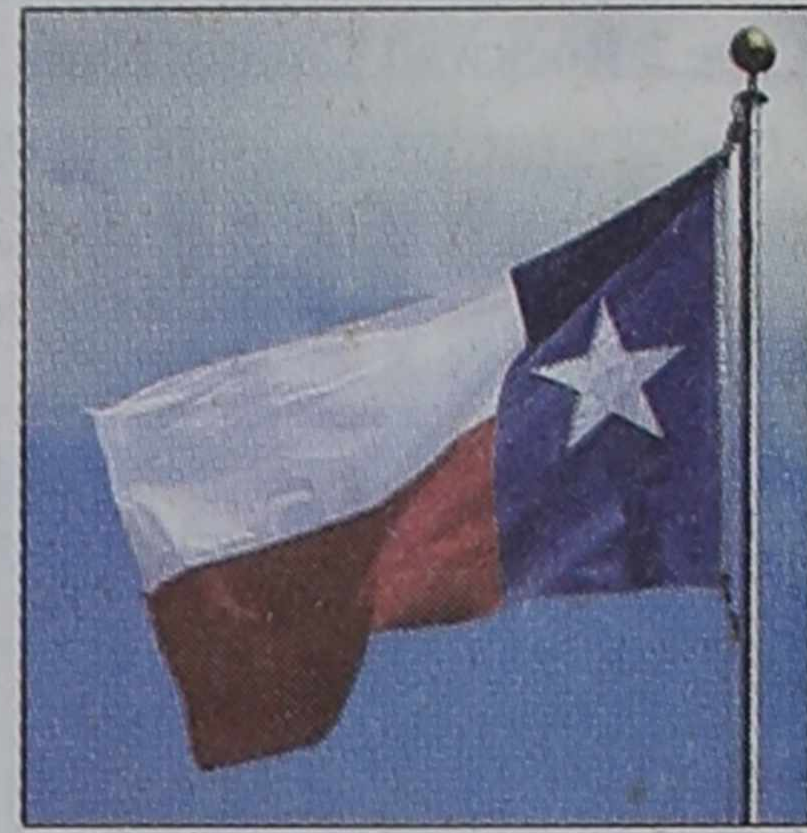


Lucile Tate Celebrates 100th Birthday

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Goliad to Downtown ... It's almost finished

Local travel on north and south bound Goliad gives drivers a huge sign of relief following recent opening of all lanes from IH-35. "We survived 205," a celebration sponsored by the City of Rockwall and Old Town Shoppes of Rockwall marking the end of the State Highway 205 expansion project through the City of Rockwall, is planned for March 27 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.. There will be free hot dogs and cold

drinks, drawings and fun for the kids on the downtown square. Merchants along State Highway 205 are asked to join the "Open for Business" sale that day. The state project extends from Sids Road north to just north of the downtown square.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Heath addresses Fulton School concerns over new water tower

Kathy Williams
Contributor for the Rockwall County News

Heath city council voted at its Dec. 1, 2009 meeting to proceed with the construction of a 1.5-million gallon water storage tower on a one-acre tract of land it owns near the intersection of FM 740 and FM 1140.

More than three months after that vote, some Heath residents and families as well as administrators at The Fulton School, whose grounds surround the city's designated site, continue to question whether there is a better location for the tower and express concern about the city's ability to ensure the safety of students and staff during such a major construction project.

The former RCH Water Supply Corporation had been located on the one-acre site since 1961, with a ground storage water facility located there. The City of Heath purchased a portion of RCH assets, including the RCH site with its ground storage facility and buildings, at the intersection of FM 740 & FM 1140, in 2000 after several years of negotiations. The Fulton School purchased its first 9.44 acres adjacent to the RCH site in 1997 as the site of its new campus. The school purchased additional acreage for a total of about 14 acres in subsequent years that came to surround the RCH site on all sides.

Matthew Burgy, Head of School for The Fulton School, said not only is the safety of his students and staff a concern, but the day-to-day business of the school will be impacted by having the tower built less than 300 feet from the school.

"More often than not, we have kids walking from the Falcon's Nest to this side of campus for computer or library or art or some other activity. The little kids are so involved in our school, it's a major disruption to just our day-to-day operations."

The Fulton School's campus includes The Falcon's Nest, a conversion house on the west side of campus with Pre-K and classes for 4- and 5-year olds; a lower school up to 4th grade; an administrative building; middle and upper school to grade 12, and portables in the back for a library, storage and music classes.

The chief concern is the construction and how it will cause such a

great disruption to our day. The worst case scenario is if somebody comes on campus and does something they shouldn't; if they are a child predator or a sexual deviate or something of that nature. Or if they are a thief. By coming in and out of campus, they're going to know our schedule, when we're here and when we're not. And if you know when we're here and when we're not, your security becomes in danger."

"We have about 150 lives from ages 3 to 18, not to mention my faculty and staff that we're responsible for and if they come on this campus and do something wrong, it hangs us out there for a large liability, as well as the city and the contractor."

The safety of the school's students, faculty and property are also a major concern for the city of Heath. Kim Dobbs, Heath Assistant City Manager, said "I'm sure the engineers have talked about that (safety) because they aren't going to undertake any kind of construc-

tion project that willfully puts anybody at risk. There's risk any time you build anything, any time the school does any addition to their buildings, which they've done several times over the years."

"I think the mayor made it very plain to the families and the school administrators that the city takes safety very seriously and would work with the school to develop a plan for safe construction, to preserve zones and put up barriers and have safety procedures," she said.

Heath City Manager Ed Thatcher said the city has hired an engineering firm to begin plans for the water tower, but the project is in a "holding pattern" while the city hears all concerns from citizens and any last-minute suggestions for alternate sites.

Thatcher said the city of Heath currently has approximately 7,500 residents. Build-out for the city is expected to be between 18,000 and 25,000.
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Mariah Bay Leasing files for reorganization

The Harbor development, Mariah Bay Leasing Corporation, has filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code, according to a news release issued this week by the City of Rockwall.

This property is located in the Harbor Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District created by the city to fund the public improvements the city constructed at the Harbor, including roads, utilities, spray fountains, walkways and other public enhancements located along the lake edge.

The City issued debt to pay for the public improvements. That debt is paid for through the property and sales taxes that are collected within the TIF.

This property owner is one of 38 property owners who pay property taxes into the TIF, which incorporates a total of 113 acres. The total property taxes owed to the city under the TIF is \$ 529,419, according to the news release. This number includes taxes collected

by the county and pledged to the city for the TIF. The total collected in the TIF to date equals \$300,050. The Harbor development, which includes this property owner as well as several others, has paid a total of \$256,061. They still owe \$223,063, only a portion of which is owed by this particular company.

Property taxes still are owed and payable, even in the event of a bankruptcy, according to the news release.

"These dollars will be collected by the city," the release reads. "Sales taxes continue to be paid by the tenants and the businesses will continue to operate."

The developer has indicated it has every intention of addressing the financing issues, according to the release.

"The city has every confidence that the long term prospects for the Harbor as a successful business development in the City of Rockwall are strong and this area will continue to be an asset to the community," the release states.

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Lucile Tate celebrates her 100th birthday



Celebrating her 100th birthday with friends and family, Lucile Tate (seated center) accepts a special American flag from Congressman Ralph Hall (third from left) during last Saturday's event at Summer Ridge Assisted Living & Retirement Center. Joining in the celebration are (left to right) Nathan Tate and his wife Laura, Congressman Hall, Nancy Tate, Lucile, Garvin Tate, Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil, Vicki Tate and her husband Dr. David Tate.
Photo by Suzie Bell/www.bubblegumshots.com

Last Saturday was a very special day for Lucile Tate as she celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family and a host of friends ... including Congressman Ralph Hall and Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil. The event marked a milestone for Lucile, a resident of Summer Ridge Assisted Living and Retirement Center.

Joining Lucile in the celebration were family members: Grandson Evan Louis Tate and wife Erin, Nathan Albert Tate and wife Linda, Brandon Parrish Tate; son Garvin Lewis Tate, Jr. and wife Nancy; nephew Dr. David Tate and wife Vicki, and nephew Jim Baxter and wife Shirley. More than 100 friends also attended. She has been a resident at Summer Ridge since May of 1999.

Lucile Tate was born March 8, 1910 in San Marcus, the daughter of Jordan and Lena Parrish. She spent most of her growing up in San Antonio. After finishing the seventh grade at the age of 12, she started working, selling tickets at the theater for Vaudeville shows and then at a hotel.

She says that is where she got most of her education, watching people and their behavior. One of the hardest times in her life was when her home burned down. Lucile was coming home from work and found it that way.

She remembers her brand new coat which she had saved for when the house and it was gone. No one was injured, but her family had a full good life together, traveling and sharing. Her husband died 61 years passed away at Summer Ridge in September of 2003.

One of her happiest memories or moments is when she met her husband Garvin Lewis Tate. She says she kept trying to get him to date her cute little blond friend, but he kept calling on Lucile. They married in 1942 and had one son Garvin Lewis Jr. Garvin has two sons: Evan, Nathan, and Brandon. Lucile has one great granddaughter and a great grandson on the way.

What would she change in the world? "Peace, I want peace. I know very much how hard it was for me when Garvin was gone in World War II where he served as an engineer."

Lucile says that although she knows she missed out on having a real social life growing up, she has not missed much. She still loves to meet new people and enjoys being real and being around those who are real. Lucile says that "life is really all about your attitude and she chooses a positive one."

Lucile emphasizes, "I will borrow a quote from a woman I admire very much, Barbara Bush, 'what you see is what you get!'"

April 11 CROP Walk set to right world hunger

The Rockwall Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a CROP walk on April 11 to help combat world hunger.

CROP walks are charity events in which individual walkers from various community organizations secure pledges to help support groups that fight hunger. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Helping Hands to help those in need locally, as well as Church World Service, one of the first responders in the World Haitian Relief Effort.

The event will begin at 3 p.m. at the East Pavilion at Harry Myers Park. The walk will wind through the park. Water, snacks and entertainment for both walkers and bystanders will be provided.

This will mark the first time this event has been conducted in Rockwall in 15 years.

Adult and youth groups representing any church, social, civic or school organization are invited to take part in the event.

For more information or to secure pledge envelopes, contact Cheryl Taylor, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwall, at 972-771-5701 or e-mail pastorcheryltaylor@gmail.com.

Rockwall Tax Office new hours

Beginning April 1, 2010 the Rockwall County Tax Office has announced new office hours beginning April 1, 2010. The office will open from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is available by calling 972-204-6130.

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Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center

"It was a miracle"

That's the way Linda Jefferson describes her near-death experience in Galveston with her 81 year old mother. On the weekend trip to Galveston, Linda woke up the day after arriving with severe back pains. "I couldn't move, the pain was excruciating." She was admitted to University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston Hospital where she was diagnosed with kidney failure. While in ICU, hospital staff informed her mother about the seriousness of Linda's condition, not expecting her to live.

"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

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."

"If you need special attention, I can tell you that you'll get the very best personal care at Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda concluded.



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

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Dr. Les Sandknop, center, recently made a donation to the Rockwall County Committee on Aging Meals on Wheels and Senior Service programs that serve the elderly and disabled in Rockwall County. Also pictured are, from the left, Margie VerHagen, executive director, and RCOA board members Sally Zajdl, Pat Sorrell and Mary Joe Cason.

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Lucile Tate with her son Garvin Tate

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Aspasians plan arts, crafts fair

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The event will feature jewelry, gifts, fashions, food, children's games and other activities. Proceeds from booth rentals help fund scholarships given to Rockwall High and Rockwall-High School graduating seniors.

For vendor information call 214-712-0212 or visit aspasians.com

Griffin receive pair of awards

Kimberly Griffin of Rockwall received the Outstanding Student Spanish Award and the Jan Dawson Award in Environmental Studies from Southwestern University Georgetown, according to a university news release.

Griffin received the awards at the university's Honors Convocation on Feb. 20.

She is a candidate for May graduation with a degree in Spanish environmental studies. Griffin, a 2006 graduate of Rockwall High School, is the daughter of Pam Griffin of Rockwall.

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"

Rockwall's Hometown Hero: Glenn Detgen

George Russell
 News Anchor Clarice Tinsely (Dallas) recently named Glenn a local Rockwall resident, as a Hometown Hero for his untiring service to our community. Glenn is a Duncanville High School instructor who helps build homes for Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity (RAHFH) in a most special way. Here's his story. Glenn teaches Computer Aided Drafting II and has engaged his students to use their classroom skills to study the floor plans of each home to create drawings which then go to the jobsite. The drawings clearly depict precisely where all the exterior and wall studs go and make the blueprint much easier to read. As Glenn says, "this project allows students to see the relevance of their lessons, directly involves them with 'real world' issues. Habitat Construction Director Greg Caffarel, who oversees the construction of each home has been particularly appreciative since the Habitat volunteers are not professionals and mistakes are easy to make for the untrained eye. Glenn recently stated that Glenn and his students provide have virtually eliminated that are otherwise easy to make. Thankfully, we no longer have ourselves having to tear down and redo the many mistakes we incur and we've reduced the time required for the framing by 50%. Words alone cannot convey our true appreciation much these drawings have helped us". Glenn's efforts don't stop there. For the past five years Glenn has been working with RAHFH as a lead volunteer helping to build houses, organizing volunteers and getting his hands dirty in real work. Among the volunteer force he routinely recruits are his students who make the drive from Duncanville to Rockwall to participate in the work, enabling them to apply their lessons in the class room to the real world.

