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Tom Crowley, a member of the City Council of Royse City, center, and Scott Muckensturm, vice president of the Royse City School Board, left, discuss plans for the future of the school system and city growth at a Monday, Feb. 6, meeting at the Ernest Epps Educational Service Center. To the left of Crowley is school board member Bobby Summers. The joint meeting of RCISD trustees and the City Council was to share plans and ideas for the future growth of Royse City. School Board Superintendent Kevin Worthy discussed the objectives and strategies of the Royse City Strategic Plan 2.0. He laid out the projected growth of the city and the prospective growth of students in relation to the need for new or enlarged schools. The RCISD's chief financial officer, David Carter, shared today's financial costs compared to the cost for future growth of schools. Royse City Mayor Janet Nichol, City Manager Carl Alsbrook and Economic Development Director Larry Lott discussed their plans for housing growth, need for new homes and businesses and entertainment facilities, although no specifics were shared. "In March 2017, something will happen in Royse City that will blow everyone's socks off, but I won't even give you a hint of what it is, so don't even ask," Alsbrook said.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Fate marks opening of new City Hall, from donations of \$2.4M

The City of Fate celebrated the opening and dedication of its new City Hall at 1900 C.D. Boren Pkwy., Fate, on Feb. 6.

City officials were joined by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, local dignitaries, citizens and the Miss May Vernon Elementary School choir, according to a municipal news release.

The new structure, built to consolidate all municipal offices into a single location, provides space for future staffing needs and makes available meeting sites for official City Council, court and board meetings. Work on the building began in June 2015 with a budget of \$8.1 million, according to the release.

"The dedication of this City Hall marks the beginning of a new era for the City of Fate and its residents," Mayor Lorne Megyesi said. "Our community is growing at a tremendous pace and this facility will provide room for our staff and services to grow for many years to come."

The City of Fate funded the majority of the project, with \$2 million provided by the Williamsburg development and \$400,000 in land donated by Woodcreek developers Pat Sessions and Larry Rutherford, according to the release. The city has more than \$25 million in capital projects in progress or recently completed.

Leadership group to provide computers for local students

Leadership Rockwall 2017, a Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce organization, is collectioning donations to help provide computers for students served by the Rockwall Boys & Girls Club.

The Boys & Girls Club does not have computers and educational enhancement software for children to access homework after school and many of the youths served have no access to technology at home, creating a "dire need in today's technologically advanced learning environment," according to a chamber news release.

The Leadership group has committed to outfitting a computer lab for the Boys & Girls Club through the purchase of 10 desktop computers and 30 iPads, including networking and safety features and an entire technology center classroom makeover. The project is designed to provide students access to technology, focused specifically on enriching science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, educational programs, according to the news release.

Cost for the project will be approximately \$40,000, and fundraising efforts are well underway. Anyone interested in assisting should visit begreatnext.org/computersforkids. More ways to help out with this effort will be announced in future weeks.

University scholastic honors

Five named to OBU President's List

Five local residents were among the 284 students at Ouachita Baptist University named to the President's List for the fall semester, according to a news release from the Arkadelphia, Arkansas, university.

Honorees included, from Rockwall, William Jackson, Beth Naylor and Dillon Wester and, from Royse City, Aaron East and Brook East.

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, according to the release.

MacGilvary named to President's List

Morgan MacGilvary of Rockwall was named to the President's List for the fall semester at Mercer University, according to a news release from the Macon, Georgia, university.

MacGilvary, a senior in the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, met the university's rigorous grade-point average to make the list.

Five tapped for OBU Dean's List

Five local residents were among students at Ouachita Baptist University named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, according to a news release from the Arkadelphia, Arkansas, university.

Honorees included Collin Glaess of Fate, Matthew Alderman of Rockwall and Blain Hickman, Christian Jordan and Daryn McMinn of Royse City.

A total of 377 students were recognized.

Students will receive a certificate of recognition from OBU and will be included in the National Dean's List for 2016-2017.

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

Mayfield named to Dean's List

Megan Mayfield, daughter of Aubrey and Melanie Mayfield of Rockwall, was named to the Dean's List for the fall term at Austin College, according to a news release from the Sherman University.

The top 20 percent of students taking a minimum of three graded, full-credit courses are named to the honors list, according to the release.

Foreman named to Dean's List

Sydney Garrett Foreman of Rockwall, a mechanical engineering major, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, according to a university news release.

Foreman was recognized for academic achievement in the fall semester.

Pisano tapped for Dean's List

Shyann Pisano of Rockwall was one of 191 Centenary College students named to the fall Dean's List, according to the Shreveport, Louisiana, school's news release.

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

Dean's, President's Lists named at UA

Three local residents were among students at the University of Alabama to be named to the Dean's List or President's List for the fall semester, according to a news release from the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, university.

Honorees included Charles Gatewood Warren of Rockwall, who was named to the President's List, and Katherine E. Lucius and Garrett W. Swiney, both Heath residents, who were included on the Dean's List.

To be named to the President's List, a student must have an academic record of 4.0 for the semester, according to the news release. Dean's List honorees must have a semester academic record of 3.5 or higher.

Rockwall PAWS event breaks record

Rockwall PAWS' seventh annual Wine and Dine fundraiser was a record-breaking event.

Molly Peterson, director of the Rockwall Adoption Center, spoke about the dangers of heartworm. Bryan Jackson, DFWPP, gave a testimony with Bear, a dog that had no chance but was a canine guest at the event, which was hosted by the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club.

