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Community supports annual Pumpkin Dash and Fall Festival

By Jess Paniszczyn

Halloween got off to a running start during the Sixth Annual Valley Ranch Pumpkin Dash and Fall Festival on Oct. 20. Festivities including costume contests, games, snacks and a silent auction offered something for every member of the family.

"It has been kind of different this year with Cimarron Park torn up from the construction for the new aquatic center," Carole Lindsey, chairman of the special events committee for the Valley Ranch Associations, said. "It was a bit of a challenge to move everything to the other side of the park. But it has been great. We are truly blessed with warm weather today. It is just a gorgeous day to be out."

"We had about 250 runners this morning. Everybody had a fun time with the pet, the children, and the adult costume contests."

Local businesses helped make this year's Pumpkin Dash a success.

"The outpouring of support, sponsorship and volunteerism from our community was special. We went into this event believing we would be short volunteers, but we have more volunteers than we could use. We managed to find something for everyone to do."

"This year instead of getting sponsorship from corporate America, we are supported by local businesses. The Valley Ranch Associations paid for and sponsored this event for the first time," Ms. Lindsey said.

Julie Hawkins, assistant property manager for the Valley Ranch Association, helped organize the event's silent auction.

"We had an awesome event," Ms. Hawkins said. "We couldn't have this event without all of our volunteers and the City of Irving. Cimarron Recreation Center is great."

"The items on display for the

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Puling for pride, the Valley Ranch Associations' team challenges all comers, big and small, to a friendly game of tug of war.

Business community celebrates Chamber's 75th Anniversary

By Jess Paniszczyn

Originally established by 35 businessmen in 1932, the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 75th Anniversary in the Dallas Marriott-Las Colinas on Oct. 25.

The evening included dinner, a tribute to Past Chairmen and videos commemorating Irving's busi-

ness community's past and future. In the end, a champagne toast followed by music and fireworks finished the evening's festivities.

"Tonight the Chamber celebrated a successful 75 years of outstanding leadership from our Past Chairmen, our valuable members, Chamber partners and our staff who work hard to make sure

our business community prospers," Chris Wallace, President/CEO of the Chamber, said.

During the celebration, Chairwoman Lisa Sturgeon, Allstate Insurance Company, stepped down and new Chairwoman Peggy Masters, Comerica Bank, accepted her position.

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Second study ranks colleges on America's history

Provided by Alison Hoiem

The second in-depth study by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) reveals that some of the most expensive universities, with the highest paid presidents and the largest government subsidies, are among the worst-performing in the country regarding the teaching of America's history and insti-

tutions to their undergraduate students. Overall, the nation's college freshmen and seniors again scored just over 5%, or an F, on a basic U.S. history exam.

Students attending 50 U.S. colleges, including Texas State University-San Marcos and Texas A&M International Uni-

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Past Presidents take the stage to be recognized during the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce celebration of its 75th Anniversary.

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To provide new homes for unwanted, but useable items, the City of Irving started a free on-line service. Known as Irving's Material Exchange, the program gives residents an option to pass along items in good condition they no longer need to others who could use them.

Items listed are not for sale, they are for exchange only. Irving's Material Exchange is part of an effort to reduce the amount of reusable items headed to the landfill and expand the City's recycling program.

Listing categories include appliances and kitchen supplies;

automotive equipment and tools; books and magazines; children's items; clothing; electronics; furniture; home décor and accessories; lawn and garden; multimedia; musical equipment; pet supplies; and sports and recreation.

Those listing must be Irving residents; however those interested in the listed item(s) are not required to live in Irving.

Visit the Irving's Material Exchange program by logging on to the City of Irving's website - www.cityofirving.org and click on "Online Services". For more information, call Heather Taylor, administrator for the program, at 972-721-2345.

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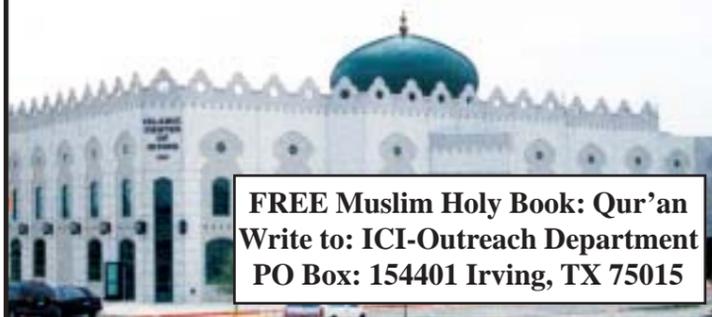
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POLICE & FIRE



Aggravated Robbery: 10-19-07 at 2:09 p.m. The complainant left the Wilshire State Bank in Dallas after making a withdrawal and drove into Irving. His car developed a flat, which appeared to be caused by a knife. When he stopped on 161 to investigate, a male in a white '99 Mercury pulled in front of him and fired several rounds into the windows of the complainant's car. The suspect reached into the car to possibly remove the money, but was scared off.

