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Members of Girl Scout Troop 1920 (left to right) Amanda Castonguay, Lane Mason, Kaelyn Gross, Rockwall Animal Control supervisor Chris Valentine, Victoria Lack, and Hope Wallace deliver handmade cat toys and dog beds to the Rockwall Animal Shelter. The gifts were created as part of the girls' service project requirements to earn their Bronze Award, the highest award for Girls Scouts.

Photo Courtesy of Michele Gross

News Briefs

Writer's Group to meet tonight

The Rockwall County Library Writer's Group, open to students in grades 7 through 12, will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today at the library. Students are encouraged to bring samples of their writing to share.

RHHS Senior Prom tickets on sale

Tickets to the Rockwall-Heath High School Senior Prom will be on sale through Thursday. Tickets can be purchased from the Heath senior class sponsor, Ms. Gandee. Cost is \$150 for seniors, \$50 for non-RHHS senior guests. Students who paid \$100 in class dues by Jan. 1 may pick up their pre-paid ticket through April 30 as well. Checks should be made payable to the RHHS Class of 2009.

Li'l Voyagers art show set Thursday

Li'l Voyagers Weekday Preschool Program is inviting family members, friends and the community to the First United Methodist Church of Heath's third annual art show from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. Art created by children ages 2 through 5 will be featured. Registration packets for families of pre-schoolers interested in enrolling for the summer and fall programs also will be available. For more details, call Debbie Troxler at 972-771-6732.

Taste of Rockwall, Expo planned

The Taste of Rockwall & Business Expo 2009 will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. Taste of Rockwall tickets are available at the chamber, through Rotary Club members, at local banks and through high school band students. Expo admission will be free.

Restaurant to support Relay

Taco Caso, located on 205/130 in the Hobby Lobby shopping center, will donate 15 percent of its sales on Thursday to the Rockwall County Relay For Life.

RPA to meet Friday

The Rockwall Preschool Association will observe its final meeting of the year from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at the Free Methodist Church on Dalton Road. Amy Parks Elementary Principal Dan Crawford will be the group's speaker for the session. He will talk about preparing children for kindergarten and beyond. For more details, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

'Bolt' picked for park screening

The movie "Bolt" will be screened at Harry Myers Park on Friday as part of the Family Fun Fridays/Movie in the Park weekly event hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; the movie will begin at 9 p.m. Families should bring snacks, blankets or lawn chairs and a FM radio to hear the movie.

Relay for Life set this week

The annual Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society will run Friday and Saturday in Rockwall County. Register a team by calling 972-771-1605; become a sponsor, 972-524-9976; register as a survivor, 469-273-3097; or buy a luminaria by e-mailing macd.dlb@sbcglobal.net. For more details visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx.

Downtown Farmer's Market opens Saturday

The Downtown Farmer's Market will open Saturday in the parking area of the historic courthouse. The market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday through Sept. 26. The Rockwall High Jazz Band will perform at this week's opening celebration.

Feral Friends Adoption Weekend set

Feral Friends will host an Adoption Weekend Saturday and Sunday at the PetSmart in Rowlett. With many litters of kittens in foster care and more on the way, homes are needed for cats and kittens. The group also will be accepting donations of supplies (kitten milk replacement, dry or canned kitten food, PetSmart gift cards and monetary donations for vet bills). The event will run from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Donations also may be made at feralfriends.org (click on donate, then choose Kitten Shower).

Animal shot, microchip clinic planned

Rockwall Animal Services will host a shot/microchip clinic from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Loftis veterinary office, 2001 S. Goliad. Rabies shots will cost \$8 (one-year) or \$24 (three-year); other basic shots, \$8 each; microchipping \$20 while supplies last. Dogs must be on leashes, cats in carriers. For details call 972-771-7750.

DAR meeting scheduled

Dr. Roger Canard, a medicine man of the Creek Nation Indian tribe, will be the guest speaker for the 10 a.m. Saturday meeting of the Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. He will speak about Native American culture and ceremony. The meeting will be in Room 110 (north side) of the Eastridge Church of Christ, 485 N. FM 549 in Rockwall. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and a meet-and-greet. The public is invited.

Giving Back Event slated

The Giving Bank Event, a benefit honoring those who continue to support 3-year-old Nate Oxford in his ongoing battle against Medulloblastoma, will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Pullen Elementary. The event will include a vintage car show, chili cookoff, celebrity auction and children's activities. Proceeds will benefit Nate's care and cancer research. For details call Lana Carlisle at 903-268-0133.

Trail ride to benefit St. Jude's

The American Paint Horse Foundation will host a scenic trail ride Saturday along Lake Benbook, with proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, therapeutic riding and other equine programs. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Benbrook Stables, 100001 Benbrook Blvd. For more information call 817-222-6433.

Rockwall Girl Scouts earn Bronze Award, provide gifts for animal shelter

Girl Scouts of Rockwall Troop 1920 earned the Bronze Award, the highest possible award of their district. Scouts Amanda Castonguay, Kaelyn Gross, Lane Mason, Victoria Lack and Hope Wallace of Pullen Elementary receive recognition for their achievement in a ceremony on April 24.

To earn the award, the girls had to first complete several leadership projects, then complete a 20-plus hour service project. To fulfill the leadership requirements, the girls did projects and worked with girls from younger troops in Rockwall.

Kaelyn and Lane Mason earned both the Leadership Award and the Junior Aide award while Hope, Victoria and Amanda earned the Junior Aide Award. All five girls earned all four of the awards—Sign of the Rainbow, Sign of the Star, Sign of the World, by completing multiple badges in a variety of fields and completing special activities for each sign.

To earn the Bronze Award Service Project, the girls decided they would help to benefit animals. They started by planning a fundraising project with the profits raised from their cookie sale. The girls attended a special program for raising the Veterinary School's annual Open House and to dress in full surgical garb and operate on stuffed animals. The girls also collected an RBLE (Red Bull Life) and wrote and printed a flyer with this information for their school. Next, the girls made toys and blankets for cats and dogs in local animal shelters. They organized a blanket and polyester filling drive at their school and contacted friends and neighbors for donated goods. They contacted

local businesses and were delighted when Hobby Lobby generously agreed to support their project and donated several bags of polyester filling.

Using their donated materials, the girls created 500 Happy Socks, which are catnip filled cat toys used to calm stressed cats when they enter the shelters. They also made 20 fleece dog beds to help dogs have more comfortable surroundings while awaiting new homes.

The girls had so many cat toys that they had to deliver them to homeless cats in five local animal shelters in Rockwall, Rowlett, Mesquite and Dallas. The dog beds were delivered to some very happy dogs in the Rockwall and Rowlett shelters.

Congratulations, girls, on a job well done.

Early voting continues in May 9 elections

Early voting in the May 9 election is under way and will continue through May 5.

Voters will go to the polls to decide trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District and council members for the cities of Royse City, Heath, Fate and McLendon-Chisholm.

The following is an overview of the remaining elections to be determined by Rockwall County-area residents, according to reports and information collected from governing body Web sites:

- Rockwall
Board of Trustees
- Place 1 – Tony Fisk, Chris Cuny
 - Place 2 – Earl Milner, Russ Childers, Norman Quintero
 - Place 3 – Craig Zurek
- City of Royse City
City Council
- Mayor – William J. Archer, Connie Goodwin, Jerrell Baley
 - Place 1 – Xavier Cortez, Brooks M. Williams, Janet Nichol
 - Place 3 – Bill Bell
 - Place 5 – James Branch, Mark Plemmons
- City of Heath
City Council
- Place 1 – Robert (Bob) Hille
 - Place 2 – Karen Lewis
 - Place 4 – Steve McKimmey
 - Place 6 – John Koerner, Rich Krause, Tommy Goodson
- City of Fate
City Council
- Place 1 – Autumn Lobinsky Kerry Wiemolky
 - Place 3 – Forest Murley, Wilbur "Willie" Williams
 - Place 5 – K.C. Erwin, Ryan Pfuhl, Brad Bianucci
 - Place 6 – David Hill, Tammy Ryan
- City of McLendon-Chisholm
City Council
- Place 1 – Beverly Stibbens, Jess Lovell
 - Place 3 – Jerry P. Moss, Patrick Short
 - Place 5 – James S. Parnell, Gary L. Moody

Elections to fill vacant positions on the Rockwall City Council and the Royse City Independent School District Board of Trustees were canceled. All incumbents for the City of Rockwall filed for re-election, including Bill Cecil, mayor; David Sweet, Place 1; Glen Farris, Place 3; and Matt Scott, Place 5; however, no one filed in opposition of the incumbents. Similarly, in the RCISD incumbents Don Palmer, Place 3, Rhonda Phillips for Place 4 and Charlie Carroll, Place 5, filed as the sole candidates for full, three-year terms, while Julie Stutts was the lone candidate for an unexpired one-year term to be filled for Place 7.