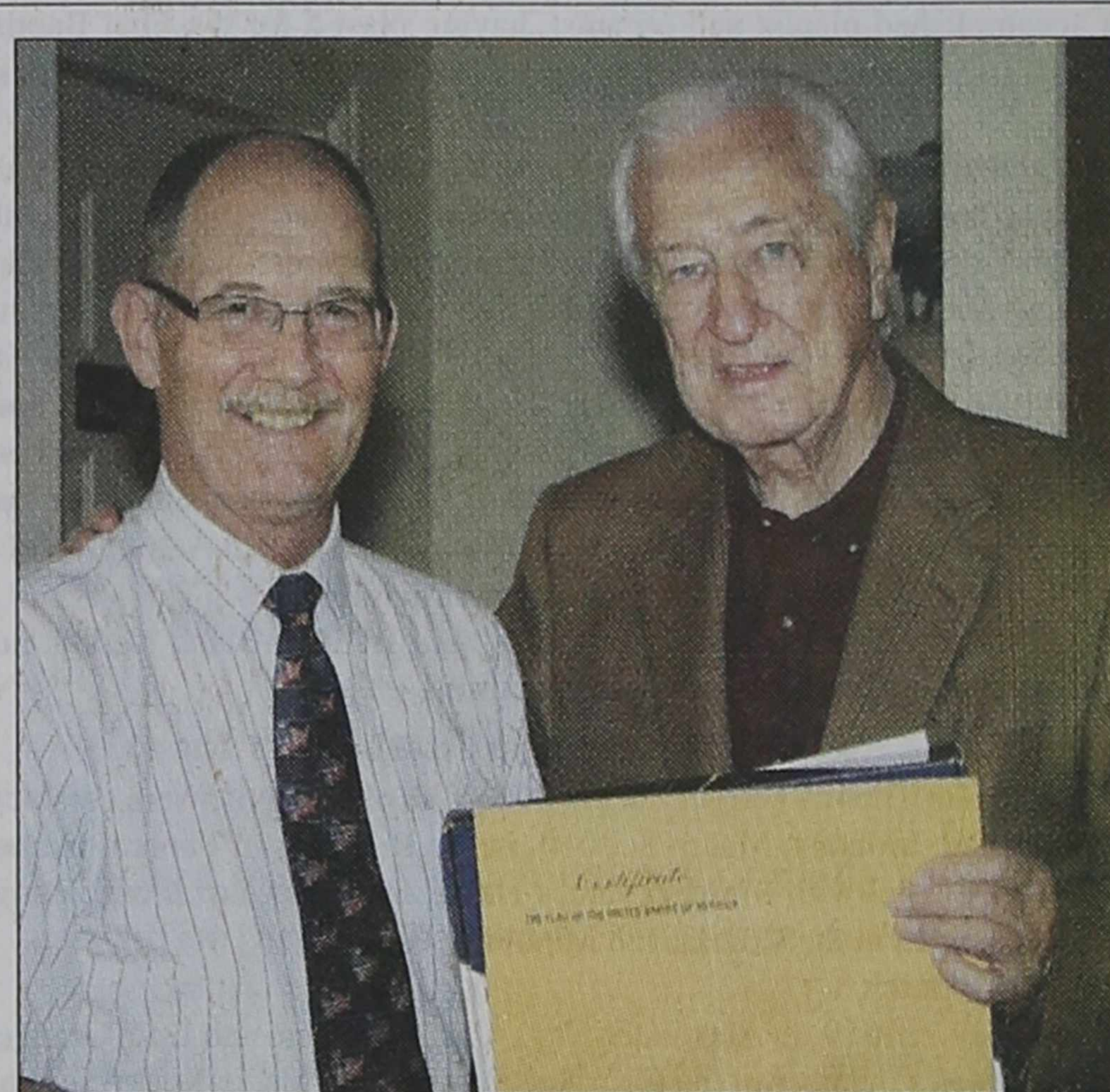
And why else does he do this? As Glenn so well recently shared, "I want to show students that volunteering has true value in the real world. When I bring in pictures students are excited to see their designs come to fruition and how they are helping to make a real difference in our community." RAHFH Volunteer Coordination Mike Humphrey adds another wonderful perspective to Glenn's personal student recruiting effort: "hopefully the experience Glenn's students have inspired a 'volunteer spirit' in each of them to pass on to future generations someday".

One particular Duncanville High student, Gilbert Alpero, who one day hopes to become a Civil Engineer, recently shared his perspective after volunteering with several homes. "It's a great feeling knowing I have a talent that can help someone else out. It's a win-win situation because I'm helping someone out and I'm also getting valuable experience I will be able to use in my future career."

For all of these wonderful contributions Glenn was recently honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award presented by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. This council was established in 2003 to formally recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in their communities, to thank them for their service and, by their example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Glenn's award was presented by the organization's Board of Directors and U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall (R-TX, 4th District). Glenn received the Bronze Award for 100+ hours of service over the course of one year and was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol. For Glenn the award was a pleasant surprise: "We don't do this for the recognition. The pleasure you receive from helping others stays with you much longer."

Glenn Detgen is indeed one very special person in our Rockwall community who is truly making a difference in so many meaningful ways. If Glenn's story inspires you to consider volunteering with Rockwall Area Habitat For Humanity, complete information can be found on their website: rockwallhabitat.org. A home in Royce City is currently in the final phases of construction with plans to start another new home in the vicinity of the main Rockwall Post Office shortly thereafter. Volunteers are needed each Saturday to sustain this much needed and personally inspiring local ministry that our greater Rockwall community has historically so well embraced as a wonderful way to help others in time of need.



Glenn Detgen (left) and Congressman Ralph Hall

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Heritage Christian Academy HCA Praise Team members (left to right) Aaron Weghorst, Christian Whittington, Andrew Woods, Lana Whittington, and Evan Shanks performed as part of the Great Mission Camps for refugee children conducted three weeks each summer. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Persons named to Dean's List

Kendall William Persons of Rockwall was among Miami University students named to the Dean's List for academic performance in the fall semester. To be named to the Dean's List at the Oxford, Ohio, university, a student must achieve a 3.4 or better grade point average, according to a university news release.



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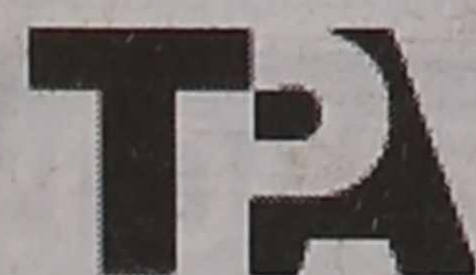
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Freda Elaine Kerley

Services for Freda Elaine Kerley, 76, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at the Lakeshore Church in Rockwall. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall.

She died Saturday, March 6.
Born Oct. 29, 1933, in Comanche to Fred and Bonnie Edmondson, she graduated from Comanche High School in 1951 and from Brownwood's Howard Payne University with *cum laude* honors and a teaching degree in 1965. She enjoyed teaching in elementary schools and was a music teacher for many years. She taught almost 30 years prior to her retirement.

She married Felton Kerley of Comanche on June 29, 1951. In 1965 the family moved to Sweetwater where she began her teaching career. She was an accomplished pianist and organist, having played for the First Baptist Church in Sweetwater for many years. In 1983 the couple moved to Rockwall.

An active member of Lakeshore Church in Rockwall, her greatest passion was her love of God. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and traveling with her husband. She also volunteered her time to play and sing at the Rowlett Nursing Home. She was a volunteer at the nursing home for the past 12 years.

Survivors include her husband; her daughter, Kathy Young and her husband, Phil, of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Audrey Butera and her husband, Jimmy, Abbey Keith and her husband, Chuck, and Nathan Aimee and Annie Young, all of Rockwall; a sister, Mary Jones of San Antonio; and a nephew, Keith Jones and his wife, Cheryl, of San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, William Bland Kerley; her parents; and one brother, George Edmondson.

Thelma Margery (Pitts) King

Services for Thelma Margery (Pitts) King, 90, of Mesquite were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, March 8, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Minister James Hawk and Bob Carroll officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died March 3.
Born May 2, 1919, in Alexander City, Ala., to Eugene and Lura Granger Pitts, she was a member of the Eastridge Church of Christ in Rockwall. She lived 7 1/2 years at Christian Care Center in Mesquite where she visited daily and encouraged others in need.

Survivors include her sons, Gene Childers of Mesquite, Wayne Childers of Greenville and Steve Childers of Visalia, Calif.; her granddaughters, Laurie Thomas and Valerie Penny; her great-granddaughters, Caitlyn, Alyssa and Emily; a brother, Paul Pitts and his wife, Ona, of Spartanburg, S.C.; a sister-in-law, Marie Pitts; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Clifford Childers and Grady H. King; one brother, Chilton Pitts; and one sister, Alma Smith.

The family has suggested memorials in her honor be made to the Christian Care Center, 1000 Wiggins Parkway, Mesquite, Texas 75150.

James Charles Moore

Services for James Charles Moore, 77, were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. A memorial service with military honors followed at 3:30 p.m. in the DFW National Cemetery.

He died Saturday, March 6, at a McKinney nursing facility following a battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Born in Athens, Texas, to James and Vera Moore, he was raised by his grandparents on a farm near Harrison, Ark., after his father died. He attended boarding school, followed by the University of Arkansas. He was drafted into the Korean War two years later. After serving his country, he moved to Dallas and then to Rockwall, where he worked at an engineering company for 26 years. He founded an engineering company that designed equipment to support the nuclear power industry. He was an inventor by nature and invented many products, several of which were patented.

He was a loving father who was known as "Papa" to his seven grandchildren.

Survivors include his son, James C. (Moore) Foster; his son, Kevin and Cindy Moore of Idaho Springs, Colo.; his daughter, Kristie and Reza Kaviani of McKinney; and his son, Jeff and Andria Moore of Midlothian; his grandsons, Mark Moore, Cameron Moore and Elliot Moore; and his granddaughters, Kimberly Foster, Keri Kaviani, Kelsi Kaviani and Kati Kaviani.

Dick W. Murra

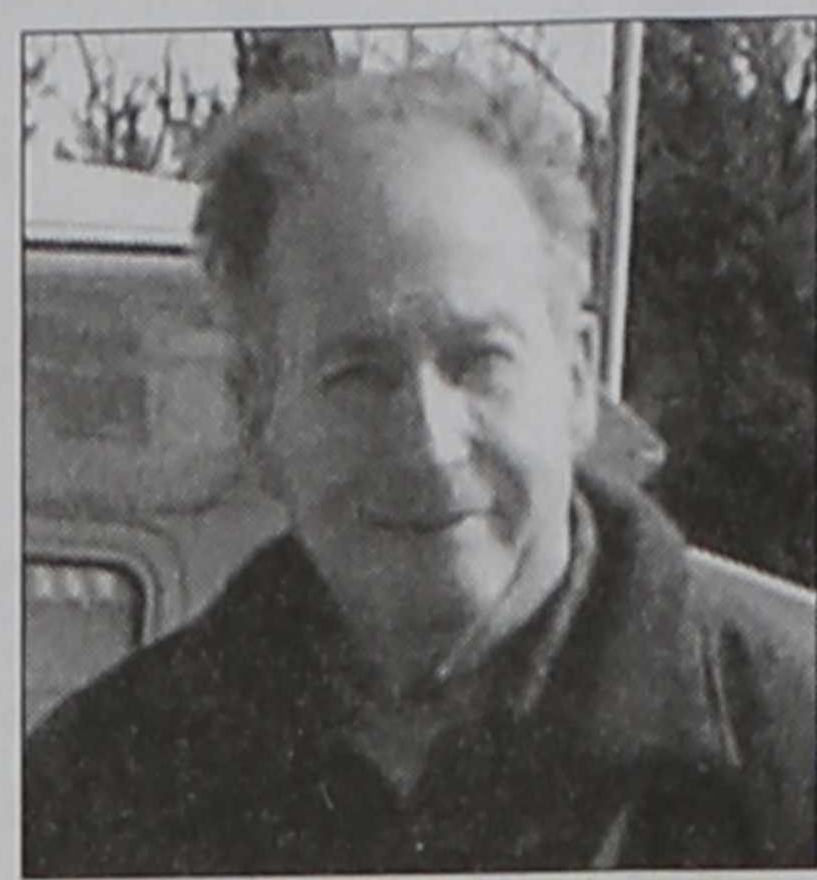
Services for Dick W. Murra, 82, of Dallas were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiated.

He died March 1.
Born Sept. 26, 1927, in Buffalo Center, Iowa, to Dick and Mary (Winters) Murra, he served in the U.S. Army and attended the Baptist church. He worked for Prudential Insurance until his 1993 retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Betty A. Murra of Dallas; his sons, Craig L. Murra of O'Fallon, Ill., and Kelly L. Murra and Kevin J. Murra, both of Dallas; his daughters, Brenda S. Jackson of Wolforth and Rhonda K. Rakow of Rockwall; his sisters, Marion Farrow, Arlene Thorland and Grace Jurgens, all of Buffalo Center; his brothers, Arnie Murra of Forrest City, Iowa, and John Murra of Long Beach, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

Billy J. Vandiver

Services for Billy J. Vandiver, 80, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m.



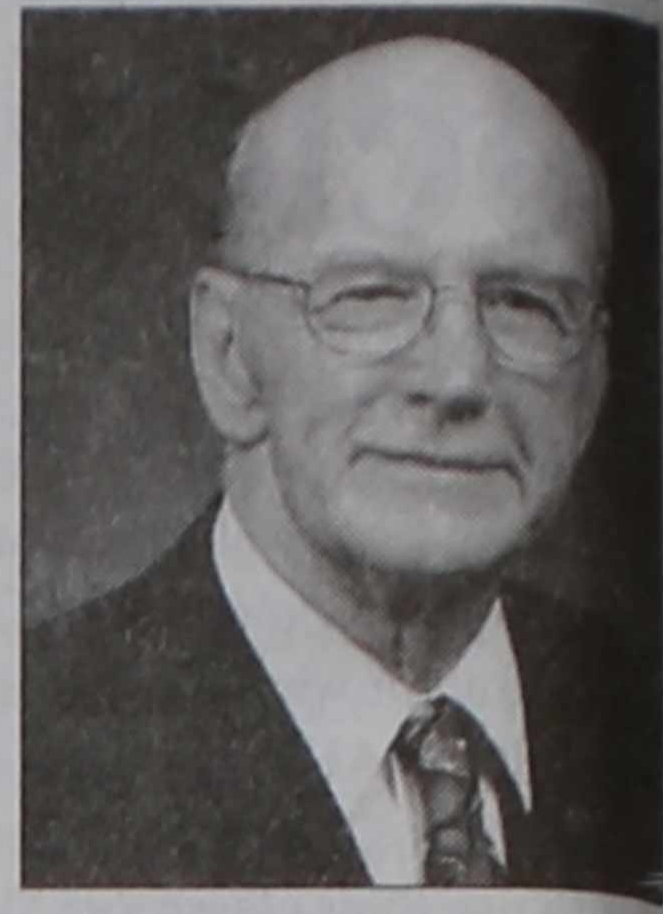
Saturday, March 6, 2010, in the Eastridge Church of Christ in Rockwall with Danny Swick, Joel Vandiver and Paul Stevenson officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died March 3.
Born Nov. 20, 1929, in Wichita Falls to Henry Floyd and Lillie Belle (Smith) Vandiver, he served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Korean Conflict. A miller by trade, he was employed with Anderson Clayton Feeds and General Mills prior to retiring. He traveled all over the world with his wife. A Christian man whose latest favorite phrase was "Keep a positive attitude and everything will be OK," he was a member of the Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Rockwall.

Survivors include his son, Jay Vandiver and his wife, Paula, of Rockwall; his daughter, Letitia V. Tarkington and her husband, Bob, of Texas; his grandchildren, Jenny Swick and her husband, Danny, of Rockwall; his granddaughters, Kristina and Brianna Binyon, all of Rockwall; his great-grandchildren, Melody, Tyler, Bradley, Lyle, Liam, Sophie, Haven, Asa and Maverick; and two brothers.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Coleene Vandiver; mother, Lillie Belle Vandiver; and a grandson, Brandon Vandiver.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Caring & Sharing, 12810 Lakeshore Church of Christ, 10805 Kingsley Road, Dallas, Texas 75228.



Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

Need help finding stolen saddles

Please help us by keeping an eye out for someone trying to sell our

saddles.
We rode our horses Sunday, Feb. 28, on our lease pasture in Royse City on Hwy. 276/Rochelle Road. The saddles were locked up in our farm at the barn at the pasture.

Here's a list of the types and saddle makers. One is especially sentimental to me, (as) it was my son's trophy saddle:

- 1) Master saddlery roping saddle, fully tooled with rawhide/ silver leather on cantle. Fenders are stamped "2007 Bareback Champion" w/ NTHS logo. Dark oil w/ black leather seat;
- 2) Vintage Circle Y pleasure show saddle. Fully tooled w/ steel cantle and rawhide horn. 14-15 inch black leather seat. It has long leather strings on conchos;
- 3) Haverty Reiner made in Krum, Texas. Heavy, full tooled w/ oak pattern, sterling silver conchos, rawhide braided horn;
- 4) Big Horn barrel saddle w/ oak leaf tooling, round skirt, dark oil;
- 5) Buffalo barrel saddle, basket weave stamping, square seat, blue seat, light oil, rawhide steel laced cantle and rawhide horn;
- 6) Plain old rough out saddle w/ big floral stamping on fender conchos and swells.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Brown Bag Lecture Series continues today

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag Lecture Series will continue at noon today at the Historic Courthouse. "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" will detail local city teams in Rockwall and fire up those looking forward to the April 18 RCHF Vintage Baseball Game. The program is free and family-friendly.

