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Reskwall's dogs might be on the wrong side of the law if they stay of the hoems he out de for very long on a tether, chain, leash, cord or rope without the owners nearby according to an ordinance passed by the city a. Cody Moles coucil Dec. 21.

Cuncilman Mark Russo was alone in withholding an up vote on the tew law saying he has always been opposed to it and wouldn't vot for it. Russo characterized the ordinance as a "heavy- handa, Santa I was ed overnment" that is picking on a part of town, Lake Rockwall a doll for the Est es, where residents would be disproportionately burdened by have a D&II the tew law.

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The two-hour limit does not address time under which dogs are in the immediate control of owners and it does not prohibit walking ogs on leashes.

I sso said he takes issue with the city's ability to track and enforce he mount of time a dog is on tether and the imposition of a financial ou en on residents who will either need to build fences or find other accommodations for pets.

Then you start to make rules that put people into positions of geing tickets where they can't prove their innocence when they are, it tesn't meet a goal of good government," Russo said. "The city sheld not make revenue that way."

I sso also said he disagrees with the notion that the ordinance will the city achieve the goal of preventing animal cruelty.

"/e already have laws on the books to address the humane treat-

Coording to Widmer, research done by the Humane Society and Coter for Disease Control indicates tethering leads to increased ag-

ts Pl2 games gr sive behavior among dogs.

king pot. I hop to ordinance took effect December 22 and is enforced within the

liday. Joey Value liday. Joey Value line to of the City of Rockwall. Breaking this law is a misdemeanor purshable by a fine up to \$500 for each offense; multiple tethered des; constitute an offense for each animal.

you get to idmer's department will work on educating residents and no ciety you have at takins will be issued for at least the next 30 days, he said.

looking ahead to another great year

Wesley W. Burnett

is my distinct pleasure to express a special end-of-year thank ye to all of our loyal subscribers, readers and advertisers for the worderful acceptance, support and encouragement we have enjoyed dring 2009. We are reminded daily of God's presence and spirit in the community, seen and felt from your personal visits to our office, er il messages and telephone calls.

isers, as the steward of your community hometown newspaper. a tremendous privilege and honor. God led us to Rockwall, and has sustained us in this highly competitive market.

m personally thankful for those who help us produce your homein newspaper. Each one has been led to us by God and have given tanding dedication to publishing a top quality newspaper to youry week.

Il through the economic difficulties in 2009, our advertisers and scribers have joined us in a demonstration of what Rockwall anty and Texas is all about ... we believe God will see us through the turmoil ... and working together we have shown that no natal calamity can stop us from living lives aimed at serving God. nat is what we believe. We pray you will continue to share that it with us as we step into the daily tasks ahead of us in 2010. The tether we have proven that with God's love and mercy, we will sper, both in spirit and in our daily lives.

s for your hometown newspaper, we remind you that this is your spaper and we work for God to serve you. If we wander off rse, we pray you will bring us back into line.

sperous and healthy 2010.



Dr. Chris Turner (second from left) was recently presented a certificate of appreciation by Rockwall County Committee on Aging board members Mary Joe Cason (left) Ann Cornelius and Executive Director Margie VerHagen. Turner was recognized for his donation to the Meals on Wheels program.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



White Rock Lake/Scottish Rite Hospital Marathon

A number of Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary staff members participated in the White Rock Lake/Scottish Rite Hospital Marathon on Dec. 13. Pictured from the left are, top row, Cory White, Robert Erwin, Brenda Baskett, Jane Bruning, Debbie Schmucker, Kathy Riley, Tanya Chapman, Lisa Edmonson and Janet Caporaletti; second row from top, Michelle Cate, Sherrie Langford, Tanya Hunt, Cindy Knockel, Stephanie Rinkevich, Tracy Songer and Joseph Herrera; second row from bottom, Kristie Leavell, Kirsten Golden, Tina Hoepfner, Shelly Allen, Cynthia Johnson, Rhonda Salinas and Melissa Dorn; and, at bottom, Danielle Lynn, Kristi Groves, Patti Gudino, Julia Gragert and Holly Sanford.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

It's All About Rockwall County

Rockwall's Mollie Lee wins prestigious baking competition

A Rockwall resident recently was named winner of the Holiday Baking Challenge Starring California Walnuts competition.

Mollie Lee's recipe for Nutty Cranberry Muffins with Streusel

Martha Taylor walking again

weeks of careful and attentive care at the Royse

City Health and Rehabilitation center following a

can't say enough about how great the staff has

been for me," she emphasizes. "They are very

caring and careful, helping me through all the

Martha fell in her Rockwall home and broke

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stages of recovery, especially Martin.

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she would need extensive rehabilitation

Martha Taylor is headed home after seven

major ankle injury and surgery in October. "I

Topping won in the contest's SMART category, according to a news release issued by the California Walnut Board.

The contest was a national search for unique homemade holiday recipes that celebrate

Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center

the season. Lee's recipe was selected from hundreds of entries.

"My mother used to make fabulous rhubarb muffins when I was a kid," said Lee. "The Nutty Cranberry Muffins with Streusel Topping recipe was inspired by

Martin Espinosa, P.T.

and Martha Taylor

assistance in order to return to normal activities.

Of all the various choices available, she chose

Royse City Health and Rehabilitation. "It was a

very good decision," Martha explained that she

started out with a cast, and with the daily rehab

services, moved to a walking boot, then to a

walker, and now able to put about 50 percent

weight on the ankle. "If it

weren't for the help I got

here," she said, "I think

I'd be in a wheel chair.

to be going home, and

praises Royse City

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patients transitioning back to the community

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Martha Taylor is happy

Health and Rehabilitation

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those tart childhood favorites and designed to be a delicious and smart addition to the holiday table."

Lee's recipe follows: Nutty Cranberry Muffins with Streusel Topping

2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour, divided

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

3 tablespoons butter, chilled

2 1/2 cups chopped California walnuts, divided

1 cup sugar 1/2 cup canola oil

1 egg

2 teaspoons vanilla 1 cup low-fat buttermilk

1 teaspoon baking powder (low sodium)

1 teaspoon baking soda 1/4 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped

fresh cranberries

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a small mixing bowl combine 1/4 cup of the flour with the brown sugar and cinnamon. Using a pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in 1/2 cup of the chopped walnuts. Set aside.

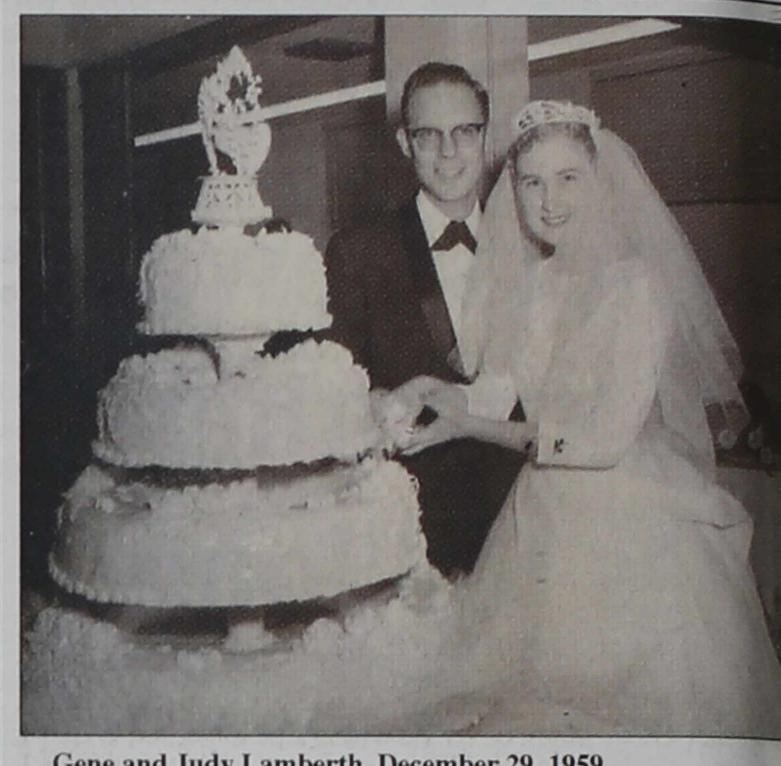
In a large mixing bowl, beat sugar and oil with a whisk. Whisk in egg, vanilla, and buttermilk, stirring until well blended. Sift together the remaining 2 1/2 cups flour, the baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Stir into buttermilk mixture using a wooden spoon and stirring just until moistened. Gently stir in cranberries and the remaining 2 cups chopped walnuts.

Lightly coat muffin cups with cooking spray or line with paper baking cups and fill about 3/4 full with muffin batter. Sprinkle streusel topping evenly over the top of muffins. Bake about 20 minutes, or until the muffins have risen and the tops spring back when pressed lightly. Cool for a moment in the pans, then remove and serve warm or at room temperature.

Servings: 18 Prep time: 20 min Cook time: 20 min

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"





Gene and Judy Lamberth, December 29, 1959.

Lamberths celebrating Rockwall County to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 13 50 years of marriage

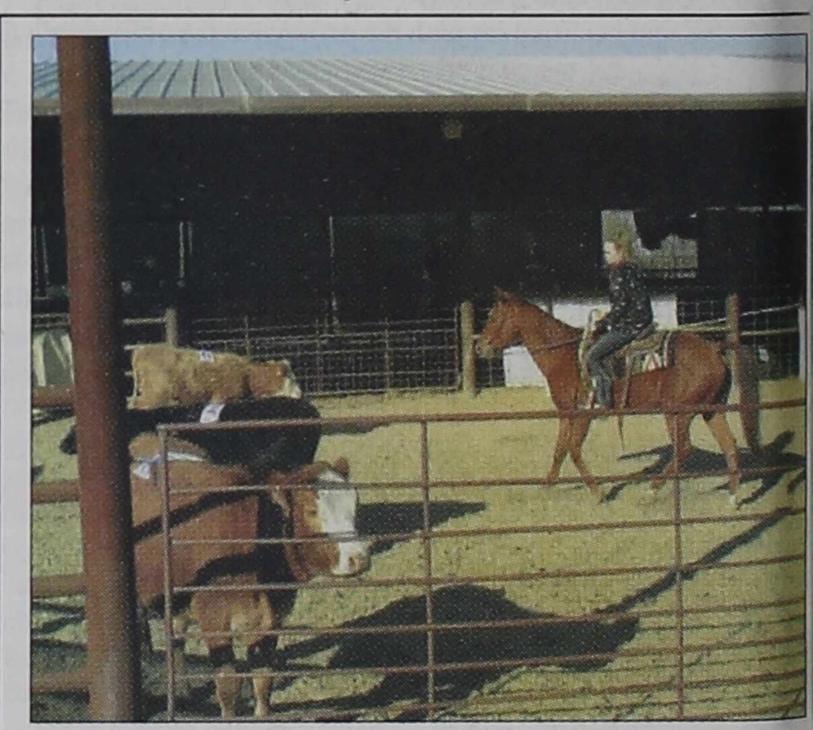
Gene and Judy Lamberth of Rockwall marked their golden an 12-week academy is versary this week, celebrating the 50th anniversary of their Dec. 21 A limited number 1959, marriage.