Aggravated Assault (Shooting): 10-20-07 at 3:28 a.m. Two male suspects knocked on the victim's front door in the 300 block of W. 5th. When victim opened the door, one of the suspects shot him three times with a shotgun. The suspects fled the scene in a white Mercury Grand Marquis. The victim was scared and fled the scene on foot. He was located at 200 block of W. 7th and transported to Parkland by IFD. His wounds do not appear to be life threatening.

Robbery: 10-22-07 at 12:40 a.m. A man and woman were sitting inside a vehicle at Twin Wells Park when a male approached and demanded money. The suspect acted as though he had a weapon concealed under his shirt as he confronted the male complainant, who was sitting in the passenger seat. The complainant exited the vehicle and told the suspect that he also had a gun. The suspect fled on foot without obtaining any property.

Aggravated Assault/(Late Report): 10-22-07 at approx. 6:00 p.m. The complainant called to report an altercation he had with a male friend of his wife. The suspect confronted the complainant in the parking lot of Abbott Laboratories where the complainant's wife is employed. After some mutual pushing and shoving, the suspect retrieved a machete from his vehicle and chased the complainant.

Aggravated Robbery: 10-22-07 at 9:39 p.m. A Male suspect followed the complainant from the parking lot of Champions at Valley Ranch to the third floor of the complainant's apartment building. The suspect displayed a handgun and demanded the complainant's purse. The suspect fled on foot with the purse, which contained cash, credit cards and the complainant's cell phone.

Burglary/ Business: 10-23-07 at 1:30 a.m. An officer saw a suspicious vehicle parked at the corner of Rock Island and Story. The female driver waited in the car while the male suspect walked across the

street and disappeared behind the Stop N Go store. The officer watched as the electrical power at the store was suddenly interrupted. Patrol units were sent to the area to wait for the vehicle to leave. The male suspect returned to the car and the vehicle drove away. Patrol units detained the suspects while the store was inspected. The electrical meter was damaged and an entry point into the store was found on the roof. The male suspect had sheetrock on his clothing, burglary tools in his possession, and cash in his pocket that is believed to have been stolen from the register. Both suspects were arrested for investigation of burglary.

Criminal Mischief U/20K: 10-24-07 at 12:42 a.m. Over a period of approximately one hour, South Patrol received several reports of criminal mischief involving vehicle and residence windows be-

ing shot out with a BB gun. An Irving Police Tahoe window was also broken by a BB gun in the 1100 block of S.H. 183. At least one witness reported seeing an offense committed by occupants of a newer model, grey Dodge pickup. An officer stopped the suspects at Grauwlyer and Bradford Street. During a consent search, a BB gun and BB's were recovered from the truck. Four adult males were arrested after they admitted to taking turns shooting at windows in the area.

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Irving Fire Department responded to 199 incidents.

The Fire incidents

- 55 Miscellaneous Fire and Rescue Calls
- 3 Structure Fires
- 2 Special Operations
- 0 Vehicle Fires

Comments:

10-12: Special Ops was an elevator rescue where all occupants got out without injuries. The structure fire was mitigated by first alarm response. Ambulances went into overload twice.

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Credit history 'piggybacking' becoming harder

By Jason Alderman

Boosting your credit score by "piggybacking" on someone else's good credit is about to get much more difficult.

People have long added their children, relatives or friends to their credit accounts as "authorized users" as a way to help them establish a record of responsible credit use. But Fair Isaac, whose

FICO credit-scoring formula is widely used by lenders to determine borrowers' creditworthiness, cites widespread abuse by credit repair companies that serve as the middleman between people with poor credit and strangers willing to "rent" their strong credit history.

In response, Fair Isaac's new FICO 08 formula, currently being adopted by the three major credit

bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion), will no longer recognize someone's history as an authorized user on other people's credit accounts.

As a result, some people's scores may drop, prompting higher interest rates and more difficulty in securing credit cards, mortgages and other loans. And anyone recently divorced or widowed – par-

ticularly women – will learn the hard way that they haven't accumulated sufficient individual credit history, even though they may have been authorized users for some time.

So what can you do? Here are a few suggestions:

If you're an authorized user on your spouse's credit accounts, consider converting them to joint accounts. Just bear in mind that joint accounts are potentially risky because one party could run up the balance or default on payments, so think carefully before taking this step, particularly with someone outside your immediate family.

Your credit may be good enough to open your own credit card account – if not through a bank, then with a department store or gas company. While these accounts are easier to obtain, be careful because they usually have higher interest rates. Use the card modestly and try to pay off the balance each month – that will help you build a credit history without accumulating debt.

You can also apply for a secured credit card, which is backed by a deposit account you open with the issuing financial institution. Typically, the maximum amount you can charge is limited to the amount on deposit. Some secured cards will convert to unsecured

(i.e., regular) credit cards after you've made several on-time payments.

When shopping for secured cards, look for zero or low annual fees, no application fees and low interest rates. Verify that the lender reports your payment history to all three credit bureaus, since that's the whole point of opening a secured card account. Credit unions can often offer good rates or go to www.bankrate.com to compare rates and terms between different secured and unsecured credit cards (also a good source for checking and savings accounts, auto loans, mortgages, etc.)