CAP plans Saturday open house, launch

The Lakeshore Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will host an informal open-air open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Harry Myers Park, Rockwall. Booths depicting the CAP's history, mission and activities will be on display, and a model rocket clinic will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.. For details visit gocivilairpatrol.com.

NAMI support groups to meet Saturday

Two free NAMI support groups – one for those with mental illness (Room 121) and one for their families (Room 123, B Building) – will take place from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. For details call Hal or Dee Whitfield, 972-412-6030.

Ballroom Dance Party set Saturday

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its Spring Fling Ballroom Dance Party from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at The Center, 108 E. Washington. Light refreshments will be served; door prizes and a mini lesson are planned. For more details, call 972-771-7740.

'Rock through Spring Break' set

A week's worth of field drips, Rock through Spring Break, will be offered March 15-19 through the Rockwall Parks & Rec. Youths ages 6-12 are eligible to participate and will meet at the RISD Education Center gym at 8 a.m. daily. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Cost is \$75 for Rockwall residents, \$113 for non-residents.

Support Feral Friends Monday nights

Play Bingo Mondays at Longhorn Bingo, 4413 W. Walnut St., Suite 419, in Garland, and a percentage of the nightly sales benefits Feral Friends. Sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Low-cost animal shot, microchip clinic set

Rockwall Animal Services will host a low-cost shot and microchip clinic from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. March 20 at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 1825 Airport Rd. All dogs must be on leashes, cats in carriers. For more details call Rockwall Animal Services, 972-771-7750.

Ham Radio in the Park scheduled

The Rockwall Amateur Radio Club will host Ham Radio in the Park from noon to 5 p.m. March 20 at the East Pavilion in Rockwall's Harry Myers Park. Radio demonstrations, mentoring and general amateur radio fun are planned. Bring radio equipment, antennas and accessories for others to see, operate and learn about.

American Legion plans annual banquet

American Legion Post 117 will conduct its annual banquet at 12:30 p.m. March 21 at The Center. Participants in last year's Boys and Girls State will attend and the award for Outstanding Rockwall Citizen of the Year will be given. U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall will be the featured speaker.

RHHS PTSA plans March 22 meeting

Rockwall-Heath High School will host an emergency general PTSA meeting at 9 a.m. March 22 in the school library conference room.

'Hairspray' planned for Teen Movie Night

The 1988 PG-rated movie "Hairspray" will be screened from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. March 23 as part of the Rockwall County Library's Teen Movie Night. The event will take place in the library's first floor meeting room. For details visit rocklibteens.blogspot.com, follow on Twitter @rocklibteens, search Rockwall Library Teens on Facebook or call 972-204-7700.

Kid's Game Night set March 26

A Kid's Game Night, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be open for children ages 3 to 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 26 in the RISD Ed. Center gym. Age-appropriate activities are planned, and snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost will be \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents.

RCP's 'Boys Next Door'

The Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "The Boys Next Door" will run March 26, 27 and 28 and April 2, 3 and 4. Friday

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Women Needed! Spring has Arrived at Eloise's Closet!

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Saturday, March 13th, Eloise's Closet will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All our spring clothing and accessories are Free to Women who need proper attire for a job interview or to wear to their job. Eloise's Closet is a unique boutique that was born out of a need that Soiree of Rockwall saw in our community. Women were returning to the workforce after years of being a stay at home mom or women were seeking employment who may have never worked. These women were facing challenges and fears that they never thought that they would have to face. The challenges was having the right attire to interview for the job. We don't make a good first impression on the interview, then you won't get the job. Our mission statement is To Provide Women in Need with the appropriate business attire and accessories that will enable them to enter the workforce. Our mission was to promote the confidence and a positive self image that these women need to achieve their personal job goals to their fullest potential. Eloise's Closet operates totally on donations from women in the community who are retired or have no need to use their business attire. We have received donations that we receive are absolutely beautiful. We have received dresses, blouses, skirts, slacks, blazers and handbags and jewelry. We don't want to be the "Best Kept Secret" in Rockwall! Our greatest goal is to get the word out to the women in this community that there is an Eloise's Closet. Visit us this Saturday and the second Saturday monthly. Eloise's Closet is located at the Soroptimist House at 1350 Washington St. Located at the back of the house behind the Green Door.

The Fulton School ...

(Continued from Page 1)

He said daily water use in the winter months is approximately 1.5 million gallons per day and increases in the summer to 2-million gallons per day. Currently, the city shares a 3-million gallon ground storage tank with the city of Heath. Heath pays Rockwall for the use of 1-million gallons from that tank. Thatcher said Heath is using its million gallons during winter months, but in the summer, water use in Heath has been climbing and taking water from Rockwall. "In summertime, it goes to two million, and over two a lot of times, so we're pumping more than we should. Then they are pumping their 2-million gallons out, which means we're actually draining some of their water. They have water towers and we're actually pulling out of their system during the days in the summer and that's why they said, 'you guys have to have something.'" In July 2007, the city of Rockwall reviewed water demand projections and determined the current shared underground storage tank would not meet the water requirements for Heath until 2008. It was suggested that Heath would need to provide its own water storage facility to meet its growing water needs. In a letter from Rockwall City Manager Julie Dobbs, it was stated that in 2008, the city of Rockwall updated the water account for a slowed growth rate in Heath during 2008 and determined that Heath would need their additional water storage by 2009. Thatcher's letter said the two cities discussed the water storage issue and said that at that time it would begin the process of constructing additional storage with a completion date of 2010. To date, that facility has not been started.

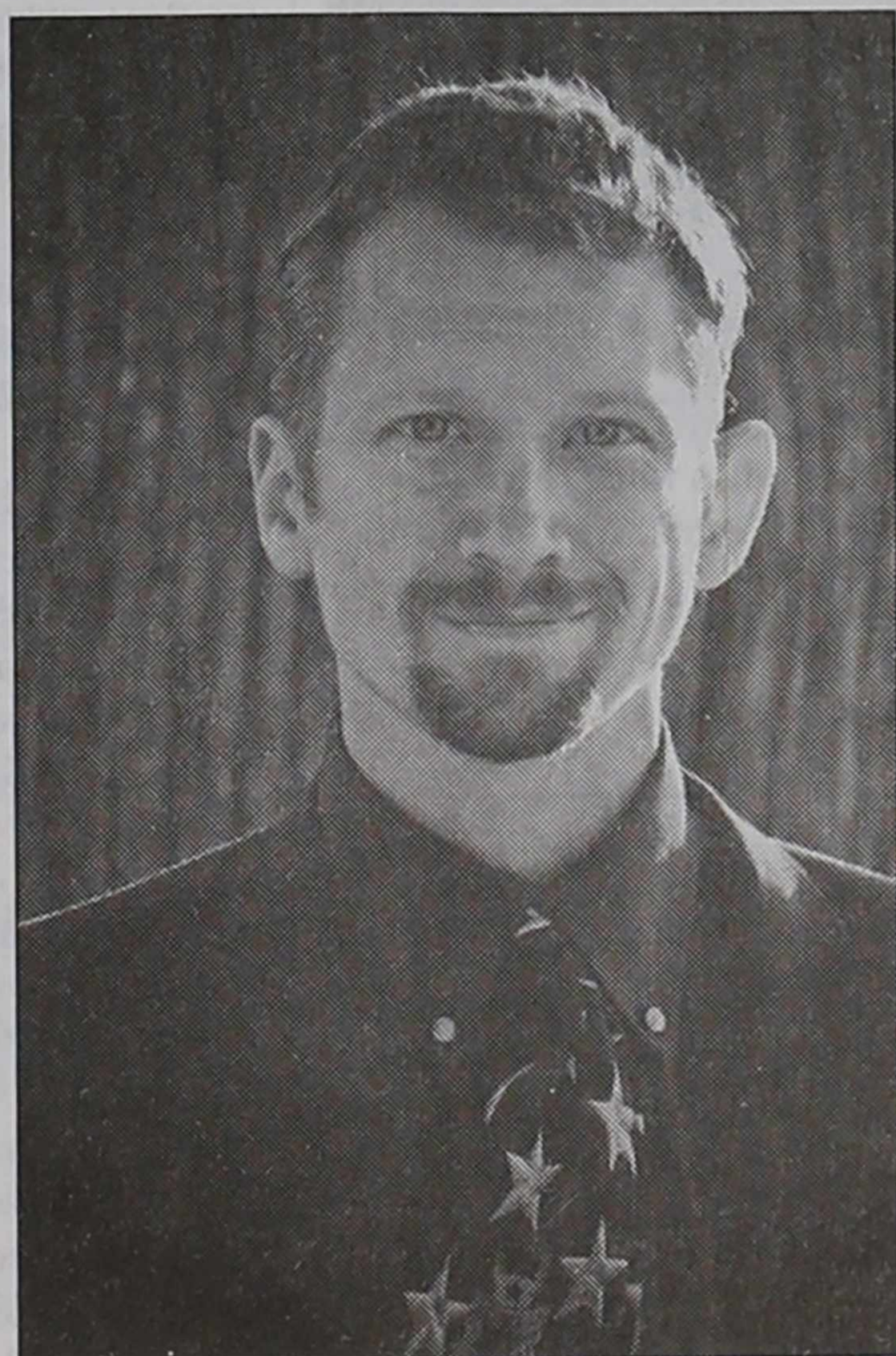
Dobbs said the city has discussed building the water tower on other sites near the intersection, but the discussions never went beyond exploratory talks. Fulton had suggested moving the tower to another location on its property under a formal land trade offer or sale has not been brought to the city. In 1998, Freeman-Millican Engineering presented a study which stated that the site is best suited for an elevated storage facility. "The study says the water tower should be in that area because that's where the population is at its highest point in the city along the ridge line that runs on the Fulton property. Since the late 1990s engineers have said it should go there. So it means you can't move it over by Baylor Hospital or behind a school. The reason you put it with people is because that's where you have to serve. As you grow, you put another one in other places," Thatcher said.

The city of Heath has plans for another water tower in the south side of town as the population grows in that direction in coming years. The Heath city council put the item on its March 2 agenda to once again hear comments from concerned residents and Fulton families. No action was taken but Thatcher said the city will consider all possibilities brought forward. "The council is going to make an attempt and listen to everyone. They are going to consider all possibilities of land trades or purchase." At the March 2 meeting, Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe told the city council that assembled residents that whatever options come forward must be presented and timely. The city must move forward on construction soon and the city must use public funds appropriately in its site selection. "I'm very optimistic we will get a resolution soon," Dobbs said.

(See Page 6 for Additional Timeline)

Mark Russo to Run for Re-Election Rockwall City Council Place 2

Rockwall, Texas – City Councilman, Mark Russo has filed to run for re-election this spring. Mr. Russo, a media consultant, is seeking to continue city growth that will not compromise the community's standards and keep its heritage intact. "Thanks to the Farmer's Market and creating the Main Street Program, Downtown has improved. We must continue to encourage quality community businesses into Rockwall. It is our goal that capitalize on using our assets to their fullest capacities without sacrificing our sense of community," expresses Russo. He plans to further improve communication and technology in a cost effective manner. "We have started focusing on social media but, we can still improve getting the information to all citizens," stated Russo. He plans also continue keeping a strong eye on the city's taxes and its budget. "Rockwall has to be mindful of citizens pocketbooks, we need to make sure we do not always expect the taxpayer to receive the burden, we must do a better job finding alternative funding options especially during tough times" remarks Russo. "It is my continued goal to provide the city with a friendly, hard-working, councilman who truly cares about the city and its citizens. Rockwall is more than destination town, it is a place people are proud to call home."



Mark Russo is involved in many service organizations. He is a past President of the Pastmasters of Rockwall, serves on the board of Old Town Rockwall Neighborhood Association, and multiple political organizations. For More Information Contact; Mark Russo at 972-722-8023 (home) 214-793-2923 (work) Email: mark.russo@sbeglobal.net
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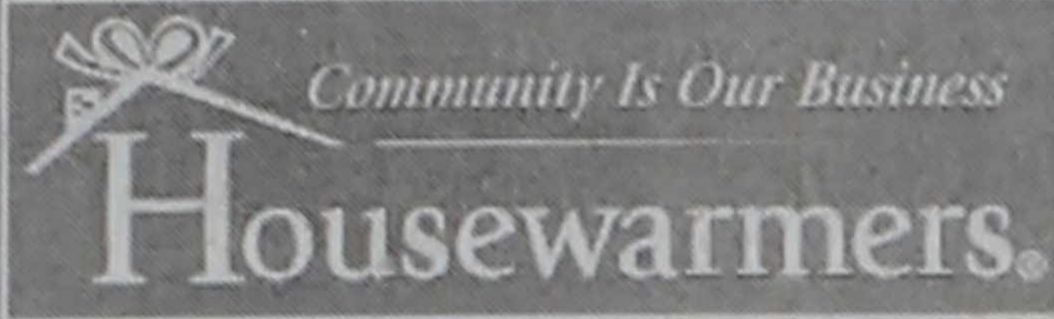
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Dylon Barrington (left to right), Allen Lam and Paul Lohmeyer took second place honors at the recent Cain Middle School Talent Show. Cain Middle School Talent Show Photo by Carl McClung (flickr.com/photos/carls_sidelines_pics)



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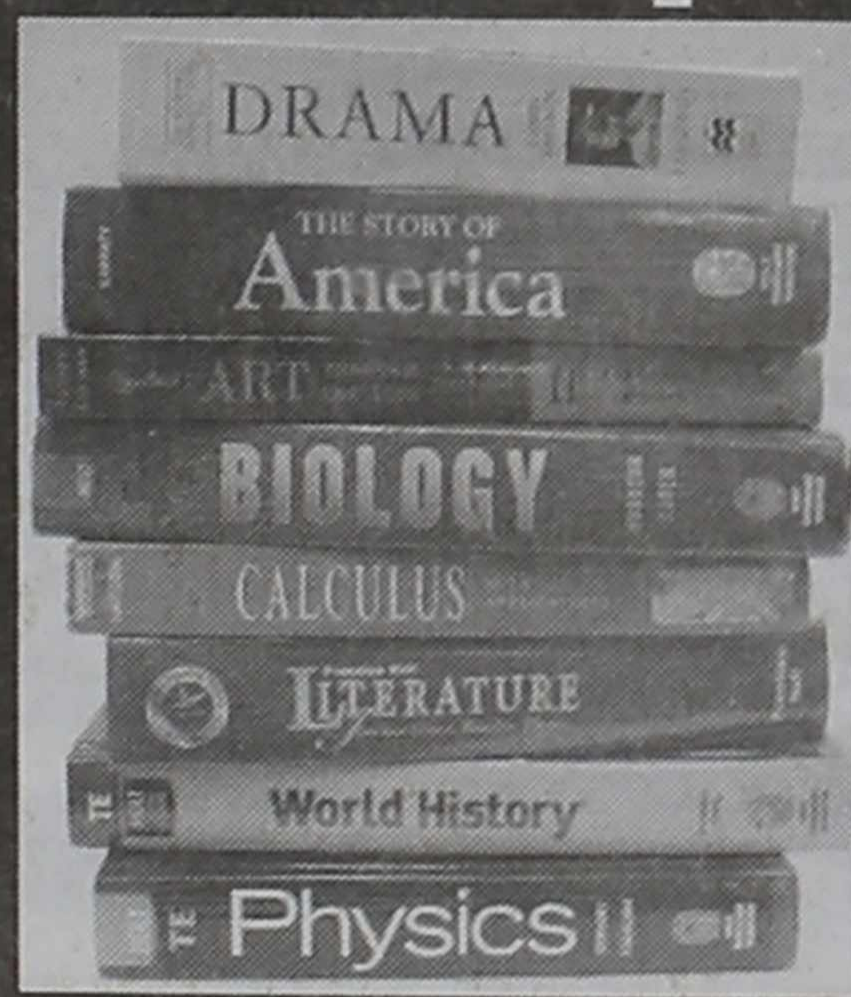


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Kylie McClung, singing and playing guitar, won third place honors at the recent Cain Middle School Talent Show. Voting was by ballot from the audience. Cain Middle School Talent Show Photo by Carl McClung (flickr.com/photos/carls_sidelines_pics)

H-Hands Thrift Store has new donor program

Helping Hands has developed a new Thrift Store donor program to make it simpler to make contributions of furniture, clothing and household items for resale.