Gene Lamberth and Judy Mika were high school sweethearts Brownsville prior to their marriage.

After they were married, he did his undergraduate work at Aus College, then attended Baylor Dental School in Dallas. She h le Well, 103 E. Ma transferred from Texas A&I, Kingsville, to North Texas. While was in dental school, she taught third grade classes in Dallas. T ed; all ages welcom couple moved to Baltimore in 1962 where he served an internst with the U.S. Public Heath Service. The couple returned to Texas live in Luling for four years before he decided to pursue his maste in orthodontics in Dallas.

The Lamberths have four children - Brad Lamberth and his wi Jennifer, and Kevin Lamberth and his wife, Tracee, of Rockwa will be \$6 at the d Stefani Lamberth Ragsdale and her husband, Ron, of Austin a Jennifer Lamberth Rucker and her husband, Jacob, of Dothan, A - and 10 grandchildren. They are anticipating the birth of their l1 grandchild.

The Lamberths moved to Rockwall in 1976. They are now retire



Rockin' Riders 4-H Horse Club president Heather Rowe is shown sorting cows aboard mare McCall's Smart Chick at an event conducted Dec. 19 at the Bar S Arena in Royse City. Club members learned to team pen and ranch sort as part of the day's activities. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

City seeks input on land-use plan

by Jo Anna Matejka

Members of the Rockwall City Council asked its planning and zoning board to step back and gather the input of residents befor moving forward with changes to the city's land-use plan.

According to planning and zoning director Rober LaCroix, th city has grown in population and land mass over the past five year and it has been a while since officials have looked at its overal plans for the future land-use, roadways, and ordinances for subdivi sions.

The city also may want to incorporate the parks department plans for trails and open spaces into the comprehensive plan wit updates, LaCroix said.

The plan is important for maintaining a vision for the look and character of the city and for providing services within the city a well as informing landowners and future landowners of the city plans for roadways, open spaces and trails, La Croix said.

LaCroix's department had wanted to get the planning process go ing in January to finish on a nine-month schedule, but council mem bers, asking for more transparency and more community involve ment, will be appointing people to participate in that process ove the next one to two months.

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News Briefs

Library closed on New Year's Day

Rockwall County Library will be closed Friday in observance Year's Day. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. Saturday. 'Rockwall's Got Talent' auditions set

tions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's upcoming Rowall's Got Talent" show will be Sunday and Jan. 10 by appointnly. The event is set for Jan. 14. For more information visit the use's Web site.

Talent Box plans Sunday auditions

it Box Productions Inc., a nonprofit community theatre in oint, will have auditions for its spring production, "Lend Me a at 2 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday. Production dates are 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14. For more details call 903-865-1418 or 55-1665 or visit thetalentbox.org.

Reservations due Monday for Newcomers luncheon

Jan. 14 meeting of the Rockwall Newcomers Club will feature go, the "Voice of Elvis." Visitors may wear '50s or '60s attire th 10 a.m. meeting, which will be followed by entertainment and ne it Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, Royse City. Contact Colquhoun, 972-722-5569, by Monday for reservations.

Teen game night set Tuesday

Rockwall County Library's Teen Game Night will run from 5 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

RCC to meet Wednesday

Rockwall Computer Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Center, Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. The prowill cover many aspects of computer usage, including Windows rades, basic OS functionality and Office 2010. For details call 71-8712 or e-mail jcconrad@sbcglobal.net.

NAMI support groups plan Jan. 9 meetings

free NAMI support groups will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket One group is for those with mental illness (Room 121) and the the is for their families (Room 123, B Building).

Registration under way for library classes

Relistration is under way for the English as a Second Language, GEI and citizenship classes offered at the Rockwall County Library. Reg tration will continue through Jan. 8, and classes will resume the wee of Jan. 11. Morning and evening classes are offered. For details on et Gloria at 972-204-7705 or visit the library.

Teen writers to meet Jan. 13

Rockwall County Library's teen writers group will meet from 4 m o 5:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at the library.

Camp Broadway registration under way

Rockwall Community Playhouse's Camp Broadway After-Schol Academy will begin Jan. 14, and enrollment is under way. their golde. The 2-week academy is open to students in grades 1-6; tuition cost is A limited number of scholarships are available. Call 972-722-339 or visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org to enroll.

Conservatives, coffee set Jan. 16

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T Rockwall County Conservatives & Coffee, a grassroots group ded ated to conservative values, meets every third Saturday at 8 a.m. at Te Well, 103 E. Main St., Royse City. Speaker this session will A Kenda Culpepper. Local, state and federal issues will be disus d; all ages welcomed. For details call 214-793-2923.

Breakfast event will benefit Youth Reach

R /se City's Caitlyn Hodo will celebrate her 13th birthday by hos-Birthday Charity Breakfast benefiting Youth Reach, a Christian or rofit that provides food and hope to orphans, from 8 a.m. to 10 mberth and his a.m Jan. 16 at Applebee's in Rockwall. Cost for the all-you-can-eat racee, of Roome will be \$6 at the door. Everyone is invited.

'Nunsense' tickets available Jan. 18

kets to the Rockwall Community Playhouse's 'Nunsense' will on sale Jan. 18. Performances are set for Feb. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19. 0 and 21.

Library to close for MLK observance

e Rockwall County Library will be closed Jan. 18 in observance artin Luther King Jr. Day.

Teen anime enthusiasts to meet

e Rockwall County Library's teen anime group will meet from 4

to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at the library. Relay For Life kickoff meeting set

e 2010 Rockwall County Relay For Life will conduct its kickoff ing from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 21 at Culver's Restaurant on Ridge . Each team that signs up for Relay will be able to pick its tent Relay For Life is the signature event of the American Cancer

Wii Afternoon set at library

e Rockwall County Library will host a Wii Afternoon event from p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 23.

Items collected for HH Food Pantry e Rockwall County Library is accepted food donations for Helping Hands Food Pantry through the end of January. Nonshable items should be placed in the library's collection box.

Teen Book Club to meet Jan. 27 e Rockwall County Library's Teen Book Club will meet from 4

to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at the library.

Daddy/Daughter Dance set Jan. 30 ne 12th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance hosted by the Rockwall Pa s & Rec Department will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 30 at the H on Bella Harbor. Cost is \$45 per resident couple (\$10 per additical child), \$67 per non-resident couple (\$10 per additional child). A nission will be limited. To register call 972-771-7740.

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RCP auditions set Feb. 6

Rockwall Community Playhouse will conduct auditions for "The Boys Next Door" beginning at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 at the theater. Performances are set for March 26, 27, 28 and April 2, 3 and 4.

Mental Illness Support

Two NAMI free support groups will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m, Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. One group is for those with a mental illness (Room 121) and one for their families (Room 123), B Building.

Nebbie Williams students take on service projects

Nebbie Williams Elementary students have participated in a variety of programs and service projects in recent weeks.

Students most recently worked on the Warm Hands, Warm Hearts Mitten Drive. As a result of the drive, the school will send donations to Barbour County schools in West Virginia, with whom they will form partnerships as part of a learning program.

Another service project collected new shoes, socks and shoestrings for Shoes for Orphan Souls, a ministry of Buckner International. Items are donated to children in need all over the world.

This year, the school has adopted the Rockwall Independent School District's Rachel Rally theme, "Others Before Self," to encourage students to start a "chain reaction of kindness."

"Guidance lessons in the classrooms each month focus around the major elements of Rachel's Challenge and provide students with ideas and motivation to continue a chain reaction of kindness, both at school and in our community," said the school's counselor, Kimberly Gammon.

Another recent event conducted at the school, Nebbie Kids Care Night, included students' family members. Parents and children worked together to decorate gift bags used as "stockings" for Rockwall nursing home residents.

"It was great to see such a big turnout for the Nebbie Kids Care gift bag activity," said Gammon. "Everyone had a great time knowing that their creations would go to help brighten someone's holiday. Nebbie students, staff and parents are very kind and compassionate. We are always looking for ways to continue the chain reaction of kindness."

Lake Pointe earns two commendations

Lake Pointe Medical Center recently received a pair of CIGNA quality Centers of Excellence designations, according to a news release issued by the hospital last week.

The facility met "rigorous quality criteria based on nationally recognized medical standards and expert advice" to capture the designations, and the hospital met CIGNA's highest standards for quality and efficiency, the press release stated.

Lake Pointe received its commendations in laparoscopic gallbladder removal and vaginal delivery.

"These designations provide evidence of our hospital's commitment to providing high quality care," said Carolyn Jackson, CEO of Lake Pointe Medical Center. "Such recognitions demonstrate that we deliver care that exceeds nationally recognized standards for those conditions. I am very proud of our staff and physicians for this welldeserved recognition of their continued dedication to providing high quality care to our patients."

CIGNA designations are based on the hospital's effectiveness in treated selected conditions or performing procedures, according to the news release. The designations are based in part on a hospital's CMS Hospital Compare measures, Leapfrog Patient Safety Measures, and mortality and complication rates.

Four locals honored at Midwestern State

Four local students were among honor students recognized for the fall semester at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, according to a university news release.

Emily Edgecomb of Rockwall was named to the Provost's Honor Roll, while Jennifer Gaylor, also of Rockwall, was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll. Other Dean's Honor Roll honorees included Bert Boudreaux of Fate and Katie Noerper of Royse City.

To be included on the Provost's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99. A student who completes a minimum of 12 semester hours with a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74 is included on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Musical light display will end Friday

An animated musical computer-driven LED light display will remain on display through Friday evening at 2625 Rolling Meadows Drive, Rockwall.

The display features 96 channels of lights and more than 10,000 lights. Despite the large number of lights, the display is energy efficient because of its use of LED lighting.

Providing a musical backdrop to the display is a slate of five songs that last nine minutes. Featured songs include "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "Holly, Jolly Christmas," "Sleigh Ride," "Feliz Navidad" and "Wizard in Winter."

The display, driven by Light-O-Rama software, operates continuously from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.