Rockwall Noon Lions Club has placed boxes throughout the community to collect used eyeglasses to support the Vision Project sponsored worldwide by Lions Club International. A nominee, Austin Winstel (left), shown with Larry Plagens, has built boxes and helped with the collection and the glasses. To obtain more information or to donate, visit www.Rockwallnoonlions.com. Photo Courtesy of Leigh Plagens

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Ike Thacker (left to right), Henry Johnson and Liz Johnson light their family's luminarias at Relay 2008.



Stuart Potter and Zach Niestockel are shown using safety goggles while doing an experiment at the Mystery Polymers Station at the Amy Parks Elementary Science Night event conducted April 16. More than 30 stations, each focusing on a specific scientific principle, were available to students. Student and parent volunteers and teachers assisted the young scientists in exploring topics such as completing an electrical circuit, testing lung capacity and mixing chemicals.



The 2008 American Cancer Society Relay for Life Hush Angels prepare to quiet the crowd for the lighting of the luminarias in and memory of cancer patients.

Luminaria ceremony honors cancer fight at May 1-2 Relay for Life

Dressed in white and wearing wings and halos, tiny "Hush Angels" tiptoe through the field ringed with lights to quiet the crowd. During the most solemn ceremony of the Rockwall County Relay For Life, silence is requested when the luminarias are lit, to honor those fighting cancer and to remember those who have lost the fight.

Luminarias are glowing bags that to the naked eye appear to be nothing more than paper sacks filled with sand and candles. Upon closer examination, these sacks represent people, each with a name and a story to tell. Many people attach photographs of their loved

ones to the bags and add details about their lives.

When Relay For Life comes to Rockwall County on the luminarias will glow all around the Cain Middle School light the way for those walking to raise money for the fight against cancer. The community is invited to attend the luminaria ceremony which will take place at 9 p.m.

Luminarias can be ordered by calling 972-722-7998. They can also be purchased on-line at www.relayforlife.org/rockwall. The cost is just \$5. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

CERT applications now being accepted

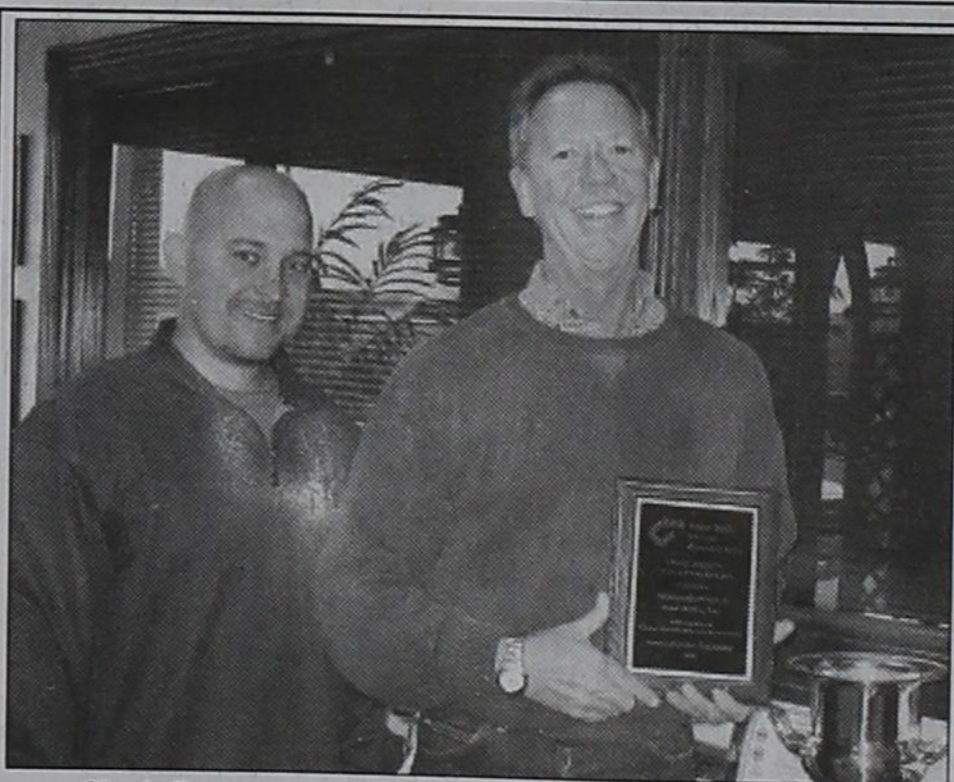
Applications for the Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, are now being accepted.

Training classes will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 2 and May 9 at Fire Station No. 2, 920 Rockwall Parkway.

For more details, contact Santoro at 972-771-7700 or visit rockwall.com and click on the Fire Department/Public Education/CERT.



Grace Hartman students Jane Keth, second grade, and Maci Greer, Abby Childers and Justine, sixth grade students, recently participated in a community service project. Students, staff and family members volunteered their time to help clean, clear and replant the garden area at the Rockwall Housing Authority's Reese Center. This marked the third time Hartman students have assisted with this project.



Chad Dunaway, left, and David Gregg served as project managers for Sunnyvale Fence and Ironworks' recent work on the Grand Prairie Baseball Stadium. The work won the local fence company national recognition from the American Fence Association during its recent convention in New Orleans.

Area fencing company wins national award

Sunnyvale Fence and Ironworks of Forney recently awarded first place in the Project of the Year competition at the annual American Fence Association Convention in Orleans.

The company, owned by Heath resident Terry S. Gregg, achieved this recognition for work done at the Grand Prairie Baseball Stadium, which included security fencing, railings, ADA-ramp field gates and work in the stadium's main entry.

Projects are judged on quality of design, installation, management of materials, equipment, labor and adherence to the association's policies and business practices, according to a release from the company. Sunnyvale also won recognition in this contest the previous year for its work on the Rockwall Harbor project. David Gregg and Chad Dunaway, Sunnyvale's project managers, worked hand in hand with Hill & Wilk Construction Co., general contractor, to ensure the stadium was completed successfully on time for the stadium's opening day.

