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Pictured above are a handful of the cast members of "Done to Death," a mystery comedy in production this weekend at Rockwall High school. Shown from the left in character are Mary White, James Hoover, Blake Hollowell, Hannah Walker and Jack Eidson. Shows continue at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the RHS Main Stage Theatre. Admission to the RHS Theatre Arts Department's production costs \$8; tickets are available at the door. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Gerri Howell leaves legacy to be remembered

by Mary Thacker

When she married her high school sweetheart at the age of 19, Gerri Howell probably didn't think about what kind of legacy she would leave behind.

After earning a 3.89 grade-point average in college toward a marketing and economics double major with enough credits for a third degree in finance, Howell channeled her way into the business world. She and her husband, Mike, worked hard at their jobs, growing up together along the way.

"I was lucky she was young and dumb when she met me or I never would have had a chance with her," Mike Howell said.

When the couple decided to have children, Gerri Howell decided she wanted them to be three years apart in age. Sam was born in 1993, Ben in 1996 and Jack in 1999. A devoted wife and mother, she always managed to find time to take care of herself, eating well and practicing yoga. So it was a shock when she was diagnosed with a rare disease, appendiceal cancer, even after having had a full physical just a year earlier.

The disease affects approximately 1,000 individuals nationwide, and Gerri Howell's oncologist at M.D. Anderson in Houston only had seen two in his career. In terms of severity on a 1-to-10 scale, her case was counted as a 12. She made it through the surgery to remove the tumor on her appendix, almost bleeding out during the procedure, but the news was not good: The cancer had spread to her ovaries, lymph nodes and colon.

"Gerri told me that she wasn't afraid for herself," her husband said. "She was worried about the boys. She told me that she didn't want to look back and realize that she hadn't done everything possible to beat the cancer."

That desire to live for her sons drove her to seek the most aggressive cancer treatments available at the Houston hospital; however, because it was important for Gerri Howell to spend as much time possible with her sons, her oncologist arranged for her to receive treatments in Dallas.

"We told the boys everything," Mike Howell said. "We didn't hold anything back, and we didn't sugar-coat it."

She was placed on a chemotherapy regime that sapped her strength and stole her appetite. Each treatment lasted six to 10 hours, and the after-effects could be vicious. But she always tried to stay positive around her sons, her husband said. Still, she worried about how her illness affected them.

"The boys hate the chemo and what it does to me," she wrote in her diary in May 2007. "It's hard for them to grasp that it's doing its job by making me sick. They really just want their mom back! Ben and Jack are still at the age where they think their parents can fix anything. It makes me sad that they're learning that we can't fix everything. We certainly can't fix cancer. Kids whose parents have cancer are changed forever."

The chemotherapy kept the cancer in her organs in check, but the disease took sanctuary in her bones, metastasizing to her spine, legs, hips and skull. Her doctors told her she might need to remain on chemotherapy for the rest of her life, and Gerri Howell seemed to be at peace with that possibility.

"My doctors are giving me the gift of time," she wrote in her diary, "and I'm grateful for that."

Through it all, she was proud of her eldest son's response to the

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Zanata's was the location for the recent Red Hat Rockettes luncheon. Hostesses for the event were Gay Diamond and Claudette Hatfield. Main topic highlighted at the event was "Fabulous New." Guest speakers Heather Bass of Salon 306 'A New You' and Lori Lawing of Bella's House 'New Ideas For Your Home' were on hand to give expert professional advice on "Top Hair Style Trends for 2010!" as well as "Home Accessories To Reflect Your Personal Style!" Among those attending were (left to right) Lori Lawing, Claudette Hatfield, Gay Diamond, Sandy Johnson and Heather Bass. Photo by Delaine Diffeel/Rockwall County News



Rockwall FFA and Junior FFA officers are busy preparing for upcoming activities, including the Fort Worth Stock Show, the San Angelo Agriculture Mechanics Show, the San Antonio Livestock Show, the Houston livestock and mechanics shows, the Rockwall youth fair and area horse judging competitions. Pictured with a truck recently donated to the FFA are senior FFA officers, front row, from the left, Conner Defebaugh, vice president; Hayden Ferguson, reporter; Zane Knochel, secretary; Tyler Hughes, treasurer; and Jake Termin, president. Junior FFA officers are pictured in the bed of the truck and include, from the left, Will Morris, treasurer; Blake Adams, reporter; Emily Ullom, secretary; Ryan Ullom, sentinel; Luke Termin, president; Sam Evans, vice president; and Cale Merritt, secretary. Not pictured are Samantha Giovannagelo, sentinel; Chap Hardin, adviser; and FFA sponsors Casey Jones and Bobby Fowler. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Gerri Howell

It's All About Rockwall County

Publisher explains RCN political advertising policy

by Wesley W. Burnett

This week we rejected publishing political advertisements which contained verbiage attacking opponents of the candidates placing those advertisements. Some political candidates accepted the policy and submitted an ad that meets our standards, while others simply didn't respond to our explanation.

Our policy is based on moral and ethical principles, and protects all candidates from personal attack in the pages of the Rockwall County News.

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Mrs. Randall Luce

Gerri Howell legacy

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disease. Sam Howell joined the Williams Middle School Youth Against Cancer club. When the group decided to participate in the Rockwall County Relay For Life event for the American Cancer Society, he volunteered to be co-captain of the team and was the top fundraiser in the entire county.

Gerri Howell vowed to walk the Survivor Lap in the event, but had to settle for being pushed around the track in a wheelchair while her friends and family cheered.

By this time, she was experiencing extreme pain from the bone cancer and had to wear a patch that dispensed continuous

medication. Also, the cancer had invaded her bone marrow, and her blood was having trouble producing platelets, resulting in fatigue and difficulty in breathing. It also prevented her from continuing chemotherapy. Her doctors recommended an injection of radioactive materials into the bone marrow to help defeat the cancer.

Throughout her battle, Gerri Howell was supported by friends, family and co-workers who provided meals and kept up her spirits with cards, phone calls and e-mails. This network of support also was there for her in May 2008 when she experienced a gastro-intestinal bleed and was admitted to the ICU where she was given blood transfusions to keep her alive. Those supporting her donated gallons of blood.

Her struggle to live for her sons continued until June 18, 2008, four days after she celebrated her 28th wedding anniversary with her husband.

"The hardest part is the total finality of never being able to see her again," Mike Howell said. "Sometimes I see families together and I wonder, 'Why don't my boys have that?' But there are no answers. Our sons remind me of Gerri in so many ways. Gerri put her mark on each one of them. I'm just sad because she could have taught them so much more. My boys are gifts from Gerri, and they will carry on her legacy. We are all better for having Gerri in our lives."

The 2010 Rockwall County Relay For Life is set for April 30 through May 1 at Cain Middle School. For more information on the event, contact Carla Brooks at 972-771-8139 or e-mail relayforliferockwallcounty@gmail.com.

Hamm, Luce wed in Jan. 9 ceremony

Naomi Joy Hamm of Rockwall and Randall Scott Luce of were married at 6 p.m. on Jan. 9, 2010, in the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall with the Rev. Kory Koch, the bride's brother, officiating.

The bride, daughter of Paul and Sherry Hamm of Rockwall granddaughter of Nora Lee May of Kerens, wore a chapel white satin gown embellished with red crystals. Her veil of tulle was attached to a jeweled tiara, and she carried a bouquet of roses.

Jenny Davidson served as maid of honor, and Holly Koch was the first bridesmaid. Both are sisters of the bride.

Serving as bridesmaids were Ashley Hilgemeier, the bride's sister-in-law, Alicia Finley and Chanel Rushing, who were roommates when she attended the University of Texas at Austin, and Misslin, a childhood friend of the bride's.

Each of the bridal attendants wore a full-length black dress and carried a long-stemmed red rose.

Nora Koch, the bride's niece, and Graci Lambert, the bride's niece, served as flower girls. They wore long white dresses fastened with a sheer skirt overlay. Each carried a basket of rose petals.

The groom, son of Randal and Diane Luce of Lufkin, had his best man.

Groomsmen were Daniel Nabors, the groom's brother-in-law, B.J. Morris, Darius Dennis and Nick Allison, all friends of the groom from his time-of-service in the U.S. Army.

Katy Howry, a childhood friend of the bride, served as the bride's father and sister, Holly, performed a musical selection titled "Better than One." June Overholt provided other musical selections during the ceremony.

James Harrod, Aaron Finley and Chad Nash served as ushers. Following the ceremony, guests gathered for a reception at Rockwall City Place.

Chris Chambers provided music for the reception, with Morgan announcing.

Members of the house party included Sara Beyer, Loren G and Shari Lim.

The bride, a 1999 Rockwall High School graduate, graduated from UT with a degree in radio, TV and film. She is enrolled in American Sign Language for the Deaf classes and is employed by FOX in Austin.

The groom, a 2003 graduate of Lufkin High, served a tour in Iraq and currently is a senior nursing student at UT.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, the couple will be at home in Rockwall.



Kyle Jones, a Rockwall High School senior FFA member, is shown working on his swine project for the Rockwall Youth Fair set for March 24-27 at the Rockwall ISD Agriculture Facility. A third-year FFA member, he has shown swine projects for many years and participated on the horse judging team and the agriculture mechanics show team. Jones said he has enjoyed raising pigs and learning about feeding and caring for the show animals. For more information about the upcoming youth fair, contact Casey Jones or Bobby Fowler, FFA advisor at RHS, or Todd Williams, the Rockwall County Extension agent.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Birth

Michael Lucas Martin

Perry Scott Martin II and Deidra Aleshia Ponce of Garland are proud to announce the birth of their son, Michael Lucas Martin, 9:37 a.m. Jan. 21, 2010, at Lake Point Medical Center Rowlett.

The infant weighed 7 1/2 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long at birth.

He is welcomed home by his parents, Sean Ethan Martin and Ahren Scott Martin.

Maternal grandparents are Porfirio Ponce and Beccy Lopez. Paternal grandparents are Scott Martin and Mary Stebbins.

David Lee Wayne Martin is baby's uncle.



Lucile Tate with her son Garvin Tate

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News Briefs

Deadline today for Valentine's photos

Rockwall County News' Valentine's edition will publish Feb. 5. The deadline for photos of Valentines is today. The issue will feature photos of grandchildren, their names and grandparents' names. Photos begin at \$30 (limit two children), with larger sizes available. Photos and information to rcn.news@yahoo.com or visit 107 Burn Ave. Call 972-722-3099 for details.

Students work on display at library

High Finn's art students from Amy Parks Elementary will have artwork on display for the month of February at the Rockwall County Library.

World Day of Prayer service set today

World Day of Prayer service will be conducted at noon today at First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, 602 White Hills. The service, led by the Rev. Cheryl Taylor, will be followed by a lunch of foods from the country of Cameroon. People of all ages are welcome to attend.

'Nunsense' performances beginning

Tickets to the Rockwall Community Playhouse's 'Nunsense' are on sale. Performances are set for today, Saturday and Sunday Feb. 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21.

'Done to Death' offered at RHS

RHS Theatre Arts Department will offer "Done to Death" performances set for 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2 p.m. Friday and Sunday in the school's Main Stage Theatre. Admission cost \$8.

FOL general meeting set

Friends of the Library will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Rockwall County Library's Community Room. Laura Duty of Dallas Arboretum will present "Diamonds in Dallas." Lunch will be catered by Bob Overholt; cost will be \$15. Reservations needed by 5 p.m. today; call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@com.

DAR plans next meeting

Rock Wall Chapter DAR will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Ridge Church of Christ, 485 N. FM 549, Rockwall. Member Judy Hill will present the program, "The Building of Tamassee."

RCP auditions set Feb. 6

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

Teen Game Night planned

Rockwall County Library's February Teen Game Night is on Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will feature games, pizza, music and prizes.

Basic computing skills workshops set

Workshop on basic computing skills will be offered Feb. 10-12 and Feb. 17-19 at the Rockwall County Library. Each three-day workshop will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the upstairs technology lab. Each participant must have a valid library card. Registration will be completed at the upstairs Reference Desk.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch trip planned

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will travel to Kaufman on Feb. 12 to enjoy a meal at the Especially For You Tea Room. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Seniors 'net surfing class offered

Class on Internet surfing will be offered to individuals ages 50 and older from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 12 through March 11, at The Center. Learn to use search engines, e-mail, address books and group addresses. Cost will be \$50 for Rockwall residents, \$75 for non-residents. For details call 972-7740.

Brown Bag Series returns Feb. 12

The first lecture in the Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag Series, "The Almost True History of Roysse City," will be presented by local historian and performer Annie Cornelius on Feb. 12 in the Historic Courthouse. Lectures are free and family friendly.

BGCR volunteer orientation planned

Volunteer orientation for the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the BGCR facility, 901 Interurban St., Rockwall. For more details call 972-722-2462.

Library closed for President's Day

The Rockwall County Library will be closed on Feb. 15 for President's Day and will reopen at 10 a.m. Feb. 16.

Intro to Computers class slated

Introduction to Computers class open to individuals ages 50 and older will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 16 and 18 at The Center. Cost will be \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Learn ARC first aid, CPR and AED

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

Wii Afternoon set at the library

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

TA&M Singing Cadets to perform Feb. 20

The "Voice of Aggieland," the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets, will perform at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the RHHS Performing Arts Center. Ryan Day, a Rockwall 2008 graduate, is a member of the group. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. For ticket information contact Vickie Day at vday95@gmail.com or at 972-771-8921.

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Roysse City News

RCISD foundation awards teacher grants

The Roysse City Independent School District Education Foundation distributed almost \$30,000 in teacher grants Jan. 28 as part of its first year of development.

The Foundation Grant Patrol paraded onto campuses with balloon bouquets, oversized checks and cheers to present teachers with their awards. Sixteen grants were awarded to 50 teachers.

The grants are expected to "inspire creative and innovative learning" for almost 1,800 students, according to a foundation news release.

The following teachers were recipients:

- Herndon Robotechs project, \$4,500 awarded to Polly Stelzel, Amber Frazier, Nicole Hahn, Richard Caldwell and Claire LeServe, Harry H. Herndon Intermediate;

- Let the Games Begin project, \$807 awarded to Charlotte Buchanan, Denise Goza, Denise Nobles, Denise Bomberger and Julie E. Bennett, Miss May Vernon Elementary;

- Shuffles for Success project, \$600 awarded to Charlotte Buchanan, Miss May Vernon Elementary;

- Wii Can Do It project, \$1,000 awarded to Carol Pearce, Alan Gill and Debi Wood, Roysse City High;

- Project Smart, \$5,000 awarded to Lisa Pogue, Debbie Smith, Kelly Margot and Kristi Fout, Scott, Vernon, Fort and Davis Elementary;

- Knights R Us project, \$1,000 awarded to Debbie Carroll, The Academy;

- Kindle a Passion for Reading, \$4,885 awarded to Debbie Carroll, Teresa Brennan, Michelle Agriesti, Mark Dietz and Deborah Lunday, H.H. Browning Alternative Learning Center;

- Books To Go project, \$1,500 awarded to Rose Anthony, Rachael Taylor and Hollie Poor, Miss May Vernon Elementary;

- See What I Can Read, \$716 awarded to Dana Moffett, Miss May Vernon Elementary;

- Shuffles for Success, \$690 awarded to Traci Williams, Miss May Vernon Elementary;

- A New Perspective, \$2,600 awarded to KariAnn Marquis and Karri Moore, Roysse City Middle School and Herndon Intermediate;

- Reading: Center Stage project, \$613 awarded to Ann Reel, Melanie Starnes, Morgan Power and Jadetta Grant, Davis Elementary;

- Twinkle, Twinkle Little Starts project, \$1,971 awarded to Shirley Magness, David Canzoneri, Pam Owen, Amanda Nichol, Christina Bailey and Teresa Alvarado, Fort Elementary;

- Seeds of Learning project, \$700 awarded to Heather Meeks and Yvonne Recio, Ruth Cherry Intermediate School;

- Extreme Makeover: Knowledge Lab Edition project, \$1,839 awarded to Jennifer Gillaspie and Donna Van Duser, W.R. "Bill" Fort Elementary;

- Students without Borders project, \$1,000 awarded to Penny Lallane and Shelli Holmes, Roysse City Middle School.