Guests included State Sen. Bob Hall; Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County district attorney; Shelli Miller, county clerk; Judge Mark Russo; John Benedetto, constable; Rockwall Mayor Jim Pruitt;

Rick Crowley, city manager and the event's auctioneer for the fifth year; Brad Griggs, assistant city manager; and Kenneth Fowler, city councilman.

Corporate tables were purchased by the Soroptimists, State Farm Kari Hargrave, Royse City; Mosquito Joe; Rockwall Adoption Center.

According to the organization, Rockwall PAWS continues to grow and has treated more than 300 heartworm-positive dogs adopted from the RAC.

Library to host NWS severe weather program Feb. 18

The National Weather Service in Fort Worth will offer a free class as part of the SKYWARN severe weather program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Rockwall County Library.

The class is being offered in partnership with the Rockwall County Emergency Management office.

The class is being organized for storm spotters and anyone with

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

God protects His son ... Matthew, Part 8

When King Herod received word that a "King of the Jews" was born, he gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people of Juda, and diligently enquired about the ancient prophecies that revealed the location of the child's birth.

Later he questioned the Magi to determine the time that they saw "his star," or the star that represented the new-born King. Herod told the Magi to send word when they find the child so he "may come and worship him also."

Why did Herod want this information about the child who was born "King of the Jews?" Why diligently discover the date and location of his birth? God in heaven knew Herod's intentions.

He warned the Magi in a dream, after seeing the child Jesus, to not return to Herod, but leave for their own country.

The accounts found in Matthew 2:2-23 are an absolute source of great joy and such heart-wrenching grief. No words can possibly describe the true joy in the hearts of the Magi, who after the long faith-based journey, found the child born "King of the Jews."

They came prepared to show abeyance to the new-born King, and give extremely valuable gifts of gold, frankincense oil and myrrh. They truly fulfilled an extremely important calling simply by letting the signs and wonders written in the stars teach and guide them.

Herod finally concluded, that as of the time of the Magi's arrival, the child would have been about two years of age.

The chapter reveals why the child's age was so important to Herod. What King Herod was about to do, was without a doubt the absolute height of true foolishness, pride and wickedness.

While speaking with the Magi, he was on his best behavior, but it was impossible to fully hide the wickedness filling up in his hands -- such wickedness that eventually spilled out onto the whole area; that being the area he was responsible for, under the authority of the recently established Roman Empire and the Augustan dynasty.

One of Herod's responsibilities was to maintain controlling order over the people of some of the Israel Tribes, including the Tribe of Juda. Such order must have included squelching potential threats to the reign of Augusta on behalf of the the Roman Empire.

Most readers of this article know where this is going. But please bear with me, as we slowly unfold what may have been one of the most gruesome and horrific acts of a Governor in ancient history.

Just as we cannot help but be happy and joyful over the accounts of the Magi finding the child Jesus and his parents, shall we not also weep with deep grief over the accounts of Herod's actions against the people who lived in the area he was responsible for?

The truth that it fulfilled an ancient prophecy does not alter the natural feelings of grief and inner pain.

After the Magi was warned to not return to Herod, the angel from the Lord God appeared to Joseph in a dream. Recall that he was guided by the same angel who told him in a dream to take Mary as his wife.

Joseph was commanded to "arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and stay there until" the angel would bring further instructions. The angel said, "Herod will seek the young child to destroy him" (Matthew 2:13).

God knew Herod's intentions and actions, and was one step in front of him the whole way. God worked mightily to protect His child. But, with much grief and sadness, Herod followed through with his plans.

After Joseph woke up, he immediately left to Egypt. God wasn't joking when he said to "flee." Get out of there!

It says they stayed in Egypt until after Herod's death. This fulfilled one of a number ancient prophecies, "Out of Egypt have I called my son" (Hosea 11:1).

What Herod did was described in only one verse.

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the wise men [Magi], was exceeding wroth [filled with wrath], and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the [Magi]" (Matthew 2:16).

Take some quiet time to ponder on what Herod did. It's okay to consider the deepest essence of what happened.

Herod issued orders for his soldiers to hunt down and murder every child at two years of age and younger, who lived in Bethlehem -- and believe it or not -- in all the bordering towns and communities.

Remember that a census of all the people was recently implemented. The census was very likely helpful toward executing Herod's order.

Herod must have used his closest and highly trusted soldiers. They had to first determine which children were two years and under, and murder all of them -- ALL OF THEM.

This action by Herod fulfilled an ancient prophecy of Jeremiah, "In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not."

Even with the hope that all those children will be part of the 100,000 of Israel under Jesus in the New Jerusalem -- there was no comfort.

Isn't it sweet -- the one child that escaped will be the righteous King over the many children who died --, unto everlasting life in Paradise.



Liz Kelly, pictured above, recently was selected as the 2016-2017 Ouida Springer Elementary Teacher of the Year, according to a news release issued by the school. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Henry George Mascorro, Deceased, were issued on January 30, 2017, in Cause No. PR16-0158, pending in the County Court of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Lisa L. Mascorro.

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Building Inspections
Total issued permits - 267
Total permits value - \$12,656,019.04
Fees collected - \$251,265.83
Permit highlights
Communications - \$3,915,266 valuation, with \$56,081.04 in fees.
Remodel - \$3,773,500, with \$16,412.41.
Single Family construction - \$8,740,753.04, with \$193,233.29.
New construction - \$7,447,114.15, with \$173,256.89.
Permit details
Papa John's #4249 (11/7/2016), 1180 Horizon Road; Business Owner Star papa L.P., Monsey, New York.
Shell CO - Double T Ventures L.L.C. (11/18/16), 907 North Goliad; Business Owner Terrene D & Toni A. Rowe, Wylie, Texas.
Double T Ventures L.L.C. - Shell CO (12/2/2016), 909 North Goliad; Business Owner Double T Ventures, L.L.C., Wylie.
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Rockwall Phone Repair (12/27/2016), Wal-Mart Super Center Addition 631 White Hills Drive; Business Owner Kris Vitiello, Rockwall.
Incline Media, War (12/8/2016), 101 & 103 E. Bourn Street. Business Owner Jeff Cline.