Another good resource for tips on how to establish a sound credit history is *What's My Score*, a financial literacy program run by Visa USA, whose goal is to raise awareness of the importance of understanding and improving credit scores (www.WhatsMyScore.com). Although primarily geared toward college students, the site's information is helpful for any age. As always, consult a financial professional regarding your particular situation.

Building a strong personal credit history can be a long, painstaking process. Learn what you need to do now so you won't be caught off guard later on when you need good credit the most.

College students fail civic literacy test

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versity, were involved in ISI's study, which featured 60 multiple-choice questions about America's history, government, international relations and market economy. Seniors attending San Marcos State and Texas A&M International earned an average grade of 43.1% correct, while freshmen scored 40.4%. This means that these two colleges' students' civic knowledge improved by 2.7 points, on average.

"Higher education is a \$325 billion business where at many prestigious universities presidents earn half-a-million dollars a year or more," Josiah Bunting, III, chairman of ISI's National Civic Literacy Board, said. "Ironically, based on our research, the lowest gains in knowledge in America's history and institutions are found at many of these elite universities where their presidents are simply not doing enough to help preserve our traditions of freedom and representative government. The time has come for higher education's key decision-makers—state legislators, trustees, donors, alumni, faculty, students' parents—to hold the nation's colleges and their presidents accountable for teaching their students America's history and institutions."

The new study, which added 32 universities not included in ISI's inaugural study, was given to more than 14,000 randomly selected college freshmen and seniors at select schools across the country. It was conducted on behalf of ISI by the University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy (UConnDPP).

Critics expressed their concern that the nation's colleges are not teaching the information students need to know to effectively participate in the American political process. ISI and UConnDPP have surveyed nearly 35,000 freshmen and seniors at 85 colleges.

"Virtually every institution of higher learning claims some form of citizenship, leadership, or national service in their mission statement," Bunting said. "However, the evidence from our ongoing research shows that colleges, especially the most expensive and elite schools, are failing to advance students' knowledge of America's history, government and free market economics and consequently not preparing their students to be informed and engaged citizens."

Smaller regional institutions such as Concordia University in Nebraska and Marian College in Wisconsin scored among the highest for civic-knowledge gained

(based on the differential between average scores of seniors and freshmen). Their presidents earn less than \$167,000 a year.

At the bottom of the civic-knowledge gain rankings are Cornell, Yale, Duke and Princeton. Their presidents earn at least \$500,000 a year.

Rhodes College (Memphis, TN), whose student scores topped the rankings last year, ranks first again among the 18 colleges included in both the 2005 and 2006 studies.

Overall, the average score for college seniors in the new study was 54.2%. Freshmen scored an average 50.4%. Not one college

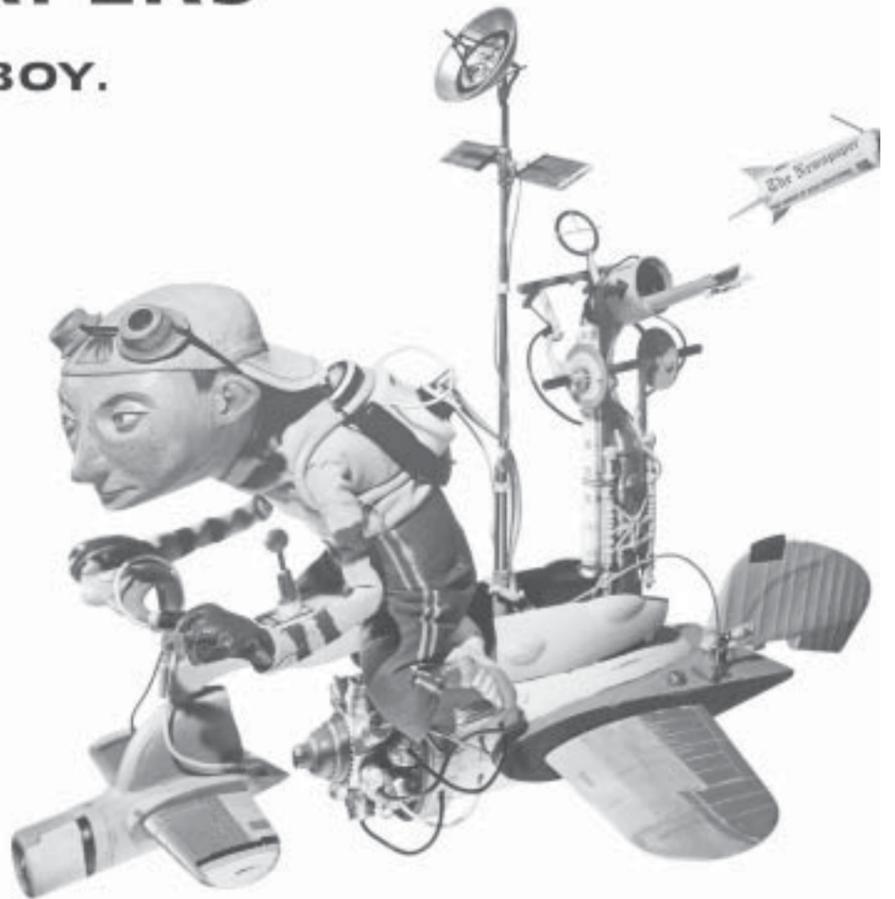
surveyed can boast that its seniors scored, on average, even a "C" in American civic knowledge. Harvard seniors posted the highest score, 69.56% correct; however, it ranked 17th in knowledge gained by students as its freshmen score was 63.59% correct.