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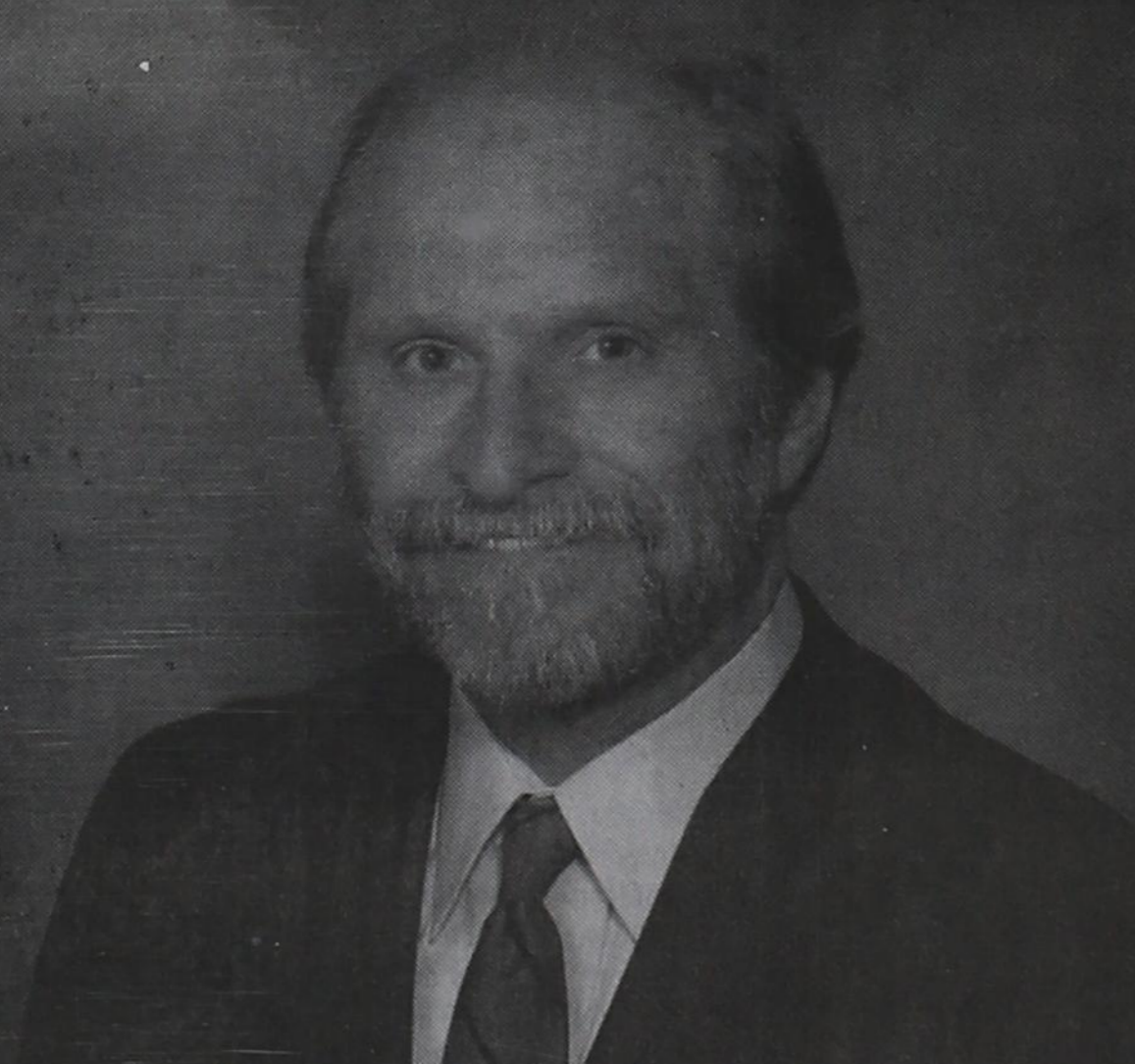
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Wall-Heath HS scores UIL Academics Meet

by Jennifer Macaluso

Rockwall-Heath High School students competed in the UIL District Meet April 2-4 at Highland Park High School in Denton. Competitors dedicated their time outside of school to compete and represent RHHS at the district meet.

Team members Ryan Night placed first and Brooks placed fourth in the field. In Computer Applications, Nick placed third and Jessica Morales placed fourth. Madison placed fifth in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate and fifth in Journalism. Sears placed third in Editorial Writing.

The Issues and Events team finished strong with a fifth place win by Edgar Woda and a seventh place win by Edward Lopez. In Science, John Schneider, Beau Roland and Alex Vrana placed as a team.

Nick Engmann and Emily Sears have earned a spot in the state meet, which will take place April 24-25 at the University of Texas.



The Rockwall-Heath High School UIL Academics team includes (back row from left) Kevin Gibson, Alex Vrana, William Fox, Beau Roland, John Schneider, Oscar Quevedo, Chris Dophied, Ryan Night, (middle row from left) Jessica Morales, Stephanie Morel, Michelle Wisniewski, Agar Woda, Emily Compton, Rachel Short, Dalton Irwin, Edward Lopez, (Seated from left) Jeff Bookhout, Madison Gessner and Emelia Davis.

Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Macaluso

News Briefs

Z Museum plans yard sale

The Z Museum, 124 Arch, for its yard sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum's first fundraiser will include vinyl records and treasures, oddities and unusual decorating items. For more details call Ann Cornelius at 972-816-9626 or Michelle Gillan at 972-635-7272.

RCC sets May 6 meeting

The Rockwall Computer Council's monthly meeting will run from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 6 at The Center, Rockwall City Center. Computer Guy owner Bill Hair will give a program on software usage, followed by a Q&A session. The meeting is open to anyone at any level of expertise interested in computers. For details call Joe Conrad at 972-771-8712.

Friends of the Library to meet

The Friends of the Library meeting of the year will be at 7 p.m. on May 12 at the home of Judge Brett Hall and his wife. The winners for the 2009-2010 year will be installed, and the annual Celia Hays awards winners will be announced. Refreshments will cater lunch. Reservations must be made by May 8. Call 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com.

"Bedtime Stories" is park movie this week

The movie "Bedtime Stories" will be screened May 8 at Harry Myers Park as part of the Family Fun Fridays/Movie in the Park event hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. The event begins at 7:30 p.m.; the movie at 9 p.m. Families should bring blankets or lawn chairs and a FM radio to hear the audio.

Voting locations changed for election

Due to the reconstruction of Utley Middle School, voters in precincts 1B, 1C, 2A, 3A, 3B, 4B, 4C and 4D will be relocated to the Rockwall County Public Library for the election. The library is located at 1215 E. Yellow Jacket adjacent to the Utley facility.

Community Band plans concert

The Rockwall Community Band will present its spring concert on May 9 at Rockwall High School. Admission will be free. For more information call 972-841-1942 or visit therockwallcommunityband.org.

Red Cross benefit set May 12

The American Red Cross chapter will benefit from a May fundraising event at Culver's. From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on that night, 10 percent of sales will be earmarked for the ARC. Rockwall chapter members will be at the restaurant with their friends and raffles will be conducted.

Rockwall High School play in state-level contest

Rockwall City High School's one-act play will advance to the state competition with its production of "The White Rose" by Lynn Hogg Auditorium at the University of Texas. Anyone interested in attending the contest should contact the school office.

"Beethoven" to be screened at park

The movie "Beethoven" will be screened at Harry Myers Park as part of the Family Fun Fridays/Movie in the Park weekly event hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department on May 15. The event begins at 7:30 p.m.; the movie at 9 p.m.

Founders Day Festival set May 30

The annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. on May 30 in Rockwall's historic downtown square. The celebration will include vendor booths, children's activities, food and entertainment. A sundown concert will begin at 6:45 p.m. Admission will be free. For more information call 972-771-1942.

Downtown Farmer's Market closed on Founder's Day

Downtown Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Friends of the Market and the City of Rockwall, will not open May 30 in celebration of the community's Founder's Day celebration. The market will reopen June 6.

