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Signs of the times ...

Drivers are faced with a bevy of political signs on mayor Rockwall County roadways as the Republican Party Primary Runoff Election approaches. Republican Party voters will make their decisions on April 13.

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Early voting ends today; runoff election is Tuesday

Local residents will return to the polls again next week to decide a trio of Republican Party candidates for the November general election.

Runoff election day is Tuesday. Polling will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting in the runoff election concludes today. Early ballots may be cast from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Election Office, 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall; Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence, Heath; or Royse City City Hall, 305 N. Arch, Royse City.

Three Republican Party races need to be determined within Rockwall County, including the party's candidates for county judge and the two open justices of the peace positions.

Jerry Hogan and Kevin Fowler each are seeking the top county position, while in the race for Precincts 1 and 4 JP, incumbent David Karr is being challenged by Jack James. The incumbent in the JP, Precincts 2 and 3 race, Larry Holloway, is being challenged by Nancy Beaty.

Polling locations for Tuesday will be as follows, according to the county elections office Web site:

- Precinct No. 1 – Reinhardt Elementary, 615 Highland Drive, Rockwall
- Precinct No. 1A – Lake Pointe Medical Center, 6800 Scenic Drive, Rowlett
- Precinct No. 1B – Ridgeview Church, 1362 E. FM 552, Rockwall
- Precinct No. 1C – Nebbie William Elementary, 350 Dalton Road, Rockwall

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57th Annual Youth Fair draws 200-plus entries

More than 200 entries were weighed in on more than 200 entries to name the winners of the 57th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair.

The event was conducted March 24-27 in the Rockwall Independent School District Ag Complex on Riding Club Road.

Winners were named in various agriculture livestock projects, art photography projects and shop projects. Youth from throughout the county participated in the event.

Winners, as reported to the Rockwall County News, were as follows:

- Agriculture Mechanics Show
 - Grand champion – Frisco High School
 - Reserve champion – Forney High School
 - Tractor Division – 10 and under, first place, Rockwall High; 10 and over, first place, Frisco High; 20 and over (car hauler), first place, Rockwall High School
 - Agriculture Equipment Division – Forney High School
 - Coking Division – first place, Will Morris
 - Tractor Division – first place, Rockwall High School
 - Art Show/Middle School
 - Best of Show, 2-D – Travis Smith, WMS
 - Best of Show, 3-D – Christen Gang, WMS
 - Color – Zach Mathias, WMS, first place; Hayley McCue, WMS, second; Shelby Helmer, WMS, third place; Samantha Wintermonte,

- Utley, fourth place
 - Black and White – Brook Brown, WMS, first place; Arlinda Sivoravong, Utley, second place; and Trevor Smith, WMS, third place
 - Craft – Alyssa Stephens, WMS, first place; Michael Boufante, Utley, second place; Brittany Chanhmisy, Utley, third place
 - Sculpture – Tyler McKenzie, WMS, first place; group sculpture, Utley, second place; Noah Goen, WMS, third; Amanda Martin, WMS, fourth; and Nefrititi Lopez, WMS, fifth place
 - Art Show/High School
 - Best of Show, 2-D – Sarah Walters, RHS
 - Best of Show, 3-D – Robert Radisovich, RHS
 - Drawing – Laura Weber, RHS, first place; Hunter Herring, RHS, second; and Josh Korman, RHS, third
 - Mixed Media – Heebin Park, RHS, first place; Nic Kim, RHHS, second place; and Danielle Terry, RHS, third place
 - Sculpture – Jordan Rinkevich, RHS, first place; Bailey Leal, RHHS, second; and Jordan Lopez, RHHS, third place
 - Livestock Show/Swine Show
 - Junior Showmanship – Cale Merritt
 - Senior Showmanship – Jake Termin
 - Market Swine
 - Light Weight – Ethan Richards, first; Josh Turner, second; Garret

Toole, third; Sam Evans, fourth; Molly Kate Evans, fifth; Jessica Moore, sixth; and Patrick Smith, seventh

- Medium Weight – Austin Raymond, first, Kyle Jones, second; Ryan Ullom, third; Maloree Toole, fourth; Mackenzie Crowell, fifth; Zane Knochel, sixth; Shane Garber, seventh; Jacob Hillman, eighth; and Raphi Romero, ninth

- Medium Heavy Weight – Luke Termin, first; Callie Merritt, second; Alexxa Misildine, third; Cash Quinton, fourth; Barrett Duncan, fifth; Rita Tovar, sixth; Priscilla Stepp, seventh; Riley Smith, eighth; and Carson Pittman, ninth

- Heavy Weight – Cale Merritt, first; Ted Gates, second; Colt Carson, third; Cameron Defebaugh, fourth; Allen Bornemann, fifth; and Emily Ullom, sixth

- Grand champion – Cale Merritt
- Reserve champion – Luke Termin

- Breeding Hogs
 - Summer Gilts – Cale Merritt, first; Jake Termin, second

- Junior Fall Gilts – Will Morris, first
- Grand champion – Cale Merritt
- Reserve champion – Jake Termin

- Beef Show
 - Beef Showmanship – Will Morris

- Market Steers
 - Light Weight – Blake Adams, first place
 - Medium Weight – Will Morris, first place
 - Heavy Weight – Tanner Howey, first
 - Grand champion – Tanner Howey
 - Reserve champion – Blake Adams

- Breeding Beef Heifers
 - Junior Heifer Calves – Tanner Howey, first place
 - Senior Heifer Calves – Tanner Howey, first place
 - Grand champion – Tanner Howey
 - Reserve champion – Tanner Howey
 - Beef Showmanship – Will Morris

- Goat Show
 - Junior Showmanship – Olivia Donaldson
 - Senior Showmanship – Katie Callaghan

- Market Goats
 - Light Weight – Reese Simpson, first; Chap Harding, second; Samantha Giovannangelo, third
 - Medium Weight – Katie Callaghan, first; Bradley Simpson, second; Olivia Donaldson, third; Trevor Rowe, fourth; and Shelby Rowe, fifth
 - Heavy Weight – Brian Callaghan, first; Tyler Hughes, second; Tyler Hughes, third
 - Grand champion – Brian Callaghan
 - Reserve champion – Tyler Hughes

- Breeding Goats
 - Does Kids (12-24 months) – Katie Callaghan, first; Devynne Pazos, second
 - Junior Does (13-24 months) – Heather Rowe, first
 - Grand champion – Katie Callaghan
 - Reserve champion – Heather Rowe

- Market Lambs
 - Grand champion – Heather Rowe

- Market Rabbits

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More than 200 entries were recorded for the recent 57th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair.

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The Rockwall Chamber's Margie Hooper, Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil and Darwin Myers of the Texas Department of Transportation are shown visiting with guests of the We Survived 205 event conducted recently. The event, scheduled to mark the completion of the road-widening project, drew about 300 area residents.

Photo courtesy of the City of Rockwall/Rockwall County News



Donny Wallace and Amie Shelton

Shelton, Wallace plan May wedding

Deborah Patterson of Mesquite is proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Amie Shelton, to Donny Wallace, son of Don and Cathy Wallace of Rockwall.

The bride-elect, daughter of the late John Wheeler, is a graduate of North Mesquite. She is employed at Enfora Inc.

The prospective bridegroom is a Rockwall High School graduate who is employed at Cenveo.

A May 22, 2010, wedding in Rockwall is planned.

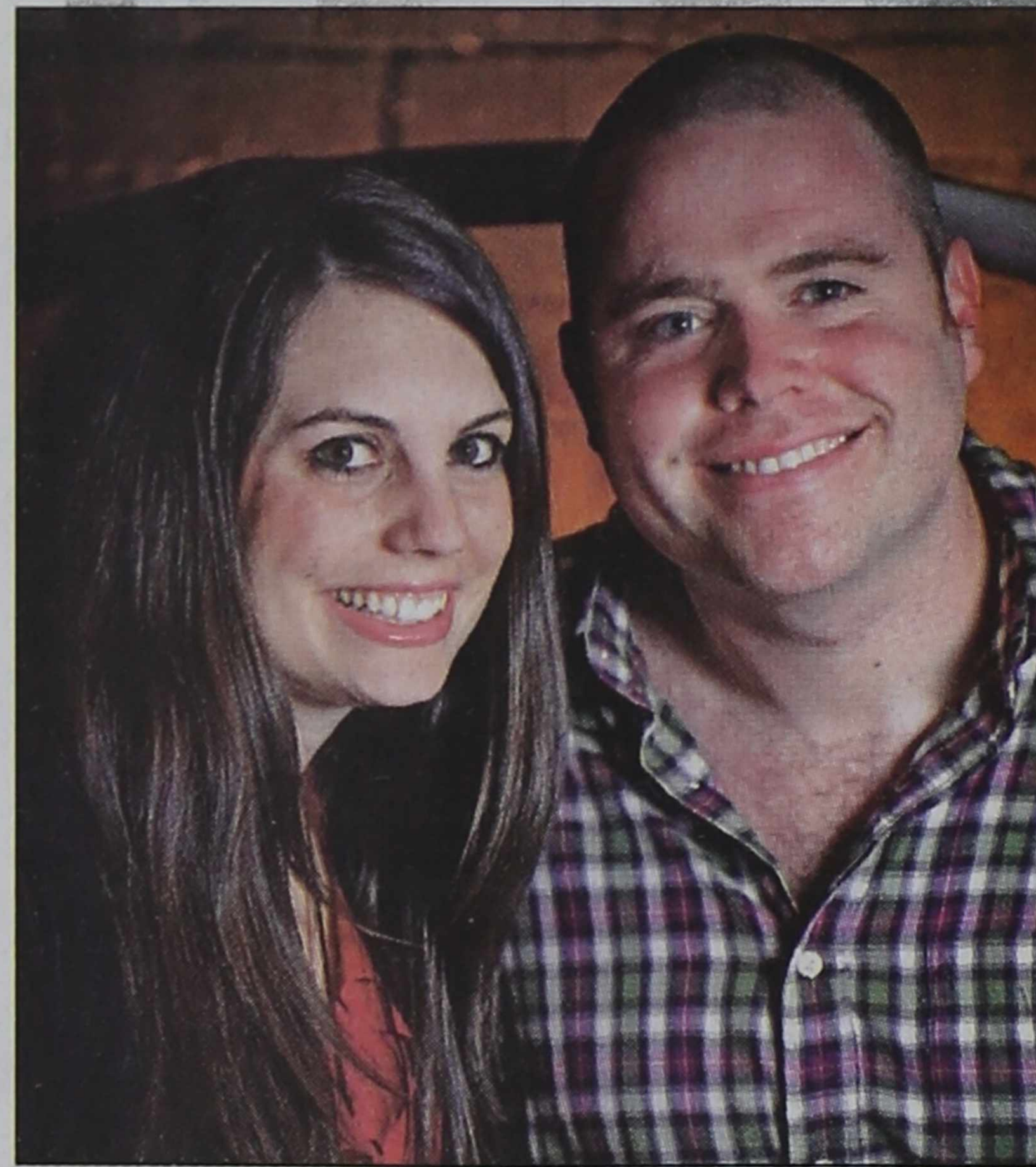
Himmelreich to marry Heffernan in Rockwall

Steve and Nancy Himmelreich are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sondra Himmelreich of Irving, to Jake Heffernan of Fort Worth, son of Richard and Marilyn Heffernan.

The bride-elect, a 2004 graduate of Rockwall High School and a 2008 graduate of Texas A&M University, is employed as a marketing assistant at Rediform Inc.

The prospective bridegroom, a 2003 RHS graduate and a 2007 graduate of Baylor University, is a student at Texas Wesleyan Law School in Fort Worth.

High school sweethearts since 2002, the two plan to marry June 5, 2010, in Rockwall.



Jeff Bailey formally named new RISD superintendent

Jeff Bailey was formally named as the new superintendent of schools at the 22 meeting of the Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Bailey, who serves as the district's deputy superintendent, will take over the position effective June 7, according to a release from the school district.

Bailey was named the finalist for the position at the February board meeting.

Prior to coming to Rockwall, Bailey was the superintendent for the Rockwall Independent School District.

He holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in educational administration. Both degrees were obtained at East Texas State University.

Bailey began his educational career as a teacher and coach in the Plano ISD in 1985. Subsequently, he served as an assistant principal, personnel director and principal for the East Cluster ISD from 1997 to 2007, his responsibilities included the instructional and operational management of 27 campuses in the fast-growing region in the Plano district. In 2007, he became the superintendent for Plano, overseeing the day-to-day operations of 68 campuses.

Bailey and his wife, Janis, have been married for 24 years and have four children: Richard, 20; Austin Bailey, 18; and Bailey, 16.

Janis Bailey and the board members were present at the board meeting, and Bailey expressed thanks to his family, current superintendent Burton, the Board of Trustees and the Rockwall ISD staff.

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

RISD to help feed hungry, Haitians

The Rockwall Independent School District will partner with Kids Against Hunger for Rachel's Challenge May 2010 help package 1 million meals for the stock Dallas area food pantry and to aid earthquake survivors in Haiti.

Both RISD multi-purpose facilities will be used to do packaging. Students, staff, parents and community members are expected to participate.

At 7 p.m. on that date, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, the district will conduct its third annual community-wide Rachel's Rally, a "celebration of kindness and compassion."

To accommodate the 1 million meal goal, hundreds of volunteers are needed. Individuals, groups or businesses interested in assisting with the effort should contact the RISD Web site - rockwallisd.com - and click on Meals Volunteer Form on home page. Three time slots are available: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteers are welcome to work in multiple time slots. Cost for each meal has been estimated at 23 cents, and the district has received a donation that will cover half of the cost. Underwriters are needed to fund the remaining costs. Sponsorships are available at multiple levels and include local and national media coverage, recognition in the Rachel's Rally program and public service announcements at the rally. Donations are tax deductible. For more details on sponsorship, contact Sheri Fowler, the RISD executive director of communications, at 972-771-0605.

Area residents also are invited to attend Rachel's Rally.

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Newcomers Got Talent' offered at club's luncheon

Rockwall Newcomers Club members and guests were treated to entertainment at the organization's March luncheon meeting as "Newcomers Got Talent" show was presented.

Director Patti Muggeo showcased the artistry of many members. She gave a convincing portrayal as Ba Ba Strelkand (Barbara Sanderson), in another skit, as Cher in the Bunny & Bear act with Julie Grant. Ginny Hibbard displayed her unique painting of

the Lonely Outhouse, while reciting an amusing poem about it. The Tiptoe Virtuosos, while Linda Bass-Allen, Yvonne Tiedtke, Carol Hatcher and Beverly Weaver rendered their version of the famous "Tulips" song. Meanwhile, Karen Hutchins wowed the audience with her vocal skills.

The Classic Cluckers also sang and cavorted their invitations to join in the merriment. They were a sextet of Pat White, Barbara

Stenberg, Ann Small, Brenda Jarvis, Donna Williams and True Spencer. Also performing were D. Ross and the Cremes (Nancy Laspe, Key Amundson and Leisa Hudson), who belted out several spirited voiceovers from The Supremes.

For more information about the Rockwall Newcomers Club, contact Kitty Colquhoun at 972-722-5569.