Complete results from ISI's second study, titled *Failing Our Students, Failing America: Holding Colleges Accountable for Teaching America's History and Institutions*. For the first time, ISI's American civic literacy test is available in its entirety along with the full results at www.americancivilliteracy.org.

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Residents to go to the polls Nov. 6 for special election

A special election will be held Nov. 6, in which Irving voters will decide whether to impose taxes on users and guests of the Irving Convention Center and Entertainment Venue Project, and taxes on Irving hotel guests.

There will be one proposition on the ballot to authorize the City Council to impose:

1. A ticket tax of up to 10%
2. A parking tax of up to \$3 per vehicle for events at the Irving Convention Center and Entertain-

ment Venue Project
3. A hotel occupancy tax in Irving of up to two percent

The City of Irving and the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted a groundbreaking ceremony in September for the new meeting and events facility, which promises to be the center of an up-and-coming entertainment district. Revenue raised by the taxes would be used to further develop the convention center project.

"This project is important for the future development of Irving," Mayor Gears said. "It will attract visitors to our city, and it will offer a number of attractions for Irving residents. It will be good for the community and good for business."

Workshop to help bereaved cope with holidays

Provided by Robert Smith
The Visiting Nurse Association will be conducting a workshop on Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon on how to cope during the holidays while grieving the loss of a loved one.

"Healing Through the Holidays" will offer strategies and support for individuals who are adjusting to the death of a family member or friend. Topics will include "The Grief Process," "Remembering Your Loved One During the Holiday Season," and "Suggestions and Strategies for Coping."

The workshop will be held at the Heritage Senior Center, Room C, on 200 South Jefferson Street in Irving.

There is no cost to attend the workshop, but reservations are requested by calling Sue Rafferty at 214-689-2922.

The convention center is currently expected to feature a 50,000-square-foot exhibit hall, a 20,000-square-foot ballroom, and an additional 30,000 square feet in breakout/other meeting space. An entertainment venue, designed to accommodate contemporary live performances, could range in size from 2,500-5,000 seats. In addition, private development could

provide at least one hotel, approximately 150,000 square feet in restaurant and retail development, and up to 100 luxury condominium residences.

Details on the special election are provided at www.cityofirving.org. Call 800-247-8464 for more information about the planned convention center project.

Pumpkin Dash benefits charity

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silent auction this year were phenomenal. The businesses and organizations in the city of Irving came through with flying colors. We are most excited about that, because all of those proceeds go to The Salvation Army Irving Unit. We are very thrilled to help them."

Captain Matt Trayler and volunteers from The Salvation Army provided water to the festival's participants.

"The Salvation Army in Irving is grateful that the Valley Ranch Associations chose The Salvation Army as the charity recipients of this year's Pumpkin Dash. We want the residents who participated and those who are bidding on the silent auction to know those funds are coming back to the community to help needy Irving residents throughout the year.

"I was impressed by the number of runners who came out this morning and were involved. Then people stayed afterwards to participate in the community festival. It is neat how the community comes together to create this event," Captain Trayler said.

Carell has a home office

Mungles on Movies

By Matt Mungle
Title: *Dan in Real Life*
Rated: PG-13

For a romantic comedy to work there must be likeable characters with online chemistry and believability. In real life, no one is perfect and you want your character's flaws to add to their personality and not distract too much from it. *Dan in Real Life* pretty much does all of these mentioned. There are warnings everywhere for guys stating "Beware! This is a chick flick and not a Carell comedy!" That is sort of true but if anything it is a guy flick in that it is as much about fatherhood and family as romance. I would think it a perfect father daughter film. What a better way to spend time with your offspring and maybe even spark a few elements of conversation.

Dan (Steve Carell) is a single father of three daughters who spends several days at an annual get together with the large extended family. While there he deals with his teenage daughter's angst and hormones as well as his own desires when he finds himself infatuated with his brother's (Dane Cook) new girlfriend (Juliette Binoche). He has to choose the right formula of father, brother and human male. The family aspect makes it a romantic comedy with a deeper side. And one that is brought out by not only the directing, but the genuine nature of the entire cast.

in its plot and script, *Dan In Real Life* is a step above. Carell is not simply, and one dimensionally the Michael Scott most know him as. He adds sincerity in acting that makes you believe his character and relate to his emotions. He adds the Real Life to this film in making Dan a normal guy struggling with normal issues. It's not over played or dumbed down. I was worried about his chemistry with Binoche and how she would fit in a triangle with this generation's Carell and Cook. But she was perfect. Her natural beauty and warmth made her character exactly what the script intended.