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City seeks applicants to Architectural Review Board

The City of Rockwall is accepting applications from Rockwall County residents interested in filling a vacancy on the Architectural Review Board.

The ARB's purpose is to provide recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the director of planning regarding site plans and building elevations submitted within zoning districts.

The Rockwall City Council appoints members; terms are for a twoyear period. Those eligible to apply, according to a city news release, include landscape architects, civil or structural engineers, commercial builders, professional land planners or building designers in good standing with a recognized professional association.

The board meets at 5 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at Rockwall City Hall as needed.

Applications are available and may be submitted online at rockwall.com/citysecretary.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 8.

Auditions set Feb. 6 for 'Boys Next Door'

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's "The Boys Next Door" will begin at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 at 609 Rusk St.

Tom Griffin's 1983 play is a poignant and heartwarming comedy about four mentally challenged men living in a group home supervised by an overworked social worker.

The cast will include five men and two women.

Director will be Aimee Thibodeaux. For more details, call 972-771-3399.

Willet named to Dean's List

Emily Willet of Rockwall was among students listed on the fall dean's list at Centenary College of Louisiana, according to a news release from the college.

The honor list names all students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in 12 or more semester hours.

Land use plan ...

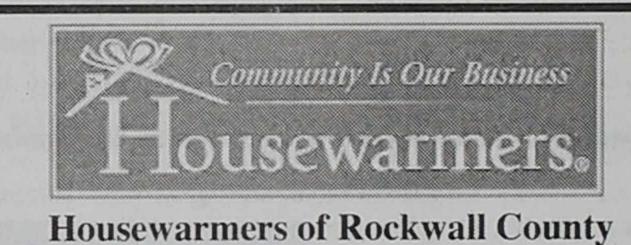
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Council members expressed concerns over the process being too staff-driven and said they wanted to make sure it didn't look like "a done deal" by the time council members and citizens saw it.

Council members expressed a wish for the city to work through a process involving citizens that might be "messy" and "more time consuming" than having staff handle it but more transparent and more in line with goals for citizen involvement.

The council will appoint committee members from citizens who apply to serve. The city is always requesting applicants for boards and committees. At least one council member will serve on the committee.

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RC Chamber plans January activities

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce has a number of events planned for the month of January, according to its online newsletter, "The Chamber Circular."

On Wednesday and Jan. 20, the Breakfast Club will meet from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at The Well.

The chamber's board meeting is set for noon on Jan. 11 at City Hall, and the chamber luncheon is scheduled for noon in the City Hall Mellody Room on Jan. 19.

For more information about the chamber and its activities, call 972-636-5000 or visit roysecitychamber.com.

Roping clinic set Monday in Royse City

The Rockin' Riders 4-H Horse Club will host a roping clinic with APHA finalist roper John Stiles Monday at the Bar S Arena in Royse City.

The workshop is designed to help participants learn new skills while improving their roping through groundwork and roping on horseback.

Stiles will use a safe and progressive method to teach the basics of handling a rope and roping a stationary target from the ground. His next step is roping from horseback, progressing to roping a moving target, the "hot heels" (a dummy steer with horns and moving legs).

Stiles will demonstrate roping live cattle.

The clinic, which will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a short break for lunch, will be open to all 4-H, FFA and interest youths ages 9 to 18, as well as adults.

Cost will be \$50 for youth and \$75 for adults. Reservations are recommended and a negative coggins test is required. Private lessons and practice will be available by appointment.

A limited number of rental horses will be available at a cost of \$25 each; some will be suitable for living roping, others for dummy roping only.

The event will be conducted rain or shine as the arena has indoor facilities available.

To make reservations or for more information contact Jim or Zee at the arena at 972-636-1422 or e-mail sykes@barsarena.com .

RISD debuts new Web site design

Earlier this month, the Rockwall Independent School District unveiled an upgraded Web site, according to the district Dec. 24 newsletter.

The site's new features include an expanded search function and reporting features; enhanced audio and video content; and a simplified method to provide feedback.

The site is located at rockwallisd.com.

Lacey Clayton earns diploma

Lacey Clayton of Royse City was among graduates receiving diplomas at Harding University commencement exercises conducted Dec. 19 in Searcy, Ark.

Clayton received a bachelor's degree in middle-level math and science education.

Ceremonies were conducted in the Benson Auditorium with Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Jim Hannah serving as featured speaker.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Cecilia Anne Baugh

Services for Cecilia Anne Baugh, 74, of Rockwall were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating.

She died Dec. 23.

Born Jan. 21, 1935, in Dallas to Cecil and Lillian (Favre) Bellamy, she enjoyed traveling, reading, shopping, entertaining at parties and watching movies. She had a great memory for movie trivia. She was close to her brother who was an artist for Disney and her grandfather from Germany. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were particularly dear to her.



Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Donald Baugh of Rockwall; her sons, Tommy Baugh and his wife, Kristi, of Rockwall and Mitchell Baugh and his wife, Melody, of Dallas; a daughter-in-law, Ginger Baugh of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Jon Myers and his wife, Ashley, of Crowley, Sarah Baugh of New York, N.Y., Atalie Layden of Rockwall, Christopher Baugh of Keller and T.J. Baugh of Rockwall; her great-grandchildren, Chandler, Hunter, Chloe, Hayden and Camden Myers, all of Crowley, and Cadence Layden of Rockwall; her aunts, Amelia Plexico of Dallas and Sadie Bellamy of Mesquite; an uncle, Carl Favre of Kansas City, Mo.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Gordon Bellamy; and one sister, Angela Scarbrough.

Sue Louise Smoot Cook

Memorial services for Sue Louise Smoot Cook, 79, of Forney were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009, in the First Baptist Church of Heath with the Rev. Paul Jacobs officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rockwall was in charge of arrangements.

She died Dec. 26.

Born Jan. 4, 1930, in Denton to Walter Edmund and Kate (Owens) Smoot, she graduated from Denton High in 1947, attained a BBA from North Texas State in 1950 and a Master of Education from East Tex-

as State in 1974. After teaching and counseling in Rockwall middle schools for 33 years, she remained a member of the Rockwall Area Retired Teachers and was a mentor for Dobbs Elementary. A member of the First Baptist Church of Heath, she enjoyed reading, bridge and spending time with her grandchildren and high school friends from Denton.

Survivors include her children, Joe Cook III and his wife, Kerri, of Rockwall and Becky Schroeder of Las Vegas, N.M.; her grandchildren, Susan Moore and Steven McCanless of Mesquite and Andrew, Christopher and Gage Cook and Jaymie McIntire of Rockwall; and her four great-grand-

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Joe E. Cook.

Sydna Flowers

Services for Sydna Flowers, 68, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Dec. 24, 2009, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Dec. 21 surrounded by her family and in the arms of her daughter.

Born Feb. 25, 1941, in Lubbock and cherished her friendships.

to R.L. and Hazel Dell (Dunn) Elms, she was an interior designer who had innumerable friends and was the life of every party. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her grandchildren. She had a unique and colorful sense of humor

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Kathryn Ellis and her husband, Jack; her grandchildren, Fletcher and Campbell; and one brother, Earl Elms and his wife, Connie.

She was preceded in death by one son, Eddie Flowers; a brother, Robert Elms; and her parents.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Eddie Flowers Memorial Scholarship Fund, Texas Tech University School of Agricultural Science & Natural Resources, P.O. Box 42123, Lubbock, TX 79409-2022. The fund contributes scholarship money to two students each semester.

Clarence A. Kiesler

Services for Clarence A. Kiesler, 90, of Rowlett were conducted at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel with the Rev. Buist Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Roselawn Cemetery in McAllen.

He died Dec. 23.

Born Sept. 12, 1919, in Taylor to John Ernest and Alma (Jost) Kiesler, he served in the Army Air Corp during World War II and worked in the U.S. Department of Education. He attended the First United Methodist Church in Rowlett and served on the Rowlett City Council from 1986 to 1992, acting as mayor pro-tem from 1990 to 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Louise Kiesler of Rowlett; his sons, Richard Terry Kiesler of Mobile, Ala., and Chris Alan Kiesler of Rowlett; his daughter, Malinda Louise Kiesler Magel of Danville, Calif.; his brother, Thomas Carl Kiesler of Fulshear; his grandchildren, Desiree Nicole Kiesler of Mobile and Robert Hawdon Magel III of Danville; a step-grandson, Jerome Coloma; and a great-grandson, Adon Coloma of Las Vegas.

Jack Elmer Lofland

Memorial services for Jack Elmer Lofland, 84, were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating.

He died Dec. 21 in Rockwall. Born Aug. 18, 1925, in Toledo, Ohio, to Elmer Niles and Fannie Ester (Yutzy) Lofland, his family moved to Dayton, Ohio, and he attended Kiser High, graduating in 1943. He attended the University of Dayton in 1943. He entered the Navy V-12 Program and was sta-

tioned at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, for 18 months. In 1944 he entered officer training school and was commissioned as an ensign. He was shipped through the Philippines to Japan to catch M4 Ship LCFF786 and subsequently transferred to LCS-92 for his return trip to the U.S. The ship was brought back through Hi Wall-San Francisco to Portland where it was decommissioned. He was discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1947 as lieutenant junior grade.

He attended General Motors Institute, co-oping through Delco Products, and graduated in 1950 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was associated with Denton and Anderson Co. and Taylor Winfield Co. in the Resistance welding industry throughout the country from 1953 to 1983 before forming his own company, Spotwelding Consultants Inc.

In his later years, he enjoyed collecting and selling Bosson's heads and other sculptures that led to a collection, friendships and enjoyment for himself and his wife, Beverly.

Survivors include his children, Gary Lofland, Sherri Lofland, Gail Morris and her husband, Don, of Rockwall, Mark Collins of Rowlett, Tina Miller and her husband, Bobby, of Rockwall and John Collins and his wife, Sharrie, of Rowlett; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Beverly Lois Lofland The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the SPCA of Texas, 362 S. Industrial Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207.

Harold W. Piepenburg

Services for Harold W. Piepenburg, 94, of Mesquite were conducted at 11 a.m. Dec. 23, 2009, in the Lake Ridge Baptist Church in Mesquite. Burial was in Reedsburg, Wisc. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 20 in Dallas.

Born April 18, 1915, in Manitowoc County, Wisc., to Otto and Adela D. (Reinke) Piepenburg, he spent his early years as a barber in Merrimac, Wisc., before becoming a successful agent for Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Co. He spent 45

years in that career. An active member of the Kiwanis and the Gideons, he was a Little League baseball coach during the early years of Wisconsin's first Little League organization. He and his wife, Arline, owned and operated the A&W Rootbeer stand in Reesburg, Wisc., for four years. He also was a former member of The Life Underwriters Association and the National Woodcarvers Association.