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D. Bass and the Cremes - a.k.a. Key Amundson, left, Nancy Laspe, center, and Leisa Hudson - delivered several spirited Supremes tunes during the recent Newcomers Got Talent event conducted as part of the organization's March luncheon meeting.
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Vote Tuesday for Jack James Justice of the Peace

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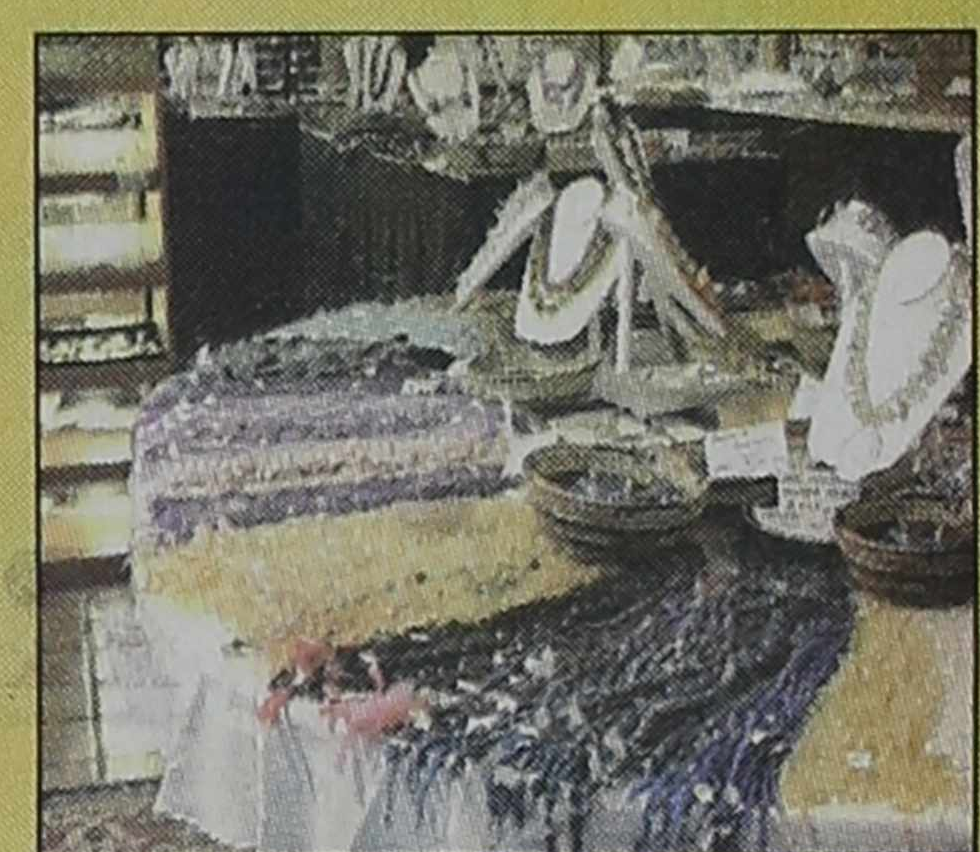
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The Rockwall High School journalism team won first in district recently and will send four competitors to the regional UIL contest. Pictured from the left are Callie McGovern, Ali Hudson, John Kramer, Adam Jumper and Brettney Birdwell.
Comesey photo/Rockwall County News

RHS journalism team takes first, lands four in regionals

The Rockwall High School journalism team captured first place in district University Interscholastic League competition in March, paving the way for four students to attend the regional-level contest.

The team brought home five medals and four ribbons from the district contest conducted at Highland Park High School.

Ali Hudson, editor in chief of the RHS Stinger, won three medals. She won first place in Newswriting, second place in Feature Writing and third place in Editorial Writing. She will compete in all three contests at the regional level.

Brettney Birdwell earned a fourth-place finish in Newswriting. She will serve as first alternate at the regional contest.

Callie McGovern, co-editor of the RHS yearbook, took first place in Editorial Writing. She will compete in Editorial Writing at regionals. She also was named first alternate in Feature Writing with four other place win and second alternate for her fifth-place finish in Editorial Writing.

John Kramer took a second-place finish in Editorial Writing, earning the right to compete at the regional competition. He also was named first alternate in Headline Writing after placing fourth at the district contest.

Peggy Elvington is the teacher and adviser for RHS journalism.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Spiritual Matters...1 Corinthians 12-14

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It is written, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. You know that you were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as you were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost" (1 Corinthians 12:1-3). This scripture gives very important information. It starts a new subject. That new subject is about spiritual matters.

In the King James Bible, the word "gifts" is in italics because it was added by the translators. The word "spiritual" comes from an earlier known Greek word that meant "spiritual matters." So it would more accurately read, "Now concerning spiritual matters...I would not have you ignorant." God so lovingly wants His people to understand spiritual matters. Chapters 12 through 14 reveal significant information concerning the spiritual matters of life. God wants His people to know and live by His spirit. He freely gave His word so that we might be able to develop a close and personal relationship with Him as dear children.

Chapter 12 reveals that there is only one spirit and one Lord Jesus Christ. This one spirit includes various gift ministries, services and operations (or workings). We also learn that anybody can profit from the manifestation of holy spirit in nine different ways. God emphasizes that the body of Christ is one, and has many members who are all baptized into one body by one spirit. Each member in the body is uniquely important. From the most honorable to the least honorable member, all are important to God. And He wants each member to see the others in the same way.

In chapter 13, God emphasizes His love toward the whole world. If we have all believing so we could move mountains when God gives the word, and have not the love of God, then we are not walking according to God's will. This beautiful chapter points our undivided attention to God's love.

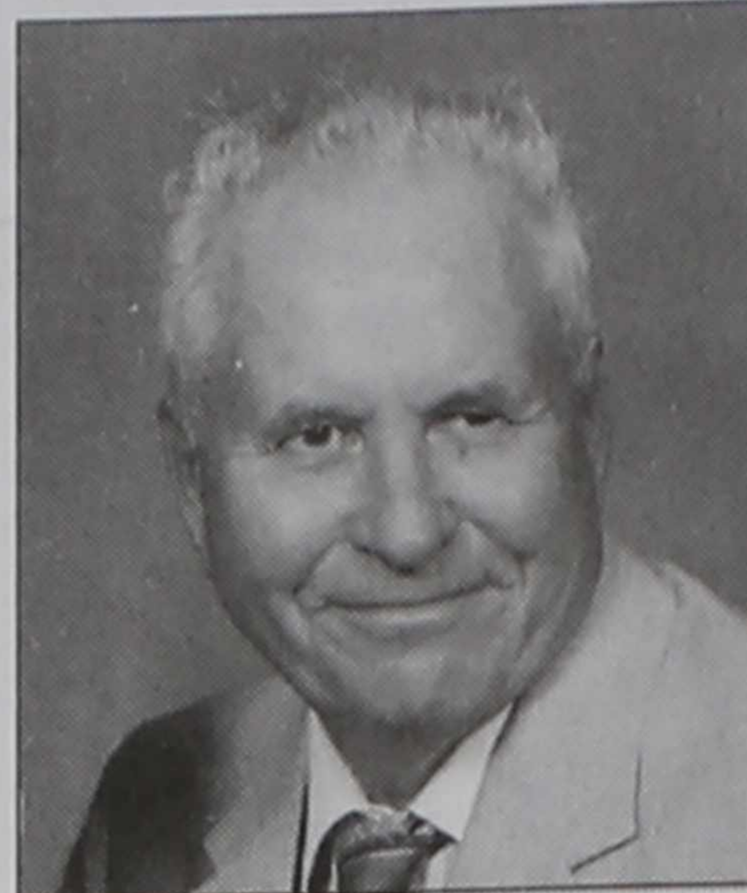
Chapter 14 teaches us to follow closely after God's love and to covet earnestly spiritual matters, but to prefer that we might prophesy. This chapter distinguishes between speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues in the context of who is being edified. Speaking in tongues is for the spiritual edification of the individual who is speaking. Interpretation of tongues and prophesy is for the edification of the assembly of believers. We learn from the context that speaking in tongues was commonly understood to be an essential part of the believer's life.

As workmen, let us rightly divide God's words of truth. If God gave us His word in 2 Timothy 2:15, then that means He knows we can rightly divide His word. No matter what anybody else says, we have no need to be ashamed of His word. If God gave His word in 1 Corinthians 14:15, "I will pray with the spirit..." then every single Christian should diligently search the scriptures to find out what it means, to the end that they are not only praying with their understanding but also with the spirit.

1 Corinthians 12-14 sits like a treasure box filled with spiritual knowledge and wisdom. The next series of articles will dive into these spiritual treasures.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Paul Leroy Hollis



Graveside services for Paul Leroy Hollis, 91, of Roysse City were conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2010, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park with Chaplain Jeffrey Leynor officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Saturday, April 3. Born Sept. 27, 1918, in Hunt County to Robert Lewis and Eva (Noys) Hollis, he served in the U.S. Army and worked as a superintendent in the construction industry. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Roysse City.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Millie Hollis of Roysse City; his children, Louise McCullough of Elmo, Roy Hollis and his wife, Pat, of Garland, Mitzi Wind and her husband, Stephen, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Joy Evans of Mesquite; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Matthew; and his sisters, Edna and Evelyn.

Allison Haskell Jones Jr.

Services for Allison Haskell Jones Jr., 55, of Leonard were conducted at 10 a.m. April 2, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. He died March 29.

Born Oct. 11, 1954, in Beaumont to Allison Haskell Jones Sr. and Billie JoAnne (Heck) Jones, he owned Al's Truck Parts in Nevada, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Rhonda (Casteel) Jones of Leonard; his daughters, Lean Ann Jones of Lewisville and Kris Bostick and her husband, Shane, of Dallas; his mother, JoAnne Jones of McKinney; his sister, Allana Jones of McKinney; his brother, Donnie Ausburne of Corsicana; his nephews, Matthew Motley of Plano and Josh Setterfield of McKinney; and his parents-in-law, Bill and Freddie Casteel of Garland.

He was preceded in death by his father.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the

American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, TX 75284.

Mattie Mays

Services for Mattie Mays, 85, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 2010, in the First Baptist Church in Rockwall with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Burial followed in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died April 1.

Born July 18, 1924, in Hunt County to Robert Gent and Fairy (McIntire) Watson, she was a retired justice of the peace for Rockwall County, P.O. 1. She was a member of the Mad Hatters Club of Dallas, the Tuesday Nite-Out Club and the Martha Sunday School Class at the First Baptist Church of Rockwall, where she was a member. She owned her own business and The Wedding Cottage in Rockwall.

Survivors include her daughters, Sue Davis and her husband, Paul Nancy Archibald and her husband, Ken, of Rockwall; Brent Davis, wife, Libits, and Abby Sue and Andy Archibald of Rockwall; her grandson, Will Davis of Rockwall; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Hardie L. Jr., in October 1976; her brothers, Anthony and Melvin Watson; and Doris Baker.

Pallbearers were Hamp Hall, Johnny Cullins, Doyle Crawford, Crawford, Rod Thompson, Larry Holloway, Gary Pollard, Tom Egan, Monty Dial. Honorary pallbearers were Jerry Archer, Jerry Lloyd, Jack Ford, John Cullins, James Crow, Brett Hall, Blakely Hall, David Pete Brown, Lyn McCreary, Aaron Radney, Jimmy Radney, Bill Bell, Hughes, Randal Hughes and Gary Pritchard.

Werner G. Moeller (Moe)

Memorial services for Werner G. Moeller (Moe), 94, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 2010, in the Rockwall home of Sandra and Aidan Sanchez with the Rev. Peter R. Getz officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died March 31.

Born March 14, 1916, in Greenfield Township, Iowa, to John Adam and Jessie Florence (Hawes) Moeller, he served in the 7th Armored Division in the U.S. Army during World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a Bronze Star recipient. He served in the Army Reserve, near after 25 years with the International Boundary and Water Commission, having worked in such locations as Iran, Ghana, the Tennessee Valley, Falcon Dam. An avid gardener and recycler, he enjoyed traveling with his family. He was a talented musician and contributor to his community as well as to the Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch and Girlstown, USA.

Survivors include his daughter, Nancy Sanchez of Rockwall; his John Moeller and his wife, Mary, of El Paso; his granddaughters, J. Geltner and her husband, Sam, of Dallas and Sandra Sanchez of Rock his great-grandchildren, Andrew and Lily Geltner and Aidan Sam Thornley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Hattie Mae Moeller, in 2002; his parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Juanita Miller Richards

Services for Juanita Miller Richards, 88, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. She died April 5.

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with Dr. Rocky Weatherford... Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. She died April 2.

May 1, 1921, in Oklahoma. She was a stenographer for the U.S. Administration for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she was an organist, taught piano and was president of the Lovell Book Club. She enjoyed getting together with friends, sewing and the piano.

Survivors include many friends and church members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne Miller and Edna "Dolly" Wallace.

Services for Edna "Dolly" Wallace were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died March 31 in Rockwall after a lengthy struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Born in Toronto, Canada, on Nov. 18, to Italian immigrant parents, Racioppa and Louisa Di-... she was the youngest girl in a family of nine. Her five sisters dressed her nickname. She was a avid traveler with friends and enjoyed many different cultures and languages. Her children, Kevin W. Kusturin and McKinney and I. Kusturin, Kirk Wilson, Kristen W. Conner Kusturin, Hayden Kusturin, Rose and Rita; her brothers, Albert Wallace and Holly Wallace, as well as her cousins, Dewey Wallace; four sisters, Charlene, Charlie, and other, Charlie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert Wallace and Holly Wallace; her husband, Albert Wallace; her daughter, Rose; and her son-in-law, James; her grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew, and Meghan; her nieces, Kristen, Michael, Stephen, Patrick and Grace; and many close family members.

Walter Wallace, 83, died early morning March 26, 2010, following his battle with cancer. He leaves his wife of 52 years, Dorothy (May) Wallace; his daughter, Walter Wallace and daughter, Amanda and Jon Wallace and son-in-law Karen; his daughter, Elaine Robertson and son-in-law, Maura Wallace; and his grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew, and Meghan; his nieces, Kristen, Michael, Stephen, Patrick and Grace; and many close family members.

Albert Wallace. After serving in the Constabulary School in Somerville, Massachusetts and graduated in 1951, he pursued his MBA at New York University. He worked for American Airlines as an agent and finishing as a manager in New York City, but he was transferred to Hall Publishing Company where he worked as a substitute teacher for 11 years. He passionately traveled to many parts of the world, including Cape Cod, Carmel, Saipan, and the Douglas Community Center. He included leads in Fiorello, A. F. Gram and Cabaret.

He was an active member at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Rockwall with his wife. Burial service will be held on April 10 at the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery in Dallas. Donations to the American Missionaries for the Blind, 143 Honeysuckle Lane, Suite 200, Greenville, 2804 Terrel Rd.