Specific days will be designated for specific neighborhoods, and on each date the Helping Hands truck will be in the specified neighborhood from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to pick up contributions for resale in the Rockwall and Royse City thrift stores.

Postcards announcing each neighborhood's specific pick-up date will be mailed out to local residents.

On the date specified, merchandise may be left at the curb. For pick-up of large items donors should call 972-771-HELP to make an appointment. The agency cannot accept large appliances, but arrangements can be made for pick-up.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Peter explains what they saw and heard...Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:1-4 records the first time people were filled with the spirit of God and began to speak with tongues as the spirit gave the words. Verses 5-13 about the miracle of how others in the temple heard them speak in their languages the wonderful works of God. Some of the others were amazed and mocked the disciples by accusing them of being drunk. They asked what they meant. According to verses 14-21 Peter stood up and explained to everyone in the temple the meaning of what they saw and heard. He spoke for God, quoting from Joel 2:28-31. Verses 17-20 spoke of people being filled with the spirit of God and of future celestial and natural events that would occur before the "great and notable day of the Lord." Then, according to verse 21, Peter said, "And it shall come to pass that whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

After his explanation, Peter breaks to the subject of Jesus Christ who was raised by God from the dead. He reminded them that God showed His approval of Jesus Christ through the signs, wonders and miracles God did through Jesus. Peter then boldly declared that they seized onto Jesus Christ and with wicked hands crucified and killed him. He continued, "God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death." Wow! Peter was boldly speaking the truth face to face toward the same people who put Jesus Christ to death. This was the same Peter who only a few days before hid in a room out of fear of the Jewish leaders.

According to Acts 2:25-32 Peter speaks more about the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. He continued, "This same Jesus has God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses." How were they all witnesses? What did they see that bore witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ? By saying "we all," he was either talking about everyone in the room, or about the circle of people with him. Everybody in the room saw Jesus' resurrected body. If he was talking about everyone in the room, then one possible reason is that they heard them speak in their own languages the wonderful works of God. By speaking in tongues they were bearing witness to the resurrection of Jesus. Since the others heard them miraculously speaking in their own languages the wonderful works of God, it stands to reason they might have heard them speaking about the resurrection of Jesus.

Please understand that this event was a special miracle designed to get the ministry started. When people start speaking in tongues, God does not guarantee that others will understand. In fact according to 1 Corinthians chapter 14, speaking in tongues is not designed for the edification of the assembly of believers, but for the individual who is speaking. More specifically is for the edification of the spirit that is in the person who is speaking. Any believer goes around speaking in tongues in the general public or during church time, he will sound like a stranger or barbarian. That's basically what it says in 1 Corinthians 14:11. There is more to share about speaking in tongues, but for now keep in mind that the event of Acts chapter 2 was unique in that others understood them.

Peter said, "This same Jesus, God has raised up, whereof we are all witnesses. Therefore being at the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he has shed forth this which you now see and hear" (Acts 2:32-33). The words "having received" translated from lambano related to speaking in tongues. When Jesus rose on God's right hand of all authority, he laid hold of the promise of his Father which they all saw and heard on the day of Pentecost.

City of Heath water tower history

(Editor's Note: The following information was provided by the City of Heath.)

Ensuring the comfort and safety of its citizens by providing a high quality water delivery system is an important service provided by the City of Heath. Maintaining an adequate supply not only allows the City to meet routine household needs, but facilitates the operation of sewage systems and is critical when DPS officers are fighting fires to save lives and properties.

In the past 12 months alone, the Heath City council has discussed the public health and safety issues that require the construction of an elevated water storage facility on city-owned property at no less than seven meetings. This elevated water storage facility is necessary to meet the demand made upon the water supply by a growing population. The site selected for the new water storage facility has been a site for water storage since 1987 and was designated as best suited for the City's planned elevated storage tank in 1998 by Freeman-Millican Engineering.

Background:
1961 - Rockwall Chisholm Heath Water Supply Corporation (RCH) acquired Tract 111-3 (RCH site).

1987 - RCH constructed a ground storage tank and office on the site.
Aug. 1997 - The Fulton School purchased 9.44 acres, adjacent to the RCH site on three sides, including the RCH access easement.

Late 1997 - The City actively renewed efforts to purchase a portion of RCH.

1998 - Freeman-Millican Engineering presented a study finding that the site of the RCH ground storage tank (RCH site) to be best suited for the City's planned elevated storage tank.

May 1999 - Freeman-Millican Engineering made a presentation to the City Council identifying two locations for future elevated storage tanks: (1) RCH site and (2) near City Hall and Amy Parks-Heath Elementary school (note: The Fulton School had an item on the same agenda and was present at the Council meeting).

Sept. 1999 - The Fulton School purchased additional land west of and adjacent to the 9.44 acre tract, completing ownership of land that completely encircled the RCH site and access easement.

Jan. 2000 - The City purchased Tract 34-9, ultimately used for Towne Center Park and the elevated water tank behind Amy Parks-Heath Elementary school (APHE site).

Sept. 2000 - The City finalized purchase of a portion of RCH assets, including the RCH site, ground storage facility and buildings and access easement.

Feb. 2001 - In open meeting, the City Council designated the City site (formerly RCH site) for the elevated water tower and the APHE site as the secondary site. (note: The Fulton School had an item on the same agenda and was present at the Council meeting).

June 2002 - The City constructed a Public Works building on the City site.

Aug. 2004 - The elevated tank was constructed on the APHE site adjacent to the Towne Center Park.

April 2005 - The Fulton School presented a plat for approval and was reminded that the water tower would be constructed on the City site. (note: 2005 plat was not filed)

Dec. 2005 - The Fulton School purchased Lots 19 and 20, Hill View Estates.

Late 2006 - The ground storage tank on the City site was dismantled.
Sept. 2006 - The Fulton School submits a proposal for relocation of the planned elevated water tower. The proposal was not accepted.

Feb. 2007 - Public Works operations were moved from the City site.

July 2008 - The City of Heath and Fulton School entered into a short-term lease to allow Fulton use of the City site. The lease charged is \$1 annually.
Dec. 2008 - The Fulton School presented an updated plat for approval and was reminded that the water tower would be constructed on the City site.

March 2009 - The Fulton School purchased Lot 13, Hill View Estates.

June 2009 - The Fulton School purchased Lot 16, Hill View Estates.
Aug. 2009 - The Fulton School submitted a proposal to the City of Heath for relocation of the elevated tower to another site located within the Fulton property. The proposal was rejected by the City and Fulton was informed of the rejection.

Oct. 2009 - The Fulton School sold Lot 16, Hill View Estates

Oct. 2009 - Between April and October 2009, the City discussed in several closed sessions options relating to real property and the location of the elevated storage tank.

Dec. 2009 - The City of Rockwall formalized in writing their directive that the City of Heath build additional water storage. The City of Heath currently "borrowing" space in the City of Rockwall water storage facility and is exceeding its allotted amount of water to meet demands.

Dec. 2009 - In open meeting, the City Council directed staff to proceed with plans for construction of the elevated water tower on the City site.

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Living Legends

B O'Reilly

Why me, because you are not going to believe this column. This month an event will honor three men as "living legends." The men are Louis Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam, the Rev. Jeremiah the former pastor of Barack Obama's church, and Father Michael Pfleger, a radical-left Catholic priest. The men will stand together, and though spectators will pay to see them.

Now! Peter Wright, who put the program together, says, "Because of their legacy of service, they are being honored as Living Legends for their unflinching work."

So, exactly, selected the three men as honorees? Um, well, that would be Jeremiah Wright!

Wright, the good reverend is honoring himself and his bomb-throwing and charging up to \$100 for a ticket. Who gets the proceeds? Again, it would be Wright. His school and day-care center will divvy up most of it. Pfleger's parish and Wyclef Jean's Yele Haiti charity will also get some, according to the release.

There are many interesting things about this exposition. First, it has received almost no media coverage, even though Farrakhan, speaking before a crowd of 20,000 a few days ago, accused the "white right" of planning the assassination of President Obama. The minister, wearing a Muammar Gaddafi-style turban, went on to say that the "Zionists" were derailing the president's mission and white Christians were praying for Obama's death. Sounds like the "living legends," doesn't it?

What is a Catholic priest doing standing with Farrakhan and Wright? He follows Jesus, a man who preached peace and love for all people. He is called the Archbishop of Chicago, Francis Cardinal George, for whom he doesn't have a comment. Are you kidding me? I'm a Catholic — I know what's going on!

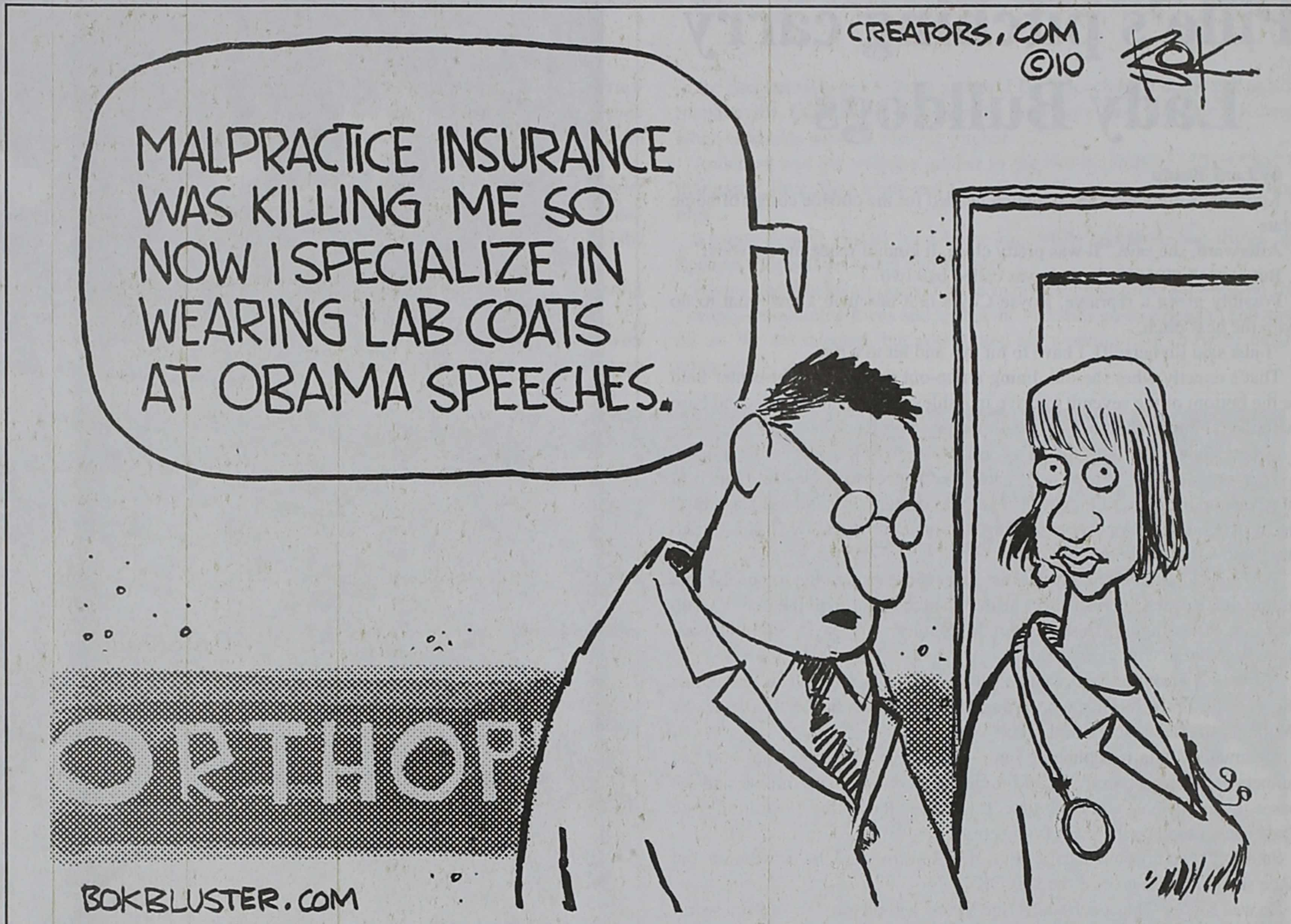
So, decide to attend the "Living Legends" event, you will hear some music from the "Soulful Sounds" and will be able to purchase Wright's new CD, "Sankofa Moment." I don't exactly know what that is, but it sounds like a holler. By the way, there is no truth to the rumor that Farrakhan's new CD will be entitled "Marley, Me, and the Zionists."

The whole deal is pretty amusing, and even if you don't like him, you have to give Wright some credit. The retired minister now inhabits a million-dollar, largely white, gated community and, apparently, has some time on his hands. So, he came up with an award ceremony that promotes his interests. I'm betting the Chicago theater will sell out.

As much as I'd like to, I will not be going. Somehow I don't think old Jerry and Mike would appreciate me sitting there as the "Living Legends" program unfolds. Just a hunch.

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Who poses the greater threat?

by Walter E. Williams

Bill Gates is the world's richest person, but what kind of power does he have over you? Can he force your kid to go to a school you do not want him to attend? Can he deny you the right to braid hair in your home for a living? It turns out that a local politician, who might deny us the right to earn a living and dictates which school our kid attends, has far greater power over our lives than any rich person. Rich people can gain power over us, but to do so, they must get permission from our elected representatives at the federal, state or local levels. For example, I might wish to purchase sugar from a Caribbean producer, but America's sugar lobby pays congressmen hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions to impose sugar import tariffs and quotas, forcing me and every other American to purchase their more expensive sugar.

he points out that: "Scarcely a mass-murdering dictator of the twentieth century was without his intellectual supporters, not simply in his own country, but also in foreign democracies ... Lenin, Stalin, Mao and Hitler all had their admirers, defenders and apologists among the intelligentsia in Western democratic nations, despite the fact that these dictators each ended up killing people of their own country on a scale unprecedented even by despotic regimes that preceded them."

While American politicians and intellectuals have not reached the depths of tyrants such as Lenin, Stalin, Mao and Hitler, they share a common vision. Tyrants denounce free markets and voluntary exchange. They are the chief supporters of reduced private property rights, reduced rights to profits, and they are anti-competition and pro-monopoly. They are pro-control and coercion, by the state. These Americans who run Washington and their intellectual supporters, believe they have superior wisdom and greater intelligence than the masses.