Dan in Real Life is rated PG-13 for some innuendo. I think this is a stretch, and I think it is a safe film for anyone 11 and up. True the romantic elements and serious decisions may bore your younger viewer, but there is little to find offensive. If anything, I loved the feel this movie brings of family and quality togetherness. As we enter the holidays it is a nice reminder that time spent laughing and playing with those we hold dear can fix many an issue and make real life quite dandy. I give this film a solid 4 out of 5 pancakes. It is fun, romantic, and genuinely entertaining.

Matt is a member of the North Texas Film Critics Association (NTFCA) and hosts the weekly syndicated Indie Rock Radio Show Spin 180. Plus with his wife Cindy they do a weekly radio feature, *The Mungles on Movies*. For additional reviews and interview clips visit www.mungleshow.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 27
Summerville Fall Arts & Crafts Show

Summerville At Irving will host The Fall Arts & Crafts Show. There will be several vendors from various backgrounds at this event. You can expect to see Jewelry, Baked Good, Spa Treatments, Art-work and Crafts. This event is open to the public. Stop by between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

October 27

Fall Rummage Sale - DFW Humane Society is having a Fall Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 1611 W. Irving Blvd. All proceeds directly benefit the pets at the shelter that are awaiting new homes.

October 27

Clifford Hats - Children's Services team will host Clifford Hats, a craft activity 10:30 a.m. to compliment the Howl'oween Pet Parade. Kids can learn how to make doggy-eared hats inspired by the popular children's storybook, "Clifford the Big Red Dog." The children are welcome to wear their creations during the parade. The activity will remain available until shortly after the end of the parade.

Children under age eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

October 27

Howl'oween Pet Parade - The Irving Central Library invites pet owners to show off their furry, fuzzy, feathery or scaly family members in costume. Friendly, well-behaved pets are welcome to join the parade from the Central Library to City Hall. Participants will gather at the library facing Irving Boulevard at 11 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative costume, best pet and owner costume pairing, most unusual pet and the best pet and owner look-alike. Dogs must be leashed with proof that all required shots are current. Owners with dog rabies shot records will receive a free dog-tracking microchip. Other pets should be kept in an appropriate container for their safety. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

October 27

Halloween Crafts - Simple, creative craft activities will be made available to celebrate Halloween. Treats will be provided. Kids in costume will receive a prize 2 p.m. Northwest Branch, 2928 N. Belt

Line Road. Children under age eight must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. No registration required.

October 27

KidsNotes - The Irving Public Library is collaborating with the Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra on KidsNotes, a program that offers young children the opportunity to hear, see, touch and explore different aspects of classical music and the orchestra 3:30 p.m. Northwest Branch, 2928 N. Belt Line Road. The program provides information about the orchestra and gives children the chance to have a hands-on experience with instruments through an Instrument Petting Zoo. Includes a storytime, games and activities all designed to help kids relate to the symphony orchestra experience.

October 27

Fall Fest Activity - Plymouth Park Church of Christ will present "Fall Fest 2007" 5-8 p.m. for children and adults of all ages. Activities include bounce houses, games, candy, rides, face-painting, a free BBQ and more. The church is located at 1710 W. Airport Freeway in Irving; call 972-259-2631 for more information.

October 28

Irving Firefighters' Ball - The Irving Firefighters' Ball benefiting the Irving Fire Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, is well on its way to endowing \$250,000 into the Scholarship Fund. Four Seasons Resort and Club Las Colinas, 4150 North MacArthur Blvd, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Show your support for our firemen by becoming involved in this year's Ball

October 31

Fall Festival - Oak View Baptist Church (1004 S. Story Road) will be holding a Fall Festival from 6 - 8 p.m., featuring carnival booths, inflatable bounce houses, face painting, door prizes, live music, and food. The festival is completely free. For more information, please call 972-790-3629 or visit www.ovbc.net

November 2

Show Me the Money - The University of Dallas (UD) Graduate School of Management (GSM) and its Center for Corporate Sustainability and Ethics will host a corporate sustainability conference titled "Show Me the Money" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at UD's campus in Frisco, located at 7460 Warren Parkway. Conference registration, which includes lunch, is \$80 per person for registrations received before Oct. 15 and \$100 per person for registrations received after Oct. 15. Cost for additional registrations from the same company is \$50. To register, call 972-721-5151.

November 2

Job Fair - Irving Cares is pleased to host its first annual citywide Irving Community Job Fair at Senter Park Recreation Center from 10 am to 2 pm. The Irving Community Job Fair is open to the public. Senter Park Recreation Center is located at 901 Senter Street in Irving. Plentiful parking is available; however, the recreation center is

also accessible by DART bus routes #306 and #404. Employment applications will be available to be filled out; however, it would be helpful to bring your resume as well as any other additional information to assist in the application process. Clients are invited to attend a Job Search Seminar each Tuesday at 1:00 pm at Irving Cares located at 440 South Nursery Road in the City of Irving Human Services Building.