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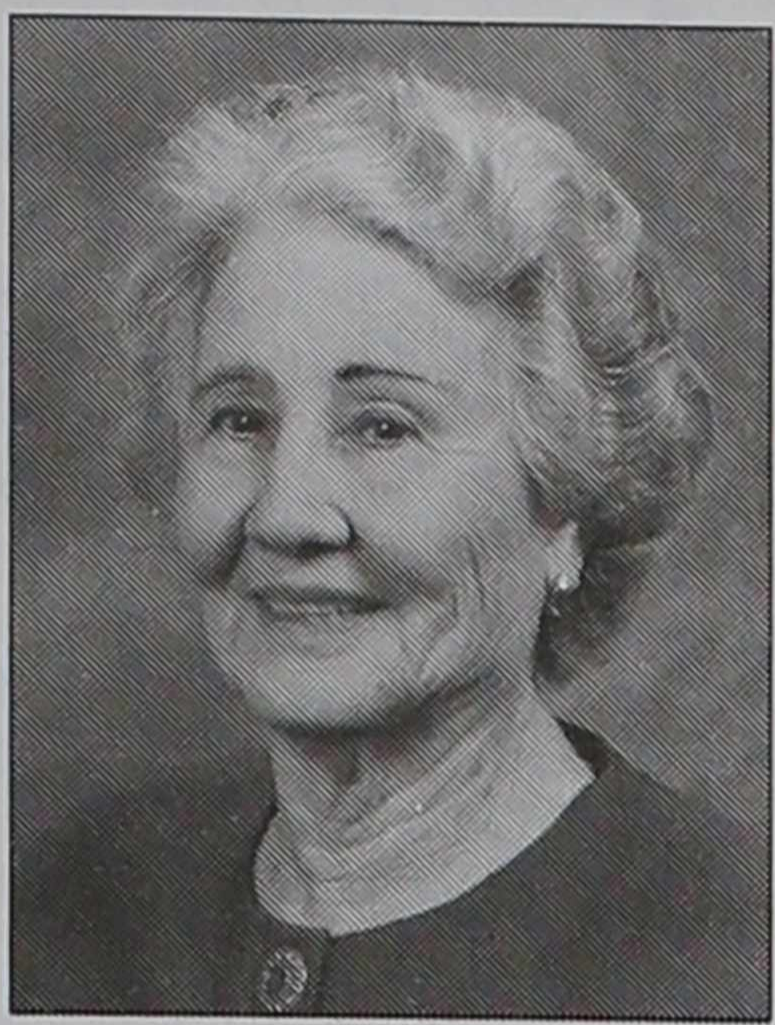
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Eda "Dolly" Wallace
Eda "Dolly" Wallace was born in... Rockwall, Texas... died March 31 in Rockwall... a lengthy struggle with Alzheimer's disease... officiating in Toronto, Canada, on Nov. 19... to Italian immigrant parents... Racioppa and Louisa Di... she was the youngest girl in... of nine. Her five sisters dressed her up as a doll, which is where she acquired her nickname. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt. She led an active life in support of her husband and children. She enjoyed traveling with friends and family. She traveled the world, experiencing many different cultures and adventures. Survivors include her son, Kevin Wallace of Rockwall; her daughters, Kusturin and McKinney and Debra Curington of McKinney; her grandchildren, Kirk Wilson, Kristen Wilson, Kali Janshango, David Mur-USA, and Connor Kusturin, Hayden Kusturin, Alex Curington, Carl Curington, Father Wallace and Holly Wallace; three great-grandchildren; her nieces, Rose and Rita; her brothers, Art and Eddie; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.



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Walter Wallace
Walter Wallace, 83, died early in the morning March 26, 2010, following his battle with cancer. He leaves his wife of 52 years Dorothy (May) Wallace; his sons, Walter Wallace and daughter-in-law Amanda and Jon Wallace and daughter-in-law Karen; his daughters, Elaine Robertson and son-in-law Steve, Maura Wallace, and Jennifer; and son-in-law James; his grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew, Nicholas, Meghan, Ryan, Kristen, John Michael, Stephen, Patrick and Sarah; and many close family members and friends.




born March 8, 1927, in New York City, N.Y. Walter was the son of... and Albert Wallace. After serving in the Army during World War II in the... constabulary school in Sonthofen, Germany, Walter attended Columbia University and graduated in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in business. He later pursued his MBA at New York University. Walter worked for American Airlines for 32 years, starting as a ticket agent and finishing as a manager of sales training. He began his career in New York City, but he was transferred to Dallas in 1979. He worked for Pentice Hall Publishing Company as a regional sales manager and was an incidental substitute teacher for Plano ISD during his retirement years. Walter passionately traveled to many cities and countries with his wife. Some of his favorite vacations included Bermuda, Ireland, Europe, Hawaii, Cape Cod, Carmel, Saipan, and an Alaskan cruise. He also acted and sang in the Douglaston Community Theater Group in Queens, N.Y. His roles included leads in Fiorello, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum and Cabaret. He was an active member at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. Some of his activities included being an assistant coordinator of the RCIA program, parish treasurer, Eucharistic minister and a member of the Knights of Columbus. A general mass will be held at 1 p.m., April 10, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall with a reception following at the church. A graveside service will be held on April 12 at 9 a.m. at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. Donations can be made in Walter's name to Dominican Missionaries for the Deaf Apostolate Attn: Father Thomas Doulin, 143 Honeysuckle Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78213 or Vista Care Hospice, Greenville, 2804 Terrel Rd., Suite 5090, Greenville, Texas 75402.

Primary Election Runoff ...

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- Precinct No. 2 - Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence, Heath
- Precinct No. 2A - Lake Pointe Church, 701 E. IH-30, Rockwall
- Precinct No. 2B - Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary, 5701 Scenic Drive, Rowlett
- Precinct No. 3 - Chisholm Baptist Church, 1388 Hwy. 205 South, McLendon-Chisholm
- Precinct No. 3A - Amanda Rochell Elementary, 899 Rochell Court, Rockwall
- Precinct No. 3B - City Municipal Court Building, 205 W. Rusk St., Rockwall
- Precinct No. 3C - Pullen Elementary, 6492 FM 3097, Rockwall
- Precinct No. 4 - Royse City City Hall, 305 N. Arch, Royse City
- Precinct No. 4A - Fate Community Center, 104 S. W.E. Crawford St., Fate
- Precinct No. 4B - Rockwall ISD Administration Building, 1050 Williams, Rockwall
- Precinct No. 4C - Rockwall Fire Station No. 1, 305 E. Boydston, Rockwall
- Precinct No. 4D - Dorris Jones Elementary, 2051 Trail Glen, Rockwall

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If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the affected incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$56,826,830, or 6.04% percent, including gas costs, or 14.82% percent, excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the typical monthly bill for each customer class within the affected incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percentage shown in the table below:


Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$56.25*	\$60.00*	\$3.75	6.67%	16.95%
Commercial	\$213.36*	\$221.48*	\$8.12	3.81%	17.58%
Industrial	\$2164.76*	\$2277.05*	\$112.29	5.19%	20.90%
Transportation	\$635.97	\$748.27	\$112.30	17.66%	20.90%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.
* Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.6303 per Mcf.
**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial and 300 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, the other proposed tariff change is an update to the factors included in Rider WNA.


Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Rate Review Mechanism, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos Energy's offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our Web site at www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-rrm. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex Division de Atmos Energy Corporation (la Compañía) que la Compañía está solicitando un cambio en las tarifas del gas. Este cambio afecta a todos los clientes en las áreas incorporadas y servidas por Mid-Tex Division excepto la Ciudad de Dallas. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.



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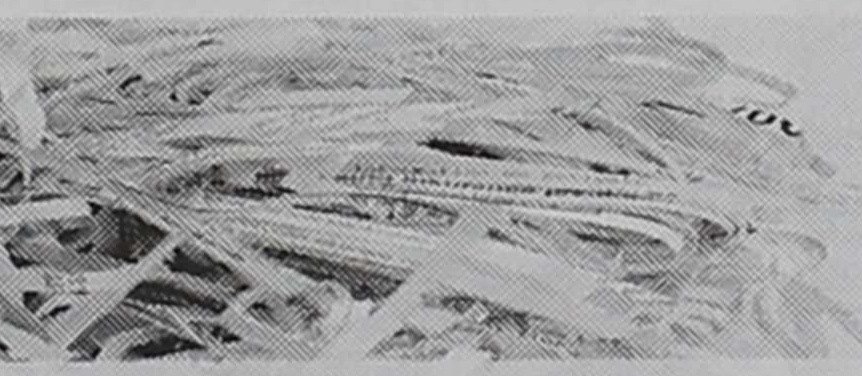
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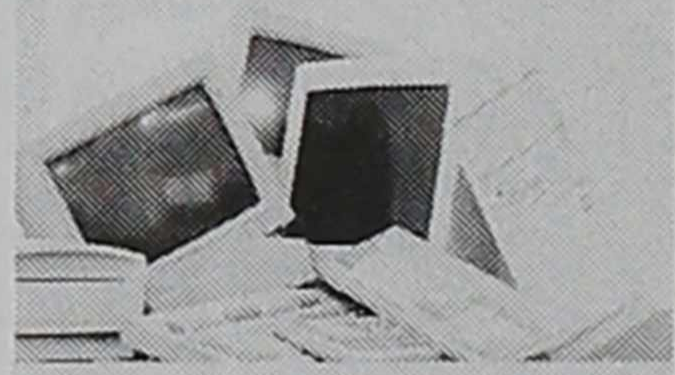
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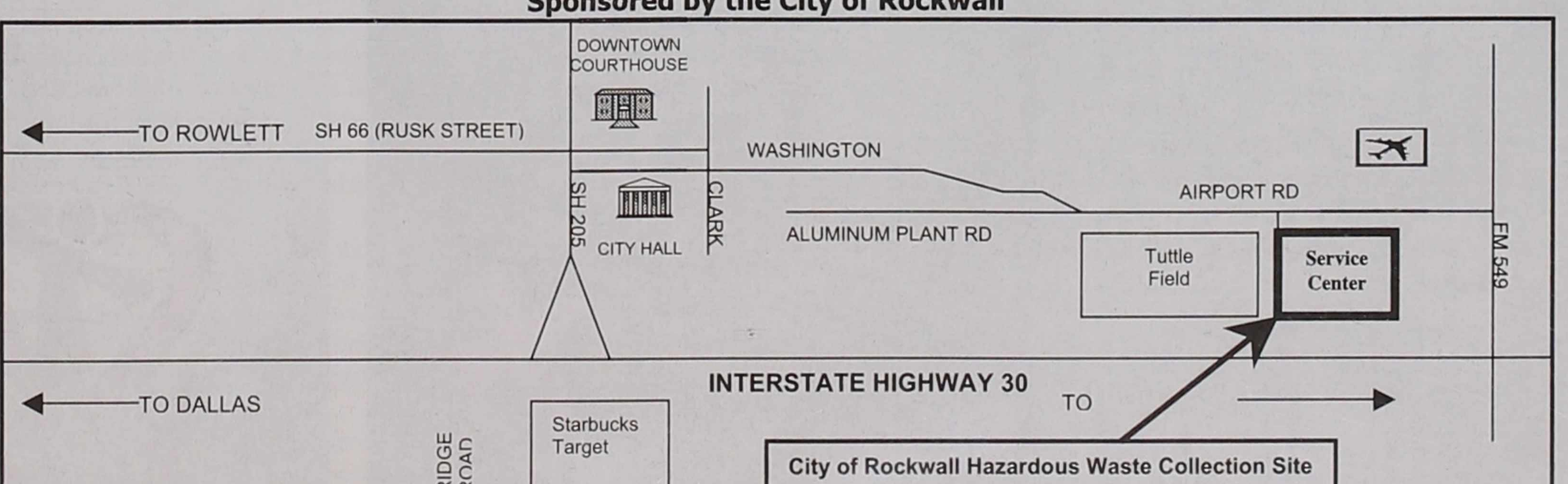
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by Mary Thacker

It is hard not to be charmed by Angus Gascoigne's English accent. Although a Rockwall resident for 11 years, he has retained a trace of his heritage. While on a diplomacy mission with the Royal Navy in 1989, he met his wife Elizabeth Campbell, who was living in the Caribbean with her young son, Lance, and working as a representative for a suntan lotion company.

Elizabeth was seated at the Captain's Table during a naval cocktail party, and as an officer-in-training, Angus was assigned to act as a host to the guests. The couple kept in touch for the next five years after their initial meeting but only saw each other for a total of 30 days before deciding to marry.

After living in Scotland for two years, they relocated to Rockwall to be near Elizabeth's family after their daughter Jonelle was born. Their son, Jean-Luc, was born six years later. An important turning point in the Gascoigne's life occurred when Frances Campbell, Elizabeth's mother, invited Angus to attend First Presbyterian Church Rockwall.

From that moment, his focus turned toward the ministry. He began by volunteering as a youth group leader in order to spend more time with his stepson. To train for the position, Angus enrolled in a seminar at Perkins School of Theology. On the last day of classes, he experienced something that even now is hard to describe.

"It was like God came up close, reached into my heart, pulled me closer and said, 'I want you to teach my people,'" Angus remembers. Responding to the call, Angus became a full-time seminary student while continuing to work full-time at his other job. He is currently a Chaplain at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

Angus and Elizabeth purchased the Taco Casa franchise in Rockwall in October of 2008, planning to use the proceeds to help support their transition from careers in the business world to life in the ministry. Since Elizabeth's mother, Frances Campbell, was a long-time survivor of non-Hodgkins lymphoma, a form of cancer that begins in the cells of the immune system, the Gascoignes are active supporters of the American Cancer Society.

To that end, they are hosting a Relay For Life Day on April 19, 2010, 10am-11pm. Taco Casa will donate 10% of the day's net sales to American Cancer Society. "We are proud to be a part of the local community helping find a cure for a global problem," states about their involvement in Relay.

Rockwall County Relay For Life will take place on from 7pm-7am, 30-May 1, 2010 at Cain Middle School. It is an event that celebrates survivors and their caregivers, honors those who have lost their battle to cancer, and encourages education and early detection.

Teams collect sponsors then walk the track in shifts through the night. There are also fun activities for children, live musical performances, free barbecue dinners and t-shirts for survivors and their caregiver. The entire community is invited to participate. Visit www.relayforlife.org for more information.



(left to right) Jonelle Gascoigne, Julius Burke, Elizabeth Gascoigne and Jean-Luc Gascoigne at the family owned business.

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RHS UIL students advance

After competing in the district University Interscholastic League meet at Highland Park High School March 27, the Rockwall High School UIL Academics Team will send 15 of its members to the regional contests.

The Calculator Applications team, coached by Doug Collins, earned a second place finish overall, with individual placements by Stacy Thomas, second place, and Matt Bonfante, sixth place.

The Number Sense team also earned a second-place finish, with individual placements by Ben Bittle, sixth, Eugene Kim, third, and Bonfante, fifth.

Coached by Kim McKenzie, the Computer Applications team had three of its members - Zak Martinez, Clark and Zack Guzzardo - finish in third, fourth and fifth places respectively.

The Journalism team grabbed a first-place finish and earned individual placements in several events, including Callie McGovern, first place, John Kramer, second, and Ali Hudson, third place, Editorial Writing; McGovern, second place, and McGovern, fourth, Feature Writing; Kramer, fourth, and McGovern, fifth, Headline Writing; and Hudson, first place, and Brettney Birdwell, fourth, News Writing.

The Ready Writing team, coached by Melissa Nelson and Jay Garrett, saw Jack Eidson place first, Kramer, second, and Mary White, fourth.

The Spelling and Vocabulary team finished in first place overall under the coaching of Melissa Nelson. Individual winners included Audrey Fudge, second, Megan Doyle, third, Graham Owen, fourth, and Sarah Woods, sixth.

Kristi Kneedler, coached by Garrett, finished first in Literature Criticism. Lauren Hittson-Smith received first in Informative Speaking, while Colleen McNeir finished in fifth place. They were coached by Nichelle Walla

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HHS student tapped for 'at' Achievement award

B. Woda, a student at Heath High School, was approximately 800 black seniors in the U.S. who in Achievement Scholarship through the National Achievement Scholarship Program. According to a news release issued this week, Woda won a National Achievement \$2,500 scholarship underwritten by Mobil. All students who advance to the Finalist level in the competition were considered for the single-payment scholarship which were awarded on a representation basis, in proportion to the population of black students in each geographic region.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is a privately financed academic competition established in 1964 specifically to honor scholastically talented black American youth and to provide scholarships to the most outstanding participants in each annual competition. The 2010 program marks 46 annual competitions in which more than 30,300 participants will have received scholarships for undergraduate study worth more than \$95 million.