They believe they have been ordained to forcibly impose that wisdom on the rest of us. Like any other tyrant, they have what they consider good reasons for restricting the freedom of others. A tyrant's primary agenda calls for the elimination or attenuation of the market. Why? Markets imply voluntary exchange and tyrants do not trust that people behaving voluntarily will do what the tyrant thinks they should do. Therefore, they seek to replace the market with economic planning and regulation, which is little more than the forcible superseding of other people's plans by the powerful elite.

We Americans have forgotten founder Thomas Paine's warning that "Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one."

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Politicians love pitting us against the rich. All by themselves, the rich have absolutely no power over us. To rip us off, they need the might of Congress to rig the economic game. It's a slick political sleight-of-hand where politicians and their allies amongst the intellectuals, talking heads and the news media get us caught up in the politics of envy as part of their agenda for greater control over our lives.

The sugar lobby is just one example among thousands. Just ask yourself: Who were the major recipients of the billions of taxpayer bailout dollars, the so-called Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP)? The top recipients of TARP handouts included companies such as Citibank, AIG, Goldman Sachs and General Motors. Their top management are paid tens of millions dollars to run companies that were on the verge of bankruptcy, were it not for billions of dollars in taxpayer money. Politicians preach the politics of envy whilst reaching into the ordinary man's pockets, through the IRS, and handing it over to their favorite rich people and others who make large contributions to their election efforts.

The bottom line is that it is politicians first and their supporters amongst intellectuals who pose the greatest threat to liberty. Dr. Thomas Sowell amply demonstrates this in his brand-new book, "Intellectuals and Society," in which

The Christian Case for Rejecting Taxation

Wesley W. Burnett

Christian friends quiz me about my moral stand against taxation, and frequently insist that taxes are okay, "after all, Jesus condoned it when he gave the fish to the Roman tax collector."

They cite the story about Jesus and the coin, "pay unto Caesar that which is Caesar's." Sometimes Christians turn to Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome: "Obey your leaders."

Supporters of taxation shrug their shoulders and cite the age-old saying, "Taxation is a necessary evil."

All of these defenses of taxation are of course, totally invalid when exposed to the fallacy by God's commandments.

Here is the question I ask these Christian believers in taxation: Do you believe that Jesus is incapable of being in conflict with his Father's commandments?

Of course, "is the usual reply.

"Do you believe that the Ninth Commandment is still valid today (Thou Shalt Not Steal)?" I continue.

"Sure," the good Christians answer.

I then ask, "Do you accept the common English definition of theft: the taking of property without permission of the owner?"

"Yes," the literate Christian replies.

Then the clincher question ... "Do you agree that taxation is the taking of property from people without their permission?"

... silence always follows that question.

Some nod their heads, some look at the ceiling or the floor, some just turn and walk away ... others look like they've been hit with a stun gun, unable to speak. When they do recover from the shock, they inevitably blurt out, "well, you may be right, but how else can we fund government?"

"That is irrelevant," I reply. "If you know you are violating God's Commandments, and you continue to do so because you don't know what else to

do, you are still dishonoring and in disobedience to God. It is not our duty to figure out how to fund government, that's the duty of our elected officials. It is, however, our duty to ensure that we obey God's Commandments."

Is the Ninth Commandment less important than any of the other 10? Would we so casually disobey and ignore the commandment "Thou Shalt Not Murder?"

Either we are going to honor God or we are not... there is no in-between, and anything less is not acceptable.

Know this, Jesus did not condone taxation, he simply realized that it was better to pay up than to have Peter imprisoned. Jesus could not condone taxation, for it was and is impossible for him to condone the violation of his Father's Commandments.

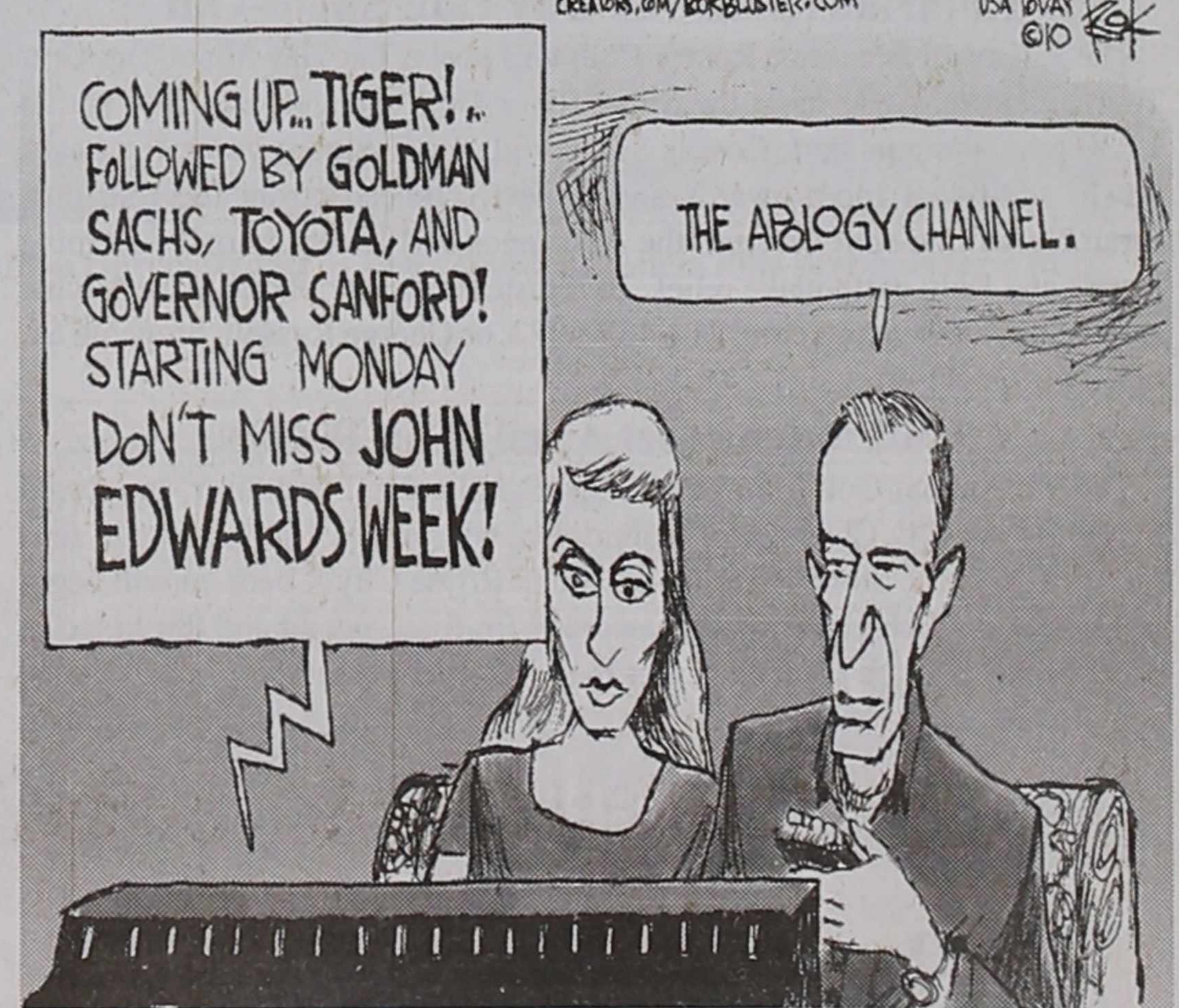
We live in a culture which condones theft by majority vote, excused as "a necessary evil." Christians must reject this immoral concept, just as Christians in the mid-19th century demanded the abolition of human slavery.

The only difference between then and now is the degree of enslavement... slavery took the physical body of people; taxation takes the physical property of the people.

Both are in violation of God's Commandments.

We pray our Christian friends will turn away from the "necessary evil" and reject taxation for the evil that it is.

Considering that the majority of our elected officials are Christians, it is obvious that we have the power to stop disobeying God's Commandments. All it takes is for Christians to demand obedience to God, including those deciding how to fund the functions of government. God does not recognize nor condone "necessary evils."



Rockwall County Sports

Kelley's double, Pille's pitching carry Lady Bulldogs

by Lary Bump

Kourtney Kelley watched the pitch headed for the outside corner of home plate.

Afterward, she said, "It was pretty close. It kind of made me nervous." But instead of strike three, it was called ball two.

Possibly given a reprieve, Roys City's first baseman knew what to do with the next pitch.

"I just said [to herself], I have to hit this and hit in a run."

That's exactly what she did, lining a two-out double to right-center field in the bottom of the seventh to drive in Ashley Heineman from second base with the winning run in a 5-4 softball victory over Rockwall.

"I saw a hole there and said, 'I've just got to drive it there.'"

That ended a nearly three-hour game, with spectators spending much of that time on the edge of their seat. That was through 3-0 and 4-2 leads built up by RHS, and four nerve-wracking innings after the Lady Bulldogs tied the game 4-4 after three.

Two errors helped the Lady Jackets score three runs in the top of the first inning, but Roys City came back with two in the bottom of the inning. With two out, Pille singled, Desi Arredondo doubled and Kayla Simmons sent them both home with a double.

A two-out error by Rockwall led to a second-inning run to counteract the one the Lady Jackets scored during their at-bat. In the fourth, Haley Williams singled to score Simmons.

Meanwhile, Pille was pitching into – and out of – trouble. Rockwall had runners at third base in the third inning, at second the next inning and the bases loaded in the sixth. Each time, Pille ended the inning by striking out a Lady Jacket to keep the team from scoring.

Said RC head coach Michelle Booker, "She struggled the first inning, but once she got in the groove she was OK."

So was Kelley. The coach said, "She's done a good job. We've been working with her. We were happy to have her up there. We were right where we needed to be and wanted to be in the lineup."

Being ahead of defending district champion Rockwall is where the Lady Bulldogs have tried to be for the last two seasons.

"We've had kind of a mindblock when it comes to Rockwall. I told the team we've got the big one out of the way, now we can't let somebody else sneak up on us."

RC had had some difficulty scoring during last weekend's Wylie Tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs managed just four hits in a 2-1 loss to Bishop Lynch Thursday, March 4. Kelly's double was their only hit in a 1-0 loss to Lovejoy, despite Pille's two-hit pitching later that day.

On Saturday, Roys City made the most of two hits in a 2-1 victory over Wylie. Pille's pitching in that game, Booker said, was "lights out."



Lady Bulldogs' Alicia Pille winds-up for a pitch against the Rockwall Lady Jackets. Teammate Kourtney Kelley is ready to assist in back at first base, while Kyla Simmons with stands ready for a play at third base (front). Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Sports Notes

RTU Spring Camp begins Monday

The Rockwall Tennis Unlimited annual Spring Tennis Camp will run Monday through Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Rockwall-Heath High courts. Children ages 5 and older are welcome to participate. Fee for three days is \$80; cost per day is \$30. To register contact Cindy Taylor at lamajo@sbglobal.net or 972-860-9000 or J.R. at rahmanzadeh1@sbglobal.net or 972-771-8883. For more details visit rockwalltennisunlimited.com.

Dallas Stars game will benefit Feral Friends

Feral Friends will be one of the charities benefiting from the 1 p.m. March 20 game between the Dallas Stars and the Ottawa Senators at American Airlines Center. Feral Friends will have a booth on the concourse, offering cat toys and other items. Discount tickets are available by calling Chad Pennington at 214-387-5583 or e-mailing cpennington@dallasstars.com (mention Feral Friends at the time of purchase to ensure a percentage of the ticket sales will benefit the organization).

Poker Run to benefit local Relay For Life

The March 27 Poker Run, slated to begin at 11 a.m. at Rockwall Honda Yamaha, will benefit the Rockwall County Relay For Life. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The competition will end at Softails in Terrell at 3 p.m., with three stops scheduled in between. At each checkpoint, each rider will draw a playing card. The cyclist with the best poker hand at the end of the event will be the winner. For more information visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx or pre-register at Rockwall Honda Yamaha.

Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk set April 3

The 2010 Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk will take place on April 3, rain or shine. Early registration (by March 26) is \$15; cost will be \$20 after that date or on the morning of the race. Youth registration fee is \$10 in advance or at the race. Early packet pick-up will be at the Heath City Hall from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 2. Packet pick-up the day of the event will begin at 7:30 a.m.; warm-up at 8:15 a.m. Run begins at 8:30 a.m. at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive. Proceeds will benefit the Heath Trails System. Registration forms are available at heathtx.com or at City Hall. Sign up online at signmeup.com. For more details e-mail kdobbs@heathtx.com.

CROP Walk planned for April 11

The Rockwall Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a CROP walk at 3 p.m. April 11 to help combat world hunger. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Helping Hands to help those in need locally, as well as Church World Service, one of the first responders in the World Haitian Relief Effort. The event will begin at the East Pavilion at Harry Myers Park. Adult and youth groups representing any church, social, civic or school organization are invited to take part in the event. For more information or to secure pledge envelopes, contact Cheryl Taylor, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwall, at 972-771-5701 or e-mail pastorcheryl@firstpres.org.

Rotarians plan Tax Day Golf Shoot-Out

The Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club will host a Tax Day Shoot-Out Golf Tournament on April 15 at the Stone River Golf Club, Roys City, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$75 per player (includes green fees, cart, lunch, additional food, awards and prizes). Proceeds from the four-man scramble will be split between the Assistance and Referral arm of Helping Hands and Haiti earthquake relief. To register e-mail or phone Dave Michie at dave.michie@yahoo.com, 214-455-6972, or George Russell, brogeo@att.net, 214-934-1142.

Golf tourney set April 16 in R-City

The 9th Annual Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser, sponsored by the Roys City Chamber of Commerce, will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start on April 16 at the Stone River Golf Club in Roys City. Check-in will begin at 11:30 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places; other prizes also are planned. Entry fee is \$75 per person. For more details, contact the chamber at 972-636-5000 or e-mail info@roysecitychamber.com.

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Royse City rally falls short against Rockwall

by Lary Bump

From the beginning of Roys City's District 10-4A baseball opening game, it appeared to be a lost cause.

Rockwall's first two batters in the game scored. The Yellowjackets added another run in the second inning, putting RC in a 3-0 hole. The Bulldogs were having trouble hitting RHS' Wesley Cox.