The call for grants in the 2010-2011 school years will come Sept. 2, with deadline set Oct. 1.



Life Skills students and their regular physical education partner celebrate their "Wii Can Do It" award. The program is designed to enable Life Skills students to participate in individuals and interactive recreational activities that extend beyond their personal physical disabilities by using a Wii gaming system for sports games and socialization. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Recently the Roysse City Middle School Student Council opted to raise money for Haitian relief. To generate funds, the students organized an effort through which students were allowed to wear jeans for one day for a donation of \$1 per student. Many students were generous, donating more than the required \$1. The school's National Junior Honor Society also contributed money it had earned through fundraisers. The overall effort netted more than \$1,300. Pictured are Student Council and NJHS members, front row, from the left, Kristen Jones, Kaylie Torres, Sayre Trette and Allyson Harber and, at back, Rebecca Sherman, Daniel Kolinko and Selena Ibarra. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Roysse City Police Blotter Jan. 22-28

- Friday, 22 Jan: Theft, 700 block S. FM 2642; Criminal mischief, 1300 block Evergreen Street; Noise disturbance, 100 block Starlight Lane; Suspicious person, 1500 block Hardy Drive; Suspicious activity, Ame Lane; Roysse City warrant arrest, 800 block E. Old Greenville Road; Criminal mischief, 2700 block Mockingbird Street

- Saturday, 23 Jan: Suspicious activity, 300 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 1000 block E. I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 200 block I-30 SSR; Medical assistance, 300 block S. Houston Street; Theft, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; Alarm, 300 block Briar Oaks Drive

- Sunday, 24 Jan: Criminal mischief, 400 block Briar Oaks Drive; Medical assistance, 500 block Baldwin Street; Suspicious activity, 1300 block Hunters Glen; Domestic disturbance, 300 block Pin Oak Lane; Controlled substance possession arrest, I-30 at the 74 mile marker

- Monday, 25 Jan: Suspicious person, 700 block S. FM 2642; Domestic disturbance, 700 block S. FM 2642; Medical assistance, 3000 block Elm Grove Road; Medical assistance, 3000 block Hicks Lane; Assault, 600 block Rosemary Drive; Theft, 100 block W. Main Street; Theft/Criminal mischief, Cherrywood Terrace Intersection

- Tuesday, 26 Jan: Assault, 700 block S. FM 2642; Criminal mischief, 1400 block N. Josephine Street; Criminal mischief, 1000 block Lavon Court; Disorderly conduct, 1300 block E. Main Street; Assault, 600 block Rosemary block; Assault, 300 block N. Houston Street; Disruption of classes, 1300 block E. Main Street

- Wednesday, 27 Jan: Suspicious activity, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Verbal disturbance, 100 block Singleton Drive; Two disorderly conducts, 1300 block E. Main Street; Dallas County warrant arrest, I-30 at the 79 mile marker
- Thursday, 28 Jan: Noise disturbance, 1400 block High Meadow Drive; Disorderly conduct, 1300 block E. Main Street

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Karen Engle

Services for Karen Engle, 44, of Lavon were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Clint Bradford officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

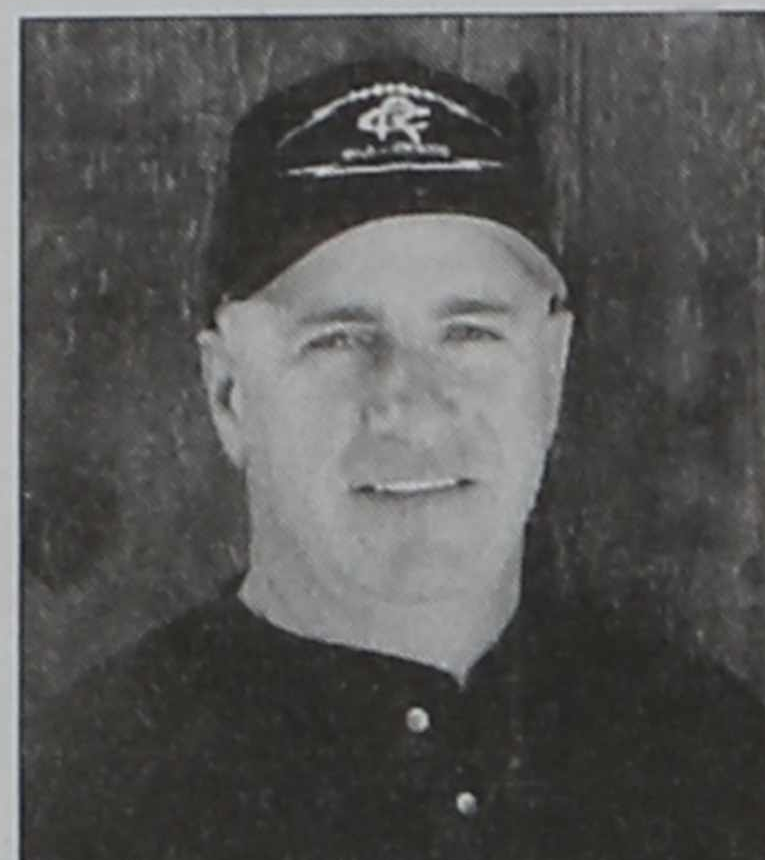


She died Saturday, Jan. 30. Born Nov. 12, 1965, in Fort Knox, N.Y., she was a hairstylist and attended the First Baptist Church of Lavon. Survivors include her children, Gage Owen of Garland, C.K. Owen of Lavon, Meghan Owen of Garland and Kelby Owen of Garland; her mother, Ruth (Harrell) Engle of Lavon; her brothers, Lonnie Joe Engle Jr. and his wife, Lisa, of Denver, Colo., and David Engle and his wife, Pamela, of Lavon; and her aunts and uncles, Teri and Danny Harrell of Corbin, Ken., Colan and Jovetta Harrell of Williamsburg, Ken., Dewey and Jessie Engle of Yorktown, Va., and Bobby and Irene Engle of Union, Ken.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lonnie Joe Engle Sr. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 205 Main St., Lavon, TX 75166.

Gary Wayne Hicks

Services for Gary Wayne Hicks, 60, of Roysie City will be conducted at noon Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, in the Trinity Baptist Church, 300 Erby Campbell Blvd., in Roysie City with Pastor Timothy Pigg officiating. Burial will follow in the Roysie City Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysie City Chapel.



The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 5, at the funeral home.

He died Monday, Feb. 1. Born Aug. 6, 1949, in Dallas to Joseph B. and Ruby (Hudler) Hicks, he served in the U.S. Army. He was a kind man who loved his family and

enjoyed camping, NASCAR and working as a fabricator machinist for Williamson Printing.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Mandy (Garza) Hicks of Roysie City; his sons, Eddy Hicks of Allen and Johnny Hicks and his wife, Sherry, and Jerry Hicks and his wife, Gina, all of Roysie City; his grandchildren, Crystal Hale and her husband, Kris, of Florida, Dacoda and Dustin Hicks and Mart Dennis Hicks of Roysie City; his brother, Donald Hicks, and his wife, Dorothy, of Wynnboro; a sister-in-law, Tina Hicks of Wynnboro; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Johnny and Kenneth Hicks.

Perry Steven Owen

Services for Perry Steven Owen, 46, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Mike Powell officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Jan. 28. Born Jan. 31, 1963, in Gainesville to Daniel and Raye (Amoroso) Owen, he was employed with Texas Tool Trader. He loved his family and enjoyed cars, traveling and watching sports.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Kari Owen, and his sons, Jacob and Joshua Owen, all of Rockwall; his siblings, Danita Partain and her husband, David, Russell Owen and his wife, Carrie, and Denise Owen, all of Garland, Kevin Owen of Roysie City and Eva Owen of Rockwall; his parents-in-law, Gary and Mary Aultman of Rockwall; his brothers-in-law, Shane Aultman and his wife, Sharon, of Roysie City and Mark Aultman and his wife, Terah, of Spring; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Hollis M. Sartain

Services for Hollis M. Sartain, 75, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Rocky Weatherford officiating.

He died Monday, Feb. 1. Born Nov. 10, 1934, in Melissa to Corbit Lee and Leona (Roper) Sartain, he made his living as a tool and die maker. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Sartain of Rockwall; his sons, Jackie Sartain of Rockwall and Doug Sartain and his wife, Cindi, of McClendon-Chisholm; his sisters, Wilma Branch of Garber, Okla., Delzie Stiles of Celina and Terri Steffens of Princeton, Texas; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, David Sartain; his parents; and one brother, Al Sartain.

Rockwall P&Z plans two meetings

The City of Rockwall's Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a pair of public hearings in coming weeks.

The meetings, both set for the Rockwall City Hall Council Chambers, will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday and at 6 p.m. Feb. 15.

Items to be considered, according to the city's notice, include:

- A request by Steve Himmelreich for approval of a change in zoning from Agricultural District to Single Family Estate district on an eight-acre tract located at 2620 White Road; and
- A request by Brent Hamman for approval of a Specific Use Permit to allow an accessory building not meeting the exterior materials requirement on his property at 315 Rolling Meadows.

The meetings will be open to all interested individuals. For more information, call 972-771-7745.

Joy Lutheran map out planned events

Joy Lutheran Church of Rockwall will have a busy month in February according to the congregation's president, Sue Steffen.

Steffen said area residents are invited to participate in the Souper of Caring, when Joy's young people will serve a free lunch on Sunday at the church, located at 302 N. Goliad (Hwy. 205). A freewill offering be received, and money donated will be given to Helping Hands to help hunger. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a Fortune 500 not-for-profit financial services organization, will match contributions.

On that same day, Joy will collect non-perishable food to be donated to Helping Hands' food pantry. The congregation collects canned and dry goods on the first Sunday of each month. During 2009 more than 10,000 pounds of food were donated.

"At 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, with Valentine's Day just around the corner, area women are invited to come to Joy to enjoy tea and a swap of items no longer needed," said Steffen. Attendees should bring one to three and exchange one item for each item brought. "Items could be anything from clothing to home décor and should be clean and in good order," she said.

Anyone interested in participating in Joy's Book Club will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 16. The group will carpool to The Well C Lounge at 102 East Main Street (Hwy. 66) in Roysie City. The book discussed is "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan, a novel about the affair between Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Borthwick Cheney.

"Joy begins weekly Lenten worship services on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. That evening's worship service will include holy communion," Steffen said.

A free light meal will be served at 6 p.m. each Wednesday from Feb. 17 through March 24. Worship services on the five Wednesdays beginning Feb. 24 will feature singing of the Holden Evening Prayer.

Joy Lutheran Church is a small, family-oriented church located one mile north of the Rockwall Historic County Courthouse at 302 N. Goliad (Hwy. 205) in Rockwall. On Sundays, education classes for all ages begin at 9:15 a.m. and worship with communion is at 10:30 a.m.

The church's Web site is joylutheranchurch.org. Joy's pastor, the Rev. Paul Appel, can be reached at 972-771-4161.

New Realm Revival set for Saturday

Valerie Sorensen Ministries of Fate will host a New Realm Revival on Saturday at the La Quinta, 689 E. I-30, in Rockwall.

The services will begin at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

For more information, call 214-810-9782.

Gardner recognized for volunteer work

Mary Gardner of Rockwall recently was recognized by her employer for her volunteer work within the community.

Gardner, a district manager for Dollar General, received the Serving Others Award in recognition for her philanthropic efforts and commitment to volunteerism, according to a news release issued last week by the company.

Gardner will receive the award and a \$2,500 grant will be given on her behalf to Texas Pythian Home Inc.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

God's big jump start for the ministry...Acts 2:17-21

Acts 2:17-21 we see the answer Peter gave to the question, "What is the meaning of this?" (Acts 2:12). From verse 11, it can be seen that their mind was about speaking in tongues.

...explained that what they saw was that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, "And it shall come to pass in the last days," said God, "I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your men shall dream dreams. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my spirit. And they shall prophesy." (Acts 2:17-18).

The event that occurred on that day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2:4-6 is the start of the "last days." Before that time, it was never available for a body to be filled with the spirit of God because Jesus Christ had not yet ascended to his Father. On the day of Pentecost, the spirit of God was sent out into the world. Verse 2 says, "there came a sound as of a rushing wind." This must have been the exact moment the holy spirit was sent out. The ability to prophecy is directly tied to being filled with the spirit of God.

In continuing with Peter's explanation, "And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that notable day of the Lord come." (Acts 2:19-20). The last days must mean "that great and notable day of the Lord comes." This period of time is also known as an administration. Some areas address the events of the last day, and others use the phrase for the whole period of time leading up to that day.