The program is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance.



Hostesses for the March meeting of the Friday Study Club were, from left, Joyce Summers, Jo Leonard and Doris Hall. Todd Williams, Rockwall County extension agent, presented a program on the Rockwall County Discovery Garden, a project of the local Master Gardener Association and the Rockwall ISD Ag Department. In addition to detailing the history of the garden and showing slides of its design, he encouraged local residents to discover the facility, which is located on Riding Club Road. The garden is open to the public and will be included in the May 15 Tour of Gardens. On April 17 the garden will host a plant swap. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Members attend retirement

Members of the Rock Wall Daughters of the American Revolution, recently attended a flag retirement ceremony presented by all Boy Scout Troop 989. Members participating in the ceremony included Spencer Stavino, Nelson, Mark Nelson, Hobbs, Heath Lofland, Young, Paul Forness and Arnberg. The ceremony was presented by Page, assistant scoutmaster. The ceremony was conducted at the Eastridge Church of Christ. For more information on Troop 989, visit troop989.com.



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Opinions

Texans suffer under "Warrantless Arrests"

Les Burnett

Most of our readers, I believed that driving a car with an expired "safety" sticker was not a valid "probable cause" for being arrested by law enforcement officers. I was misinformed, as I discovered a few weeks ago driving my normally safe manner from our office on East Bourn Ave. to me.

When the sticker was expired, but the hectic daily routine of publishing a weekly newspaper sidetracked me from taking time to "obey" the state's transportation code. Since the 2007 Dodge Durango (with the bold Rockwall News signs) is fairly new and in excellent condition, I felt quite confident that it was in a very safe condition.

On my own business, not a threat to anyone, I was near the intersection of Summer Lee on Ridge Road, cruising south at my regular 25 to 30 mph on that busy stretch of roadway.

Before turning into Chandlers Landing, I noticed a uniformed motor officer following me with the red and blue lights flashing. I figured he was after someone else, because I certainly had done nothing illegal. As I turned into the private gate, much to my surprise, the motorcycle was right behind me. I wondered, "does he have a gate tag?" Then came a loud siren as he turned into the culdesac where we live.

When I saw the officer approaching the driver's side, I asked, "Your inspection sticker is expired," the uniformed and well armed officer responded. I curtly replied, "So? Is that the deal? Was I driving unsafely?" He said "No, but it's a violation of the law" (referring to the expired sticker).

It was obvious that the officer was serious, as he quizzed me about the license form and other personal questions.

When I don't care how well informed you are, or how much you know about constitutional rights or the law ... nor how polite and courteous the law officer may be ... there is a lot of intimidation when you are being stopped as a criminal by an arresting officer.

I don't get fooled by the politeness, when it comes to enforcing the transportation code, there is no fooling around, you are in fact being accused of a crime. I found that out later when I began research of the transportation code (thank goodness for the internet and codes-on-line).

When the officer completed the computerized citation, offering me the opportunity to sign it (or else be hauled immediately, under arrest, to a magistrate), he walked back to his motorcycle saying, "Have a nice day, drive carefully." I lost control and blurted out, "I've been driving safely for 55 years and have never been found at fault in any accident."

"Warrantless Arrests"

The officer was only doing his job. It's right there, in the code section titled "Warrantless Arrests" (Texas Transportation Code Section 543)... the astonishing definition of "Warrantless Arrests." One of the items approved for "warrantless arrests" is expired inspection stickers. And it is a criminal offense to drive a state, although considered a misdemeanor, as if that is supposed to minimize the damage to our constitutional right of liberty as defined in the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

It is shameful that our state legislators have such little regard for our constitutional rights by putting into "law" a code section that directly violates our rights. First of all, what damage is being done to others by not having a sticker on the windshield, or one that is "expired"? It is simply nothing more than a money-making scheme.

It is shameful that the enforcement of these "victimless" crimes against the state. The very officers who take an oath to "protect and defend" our constitution are the enforcers of the code.

The next hurdle I discovered in this episode is the so-called justice of the courts. An unsigned notice from the Rockwall Municipal Court arrived in the mail a week or so later. It was a notice requiring a response, but not a signature on any stated code violation cited. I responded with a request for a copy of the complaint in order to prepare a proper pleading in the court.

Next came another unsigned notice, the one with a hearing date, along with a copy of a "complaint." Who signed the complaint as the "affiant?" One of the court clerks. The complaint did not cite the code section or the state law I was accused of violating, and it was signed by an accuser who was not present at the scene. The clerk did not make the arrest, nor witness the arrest.

It seems a bit odd to me, that Municipal Court clerks complete complaints on behalf of the accuser. What kind of justice can be expected when the court itself acts on behalf of the arresting officer? It is convenient for the officer and the court, that's for sure, but it certainly doesn't give the appear-

ance of a court of justice when the court works to assist the accuser.

I realize that a challenge to the enforcement of these unconstitutional codes would be successful, but at what cost? A Dallas attorney told me a few years ago that "yes, you will prevail in the courts, I can do it, but I'll need \$5,000 now and you'll end up spending up to \$20,000 before it's done."

The cost in money, and the precious time it takes to defend ourselves is the primary reason the courts have turned into money-processing centers. Most people, including me, will pay the fine and look for ways to stay "under the radar" ... because the system is stacked against us.

I know that officer P. Johnson was just doing his "duty" ... and he was courteous and polite. I should not have behaved as I did, and I take this opportunity to publicly apologize to him for my discourteous remarks. I also pray that he, and all law enforcement officers, judges, clerks and others involved in enforcing traffic codes, will take a very close look at their offense against our constitutional rights.

A prayer for deliverance

I pray God will show them that our right of liberty (to go and do as we wish as long as we don't hurt or damage someone or their property) is more important than collecting money for the State of Texas.

Saving the Doctor-Patient Relationship

Richard Amerling, MD

Now that the Senate version of ObamaCare has become "the law of the land," we need strategies to safeguard the doctor-patient relationship from government intrusion. The most effective approach is for both patients and physicians to opt out of the third party payment system.

From the patients' perspective, opting out makes sense. Insurance companies will not be allowed to deny care for pre-existing conditions. Thus, even if the individual mandate is not thrown out on constitutional grounds, it will be smarter to pay the penalty, not buy insurance, and put as much money as possible into a health savings account. Prompt excellent medical care can readily be found in the burgeoning free market. Prices should be transparent to facilitate comparison shopping.

Physicians have an ethical obligation to use their skills and training for the betterment of our patients, and to pass this art to the next generation. For those who choose to remain in practice, opting out of third party payment will be an increasingly attractive option.

Accepting payment directly from the insurer is a relatively recent aberration in the long history of the profession. There was never a crisis in access to doctors' services in the pre-Medicare/Medicaid era. Physician fees were usual, customary, and reasonable. Doctors charged well-heeled patients a bit more and those less well off a bit less. Pro bono care was a part of every practice. There was, and still is, competition between physicians for patients, and this restrained charges. Patients valued the doctors' time and vice versa. Doctors worked exclusively for the patient and were their strong advocates. There was a high degree of trust and medical care was used selectively. Direct third party physician payment changed all of this for the worse.

Initially, doctors "accepted assignment" as a courtesy. Medicare eventually required participating physicians to agree to this. Over the years, it became the norm. This was, in some ways, convenient to patient and physician. But by insulating both from the true costs of care, it led to overutilization and massive increases in health care spending. Payers responded with price controls and attempts to micromanage medical decision-making such as managed care, and its new version, pay-for-performance. Price controls on physicians drove volume increases that resulted in overall spending escalation. Higher volume inevitably impacts quality of care. No "quality improvement" measures can adequately compensate for this.

Widespread opting out of the third party payment system will lead to lower utilization with huge cost savings. There is no more efficient model than direct pay since it eliminates the middleman for the majority of charges. Office costs are dramatically reduced when third party billing is abandoned. By setting their own rates, doctors will be in control of their time and patient volume would decrease. Quality of care would improve, again saving money. The doctor-patient relationship, arguably the essential ingredient to cure and comfort, would be strengthened.

The immediate objection to opting out is that not everyone can afford to pay at time of service. The same argument could be made for dental and legal care (Note the absence of crises in the delivery of cosmetic surgery, dental,

Only then will we be truly free.

I respectfully request the courts adhere to common law rules, especially requiring the accuser to sign the complaint, not the court, and that the complaint actually cite the code section allegedly violated. I'll pay the fine, but I can't make a pleading in a court which is a partner with the accuser.

The next time you see our dark blue Dodge Durango with the attractive "Rockwall County News" sign ... you be the judge as to our safe driving practices. You will probably not be the only ones taking a close look at us.

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Our right of travel from one place to another is not a "privilege" as often propagandized. As our ancestors fought against the "British Stamp Act," we must oppose the "State Sticker Tax" ... for the same reasons. Putting tags on mules, horses and wagons was offensive to our ancestors. In the same way, our cars and trucks are no less important for travel than were those mules, horses and wagons of the 18th Century.

veterinary, and legal care—all outside third party systems). We have simply become accustomed to having "someone else" pay.

Another frequent objection is that some patients will not go for needed care if they must lay out money. This is easy to assert and impossible to disprove, but should bureaucrats make these decisions? This, plus unsustainable over-use of the system, are the inevitable alternatives.

Universal coverage will complete the move toward centrally-controlled care. Practice will be directed (i.e. rationed) by federal committees using practice guidelines, "pay-for-performance," and the electronic health record. Individualized care and medical confidentiality will slowly disappear. Importantly for the administration and Congress, more citizens will become dependent on government largesse. Doctors and other providers will become government employees, and be subject to its whims.

It is now left to individual physicians and patients to act in their own interests, and to defend the medical profession and doctor-patient relationship from government intrusion, and ultimately, destruction.

It is time to opt out.

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The City of Rockwall invites the submittal of responses from qualified firms interested in providing CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES in connection with the construction of a new law enforcement center. Responses are solicited for this service in accordance with the terms, conditions, and instructions set forth in the RFQ guidelines. The

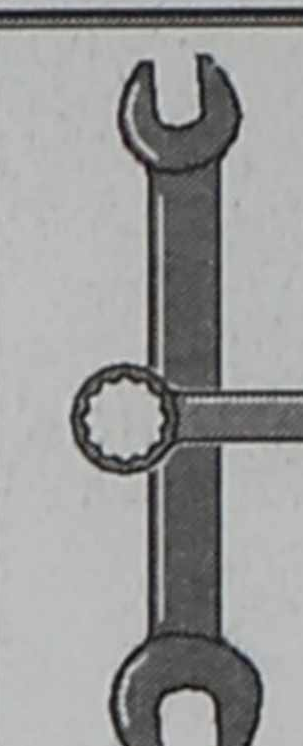


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Notice to Bidders

Sealed bid for "Warehouse Supplies - Re-Bid", CSP No. 09-10-03, addressed to Angel Stevens, Roysie City ISD, 810 Old Greenville Rd, Roysie City, TX 75189 will be received at the above address until 2 p.m., Thursday, April 22, 2010, at which time they will be publicly opened and names only read aloud. Bid forms and specification may be obtained by calling (972)636-2413 or at www.rcisd.org/purchasing

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Automated Weather Observation System

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In general, the Automated Weather Observation System consists of Site, Licenses, and Installation. Automated Weather Observation Systems III PT. The system shall be installed in accordance with as approved in Federal Aviation Administration Advisory Circular 150/5220-16(c), latest version and FAA Order 6560-20B, latest version. Bidding documents may be examined at: Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or at www.rockwall.com. Technical questions concerning the specification should be directed to Joey Boyd, Director of Internal Operations, jboyd@rockwall.com.

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The RFP materials can be accessed and downloaded from the Rockwall County website: www.RockwallCountyTexas.com/VeteransMemorialCMR. If you prefer to receive the RFP materials in hard copy, please advise.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to Mr. Chuck Todd, P.E., City Engineer, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, **April 23, 2010**, until the hour of **2:30 PM**, for the following project:

Squabble Creek to Buffalo Creek Wastewater Basin Transfer - Section III

The project includes approximately: 6675 LF 30" PVC WW Force Main by Open Cut, 170 LF 30" PVC WW Force Main by Other Than Open Cut w/Steel Encasement, 5563 SY Grass Sod, 5563 SY Hydromulch Seeding, 4907 SY Asphalt Milling and Disposal, 791 SY Flex Base, 791 SY 2-1/2" Type B Asphalt Base Course, 5698 SY 2" Type D Asphalt Surface Course and other miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked: **Squabble Creek to Buffalo Creek Wastewater Basin Transfer - Section III**.

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **120 Calendar Days**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

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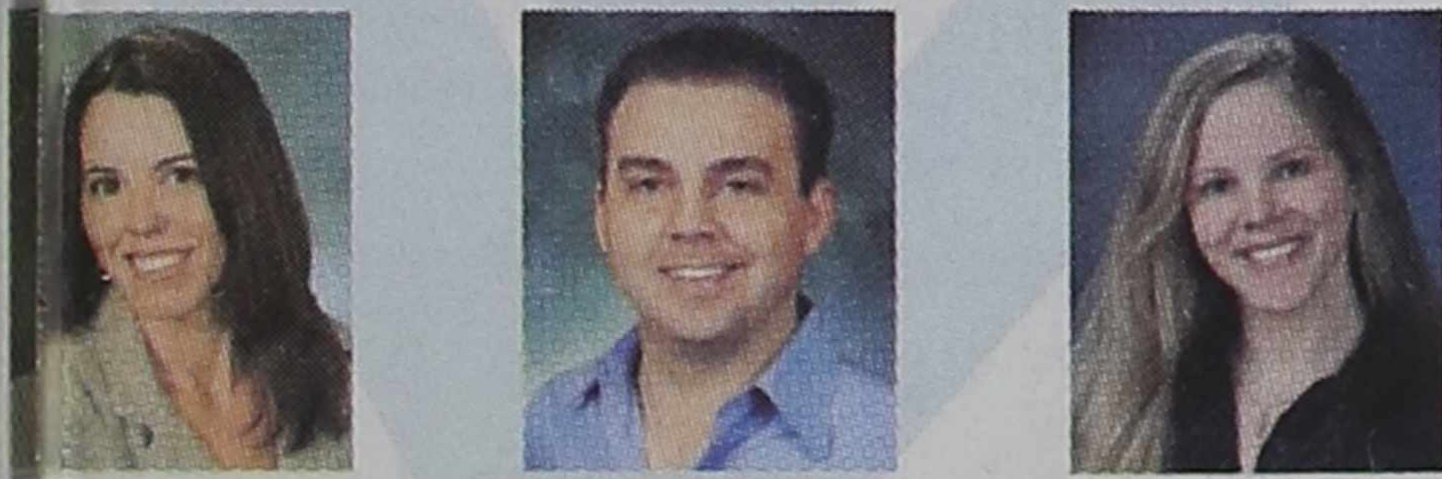
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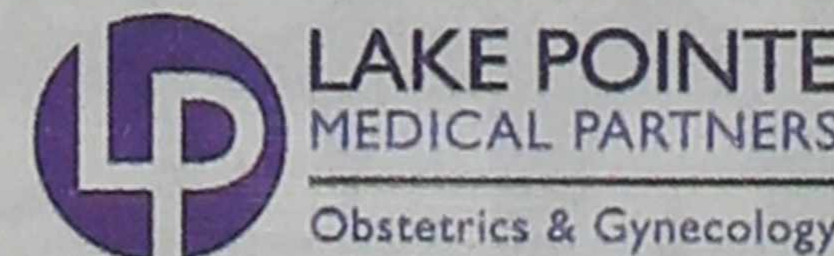
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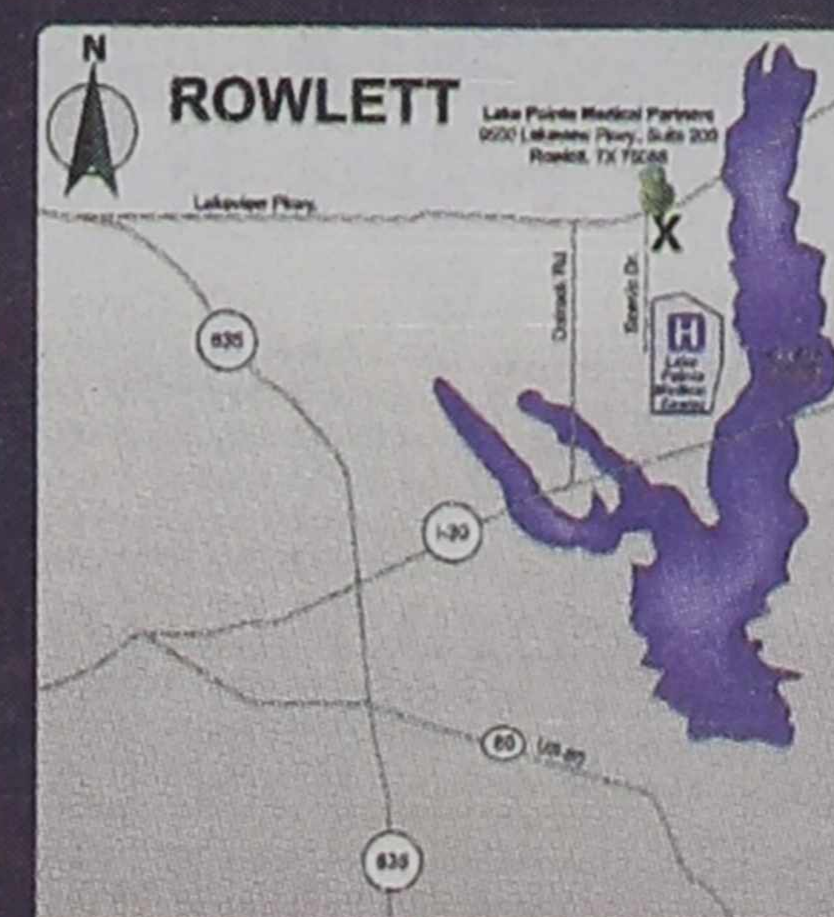