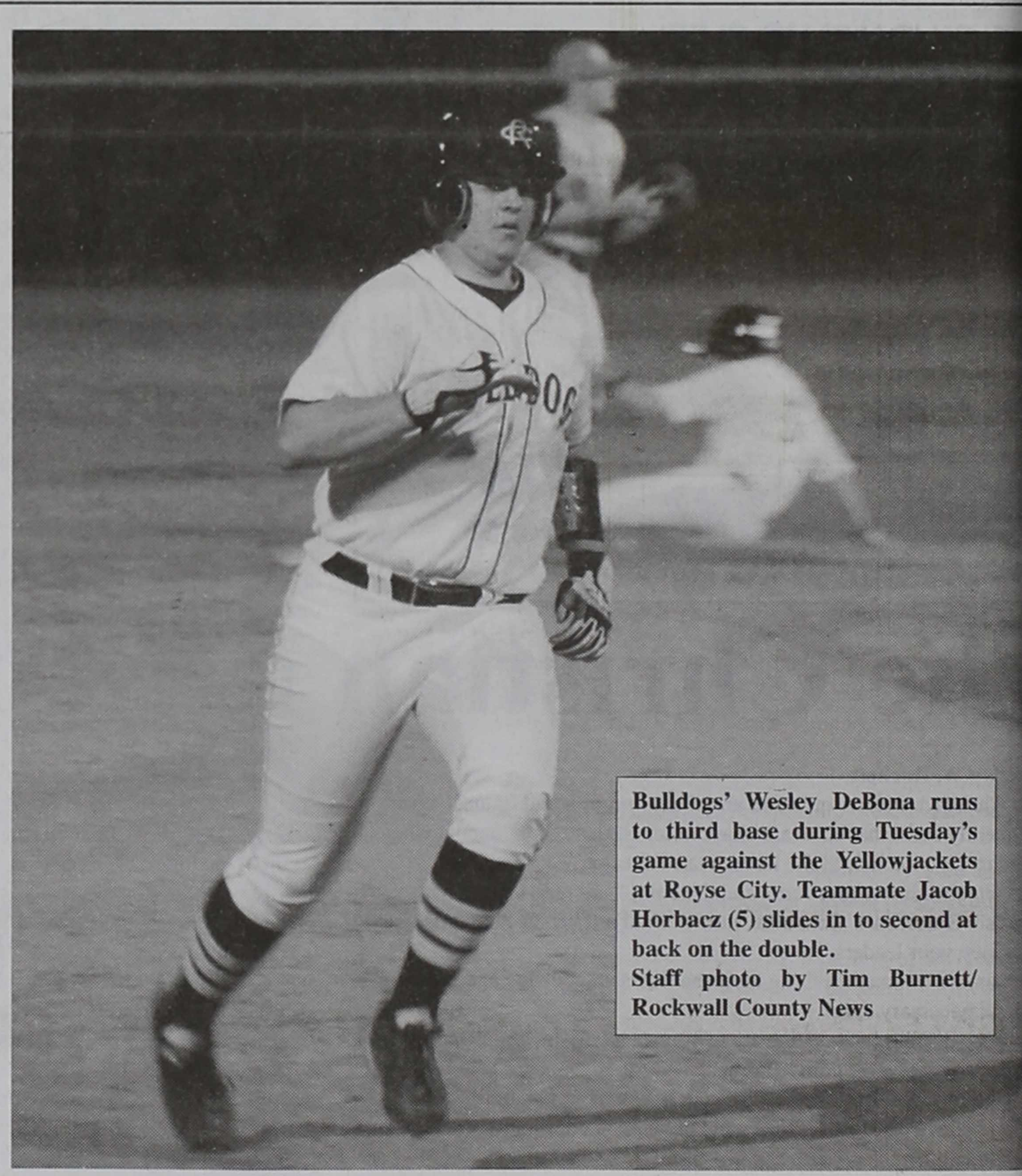
But from that point, Bulldogs right-hander Scot Lane took control. He also doubled and scored Roys City's first run, in the fourth inning.

It was 5-1 entering the bottom of the seventh inning, but it didn't end until RC threw a scare into Rockwall before losing 5-2.

Jacob Horbacz, whose single had driven in Lane three innings earlier, led off the seventh with a triple to right field. Mitchell Vanhous reached base and sent Horbacz home with the Bulldogs' second run. With two out, Dylan Funderburk kept the game alive with a single.

That brought Jared Jordan to home plate as the potential winning run. He hit a ground ball to the right of first baseman Tucker Fielder and ran down the baseline, barely losing a footrace to Cox, who took a throw for the game's final out.

Over the weekend, Roys City had lost to Midlothian 15-2 and North Mesquite 5-4, and defeated Dallas Skyline 7-1. Midlothian outhit the Bulldogs 15-5. Lane's double was RC's only extra-base hit. Against North Mesquite, Funderburk hit a home run, Horbacz had a triple and Jordan doubled.



Bulldogs' Wesley DeBona runs to third base during Tuesday's game against the Yellowjackets at Roys City. Teammate Jacob Horbacz (5) slides in to second at back on the double. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

High School Schedules

Rockwall Yellowjackets

Friday, March 12 – Varsity baseball: at Roys City for I-30 Classic vs. Wylie 1 p.m.

Softball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Senior Night, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:10 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at Richardson Pearce, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 13 – JV baseball: at Wylie, White 10 a.m. and Orange 1 p.m.

Varsity baseball: at I-30 Classic

Monday, March 15 – JV White baseball: at Rockwall-Heath, noon

Baseball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, JV Orange 2 p.m. and varsity 5 p.m.

Softball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16 – Baseball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Softball: home vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 18 – JV White baseball: vs. Plano Clark, Plano East Senior High School, 1 p.m.

Varsity softball: at Garland ISD Tournament, Winters Park Red Field, vs. Sachse 2:15 p.m. and vs. Mesquite Horn 5:45 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath Hawks

Friday, March 12 – Varsity baseball: home for I-30 Classic vs. Dallas Christian, 10 a.m.

Softball: at Rockwall, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

JV Black baseball: at Forney Tournament

Boys' track: at Qualls Relays, Hanby Stadium, Mesquite

Girls' track: at DeSoto Meet, Ben Dial Stadium

Saturday, March 13 – Varsity baseball: I-30 Classic

JV Black baseball: at Forney Tournament

JV softball: at Sulphur Springs Tournament

Monday, March 15 – JV Red baseball: home vs. Rockwall, noon

Softball: home vs. Roys City, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16 – Baseball: at Rockwall, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Softball: home vs. Carrollton Newman Smith, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17 – Varsity baseball: vs. Lake Highlands at Rang Ballpark in Arlington, 6 p.m.

Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, March 12 – Varsity baseball: home for I-30 Classic vs. Ode Permian, 10 a.m.

Softball: at Richardson Pearce, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Kaufman, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Kaufman, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

JV Black baseball: at Crandall ISD Tournament

Track: at Cotton Ford Relays, Greenville

Saturday, March 13 – JV2 softball: home vs. Cooper, 10 a.m.

Varsity baseball: I-30 Classic

JV Black baseball: at Crandall ISD Tournament

Monday, March 15 – JV Black baseball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, noon

Softball: at Rockwall-Heath, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16 – JV Black baseball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, 4 p.m.

Baseball: at Richardson Pearce, JV Gold 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Softball: home vs. Greenville, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Wesley

Wesley Cox put down a seventh-inning double for Rockwall's baseball team in a 10-4 opener. ... allowed the Bulldogs seven runs in the top of the first. ... to take a throw from first base. ... Jared Jordan, representing ... night Wesley Cox was great. ... good composure, good command. ... our guys are very confident. ... success was ongoing. ... was sharp in beating Jesuit. ... defeated Dallas Jesuit. ... Cox also had two hits. ... won three of five games the ... Roys City, Cox didn't lu ... fifth inning with a ground ball. ... jackets' two fifth-inning run ... in the seventh and had ... well's first two batters in th ... a error, then J.D. Deloach ... single scored Deloach. Ste ... Mills to make the score 3-0. ... that, the Jackets did little ... fifth inning, when Blake Ti ... on a ground ball up the m ... of the game. ... said, "It was a solid start to ... aggressive at the plate and hi ... much on. We played great. ... strict. Scot Lane is the best a ... Jackets have faced good co ... was a good day for Ro ... defending state 4A champ ... Thomas Anderson. RHS f ... by J.D. Deloach and Josh I ... jets' 11 hits included a tripl ... said, "Thomas Anderson ... defense, with the exception o

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Rockwall's Vicki King runs against The Colony during softball photo by Tim Burnett

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Rockwall County Sports

Wesley Cox pitches Rockwall Jackets past Bulldogs

By Lary Bump
 Wesley Cox put down a seventh-inning threat for a complete-game 5-2 Rockwall victory over the Bulldogs at Royse City in Tuesday night's 10-4A opener.

Cox followed the Bulldogs seven hits, but ended the game by hustling to take a throw from first baseman Tucker Fielder to retire RC Jared Jordan, representing the tying run.

"Wesley Cox was great," said RHS head coach Jeff Payne. He composed, good command. He made very few mistakes over the game. The guys are very confident with him out there."

Success was ongoing.

Cox was sharp in beating Jesuit, and has been on fire at the plate," Payne said.

Rockwall defeated Dallas Jesuit 7-2 Thursday, March 4, in the Jesuit district. Cox also had two hits in that game. The Yellowjackets (8-2-1) won three of five games there over the weekend.

Against Royse City, Cox didn't have any hits, but he did send home a run in the seventh inning with a ground ball that resulted in a throwing error. The Jackets' two fifth-inning runs proved important when RC rallied to run in the seventh and had two runners on base when Jordan ground out.

Rockwall's first two batters in the game scored. Will Steward reached on a error, then J.D. Deloach doubled to send him home. Fielder's single scored Deloach. Steve Bean's second-inning single drove in Deloach to make the score 3-0.

In the sixth, the Jackets did little with RC right-hander Scot Lane except in the fifth inning, when Blake Turner reached second base with a hustle on a ground ball up the middle, and scored on Deloach's second out of the game.

Payne said, "It was a solid start to district play for us. We did a good job of being aggressive at the plate and hit a very good pitcher hard. He was tough much on. We played great and beat a team that can beat anybody in the district. Scot Lane is the best arm we've seen to date."

The Jackets have faced good competition in tournaments at Waco and Tarrant.

March 4 was a good day for Rockwall. Before beating Jesuit, the Jackets defeated defending state 4A champion Texarkana Texas 7-4 behind winning pitcher Thomas Anderson. RHS had 10 hits against the Tigers, including three by J.D. Deloach and Josh Deloach. In the Thursday win over Jesuit, the Jackets' 11 hits included a triple by Fielder.

Payne said, "Thomas Anderson beat a very good Texas High lineup. The offense, with the exception of the Lakeview game, was exceptional at times."

RHS had followed up the two first-day wins by losing to Garland Lakeview Centennial 11-6, with the Jackets committing three errors, and Bishop Lynch 7-3. The Jackets bounced back with a 9-6 victory over the host team Saturday.

Cox and Mills each hit a double against Lakeview. Against Lynch, Fielder hit a triple and Cox had another double. Jesuit outbit Rockwall 9-8 Saturday night, when Josh Deloach's triple was the Jackets' only extra-base hit. Gabe Gonzales was the winning pitcher.

At Waco, RHS had defeated Lorena 11-1, Stephenville 15-0, Killeen 7-1 and Red Oak 6-0 before tying Arlington Bowie 9-9.

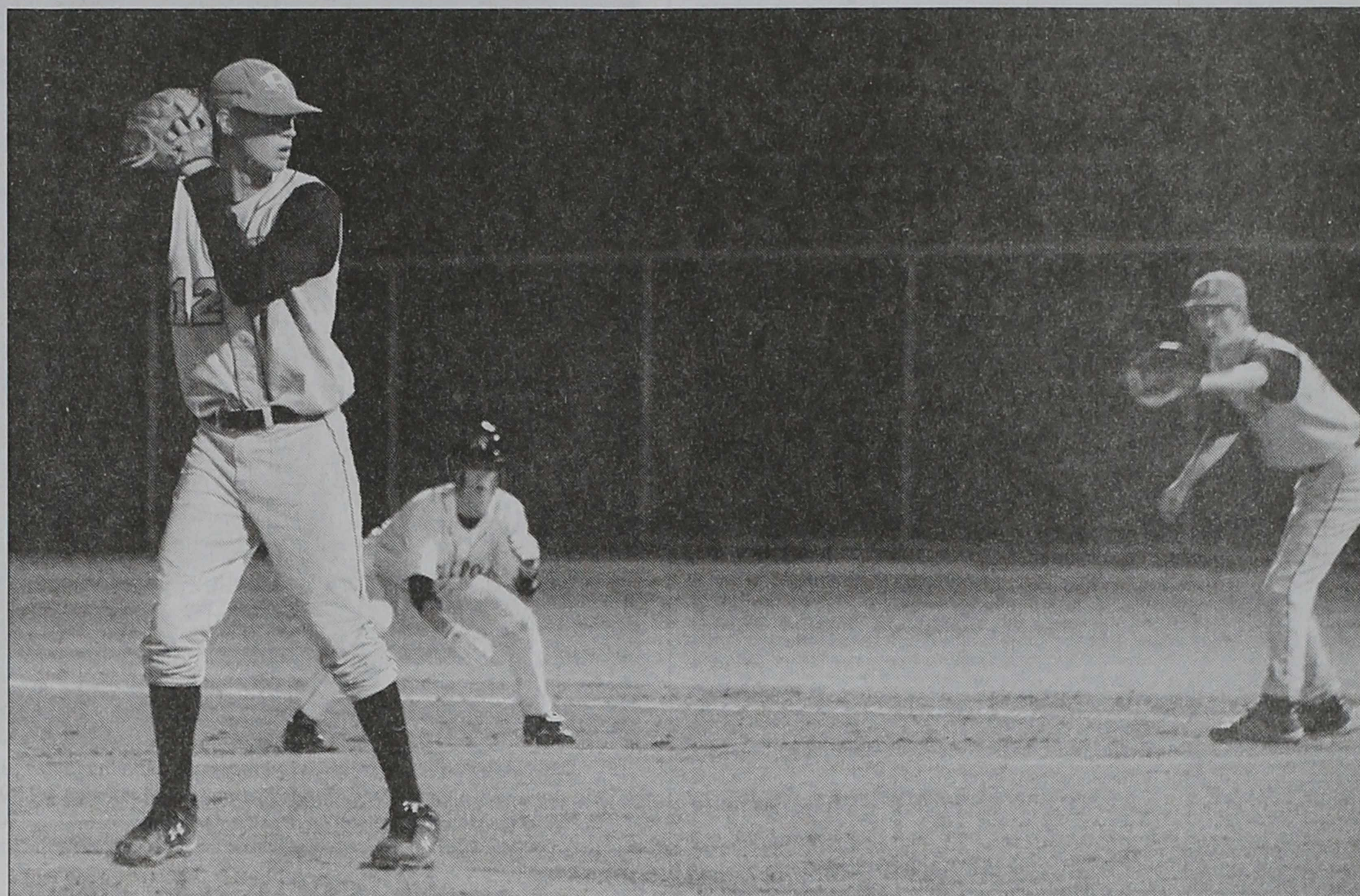
In the Jackets' season-opening game Thursday, Feb. 25, Cox was the winning pitcher against Lorena. Rockwall made the most of just five hits each

in the Stephenville and Killeen games. J.D. Deloach hit a home run against Stephenville. Edwards' double was the only extra-base hit against Killeen, when Gonzales was the winning pitcher.

Anderson was the winning pitcher in the two-hit shutout of Red Oak. In that game, Bean hit a triple and Cox, Edwards and Josh Deloach had doubles.

Against Bowie, Fielder hit a home run, Mills and Bean had triples and Spencer Edwards provided two doubles.

Payne said Rockwall doesn't have many problem areas to work on, but "simply maintaining focus and letting the bad stuff go so it doesn't snowball on us. We are talented, but young, and are working hard to better handle adversity."