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New Neighborhood Association

The Corporate Communications Department for the City of Irving assisted in the formation of a new neighborhood association on Oct. 15. Northwest Place Neighborhood Association has more than 90 homes within its boundaries: Northgate Drive to Old Faithful Court and Cheyenne Drive to Missoula Street. Corporate Communications staff will assist this neighborhood association as it moves forward.

Benefit Dinner for Evelyn Segrest

Saturday November 3 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Friday, January 18, 2008 Brittnee Lee

Brittnee Lee's voice has grabbed the attention of audiences of all ages! While singing on Johnnie High's Country Music Review, (The Grand Ole Opry of Texas), Johnnie announced "Some people say there is an IT factor. Well, this girl has got IT!"

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Dracula comes to life in ICT MainStage production

By Robert Smith

Dracula has risen again in Steven Dietz's acclaimed stage adaptation of Bram Stoker's gothic tale. ICT audiences will thrill to the new theatrical version of *Dracula* during its Nov. 2-18 run at the Dupree Theater in Irving.

The noted award-winning playwright and University of Texas professor takes the familiar tale of the struggle of good versus evil for possession of a young woman's soul and gives it unexpected chills, seduction, humor, and suspense. Dietz's adaptation brings new blood to the classic vampire story, giving audiences a truly memorable *Dracula*.

ICT has brought together a stellar cast of notable stage talent that needs little introduction for their debut at ICT. Nikolai David Kiselov dons the cape in a show-stopping performance as *Count Dracula*, while Greg Jackson becomes *Abraham Van Helsing*, the

relentless vampire hunter hot on *Dracula's* trail.

Long-time ICT MainStage favorite and multi-award-winning Bruce R. Coleman will be handling director, as well as set and costume design responsibilities. Multi-talented and award-winning Andi Allen adds her sound design magic to the production, while Sam Nance gives the show a perfect every look as lighting designer. Technical whiz Tom Ortiz will step in as stage manager, assisted by all-around theater talent Fernando Lara.

Don't miss a frightenly good time with ICT MainStage's *Dracula* - there's a lot at stake. *Dracula* is recommended for ages 16 and up due to mature themes and adult situations.

Ticket information and reservations can be obtained by calling 972-252-2787 or going on-line at www.irvingtheatre.org.



Esther Selgrath (*Mina*), Nikolai David Kiselov (*Dracula*), John de los Santos (*Renfield*) prepare for a killer opening night.

Critt to perform at Irving Central Library

The Irving Central Library will host "By Rail: A Journey ... from the Big D to the Big Apple," a show performed by C.J. Critt, based on a collection of stories that celebrate life and literature in post-9/11 America. The program will begin at 2 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Irving Central Library, 801 W. Ir-

ing Blvd.

Critt is an audio book performer who was a 2007 Audie Awards finalist for work on Janet Evanovich's book, "Motor Mouth." She has narrated more than 150 works of popular fiction for Harper Audio, RBI and BBC Audiobooks America.

A veteran performer, Critt is active in the arts scenes in both New York City and Dallas. She runs a creative writing workshop in Arlington called "The Write Stuff" and serves as an adjunct professor at New Jersey City University. For more information, call 972-721-2606.

Audit results positive for Hunter Ferrell Landfill

The Hunter Ferrell Landfill in Irving received praise for its overall appearance and record-keeping practices during a recent audit by the Lonestar Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America's Safety, Management and Resource Team (SMART).

"The Hunter Ferrell Landfill is now and has historically been a

well-operated facility," Brenda Haney, solid waste services director, said. "This compliance review proves that. I'm honored to be professionally associated with this site and I take pride in working with the dedicated and hard-working staff at the landfill."

The SMART Committee conducted the site visit to observe

landfill operations and evaluate compliance with the landfill permit, landfill site operating plan and compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations.

The Hunter Ferrell Landfill, 1220 W. Hunter Ferrell Road, was opened by the City of Irving 25 years ago and is open every day from 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Residents who provide a driver's license and current water bill will not be charged for household waste transported in cars, pickups with less than a one-ton rating, or trailers less than 9 ft. Items such as paint, oil, tires, batteries and appliances can be recycled at the landfill.

Through eyes of love



Getting ready to begin their lives together, Shawn Smith looks on as his intended, Ashlea White, tries on one of hundreds of wedding gowns on the Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation's nationwide tour of gowns last weekend during its temporary stop at the Las Colinas Country Club.

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City relocates south drop-off recycling center

The city's recycling center formerly located in the Kroger parking lot on MacArthur Boulevard has been moved to the northside parking lot of Lindero Ranch at 101 N. Rogers Road, next to Bill Baley Enterprises.

"The new partnership with Lindero Ranch and Bill Baley Enterprises comes at a great time," Fran Witte, solid waste programs and marketing supervisor, said. "Lindero Ranch serves as the location for functions of all sizes and as a result produces a lot of recyclables such as aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles and cardboard boxes."

All of the city's full-service drop-off recycling centers are available for use by both residents and businesses.