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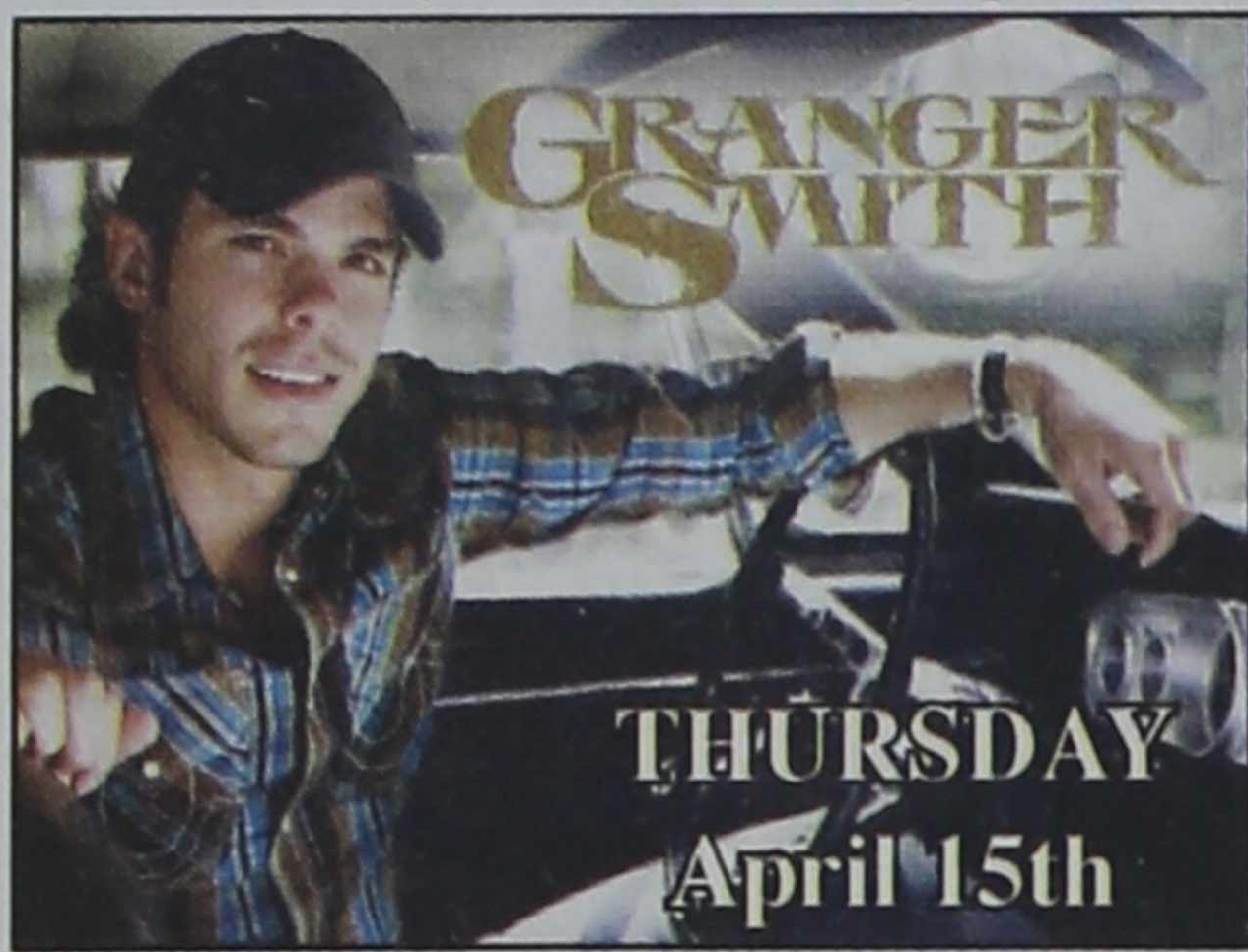
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The event has been planned for current and future 4-H members interested in participating in the annual 4-H Prude Ranch Road Trip, families with children interested in attending Prude Ranch Summer Camp and anyone interested in vacationing in the scenic mountains of West Texas.

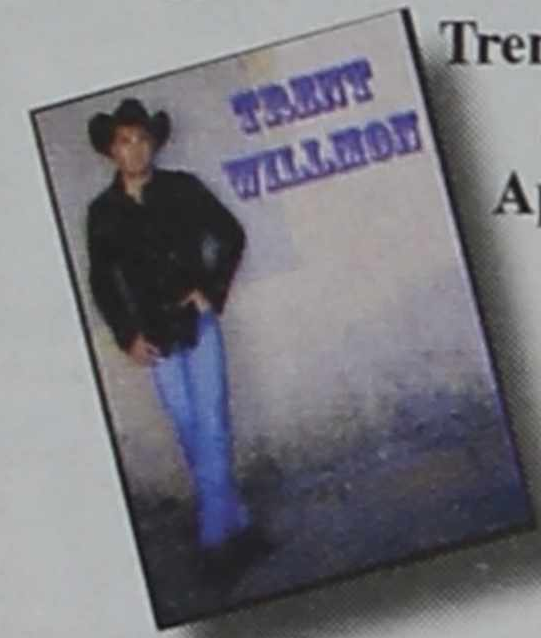
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Pictured above are the 2010-2011 Utey Middle School cheerleaders selected March 26 during tryouts. Shown are back row Alexis Crump, Skylar Boles, Caitlin Cruz, Kayla Wenzel, Madisen Laporte, Candace Burns and Sarah McCulley; middle row, Christina Prothro, Alexis Murray, MacKenzie Lunn, Sabrina Hart, McKenna Vela, Mercedes Tobias and Elizabeth Martinez; front row, Shelby Fleming and Jane Turner; and, at front, mascot Kameron Beard. The Rockwall High cheerleaders volunteered their time to teach interested Utey seventh grade students a cheer and dance prior to tryouts. NCA-certified judges scored and selected the 16 middle school cheerleaders. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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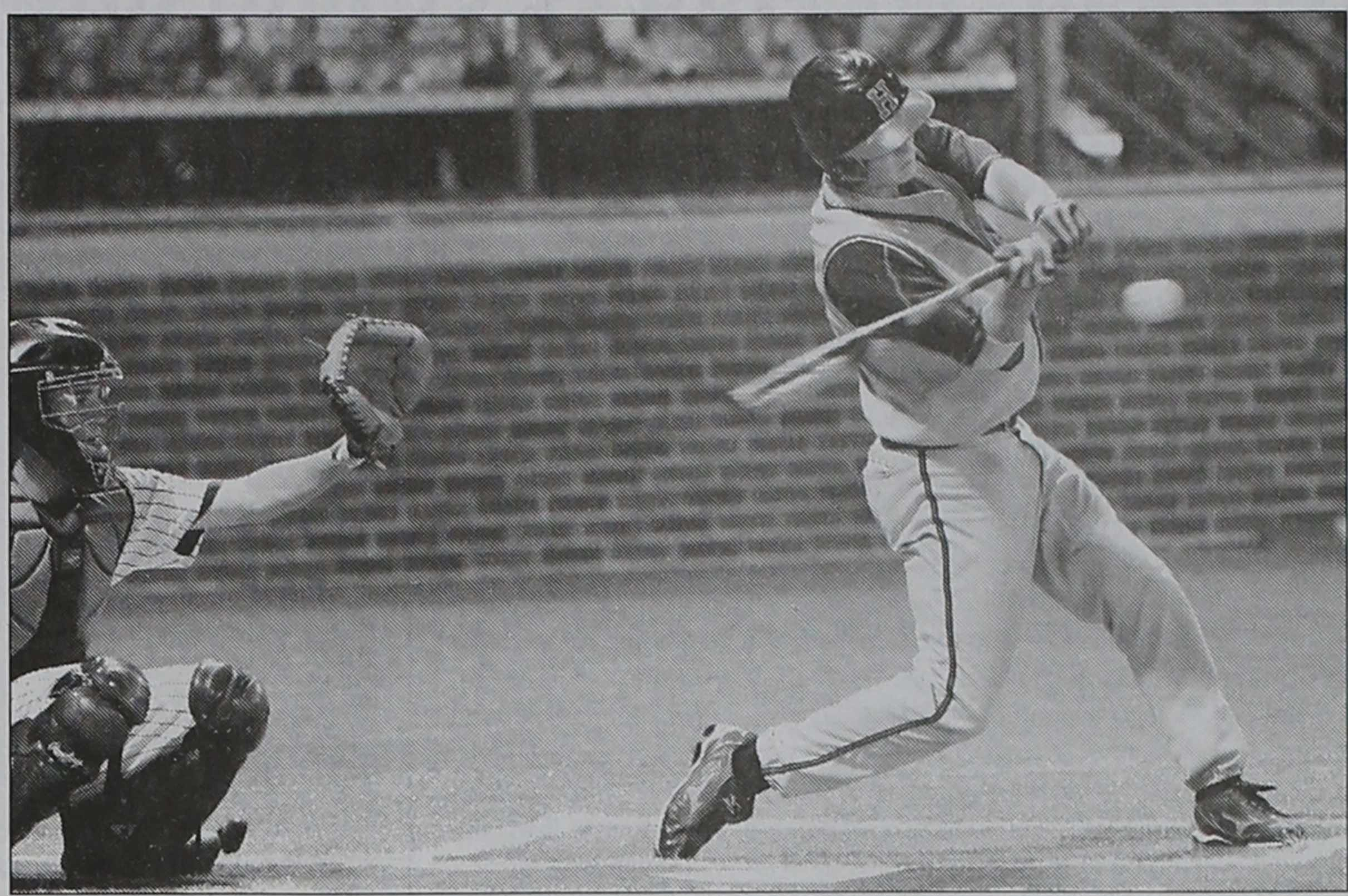
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Lady Jackets' Kayla Smith (12) controls the ball against three J.J. Pearce players during last Friday's Regional Semifinals game in Standridge Stadium Carrollton. Watching from the sideline is assistant coach Andrew Mertens
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Hawks' Trevor Holland takes a shot at the Highland Park defense during last Friday's game at Highland Park High School.
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Lady Hawks' pitcher Victoria Combs (center) celebrating a home run with teammates during Tuesday's game against RHS are (left to right) Mallory Drain, Combs, Sarah Deimling and Sarah Stewart.
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Heritage Christian Lady Eagles' Anabel Burke (6) slides into third. After seizing third, Burke stole home base during Tuesday's game against Rockwall Christian Academy at the RISE.
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High school schedules

Heritage Christian Eagles

Friday, April 9 – Baseball: home vs. McKinney Christian, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 10 – Middle school track: at Tom Landry Relays, Addison
Monday, April 12 – Baseball: home vs. Sherman Texoma Christian, 4 p.m.
Softball: home vs. McKinney Christian, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 13 – Varsity track: at East Texas Track and Field Championships, Bullard
Thursday, April 15 – Baseball: home vs. Rockwall Christian, 4 p.m.
Softball: home vs. Rockwall Christian, 4 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Warriors

Tuesday, April 13 – Softball: home vs. DeSoto Canterbury Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 15 – Baseball: at Heritage Christian, 4 p.m.
Softball: at Heritage Christian, 4 p.m.
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Baseball: at DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal, 5 p.m.