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Building Fire 1; Grass fire 1; Outside rubbish 1; Medical assist 3; Motor vehicle accident with injuries 8; Motor vehicle accident with no injuries 5; Extrication of victims(s) from vehicle 1; Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator 1; Gas leak (natural gas) 8; Overheated motor 1; Arcing, shorted electrical equipment 1; Public service assistance 2; Public service 5; Assist police or other governmental agency 14; Public services non paged 8; Unauthorized burning 1; Dispatched & canceled en route 1; No incident found on arrival 2; Smoke scare, odor of smoke 13; Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke 1; HazMat release investigation 2; Sprinkler activation due to malfunction 3; Extinguishing system malfunction 2; Smoke detector activation due to malfunction 9; Alarm system sounded due to malfunction 2; CO detector activation due to malfunction 2; Unintentional transmission of alarm 1; Sprinkler activation, no fire 5; Extinguishing system activation 1; Smoke detector activation, no fire 4; Detector activation, no fire 1; Alarm system activation, no fire 7.
Total = 115
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Brush or brush-grass mixture fire 1; Other outside rubbish 1; Assist police or other agency 1; Public service non paged 1; No incident found on arrival 1; Alarm system activation, no fire 1; unknown 1.
Total = 7
Total dollar losses = \$300
Structure Fire Report
Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016
951 Lakeshore; Dispatch time 4:09 p.m.; Clear time 4:38 p.m.
Department received phone call on the landline from the manager of The Lighthouse Daycare on Lakeshore regarding smoke in the building. E1 with three personnel responded to the call and found that a vent fan caught fire in one of the bathrooms. When it was found, the fire was already out.
Fire Permit Listing: Aboveground Tank 1; Doors-Access Control 2; Fire Sprinkler 6; Fire Sprinkler Monitoring System 1; Temp Aboveground Tank 1; UST Removal 1.

12/6, 6:37 p.m., Hilton, Vehicle Unlock, NR.
12/9, 12:43 a.m., Campisi's, Criminal Mischief, NR.
12/10, 2:24 a.m., Hilton, Welfare Concern, NR.
12/10, 2:35 a.m., Hilton, Investigation, NR.
12/12, 1:40 a.m., City Salon and Spa, Alarm, False Alarm.
12/16, 6:45 p.m., The Harbor, Special Assignment, NR.
12/22, 7:34 a.m., Gloria's Restaurant, Alarm, FA.
12/22, 2:10 p.m., Hilton, Warrant Service, Arrest.
12/22, 3:56 p.m., Cinemark Movies 12, Vehicle Unlock, NR.
12/23, 8:45 p.m., The Harbor, Investigation, NR.
12/27, 8:42 p.m., Cinemark Movies 12, Investigation, NR.
12/30, 8:10 p.m., Three Sheets, Intoxicated, NR.
Police Department activity report
Narcotics: Number of cases 3; Arrests 3; Search Warrants 3.
Narcotics Seized: Cocaine 1 Kilogram; Methamphetamine 8.2 Kilo.
Offenses: Aggravated assault 1; Burglary 4; Larceny 56; Motor Vehicle Theft 6; Family Violence 19; DWI 15 (blood sample and arrest unknown); Felony 16; Misdemeanor 84; Warrant Arrest 30; Juvenile 8.
Accidents: Injury 18; Injuries 31; Non-injury 68.
False Alarms: Resident 60; Business 125.
Dispatch: Calls for Service 1589.
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Opinions

Dumping TPP placed kink in globalist NOW Plans

by Harold Pease
Liberty Under Fire

Many still do not understand the significance of Trump's Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) pullout. It was the most serious blow to the globalists in 100 years. In the political literature of the last 100 years internationalism, world government, new world order (NWO), world order and globalism are synonymous. They suggest a progressive transfer of national sovereignty to a higher level of government such as the United Nations. The idea of the 1950's and 1960's was to increasingly enlarge the UN until it was the recognized world government with total power. When possible this process continues.

Since countries have been slow to forfeit their national sovereignty to the UN, proponents next encouraged regional governments—uniting countries into geographical units, as for example the European Union, then later, when peoples and nations get used to this power transfer, unite them then into a single political unit. Since countries will never initially unite into a single political unit, the plan was to begin with economical unity then progress to the political unity desired, precisely as was successful in the E U. The unification of Europe into a regional government processed through the following five stages: European Coal and Steel Community, Common Market, European Economic Community, European Community, and finally European Union when political unity was possible.

The USSR, after the fall of communism in 1989, transformed itself into the Commonwealth of Independent States Free Trade Area (CISFTA)—a regional government of nations still under the control of Russia. The world has since been divided into other regional governments each following the European Union model and free trade agreements (economic persuasion) have been the favorite tool. Currently there are 23 such regional agreements each at a different stage in the unification of the countries in their regions and most still saddled by the necessity of using the somewhat deceptive "free trade"

terminology. In time the plan is to reduce 206 countries to less than 20 regional governments turning these countries into mere states of regional countries—a much more manageable world, globalists believe.