Yellowjackets' Wes Cox stares down a Bulldogs' batter as first baseman Tucker Fielder is ready for a possible throw-out against base runner Matt Allman.
 Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

RHS girls in playoffs, clinging to third place

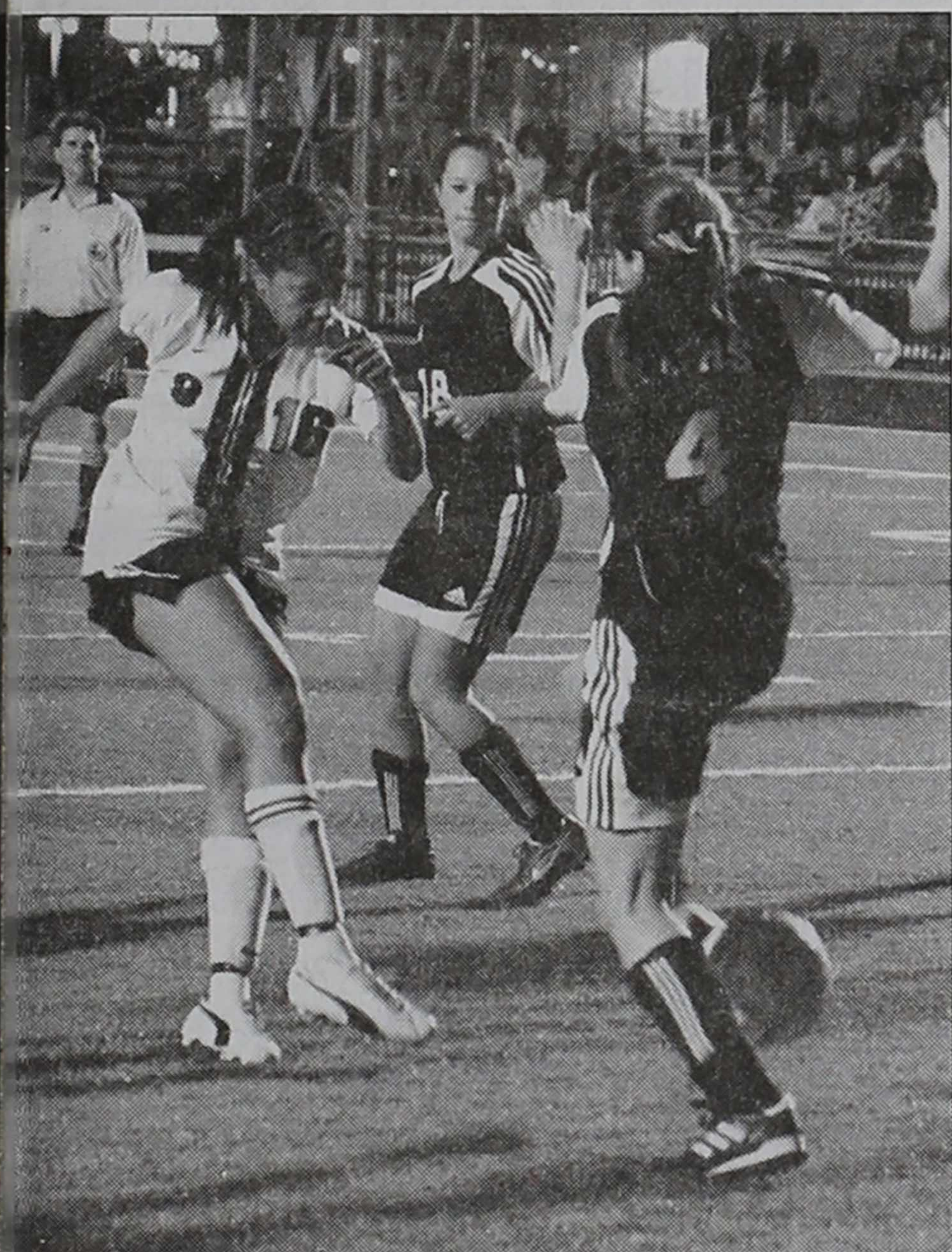
Rockwall clinched a girls' soccer playoff berth by shutting out Lovejoy 3-0 on March 5, and The Colony 2-0 Tuesday.

With only one District 21-4A game remaining, Friday night at home against Richardson Pearce, the Lady Jackets (8-6-4 overall, 4-3-2 in the district) are in third place. They can't move up to second, but could fall into fourth place behind The Colony if the Cougars win and Rockwall loses to the Mustangs.

Against Lovejoy, Bethany Schomin scored two goals and Jessie Givens scored one.

Rachel Soldat and Allie Wentzel scored for Rockwall in the win over The Mustangs.

The playoffs will begin after next week's spring break.



Lady Jackets' Vicki King (16) fights for a last minute attack against The Colony during Tuesday's game at RHS.
 Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Lady Jackets start fast, but lose at Royse City

by Lary Bump

Rockwall took leads of 3-0 and 4-2 in the first two innings of Tuesday night's softball game at Royse City. After that, the Lady Jackets managed just three hits and no runs against pitcher Alicia Pille.

"We started off well, but you've got to give credit to their pitcher. She adapted to us, but we didn't adjust," RHS head coach Shadie Acosta said after a 5-4 loss.

The Lady Bulldogs finished well, and that made the biggest difference in the District 10-4A opener for both teams.

They tied the game with single runs in the second and third innings against Rockwall right-hander Laycee Holcomb.

Pille escaped a two-out jam in the sixth. After walking the bases loaded, she struck out first baseman Ashton Atwell to end the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh, Holcomb also appeared to be pitching out of trouble with two out and two runners on base. Her one-ball, two-strike pitch to Royse City's Kourtney Kelley was on the outside corner. Or was it? Not so, said the home plate umpire, calling a ball outside.

Kelley then lined the next pitch into right-center field for a game-ending double.

Acosta said, "It's been tough. We've had a slow start with injuries and kids

not being healthy. Laycee has only thrown for two full weeks because her leg was in a boot before that."

Holcomb helped herself at the plate, driving in a run in each of the first two innings with a single and a squeeze bunt. She went 2-for-2 with a walk.

Taylor Lemons and Jamie Bain also singled to drive in first-inning runs for Rockwall.

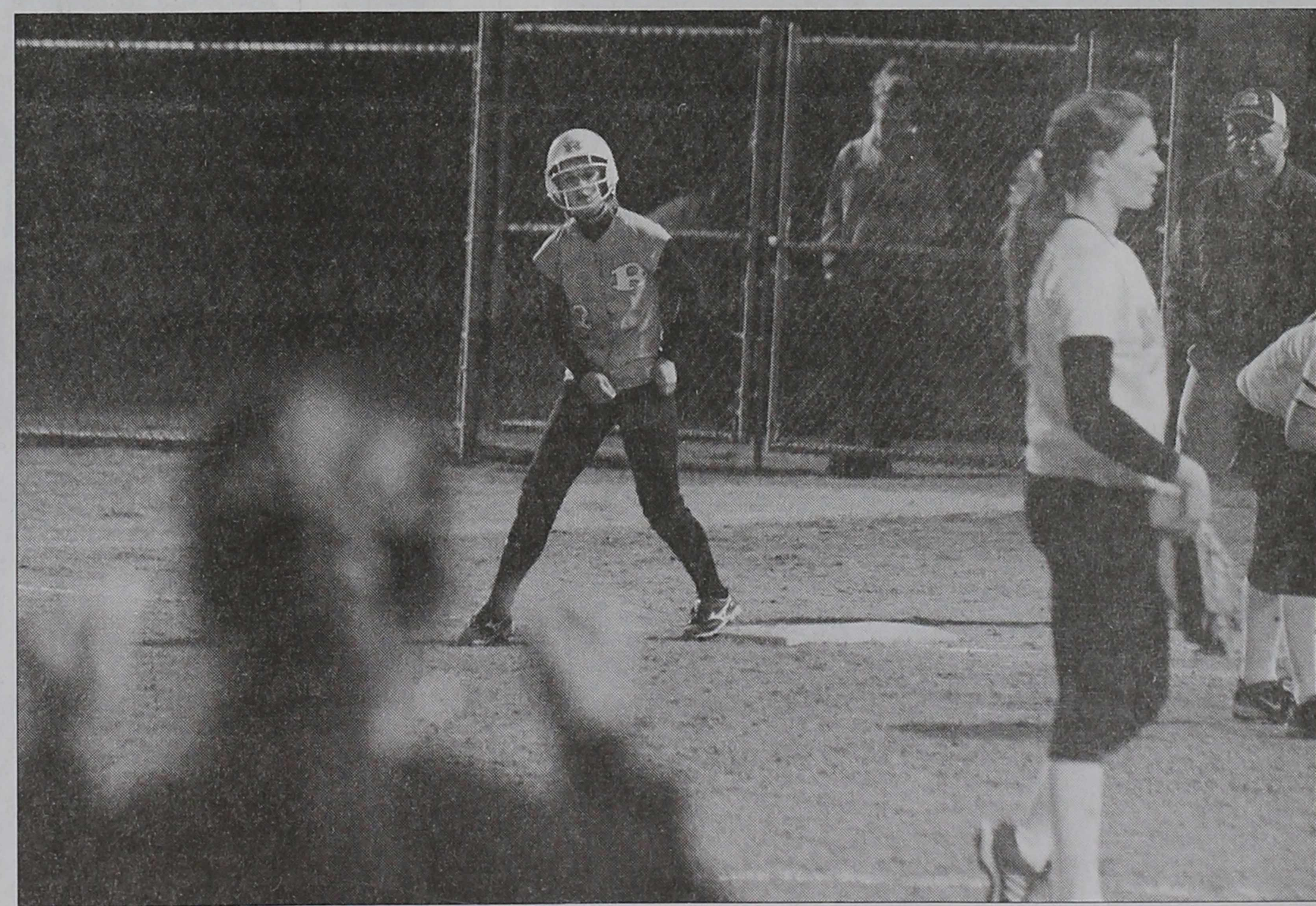
The Lady Jackets were coming off a busy week, which included a 4-1 loss at Plano Wednesday, March 3, and the Wylie Tournament over the weekend.

Against Plano, Rockwall managed just three hits. One was a triple by Cyndi Bertrand.

At Wylie, the home team ripped RHS 10-4 with a 12-hit attack. Mesquite Horn then defeated the Lady Jackets 5-3, and Mansfield Legacy took an 8-1 decision.

Rockwall came back with two victories Saturday - over North Mesquite 7-3 and Rowlett 4-2. RHS backed Holcomb's pitching against North Mesquite with a 10-hit attack that included Shelby Wood's double.

The Lady Jackets have a chance to even their district record Friday at 7 p.m. when they're scheduled to host Rockwall-Heath.



Lady Jackets' Cyndi Bertrand (2) watches for signals from Coach Melissa Garcia (front) as Lady Bulldogs' Alicia Pille prepares for a pitch during Tuesday night's game at RCHS.
 Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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.

MOW Golf Classic planned

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will host its first Meals on Wheels Golf Classic July 23 at Buffalo Creek Golf Course, Heath. All proceeds will benefit the senior nutrition program in Rockwall County. To register or help sponsor a team call 972-771-9514.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

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Course offered on fly fishing

A class on fly fishing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17 at 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 members. Cost will be \$25 for Rockwall residents, \$38 for non-residents.

Softball tourney set April 24

A softball tournament open to competitors ages 8 and older will begin at 8 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 for 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 or details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Kickers Soccer set

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 is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

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Rockwall County Sports

Hawks 11-0 after another tourney win, shutout of Greenville

It can't get any better for Rockwall-Heath's baseball team. The Hawks swept five games for the second weekend in a row for its second tournament title, then shut out Greenville in their District 10-4A opening game at home Tuesday night.

Along the way, Jake Thompson pitched a no-hitter as RHHS defeated Joshua 12-2 en route to winning the Burleson Tournament. The Hawks' final win there was 5-3 over host Burleson.

James Baune was the winning pitcher in two five-hit shutouts, 7-0 over Wichita Falls Rider at Burleson and 10-0 over Greenville.

The Hawks made the most of seven hits to win the district opener over

Greenville. Three of those hits were for extra bases – John Branum's home run, Trevor Holland's triple and a double by Drew Benefield.

Contributions from many players have been a major theme already this season.

At Burleson, Rockwall-Heath opened with an 8-1 victory over Mansfield Summit. Benefield was the winning pitcher. Armando Villa's double was the only one of the Hawks' 10 hits that went for extra bases.

RHHS again had 10 hits against Rider. Holland belted a double and a triple, and Benefield and Drew Baxter each had a double.

Twelve more hits led to a 13-3 romp over Red Oak, the Hawks' second win

over the Hawks this season. Thompson led the way with a home run and a double. Baxter, Benefield, Jacob Houpt and Branum each had a double. Support winning pitcher Patrick Gonzales.

Rockwall-Heath didn't really need 12 runs and 11 hits to defeat Joshua, but that's what the Hawks had. Thompson hit another home run, Baxter also went deep. Holland, Benefield and Branum all doubled.

Burleson outhit RHHS 9-6, but four errors helped send the home team to its first loss this season. The Hawks, who played good defense throughout the tournament, had no errors against Burleson. Caleb Copley was the winning pitcher. Gonzales hit a double, and Jovan Hernandez had a home run

RHHS Lady Hawks blank Greenville in district opener

Rockwall-Heath scored an easy 10-0 home victory over Greenville Tuesday night in the opening District 10-4A softball game for both teams.

Over the weekend, the Lady Hawks lost 7-4 to Bishop Lynch and 11-0 to North Mesquite in the Wylie Tournament.

Lynch outhit RHHS 13-8, with Madie Rice hitting a double for Rockwall-Heath. Dakota Whittern's double was one of three hits for the Lady Hawks against North Mesquite's Melanie Ortega. Her teammates supported her with 13 hits, seven for extra bases.

Lu's goals put Hawks in position to finish second

A victory over Highland Park and a tie against Division 21-4A leader Richardson Pearce have given the Rockwall-Heath boys' soccer team a possibility of finishing the district season in second place.

The Hawks (5-3-1 in the district) would have to win Friday's 7:15 p.m. home game, their final regular-season contest, to move past the Leopards (4-1-4) into second place. Lovejoy would keep RHHS in third place with a win or a tie.

Rockwall-Heath (14-5-1) overall won 3-0 Friday, March 5, at fourth-place Highland Park. Brandon Lu, Issaac Esquivel and Guillermo Medina scored against the Scots.

Lu teamed up with Chase Minter to provide the Hawks' offense in Tuesday's 2-2 tie at home against Pearce (12-5-5, 6-0-3).

After spring break, Rockwall-Heath will have a Bi-District playoff match – either as the second- or third-place team from 21-4A.



Lady Hawks Soccer team seniors recognized during senior night on Friday March 5, are (left to right) Katy Ray, Madeline Millender, Brittany Gray, and Alison Bullock. Not pictured is Lenica Morales. Photo by Michele Hierholzer/Rockwall County News

City, school district elections short of contested races

Filing for positions on the May 8 municipal and school district election ballots have ended, and only a handful of contested races have evolved.

Voters in the City of Rockwall will see two contested races on their ballots for city council, while those casting ballots in the City of Fate will decide a contested race for the mayoral office.

The Rockwall County News contacted each of the governing entities serving Rockwall County residents, and the information listed below was provided in response.

Deadline for filing a write-in candidate declaration is 5 p.m. Monday. Early voting will run April 26 through May 4.

City of Rockwall

Two of the three positions open on the Rockwall City Council will see contested races, according to reports from city officials.

For the Place 2 seat, incumbent Mark Russo will be challenged by Bill Bricker and Teddy Nugen. Incumbent Margo Nielsen will be challenged for the Place 6 position by David White.

City of Fate

Voters in the City of Fate will be asked to decide between the incumbent Bill Broderick, and a challenger, Richard Johns, according to reports.

The incumbents for Places 2, 4 and 6 – Steve Skipworth, Sheri L. Galt and Tammy Ryan, respectively – will run unopposed.

City of McLendon-Chisholm

Gary Moody filed as the sole candidate for mayor, while incumbents Ja Pullen and Steve Hatfield will seek to return to their respective seats, Places 2 and 4.

Incumbent Jess Lovell was the lone candidate in the special election fill Place 1; however, the city had the authority to cancel the special election since Lovell was unopposed and no one filed as a write-in candidate, according to city officials.

Rockwall ISD

At the close of the filing period, two candidates – incumbent Don Hamilton, Place 4, and incumbent David Loftis, Place 5 – had filed for two open school board seats, according to a district report.