"We welcome the opportunity to provide a place for these recyclables," Witte said.

Irving's drop-off recycling centers are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All centers are closed Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as on city holidays. All centers accept various types of paper; aluminum and steel food cans; aerosol cans; plastic food containers No. 1-No. 7 (except for No. 6, Styrofoam);

glass bottles and jars; cardboard; reusable clothing; old cell phones; and empty ink jet or toner cartridges.

Recycling center locations:

- South Recycling Center – 101 N. Rogers Road
- North Recycling Center – northeast corner of MacArthur and Las Colinas boulevards
- O'Connor Plaza Recycling Center – State Highway 183 and O'Connor Road

For more information, call Solid Waste Services at 972-721-8059.

Residents encouraged to recycle used cooking oil

Biodiesel Industries of Greater Dallas Fort Worth partnered with the City of Irving to recycle used cooking oil. Grease containing animal fat is not accepted.

With deep-fried turkey quickly becoming a holiday tradition, the proper disposal of fryer oil is essential. Once the oil is cool, be sure to carefully pour or scrape the oil into a container (preferably the original container) no larger than five gallons and apply a tight-fitting, screw-top lid. Call Solid Waste Services at 972-721-2232 for pick-up. The city's special

waste vehicle will collect and recycle clean cooking oil.

The used fryer oil is recycled into biodiesel, an American-made fuel that burns cleaner than petroleum diesel. Biodiesel also is safe, non-toxic and biodegradable. Every gallon of used fryer oil replaces a gallon of foreign crude oil. Frying oil accepted in the recycling effort includes regular vegetable oil and peanut, canola, sunflower and cottonseed oils. This does not include cooking grease such as lard or animal fats.

For a list of participating restaurants, or to learn about biodiesel, visit www.fryoiltofuel.com.

Children's Pictures of Hope become Greeting Cards

General Motors and The Salvation Army of Dallas unveiled *Pictures of Hope*, as Linda Solomon, celebrity photojournalist, returned to reveal greeting cards featuring photographs taken by the kids at the Salvation Army Irving Corps Community Center in Irving.

This summer, Ms. Solomon led a photography workshop with children at the Irving Corps Community Center. The children were taught photography techniques; then they went on assignment to capture photos of their hopes and dreams for a better life.

During the unveiling, Mary, an 11-year-old participant in the project, read her list of hopes. Among other things, Mary hopes, "for my mom to be here for my wedding; a long, healthy life; to reach my dreams, to be a good person all my life; and my dog to have puppies."

Encouraging children to define their dreams for the future, Ms. Solomon spent much of her summer sharing her love of photography with children through *Pictures of Hope*.

"The most exciting part of the project is giving children the chance to express their hopes and dreams. When you look at their photographs, these children are hoping for things that express life lessons. They are hoping for a good education, a safe world, a room for someone who doesn't have one and a world without drugs. These are all hopes and dreams expressed by children under the age of 13," Ms. Solomon said.

"I think when other children see these beautiful holiday cards,

maybe they won't hope for Nintendos or Ipods, and they will realize the most important hopes and dreams are for the things that these children right here in Irving expressed.

"Thanks to General Motors every penny from these cards goes back to helping the families in Irving. When you buy these holiday cards, you know you are changing a life. These cards shall resonate. When you give these cards to someone you care about, you know you are helping another family," she said.

Major Mark Brown, the Metroplex Commander for The Salvation Army, spoke with the young photographers about how they composed their photos to reflect their hopes.

"I think it is so moving when the children explain their photographs, because it really reveals something of what is involved. A child talking about wanting to see her father's family or a child wanting to make sure his mother stays in Irving, well obviously there is a whole story of separation there. Through photography children have a way of expressing what is important to them," Major Brown said.

"This is the first time children through a Salvation Army program had the opportunity to take part in a photographic project. Six Salvation Armies in major cities around America took part in this project. If you purchase these cards here, you will receive cards produced by children in Irving."

Crystal Hickman, manager of corporate relations and diversity communications at GM, believes

this program helps children create positive, lifelong goals for themselves.

"It is a joy for us to be part of this project. And to provide hope for many of our children who really need it throughout the country," Ms. Hickman said. "Our children need guidance and direction. Through this program, children

may find their hopes and dreams. They may find something they can carry through for the rest of their lives.

"I think the photos are coming from the children's hearts. These are not photos of things children typically wish for like PlayStations or bikes. These photos express hopes for things like

justice, friendship, and a home," she said.

General Motors' sponsorship of *Pictures of Hope*, allowed the children's images to be transformed into greeting cards which will be sold through the Salvation Army of Irving website, www.sadallas.org.



Major Brown and Ms. Solomon join nine young Irving photographers whose work is included in The Salvation Army's new greeting card box set.

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Chamber of Commerce welcomes nine new board members

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The Greater-Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce recently announced the appointment of nine new members to its 52-member board of directors. Don

Herring, Jr., Brenda Jackson, Ed Jolly, Randy Raudabaugh, David Russell, Brian Smith and Jeff Youngblood will begin their three-year terms immediately. In addition, Tom Morton and Kyle

Ahlfinger were elected to serve one-year terms.