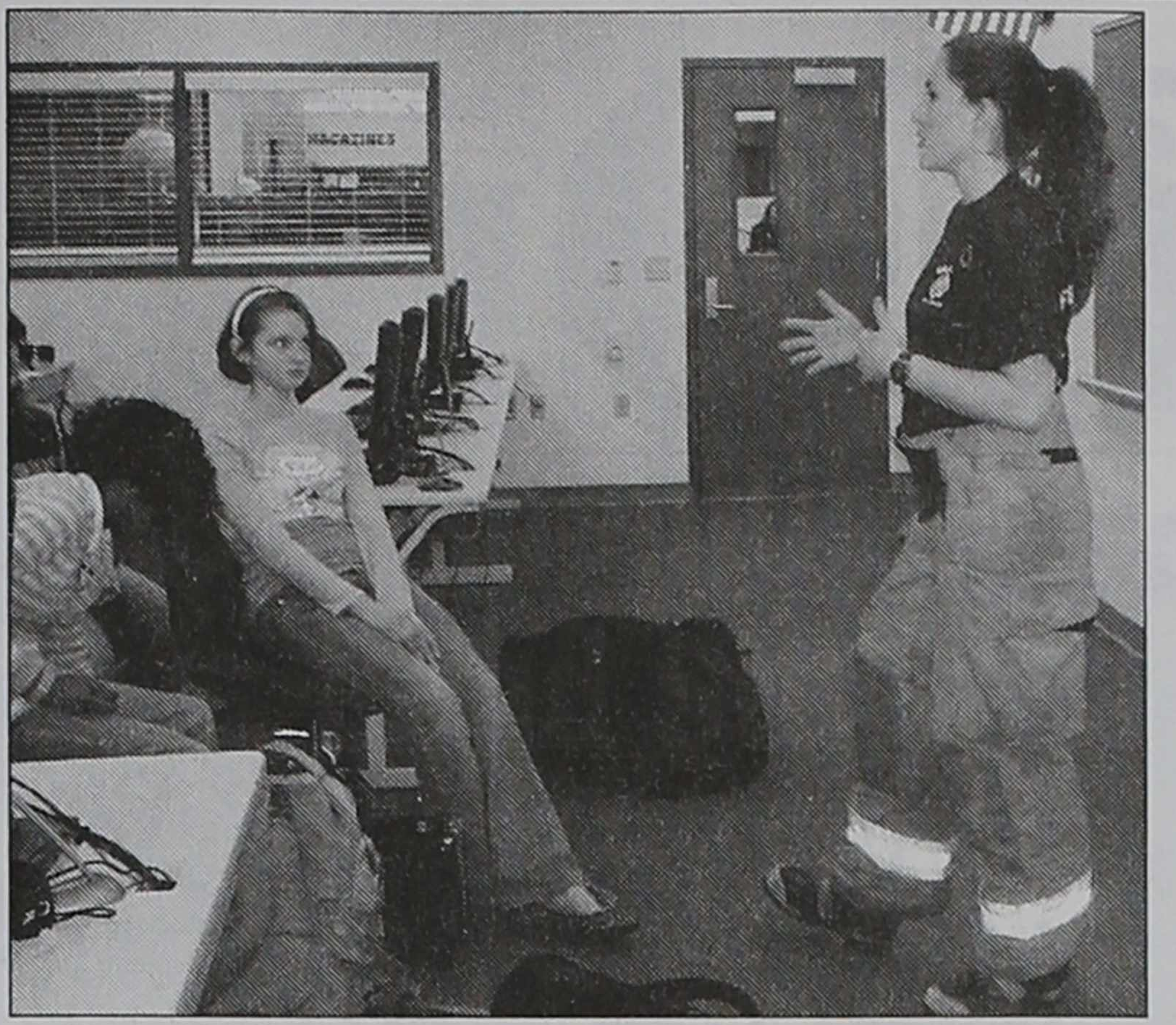
Throughout the administration known as "the Lord's Day" it will be available for people to be filled with the spirit of God. The record in Revelation is for many saints who will suffer greatly and even die during the seven years of great tribulation. The meaning of the word "saint" is no different than the references to saints in the Epistles. Even as I write this column, it is available for people to become saints.

1 Peter 2:21, "And it shall come to pass, that who ever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." To be saved meant to be delivered or freed from something. To understand what they would be saved from, we need only look at the previous verses 19-20. It can only refer to being freed from the period of time known as the great and notable day of the Lord which will include the great tribulation. It more than likely refers to the time of great tribulation.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 shines more light on this matter, "but of the times and seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you. For you yourselves are perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night... you brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. The events of Acts 2:1-4 also launched the beginning of the administration of the grace of God, during which time it is available for God's saints to be born-again which is onto salvation. Ephesians 3:2 refers to the administration of the grace of God. This period of time will end when Jesus returns to draw the born-again brethren up to him in the clouds as recorded in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

According to the will of God, Peter's words helps us to understand that what the others saw and heard not only launched the beginning of the administration of the great and notable day of the Lord, but also the beginning of an administration during which people can not be filled with holy spirit, but can also "call upon the name of the Lord" for salvation.

What did the others in the Temple see and hear? They saw and heard the apostles speaking in tongues the wonderful works of God.



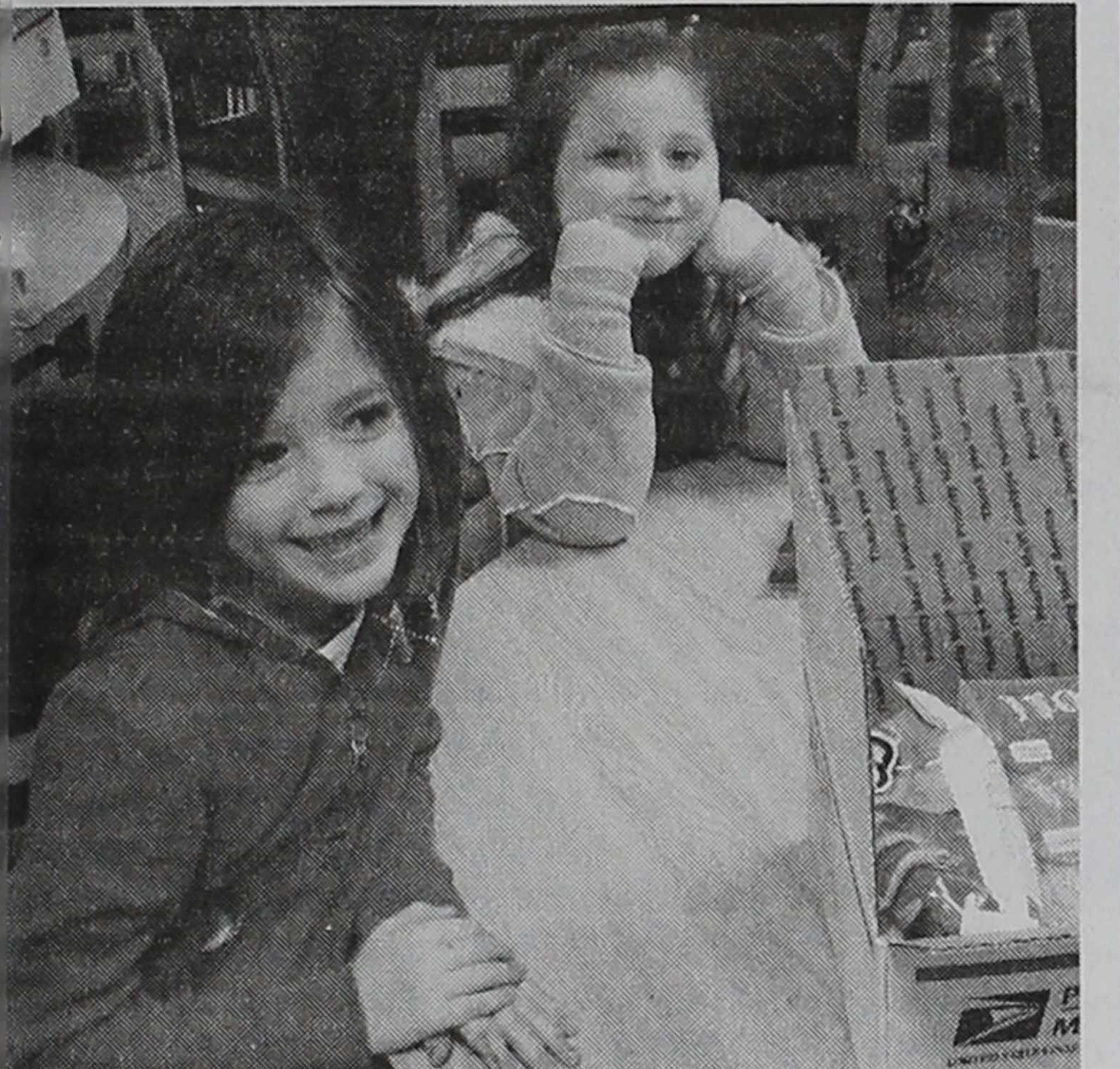
Utley Middle School hosted a DFYIT and Friends of Rachel monthly meeting on Jan. 19 with Christine Roy, a Dallas Fire Department firefighter, speaking to the group. Roy spoke about drug and alcohol awareness and how students who show kindness and compassion help others choose the right path.

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Nebbie Williams' assistant principal, Stephen Davis, had his head on a magician's chopping block last month as part of the PTA-hosted Family Fun Night Magic Show. Magician Cody Fisher worked his magic, leaving Fisher unharmed and the audience astounded.

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Rachel Homs, left, and Carson Capehart are just two of the students involved in the Dobbs Elementary KC Club "Snacks for the Troops Drive" conducted recently. Dobbs students collected more than 1,000 snack items to send to military troops. Nineteen boxes were shipped "with love from Texas." Also sent to the soldiers were notes and letters of support.

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Issues to address at RPA meeting today

Marie Jones, a Pampered Chef consultant, will give cooking tips as part of the Rockwall Preschool Association meeting set for 9 a.m. today at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton Road, Rockwall (across from Nebbie Williams Elementary).

General meetings are conducted on the first Friday of each month at 9 a.m. at the church.

The RPA calendar year runs from September through May. New members are welcome at any time; membership is open to all Rockwall-area mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten. The RPA mothers have served the Lake Ray Hubbard area since 1955. The group's primary objective is fellowship and educational opportunities for mothers and their preschool-aged children.

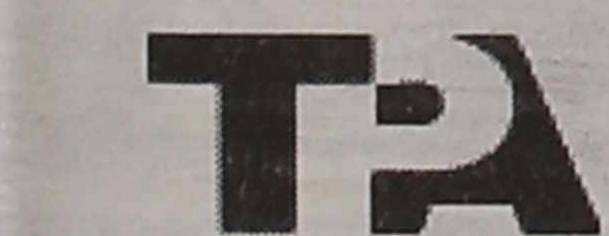
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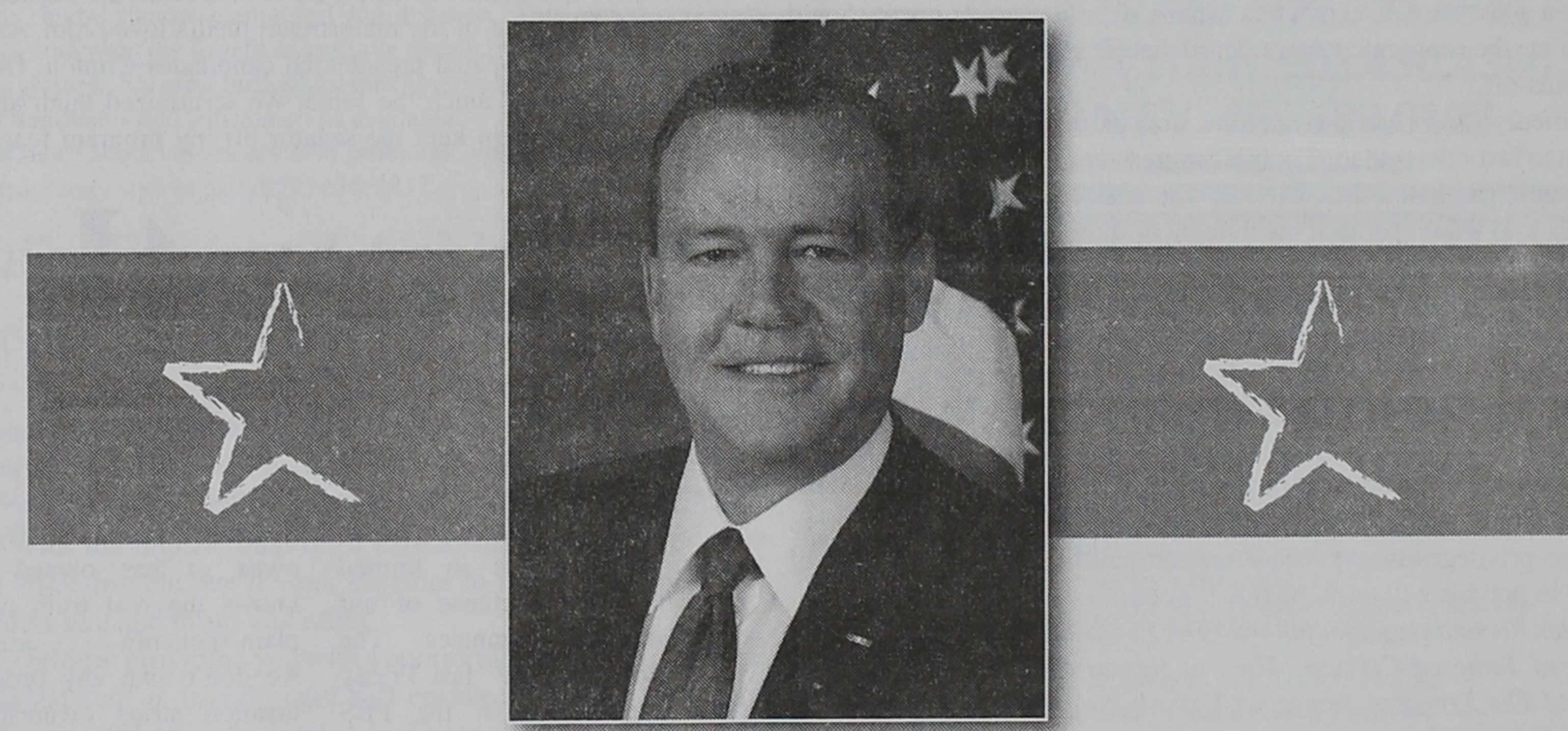
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In Our Opinion

The only way to get money out of politics

by Sheldon Richman

Last week's Supreme Court ruling striking down the ban on corporate and union spending at election time is both a blessing and a curse. On the one hand, removing a legal barrier to free speech is always a good thing in itself. Government shouldn't dictate who can speak or from where people may get their information. This is more than a matter of abstract freedom; it's also a practical matter. More contentiousness in politics is better than less. Free-wheeling debate is more likely to produce good outcomes than a controlled flow of information.

But there is a downside to the ruling that we should freely acknowledge. If history and recent times are any indication, big corporations and unions will use their new freedom of political speech to promote bad ideas. By "bad ideas" I mean proposals for more government interference with our lives and liberty. (Not that the spending ban kept them from doing that in other ways.)

It's a great myth that businesses, especially big prominent corporations, want less government intervention in the economy. On the contrary, they love government power because it provides things they can't achieve in a freely competitive marketplace where force and fraud are barred. Corporations support and lobby for interventions that benefit themselves by hampering their competitors, both foreign and domestic. You often find companies asking for tariffs and other restrictions on imports that compete too effectively with their products. Agribusinesses welcome government (taxpayer) help in selling their products abroad; they also love subsidies, price supports, and acreage allotments.

Businesses, despite public impression, routinely support regulations imposing product standards and other requirements. Why? Burdens from government rules don't fall uniformly on all firms. Major corporations with big legal and accounting departments can handle regulations far more easily than small firms can — or one that is still only a gleam in the eye of an aspiring entrepreneur. Moreover, when government dictates product standards, say in the name of safety, it removes that factor from the competitive arena, giving companies less incentive to outdo their competitors along that dimension. This means fewer threats to the market share of incumbent firms and less chance for new challengers to make headway. It also means inferior and more expensive goods for consumers.

In American history big companies were behind virtually every advancement of the regulatory state. Things are no different today — even under Barack Obama. It's easy to be fooled by appearances. Banks may balk at a new regulation, but only because they prefer their government privileges with as few restrictions as possible. Major corporations lobby for new controls on and subsidies to energy production not out of concern for the environment, but because they stand to gain profits. The government is literally seen as a tool for enhancing their investments. Instead of decisions being made by entrepreneurs trying to anticipate what consumers will want, they are made on the basis of cronyism and other political considerations.

Often big companies and unions are on the same side of regulatory issues, as when the heads of Walmart and the Service Employees International Union stood shoulder to shoulder to support Obamacare. But even when they disagree, it is usually over how government should manipulate the economic system. The debate is never between regulation and hands-off.

Admittedly this is not the way the story is usually told. Business is thought to favor deregulation, while progressive forces favor enlightened government guidance. But in fact, big business (and a lot of small business too) would panic at the thought of thorough laissez faire — the end to all guarantees. The books of conservative writer Timothy Carney fully document this. Others have an interest in portraying business as pro-free markets because without the charade the public might catch on to the scam.

