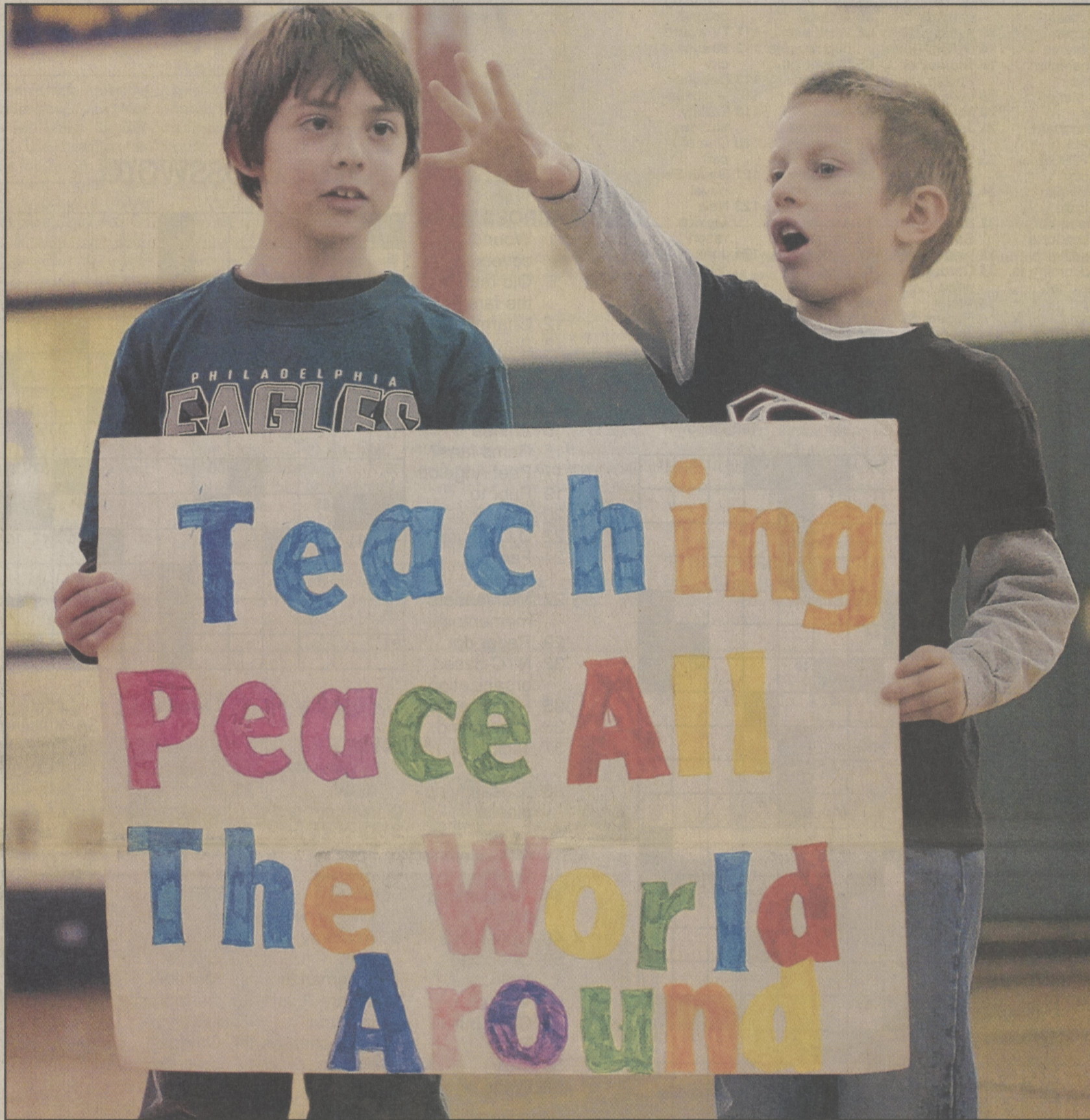


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Third-graders Ryan Kelly, left, and Jacob Taffera lead the Wycallis Elementary School community in singing "Teaching Peace" to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated tomorrow, January 21. The Dallas School District will have an Act 80 Day with students being dismissed early. The Lake-Lehman School District will have a full day of classes while Gate of Heaven School will be closed.

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Remembering Martin Luther King

By REBECCA BRIA
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"This man died about 40 years ago. He was killed because he believed in equality for everyone."

