'm almost afraid for the answer: Would you support a government mandate that forces one of your neighbors to mow the lady's lawn each week? If he failed to follow the government orders, would you approve of some kind of punishment ranging from house arrest and fines to imprisonment? I'm hoping that the average American would condemn such a government mandate because it would be a form of slavery, the forcible use of one person to serve the purposes of another.

Would there be the same condemnation if instead of the government forcing your neighbor to physically mow the widow's lawn, the government forced him to give the lady \$40 of his weekly earnings? That way the widow could hire someone to mow her lawn. I'd say that there is little difference between the mandates. While the mandate's mechanism differs, it is nonetheless the forcible use of one person to serve the purposes of another.

Probably most Americans would have a clearer conscience if all the neighbors were forced to put money in a government pot and a government agency would send the widow a weekly sum of \$40 to hire someone to mow her lawn. This mechanism makes the particular victim invisible but it still boils down to one person being forcibly used to serve the purposes of another. Putting the money into a government pot makes palatable acts that would otherwise be deemed morally offensive.

This is why socialism is evil. It employs evil means, coercion or taking the property of one person, to accomplish good ends, helping one's fellow man.

Helping one's fellow man in need, by reaching into one's own pockets, is a laudable and praiseworthy goal. Doing the same through coercion and reaching into another's pockets has no redeeming features and is worthy of condemnation.

Some people might contend that we are a democracy where the majority agrees to the forcible use of one person for the good of another. But does a majority consensus confer morality to an act that would otherwise be deemed as immoral? In other words, if a majority of the widow's neighbors voted to force one neighbor to mow her lawn, would that make it moral?

I don't believe any moral case can be made for the forcible use of one person to serve the purposes of another. But that conclusion is not nearly as important as the fact that so many of my fellow Americans give wide support to using people. I would like to think it is because they haven't considered that more than \$2 trillion of the over \$3 trillion federal budget represents Americans using one another. Of course, they might consider it compensatory justice. For example, one American might think, "Farmers get Congress to use me to serve the needs of some farmers. I'm going to get Congress to use someone else to serve my needs by subsidizing my child's college education."

The bottom line is that we've become a nation of thieves, a value rejected by our founders. James Madison, the father of our Constitution, was horrified when Congress appropriated \$15,000 to help French refugees. He said, "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents." Tragically, today's Americans would run Madison out of town on a rail.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).  
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## Just say no

by Bill O'Reilly  
You may remember that Nancy Reagan fought against drug consumption by urging Americans to "just say no." Now we need Mrs. Reagan again because some poorly run corporations are asking for taxpayer bailouts and loans. They want charity from hardworking Americans who are getting pounded in a chaotic economy primarily caused by irresponsible businesspeople.

The situation is totally out of control. Leaders of the three major American car companies showed up on Capitol Hill this week stating that if billions in government loans were not forthcoming, they would go bankrupt. And how did many of these executives get to Washington from Detroit? By private jet, of course.

Paging Imelda Marcos.  
The reason the car companies are in such bad shape is that they cannot compete with Toyota and other foreign automakers. Gov. Mitt Romney, whose father ran American Motors Corp., says that union contractual obligations add about \$2,000 to each American car above what a corresponding Toyota would cost. Romney says that if the unions don't renegotiate, U.S. auto companies will never be able to compete in the global market no matter how much money they borrow.

So, for our dazed senators and representatives the equation should be: If the unions won't bend, we won't lend.

But the head of the House Financial Services Committee, the brilliant Barney Frank, disagrees with Romney and calls his analysis "union bashing." Frank, who said last July that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were "in good shape going forward," submits that the autoworkers union should be applauded for promoting "income equality."

Swell, Barney, but here's the rub: If the company goes out of business there will be no income at all. Am I getting through here, congressman? I often wish Barney Fife, not Barney Frank, headed the House Finance Committee.

But back to we the people, who are far more sensible than the ideologues in Congress. There is no question that an apathetic federal government allowed risky mortgage lending and the subsequent irresponsible sales of bad paper to financial institutions like the now bankrupt Lehman Brothers. The fed knew this was going on and did nothing.

So the economy collapsed and people stopped buying stuff like cars. With little money in reserve because so much cash goes to union pensions and disabilities, the auto companies may collapse as well.