So here's the dilemma: limits on free political speech for corporations and unions offend our sense of justice, but they will use free speech to pursue unjust ends. What shall we do?

There is only one answer. We must strip government of the power to dispense privileges to anyone. If we can pull that off, the problem of money in politics will evaporate.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.

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The Right Stuff

by Bill O'Reilly

Watch out, America is moving to the right, and it's happening fast. The vote in Massachusetts was an ideological earthquake whose tremors are still being felt all over the country. When a big-government guy like President Obama takes to the lectern to announce he wants to freeze some federal spending, you know hell might be freezing over, as well.

But nowhere is the rejection of liberal doctrine seen more clearly than in the television news industry. Last week, Fox News Channel, the only network that has brought some scrutiny to Obama from the beginning, was the No. 1 rated cable operation in America. If you listen closely, you can hear SpongeBob and Hannah Montana weeping.

In addition, the Democratic outfit Public Policy Polling released a stunning scientific survey. It asked Americans which TV news operation they trusted. Hide the kids; here are the results:

- Fox News: 49 percent trust, 37 percent don't trust
- ABC News: 31 percent trust, 46 percent don't trust
- NBC News: 35 percent trust, 44 percent don't trust
- CBS News: 32 percent trust, 46 percent don't trust
- CNN: 39 percent trust, 41 percent don't trust

This is a rout. Nearly half the country trusts FNC, and nobody else is even close. Can you imagine the Fox bashers at NBC and The New York Times reading this poll? I'd pay to see the reaction.

Fox News can thank Obama for all of this. From the beginning of his astounding rise, most of the mainstream media loved him. Ask Hillary Clinton. But FNC treated presidential candidates Clinton, Obama and John McCain pretty much the same. We scrutinized them all. In fact, the McCain campaign kept the senator off my program fearing tough questioning.

A breath of fresh air

by Wesley W. Burnett

After watching both statewide gubernatorial debates, it seems apparent to me that the "non-politician" has lit a fire for those of us who believe in limited government and defense of our constitutional guarantees. The "breath of fresh air" last Friday night, as it was in the PBS sponsored debate earlier, came

from the courageous words of Debra Medina.

Her unmitigated defense of property rights is simply inspirational. Every Texan who owns or has owned property knows the real truth as she so plain-spokenly emphasized: we don't own any property, for taxation strips ownership from the individual to the collective. We know who the real property owner is when the tax notices begin arriving. We're all a bunch of renters, pretending to "own" property.

The political odds are stacked in favor of the incumbents, but somehow I get the feeling that Medina's message is so powerful that a majority of Texans voting in the Republican Party primary election will choose a freedom-loving candidate this time around.

Her message resonates well because of its simplicity, common sense and economic soundness. Imagine how much more attractive Texas will be when the shackles of government intrusion are lifted through the abolition of property taxes.

Just the thought of dumping the tyranny of taxation ignites a flame of liberty ... not sense the early days of this nation has such a message captivated such enthusiasm among the people.

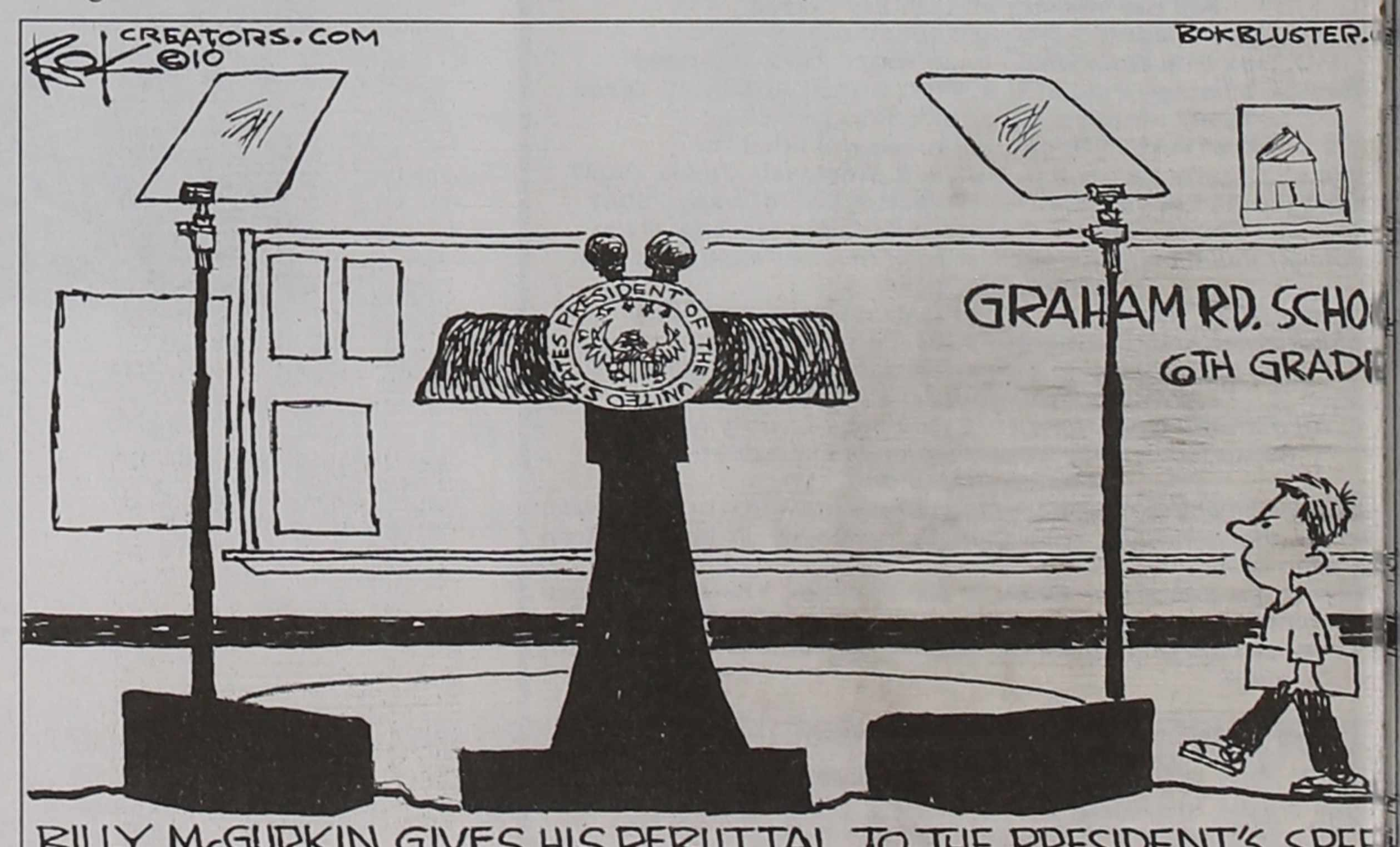
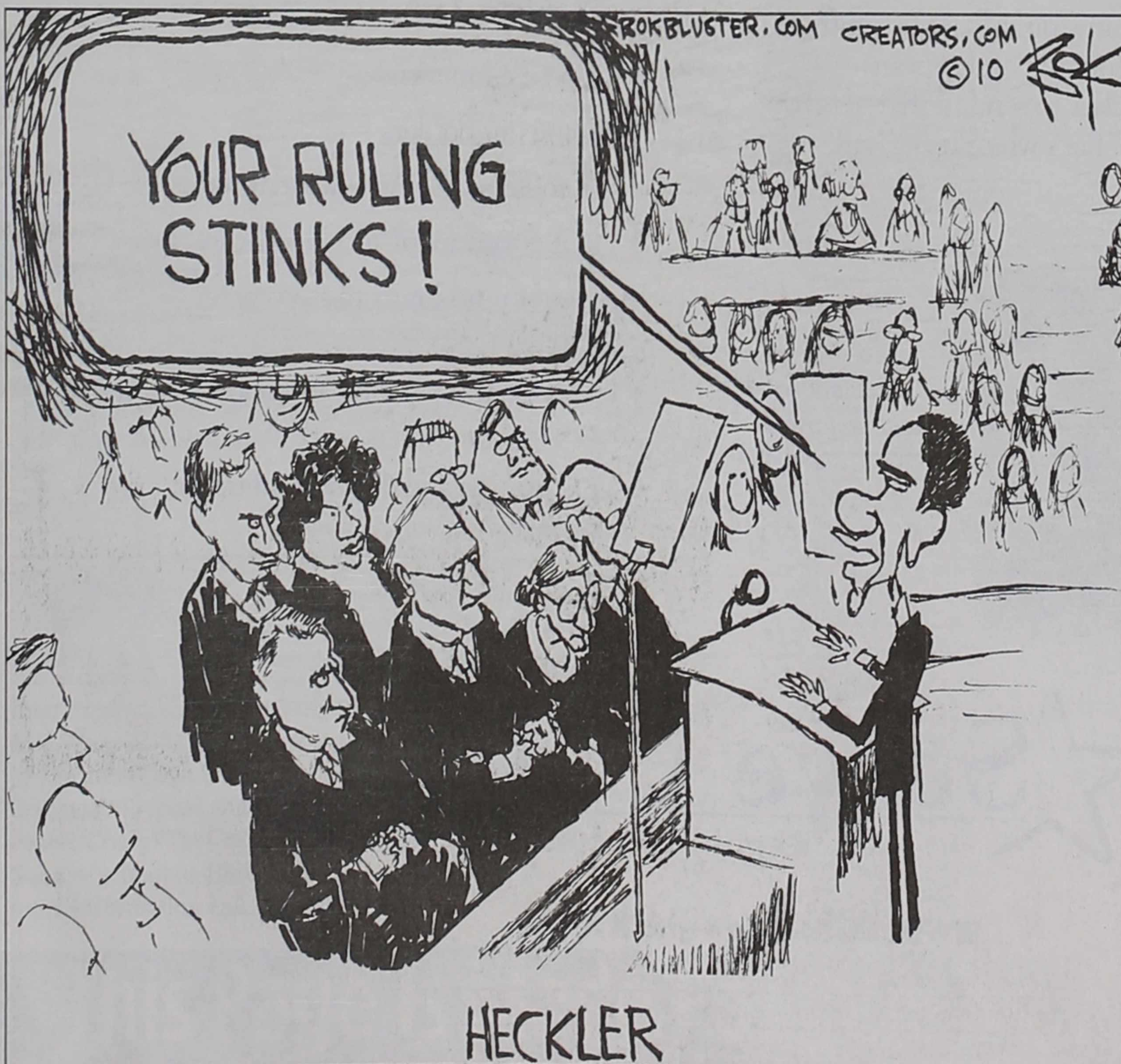
Not only will the economic benefits profoundly impact Texans, but the moral issue is even more important. Texans will come to see the immorality of stealing money from property owners to be used for redistributing wealth to others. Taxation is the same as theft ... and after property taxes are abolished, the door

will be open for abolishing government methods of stealing from the productive and giving the unproductive.

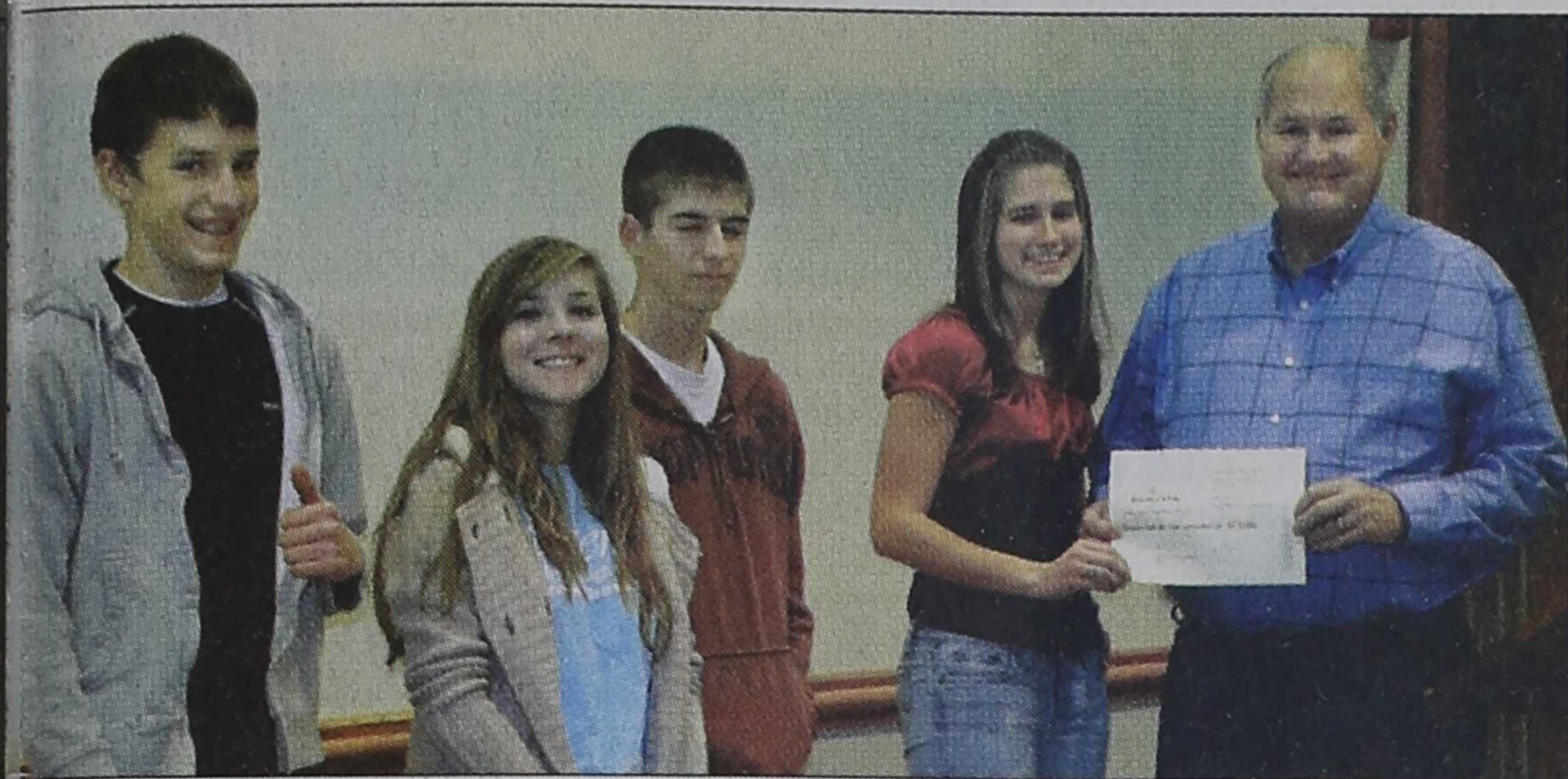
Marxism, communism, socialism, fascism ... all rely on the power of government to steal from those who have and give to those who have not.

It's time for Texans to cast off the chains of the past and liberate all from the tyranny of taxation. It is the right thing to do, and it is right here at home. For those who believe in God's commandments, there is no justification for this "necessary evil." God commands us with this admonition: "Shalt Not Steal."

No better time than now to shun the temptation of government needs as an excuse to steal from one another.