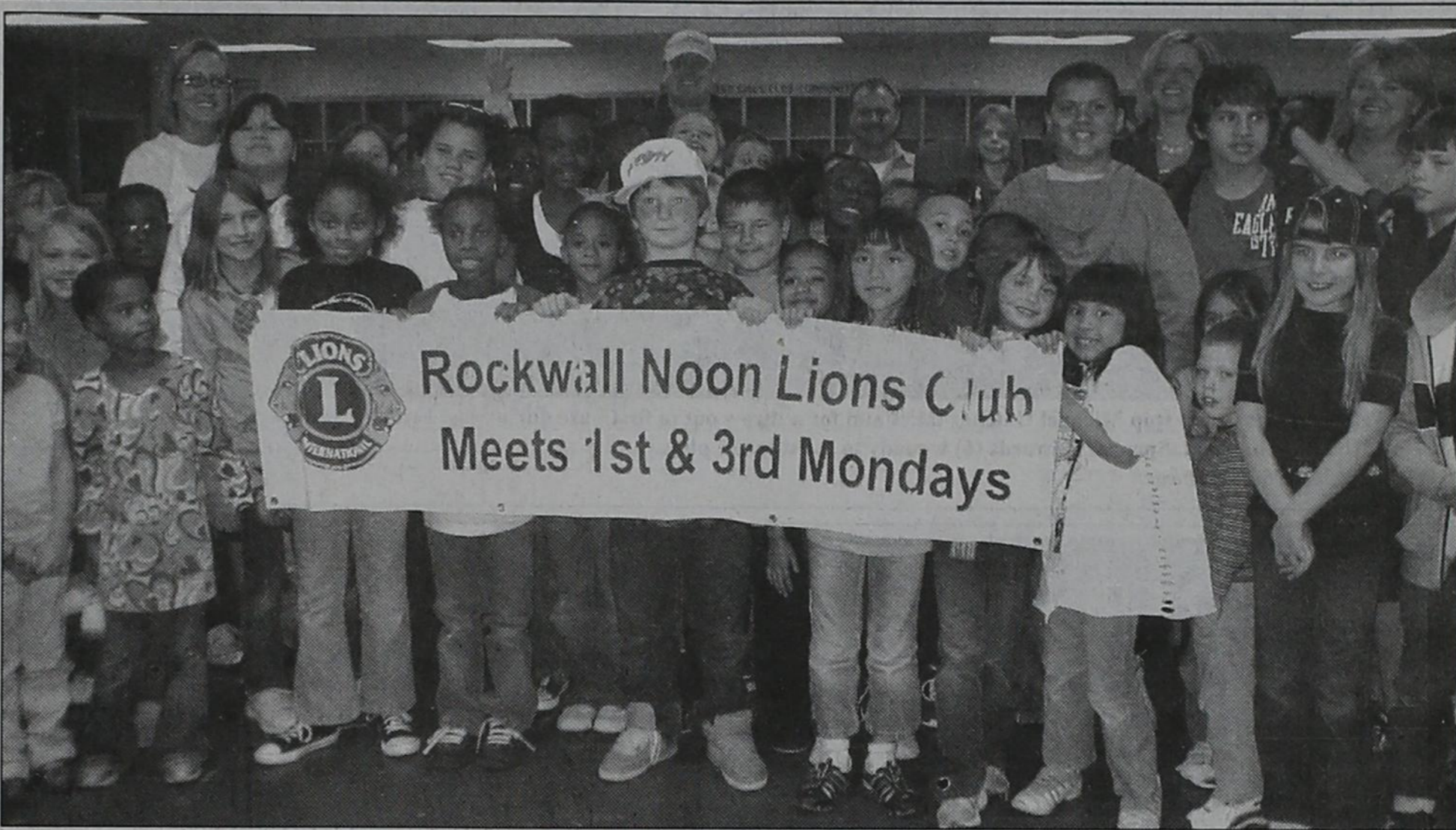
Rockwall County Obituaries

T.D. Brown

T.D. Brown, 82, a longtime Rockwall resident, was born in 1926, in Scranton, he served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was an FAA pilot examiner for 29 years. He was an operator of Rockwall Aviation at the municipal airport until 1982. A square dance caller and instructor, he was a member of the North Texas Callers Association and the Square Dance Hall of Fame. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

He is survived by his daughter, Shirley Brown of Irving; his son, James Brown of Tomball; his daughter, Janie Lowe of Arlington; his daughter, Martha Cole and her husband, David, of Brownwood; his wife, Lily, of Cumberland, Maryland; his daughter, Otis Brown and his wife, Lily, of Cumberland, Maryland; his daughter, Jason Brown of Irving and Wendi Carson of Garland; his great-grandchild, Trevor Carton of Garland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Otis Brown; his wife, Frances Brown; a daughter, Carolyn Carson; one son, Dwayne Brown; and a granddaughter, Deanna Prince.



Members of the Rockwall Noon Lions Club recently spent a Friday night at the Boys and Girls Club sharing pizza, homemade cookies, soft drinks, airplane-making skills and fun with about 100 youths. Lions pictured above include, from the left, Justin Holland, Larry Jost, Misty Park, Jamie Jacks, Nancy Runge and Megan King.



Thirteen-year-old Eric Palmerduca, a ninth grade student at The Fulton School, captured first place in the Late Intermediate Piano Division of the Rockwall Music Teachers Association spring competition conducted April 19. Students at the honors recital were selected from a competition conducted the previous day. Palmerduca is a student of Karen Porter of The Rockwall School of Music.



DC Kings Select Basketball team from Rockwall traveled to Little Rock, AR last weekend, competing in the 13-and Under Division and returned as the 2009 Finalist. The tournament included over 300 teams from Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Texas. DC Kings and coaches are, (back row from left) Coach Jeff Hoy, Junious Clark (JC), Bruce Brookins, Seth Jackson, Prince Giadolor, Coach Jeff O'Dell, (front row from left) William Butter, Jordan Hoy, Jacob Grand-Lienard, Justin Peters, Austin O'Dell, and Luke Ramirez.

Photo Courtesy of Sivi Clark

DimeBox Theater announces spring schedule

Movie fans will enjoy some of their favorite flicks over the next few weeks at the DimeBox Theater in Royse City. From westerns to romance, moviegoers are sure to find their favorites in the coming months.

- May 9 – "Roll on Texas Moon," with Roy Rogers
- May 13 – "Daddy Long Legs," featuring Leslie Caron & Fred Astaire
- May 15 – "This Gun for Hire," with Alan Ladd, Veronica Lake
- May 16 – "Blue Montana Skies," with Gene Autry
- June 13 – "Terror of Tiny Town"
- June 17 – "Sabrina," with Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart
- June 19 – "North by Northwest," Cary Grant
- June 20 – "Law of the Pampas," with Hopalong Cassidy
- July 11 – "Red Blood of Courage," Kermit Maynard, Ann Sheridan

- July 15 – "I Cover the Waterfront," Ben Lyon, Claudette Colbert
- July 17 – "39 Steps," Hitchcock thriller with Robert Donat, Madeline Carroll
- July 18 – "Reunion in France," John Wayne as an American soldier in WWI

Admission costs 10 cents. Screenings begin at 2 p.m. Groups of 10 or more are asked to make a reservation. The theater is located at 127 FM 2453.

The DimeBox Theater is typically open on the first and third Saturdays of each month; however, additional screenings are occasionally added.

For more information on the DimeBox, which is dedicated to family entertainment, contact James Cornelius at 972-636-9230.

Eagle Scout project creates community orchard at Helping Hands

Rockwall Helping Hands is about to get a sweet addition to its campus in the form of 32 fruit trees to be planted by Life Scout Josh Bernal of Boy Scout Troop 83. The service project is a requirement for Bernal to receive his Eagle Scout award, the highest award given by the Boy Scouts of America.

Bernal said the community orchard, which will feature such varieties of fruit trees as apple, peach, pear, plum and nectarine, will supplement the Helping Hands food pantry. Bernal and his volunteers will also be adding plumbing to provide water to the site and that irrigation to the individual trees will be through 32 "tree gators" that he has purchased.

A small arbor with benches will be placed among the trees to round out the project. The planting and construction will take place on Saturday, May 2.

In addition to other milestones a Scout must reach to achieve the rank of Eagle, he must perform a service project for his community. The project allows the Scout to do a good deed for the community and show leadership by planning and carrying out the project and by directing a group of volunteers who assist with the project.

Bernal said the total cost of the project would be about \$1,800. He said donations from the community would be greatly appreciated and may be mailed to Josh Bernal c/o Lakeview Medical Group, 7600 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 200, Rowlett, TX, 75088.

Bernal added that any funds received in excess of the cost of the project would be donated directly to Helping Hands.

In addition to money donations, volunteers are welcome to help plant the orchard. Students who need service hours or anyone interested in helping should call (972) 772-9476 for more information.

Rockwall County Sports

Jackets survive scares to hold district baseball lead



Yellowjackets' short stop Michael Hatcher takes aim for a throw out to first base during last Friday's game against Highland Park at the RHS ballfield. Spencer Edwards (6) is ready to assist in the play.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

by Lary Bump

Rockwall's winning ways continued as the Yellowjackets take three one-run baseball victories last week.

The Yellowjackets (12-1 in District 10-4A, 23-3 overall) held their one-game district lead over Rockwall-Heath with play. That means the Jackets can finish no worse than in place in the district.

A tie would mean a one-game playoff against the Hawks that to happen, RHS would have to lose Friday at Greenville (4-18) and Rockwall-Heath would have to defeat Highland Park (19-11).