Meanwhile, you and I, who work hard, pay our bills and had nothing to do with any of this, watch our investments get hammered and the job pool shrink.

Both political parties are at fault, and we should tell them there will be no loans to private industry that uses private jets. The scam stops here.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com). This column originates on the Web site [www.billoreilly.com](http://www.billoreilly.com).  
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/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor  
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary

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## Rockwall amends ordinance governing false alarms

The City of Rockwall, which has experienced an increasing number of false alarms requiring responses from the public safety departments, recently amended its false alarm ordinance.

The amended ordinance requires a non-refundable annual registration fee of \$30 for each residential alarm system and \$50 for a commercial alarm system. All home and business owners in Rockwall will be required to register their security/fire alarm systems with the City of Rockwall by Jan. 1.

If a residence or business has an alarm permit on file, payment of the registration fee is due on the anniversary date in 2009.

City officials have indicated they hope that reducing the number of false alarms police and fire departments respond to each year will allow public safety personnel to devote more resources to keeping the community safe, according to a news release from the city.

An alarm system may consist of one or multiple types of alarms including burglary, robbery, panic, duress, medical or fire. A separate permit is required for each street address and security/fire alarm system.

Each false alarm occurring after the third false alarm in a 12-month period is a violation of the ordinance, according to the news release. Failure to register an alarm system could result in a fine.

False alarms may indicate that the alarm system is not functioning properly and may not be reliable, according to city officials.

To register a security or fire alarm, home and business owners can visit the City's website at rockwall.com and click on On-Line Services. Registration forms also may be picked up at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, or the Rockwall Police Department, 205 W. Rusk. For more information contact Frank Dunlop at 972-772-6475 or at fdunlop@rockwall.com.

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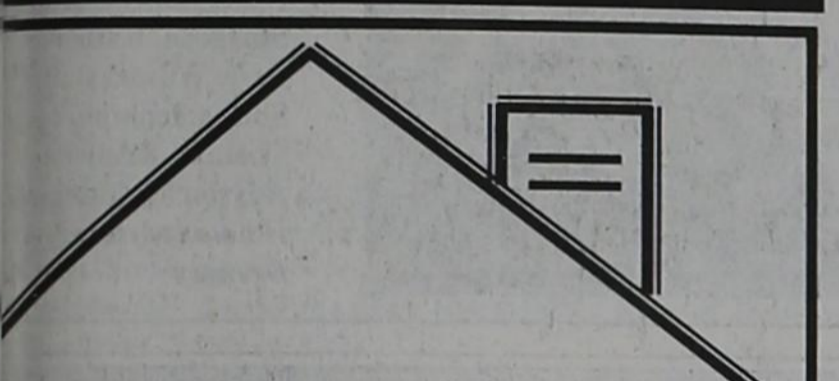
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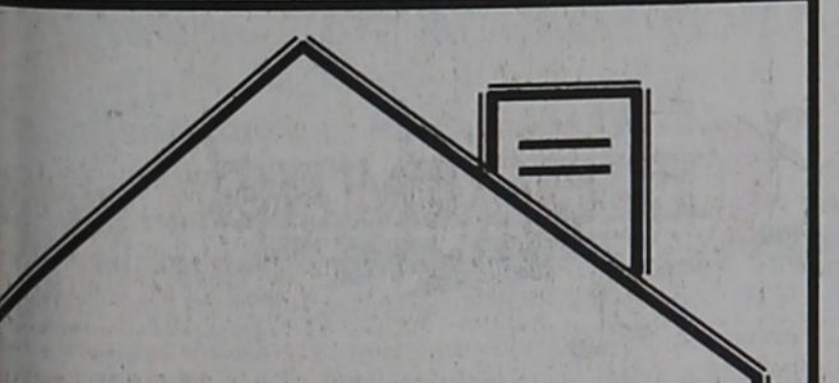
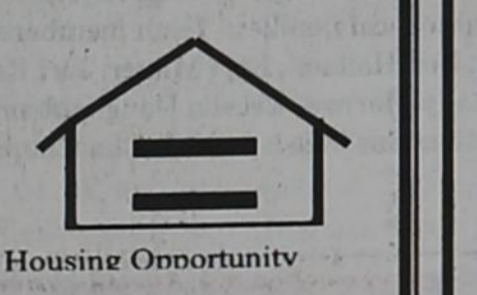
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