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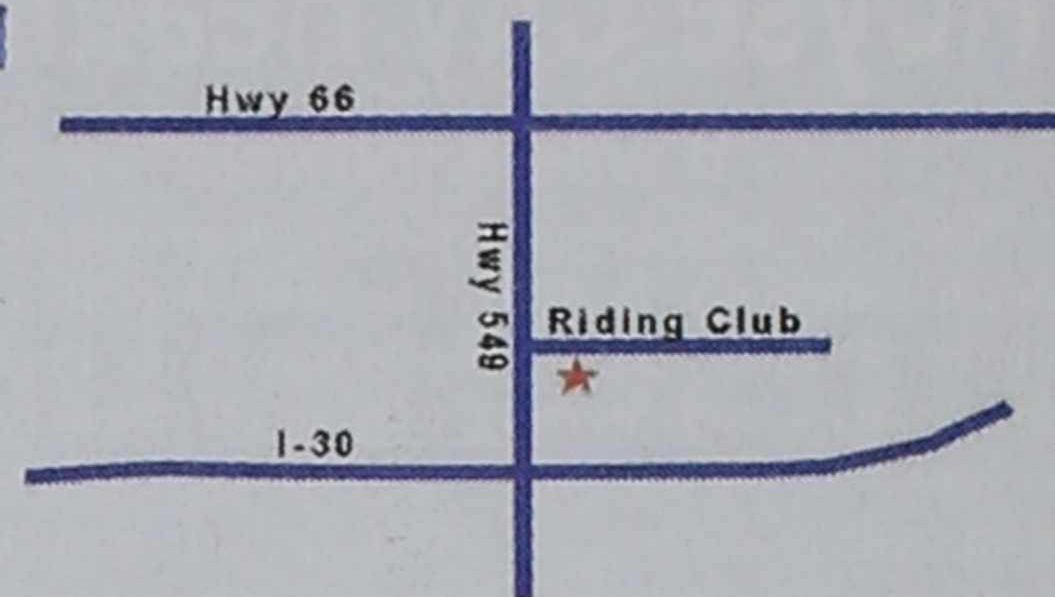
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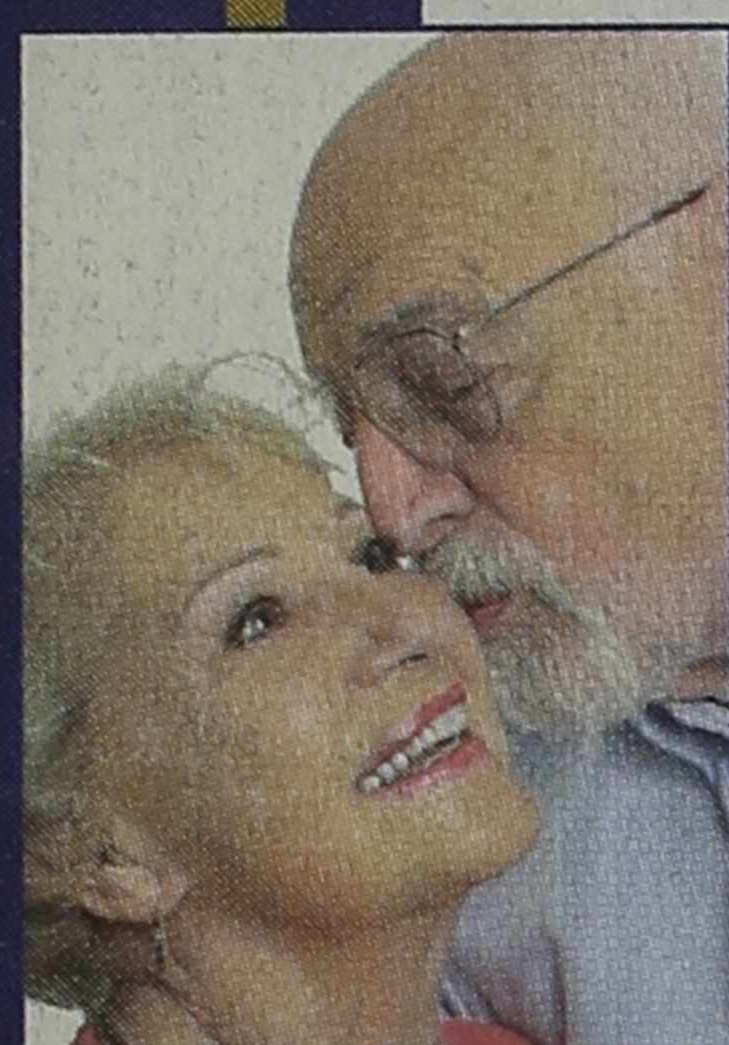


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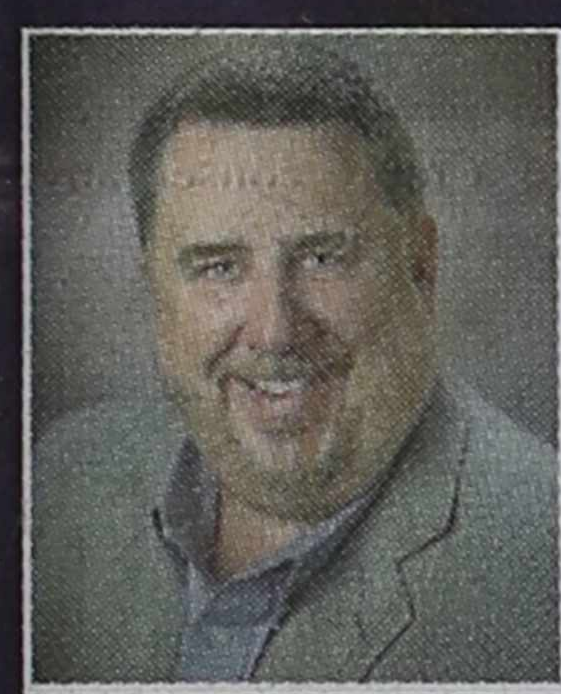
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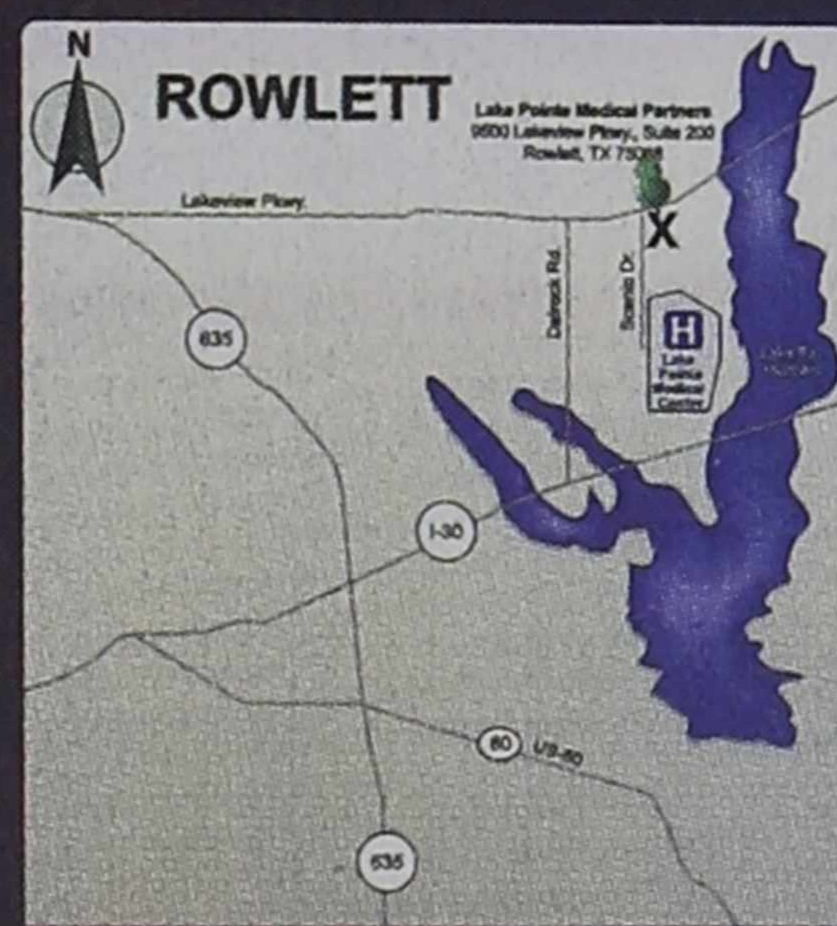


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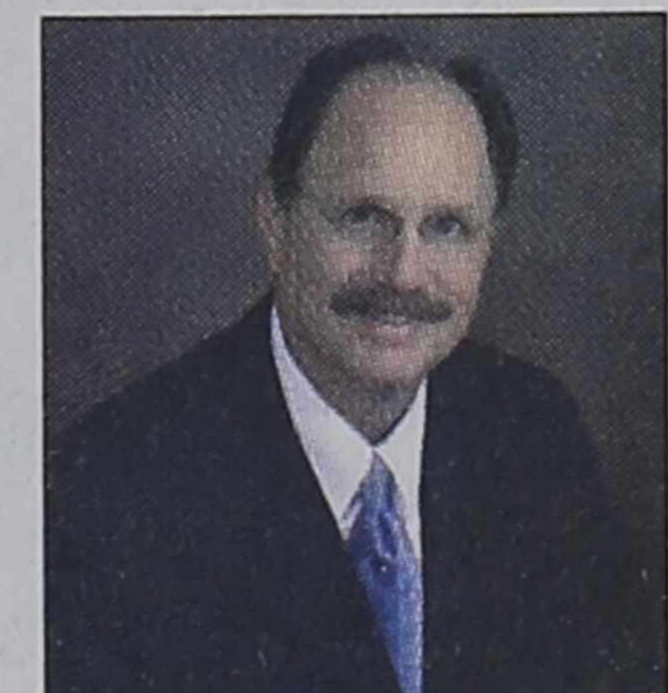
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Day, A&M Singing Cadets perform at RHHS Feb. 20

Ryan Day, a 2008 Rockwall graduate, will join his peers in the all-male choral group, the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets, for a 7 p.m. performance on Feb. 20 at Rockwall-Heath High School's Performing Arts Center.

The group, established in 1893, is known as the "Voice of Aggieland" and is one of the oldest collegiate singing groups in the world. The Singing Cadets have toured the nation and abroad, including performances for many American presidents.

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BGCR plans Feb. 13 volunteer orientation

The next volunteer orientation for the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the BGCR, 901 E. Interurban St. (next to Dobbs Elementary).

In addition to learning about volunteering, participants also will learn about several roles and internships available at the BGCR, including volunteer coordinator, executive administrative assistant, program director as-

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Tanner Howey of Rockwall is a new junior member of the American Angus Association.

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"I remained in a semi-conscious state for several days," Linda explained. "I was still in pain and couldn't walk or do anything for myself." After 10 days she was ready to be released from the hospital, with recommendations to

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seek help in a rehabilitation facility to help her regain strength and be able to walk again. "I wanted to be close to home, so I told them to take me to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda said. "I was unable to make the trip back by car, so it was a seven hour ambulance ride to Royse City."

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

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

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



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Rockwall County Sports

UIL splits Rockwall County schools in reallignment

City Bump
 City's football team will know for sure on Sept. 24 that it's not in 10-4A anymore.
 when the Bulldogs will have to make a 146-mile bus ride to Austin to play Texas High, their long-distance district opponent in 13-4A.

UIL redistricting for the 2010-11 and '11-12 academic years, RC of four teams moved out of District 10-4A, which it had shared with County's two other public high schools for the past two years.
 "It's a little bit of a surprise," said Greg Strahm, Roysse City's athletic director and head football coach.
 City and Greenville moved out of 10-4A to 13-4A, a seven-team district.

In addition to Texarkana Texas, it also includes Denison and Sherman, moved from 9-4A; Mount Pleasant, and Sulphur Springs.
 Strahm said, "You try to play out all the scenarios - staying in the district, which we really would have enjoyed; possibly going south, possibly going north and a strong possibility of going east."
 "But going to the northeast was one nobody predicted. If somebody had predicted that we'd be in a district with Denison and Sherman and out 1-30 east - well, I'd like to take them to Vegas with me."
 "Obviously there are some budget concerns, but we've got a great administration. When I told them as soon as I knew exactly what we were facing, they were not looking at it if it's going to work, but how they were going to

make it happen."
 Mount Pleasant was a non-district opponent on the Bulldogs' 2009 football schedule.
 With four non-district games this fall, Strahm said RC would play Mesquite, Poteet, Frisco and Frisco Liberty. It also will maintain the renewed rivalry with Rockwall.
 "It seems like for centuries there has been a nice rivalry between Rockwall and Roysse City. We talked with (Rockwall-Heath) Coach (Mickey) Moss as well, but couldn't work anything out. It's good for our communities to play against Rockwall and Heath. Rockwall has a great school district. It's a win-win for both teams."
 District 10-4A became more compact and, most likely, more competitive top to bottom in more sports. Replacing its easternmost schools, Roysse City and Greenville, and the westernmost, Carrollton Newman Smith and Carrollton R.L. Turner, are four schools in between.
 The remaining 10-4A schools - Rockwall, Rockwall-Heath, Highland Park and Richardson Pearce - will compete against McKinney and McKinney North from 9-4A, Wylie coming down from 8-5A and a new varsity team at Wylie East.
 "Geographically, it's really nice. It will be very competitive in all facets," said RISD athletic director and RHS head football coach Scott Smith.
 Said Moss, who is also Rockwall-Heath's athletic director, "Instead of driving through downtown (Dallas), we'll get used to 205 and 78 and Murphy Road."
 "The Wylie and McKinney schools will be a great addition. It will be a challenge in all sports - from volleyball, to girls' basketball, to baseball. Wylie is coming off a 5A state championship game (loss to Katy in 2008 in Division II), and Wylie East will get a lot of Wylie's skill players."
 Moss knows that a district can split, and the new school can have success quickly. In the Hawks' third year of varsity competition, their football and baseball teams reached the Region II semifinals.
 He said the Hawks' non-district schedule would include Frisco Wakeland and two 5A schools, Garland Naaman Forest and Garland Lakeview Centennial.
 Smith said the Yellowjackets' only non-district opponent returning to their schedule from last fall would be 5A Rowlett. He added that the schedule doesn't have to be finalized until Feb. 19.

Warriors win district with perfect record, 61-42 over Sherman Texoma

started out as a rebuilding year for the Rockwall Christian basketball team has turned out to be a very good season.
 Warriors completed a sweep of TAPPS District 4-2A season last night at Sherman Texoma with a 61-42. As the district champion, RCA would host the first rounds of the playoffs, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 9.
 Rockwall Christian's Bi-District title that night would be the place team from TAPPS. With another game remaining in that district, the place team hasn't yet been named. It will be a team from the area.