Rockwall Yellowjackets

Friday, April 9 – Baseball: at Rockwall-Heath, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
JV White baseball: at Royse City, 4:30 p.m.
Softball: at Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Track: home for Rockin' R Relays, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium
Tennis: at District 10-4A Tournament, Highland Park

Saturday, April 10 – JV Orange baseball: home vs. Wylie, noon, and vs. Rowlett
JV White baseball: at Rowlett, 2 games, noon
Varsity baseball: at Wylie, 1 p.m.
Tennis: at District 10-4A Tournament, Highland Park

Monday, April 12 – JV White baseball: at Plano Williams, Plano East, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 13 – JV Tennis: home for district tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Baseball: home vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Softball: at Richardson Pearce, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14 – Varsity 1 and 2 boys' golf: at District 10-4A Tournament, Waterview Golf Club
Varsity track: at District 10-4A Meet, Royse City
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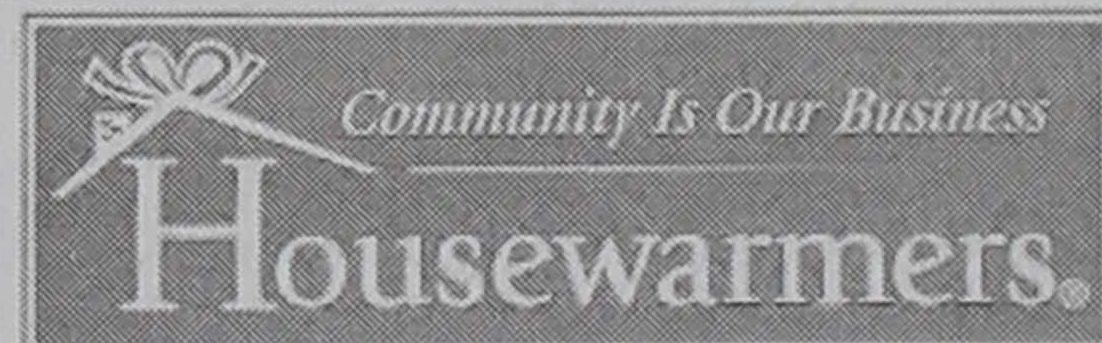


Rockwall Christian Lady Warriors' pitcher Ashlee Poland (3) tags out HCA short stop Megan Trapani during Tuesday's game at the RISE.
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Rockwall High School Spring Craft Fair

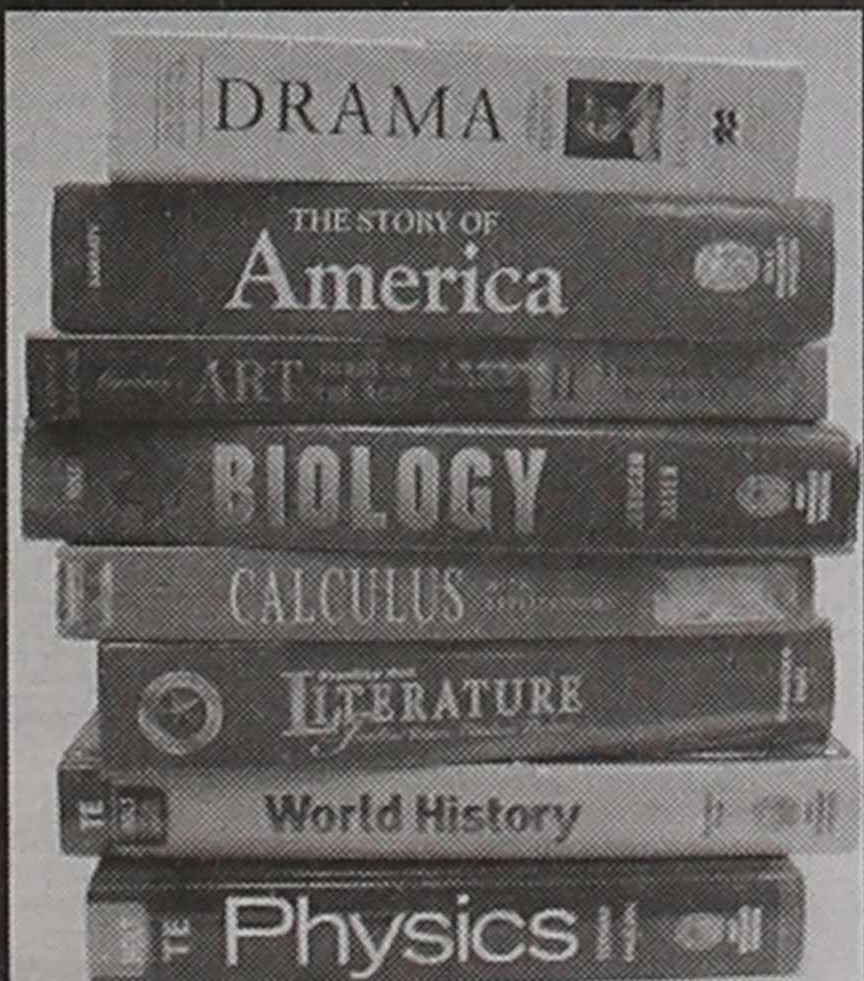
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Rockwall Lady Jackets softball peaking and streaking at right time

Lary Bump
The Lady Jackets began this softball season as the state's 10th-ranked team. Before long, 10 became the number of losses for the Lady Jackets.

The team is playing like the team recognized in that preseason. The Lady Jackets played their first game in District 10-4A, a 1-0 victory over Royse City. Royse City pitched an 8-0 shutout at home and drubbing Rockwall-15 as the visiting team.

Major factors have turned the season for Rockwall, however, in its last five games. Lacey Holcomb has recovered from a leg injury, and the Lady Jackets' sophomores and freshmen are stepping up.

Rockwall was the winning pitcher in three games, and was at her best in the eighth inning. She pitched as if she had a personal score to settle after the Lady Bulldogs defeated her and

Rockwall 5-4 for its only district loss.

She pitched a two-hit shutout with nine strikeouts. When Royse City threatened to get back into the game following two one-out walks in the sixth inning, Holcomb retired the Lady Bulldogs' two most dangerous batters. Alicia Pille popped out, and center fielder Amanda Harmon went to the wall to catch Dezy Arredondo's fly ball.

Said RHS head coach Shadie Acosta, "We knew we were going to get better with Laycee coming out with an injury. We knew what we had to do."

The season might have started slowly for the Lady Jackets (12-10 overall, 8-1 in the district), but they started quickly against Royse City and pitching ace Pille.

In the first inning, Holcomb singled to drive in a run. Another scored on an error. Freshman Taylor Lemons, the eighth batter in the lineup, dou-

bled home two more runs with two out.

At that point, RC had given up 11 runs in seven games plus one inning in the district, and seven of those had been scored by the Lady Jackets in the first inning of their two games against Royse City.

Rockwall didn't start out as quickly at Rockwall-Heath. The Lady Jackets trailed 1-0 after the first inning, but loaded the bases with one out for sophomore Cyndi Bertrand, their ninth batter. She responded with a triple that hit the left field foul line and drove in three runs. A single by Harmon and double by Audrey Farfan each drove in a run for a 5-1 lead.

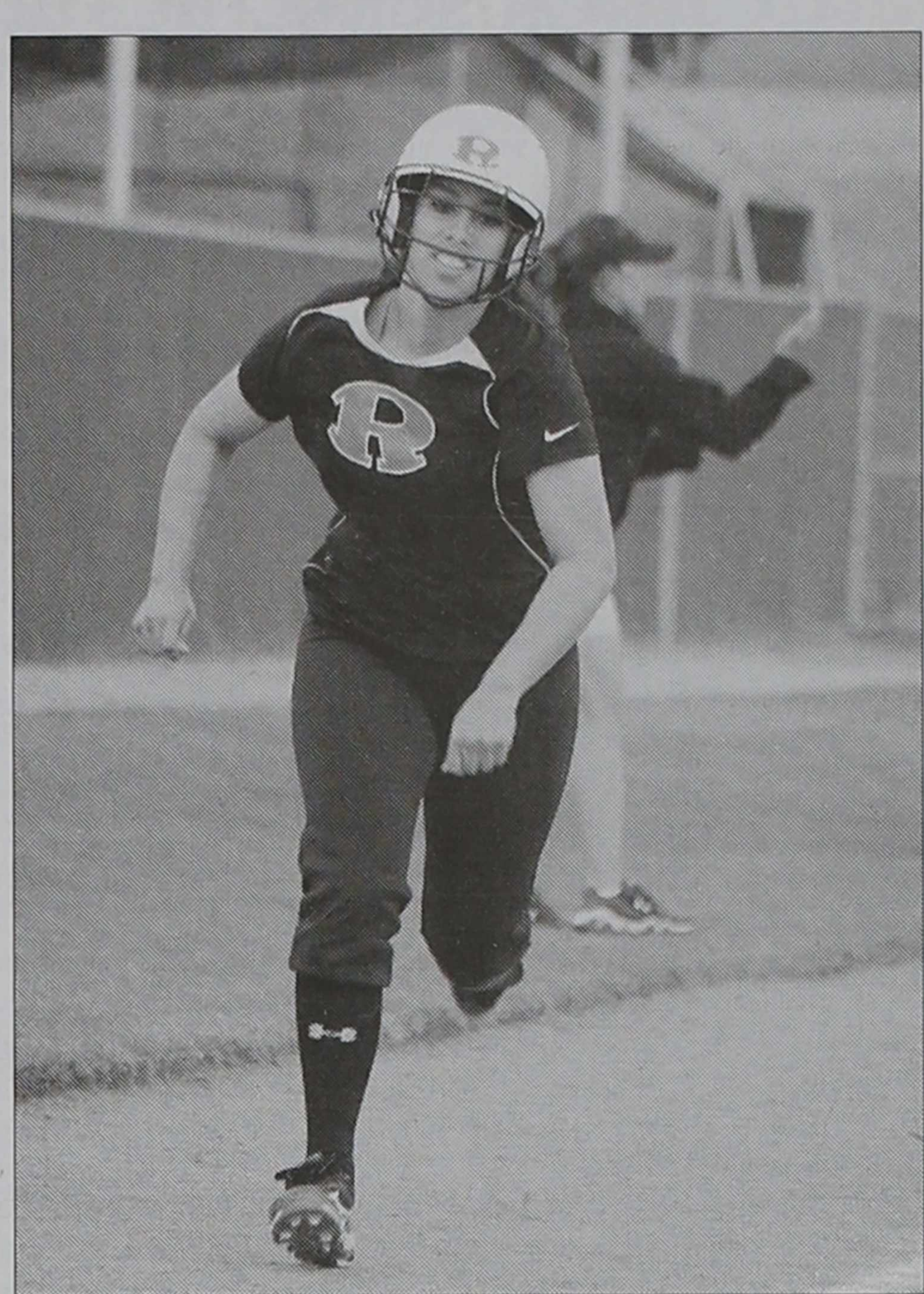
"We feel confident in any of our nine batters," Acosta said. "That was what made it so frustrating earlier in the season. We've got some good kids, some talented kids. It's exciting to know so many of them will be coming back."

Five extra-base hits led to five more runs in the fourth inning. The game ended after a four-run sixth inning highlighted by sophomore Carlie Jenkins' two-run single, and a 1-2-3 bottom of the inning featuring two strikeouts by Holcomb.

RHS' junior pitcher drove in three runs against Royse City. At RHHS, seniors Harmon and Jamie Bain combined to go 6-for-8 with four runs and three runs batted in. Bain was 4-for-4, including a double.

The Lady Jackets now are tied with Royse City for the district lead, and opened up a two-game lead over the Lady Hawks (6-3 in the district). Five district games remain. Barring an upset, RHS and Royse City could be heading toward a playoff for the district's top seed.

The way Rockwall has been playing, it now appears to be 10-4A's strongest team.



Lady Jackets' catcher Audrey Farfan (7) happily dashes for the home plate for another point after beating a Lady Bulldogs' trap between third base and home last Friday at RHS. At back, Coach Shadie Acosta relays a signal to an RHS team member.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Loy, Coles advance to state meet

Lindsay Loy and Kailea Coles represent the Rockwall girls' gymnastics team at next week's state gymnastics meet after the Lady Jackets qualified as a team by just points.

Sixth-ranked Rockwall placed second in the regional championship at Highland Park with a team score of 224.725. Rockwall-Heath, the last of the three qualifying teams, scored 225.95. Rockwall actually was just 1.25 points out of second place, where South Garland had 225.975.

In the regionals, sophomore Loy placed second in the floor exercise

with 19.30 and 10th in the vault (19.15) to qualify for the state meet. Freshman Coles' best event was the balance beam, where she finished fourth at 19.075. She also qualified by placing 10th all-around (74.375).

Said Lady Jackets head coach

Denise Hedges, "Lindsay Loy will be in contention for top 10 on floor at state, as well as Kailea Coles competing for top 10 on beam. Those are very strong events for each of these gymnasts."

Jackets hope regional title can be springboard to state meet

Rockwall's goal of finishing among the top three teams in the state boys' gymnastics meet is closer to being recognized now that the Yellowjackets have won the Region I championship.

They outscored runner-up Garland Lakeview Centennial 329.45-324.40 to take first place and to become one of three teams in the region and 12 in the state to qualify for the championships Thursday-Saturday, March 15-17, at Alvin High School.

The Jackets used a balanced lineup, with four RHS gymnasts finishing 3-4-5-6 in the all-around competition. Bradley Meyer was third with 108.8 points, followed closely by Robert Johnson with 108.7. Daniel Strong (107.65) placed fifth, and Zach Bennett (101.7) was sixth.

That balance is a plus, according to Rockwall head coach Cameron Sweny. "It's a positive for our team. The way it's set up, we'll have more depth. We're so deep in these events

that we can watch one or two of our guys fall, and not be worried about the team score. The coach and the athletes on the floor know you have guys who have got your back."

Sweny said RHS' best chance for an individual title is in the rings competition. Johnson, a senior, won the event in the district meet, and junior Brannon took the regional title.

"Robert has been fantastic," the coach said. "He is our team captain, but all of our seniors have taken on leadership roles, making sure the guys are prepared."

"Our guys keep getting better with each meet. In the region, we had our best scores in both compulsories and optional."

In the eight-team regional championships at Highland Park, Meyer placed second in the floor exercise (18.4); third on the high bar (17.8); sixth in the vault (18.2), and pommel horse and parallel bars (18.1 each), and ninth on the rings (18.2).

RHS' Craig Brannon won the vault (19.3) and tied Johnson for second on the parallel bars (18.6). Johnson also was second on the pommel horse (18.6) and fourth on the rings (18.8) and high bar (17.2) seventh on the floor (17.8).

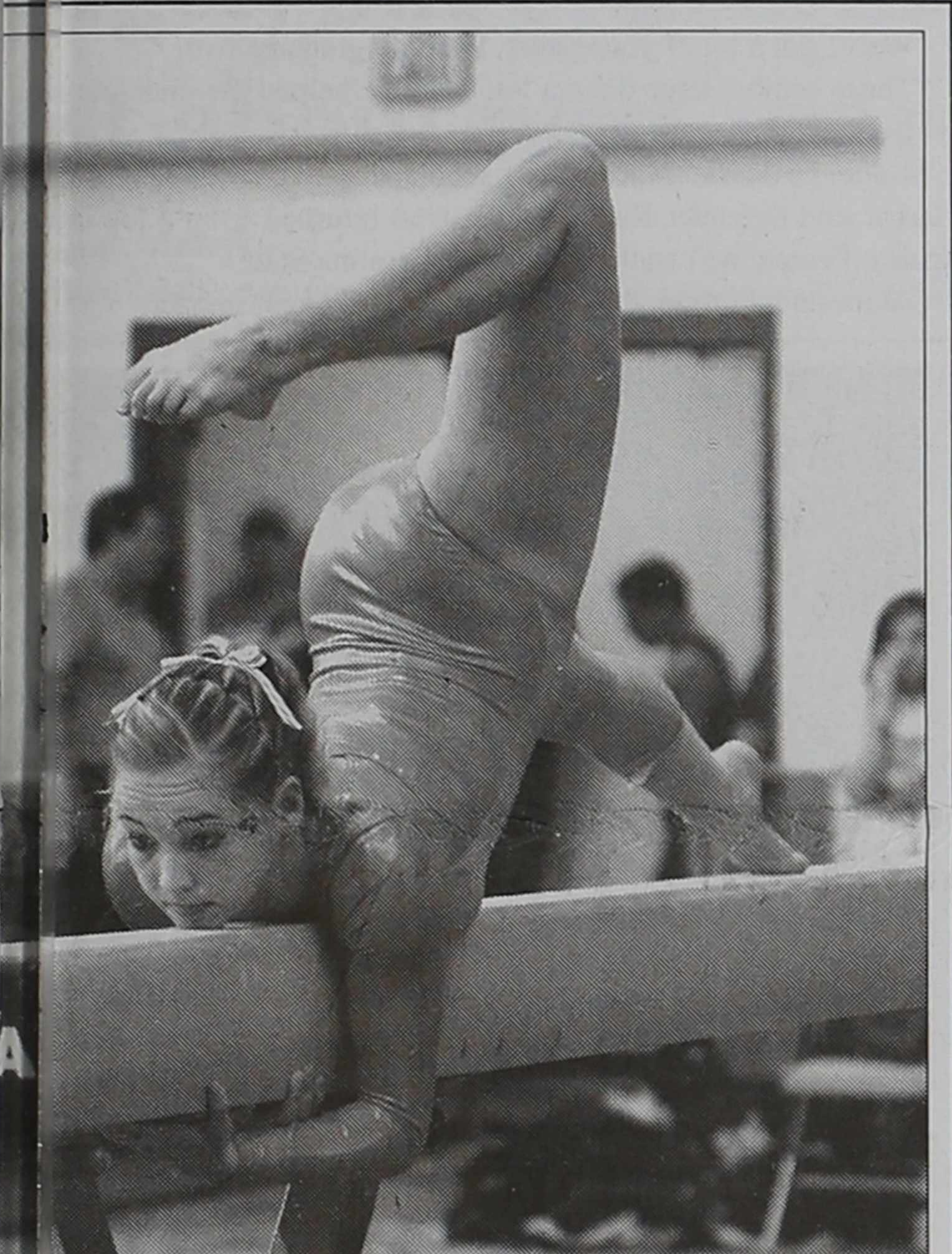
Strong's best finish was second in the vault (19.0). He placed third on the floor (18.15), fifth on the rings (18.7) and parallel bars (18.2), sixth on the high bar (16.5) and 10th on the pommel horse (17.1). Bennett finished fourth on the pommel horse (18.4), ninth on the parallel bars (17.6) and 10th on the high bar (15.1).