Some of these perspective regional governments have progressed beyond the need to keep the "free trade" terminology when they describe themselves as for example, the African Economic Community and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), both uniting large sections of Africa. The Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) uniting northern Islamic Africa and the Middle East is another. South America is to be united by the Southern Cone Common Market, frequently referred to as Mercosur. It has progressed to the point that it now has a Joint Parliamentary Committee, which is a final step toward political unification. But most still need these words. Central Europe is to be united by the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA). The South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) exists to unite countries from Afghanistan to Sri Lanka.

In the United States The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was to gradually unite Canada, the United States and Mexico into one regional government as had the European Union united Europe. A real border was never to be implemented because in time we were to be the North American Union complete with open borders of the people within and with an amero dollar to match the euro dollar. To globalists national sovereignty is the enemy. The Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights, that depend on and protect national sovereignty, cannot be allowed to obstruct the move to a world government.

The main reason that the U.S. was not to have an effective southern border prior to the political unification of the three countries was because Mexico was so far behind the other two countries in economic development and it needed time to elevate itself. Mexicans flooding

the U.S. for better paying jobs and many sending a portion of their money back to families in Mexico or opting to retire in their homeland with pensions acquired in the U. S., helped in Mexico's economic elevation.

Some trade agreements also intentionally interlaced with other trade agreements. The three countries in NAFTA also are signatories of the 5,600 paged Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), just ended by President Trump. Had it been implemented it would have governed 40 percent of U.S. imports and exports and 26 percent of the world's trade. It would have been the law of the land for the United States and 11 other countries in the Asia-Pacific region regardless of what the U.S. Constitution might say.

Its sister trade deal the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), called for by President Barack Obama in his February 12, 2013 State of the Union Address, would have economically merged the European Union and the United States much more closely with respect to market access, specific regulation and broader rules. Secret negotiations on the TTIP are expected to continue through 2020 and remain classified so the extent of this merger is unknown.

Trump's opposition to illegal immigration and his pulling out of the TPP negotiations are the most serious blows to the globalists in 100 years and will never be tolerated by them. They will continue to spew hate for him. His announced objective to renegotiate NAFTA as well and his probable pull out of TTIP too, may make him the most influential president rescuing us from world government. Dr. Harold Pease is a syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He has taught history and political science from this perspective for over 30 years at Taft College. To read more of his weekly articles, please visit www.LibertyUnderFire.org.

Choose life: defund abortion-centric Planned Parenthood

by Tami Jackson
BarbWire

America is unique in all the world, in all of history. This constitutional republic declared her independence from Britain officially in July 1776, the Declaration of Independence defining the purpose of government:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Those two sentences defined a radical precept, a first principle: America acknowledged God as the creator of life, and life was given preeminence. Without life there can be no freedom nor pursuit of happiness. Our government was meant to be the protector of life and the securer of liberty, wherein citizens were free to pursue happiness.

In direct opposition to America's founding principle of life, Planned Parenthood's first iteration, "The American Birth Control League," was established in 1921, by eugenicist Margaret Sanger, "to rid our nation of the criminal element and 'inferior races' through abortion and breeding programs." The organization changed its name to The Planned Parenthood Federation of America in 1942 with Sanger as president.

From its inception, Planned Parenthood, under the guidance of Nazi-inspired Margaret Sanger, championed abortion, the taking of innocent life. Today Planned Parenthood is the single largest provider of abortion in America, killing 324,000 unborns annually.

Sanger is famous for saying:
The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.

In her 1920 book, *Woman and the New Race*, Margaret Sanger titled a chapter, "The Wickedness of Creating Large Families."

Consider that America's settlers and founders espoused a biblical worldview that revered such verses:

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Genesis 1:28

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Psalm 127:3

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live. Deuteronomy 30:19

At the heart of the America v. Planned Parenthood battle are two diametrically opposing worldviews: America's founders and the founding documents they penned revered life and the Author of life.

Planned Parenthood upholds death, the murder of innocents, and embraces freedom FROM conscience and unlimited sexual activity divorced from consequence. Planned Parenthood founder, Margaret Sanger, labeled large families as wicked.

The United States of America was founded by a people who honored God and recognized the intrinsic value of life. The U.S. Constitution's First Amendment was written to safeguard the faith of Americans:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof

To ask American taxpayers to subsidize Planned Parenthood directly countermands the full intent of the Declaration of Independence and the First Amendment.

Roe v. Wade was a shameful and wrongly decided opinion. Compelling citizens' taxes to pay for an evil, unbiblical law is equally abhorrent.

The time has come to restore America's birthright as wisely written by our forebears:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Creating Enemies, Creating Hell

by Robert C. Koehler

"Numerous foreign-born individuals have been convicted or implicated in terrorism-related crimes since September 11, 2001."

As Donald Trump sets out to "protect America," I dedicate the words of his explosively controversial proclamation banning people from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States, to one of his supporters: Alexandre Bissonnette, the white nationalist Canadian who shot up a mosque in Quebec City a few days ago, murdering six people and injuring eight others.

Bissonnette is the latest native-born lost soul who figured out how to combine a simmering hatred for a preselected "enemy" with guns and ammo and set out to save the world. He won't be the last. He's part of a burgeoning North American tradition of mass murder that is fed by racism, war, fear and guns — a tradition the American government happily exploits but is clueless on how to address effectively.

"Deteriorating conditions in certain countries due to war, strife, disaster, and civil unrest increase the likelihood that terrorists will use any means possible to enter the United States," Trump's executive order continues. "The United States must be vigilant during the visa-issuance process to ensure that those approved for admission do not intend to harm Americans and that they have no ties to terrorism."