Playing at home last Friday, Rockwall rallied from a 3-0 deficit to a 6-3 lead and held on to defeat HP 6-5. Travis Ballew from a rocky start to allow just four hits in six innings. Klayton Estes had four hits himself, including two double batted in. Wesley Cox pitched out of trouble in the seventh victory.

Head coach Jeff Payne had resisted the temptation to go for the win and allowed Ballew to complete a 5-4 home victory over Newman Smith Saturday, April 18, and Tim Parish to put down a 4-3 win at Carrollton Newman.

"I always want Parish and Ballew to finish their games," Payne said. "That's what good pitchers want. That's what we expect."

The coach admitted, though, that he thought about replacing Ballew in the seventh inning, he issued his only two walks, hit a runner home on a wild pitch to reduce RHS' lead to 4-3.

"I was close to pulling him. He looked tired. His pitch was lower than the Newman Smith pitcher's, but it was hot. He finished. He's earned the right to get to do so," Payne said.

So with one out, the tying run at second base and the speedy Mims on first, Parish faced the Trojans' leading batter, Ryan Newman Smith's catcher hit a ground ball toward shortstop Michael Hatcher moved to his left, beat Mims to the ball. The ball sailed wide of first base toward home plate. Hatcher stretched, caught the ball and kept his foot on the base ending double play.

Hatcher started double plays in each of the last three games. He was unable to come up with Mims' hard grounder for a double play. He helped produce a fifth-inning run.

Payne said, "I'd be happy with 21 ground balls hit to Hatcher. He could not hold on to the hard one earlier, but he had a solid glove. We're lucky to have him out there."

With Parish pitching, the Jackets didn't need Hatcher for a double play. Parish struck out nine Trojans while allowing just five hits. Rockwall had eight hits, including two each by Jonny Josh Steward.

Blake's double drove in the game's first run in the third inning. He led off the sixth with a hustling triple down the right field line. He scored what proved to be the winning run on J.D. Deloach's single.

The big inning was the fourth, when the Jackets broke a 1-0 tie. With the bases loaded and one out, Cox fell behind in the count but got his bat on the ball to hit a ground ball to first base. Derrick Chincock. He threw wild to home plate, allowing a run to score. Spencer Edwards also fell behind in the count, but a batter came through with a run-scoring single.

"Cox and Edwards are gamblers who, if they fail, it's not their effort or being nervous. They want to be up there with the pressure. That attitude is getting contagious, and good things are happening," Payne said.

Ballew's pitching was one of the good things against stubborn opponents (5-7, 9-12), fighting in vain to remain in playoff contention.

Payne said, "Ballew was not at his best but managed to win the big game and went the whole way."

The Jackets took an early lead on Edwards' run-scoring single. Deloach hit a solo home run to give RHS a 5-2 lead heading into the seventh inning.

Ballew gave up a two-run homer to the Mustangs' dangerous Spencer Spicer, but retired the side and preserved the victory.

Rockwall has added a game Saturday at 3 p.m. at Dallas Wesleyan. Payne said the game against the Longhorns, leading District 10-4A 13-0 and 18-3 overall, "should be a good test."



Yellowjackets catcher J.D. Deloach (right) looks to the dugout for the signal during last Friday's game here with Highland Park.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Lady Jackets earn district softball championship

Rockwall made it official Friday night, winning 12-0 at Greenville to clinch the District 10-4A softball championship.

The title seemed inevitable after RHS knocked off its closest competitors, Royse City and Rockwall-Heath. The Lady Jackets took care of business after that, outscoring four opponents 50-0 and accepting a forfeit victory over Highland Park.

Rockwall (13-1 in the district, 25-10 overall) will take a 10-game winning streak into the playoffs beginning the week of May 4. In the Bi-District round, the Lady Jackets would meet McKinney North, a team they have defeated twice this season.

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Lady Jackets' Haley Lemons (right) catches a throw for another out against Newman Smith during Monday night's game at the RHS field.
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Rockwall County Sports

Hawks:

Su sets new school record at Friday's regional qualifier meet

su set a new school record in the discus at the regional qualifier meet April 24 at Lancaster's as the Rockwall-Heath track teams fine tuned their performances for the upcoming regional at the University of North Texas. Williams turned in a 1-2 effort in the 100 and 200, winning the 100 in a time of 11.75 and in the 200 with a clocking of 26.02. Brianna Richardson took second in the triple jump with a leap of 37-6 while distance reia Moeller captured fourth in the 3200 with a time of 12:42.



Lady Hawks' Brianna Richardson competes in the Triple Jump event during the recent UIL District Track Meet at the RCISD Stadium in Royse City. Photo by Erin Strahm



pitcher Cody Sargent (17) launches during last Friday's game against R.L. at the RHHS field. Photo by Carl McClung



Lady Hawks' Devon Edgeman rounds third base on the way to another run for the championship team during the 14-0 win over Turner HS April 21. The Lady Hawks are preparing for post-season playoff action. Photo by Carl McClung

Hawks hammer RL Turner 12-1 to push winning streak to 12, still have shot at District 10-4A title

Rockwall-Heath went into its game with last-place April 24 needing a win and a small upset of first-place get a chance to play for the District 10-4A championship. The Hawks crushed the Lions 12-1 in five innings on Seigh to extend their winning streak to 12 in a row, the Jackets out 33-0 Highland Park lead for a 6-5 comeback win over the pl Scots. The Hawks (11-2, 19-7) need a win at Highland Park (8-5, in their district finale May 1, and a huge upset of the Jackets 23-0 for a chance to play for the title. cwa travels to woeful Greenville (1-12, 4-18) to wrap up its r season. or dy Sargent (3-2) got the start and went the distance for awk scattering five hits while striking out two and issuing ne wk against the Lions (1-12, 2-16). Hem offense, meanwhile, hammered out 11 hits and took tag of four Turner errors to score all of its runs in the first nnes. Hawks opened the scoring when Matt Bielski dropped in a blo double with one out in the first inning, moved to third wilc tch and scored on a passed ball to make it 1-0. Connor s th singled and moved to second on another wild pitch be-fo 6 Drew VerHagen drilled a sinking line drive that eluded r's wing centerfielder and rolled all the way to the fence for the ark homerun to give the Hawks a 3-0 lead. he scond, freshman Jovan Hernandez and Sargent drew back-ck siks, which were followed by an RBI-double from Nick son make it 4-0.

Charlie Martin then dropped a perfect squeeze bunt that scored both Sargent and Peterson when the Lions' third baseman air-mailed his throw to the plate to give the Hawks a 6-0 edge. Another error put Bielski on first and allowed Martin to score before Lewis lofted a long sacrifice fly to center to push the margin to 8-0.

Four More Runs

Heath added four more runs in the third as Hernandez, Sargent and Peterson hit back-to-back-to-back singles, with Peterson's driving in Hernandez. Bielski added a two-run single of his own with another

freshman, Jake Thompson, closing out the scoring with his second double, which drove in Bielski.

Peterson was 2-for-2 while Bielski and Thompson both finished the game 2-for-3.

In addition to Sargent, other seniors playing their final home game were Bielski, VerHagen, Lewis, Martin and Crew Kinser.

The Hawks were scheduled to meet the Red Oak Hawks for a doubleheader April 25 at The Hawks' Nest at RHHS. Red Oak was in third-place in District 15-4A with a record of 7-4, 18-8.

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Rockwall-Heath Hawks' pitcher Drew Benefield (14) slugs the ball into center field during the April 20 game against the Royse City Bulldogs at the RCISD field. In the catcher position for the Bulldogs is Angel Hernandez. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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End the Cuban Embargo!

by Sheldon Richman

Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro have nothing to talk about. While they do their diplomatic dance, the Cuban people are suffering because of the American trade embargo. It should end forthwith. The idea that trade between Americans and Cubans must await an American president's say-so is an insult to anyone who aspires to be free.