A devoted family man, he was an active member of Lake Ridge Bible Church. He enjoyed woodcarving and stained-glass art. As a member of the Lake Ray Hubbard Carving Club, he became a skilled wood carver in his later years. He enjoyed all sports, especially following the teams of the Cowboys, Mavericks and Rangers.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Morgan; two sons, Gary and Jeanette Klipp of Rockwall and Leon and Marianne Baker of Dallas; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Arline; his second wife, Jean Stroup; two brothers, Arthur and Elmer; and three sisters, Lydia Fischer, Mabel Lau and Edna Haberland.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214 or to the Lake Ridge Bible Church, 1020 Northwest Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150.

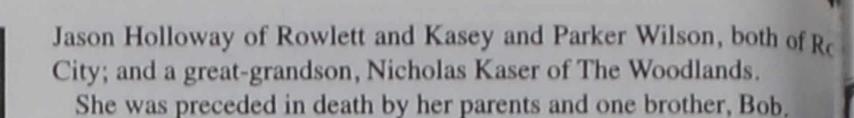
Pattie Sue Pierce

Services for Pattie Sue Pierce, 82, of Royse City were conducted at 10 a.m. Dec. 23, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Dec. 20.

Born April 12, 1927, in Josephine to George H. and Vera (Swanson) McCurry, she retired from the banking business where she had served as a vice president. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Royse City.

Survivors include her husband, Toogie Pierce of Royse City; one daughter, Linda Wilson and her husband, Jim, of Royse City; one son, Jerry Bob Pierce and his wife, Nelda, of Plano; a sister, Betty Mellody of Royse City; a sister-in-law, Ann McCurry of Lufkin; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Sandra Pierce of Royse City; her grandchildren, Stacy and Craig Kaser of The Woodland, Shelley and



George Cleo Ring

Services for George Cleo Ring, 95, of Royse City, previously of Fort Worth, were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Monday, Dec. 28.

Born Dec. 10, 1914, in Anson County to George Washington and Ettie Elizabeth (Younger) Ring, he served in the U.S. Air Force in the South Pacific during World War II and retired from General Dynamics in 1976 following 30 years of ser-

vice. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ro on Paul

Survivors include his wife, Ruth (Smith) Ring of Royse City; his so mund of sanctions on ary Ring and his wife. Joanne of Collins ill City. Gary Ring and his wife, Joanne, of Collinsville and David Ring and ited States could no live wife, Terry, of Marshall: his daughter in law Line Edward Ring and ited States could no live to the control of the states and states could no live to the control of the states could no live to the control of the states could no live to the control of the states could no live to the control of the states could no live to the control of the states and the states could no live to the control of the states could no live to the control of the states and the states are wife, Terry, of Marshall; his daughter-in-law, Linda Ring of Royse C petroleum products nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, George; his broth-Jasper, Denton and Fonnie; and his sisters, Ruby, Laura and Lorene.

Mary Jo Stewart

Services for Mary Jo Stewart, 86, of Royse City were conducted at 11 a.m. Dec. 24, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Bob Chandler officiating. Burial followed in the Grove Hill Memorial Park. She died Dec. 20.

Born March 5, 1923, in Gray's Prairie to Arthur Alexander and Martha (Guthrie) Washam, she was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Canton.

Survivors include her sons, Jim Stewart and his wife, Hattie, of

Pflugerville and Dr. Danny Stewart and his wife, Nina, of Jefferson C in our government. Mo.; her daughter, Linda Ring of Royse City; her brother-in-law, Jack Ste Pades. Of course Iran art of Mesquite; her grandchildren; Vel Lena, Allen Ray, Eric, Dana, De the CIA's involvem na, Angie, Brian, Katie, Douglas and Christine; her great-grandchildr Casey, Kayla, Michael, Jason, Brandon, Keylee, Taylor, Taryn, Joyce, Ja Isa, Bel, Sarah, Jack, Maggie, Matthew, T.J., Zach, Miranda and Cha her great-great-grandchildren, Isaac, Zane, Anthony, McKenna, Abbie David; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, H.Y. Stewi or wrongly, blame a sister, Frances; her brothers, Charles and Weldon; a son-in-law, Geor er regimes may be, Ring; and two great-great-grandchildren, Avery Bell and Audrey Diane. to they can achieve

Donald Ray Stodghill

Services for Donald Ray Stodghill, 74, were conducted in the M.L. Jones Chapel of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall at 10 a.m. Dec. 22 with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. District Judge Brett Hall delivered the obituary, and Congressman Ralph M. Hall addressed those in attendance. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 20.

Born May 5, 1935, to Woodrow and Willie (Meyers) Stodghill, he was the fifth generation of his fam-

ily to call Rockwall County their home. He attended school in Fate a Rockwall. During high school he lettered in basketball three years and w involved in the Future Farmers of America, serving as state vice preside live to do so. in 1952-53. He graduated from Rockwall High in 1953. He was the fi generation of his family to receive a college degree, graduating from t University of Texas with a BBA degree in 1957. As an undergraduate was a member of the Silver Spurs service fraternity and the Pi Kappa A pha fraternity. He attended the University of Texas Law School where received his LLB degree in 1959.

He returned to Rockwall and married Patsy Hall, a Heath native, in 195 He served 9 1/2 years with the Texas National Guard, including 16 mont of active duty with the U.S. Army Infantry. He attained the rank of captal serving three years as a commanding officer of the company located at To

rell and Greenville.

In 1960 he was employed as an assistant district attorney for Dall of the good thing County when the office was under the direction of Dallas County DA He ionally you get in ry Wade. In 1965, he went to work in the Law Offices of Ralph M. H. in Rockwall. The couple retained their Dallas residence and he commutdaily to Rockwall for the remainder of his life. In 1995 he opened the Lag Office of Don R. Stodghill in Rockwall, specializing in real estate and pr . Grant were still p bate law. He was a 50-year member of the State Bar of Texas, a Fellow the State Bar College and charter president and first chairman of the boa ht myself very fortu of the Rockwall County Bar Association.

His most devout civic passion was to the Rockwall Rotary Club. Sin ayed inside this re 1968 he had logged perfect attendance with the group. In Rockwall R tary, he served as president from 1968-69, legal adviser, chairman of the 50th anniversary committee, member of both the 60th and 70th anniversa committees and governor's representative. Additionally, he chaired nume ous local Rotary committees and served on district-level committees. F was a Paul Harris Fellow and served on the board of directors of the Roc wall Rotary Foundation as chairman, vice chairman and legal adviser. I ly brief meeting with was the first Rockwall Rotary member to receive the Outstanding Rotaria th I have challenge Award more than once (1977-78 and 1988-89).

Organizations that benefited from his civic service included the Rockwe ked to be in better Area Chamber, Rockwall County Historical Foundation, Rockwall Coun Chapter of the American Heart Association, Rockwall High School Et lichelle Obama, wh of America, Texas Chapter of the American Bell Collector's Association and the Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation. He was involved in the Poetry Society of Texas, serving as state pres the greeting the

dent, vice president, director, legal adviser and chairman of numerous con sers and gave then mittees. He also served as a legal adviser, parliamentarian and chairman; Paign that did not numerous committees for the National Federation of State Poetry Socie the president's me He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years and will

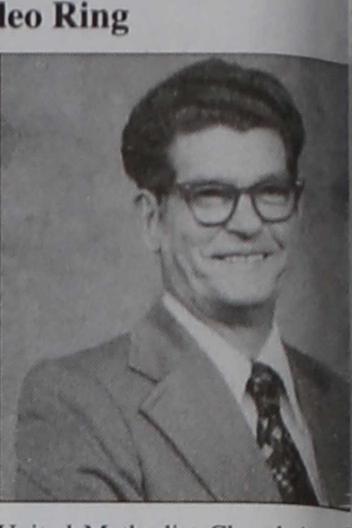
an avid collector. He had an extensive John Wayne memorabilia collection as well as a movie lobby card collection. He collected sports memorabile and spent many hours acquiring autographs. He and his wife collected at tiques, including bells and poetry books. Survivors include his wife; his son, Steven Hall Stodghill and his wife the Christmastime, w

Anne; his daughter, Sheri Sue Fowler; and three grandchildren, Jake Ha Dhamas did. There Fowler, Grace Ann Fowler and Dashiell Woodrow Stodghill.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a state of the wish everybody con Pallbearers were Billy Way, Blakeley Hall, Bobby Sparks, Joe Lofti wish everybody con Phil Hail, Dewayne Cain and Jo Don Gage, Bill Sechrest. J.D. Melton, Phil Hail, Dewayne Cain and Jo Williams. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Rockwall Noon Ro tary Club and the Rockwall County Bar Association.

The family has suggested memorial donations may be made to the Rock wall Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 446, Rockwall, TX 75087.

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n Our Opinion

ran Sanctions are ecursor to War

Rn Paul

Royse City ast eek the House overwhelmingly approved a measure to put David Ring new ound of sanctions on Iran. If this measure passes the Senate, Ring of Road Used States could no longer do business with anyone who sold me petroleum products to Iran or helped them develop their George; his little o refine their own petroleum. The sad thing is that many and Lore my olleagues voted for this measure because they felt it would flec i military engagement with Iran. I would put the question to ow would Congress react if another government threatened cal trading partners in this way? Would we not view it as for war?

policy is pure isolationism. It is designed to foment war by off trade and diplomacy. Too many forget that the quagmire began with an embargo. Sanctions are not diplomacy. They ecursor to war and an embarrassment to a country that pays lip to free trade. It is ironic that people who decry isolationism actions like this.

breign government attempted to isolate the US economically, our supply of gasoline, or starve us to death, would it cause ans to admire that foreign entity? Or would we instead unite er ne flag for the survival of our country?

ould not tolerate foreign covert operations fomenting regime in our government. Yet our CIA has been meddling in Iran de ides. Of course Iranians resent this. In fact, many in Iran still en he CIA's involvement in overthrowing their democratically leader in 1953. The answer is not to cut off gasoline to Miranda and le Imian people. The answer is to stay out of their affairs and McKenna, Abade ith them honestly. If our operatives were no longer in Iran, by buld no longer be available as scapegoats for the regime to, isband, H.Y. Sight or wrongly, blame for every bad thing that happens. As bad a son-in-law, of r regimes may be, it is up to their own people to deal with and Audrey Diem's they can achieve true self-determination. When foreigners stig e regime change, the new government they institute is always ed as serving the interest of the overthrowing country, not the Thus we take the blame for bad governance twice. Instead

uld stay out of their affairs altogether. the exception of the military industrial complex, we all want a eaceful world. Many are hysterical about the imminent threat iclear Iran. Here are the facts: Iran has never been found compliance with the nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT) gned. However, being surrounded by nuclear powers one can de tand why they might want to become nuclear capable if only de nd themselves and to be treated more respectfully. After all, e ch't sanction nuclear capable countries. We take diplomatic go itions a lot more seriously, and we frequently send money tha instead. The non-nuclear countries are the ones we bomb. was attempting to violate the non-proliferation treaty, they ulmardly be blamed, since US foreign policy gives them every

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t attorney for DOr, of the good things about being a media loudmouth is that llas County DAlcce on ally you get invited somewhere you actually want to go. his ear, I was lucky enough to get an invitation to the White House holiday party, which would have been called a Christmas party . Grant were still president.