Trump's executive order, though unprecedentedly reckless (this, of course, is the Trump brand), is nevertheless in sync with the behavior of past administrations, which in various ways have set about "protecting" the country by edict, force and moral righteousness. That is to say, they have refused to look inward, instead blaming the country's problems on "the enemy."

In its shoddy recklessness, the Trump ban has generated unprecedented defiance from the U.S. judicial system and protests from concerned citizens across the country. Hallelujah for that. I continue to believe that the hope this new, non-elected administration offers to the country and the future is its ongoing, unintentional exposure of what we have always done wrong. Awareness is the precondition for change.

And the executive order has been subjected to devastating critiques: "The order is a priceless recruiting tool for ISIS and similar movements, because it so easily fits their narrative that the United States is the enemy of all Muslims," David A. Martin writes at Vox. Trump has set about to create consequences that are the opposite of what he says he's doing.

Furthermore, foreign-born terrorists are, in any case, virtually the least of America's security problems. The killings that permeate the country are almost entirely domestic in nature. Focusing on an outside

enemy is sheer, blatant avoidance of reality. And the seven countries whose residents have been banned — Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen — have not been the home to anyone implicated in a terrorist act on U.S. soil.

As the New York Times reports, Most of the 9/11 hijackers "were from Saudi Arabia. The rest were from the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Lebanon. None of those countries are on Mr. Trump's visa ban list." However, as a number of observers have pointed out, either Trump himself or members of his administration have business ties to many of the exempted countries. What a coincidence.

So the Trump presidency will be one of testosterone-spewing righteousness, perhaps quietly commingled with business interests. Outrageous as this is, what bothers me the most about his actions so far, with the Muslim ban being perhaps the most blatant, is their same old, same old quality. Trump is just another powerful fool declaring to his people who the enemy of the moment is.

And finally it comes down to this: When you create enemies, you create hell.

To wit: "Of the victims, he said, 'They prayed beside us and they were shot in the back because they prayed.'"

This is a co-founder of the Quebec City mosque, quoted in the New York Times. Why am I suddenly reminded of Dylann Roof, who two years ago murdered nine members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., after having sat for an hour with his victims in prayer? Indeed, they had welcomed him into the church that evening.

American mass murders have increased exponentially since the 1960s (and have now, apparently, crossed the border into Canada). If, as has been the case on a few occasions, the killer has an Arab name, the crime is quickly labeled an act of terrorism and the killer's possible ties to nefarious organizations are hunted down. But if the killer is just an ordinary American (most likely, a white guy), he's gauged to be a loner, acting on his own, utterly free of context.

But this is never the case: The motive for mass murder — the killing of strangers en masse — is always the same as the motive for war: to get rid of symbolic representatives of "the enemy," whether the enemy is the personal concoction of a troubled mind or the collective creation of a racist society. The enemy is always, conveniently, "not me," and therefore easy to dehumanize. And the solution always amounts to taking the enemy out, i.e., waging war. And doing so always leaves consequences in its wake that become grounds for the next war.

How do we create a governing structure that understands this? This is the task at hand. It's bigger than defeating Trump.

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How Children's Play Has Changed in the Last 70 Years

Reminiscing Roys City

by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

In the accompanying picture are boys from Roys City at play. The picture was taken about 1946, 70 years ago. Their play depicts the rural upbringing and shows the vivid imagination children had during

those days. Playing cowboys and Indians was one of their favorite playtimes, not only for boys, but girls loved to be a part of the group too.

Most playtime for youngsters of the cowboys and Indians era is a far cry from the play of the youth today, which mostly involves technology, such as computer games played while sitting on the sofa and usually keeps them inside most of the time, thus getting very little exercise.

Rarely do young people spend a lot of time outside playing games with friends and allowing their imagination to flourish.

A radio favorite, "The Lone Ranger," ran from 1933 through 1954. Young people and adults alike, loved this program and it