In a gesture toward liberalization, Obama has lifted travel and financial restrictions on Cuban-Americans with family in Cuba (but not on Americans without family there). Still in place, though, is the nearly half-century-old economic embargo. That won't change, the administration says, until Cuba's communist regime shows a willingness to change. "Over the past two years," Obama said, "I have indicated - and I repeat today - that I am prepared to have my administration engage with the Cuban government on a wide range of issues - from human rights, free speech, and democratic reform to drugs, migration, and economic issues."

His chief economic advisor, Larry Summers, says free trade between Americans and Cubans is "way down the road. . . . [I]t's going to depend on what Cuba . . . does going forward."

In other words, the Obama regime is continuing the long-standing American policy of meddling in the affairs of other countries, not to mention in the business of Americans. Where does Obama get the moral right to say when Cubans and Americans may trade and on what terms?

American hegemony lives. This is change we can believe in?

An economic embargo is act of war and has long been recognized as such. For 47 years American presidents have been making war on the Cuban people - and also limiting the economic freedom of Americans - by prohibiting economic relations between the two populations.

What has it brought? Certainly not a change in regime. While Fidel Castro, founder of Cuba's communist government, held power from 1959 until poor health took its toll last year, ten U.S. presidents were in office. Nor did the oppressive nature of the regime change noticeably. We have no reason to think that Castro has personally suffered any deprivation from the sanctions. However, the Cuban people, without access to American products, have suffered terribly. That is how embargoes usually work.

The Cuban embargo only strengthened Castro's hold. He could easily blame his regime's failure at central economic planning on the American boycott. Castro might have been long gone by now.

So why does Obama continue this cruel policy toward the Cuban people? Because it's so cruel, it is ludicrous to say he does it for their benefit. Thanks, but no thanks, they might reply.

Politics is one reason. National politicians can't afford to alienate the older and still-powerful Cuban-Americans in Florida, a key electoral state, who want the Castro brothers out. Another political reason is that no president wants to look soft on communism even in the post-Cold War era.

But a major reason is this: Obama heads the American State, which has traditionally claimed the authority to dictate or at least to veto what goes on in "its backyard." For all his talk about "partnership," Obama apparently has no intention of breaking with that policy.

The arrogance of the American position lies in the demand that Raul Castro satisfy the U.S. president before lifting the embargo can even be considered. If Castro makes the right gestures, perhaps the president would deign to sit down with him to talk. But Castro has to earn the photo op with Obama or else - heaven forbid - he might gain a prestige he does not deserve.

What nonsense. These are two politicians who are more alike than different. Both live off wealth extracted by force from their respective populations while they devise ways to impose their wills on their societies. Cubans surely have less freedom than Americans do, but it's a matter of degree.

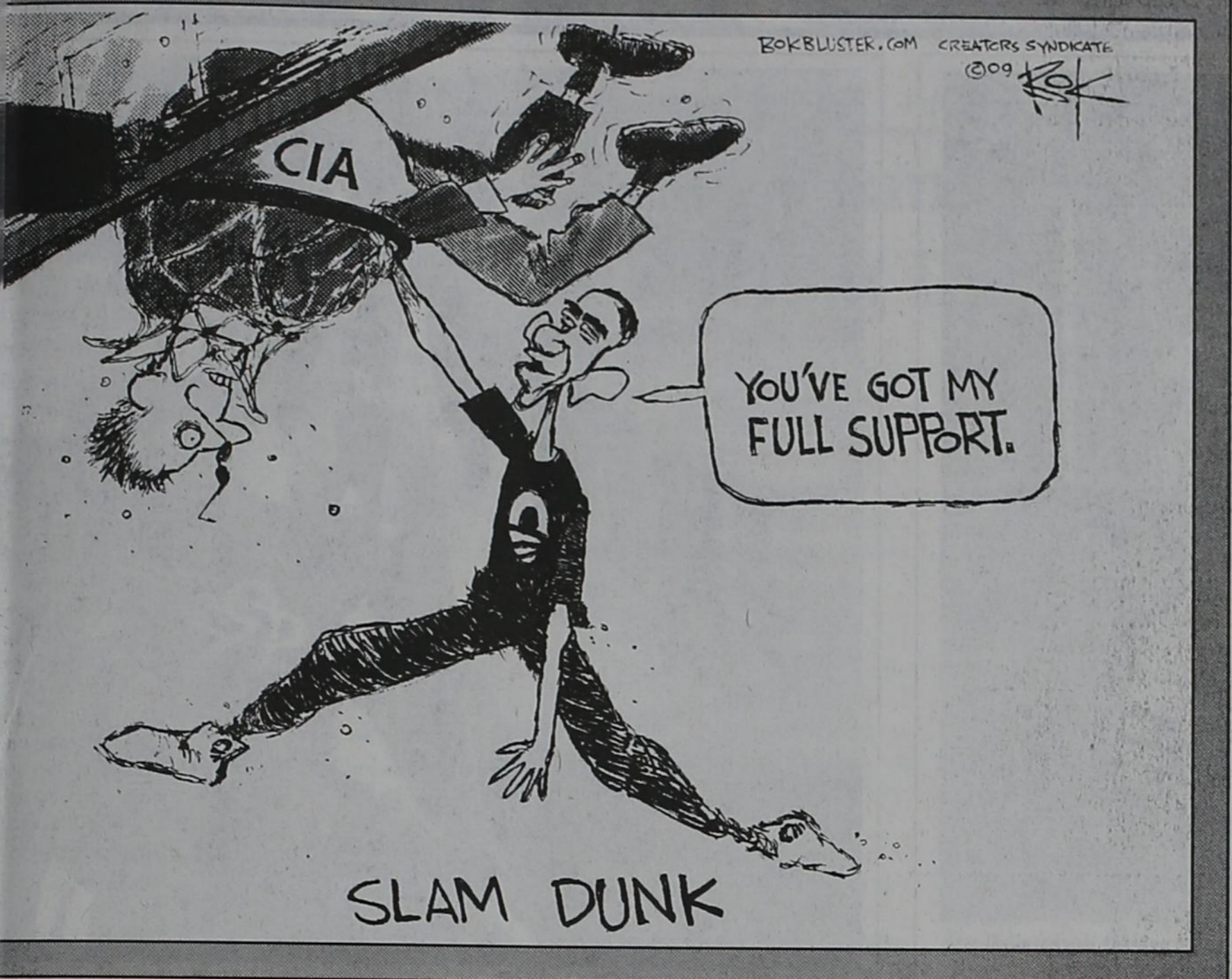
Must the Cuban people continue to suffer while Obama and Castro play their diplomatic games? In the name of humanity, the embargo must end at once. After that, they can talk all they want.

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Starting Company

Walter E. Williams
Perry rattled cages when he suggested that Texans might become so disgusted with Washington's gross violation of the U.S. Constitution that they would want to secede. Political hustlers, their media allies and others, who misunderstand, are calling his remarks treasonous. Let's

rights. In fact, when the Union was formed, where the states created the federal government, every state thought they had a right to secede otherwise there would not have been a Union.

Perry is right when he says that there is no reason for Texas to secede. There are indeed intermediate actions short of secession that states can take. Thomas Jefferson said, "Whenever the General Government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force." That suggests that one response to federal encroachment is for state governments to declare federal laws that have no constitutional authority null and void and refuse to enforce them.

While the U.S. Constitution does not provide a specific provision for nullification, the case for nullification is found in the nature of compacts and agreements. Our Constitution represents a compact between the states and the federal government. As with any compact, one party does not have a monopoly over its interpretation, nor can one party change it without the consent of the other. Additionally, no one has a moral obligation to obey unconstitutional laws. That's not to say there is not a compelling case for obedience of unconstitutional laws. That compelling case is the brute force of the federal government to coerce obedience, possibly going as far as using its military might to lay waste to a disobedient state and its peoples.

Finally, here's my secession question for you. Some Americans accept and have respect for the Tenth Amendment, which reads, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Other Americans, the majority I fear, say to hell with the Tenth Amendment limits on the federal government. Which is a more peaceful solution: one group of Americans seeking to impose their vision on others or simply parting company?