A yway, this is the fourth time I've attended the annual event, and o It myself very fortunate. I love the White House -- it symbolizes e eatness of America. The courage and goodness that have been 1 Rotary Club. Sist yed inside this residence ever since John Adams moved in up. In Rockwall av Iramatically changed the world for the better.

iser, chairman of 1 st year, President and Mrs. Bush hosted their final party, and and 70th anniver w; fairly extravagant. This year, the crowd was much smaller die atmosphere was toned down a bit, perhaps because of the nment-spending controversy and the recession.

brief meeting with President and Mrs. Obama went well. Even h I have challenged the president on a number of occasions, I re I have been fair to him. We chatted briefly, and he said that soluded the Rock locked to be in better shape than the last time we saw each other. I aic hat's because he's keeping me on my toes.

chelle Obama, whom I had never met, was stunning. She was and kind to my 10-year-old daughter and gracious to me. My assessment of her: strong, charismatic and beautiful.

iter greeting the Obamas, I ran into the president's cadre of vers and gave them some jazz about the war on Fox News, a aign that did not go well for the White House. Basically, I the president's men and women that Americans love spirited or ersation and if they have a beef with something on Fox News, should come on my television program and hash it out. Look happened to Al Sharpton. His appearances on Fox News have d his image immensely. You may not agree with what the end says, but at least he has the guts to debate the issues.

Christmastime, we should all put politics aside. And that's what)bamas did. There were a number of Republicans at the party, verybody I talked with had a great time. I was pleased with the at and, again, feel privileged to have the vantage point.

vish everybody could visit the White House in December. There mething about viewing all the portraits of past presidents, hearing Marine Corps choir sing Christmas songs and seeing each White se room perfectly decorated for the season that is invigorating, thrilling.

), I received my Christmas present early. Thanks for the party,

President.

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Black education

by Walter E. Williams

Detroit's (predominantly black) public schools are the worst in the nation and it takes some doing to be worse than Washington, D.C. Only 3 percent of Detroit's fourth-graders scored proficient on the most recent National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) test, sometimes called "The Nation's Report Card." Twenty-eight percent scored basic and 69 percent below basic. "Below basic" is the NAEP category when students are unable to demonstrate even partial mastery of knowledge and skills fundamental for proficient work at their grade level. It's the same story for Detroit's eighthgraders. Four percent scored proficient, 18 percent basic and 77 percent below basic.

Michael Casserly, executive director of the D.C.-based Council on Great City Schools, in an article appearing in Crain's Detroit Business, (12/8/09) titled, "Detroit's Public Schools Post Worst Scores on Record in National Assessment," said, "There is no jurisdiction of any kind, at any level, at any time in the 30-year history of NAEP that has ever registered such low numbers." The academic performance of black students in other large cities such as Philadelphia, Chicago, New York and Los Angeles is not much better than Detroit and Washington.

What's to be done about this tragic state of black education? The education establishment and politicians tell us that we need to spend more for higher teacher pay and smaller class size. The fact of business is higher teacher salaries and smaller class sizes mean little or nothing in terms of academic achievement. Washington, D.C., for example spends over \$15,000 per student, has class sizes smaller than the nation's average, and with an average annual salary of \$61,195, its teachers are the most highly paid in the nation.

What about role models? Standard psychobabble asserts a positive relationship between the race of teachers and administrators and student performance. That's nonsense. Black academic performance is the worst in the very cities where large percentages of teachers and administrators are black, and often the school superintendent is black, the mayor is black, most of the city council is black and very often the chief of police is black.

Black people have accepted hare-brained ideas that have made large percentages of black youngsters virtually useless in an increasingly technological economy. This destruction will continue until the day comes when black people are willing to turn their backs on liberals and the education establishment's agenda and confront issues that are both embarrassing and uncomfortable. To a lesser extent, this also applies to whites because the educational performance of many white kids is nothing to write home about; it's just not the disaster that black education is.

Many black students are alien and hostile to the education process. They have parents with little interest in their education. These students not only sabotage the education process, but make schools unsafe as well. These students should not be permitted to destroy the education chances of others. They should be removed or those students who want to learn should be provided with a mechanism to go to another school.

Another issue deemed too delicate to discuss is the overall quality of people teaching our children. Students who have chosen education as their major have the lowest SAT scores of any other major. Students who have an education degree earn lower scores than any other major on graduate school admission tests such as the GRE, MCAT or LSAT. Schools of education, either graduate or undergraduate, represent the academic slums of most any university. They are home to the least able students and professors. Schools of education should be shut down.

Yet another issue is the academic fraud committed by teachers and administrators. After all, what is it when a student is granted a diploma certifying a 12th grade level of achievement when in fact he can't perform at the sixth- or seventh-grade level?

Prospects for improvement in black education are not likely given the cozy relationship between black politicians, civil rights organizations and teacher unions.

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Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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Don't believe it's "hopeless"

Many people today look around at the mess we are in and feel it's all hopeless -- don't think they can possibly make a difference. All the bad news coming out of D.C. is enough to cause even the most optimistic to despair.

Sticking your head in the sand is not an option. Do you really want to look your grandchildren in the eye and tell them why you didn't fight to restore the republic for them? Because you didn't care or you were too scared?

I'm here to encourage you. Don't give up and don't give in. When you live in fear, enslaved by the government and feel powerless - then they have already won. They have you right where they want you. Only you can take responsibility for yourself and choose to be free, choose to live free and exercise your God-given rights.

When you are focused on some boogie man -- real or imaginary -whether it's the opposite party or a leader of a foreign country or people whose religion is different from yours -- they win because you are distracted from what those in power are really doing, which is running the global empire using whatever presidential puppet they choose, looting our crumbling empire and using our boys to fight their self-serving

We must stop focusing on what they would have us focus our attention on and look to REAL solutions that will be effective and give us hope.

1. If you want to see real change, then get involved in the party of your choice -- government of, by and for the people starts here at the local level. I don't mean just sending money or voting for their candidates, I mean running for precinct chair (or other local offices) -- that is where the system starts, where the control lies.

If we will quit complaining and worrying and get active we can turn the county around and bring it back to its constitutional foundations. Just replacing the corrupt or career politicians won't change anything longterm. But, by taking back the precincts, then the parties we can take back the nation. The deadline to file is Jan 4.

2. We don't need to live in fear of D.C. and wonder what they will do to us next. This healthcare "reform" disaster isn't the end of the world as we know it. We must call and send letters and demonstrate, but we must concentrate on our Texas public servants.

We hold the power to keep D.C. at bay -- it's called nullification. See what Jefferson and Madison said about it (notintexas.org and.tenthamendmentcenter.com).

Texas decides if the fed government has overstepped its bounds, not the Supreme Court. We call for a special session and we tell our legislators and governor to stand up and say no.

Texas is known for leading the way. Let's get busy. Other states are

working on this as well. Please feel free to e-mail or call me if you'd like to discuss either of these plans.

For liberty and justice for all. Debbie McKee, Campbell

Aggressive city fees

The City of Fate has initiated a new billing process, adding collection of refuse/garbage to the water bill, instead of paying the garbage collection directly to the contracted company providing that service.

I informed city officials in two separate letters that I never had any service for refuse/garbage collection and did not want that service. I have received no reply to my letters.

I am not using the service and the vacant houses that are empty do not need this service, but we re told we have to pay the bill to the city anyway.

The City of Fate is charging it residents for service that are not needed or wanted by some of its residents. Michael Drayovitell Jr.

RCISD introduces new support group

Royse City ISD students have a new support group -- The Royse City ISD Education Foundation. This 501(c)3 non-profit foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors that is representative of the communities and businesses served by Royse City ISD. The Education Foundation will provide educational enrichment opportunities for students and faculty above what is provided within the budget of Royse City ISD.

In this founding year of the foundation you have a unique opportunity. Anyone who donates \$250 or above to the foundation will become founding donors and they will be recognized in all future publications and on our Web site (RCISDFoundation.com) as supporters of Royse City ISD students and the Royse City ISD Education Foundation.

Your founding donor gift can be made in honor or memory of a student, a teacher or a family member, and that tribute will be forever engraved on a special monument that will be determined at the end of this Founding Drive in January 2010.

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Jo Nell Mellody

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Open Meetings, Open Records

In Texas the law is clear. Governing bodies must conduct the people's business in public or else face some serious penalties. This statute has protected the public and elected representatives alike for the past 42 years with a basic premise: public bodies should deliberate in public.

The days of making backroom good ol' boy deals in private are a thing of the past because the Texas Legislature outlawed it by passing the Open Meetings Act in 1967, and strengthening it in 1973 after the infamous "Sharpstown Scandal."

Yet, there are some serious and troubling attempts underway the uld open the door for that very thing to occur. At least three Texas and the Texas Municipal League are endorsing a legal challenge in courts that will render Texas' Open Meetings laws ineffective. T which is supported by your tax money in the form of membership is urging more than 1,100 Texas cities to sign on to a federal laws.

The details of the challenge are stated simply: These public offic claim the Texas Open Meetings Act unconstitutionally restricts right of free speech under the First Amendment. Of course, they wish. However, when they are meeting as a quorum of a governme Advertising body, they must say it in front of the public at an armond and any time free to say anything they wish to anyone they wish at any time

Even more importantly, the First Amendment cannot be a shiel prevent accountability of public officials, but guarantees access to workings of these governmental bodies just like it does to our cour

TML wants criminal penalties such as jail time stripped from the that has protected the public for more than four decades. They bel the current language is too punitive and argue "less restrictive pena would not only continue to preserve the integrity of the Texas (Meetings Act but would also recognize the fundamental right of officials to free speech."