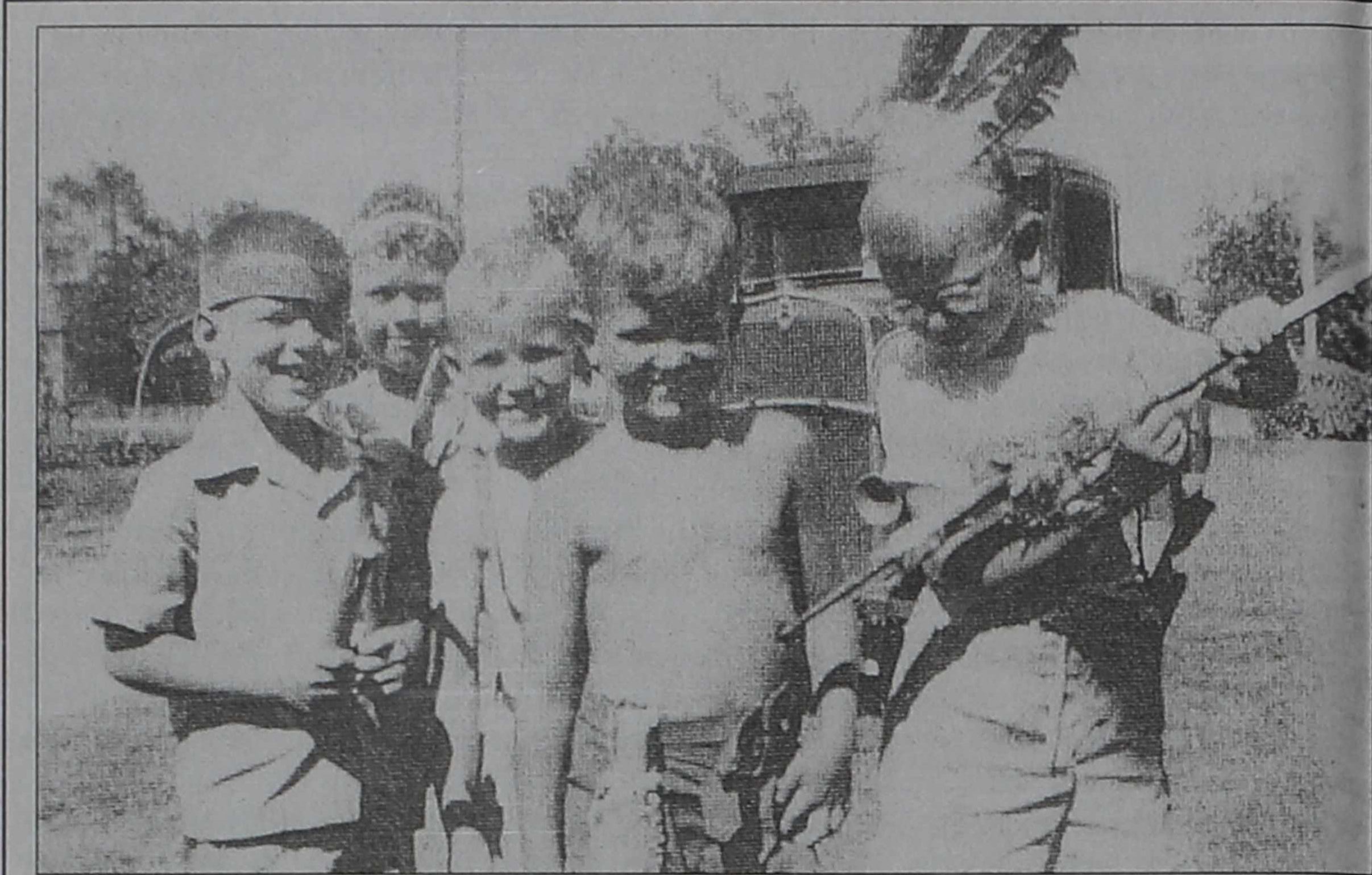
most definitely challenged their imagination skills as families often sat around the kitchen table and just listened with great anticipation for the action and music of this show.

When the shows Rawhide and Maverick hit the television screen during the 1940s and 1950s, Western-style gear such as toy gun and holster sets for children hit the market.

The popular culture of the western influence was spawned by big screen stars such as John Wayne, Randolph Scott, Roy, Rodgers and Gene Autry.

Of the five friends, all are still living in Roys City except Joe Mack Turentine, who died two year ago in Oklahoma, where he owned and ran a dry cleaning business.

Photo and information for this story are courtesy of Deloris Cross Ballard, curator and docent of the Zaner Robison Historical Museum in Roys City, and Sheri Stodghill Fowler's book, "Images of America-Roys City."



Pictured above are five boys from Roys City: Joe Mack Turentine, Thomas Earl Gilleland, brothers Danny and Joel Davison and Bobby Crowell. This picture was taken about 1946. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County high school basketball update ... Rockwall HS

Women

The Lady Jackets competed for Bi-District round of playoffs, Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, against College Park in Jewett, Texas.

According to Coach Lacey Yankee, Rockwall "took the lead from the start and never looked back."

The Lady Jackets defeated the Lady Cavaliers of College Park 50-27.

Leading scorer was Alena Johnston with 16 points and 9 rebounds, followed closely by Mya Culiver with 14 points, 8 assists, and 7 rebounds.

Faith Mason-Vestal had 10 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 blocks. Jordan Mathis had 8 points, and 8 rebounds.

The Lady Jackets are set to play for Area against Sachse.

The Rockwall Lady Jackets finished their regular season play Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, defeating North Mesquite 53-35.

Leading the Lady Jackets was Faith Mason-Vestal with 14 points, Alena Johnston with 13 points, and Jordan Mathis with 11 points. The team finished second in district with a record of 11-3.

JV won 45-30, with Mikki Witcher scoring 10 points. The JV ended district undefeated 13-0 and 24-2 overall this season.

The Freshman won 43-36, with Emma Stelzer scoring 12 points. They finished undefeated 13-0 in District.

Men

Friday, Feb. 10, the Rockwall Yellowjackets defeated John Tyler 67-65 during Senior night. The team is 11-2 in District going into Tuesday's district ending game against Rockwall-Heath.

Tevin Williams scored 19 points, Josh Sheperd had 13 points, and Caleb Wesley added 12 points.

The freshmen B team won 41-40 and the A team also won 72-50. The JV team lost 64-61.

The Yellowjackets took on North Mesquite, Tuesday, Feb. 7 at home.

The freshmen B team started out with a loss 47-38, and the A team got revenge winning 40-34. The JV team struggled in the third quarter dropping their game 68-54, and the Varsity played another close game all the way to then end winning 52-49. In the rough game Cameron Crayton scored 18 points and 7 rebounds, and Sam Williamson added 15 points and 8 rebounds.

The Rockwall-Heath Hawks varsity basketball team defeated Tyler Lee 69-58, Friday, Feb. 10, at Tyler.

RHS hosts signing event

Rockwall High School hosted the National Letter of Intent ceremony, Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, during which 14 student athletes who attend RHS signed to play with various universities.

Steve Arenas, representative of the Jacket Backers Athletic Booster Club sent a release congratulating the athletes. "We celebrate these outstanding student athletes as they make their decisions to continue their play at the collegiate level," said Arenas.

Students signing letters

Football: AJ Blacknall, University of Mary-Hardin Baylor; Sam Crawford, University of Tulsa.

Basketball: Madison Wheeler, Hardin-Simmons University.