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New York delegates met on July 26, 1788, their ratification document. "That the Powers of Government may be resumed by us, whenever it shall become necessary to their Happiness; and Jurisdiction and right which is not by the said Constitution delegated to the Congress of the United States, or to their respective State Governments to whom they have granted the same." In 1790, the Rhode Island delegates made a similar claim in their ratification document. "That the powers of government may be resumed by us, whenever it shall become necessary to the people, whenever it shall become necessary to the rights of the States respectively to nominate their State Officers, and every other power, jurisdiction and authority not by the said constitution clearly delegated to the Congress of the United States or to the departments of government to the people of the several states, or their respective governments to whom they may have granted the same." In 1788, Virginia's elected delegates met to ratify their ratification document, they said, "The People declare and make known that the powers granted under the Constitution being derived from the People of the United States and reserved by them whensoever the same shall be perverted to oppression and that every power not granted thereby shall remain to the people of the United States, and shall be exercised by them as they shall see fit." In 1788, Virginia's elected delegates met to ratify their ratification document, they said, "The People declare and make known that the powers granted under the Constitution being derived from the People of the United States and reserved by them whensoever the same shall be perverted to oppression and that every power not granted thereby shall remain to the people of the United States, and shall be exercised by them as they shall see fit." In 1788, Virginia's elected delegates met to ratify their ratification document, they said, "The People declare and make known that the powers granted under the Constitution being derived from the People of the United States and reserved by them whensoever the same shall be perverted to oppression and that every power not granted thereby shall remain to the people of the United States, and shall be exercised by them as they shall see fit."

The End of Times?

Over the past few months, newspapers in Chicago, Seattle, Minneapolis and Denver have either folded or filed for bankruptcy. With the exception of The Rocky Mountain News, all the papers were committed left-wing enterprises. The truth is that most Americans are traditional-minded folks. They believe their country is noble; they want respectful discourse. Fanaticism of any kind is not the American way.

The New York Times is most definitely a committed left-wing concern that is openly contemptuous of the conservative, traditional point of view. That is the primary reason the paper may soon dissolve. And all the cash in Carlos Slim's fat wallet is not going to change that.

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Bill O'Reilly
The largest left-wing newspaper and the bible for network anchors and bookers may be going under. This week, The Times announced more staggering losses: nearly \$75 million - the first quarter alone. The New York Post is reporting that the Times Company owes more than \$1 billion and has just \$34 million in the bank. A few months ago, the company borrowed \$250 million from Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim at a reported 14 percent rate. With things going south fast, pardon the pun, Slim might make a call to Times publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr.

Arthur Sulzberger is that the Internet is strangling the newspaper industry, and there is some truth to that. Why read an ideological newspaper when you can acquire a variety of information on the Internet? But other papers are not suffering nearly as much as the Times. There must be more to it.

Another question that the Times has journalistic talent. This week the Times won five Pulitzers. It's true that the Pulitzer people favor liberal writers (the past eight Pulitzer Prizes for commentary went to liberal writers), but New York Times journalists often do report.

The problem is that under Sulzberger and executive editor Bill O'Reilly, the Times has gone crazy left, attacking those with whom it disagrees and demonstrating a hatred for conservatives (President Bush) that is almost pathological. The Times has liberal columnists in every section of the paper, and they hit hard with personal invective to smear perceived opponents.

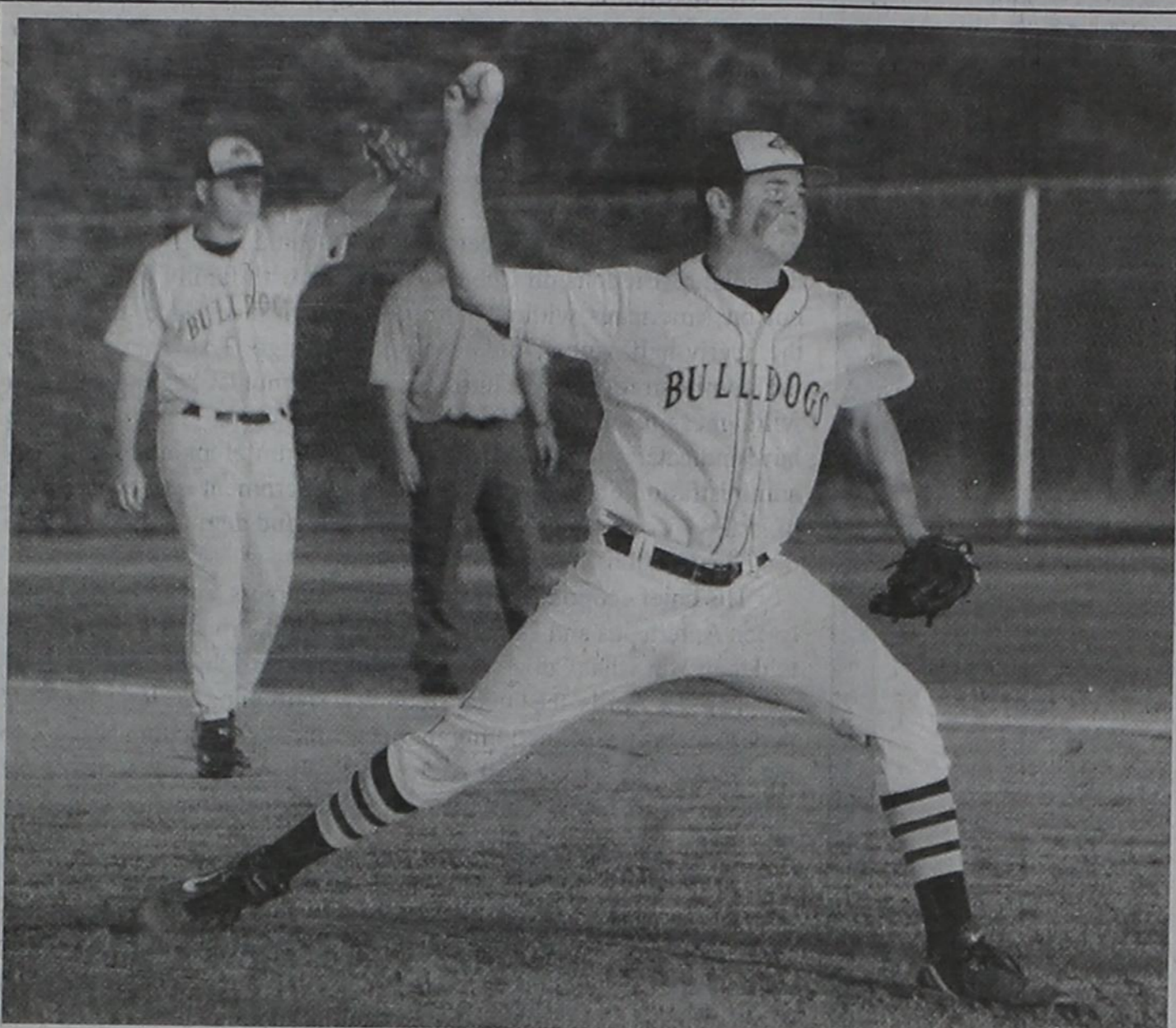
The Times' unbalanced approach has alienated a large number of advertisers. According to a recent Fox News/Opinion poll, 46 percent of Americans define themselves as conservative, 34 percent say they are liberal. In this very intense polarizing half the country on a daily basis may not be a business plan.

The Times company also has a major problem with The Boston Globe. When Sulzberger bought back in 1993. That paper is on the verge of bankruptcy and recently told its employees that it will cut health care. Since the Times and the Globe are big competitors in health care, that caused some giggling in anti-Times circles.



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Rockwall County Sports



Royse City Bulldogs' Scott Lane (19) starts into a pitch during Monday's game against Rockwall-Heath at the RCISD field. Shielding his eyes from the sun is first baseman teammate Dillan Jones.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Trevor White (front) pushes ahead for the Royse City Bulldogs' 4x100M relay team during the UIL District Track Meet at the RCISD Stadium.
Photo by Erin Strahm

Sports Notes

Little Sluggers T-ball program slated

Children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years of age can learn T-ball fundamentals in the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Little Sluggers program, which begins today and run through June 2. Classes will run Tuesday evenings at Myers Park Field No. 1. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

RHHS to offer free physicals

Rockwall-Heath High School will offer free physicals on Wednesday at the Baylor Medical Center of Heath, 6435 S. FM 549 in Heath. The physicals will be administered

from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; doors will close at 7:15 p.m. All RHHS students and incoming freshmen are eligible to participate.