In other words, if public officials break the law in the future by ducting business in secret -- i.e., exercising their rights to "free spec loworce Modification behind closed doors, a slap on the wrist should be punishment enoi

It simply defies logic and apparently not all of TML's own mem mer county Judge gree with this position. As reported in The D agree with this position. As reported in The Brownsville Herald. N 21, 2009, TML board member and Mercedes Mayor Joel Quintar said, "Either I misunderstood the entire meeting or something is har Legal Notice ning. The way I understood it, we all (board members) we the life of the legal Notice of the legal Notic ning. The way I understood it, we all (board members) voted in favo keeping the restrictive penalties, not lessening them." Quintanilla v on to say, "We didn't want elected officials to get comfortable."

He's not the only one apparently confused by TML's action. Merce Commissioner Ruben Guajardo is also quoted as saying, "The con: City of Rockwall F sus (of the TML Resolutions Committee) was that things were fine huary 12, 2010 at 6: way they were (with the Texas Open Meetings Act) and that tryin rkwall, Texas, and t reinvent the wheel was not in the best interest of everyone invol- 2010 at 6:00 p.m. We (the resolutions committee) felt that to change something (in ckwall, Texas, to con meetings act) was just not correct. It really wasn't right. The conserwas to leave the Texas Meetings Act the way it is."

I couldn't agree with Commissioner Guajardo or Mayor Quintar more. As a member of the public, I am left confused by what is har requirement of 2,0 ning and why. But I do know this. I don't want elected officials to too comfortable either because I have seen firsthand what can hap if they do.

I hope you will join me in supporting the idea that the Open Meeti Act should be left intact and open government, without any strings interested partie tached, should continue to be the law in Texas. I also urge you to c anning and Zoning tact your city leaders and encourage them not to join in this effort could weaken the Texas Open meetings laws.

If clarifications are needed to address modern day changes such electronic and digital communications, then they should be made at statehouse -- not city hall. And, at a minimum, you should point to your public servants that any discussion on this or any other is involving "free speech" should be debated in a public meeting inst n application has t of a rubber-stamp style vote to please Austin lobbyists. Bill Hobby

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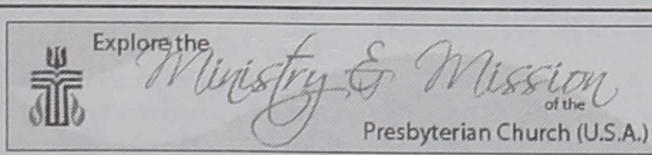
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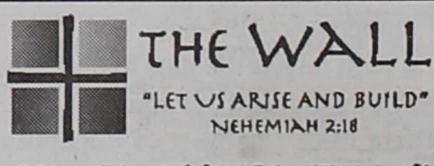
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Hold a public hearing and consider a request by James W. Valk for approval of a Specific

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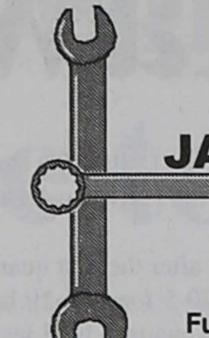
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ORDINANCE NO. O-1135

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

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In the first round, Dallas Lincoln took a 14-11 lead after the first quarter, but RHHS roared back to outscore the Lady Tigers 20-5 for a 31-19 halftime lead. It was still 43-34 Rockwall-Heath after three quarters, but Lincoln poured in 26 fourth-quarter points to win going away, 60-51. That was the most points an opponent had scored against the Lady Hawks.

The next game was more at RHHS' desired pace. The Lady Hawks led 7-5 after the first quarter, but Samuell held them to three points to take a 16-10 halftime lead. Rockwall-Heath came back to trail just 21-20 after three quarters, but the Lady Spartans prevailed 33-31.

Shanae Lowrance provided nearly half of RHHS' points in the two games, pouring in 24 against Lincoln and adding 15 against Samuell. The Dallas schools also had scoring stars, with Breanna Hayden putting in a game-high 27 for the Lady Tigers and Katora Criner leading all scorers with 16 points in the RHHS-Samuell game.

All three teams had come into the prestigious tournament with winning records.

The Lady Hawks were scheduled for another consolation bracket game Tuesday against a third Dallas team, Roosevelt.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	11	20	12	8	51
Lincoln	14	5	15	26	60

Rockwall-Heath (10-5): Shanae Lowrance 24, Macall Smith 5, Eddy 5, Aly Coughlin 5, Willette Rankin 5, McKenzie White 5, I Renta 2.

Dallas Lincoln: Breanna Hayden 27, Cameasha Turner 18, I Stephens 5, LaTroya Lawrence 4, Raiven Harris 2, Gjetoia Richan Kierra Truett 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Fina
RHHS	7	3	10	11	31
Samuell	5	11	5	12	33

Rockwall-Heath (10-6): Shanae Lowrance 15, Macall Smith 6, McKer White 5, Katelyn Morris 2, Brooke Eddy 2, Brianna Richardson 1, Dallas Samuell (11-7): Katora Criner 16, Ashley Williams 6, Mice Washington 4, Chelsea Griggs 3, Raqualla McAdams 2.

RHHS Hawks run, then run out of gas

by Lary Bump

Rockwall-Heath played both of its opponents even for three quarters Monday in the Tommy Thomas Cougar Classic boys' basketball tournament at The Colony.

Against Carrollton Ranchview, the Hawks trailed just 50-49 before a 23-14 fourth-quarter deficit resulted in a 73-63 defeat.

The fourth quarter was even worse that evening. RHHS rallied from behind 13-4 during the first quarter for a 19-3 run and a 23-16 halftime lead. The Hawks still led 32-30 entering the final eight minutes.

While they stayed stuck at 32, the Titans scored 19 consecutive points over an 8:19 span to win 51-35.

"In the first half we played really well, but our intensity level wasn't there in the second half," said RHHS head coach Justin Morett.

"We played well at times and should have won that first one too. We've got the potential to be really good, but we've got to learn how to grow up and play four quarters."

The Hawks were at their best during the last 11 minutes of the first half

against Frisco Centennial. Demi Leonard (11), Aaron Gladney (9) and Jonathan Fuller (3) scored all of RHHS' first-half points. Among them, they totaled just four after halftime.

Morett said, "Our press made a big difference in the first half. (Centennial) made some good adjustments on how they attacked it after that. They made some good adjustments with their zone against what we were doing.

"It was good for us to see that kind of zone. Royse City, who we play Saturday, doesn't have the same zone, but it's similar."

The fourth quarter against the Titans was a mess. The Hawks turned the ball over five times. When they did get it down the court, they made only 1 of 15 shots, Zachary Morett's 3-pointer with 49 seconds to play. Early in the game, the team had been putting its own rebounds back into the basket. However, Rockwall-Heath's 14 first-half rebounds turned into just eight in the second half.

As the Hawks fell farther behind, they fouled, but Centennial made 9 of 12 free throws to foil that strategy.

RHHS played again Tuesday morning in the Bronze Bracket leading to

the consolation championship.

	1st	2r	nd 3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	15	15	19	14	63
Ranchview	17	16	17	23	73
Rockwall-Heath	(7-9):	Demi	Leonard 12,	Aaron	Gladney 11, P

Wynn 10, Zachary Morett 9, Jonathan Fuller 8, Anthony Haake 6, J Taylor 3, Todd Franza 2, London Duhon 2.

Carrollton Ranchview (7-10): Sam Roberts 19, Niem Stevenson 16 Uno 16, Barry McCary 12, Paul Heath 8, Dominique Jefferson 2. 3rd Final

35 RHHS 21 Centennial Rockwall-Heath (7-10): Demi Leonard 13, Aaron Gladney 9, Jona Fuller 5, Preston Wynn 3, Zachary Morett 3, Todd Franza 2.

Frisco Centennial (9-7): Zach Lambert 13, Chris Tecco 12, Bra Jolivette 8, Murray Kastner 8, Brandon Washington 8, Jared Edwards 2.

Bulldogs give quarter to lose twice did by Walter of Goodwin, a sophic

Bad second quarters made the difference both times as the Royse City boys' basketball team lost two games Monday in the Kaufman Tournament.

Against Marshall, the Bulldogs started fast to take a 23-18 lead after the first quarter. Then a 20-7 second-quarter bulge gave the Mavericks a lead they didn't lose in a 65-54 victory.

In an evenly matched bracket, RC then took on 5A McKinney Boyd. The Broncos led just 13-12 after the first eight minutes, but they dominated the second quarter 20-10. Royse City came back within five points (47-42) entering the fourth quarter, but couldn't overtake Boyd.

Pierre Hayden led the Bulldogs' scoring in both games. He hit for 19 points against Marshall and exploded for a game-high 28 against McKinney Boyd. Brian Wyrick scored 11 vs. the Mavericks.

					Final
RCHS	23	7	8	16	54
Marshall	18	20	10	17	65

Slow start dooms RHS in 1st tournament game

The Rockwall boys' basketball team found itself in a 24-8 hole after the first quarter, and couldn't catch up Monday in a first-round game of the Wrangler-Pirate Classic at West Mesquite.

RHS came back within seven points at 44-37 entering the fourth quarter, but the Raiders held on for a 53-45 victory.

Hunter Jorgensen spearheaded the Yellowjackets' comeback with a gamehigh 14 points, but North Garland's balanced scoring won out.

Rockwall was scheduled to play host West Mesquite Tuesday and had another game Wednesday in the consolation bracket.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	8	13	16	8	45
N. Garland	24	10	10	9	53

Rockwall (5-9): Hunter Jorgensen 14, Carson Brooks 8, Griffin Fraser 8, Adam Dingwell 4, Blake Sandlin 4, Wesley Davis 4, Taylor Oden 3.

North Garland (5-6): Larry Hill 13, Sisavath Sengphrachanh 10, Noel Surles 9, Julian Deckard 9, Malcolm Smith 8, Anthony McGhee 2, John

Royse City (5-9): Pierre Hayden 19, Brian Wyrick 11, Cory Stapleton 8, Nick Stone 8, Dajon Avery 2, George Gomez 2, Matt Stone 2, Dillyn Duncan 2.

Marshall (11-6): Booma Dade 20, Marcus Smith 11, Fred Johnson 11, Hoyce Mitchell 9, Edward Allen 8, Vic Williams 6.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
RCHS	12	10	20	19	61	
Boyd	13	20	14	20	67	

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Lady Bulldogs find offense to beat Bryan Adams 49-4

Scoring just 30 points in six quarters had the Royse City girls' basketball team staring at a potential two losses Monday in the Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament.