Baseball: Andrew Hutchings, University of Mary-Hardin Baylor.

Volleyball: Bayleigh Scott, University of Mississippi.

Soccer: Madi Arenas, at Texas A&M Texarkana; Katie Givens, Texas A&M Commerce; Zoe Elledge University of Mary-Hardin Baylor; Nicole Pugsley, University of Texas El Paso; Micah Larkin, Air Force Academy; Colin Burgiel, West Texas A&M.

Golf: Sydney Garber, University of Texas Arlington; Katie Reeves, Midwestern State University.

Kelden Pruitt (Sr) led with 19 points including three 3-point shots, 2 offensive rebounds, and 7 defensive rebounds.

Also logging scores were Luke Cox (Jr) with 15, Brent Clark (Jr) with 13, Kolton Pruitt (Jr) with 7, Aundre Bills (Jr) with 3, Drake Brown (So) with 3, and Garrett Walker (Sr) with 2.

Luke Cox logged four 3-point shots, along with one for CJ Williams (Jr), Brown, and Kolton Pruitt.

With the win, the Hawks will be 19-9 overall and 9-4 in District 11-6A, going into Tuesday's game at Rockwall High School.



Rockwall High School Lady Jackets Senior Mya Culiver (3) drives to the basket against College Park defenders, Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, during the Bi-District round one of the UIL playoffs, at Jewett, Texas. Culiver scored 14 points during the game. Shown at back-left is Alena Johnson (23). Rockwall will take on Sachse for the Area round, 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17, at Wylie High School. Culiver committed to play at St. Mary's University starting Fall of 2016, in San Antonio.

Photo by Tresa Thornton/Rockwall County News

Yellowjackets gymnastics finish 2nd at Williams Invitational

The Rockwall HS men's gymnastics team competed, Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, at the Mark Williams Invitational.

According to Coach Cameron Sweny, the team finished second in their session, and third overall with 149.4 points.

There were over 20 schools represented and 200+ athletes competing. Placing first was Saginaw with 163.8 points, followed by second place finisher Rudder with 162.6 points.

The Rockwall-Heath team finished fourth with 147.8 points.

TEAM: (both sessions combined): 1st - 163.8 Saginaw; 2nd - 162.6 Rudder; 3rd - 149.4 Rockwall; 4th - 147.8 Heath; 5th - 146.5 Trinity; 6th - 144.5 Chisholm Trail; 7th - 144.4 Bell; 8th - 142.3 Lakeview; 9th - 140.8 Boswell; 10th - 125.2 Highland Park.

INDIVIDUAL: (1st session, top 10 were recognized)

FLOOR: McKay Larman (6).

POMMEL HORSE: Zach Dougal (7).

RINGS: Larman (4); Jake Hodges (6-tie); Bryan Kottke (6-tie).

VAULT: Larman (2); Zane Larman (7).

P-BARS: M. Larman (6); Anael Gomez (9).

HIGH BAR: Jonah King (3).

All Around: M. Larman (4).

Finalists named in RC baseball team-naming contest

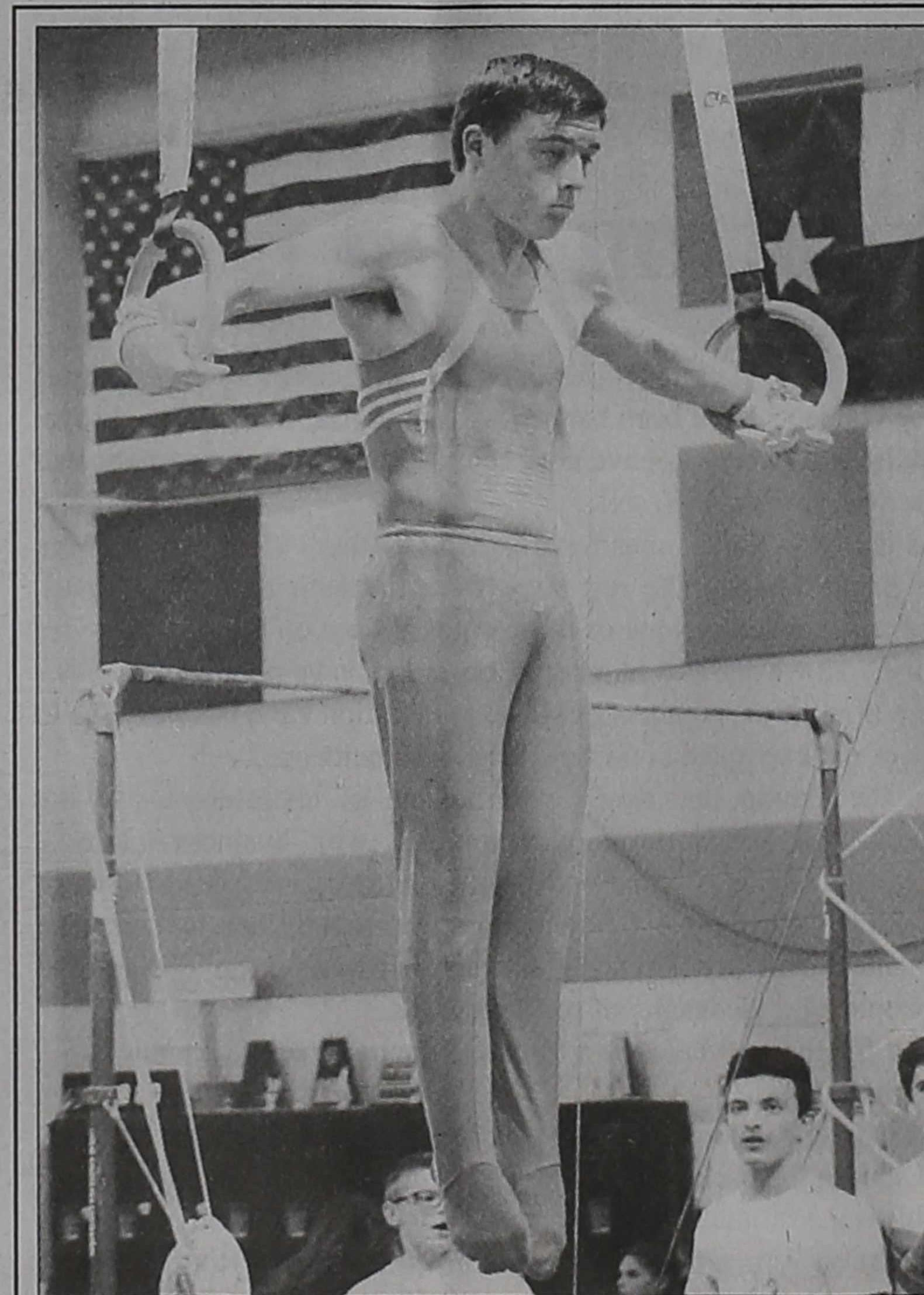
The Southwest League of Professional Baseball recently announced the six finalists for its Name the Team contest.