Disc Golf Weekend slated this weekend

An event being billed as the "World's Biggest Disc Golf Weekend" is being planned for Saturday and Sunday in Harry Myers Park. The non-competitive event will be open to all ages and levels - from professionals to first-time disc golfers. Visit wbdgw.com for more information.

Pitch, hit & run contest planned

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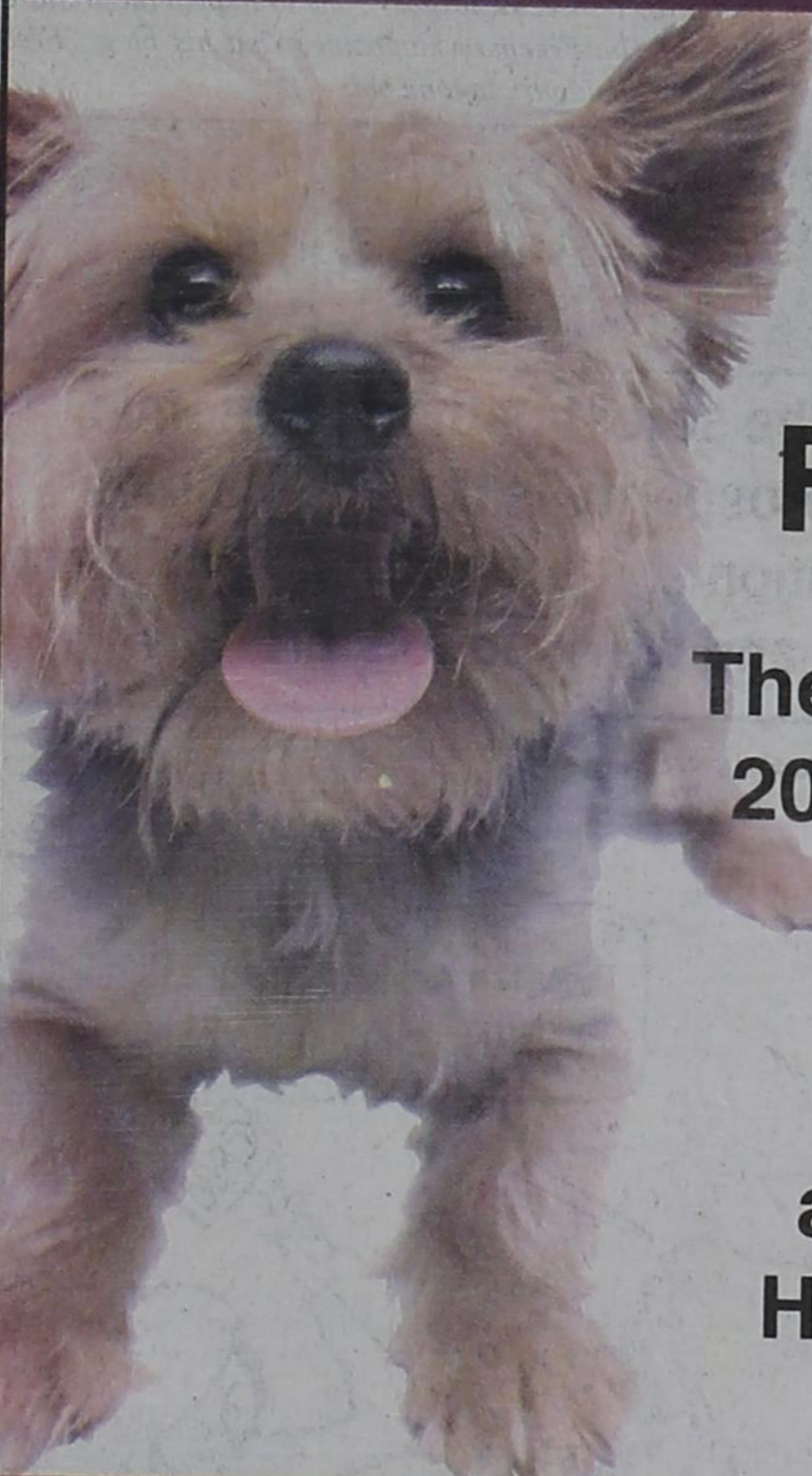
tion hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will begin at 9 a.m. May 9 at Harry Myers Park. Boys and girls ages 7 to 14 will compete in three skill areas in this free contest: pitching (throwing six balls at a target from 45 feet); hitting (hit off a stationary tee and measured toward centerfield for accuracy); and running (sprint from second base to home will be timed). Local winners will advance to the sectional competition to be conducted locally. For more details call 972-771-7740.

YR to host charity sporting clays event

The Rockwall County Young Republicans will host the 1st Annual Charity Sporting Clays Challenge May 9 at the Elm Fork Shooting Club, 10751 Luna Rd., in Dallas. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m.; sign-in begins at 8 a.m.

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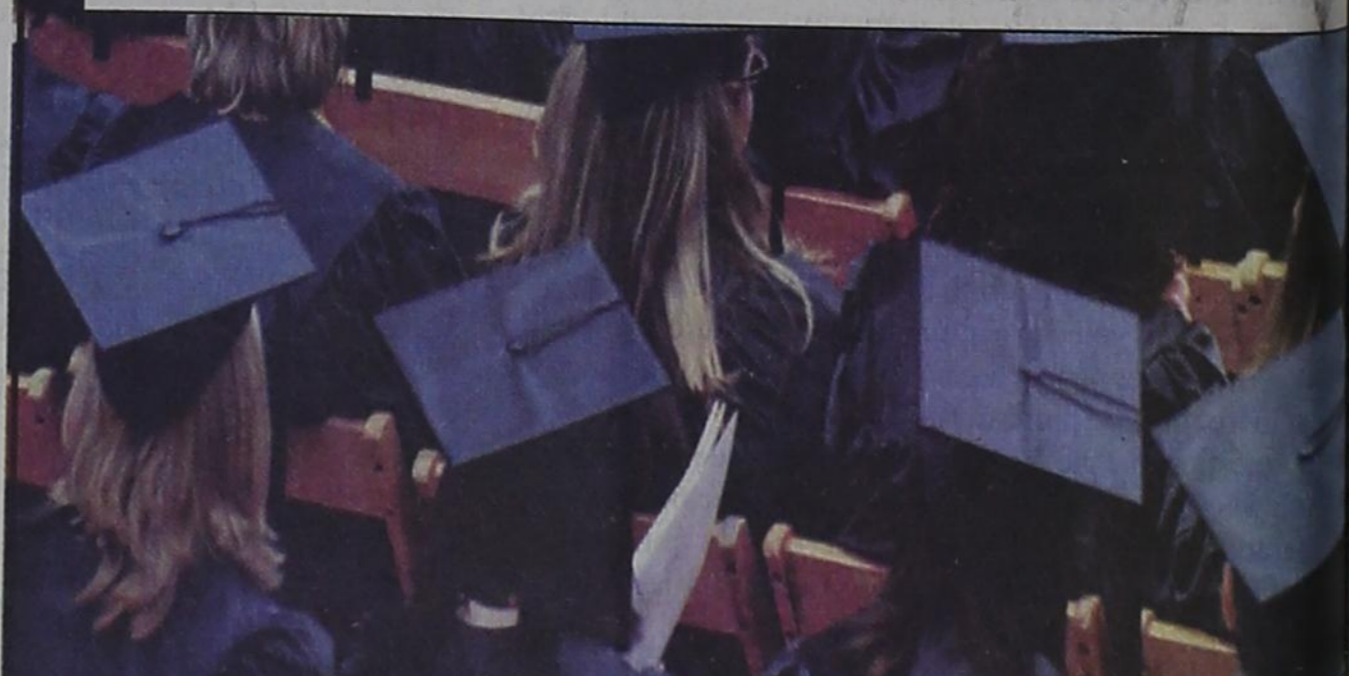
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Thursday, May 28
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