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and life, Wycallis Elementary School Principal Kathleen McCarthy led an assembly for all students on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 15, telling students about the late civil rights leader. The assembly was meant to educate young people about the man who had a dream for an America free of discrimination and full of peace. Six second-graders opened the event



Fifth-graders at Wycallis Elementary School sing and clap to a song called "Teaching Peace," marking Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

with the Pledge of Allegiance. McCarthy spoke to the children about discrimination based on race and religion and explained that King wanted everyone to be treated the same no matter who they are.

Music teacher Deborah Pike played the piano and led the student body in "This Land is Your Land" while the students joined in singing the song and offering hand motions to go with the music. Pike began teaching the students of the school the music and hand motions used for the assembly right after Christ-

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Former library friend dies in Calif.

By DOTTY MARTIN
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Carol King, a former resident of the Back Mountain and a long-time supporter of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, died on January 4, 2008 in Berkeley, Calif., after a brief illness.

Best known as the publicity person for the library, King had lived in Dallas from 1967 until

late 2006 when she moved to El Cerrito, Calif. Her son, Adrian, lives in El Cerrito while another son, Randall, resides in Truckee, Calif.



King

King was a long-time author of the Back Mountain Memorial Library column that appeared in both The Dallas Post and the former Back Mountain Leader. As a member of the Friends of the Back Mountain Library, she was known for providing publicity for that group, as well as photographing events conducted by the Friends.

"Carol truly enjoyed writing the articles and doing the publicity," said Martha Butler, who has been director of the Back Mountain Memorial Library for 16 years. "She would always interject some thought of hers or a thought-provoking anecdote into the column."

Born in January 1921, King grew up in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

She earned her degree in teaching French from Wilson Teachers College in 1941 and worked as a secretary, first for the War Department and then for the Chamber of Commerce in Washington.

It was in Washington where she met Hugh King, whom she married in 1958 and remained together until his death in July 2006.

The couple moved from the Washington area to Long Island, where their two sons were born, before moving to Dallas in 1967.

In Dallas, King operated her own nursery school for two years. She then obtained a teaching certificate in elementary education and taught first grade at Wyoming Seminary Day School from 1969 to 1989, a job she greatly enjoyed.

For years, Hugh King operated "The Recyclery" bicycle shop on Main Street in Dallas.

In retirement, the Kings traveled the U.S. and Canada in their motor home and Carol also made several trips to Europe. Last year she visited Hawaii and Alaska, realizing her dream of seeing all 50 states.

In addition to her volunteer work with the Back Mountain Memorial Library, King was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and published extensive genealogical research on both her own ancestry and that of her husband.

"Carol was very assuming," Butler said of King. "We don't even have any photographs of her at the library because she didn't like to be made a fuss of."

"But, she was delightful to have a conversation with," Butler added. "She was a very likable, very warm person."

'Carnivale' will benefit kids' charity

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For children born with a cleft palate, life can be tough. Normal daily activities such as eating and speaking are difficult. They face never-ending ridicule from children and, sometimes, even from adults. Surgery is an option for many people in America, but not in a poor country like Ecuador.

Community Cares for Kids is trying to change that.

Founded by Dr. Francis and Susan Collini about two and a half years ago, Community



Cares for Kids is a Back Mountain-based non-profit organization that assists underprivi-

leged children suffering from congenital birth defects. The organization's second annual benefit gala, "Carnivale," will be held starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, at The Highlands at Newberry Estates in Dallas. The cost is \$125 per ticket.

In June 2007, Dr. Collini of the Renaissance Center in Shavertown, along with his team of volunteers, performed about 62 surgeries on children at Naval Hospital in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Three ear deformations, cleft lips and palates, burn

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Valentine's Jewelry, others join in fund-raising raffle

Community Cares for Kids' major annual fundraising drive is currently underway with a grand prize valued at \$6800 donated by Valentine's Jewelry, Dallas, and nationally acclaimed Henderson Designs.

The award features a magnificent jewelry ensemble including necklace, bracelet and earrings from The Tinsel Collection, custom designed for the fundraiser by Lecil Henderson himself.

Additional prizes include Arasys weight and size reduction and muscle-tightening package (series of six) valued at \$900; Parisian Peel Package skin rejuvenation and lift (series of three) \$750; Perfector Package skin rejuvenation and lift (se-

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