Finalists include The Rattlers, Griffins, Wranglers, Buntings, RedCaps, and Railheads.

Fans can log onto tricountyprobaseball.com to vote on the name.

The winning name will be unveiled in March.

The new Roys City team will play in an \$11 million stadium to be located on I-30 westbound just west of FM 2642.



Yellowjackets Jake Hodges keeps steady, and ties for sixth place in the Rings, Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, during the Mark Williams Invitational Tournament.

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Lady Jackets gymnastics top Mark Williams Invitational

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, the Rockwall HS Lady Jackets gymnastics team competed in the Mark Williams Invitational.

According to Coach Stephanie Tyson, Rockwall placed first with 109.25 points, for a tie with Highland Park, and third place finish of 103 points for Chisholm Trail.

Rockwall's Kat Rodriguez placed first Overall.

INDIVIDUAL:

Vault: Kat Rodriguez (1st) 9.4 points; Sarah Graves (2) 9.35.

Bars: Kat Rodriguez (1) 9.6; Sarah Graves (4) 9.2; Juliet Delgleize (5) 9.1; Mina Isaac (7) 8.9.

Beam: Rodriguez (5) 9.0; Graves (7) 8.9; Isaac (7) 8.9; Jamie Hall (8) 8.9; Kennedy Shelton (8) 8.8.

Floor: Rodriguez (1) 9.65; Graves (4) 9.5.

ALL AROUND: Rodriguez (1); Graves (4); Delgleize (10).

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Jacket Classic Track & Field Meet set Feb. 18

The Jacket Classic Track Meet will start 8:15 a.m., Sat. Feb. 18, 2017 at Wilkerson Sanders Stadium in Rockwall. Field events are set begin at 8:15 a.m. 3200 Meter Run begins at 10:00 a.m. Running finals will begin at 1:00 p.m. Participating teams include Rockwall HS, Rockwall-Heath, Wylie East, Dallas Skyline, Allen, Forney, North Mesquite, North Garland, Cedar Hill and Sachse. Admission for the event will be \$4 for adults, and \$3 for students.

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Rockwall County sports schedule

Rockwall	7:15 p.m., Soccer Women at John Tyler.	Thurs. 2/23 6:30 p.m., Gymnastics at Saginaw HS.	Fri. 2/17 7:15 p.m., Scr W, Tyler Lee (H).	Thurs. 2/23 11:30 a.m., Bsb, Georgetown Tournament.	at West Mesquite.
Thurs. 2/16 TBA, Softball	7:15 p.m., Ser Men, John Tyler (H).	TBA, Sfb Allen Varsity Tournament, Allen Baseball Field.	7:15 p.m., Scr M, at Tyler Lee.	7:00 p.m., Bsb, Georgetown Tournament.	7:15 p.m., Scr M, West Mesquite (H).
BCS Tournament.	TBA, Wrestling, Region Tournament.	TBA, Bsb Georgetown Tournament.	TBA, Wrestling, Region Tournament.	5:00 p.m., Gym, Highland Park Invitational (optional).	TBA, Sfb, Sulphur Springs Invitational (Feb. 16-18).
Fri. 2/17 8:00 a.m., Tennis, A&M Tournament (thru 2/18).	Mon. 2/20 5:00 p.m., Bsb at Plano West.	Rockwall-Heath Thurs. 2/16 TBA, Sfb, Bryan College Station Tournament (Thurs - Sat)	Tues. 2/21 5:30 p.m., Scr M at RHS.	Roys City Fri. 2/17 Track, Bulldog Tri-Meet.	Tues. 2/21 6:00 p.m., Sfb at Richardson Pearce.
5:00 p.m., Baseball, Allen (Home)	Tues. 2/21 7:15 p.m., Ser W, Rockwall-Heath (H).		7:00 p.m., Sfb, at Plano East.	7:00 p.m., Scr M, at Forney.	7:15 p.m., Scr W, Forney (H).
6:30 p.m., Basketball Women v. Sachse at Wylie HS (Area round).	7:15 p.m., Ser M at RHHS.		7:15 p.m., Scr W at RHS.	7:00 p.m., Bsb, at Denison.	Thurs. 2/23 TBA, Bsb, RC Tournament.
				7:15 p.m., Scr W,	