There still is room for improvement, Sweny said. "We've had

some consistency problems with the pommel horse. That has been our biggest focus. The high bar has been a weaker event for us, so we're trying to get solid."

Sweny added, "Last year we were sixth in the state. Our goal going in to the season was to be in the top three. The Rockwall men have never been higher than fourth."

There will be plenty of competition in the state meet, according to Sweny. He mentioned Lakeview Centennial, Kingwood from the Houston area, Odessa Permian from West Texas, Rudder (formerly Bryan High School) and traditional powers Hurst L.D. Bell, Euless Trinity, San Angelo and Saginaw.



Lady Jackets' Lindsey Loy in the beam routine during the Regional Gymnastics meet at Highland Park High School.

Photo by Marcia Hasenyager/Rockwall County News

Anderson helps Jackets bounce back with two wins

Lary Bump
The Lady Jackets bounced off two losses that kept them into a third-place finish in District 10-4A baseball, the Yellowjackets received a boost by hitting and pitching to win the week.

The Jackets took care of business on April 1, in an 8-1 victory over Greenville, which is tied for first in the district. Tuesday's game against sixth-place Anderson was more challenging. The Lady Jackets rallied from a 5-3 deficit to 8-6 with the help of three sixth-inning home runs.

The common denominator in the all-around was Jackets right-hander Thomas Anderson, the winning pitcher in both games.

Against Greenville, Anderson allowed three hits. He received

plenty of hitting support — a home run by Gabe Gonzales, a triple by J.D. Deloach and Hunter Wade's two doubles.

On Tuesday, Rockwall scored three times in the first inning. The Bulldogs came back to tie the game in the third inning and scored two runs to go ahead in the fourth.

After the Jackets tied the game, Anderson shut down RC in the sixth inning. His teammates then scored the go-ahead runs. Royse City's single run in the top of the seventh wasn't enough for the Bulldogs to catch up.

Said RHS head coach Jeff Payne, "Anderson is just a gamer and loves to compete. I'm not sure where we'd be without him."

With Anderson, the Jackets are 16-

7-1 overall and 5-3 in the district.

Payne continued, "I'm really proud and impressed with his performance through all that."

Two factors kept Royse City in the game: four errors by Rockwall and the Bulldogs' tenacity.

"Our defense was shaky, and I'm not sure why," Payne said. "It has been shaky often. We'll just keep practicing, and hope it smooths out."

"RC always plays us tough. Coach (Clay) Wolfe gets them ready, and we were lucky to survive them."

The winning rally began for RHS when Royse City's Scot Lane hit Spencer Edwards with a pitch. Deloach, whose double was the Jackets' only extra-base hit, then singled and took second base on the throw trying to cut down Edwards at

third base. He scored when the wind blew Tucker Fielder's pop up down the right field line into fair territory for a single. Deloach then scored when Wesley Cox grounded into a force out. The final run came when Steve Bean singled home Cox.

To win their next game Friday, the Yellowjackets will have to play better. They'll be visiting 10-4A leader Rockwall-Heath (27-0, 8-0), the state's top-ranked 4A team.

Payne said, "I'm looking forward to Friday. We'll need our best game of the year to knock them off. I'm not sure who we will throw against Heath."

Cox, perhaps? Some Thomas Anderson, maybe?

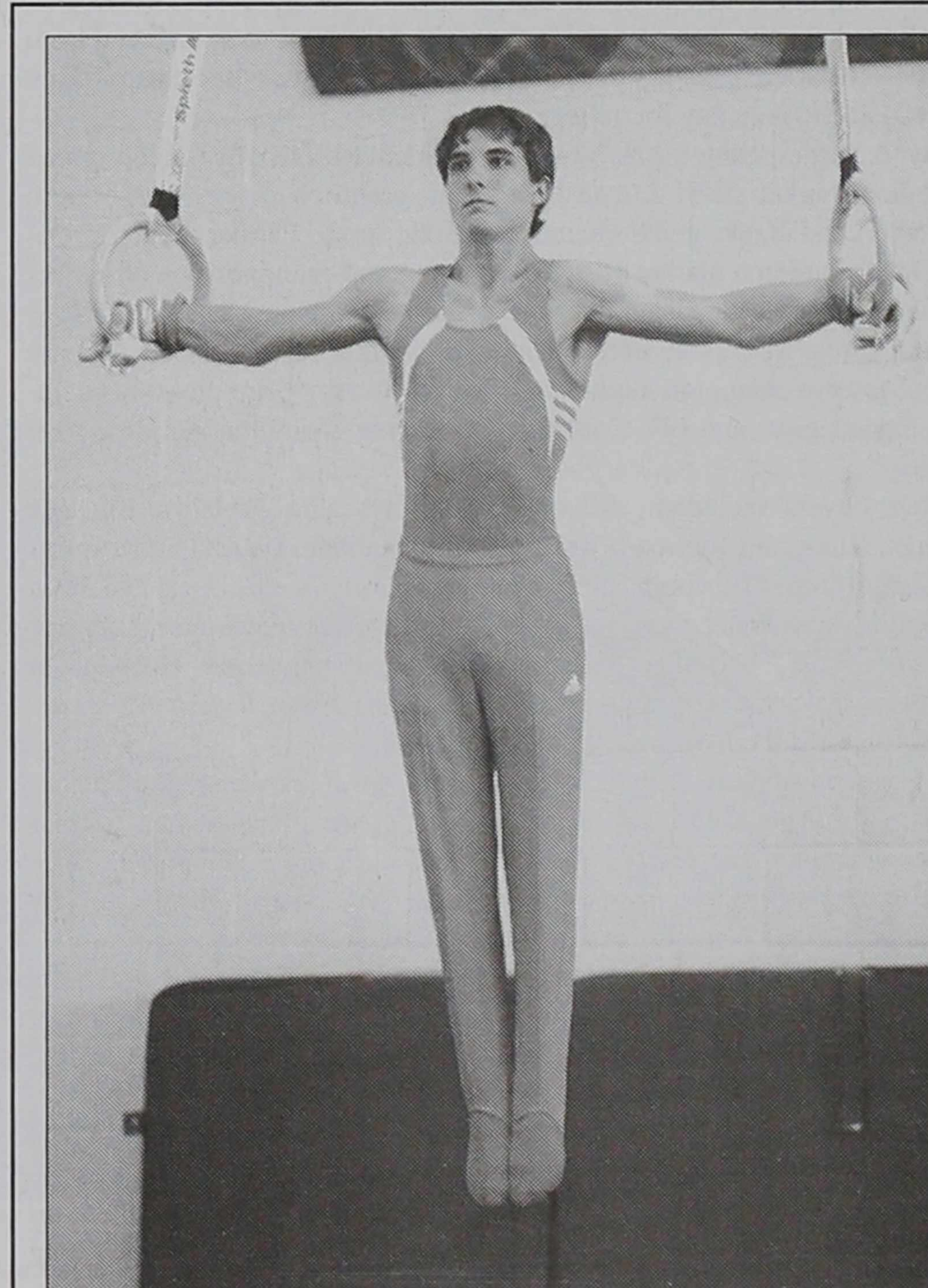
Lady Bulldogs tie for first place with loss to RHS

Lary Bump
With two wins by a combined score of 24-0, Royse City completed the first half of the District 10-4A softball season in first place with a 7-0 record.

That sole position atop the standings was in jeopardy Thursday, when the Lady Bulldogs (15-6 overall) were scheduled to play at second-place Rockwall (6-1 in the district).

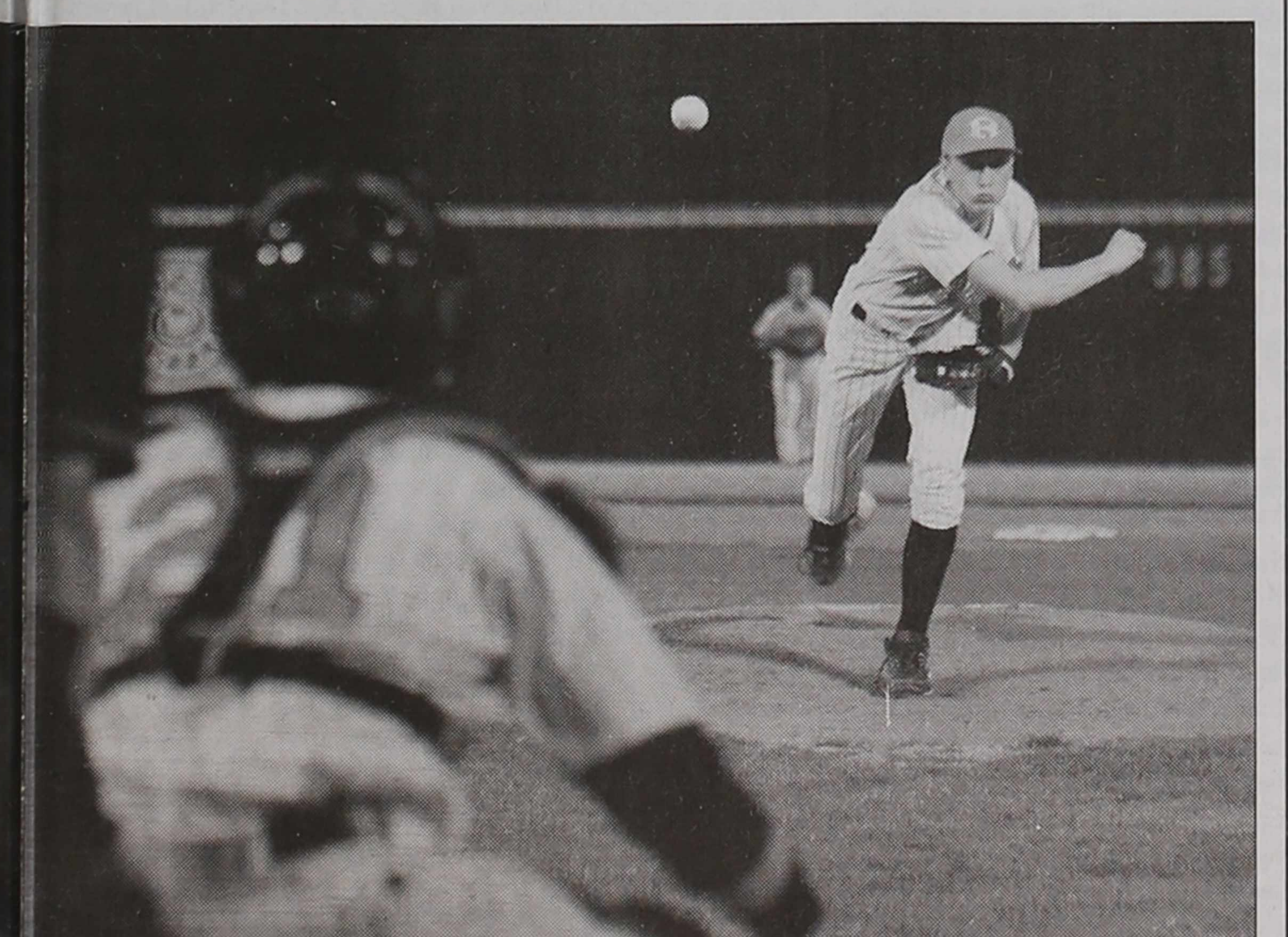
The most recent games for RC, a 10-0 home victory over Carrollton Newman Smith Friday, and a 14-0 romp Tuesday at Carrollton R.L. Turner, weren't a lot different from what the Lady Bulldogs have done all season. They outscored their district opponents 60-7 the first time around that district. That's an average score of almost 9-1.

Four of the runs allowed were in a 5-4 victory over Rockwall in the district opener. The Lady Bulldogs shut out five of their seven 10-4A opponents.



Jackets' Craig Brannon swings to state in the rings during the Regional Gymnastics meet at Highland Park.

Photo by Marcia Hasenyager/Rockwall County News



Jackets' Thomas Anderson (8) throws a pitch to catcher J.D. Deloach (21) during Tuesday's game against Royse City at the RHS field.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Sports

Royse City Bulldogs battle but lose to Jackets

by Lary Bump

For whatever problems Royse City's baseball team has had this season, it has played with the tenacity of – well, Bulldogs – against the two Rockwall ISD teams.

That trend continued Tuesday night at Rockwall, when the game was tied until the Yellowjackets scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and took an 8-6 decision.

Royse City is just 2-6 in District 10-4A and has lost its last five games. RC has lost just 5-2 and 8-6 to Rockwall, a likely playoff team. The Bulldogs also have come closer than any other district opponent to Rockwall-Heath, losing 6-0 to Texas' top-ranked 4A team.

"We've played Rockwall tough, but we just didn't get hits when we needed them. When we left the bases loaded, that was a big opportunity to get runs early," said Royse City head coach Clay Wolfe. "We're just not going to beat them by jumping up on them by two runs. They're good at coming back. I guess they're right; Jacket fight never dies."

RC fell behind 3-0 after one inning but came back to take a 5-3 lead in the fourth inning. The Jackets tied the score in that inning, but couldn't take the lead in the bottom of the fifth inning. With two runners on base and two out, Bulldogs right-hander Scot Lane retired Will Stewart to end the threat.

In the sixth, Lane hit a batter and gave up three singles for three Rockwall runs. The Bulldogs came back when Jared Jordan walked and scored on Dylan Funderburk's single in the top of the seventh, but the Jackets' Thomas Anderson pitched out of trouble.

Wolfe pointed to defensive lapses that contributed to the three-run inning. Bulldogs outfielders missed a cutoff man on two throws, and had a problem "being in position," according to the coach, on a ground ball that went for a force out and allowed a run to score.