After Texas' eighth-ranked 4A team, West Mesquite, dominated the Lady Bulldogs, RC trailed Dallas Bryan Adams 17-13 at halftime. Royse City had picked up its offense with 11 first-quarter points against the Lady Cougars, they held RC to just two in the second quarter.

Coming out of halftime, the Lady Bulldogs scored 19 third-quarter points to tie the score 32-32. Then they outscored Bryan Adams 17-9 in the final eight minutes to win 49-41.

Leading Royse City's victory was Tayler Young with 17 points. West Mesquite had stopped her with just three points. Taylor Jordan and Maci Newton scored 11 points apiece against the Lady Cougars.

RC was scheduled to meet Fort Worth Brewer in a consolation-bracket contest Tuesday, and had a chance to play two additional games in the tournament.

Final RCHS W. Mesquite

Royse City (9-8): Ariel Freese 5, Taylor Jordan 5, Tayler Young 3, Je Null 2, Maci Newton 2. West Mesquite (17-4): Desiree' Johnson 14, Dominique Taylor 8, Clau Vregistration for the F Price 8, J'Tierra Brown 7, Re'nikia Meshack 5, Kierra Davis 2.

Final RCHS B. Adams Royse City (10-8): Tayler Young 17, Taylor Jordan 11, Maci Newton Ariel Freese 6, Ashanti Johnson 2, Krystal Pickron 2.

Dallas Bryan Adams: Tymple Freeny 14, Katherina Elie 9, Scooter Sm 6, Ambreshia Record 4, Destiny Williams 4, Monica Bolton 2, Kanesi rls, ages 4-12); and V McCormick 2.

Warriors expect tough Rockwall County early schedule to pay off

Sports Notes

YMCA spring sports registrations set

Early registration for the Rockwall County YMCA spring sports - Small Fry Soccer (co-ed, age 3), Soccer (boys and girls, ages 4-12) and Volleyball (co-ed, ages 8-12) - begins Friday and will run through Jan. 31. Cost for family member is \$30; activity member, \$90. Financial assistance is available. For more details visit rockwallymca.org, call 972-772-9622 or go by the YMCA at 1210 N. Goliad, Rockwall.

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Rockwall Christian ran to nine wins in its first 12 boys' basketball

During the last 10 days, two teams caught up with them.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22, the Warriors lost on the road to Flower Mound Coram Deo 68-37. They were playing without two starters, Stephan Turner and Sherman Peoples, who were on a family trip.

Those reinforcements arrived in time to play for RCA in the Parish Episcopal Tournament beginning Monday.

The Warriors needed a cavalry charge in their first-round game against host Parish Episcopal (8-10), and almost got it before losing 52-46. Early foul trouble forced RCA to go to its thin, three-man bench. With a

minute left in the third quarter, the Panthers led by 12 points, 41-29. Rockwall Christian cut that deficit to 41-32 entering the fourth quarter. Its trapping defense led to three Parish turnovers and pulled them within

four points twice. The Warriors had the ball with 31 seconds left, trailing just 50-46. However, they couldn't score and were forced to foul. The Panthers' Chris Hebden made two free throws with 8.7 seconds remaining to ice the victory. RCA head coach Ryan Hankins was pleased with his team's play despite

the two losses.

"Parish is a TAPPS 4A team," said the coach of the TAPPS 2A Warriors. "Obviously, their thinking was that they could steamroll us because they scheduled us in the first round. We're proving to everybody in TAPPS that we can run with the big boys. It's going to benefit us, playing this tough schedule."

The Warriors had chances early. Hankins bemoaned a stretch in the first half when the game was tied and RCA missed two breakaway layups.

He said, "The ball wasn't rolling our way. Stephan and Sherman had a six-day hiatus from playing basketball. It took them time to get back in the groove of things.

"I told the team there are going to be games when our offense is not go-

ing to be what we want it to be. We got back in the game by running the

Against Coram Deo, Charlie Wilson led the Warriors with 11 points. The Warriors were scheduled to play Dallas Thunder Tuesday, and had chance for two additional tournament games - and that much more valuable | Well at Carroll experience before moving into their district schedule.

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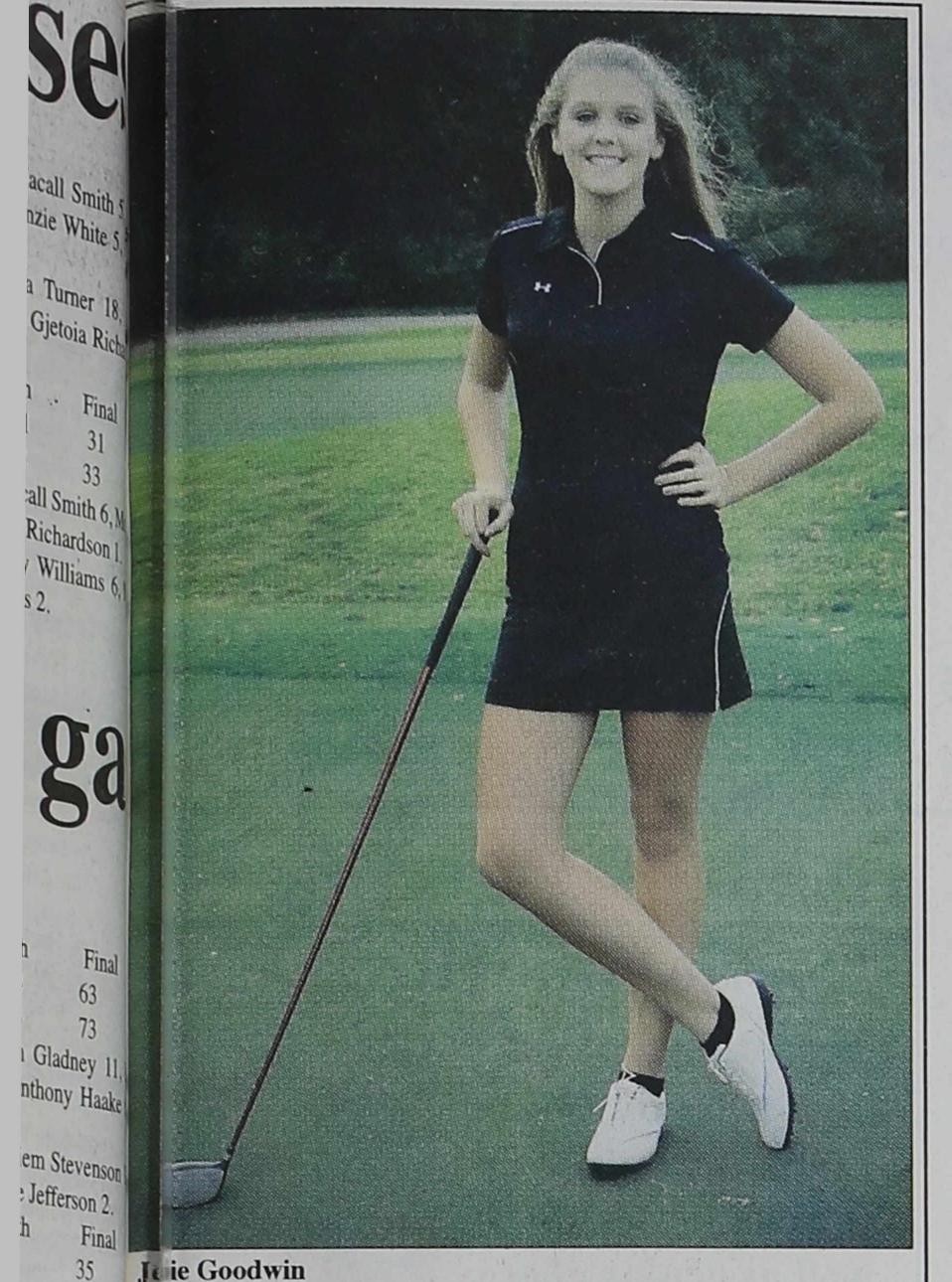
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Goodwin, a sophomore member of the Rockwall Heath High tho golf team, sank her first hole-in-one last month during a tournament ne 9, George She vas playing for the RHHS Lady Hawk varsity golf team, coach by

e 4, Trey Cruto, I person. Jes: was on the third hole on the front nine, a 136 yard par three. She

Tray Lynch lad & 8 iron on the tee box, there was a strong breeze in her face and she , Cameron Decig I to go back to her bag and get a 7 iron.

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Ot rs golfing in the foursome, along with Coach Epperson, Coach Zack coach from Irving congratulated Jessie on the shot. Coach Zack e lessie, "Did that go in?" She replied, "Yes!" with the biggest smile could possible have.

les e has been playing golf for three years. She started at a summer camp by Coach Zack at A1 Golf. Jessie earned a varsity team position her an year and is looking forward to the remainder of this year, as well junior and senior years at Rockwall Heath High School.

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riting home 61 trophies. Roresenting Rockwall were Cherubs, Angels, Dreamers, thearts and Seniors. The grand pion trophy was awarded to Dreamers, Sweethearts, Elite

e went to Carrollton with solid, rehearsed routines and good des," said Valerie Krecek, of the owners of Dance Force os. "The girls stayed focused did a beautiful job perform-We are very excited about this and look forward to our next

Suite in Keller on Jan. 30...." ecek credited the team mothers aying a role in the success of

> e kickoff meet of the year, spon-1 by Showtime International, conducted at Creekview High.

Lady Jackets win opener in Duncanville tourney

The matchup of Texas' sixth-ranked 4A girls' basketball team and the eighth-ranked 3A team Monday was close - for one quarter.

No. 6 Rockwall led just 19-17 after eight minutes of play. But with Peyton Adamson scoring 10 of her game-high 41 points in the second quarter, the Lady Jackets stretched their advantage over Kennedale to 37-24 at half-

Adamson popped in another dozen points in the third quarter, leaving little doubt about the outcome as RHs ran to a 58-31 lead. The final score was 73-47 in the first-round game at the prestigious Sandra Meadows Classic at Duncanville.

and Vertashia Dean with 12. Lang had 11 in the first half. The Lady Jackets were scheduled to play Tuesday against Amarillo Palo

In her third game with more than 40 points this season, the Lady Jackets'

career scoring leader had plenty of help from Alyssa Lang with 16 points

Duro in a round-of-16 game. Win or lose, Rockwall would face a tough op-

ponent in its third game - Euless Trinity if RHS won or DeSoto, 14th in the state 5A rankings, if the Lady Jackets lost.

Rockwall's bracket also included Dallas Bishop Lynch, once again the top-ranked TAPPS large school; Fayetteville, Ark., which hasn't lost a game in two seasons, and Mesquite Horn, 20th in the Texas 5A poll.