Rockwall Christian Academy's Sherman Peoples (11) passes the ball to teammate Stephan Turner (23) over Sherman Christian defenders. Also in the play is Elvis Below (right).
 Staff photo by Tim Burnett
 Rockwall County News

On Tuesday's game, the Warriors lost one district game, to RCA, but then, plus a win Friday, have resulted in a tie.
 The issue was in doubt early. The Warriors led 10-8 after one quarter, but the Warriors ran away from the game to take a 29-22 halftime lead. They stretched the advantage to 54-23 by the end of the third quarter.
 After losing to Parish Episcopal in the week after Christmas, Rockwall Christian has won 11 consecutive games. That has helped the Warriors move up to 15th in the poll of small private schools.
 "The thing that run has been an optimistic, ball-hawking defense that resulted in plenty of steals and a lot of fouls."
 RCA played Texoma at Raymon Stewart fouled out. Elvis Below had four fouls. The Warriors, with a short vulnerable. They still maintain a 11 point lead.
 Head coach Ryan Hankins said his team needed to take a different approach on defense, being more aggressive. Rockwall Christian did that approach Friday, Jan. 15, against McKinney Christian.
 "We made adjustments defensive-wise," Hankins said. "Instead of going for so many steals, we're looking up cheap reach-in fouls, and beat them to the ball."
 The result was a 52-27 victory with 23 steals, 14 by Stephan Turner.
 The Warriors received balancing scoring from Charlie Wilson (12), Turner (12) and Elvis Below (11). On the boards, Below and Sherman Peoples dominated with 8 and 11 rebounds.
 The approach also worked against

Texoma. The steals were down to 12 for RCA and six for Turner, but the starters stuck around until the outcome was decided. Turner led the Warriors with 17 points. Wilson scored 16 and Below 14. Peoples had a team-high 14 rebounds.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	8	21	25	7	61
STC	10	12	13	7	42

Tuesday

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
MCA	2	8	5	12	27
RCA	10	15	18	9	52

Friday, Jan. 29
 McKinney Christian: N/A
 Rockwall Christian (19-5, 8-0): Charlie Wilson 14, Stephan Turner 12, Elvis Below 11, Raymon Stewart 8, Sherman Peoples 5, Daniel Rorie 2.

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Tuesday

RCA (20-5, 8-0): Stephan Turner 17, Charlie Wilson 16, Elvis Below 14, Raymon Stewart 6, Sherman Peoples 6, Aaron Eastin 2.
 Sherman Texoma Christian: N/A

Warriors win over Greenville Christian puts RCA into playoffs

The Rockwall Christian basketball team snapped a losing streak by defeating Greenville Christian School 47-23 Thursday night, that victory propelled RCA into the playoffs. The Lady Warriors finished as high as third in TAPPS District 4-2A.
 Rockwall Christian has finished the district season with a 3-5 record. The team is 3-4 but faces a game night against powerhouse Sherman Texoma Christian, the under-district champion.
 Greenville Christian could have won Texoma, GCS and RCA would have to break a third-place tie to determine which team would be third and which fourth. The team would meet the champion in the playoffs' Bi-District round.
 On Tuesday, Jan. 12, Brittany Griffin scored 13 points for the Lady Warriors, but that output was hardly enough in a 52-22 loss at McKinney Christian, which improved to 14-5.
 RCA then lost Friday, Jan. 15, to Sherman 71-24. The Sherman school won TAPPS District 4-2A and is now first among small private schools in the TABC poll.
 McKinney Christian (19-6 overall) defeated the Lady Warriors 68-

27 at Rockwall Christian Friday, Jan. 29. Shenda Boulware paced RCA with 10 points.
 On Tuesday, Texoma (24-4) won at home over Rockwall Christian 62-18. The game was no contest after RCA fell behind 24-2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	4	5	3	10	22
MCA	14	11	21	6	52

Tuesday, Jan. 12
 Rockwall Christian: Brittany Griffin 13, Widmer 4, Shenda Boulware 3, Ashley Poland 2.
 McKinney Christian: Emily Crombar 22, Ally Collins 11, Kayli Bollinger 4, Kaitlynn McAdams 4, Taylor Brock 2, Ellen Taylor 2, Priscilla Melton 2, Sidney Thompson 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
MCA	14	16	19	0	68
RCA	6	3	10	8	27

Friday, Jan. 29
 McKinney Christian: Emily Crombar 22, Taylor Brock 11, Ally Collins 10, Ellie Kimball 7, Priscilla Melton 7, Kayli Bollinger 5, Kaitlynn McAdams 2, Sidney Thompson 2, Natalie Lemieux 2.
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Lady Jackets ambush Smith to clinch division

by Lary Bump

Scoring the game's first 11 points in less than 2 1/2 minutes was a remarkable achievement for the Rockwall girls' basketball team Tuesday night.

However, that paled in comparison with what happened after Rani Hadley put in a rebound for Carrollton Newman Smith's first two points at RHS. The Lady Jackets then went on a 29-0 run for a 40-2 lead two minutes, 10 seconds before the first half ended.

The eventual 61-31 victory clinched the District 10-4A championship for Rockwall, which remained unbeaten in 26 games in the district. With two games to play, the Lady Jackets have a two-game lead over Rockwall-Heath, which they have beaten twice so they would win a tiebreaker.

About the only negative was that Newman Smith outscored Rockwall 14-9 in the third quarter. The Lady Jackets came back to win the final quarter 12-9.

"I'm real excited about how we played the first 12 minutes," RHS head coach Jill McDill said.

At that point, Rockwall led 36-2 and Peyton Adamson had already scored 21 of her game-high 29 points.

"We were running. The kids were having fun; they were all into it. Everybody was involved. I've seen more flashes of that recently," McDill said.

The victory was the 11th overall for the Lady Jackets, who remain ranked No. 3 among the state's 4A teams.

She added, "They were just determined. We knew we had only two games left on this court this year. It's starting to get a playoff feel."

McDill singled out sophomore point guard Kayla Smith, saying, "I feel like Kayla is really coming along. She's hitting some shots and playing with confidence. That really helps us."

Smith was Rockwall's second-high scorer with nine points. Unofficially, she led the team with four assists and three steals.

She had a career-high 13 points Friday, Jan. 29, when the Lady Jackets didn't start as quickly at Richardson Pearce. They led just 9-4 after the first quarter, but roared back for a 27-2 second-quarter advantage and a 36-6 halftime lead en route to a 72-27 rout.

Adamson again led the way with 28 points, and Alyssa Lang matched Smith's 13 points.

It was another big week for Adamson, who was one of 1,000 in the nation nominated for the prestigious McDonald's All-America team. The 24 All-Americans, who will compete in an all-star game in Columbus, Ohio, will be named Thursday. By that time, she's likely to have exceeded 1,000 points this season.

"It means a lot. It's definitely an honor; not many people get to say they're a McDonald's All-American," Adamson said, "but my mind is completely on the playoffs. We're doing so well, and everything is clicking at the right time."

Even with the district title clinched, McDill said, it shouldn't be difficult to motivate the team for its final two regular-season games.

"Friday night we play at Highland Park. It's their Senior Night, and they're fighting for a playoff spot. Then we play Greenville Tuesday, and they're fighting for a playoff spot and it's our Senior Night. So it will be a playoff kind of mindset."

When the actual playoffs begin Monday or Tuesday, Feb. 15 or 16, the Lady Jackets would play the fourth-place team from District 9-4A. Currently, McKinney (20-9) and Frisco Liberty (15-15) are tied for fourth.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	9	27	18	18	72
Pearce	4	2	11	10	27

Friday, Jan. 29

Rockwall (28-4, 11-0): Peyton Adamson 28, Alyssa Lang 13, Kayla Smith

13, Mary Hinton 8, Aimee Coleman 4, Vertashia Dean 4, Caitlin W. Richardson Pearce (3-15, 3-8): Anna Gerber 8, Victoria Kennedy Tiedemann 4, McKenzie Russell 3, Kathryn Kimell 3, Jessie Megan Siebert 1, Sara Witcraft 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
N. Smith	2	6	14	9	31
RHS	26	14	9	12	61

Tuesday

Carrollton Newman Smith (7-17, 3-9): Lauren Jumao-as 10, C. Florence 10, Sharika Nash 4, LaChelle Jackson 3.

Rockwall (29-4, 12-0): Peyton Adamson 29, Kayla Smith 9, Mary 8, Alyssa Lang 5, Aimee Coleman 4, Vertashia Dean 3, Caitlin W.

2 losses push Jackets to brink of elimination

Playing District 10-4A's top two teams didn't help Rockwall's district hopes last week.

The Yellowjackets never were in either game.

Playing at home Friday, Jan. 29, they trailed second-place Richardson Pearce 18-7 after the first quarter on the way to a 54-35 loss.

It was more of the same Tuesday at Carrollton Newman Smith, where Trojans are unbeaten in district games. They led RHS 13-2 after a quarter and went on to win 56-37.

As a result, the Jackets remained sixth in the district. With four games remaining, they are three games behind Greenville, which currently holds fourth and final playoff position.

Rockwall's position isn't impossible. The Jackets finished the regulation by winning four in a row to reach the playoffs. They'll home Friday against third-place Highland Park in a game that could end RHS' playoff hopes or propel the Yellowjackets on another playoff run.

Against Pearce, sophomore Wesley Davis led Rockwall with eight and three blocked shots. Adam Dingwell had a team-high eight rebounds. One of the Jackets' biggest problems was 41 per cent field goal shooting.

Their hands were even colder against Newman Smith. RHS shot 20 per cent from the field. No Yellowjacket had more than four rebounds. Wardell paced the scoring with 10 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pearce	18	11	13	12	54
RHS	7	10	14	4	35

Friday, Jan. 29

Richardson Pearce (18-9, 7-2): Kenny Slocum 25, Brooks Vehs 10, Cole Holland 8, Casey Lane 6, Jake Allen 2, Conner O'Reilly 2, Gile 1.

Rockwall (8-16, 3-6): Wesley Davis 8, Blake Sandlin 6, Luke Wardell 10, Hunter Jorgensen 4, Adam Dingwell 3, Collin Sch 2, Nathaniel Robinson 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	2	11	12	12	37
N. Smith	13	13	16	14	56

Tuesday

Rockwall (8-17, 3-7): Luke Wardell 10, Hunter Jorgensen 7, Wesley 6, Carson Brooks 6, Griffin Fraser 3, Adam Dingwell 2, Blake Sandlin 2, Micah Griffey 1.

Carrollton Newman Smith (19-9, 10-0): Al Lasker 17, Randall Joy 10, Edward Williams 14, Jalil Speed 4, Will Allen 2, Trey Pickney 2, Malvern 2.

Claire Walters has sterling performance for RACE

Claire Walters won three second-place medals in the girls' 13-14 age group to pace a group of seven swimmers from Rockwall's RACE team in the Lakeside Aquatic Club New Year's "A" Swimming Invitational Jan. 15.

RACE placed 13th among 17 teams in the event won by The City of Plano Swimmers with 1,084.5 points. The host Lakeside club was second with 749.

Walters provided 21 points for RACE in the competition for swimmers meeting at least the USA

Swimming Organization's A qualifying standards. She achieved Texas Age Group Swimming AAA qualifying times in placing second in the 100-yard butterfly in 1 minute, 1.51 seconds, and in the 200 freestyle (2:00.57). The freestyle time was three seconds faster than her previous personal best. Walters reached a TAGS AA standard with her second-place finish in the 200 butterfly (2:19.94). She also had an A time of 11:46.90 in the 1,000 free, in which she placed 20th.

Walters and 11-year-old Emily

Manly will represent RACE at the TAGS meet in March. Manly reached four 11-12 age group TAGS times and swam to personal-best times in 11 events at Lakeside. Her best finish was eighth in the 400 individual medley with an AA time of 5:14.81. She also reached AA times in the 200 IM (placing ninth in 2:28), 100 IM (13th in 1:09.39) and 500 freestyle (13th in 5:45.81). Manly had an A TAGS time of 37.02 seconds in the 50 breaststroke, finishing 16th.

William Rapp, 13, placed fourth

in the 13-14 boys' 50 freestyle with an AA time of 24.76. He also was eighth in the 1,000 free (11:36.55), and 16th in both the 100 free (55.70) and 100 backstroke (1:04.44).

Jonathan Walters, a 17-year-old Rockwall High School senior, was fifth the 15 & over boys' 200-yard breaststroke, with an AA time of 2:20.51.

Justin Tokuz placed seventh in the 13-14 boys' 50 freestyle (25.20). He also was ninth in the 1,000 free (11:40), 11th in the 200 IM (2:16.84), 13th in the 200 backstroke with a personal-best 2:18.20, 14th in the 100 butterfly (1:02.33) and 16th in the 200 free with a personal-best 2:00.55.

Eleven-year-old Alex Rodriguez swam the 100 breaststroke in 1:23.73 for 13th place and the 50 backstroke in a personal-best 34.06 to finish 19th among the 11-12 boys.

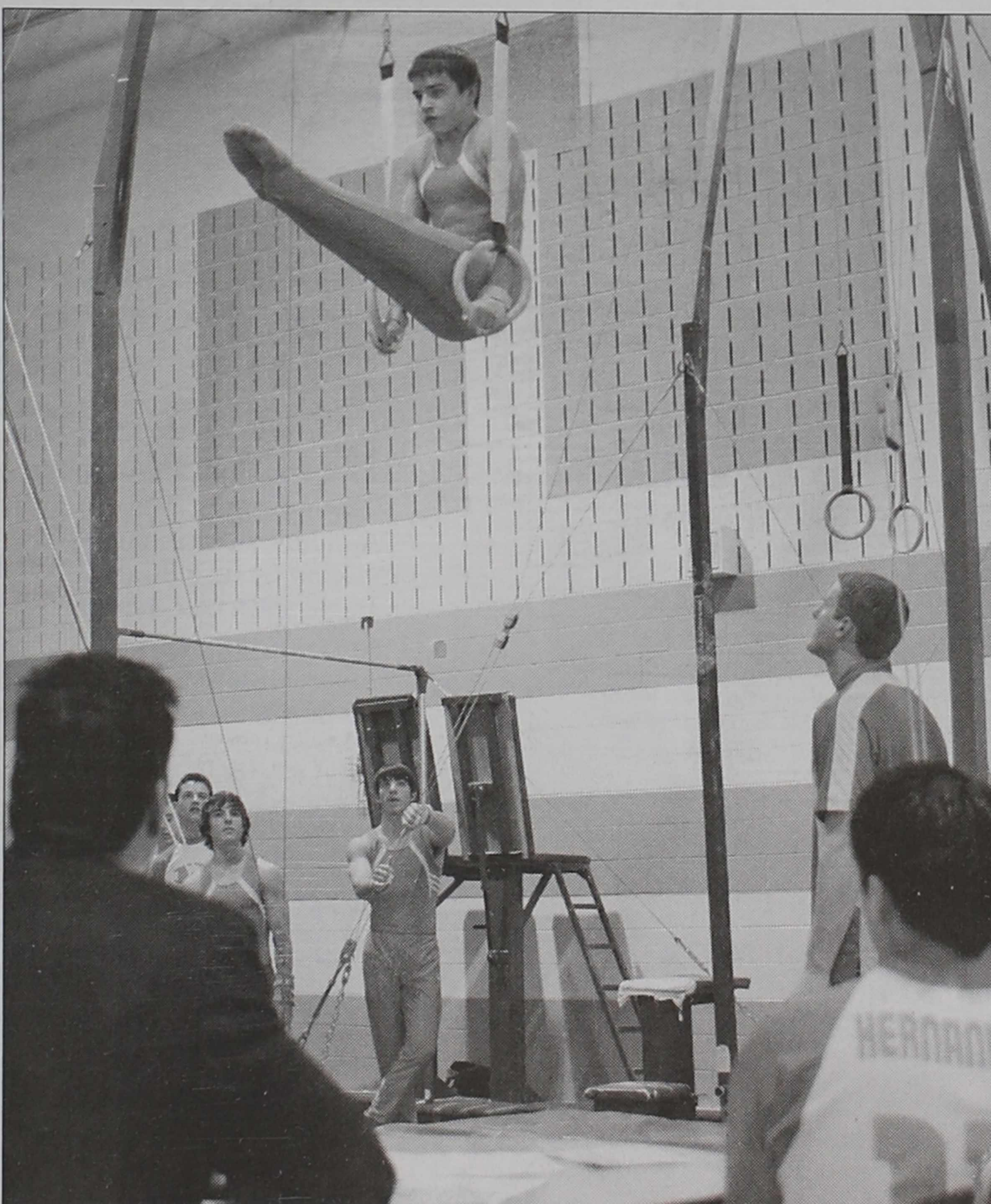
Rachel Hyvl finished with three personal bests - in the 100 breaststroke (1:39.99), 100 fly (1:23.05) and 200 free (2:37.44) - in the 10 & under girls' division.