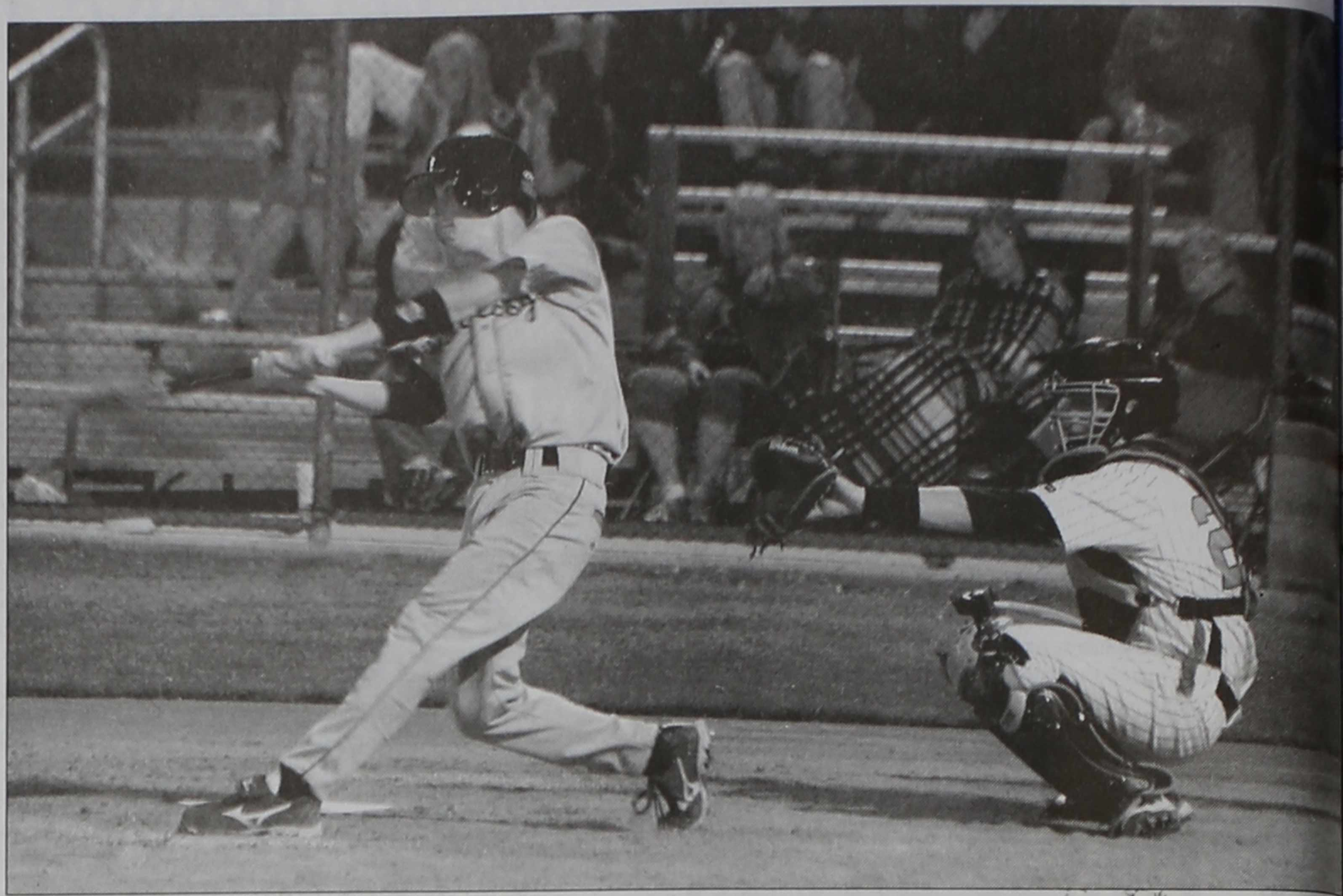
"We tried to turn two. We're supposed to keep that run from scoring. Those are things we've got to correct from a coaching standpoint. We don't just put them out there and think that they know. I said that run was on the two idiots (coaches) sitting on buckets in the dugout," Wolfe said.

"Scot Lane's ERA is low. We've just got a lot of young guys behind him."

The coach said the young Bulldogs have made progress this season. "Last year, they averaged about three hits in district games. The guys are doing a better job offensively."

Against Rockwall, Royse City cracked eight hits, including a double by Jake Horbacz.

The Bulldogs also had eight hits in their previous loss, 3-1 at Carrollton R.L. Turner Thursday, April 1. Horbacz had another double, and Jacob Owen and Matt Allman each tripled, but the Dawgs had difficulty driving in runners in scoring position. Losing pitcher Funderburk allowed the Lions just four hits.



Bulldogs' Matt Allman gets a single during Tuesday's hard-fought game against the Yellowjackets at the RHS field. Catching for the Jackets is J.D. Deloach (21). Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Defending champs stop Lady Jackets' record run

by Lary Bump

Rockwall had chances to get back into the game, but defending state champion Richardson Pearce thwarted those efforts and won 3-0 in a girls' soccer regional semifinal Friday.

Pearce, which won again Saturday to advance to this weekend's state tournament, had taken a 2-0 lead with goals midway through the first half, held a territorial advantage for most of the game. In the 33rd minute, the Lady Jackets beat Pearce's goalie to a loose ball but a defender moved into place to knock RHS' shot away.

Instead of going into halftime down just 2-1, Rockwall still trailed 2-0. The Lady Mustangs, who have not allowed a goal in their six playoff games this season, put the game away when Maddie Harper scored off a corner kick in the 69th minute.

The Lady Jackets had a corner kick of their own by Jessie Givens in the 77th minute, but the wall was deflected wide left.

The loss ended the best season in RHS girls' soccer history. The Lady Jackets won four playoff games, the last two in shootouts, to advance two rounds deeper into the postseason than they had before. The 2009 team had won twice before losing to Highland Park, like Richardson Pearce a District 21-4A rival.

Rockwall head coach Melissa Garcia noted the missed opportunity before halftime, and pointed out how it was similar to play in last year's playoff loss to Highland Park.

"That's where you need to calm down, settle down and finish. That's how we lost to Highland Park (2-1) in the second half. It comes down to experience and nerves."

Pearce's Taylor Matthews had scored the game's first two goals.

The first was on a penalty kick in the 19th minute, following what Garcia said was a hand ball. Matthews shot into the lower right corner of the net to beat RHS goalie Bekah Barton. Five minutes later, Matthews won a battle for the ball despite great effort by the Lady Jackets' Vicky King, dribbled to her right and put a long shot into the upper right corner for a goal.

Garcia wasn't disappointed with her team. "They did great," she said proudly.

"Great" wasn't good enough to beat Pearce.

Garcia said, "They've got everything they need to repeat. They're experienced and talent. All around, they're 100 per cent: depth, talent at every position. Because of that, they've got confidence."

"We had just a little bit of inexperience and nerves. It's a whole different

Lady Eagles open district play 3-0

Heritage Christian Academy's ambitious non-district schedule has paid off with victories in its first three TAPPS District 3-1A/2A games.

The Lady Eagles' offense produced double-digit runs totals in each district game, and also in a non-district win over Garland Christian Saturday.

HCA opened district play with a 12-6 win at DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal Tuesday, March 30. Winning pitcher Jordan Miller starred by striking out 16 batters and allowing just two hits and two earned runs.

Heritage Christian's big bats in that game belonged to Jenna Huckabee, who went 2-for-2, scored four runs, drove one in and stole five bases; Erika

setting (at Standridge Stadium in Carrollton). There's a difference between playing on fields they're used to."

The coach indicated that inexperience shouldn't be a great problem this year.

"We've got a lot of youngsters. We only graduate two. Those seniors have done a lot. They've helped the underclassmen wherever they are."

Midfielder Jessie Givens has a scholarship to play at Arkansas in the Garcia said defender Randi Soldat, who returned from a leg injury to play against Pearce, will walk on at North Carolina State.

Garcia said, "I think they'll both make an instant impact."



RHS' Randi Soldat defends against a J.J. Pearce attacker during last Friday's Regional Semifinals game in Standridge Stadium Carrollton. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Mendoza, 2-for-3 with a run and four steals; Priscilla Anderton, 2-for-4 including a double, with a run and a run batted in, and Megan Trapani, 2-for-4 including a double, a stolen base and two runs.

Two days later, the Lady Eagles scored a 15-1 rout at McKinney Christian. Miller struck out nine and gave up four hits for the win. Anderton had two RBIs and four steals. Lauren Pettit went 2-for-4 with a double, two bases and drove in a run, and Monica Whitmire had two RBIs.

HCA (12-3-1 overall) routed Garland Christian, a TAPPS 3A school, and came back Tuesday with another big win over Rockwall Christian. HCA won 12-1.

News Briefs

HH in need of donations

Helping Hands Food Pantry needs flour, sugar, cooking oil, canned fruits and meats, jelly, pasta and spaghetti sauce, sandwich bread, eggs and condiments. Also needed are toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, laundry detergent, deodorant, shampoo, razors and diapers (sizes 3-6 and adults). Drop off donations at 950 Williams St., Suite A, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Make a donation or schedule a food drive by calling 972-771-HELP.

CASA plans candlelight vigil

Lone Star CASA, a nonprofit organization that trains and supports community volunteers who work on behalf of children, will sponsor a candlelight vigil beginning at 7 p.m. today at the Historic Courthouse on the Square in Rockwall. For more details visit lonestarcasa.org, e-mail director@lonestarcasa.org or call 972-722-5858.

Blow to address FOL meeting

Dallas Morning News columnist Steve Blow will be the featured speaker at the 11 a.m. Tuesday lunch basket meeting of Friends of the Library at the Rockwall Rotary Hall. Reservations due today; cost is \$15 per person. Call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.

RISD Job Fair set Saturday

The RISD Administrative-Teacher Job Fair will run from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Rockwall High, 901 Yellowjacket Lane. Representatives from all campuses will be present. Participants should bring copies of their resumes. Pre-registration is encouraged at rockwallisd.com. For details contact Shannon Sharp, 972-771-0605.

Free NAMI meetings planned

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

'Know What 2 Do' offered in M-C

The City of McLendon-Chisholm will offer "Know What 2 Do," a meeting designed to provide families with practical information about handling bad weather, disaster situations and other emergencies, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Chisholm Baptist Church, 1388 Hwy. 205. For details contact City Hall at 972-524-2077.

RWL Charity Ball slated

The Rockwall Women's League Charity Ball, "There is No Place Like

Home," will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday and run through 1 a.m. at the Bella Bella Harbor, 2055 Summerlee, Rockwall. For details contact Lisa Johnson at 972-771-2000.

ARC Babysitting Course offered

Future babysitters ages 11 to 14 can take a Red Cross Babysitting Course from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at The Center. Training will include CPR, first aid, and safety. Topics include: recognizing signs of illness, rescue breathing, communication skills and safety and hygiene issues. Cost is \$85 for Rockwall residents, \$128 for non-residents. For details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Kidzone closed this weekend

The Kidzone will be closed Saturday and Sunday for routine maintenance, according to a Rockwall Parks & Rec Department news release. For more information call 972-771-7761.

Blood drive set Monday in R-C

The Royse City Early Bird Rotary Club will host a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday in the American Red Cross bus parked at 305 N. St., Royse City. To make an appointment visit givelife.org.

Library to host Teen Game Night

The Rockwall County Library's Teen Game Night for April will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the first floor meeting room. Free pizza will be served to the first 25 participants. Games, music and prizes included.

RHHS's Fashion Show tickets available

Tickets for the Rockwall-Heath High School LUX Fashion Show, set for Wednesday at the "new" Kim Hoegger Home Boutique, 106 S. Goliad in downtown Rockwall, are available for purchase by calling Julie Durr at 972-772-2474. Proceeds from the show will benefit the school's fashion design program and scholarship fund.

Fowler to speak for National Library Week

Local author Sheri Stodghill Fowler will give a special presentation "Rockwall: Now and Then," celebrating National Library Week from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Rockwall County Library large meeting room. The presentation will include historical photos and a history of Rockwall area. Admission will be free.

Area TEA Party planned for Thursday

More than 20 North Texas TEA Party groups, including TEA Party Rockwall, will unite from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Quicktrip 1600 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie. Admission will be free, but donations will be accepted. VIP passes, including up-front seating, are available for \$100. Find the local group on Facebook: TEA Party Rockwall.

Youth Fair results ...

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- Grand champion pen – Kylee Adams
- Reserve champion pen – Jacquelyn Cox
- Samantha Cox, third; Kelsi Henderson, fourth; Bobbie Carr, fifth; Haley De La Garza, sixth; Kate Pierce, seventh; Olivia Britt, eighth; Tori Tuttle, ninth; Ashley Stemberge, tenth; Raena Eldridge, eleventh; and Brooke Smith, twelfth
- Breeding Rabbits
- Californian – Best of Breed, Kylie Adams; Best Opposite, Cassidy Prado
- Holland Lop – Best of Breed, Elizabeth Gersch
- Polish – Best of Breed, Devynne Pazos; Best Opposite, Raena Eldridge
- Rex – Best of Breed, Devynne Pazos
- Junior Showmanship – Elizabeth Gersch
- Senior Showmanship – Bobbie Carr
- Broiler Show
- Champion Broilers – Jake Termin

Following the livestock show, the premium market sale was conducted and all market animals were sold to the highest bidder. Funds received from the sales assist the students in furthering their agriculture interests or often are set aside to help pay for college.

Buyers participating in this year's event included Dwight Lindop, grand champion market steer; Zanata Restaurant, grand champion market hog; Heritage Land Bank, grand champion market lamb; Farmers Electric Co-op, grand champion market goat; JJJ Ranch, grand champion pen of market rabbits; and Endeavor General Agency, grand champion market broilers.

Also, Circle M Farms, reserve champion market steer; Farmers Electric Co-op, reserve champion market hog; Fairfax Energy Corp., reserve champion market goat; and IRT Construction, reserve champion pen of market rabbits.

Other buyers included Alliance Bank, Amazing Athletes, Big Tex Trailers, Blackland Railroad, Brookshires, Community Bank, Christopher Ct. Consortium, Culepepper Cattle Company, Gotta Scrap, Doug and Janet Hamilton, H2O Water Services, Jackson Automotive, Kwik Kar, Lakeside National Bank, Lakeside Veterinary Clinic, Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, Rockwall County Farm Bureau, RCH Water Supply, Rockwall Lions Club and the Rockwall Veterinary Hospital.

Special contributors to the success of the 2010 Rockwall Youth Fair included Corky Randolph and Alliance Bank for the donation belt buckles for the champion and reserve champion market animal exhibitors, as well as belt buckles for the showmanship winners. Also, special thanks to Gary Freedman for emceeing the Friday night and Saturday show.

Also, Chic-fil-A provided hot chicken breakfast sandwiches for exhibitors and volunteers, and Heritage Land Bank provided pizza and soft drinks for workers at the School Tours Day. The Rockwall Lions Club provided the meal for the Breeding Animal Show.

The show was sponsored by the Rockwall Youth Fair Board. Members include Travis Reynolds, president; Don Ritchey, vice president; Michelle Morris, secretary; and Kevin Fowler, treasurer. Other board members include Dennis Bailey, Mike Donegan, Ron Evans, Cindy Knochel, Craig Merritt, Paul Montgomery, Jackie Pullen, Oliver Spiller and Odus Lowe, honorary director. Advisers to the board are Rockwall agricultural science instructors Casey Jones and Bobby Fowler and Rockwall County Extension Agent Todd K. Williams.

The Youth Fair Board presented a special award to JJJ Ranch, John and Terri McKinney, for their continued support of the Rockwall Youth Fair.

Corrections

Cutline information published last week concerning fourth grade SAGE students from Celia Hays Elementary was incorrect. The students were inadvertently misidentified. The students should have been listed as Lauren Hogan and Annie McKee. The Rockwall County News regrets the error.

Also, the cutline regarding Celia Hays Teacher of the Year Amanda Payne also contained an error. The cutline should have stated that Payne is a product of Rockwall schools. The Rockwall County News regrets the error.

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