The opposite bracket included unbeaten Duncanville, Texas' top-ranked 5A team, along with Frisco and West Mesquite, both among the top eight 4A teams.

RHS Kennedale

Rockwall (17-3): Peyton Adamson 41, Alyssa Lang 16, Vertashia Dean 12, Caitlin White 2, Mary Hinton 2.

Kennedale (10-6): Keira Phipps 14, Jamaika Hughes 10, Desiree Scott 8, Travanti Downes 8, Breanna Dorsey 6, Chandler Thornton 1.

Rockwall girls' soccer hopes to build on success

by Lary Bump

A year after making the deepest girls' soccer playoff run in Rockwall High School history, the Lady Jackets are looking forward to more success when their 2010 season begins next week.

"We lost three very valuable seniors last year, and we will each of them. But we have 11 returning players from last year's historymaking squad!" said head coach Melissa Garcia.

"We are hoping to take the experience from last year and the excited feelings we ended with and carry them into this season."

The Jackets won two playoff games before losing 2-1 to District 21-4A rival Highland Park.

That team was loaded with underclassmen who form the nucleus of this year's squad, which includes just four seniors - All-District player Randi Soldat, Karen Arzola, Jessie Givens and Emily Weller.

Other leading returnees are goalie Rebekah Barton, Nicole Salom and Allie Wentzel, all juniors, and sophomores Shelby Soldat, Evan Gonzales and Bethany Schomin. "Right now, the Soldats are both banged up from their club teams," Garcia said.

Three freshmen have moved up to the varsity roster: Maddie Bertrand, Miranda Larkin and Berkley Talley.

"The returning players having experienced the playoffs last year will definitely be a great strength. We have added move-ins and freshmen, and we are so excited about the potential! We will obviously have to spend some time getting the newbies and the vets working together, but we have such a great group of kids it will happen in no time at all."

Rockwall will need all of that help.

"Our district is one of the toughest in the area!" Garcia said with her characteristic enthusiasm. "All four (playoff) teams ended up meeting in rounds 2 and 3 last year. With the returning state champion (Richardson Pearce), our district

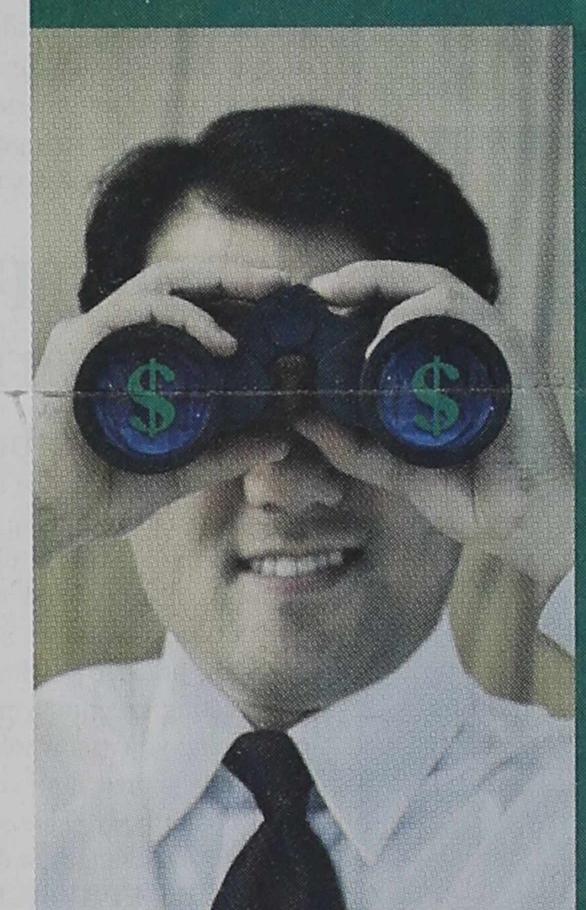
will be even more powerful. I believe that Pearce, Highland Park, The Colony and Rockwall-Heath all prove to be great competition. As Lovejoy continues to build their program, they too are going to add to the mix."

The Lady Jackets will have mini-scrimmages Tuesday against McKinney and McKinney Boyd,

then will play their first games in the Allen Tournament Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 7-9.

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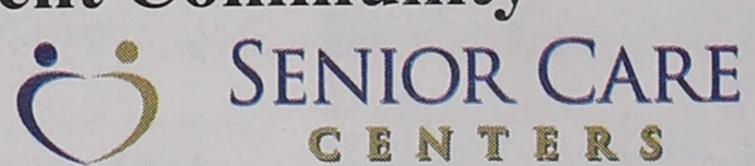
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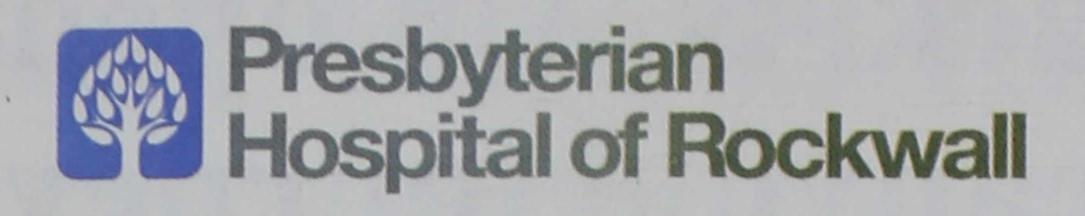


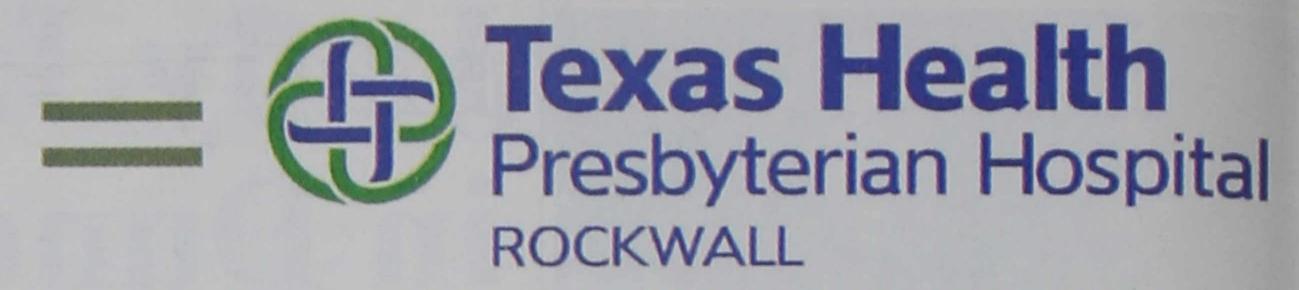
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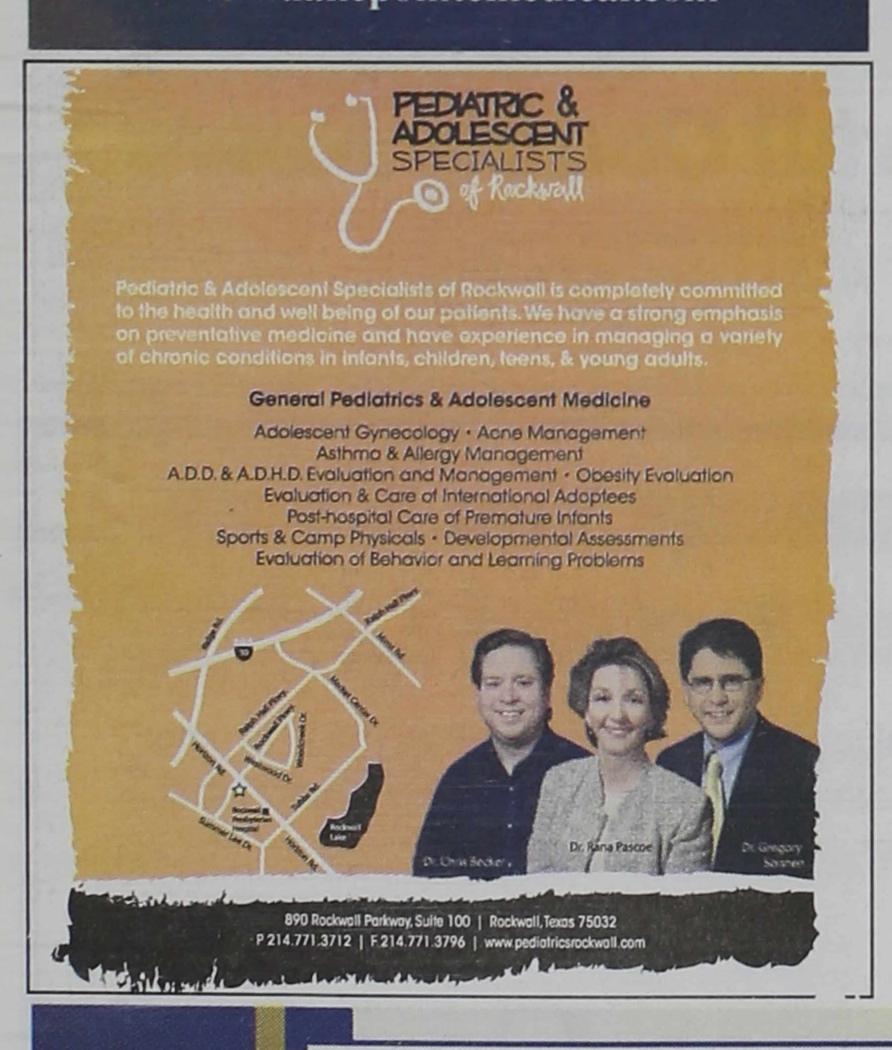
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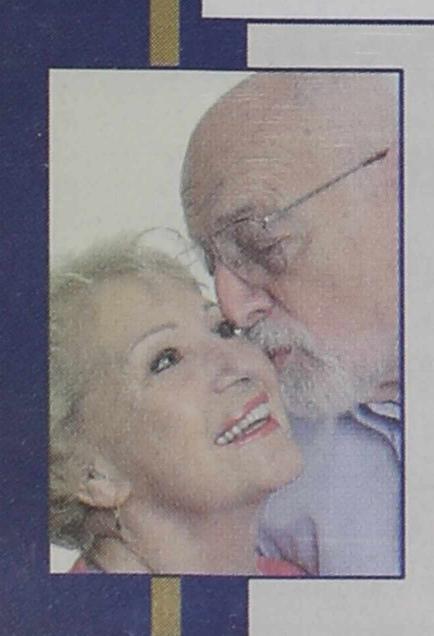
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