RACE's next A meet will be the Greater Southwest Invitational in Addison Friday-Sunday.

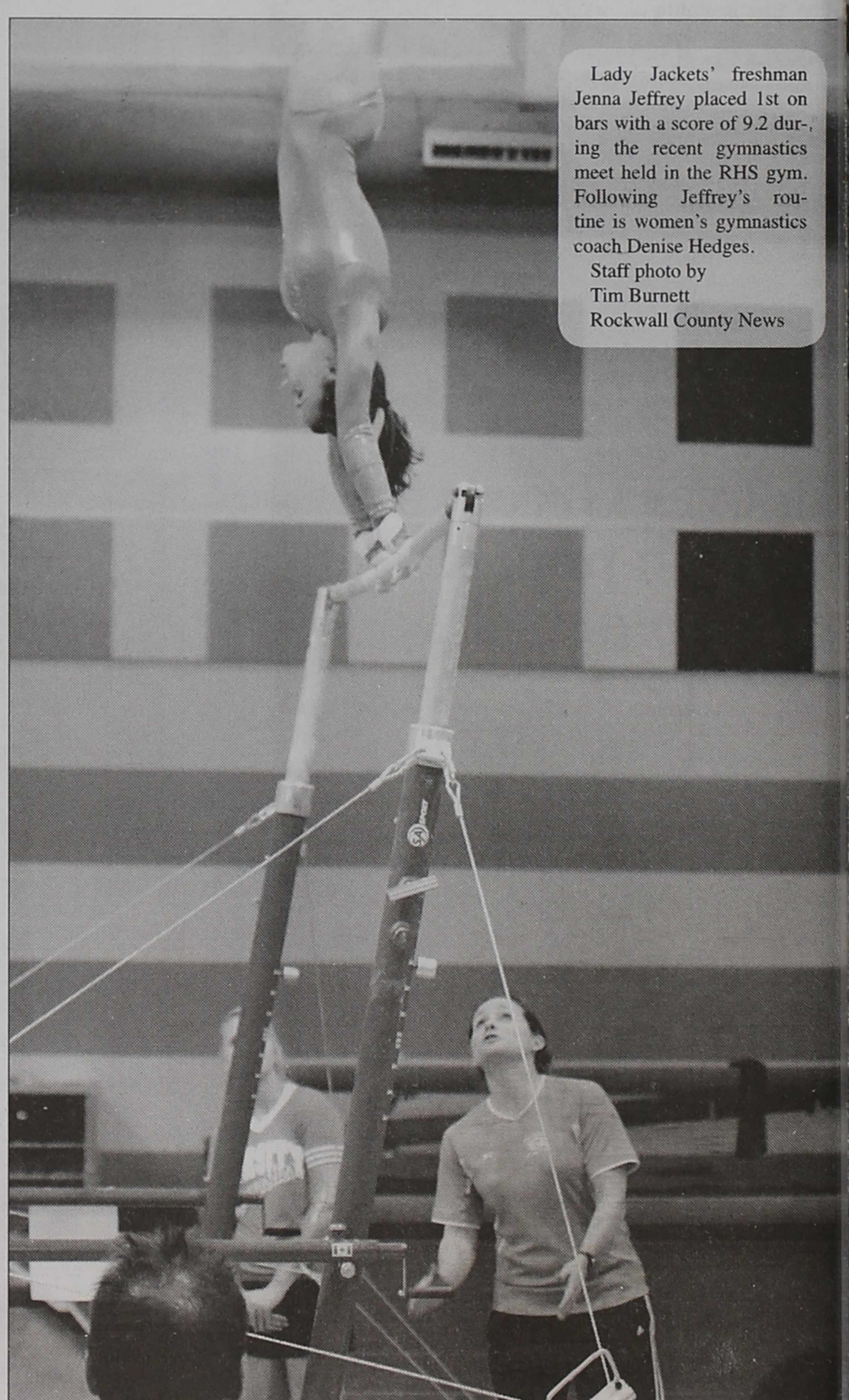
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Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks' Laura Dobbs (3) controls the ball against a Sachse player. The Lady Hawks start district play next Tuesday against Rockwall in Wilkerson Sanders Stadium. Photo by Michele Hierholzer/Rockwall County News



Bradley Meyer steadies his position in the rings as Coach Cameron Sweny watches from the right. Teammates at back are (left to right) Jeremy Scott, Crig Brannon and Payton Larman. Judging the event is RHHS men's Gymnastics Coach Omar Loya (front left). Assisting Loya (right) is Manny Hernandez. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Lady Jackets' freshman Jenna Jeffrey placed 1st on bars with a score of 9.2 during the recent gymnastics meet held in the RHS gym. Following Jeffrey's routine is women's gymnastics coach Denise Hedges. Staff photo by Tim Burnett Rockwall County News

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Rockwall County Sports

Hawks take a step forward, then a bigger one back

Early Bump

became a little shorter for the Rockwall-Heath boys' basketball team in its pursuit for a playoff berth.

It didn't take long for second-place Richardson Pearce to establish its superiority over the Hawks. The Mustangs clinched a playoff berth by taking a halftime lead and going on to a 74-52 victory.

It was a loss of some of the good that RHHS had done Friday, Jan. 29, by going on for a 53-43 win over Roysce City.

In that game, Rockwall-Heath head coach Justin Morett said, "We're trying to sustain that." It keeps us where we were, back in the hunt. Anybody can win in this district on a given night. Whoever makes a run will get the playoffs. We're trying to sustain that."

But RC, the Hawks used runs of 11-0 and 13-0 to move from an 8-2 deficit to a 30-13 lead 40 seconds before halftime.

Morett said the team started doing a better job of anticipating and rotating on our press, so we're getting some turnovers," Morett explained.

The Bulldogs had 12 of their 26 turnovers during the first quarter. They made just 3 of 17 field goal attempts in the first half.

At halftime, the Hawks turned cold, making just 2 of 14 (14 per cent) field goals. They also shot just 50 per cent from the foul line in each half, and finished the game 28-for-56.

As a result, the advantage became shaky when Rockwall-Heath missed 9 of its first 14 foul shots in the fourth quarter. During that time, the Bulldogs led RHHS 17-7 to move within four points at 45-41.

Rockwall-Heath made four of eight foul shots to rebuild an eight-point lead when Aaron Gladney and Preston Wynn each made two in two attempts to force the final winning margin. They each made seven foul shots in the second half. Wynn needed 14 tries. Todd Franza led the Hawks with 11 points, but he was fouled out in the first half.

"The third quarter keeps hurting us," Morett said of his team's inability to hold its lead after halftime. "I don't know what it is, but we've got to do a better job."

The problem wasn't solved at Pearce, which outscored the Hawks 22-7 in the second quarter. Eleven players scored for Rockwall-Heath, but Franza's 10 points were the highest individual total.

With four games remaining, the Hawks are in fifth place, just behind the teams that would qualify for the playoffs. However, at 4-6 they trail second-place Greenville by two games and third-place Highland Park by one game.

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Rockwall-Heath's Preston Wynn (12) leaps to pass the ball to teammate Conner Geiser (11) over Roysce City's Nick Stone (30), Matt Stone (14) and David Frye (22).
Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Lady Hawks prepare for playoffs

Rockwall-Heath will be in the girls' basketball playoffs, that's for sure. All that stands in the way of setting up the first-round Bi-District game is clearing up a few details.

A win Friday night at last-place Carrollton R.L. Turner will clinch second place in District 10-4A for the Lady Hawks.

As the second-place team, they would meet the third-place team from 9-4A, which currently is McKinney North. The Lady Bulldogs have been ranked in the top 10 among the state's 4A schools at times this season.

If McKinney North is the opponent, RHHS head coach Devin Gabbard said he would like to arrange a neutral-site game about equidistant from both schools. Wylie could be a possibility.

One thing is certain: Rockwall-Heath will not be the 10-4A champion. While RHHS was rolling to a 62-42 victory at home against Richardson Pearce Tuesday, Rockwall was clinching first place by routing Carrollton Newman 61-31. The Lady Jackets are 12-0 in the district, two games ahead of the Lady Hawks with two games to play. Both of Rockwall-Heath's district losses have been against Rockwall, so the Lady Jackets would win a tiebreaker.

Against Pearce, Gabbard said, "We played the best we've played in a while."

RHHS led 18-10 after the first quarter and 40-20 at halftime. It was a team effort, with 12 players scoring. Shanae Lowrance led the Lady Hawks with 12; five others had at least six points.

Against Roysce City Friday, Jan. 29, the Lady Hawks won 40-31 behind Lowrance's 19 points.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
Pearce	10	10	10	12	42
RHHS	18	22	14	8	62

Tuesday
Richardson Pearce (3-16, 3-9): Kathryn Kimell 14, McKenzie Russell 7, Jessie Martin 7, Hannah Smith 6, Anna Gerber 5, Sara Witcraft 2, Victoria Kennedy 1.

Rockwall-Heath (19-7, 10-2): Shanae Lowrance 12, Macall Smith 9, Willette Rankin 8, Lyndsey Renta 8, Aly Coughlin 7, Brooke Eddy 6, Katelyn Morris 3, Meredith Deere 2, McKenzie White 2, Jordan Mitchell 2, April Brown 2, Brianna Richardson 1.

For the Friday, Jan. 29, box score, see the Roysce City game story.

Hawks stretch soccer win streak to 6

Chase Minter is on fire. His Rockwall-Heath boys' soccer team is even hotter.

The Hawks have won their last six games. In the last four of those, Minter has scored seven goals as RHHS outscored its opponents 14-2.

Minter and Brandon Lu combined to score five of the Hawks' seven goals in a 4-0 victory at Kennedale Friday, Jan. 22, and a 3-1 home win over Little Elm Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Lu scored a goal in each game; Minter had two against Kennedale and another against the Lobos. Guillermo Medina added a score Friday, and Thomas Mills had a goal vs. Little Elm.

Last week, Minter had two goals each in a 3-0 road victory Friday, Jan. 29, over Dallas Woodrow Wilson and a 4-1 win at Waxahachie Tuesday. Trevor Pinkston also scored against Wilson. At Waxahachie, Pinkston and Mills each had a goal.

Playoff berth on line for Fulton Friday

The Fulton School boys' basketball team will be playing for a playoff berth when the Falcons take on Waco Parkview Christian Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo.

Fulton and Parkview are tied for the fourth and final playoff berth from TAPPS District 3-2A with 2-7 district records entering the final regular-season game.

The Falcons go into the game confident despite having lost to Parkview in Waco Jan. 5. That 31-23 defeat came after Fulton hadn't played in 25 days.

In addition, Fulton is riding high after Tuesday's 45-36 victory over Poetry Community Christian in Forney. When they played Jan. 15 at Poetry, the home team had defeated the Falcons.

If Fulton wins Friday, it would play a Bi-District playoff game on the road Tuesday.

HCA boys lose two district games

Heritage Christian Academy lost to Greenville Christian 66-37 in a TAPPS District 4-2A boys' basketball game Monday, Jan. 25.

The next day, HCA traveled to play district champion Rockwall Christian. RCA outscored the Eagles by at least nine points in every quarter on the way to an 85-36 victory.

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"



Rockwall-Heath wrestler Jacob Glastad (160 lb) pens a Forney opponent during the recent tournament held in the RHS gym.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Sports

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RTU plans Valentine Mixer

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited is inviting the public to participate in its Valentine Mixer from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 13 at the RHHS courts. Early registration fee for members is \$10; cost will be \$15 at the door. Early registration for non-members is \$15, \$20 at the door. For details, e-mail rahman-zadehl@sbcglobal.net. To register visit rockwalltennisunlimited.com.

Girls on the Run scheduled
Girls on the Run uses interactive activities – running, playing games and discussions – to teach participants life skills. Girls will learn about physical and emotional health, dealing with body image, resisting peer pressure, making healthy decisions, working with a team and giving back to the community. The class meets twice weekly for 12 weeks while training to walk or run a 5K. Class begins Feb. 16. Register with the Rockwall Parks & Rec.

Disc golf event to boost Helping Hands

The Rockwall Disc Golf Association will host a Feb. 27 tournament at Myers Park to benefit Rockwall County Helping Hands. The “Not-so-Sub-Zero Shootout” tournament will feature two divisions, and each player will receive a tournament-stamped disc and a T-shirt. Anyone interested should visit rockwalldga.com/icebowl. Players and attendees are asked to bring canned food for the agency’s pantry.

Junior Olympics Skill contest slated

A free national skills participation program, the Junior Olympics Skills Competition, will begin at 10 a.m. March 6 in the RISD Ed. Center gym. Open to boys and girls ages 8 to 13, the competition will allow young athletes to showcase their abilities in four sports: basketball, soccer, tennis and track and field (may participate in any or all). Participants must provide copies of their birth certificates. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Course offered on fly fishing

A class on fly fishing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17 at Harry Myers Park. Open to individuals ages 12 and older (ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult), classes will be taught by Dallas Fly Fishers Club members. Cost will be \$25 for Rockwall residents, \$38 for non-residents.

Kickball tourney set April 24

A kickball tournament open to competitors ages 8 and older will begin at 10 a.m. April 24 at Myers Field No. 1. Family, youth and adult divisions are planned; a minimum of eight players needed per team (can be co-ed and/or a mix of ages). Each team guaranteed three games. Cost per team of Rockwall residents is \$25; non-residents, \$40. Deadline for entries is April 22. For details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Kickers Soccer set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department’s Little Kickers Soccer program for youths ages 3 1/2 to 5 will run from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Mondays from April 26 through May 31 on Myers Park Field No. 1. The program is designed to provide age-appropriate skill-building drills and exercise. Cost will be \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Sluggers T-Ball program offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department’s Little Sluggers T-Ball program, open to youths ages 3 1/2 to 5, will run from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays April 27 through June 1 on Myers Park Field No. 1. Children will be divided into teams to learn fundamental skills in a non-competitive environment; the final two weeks will provide game experience. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

RISD plan observance for school counselors

The Rockwall Independent School District will join school districts across the nation in celebration of school counselors during the first week of February with a Celebrate School Counseling theme.

Thirty school counselors serve more than 13,000 students in the RISD. The mission of the RISD Guidance and Counseling Department is to aid students in achieving academic success, provide information on college and career paths from K-12 and to promote healthy personal and social relationships.

“I’m happy to join our district and community in celebrating this outstanding group of people for the services they provide to our students. The counselors in RISD have been able to do what no other district has done. They have created a unique program through the Rachel’s Challenge Organization that promotes kindness and compassion from kindergarten to 12th grade,” said Nancy Boyd, RISD director of guidance. “Our counselors have extended the chain reaction of kindness and compassion across America. This is our third year to embrace Rachel’s Challenge, and it begins with these counselors.”

The curriculum formed by three RISD elementary counselors is taught to districts across America and Canada. Counselors in New York, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Florida, Idaho, Alaska, Canada, Washington State and multiple districts in Texas have been trained by RISD counselors on the Rachel’s Challenge elementary program.