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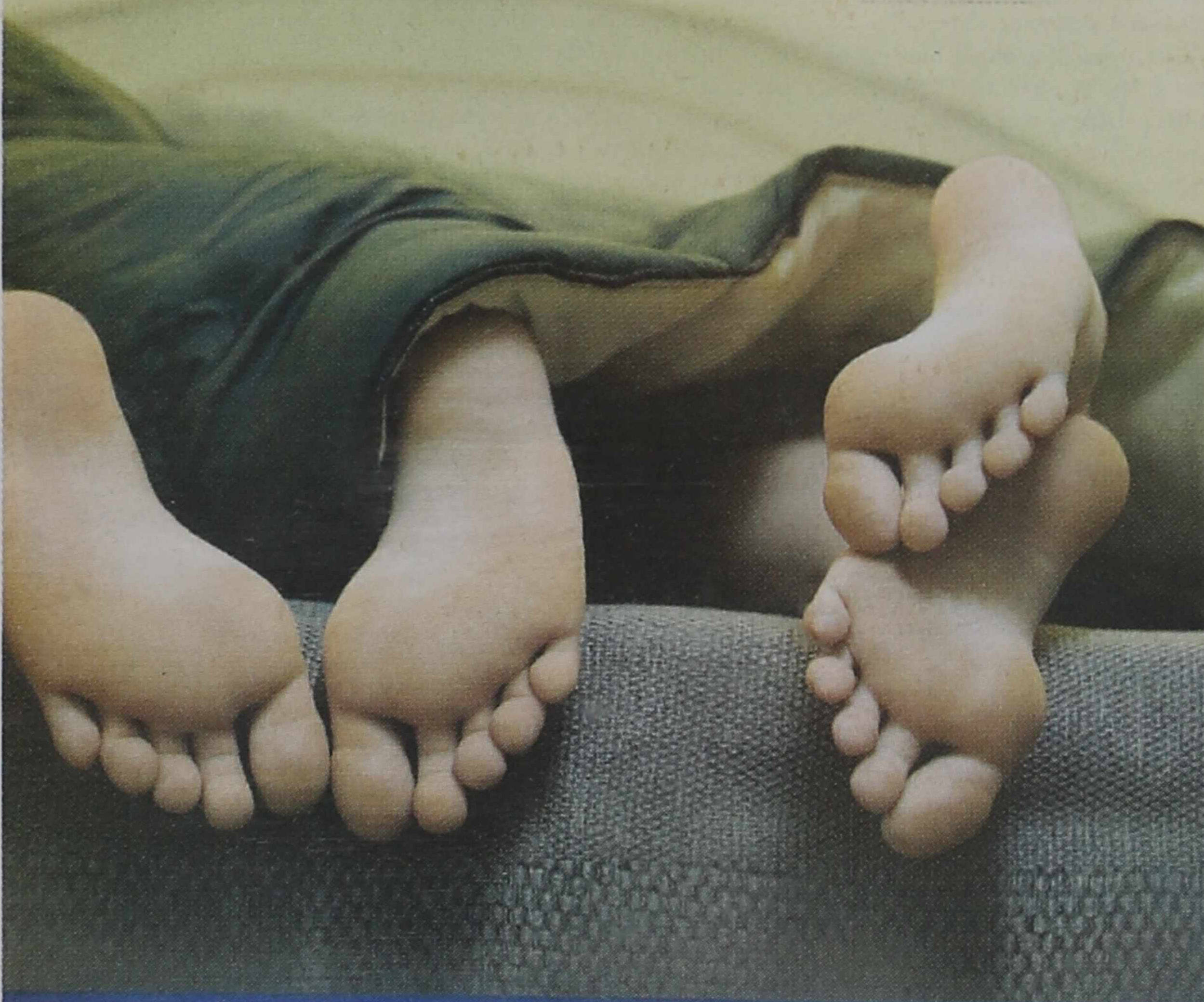
As of mid-day Monday, only the incumbents – Mike Stone, Place 6, and Julie Stutts, Place 7 – had filed candidate applications, according to a report from the school district.

Cliff Sevier, the incumbent, will see no challenger in his bid for reelection to the Place 4 office.

City of Heath

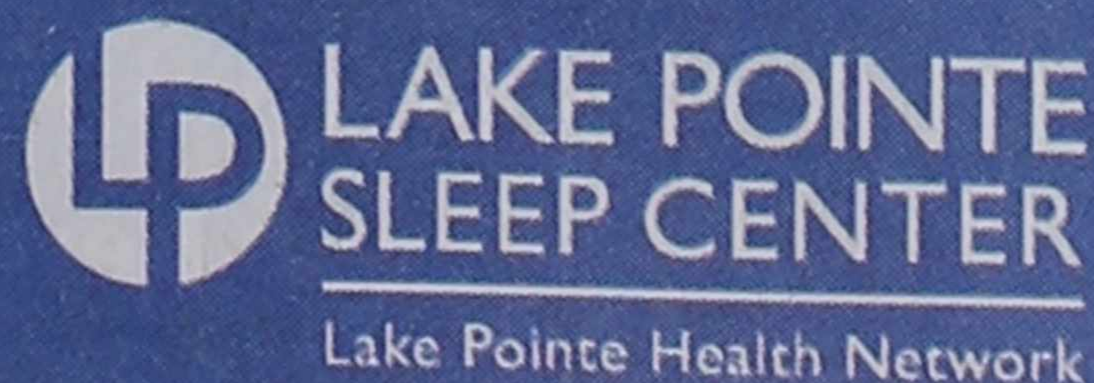
The incumbents for the three open positions – mayor and council members in Places 3 and 5 – were the only ones to file as candidates, according to a report from city officials. John Ratcliffe will seek re-election to the mayoral office, while Julianna (Julie) Zurek and Lorne Liechty hope to return to their council seats, Places 3 and 5, respectively.

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Area students named to UNT honors lists

Rockwall County students were included on the Dean's List and Honor's List for the fall semester at the University of North Texas, according to news releases issued last week.

Students named to the Dean's List included Larry Brett Bush, Brian Green, Biranna Myers and Clint Rowan from Heath and Drew Beddow, Brittnee April Belt, Natalie Christine Braning, Andre Brown, Nikki Civello, Mark Alan Demay Jr., Jennifer Everett, Kristen Nicole Everett, Bailey Ryan Haussler, Samantha

Jahansouzshahi, David Jonathan Miller, Tina Nguyen, Allison L. Shippy and Trey W. Travis of Rockwall.

Other Dean's List honorees included, from Royse City, Alicia Nichole Farrar, Sean Kyle Jacques, Sarah R. Madden, Sean Raleigh Smallwood and Amber Nicole Sweat, according to the release.

To be named to the Dean's List, an undergraduate must complete a minimum of 12 academic hours with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.9.

President's List honorees included Kyle Blakely Bryan of Heath, Kristen Nicole Frazer and Kristina Renee Garrett of Royse City and

Susan Lori Blick, Victoria Barlett Bouldin, Terrilyn Bradley, Sarah Arlene Cheek, Katrina Elizabeth Harvey, Cari Ellyn Heinen, Kenneth Roderick Kosterman, Lauren Kelly Lavene, Emily Michella Mann, Kristen Michelle Moon, Jake Thomas Nielsen, Lacy Lauren Schwertner and Michelle M. Wood, all of Rockwall.

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Proposals will be opened as received beginning April 12, 2010. Prices will not be read, nor disclosed in any other manner until award is made. These are as-needed type contracts for all RISD campuses and departments. The contract period will be effective from July 1, 2010 or date of award (whichever is later) through June 30, 2011 (with the option of two [2] one-year extensions).

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 Executor of the Estate of MARY KATHERYN CAUGHRAN, Deceased. CAUSE NO. PR10-19

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Rockwall finalist in 2010 Hubbard Chamber Music Young Artist contest

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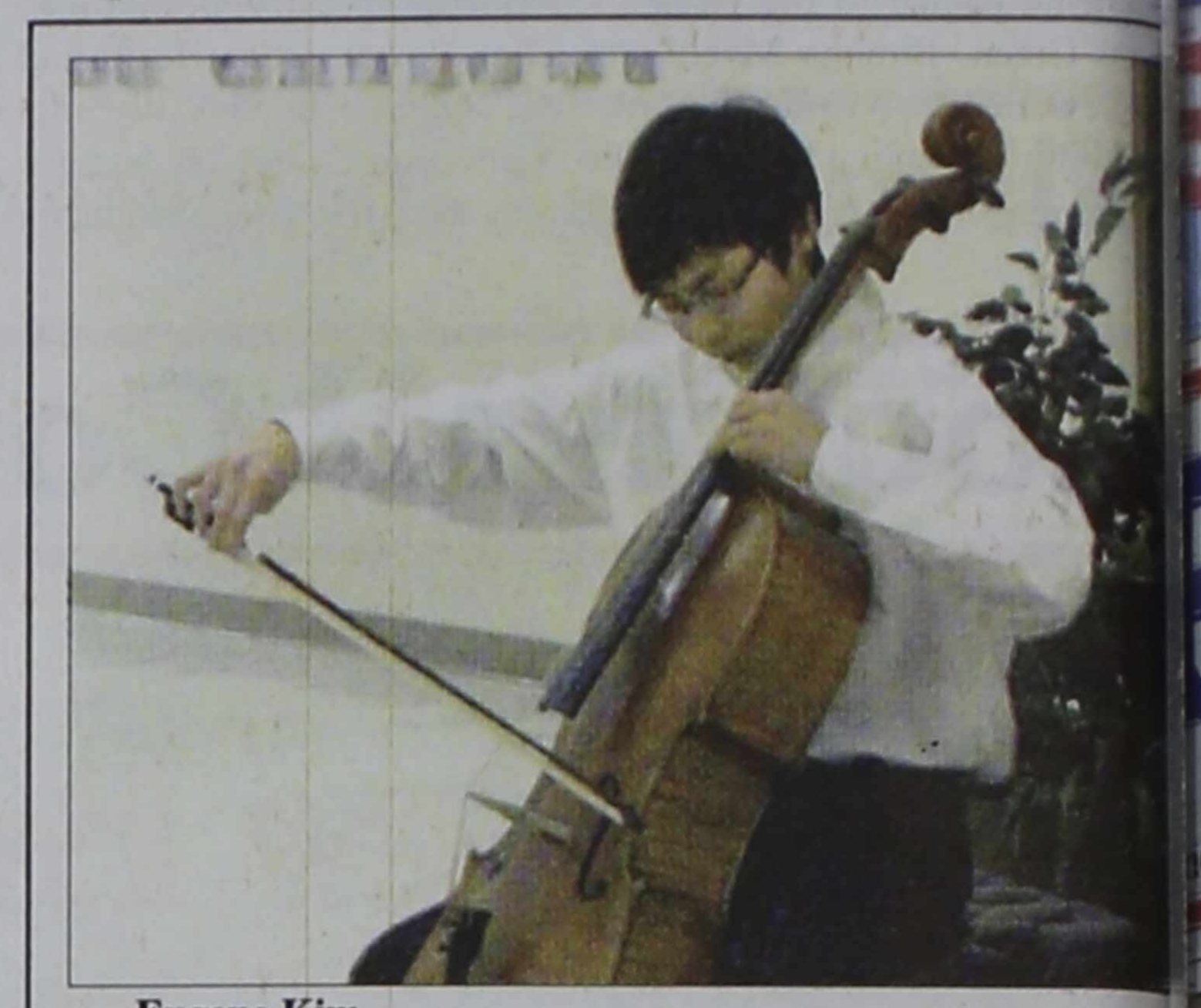
Chosen to compete among the 14 finalists was Cellist Eugene Kim, a sophomore at Rockwall High School and a cello student of Jung Shin Lewis. Eugene was recently a Second Place winner of the Collin County Young Artist Competition and performed with the All-State Orchestra last month. Eugene is also a pianist and an academic honor student.

Carolyn Whitlow is a senior at Garland High School where she recently performed with the Garland High School Orchestra as a concerto winner. She is a cello student of Beth Conway. Carolyn is also a vocalist and plans to continue her education as a music major in college next season. Having been accepted to a number of institutions, she is in the process of making her destination selection.

Division I cash winners of the HCMS Young Artists Competition held February 21 were: 17-year old violinist Abigail Potts (PrairieLand) \$1000 First Place; 16-year old violinist Ruth Chang (Plano) \$300 Second Place; 12-year old pianist Shokhvrit Mand (Plano) \$150 Third Place.

Division II cash winners were: 21-year old violinist Florence Wang (China/SMU) \$1000 First Place; 20-year old Sakura Peatey (Japan/SMU) \$500 Second Place; Chamber Ensemble Florence Wang, Michael Drobycki and Sakura Peatey (SMU) \$37 Third Place.

Students were to perform a program from memory not less than 15 minutes nor more than 15 minutes. Competitors ranged in age from Preliminary judges for Divisions I and II were Mitta Angell (Dallas Symphony Orchestra), Luis Sanchez, (Texas A&M Commerce), John (Dallas Symphony Orchestra) and George Papich (University of Texas). Judges for the Finals were Karen Austin (McKinney Young Competition) and Curt Thompson (Texas Christian University).



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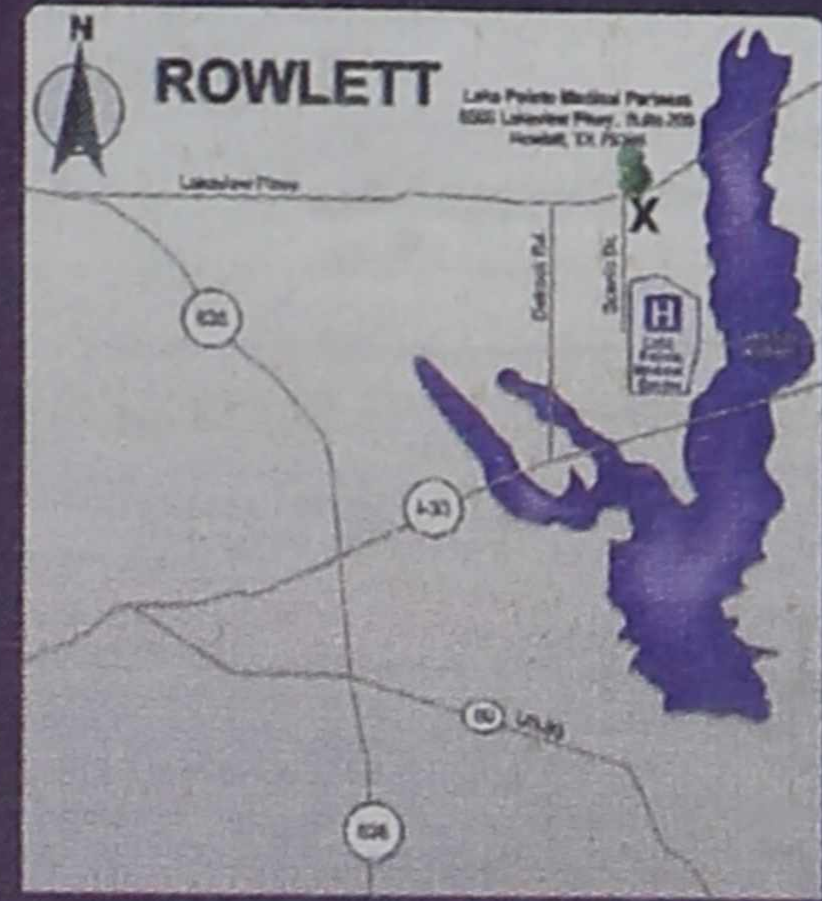
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