The Rachel’s Challenge Organization was formed as a result of the Columbine school shooting tragedy in 1999. Rachel Scott was the first student to lose her life in the shooting and her family later formed the organization to spread kindness and compassion through secondary schools across the nation. RISD has now partnered with the Rachel’s Challenge Organization as a result of the creation of the elementary program.

H1N1 vaccines offered at HH Health Center

The Health Center of Helping Hands is providing H1N1 vaccinations to the public for a \$5 administration fee.

The threat of the H1N1 virus is not over and healthcare workers are urging residents who didn’t get the vaccine last year to do so now.

“Typically after the holidays we have a second wave of the flu in late winter, and experts predict that will happen this winter,” said Dr. David Lensch of the Baylor Family Medical Center at Rockwall and the lead volunteer doctor for the Health Center.

Maria Sparks, director of infectious control and occupational health at Lake Pointe Medical Center, said people think they are safe because they have already been exposed to it and don’t need to be vaccinated – or – they have had the flu and think they are protected.

“That doesn’t mean you have created an antibody,” she said. “People need to be vaccinated. We could have another outbreak.”

The Health Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and closed for lunch from noon until 1 p.m.

For more information call the Health Center at 972-772-8194.

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The Bulldogs’ Cory Stapleton (25) shifts the ball to avoid a block attempt by Rockwall-Heath’s Preston Wynn (12). RHHS’ Zachary Morett (1) moves in to help on defense.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County High school schedule

Fulton School Falcons’ schedule

Friday, Feb. 5 – Boys’ basketball: home vs. Waco Parkview, RISE, 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles’ schedule

Friday, Feb. 5 – Middle school girls’ basketball: home vs. McKinney Christian, 4 p.m.

Middle school boys’ basketball: home vs. McKinney Christian, 5 p.m.
Varsity girls’ basketball: home vs. McKinney Christian, 6 p.m.
Varsity boys’ basketball: home vs. McKinney Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors’ schedule

Saturday, Feb. 6 – Varsity girls’ basketball: home for playoff tiebreaker vs. Greenville Christian, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 – Varsity boys’ basketball: home for Bi-District playoff game vs. Longview Christian Heritage, 6 p.m.

Rockwall Yellowjackets’ schedule

Friday, Feb. 5 – Varsity tennis: home for RHS Frozen Ball Tournament, 8 a.m.

Varsity boys’ golf: at Wallace/Grant Invitational, Firewheel Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Varsity 1 girls’ golf: at Waxahachie, Waxahachie Country Club, 8 a.m.

Girls’ soccer: home vs. Red Oak, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys’ soccer: at Dallas Conrad, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys’ basketball: home vs. Highland Park, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls’ basketball: at Highland Park, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Freshman boys’ basketball: home vs. Highland Park, Utley Middle School, A 6 p.m. and B 7:30 p.m.

Swimming: District 10-4A meet, RISD Aquatic Center

Saturday, Feb. 6 – Varsity power lifting: at Wills Point, 8:30 a.m.

Varsity and JV softball: scrimmage at Azle, 10 a.m.

Varsity wrestling: home for District 19-4A Tournament, 10 a.m.

Varsity boys’ golf: at Wallace/Grant Invitational, Firewheel Golf Club

Varsity 1 girls’ golf: at Waxahachie, Waxahachie Country Club

Sunday, Feb. 7 – JV power lifting: at South Garland

Monday, Feb. 8 – JV boys’ golf: at Rowlett Invitational, Eastern Hills Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Varsity baseball: scrimmage at Plano East, 5 p.m.

JV White and JV Orange baseball: home scrimmages, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 – Softball: home scrimmage vs. Rowlett, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity boys’ soccer: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 5:30 p.m.

JV boys’ soccer: at Rockwall-Heath, 5:30 p.m.

Girls’ basketball: home vs. Greenville, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys’ basketball: at Greenville, JV and freshman 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity girls’ soccer: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

JV girls’ soccer: at Rockwall-Heath, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 – JV White boys’ basketball: at Dallas Jesuit, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11 – JV tennis: at Rockwall Frozen Ball Tournament, Rockwall-Heath, 8 a.m.

Gymnastics: Optionals at Highland Park Invitational, 6 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath Hawks’ schedule

Friday, Feb. 5 – Varsity tennis: at RHS Frozen Ball Tournament, 8 a.m.

Boys’ soccer: at Red Oak, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys’ basketball: home vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls’ basketball: at Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV and freshman 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Freshman boys’ basketball: home vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, Cain Middle School, 6 p.m.

Swimming: District 10-4A meet, RISD Aquatic Center

Saturday, Feb. 6 – Varsity wrestling: at District 19-4A Tournament, Rockwall, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 – Softball: home scrimmage vs. Sachse, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.

Varsity baseball: home scrimmage vs. Coppell, 5 p.m.

JV Black and JV Red baseball: scrimmage at Coppell, 5 p.m.

Boys’ soccer: at Rockwall, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

JV girls’ soccer: home vs. Rockwall, 5:30 p.m.

Girls’ basketball: home vs. Highland Park, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys’ basketball: at Highland Park, JV and freshman A 6 p.m. and varsity

and freshman B 7:30 p.m.

Freshman girls’ basketball: home vs. Highland Park, Cain Middle School, A 6 p.m. and B 7:30 p.m.

Varsity girls’ soccer: at Rockwall, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 – JV power lifting: at South Garland, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11 – JV tennis: home for Rockwall Frozen Ball Tournament, 8 a.m.

Gymnastics: Optionals at Highland Park Invitational, 6 p.m.

Royse City Bulldogs’ schedule

Friday, Feb. 5 – Varsity tennis: at Athens, 8:15 a.m.

Boys’ soccer: home vs. Mesquite Poteet, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 6 p.m.

Girls’ soccer: at Mesquite Poteet, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys’ basketball: home vs. Carrollton Newman Smith, JV and freshman 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls’ basketball: at Carrollton Newman Smith, JV and freshman 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls’ softball: home scrimmage vs. Terrell and Wylie East, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 6 – Varsity boys’ and girls’ power lifting: at Wills Point, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 8 – JV boys’ golf: at Rowlett Invitational, Eastern Hills Golf Club

Tuesday, Feb. 9 – Baseball: home scrimmage vs. Princeton, JV Gold JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.

Softball: home scrimmage vs. Corsicana, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.

Girls’ soccer: home vs. Forney, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys’ soccer: at Forney, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls’ basketball: home vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV and freshman 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys’ basketball: at Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV and freshman 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11 – Varsity tennis: at Rockwall, 8 a.m.

Three locals named to Dean’s List

Three Rockwall students were named to the 2009 Fall Dean’s List at Southwestern University in Georgetown, according to a news release received this week.

Kimberly Griffin, Christopher Ray and Travis Valdez were the students honored.

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

Students named to Ouachita honors list

Several local students were included on the Dean’s List and President’s List for the fall semester at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., according to a university news release.

Jacob Way of Heath and Sarah Horton and Joshua Lord of Rockwall were among President’s List honorees.

To be named to the President’s List, a student must compile a 4.0 grade point average and be classified as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 academic hours.

Dean’s List honorees included Sarah McKimney and Hannah Moore-Heath, Michael Krikorian, Kayla Pinkham and Rachel Spencer of Rockwall and Julia Conrad of Royse City.

Each of the students received a certificate of recognition from the university and will be included in the National Dean’s List for the current semester.

To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must compile a 3.5 grade point average and be classified as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 academic hours.

Gochinas named to President’s List

Whitney D. Gochinas of Rockwall was one of more than 400 students at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., named to the President’s List for the fall semester.

According to a university news release, a student on the President’s List must be enrolled full-time at Northwestern and achieve grades no lower than an A in all academic courses pursued.

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Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas on Monday, February 1, 2010.

ORDINANCE NO. O-1137 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE BY THE REZONING OF AN APPROXIMATE 1.96 ACRE TRACT OF LAND FROM UNZONED TO "HC" HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Jean Dwinell, TRMC, CMC City Secretary City of Fate

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Fate will receive proposals from pre-qualified Design-Builders for the purpose of constructing a Fire Station and demolition and carry off of existing structure. Proposal forms may be picked up at 105 E. Fate Main, Fate Texas, 75132 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Closing date will be Feb 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

CITY OF ROCKWALL

ORDINANCE NO. 10-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE VI 'PARADES' AND ARTICLE X 'MASS GATHERINGS' BY REPEALING THESE ARTICLES IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND CREATING A NEW ARTICLE VI IN CHAPTER 15 ENTITLED 'SPECIAL EVENTS'; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER

CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor /s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary

1st Reading: 01-19-10 2nd Reading: 02-01-10

CITY OF ROCKWALL

ORDINANCE NO. 10-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (ORD. NO. 04-38) OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL AS HERETOFORE AMENDED BY AMENDING ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor /s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary

1st Reading: 01-19-10 2nd Reading: 02-01-10

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF FATE, TEXAS NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas, at its meeting to commence at 7:00 P.M. on March 15, 2010, at its regular meeting place at the Fate Community Center, located at 104 South W.E. Crawford, Fate, Texas, tentatively proposes to authorize the issuance of interest bearing combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation of said City, in one or more series, in total maximum principal amount not to exceed \$2,710,000, for the public purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for:

(i) constructing and improving streets, roads and alleys including related drainage, signalization, landscaping, lighting and signage, (ii) acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping additions, improvements and extensions to the City's waterworks and sewer system, including an automated water meter reading system, (iii) constructing and equipping a fire station, including related infrastructure, and (iv) paying legal, fiscal, engineering and other professional fees in connection with such projects. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law, and a limited pledge of surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system, remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all of the City's revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding), which are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

CITY OF FATE, TEXAS

Public Notice "Notice to Bidders - Sealed bid for "Insurance", CSP No. 09-10-02, addressed to Angel Stevens, Royse City ISD, 810 Old Greenville Rd, Royse City, TX 75189 will be received at the above address until 2 p.m., Thursday, March 25, 2010, at which time they will be publicly opened and names only read aloud. Bid forms and specification may be obtained by calling (972)636-2413 or at www.rcisd.org/purchasing"

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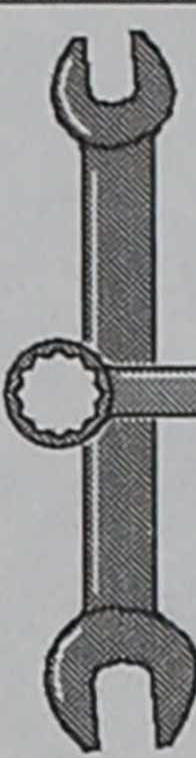
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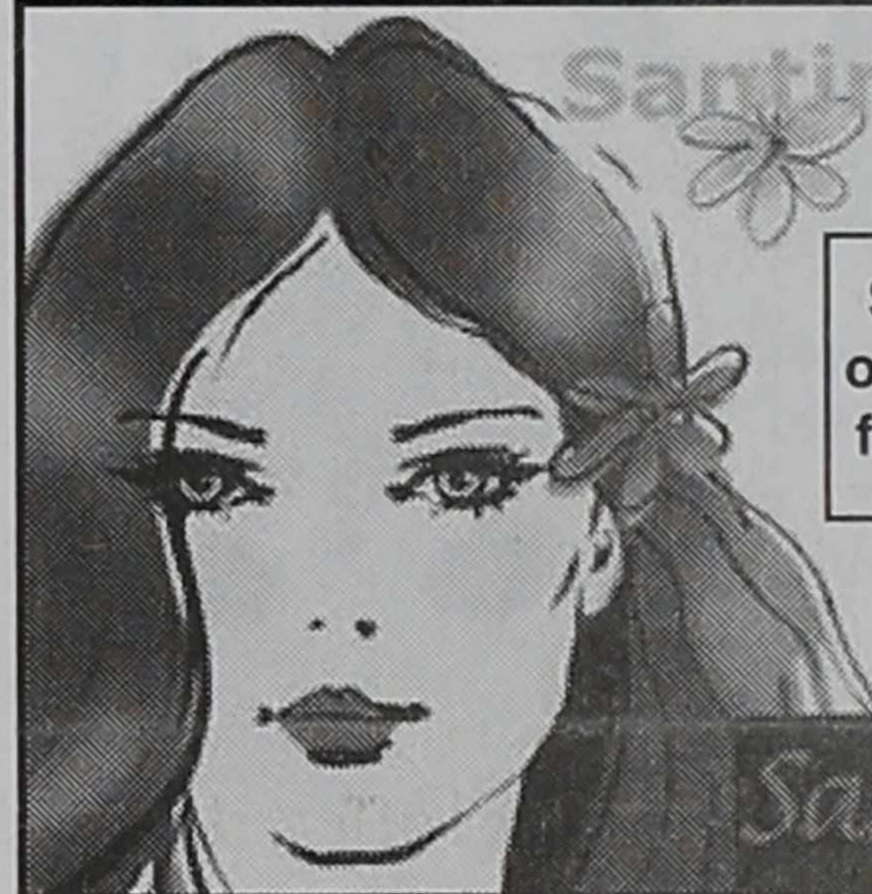
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ACROSS

- Livingston is seat of this county
- enthusiastic
- TXism: "___ sleeping dog lie" (ignore)
- Mexican American Fine Art Museum of TX: "Mexic-___"
- this Farley founded TX "Boys Ranch"
- TXism: "no ___ and, or but"
- A&M's Kleberg Center has famous "branded ___ case"
- in Wichita Co. on hwy. 287
- "___ Kingdom Lake" on the Brazos River
- with "ex," bomb detonation
- TX Mark Chesnut tune: "Too Cold ___"
- country of ex-Mav Steve Nash
- this Clubber fought Balboa in "Rocky III"
- egg producers
- TXism: "let the cat out of ___"
- mirror reflection
- TXism: "sticks out like ___ thumb"
- "Get ___ dogie"
- largest type of spider in TX
- this Tom was in TX-filmed "State Fair"
- easiest to chew
- famous TX store: "___ Marcus"
- 2nd half of the Bible (abbr.)
- across Sommer of "The Victors" with UT-grad Eli
- TXism: "just cause a chicken has wings don't mean ___ fly"
- Spindletop was 1st major TX ___ well
- David Brinkley's old co-anchor, Huntley
- "Kukla, Fran, and ___"
- 4-term U.S. senator, Bentsen (int.)
- extreme boot width
- TX still has no income ___ (well equipped)
- "Oliver" song: "As Long ___ Needs Me"
- TX George Jones' "The Race ___"
- Bicardi, et al.
- TX was in this govt. after seceding from U.S. in 1861 (abbr.)
- TX Kristofferson hit: "Why ___ Lord"
- postal abbr. for "The Constitution State"
- TX Dale Evans' ___ San Antonio!
- TXism: "get your ___ built" (be still)
- chowed down
- TXism: "liquid ___ (perfume)"
- Cherokee chief of Houston's 2nd wife: "___-te-ka"
- watercraft for 19-across (2 wds.)
- McGavin of "Bullet for a Badman" with TX Audie Murphy
- this Mickey owned a big honky tonk in Pasadena, TX (int.)
- Lloyd of '36 "Texas Rangers" (int.)
- UT played this state in '10 BCS championship (abbr.)
- TXism: "get your ___ built" (be still)
- TX soldier (abbr.)

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