"The Chamber is proud to welcome such a highly credentialed group of individuals to the board of directors," Chris Wallace,

president and CEO of the Chamber said. "Their business knowledge and expertise will be valuable as we work together to advance the Chamber's strategic goals and market Irving as a great place to do business."

Joining the Chamber board of directors are: Don Herring, Jr., President and CEO of Don Herring Mitsubishi; Brenda Jackson, Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing for EFJohnson; Ed Jolly, Global Online Support Manager for Microsoft; Randy L. Raudabaugh, Senior Global Services Executive for ExxonMobil Corporation; David O. Russell, Vice President of External Affairs for Verizon Communications; Brian Smith, Owner of Big State Drug and Brown's Pharmacy; and Jeff Youngblood, Co-owner of FASTSIGNS Irving-Las Colinas.

Tom Morton of Independent Bank of Texas, as well as Kyle Ahlfinger, VP and Chief Marketing Officer of Flowserve Corporation, have joined the Chamber board for one-year terms.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce promotes the growth and expansion of business in Irving. With a rich heritage of leadership and collaboration, the Chamber works in partnership with the City of Irving and the corporate community to promote, advocate for and expand business in the city and further develop and market Irving's advantages as a premier location for doing business. For more information about the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, visit www.irvingchamber.com.



WEEKLY BIZ BRIEF

A business activity report by the Irving Economic Development Partnership.

PIONEER MAKES OIL DISCOVERY IN TUNISIA
Las Colinas based Pioneer Natural Resources (NYSE: PXD) made three new oil discoveries at wells in Tunisia. The oil and gas exploration and development company said it expects production in Tunisia to grow 80% this year and at least 90% in 2008. Pioneer said it plans to spud three more wells in Tunisia over the remainder of 2007, and 15 to 19 wells in 2008. Tunisia is located on the Mediterranean coast of North Africa.

SOUTH IRVING BUSINESSES TAKE A COFFEE BREAK
Approximately 30 South Irving businesses met at the Receptions on the Main for coffee and to discuss business growth opportunities in the older section of the City. City Manager Tommy Gonzalez also briefed the business leaders on the City's 2007/2008 Strategic Plan. The next Coffee Break will be Nov. 8, 8:30 a.m. at the Receptions on the Main, 109 S. Main. Contact Don Williams (dwilliams@irvingchamber.com, 214-507-5091) for additional information.

FLUOR SUBSIDIARY WINS \$20 MILLION CONTRACT
CONTRACTICA Fluor, the industrial engineering company jointly owned by Irving-based Fluor Corporation (NYSE: FLR) and Empresas ICA (NYSE: ICA), announced the signing of two contracts for the design and construction of two lightweight offshore platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. The total combined value of the two contracts is approximately \$20 million (USD). The scope of work for these contracts will include engineering, procurement, construction, load out, and sea bed-fastening of the offshore platforms. The two lightweight platforms are expected to be completed by May 2008.

PROMOTIONS WITHIN CHAMBER
Chris Wallace, President/CEO of the Chamber, announced the following promotions: John Bonnot has become vice president of economic development and Beth Bowman is the new vice president of investor and business relations.

TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL PRESENTS
The presentation topic will be Web 2.0 and Social Computing and the keynote speaker is Matthew Brown, MarketNet, Inc. The luncheon will be on Nov. 5th, at the Four Seasons Resort & Club, 11:30 a.m. registration, 12:00 p.m. lunch. Members: \$40 in advance / \$45 at door. Non-members: \$45 in advance / \$50 at door. RSVP by November 1st to Pat Austin, paustin@irvingchamber.com or 214.217.8488.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
The U.S. Department of Commerce will hold its Global Market Export Certificate seminar beginning Nov. 1. The seminar will be held on consecutive Thursdays through Nov. 15, with the final session on Nov. 16. The seminar will focus on the critical phases of export from start to finance, and will be taught by a team of international experts and successful exporters. For additional information and to register, go to www.iexportimport.com, or call 214-747-1300. Total cost is \$285 if registered by Oct. 18.

VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATION
Porter's Army & Navy at 600 E. Irving Boulevard will once again host its annual "Help Our Wounded Warriors" celebration, Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. There will be food and entertainment. The community is requested to bring small size toiletries that will be donated to the Ft. Hood Hospital for soldiers wounded in battle. For more information, go to www.helpourwounded.com, or call Cindy at 972-579-1155.

THE WILLOWS APARTMENTS SELL
A private investor from Beverly Hills, CA grabbed the 226-unit Willows Apartments from a one-year owner. The Willows located at 3304 Willow Creek Dr. sold for \$6.3 million which is a 90%-leased complex. The seller was 40% done with a renovation that the buyer intends to complete. The Willows' one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments range from 541 sf to 1,082 sf, and rent for \$550 to \$875 monthly in an all bills-paid scenario. The new owner indicated that they plan on this being a long-term hold of the 20-building Willows, built in 1968 on 7.85 acres.

DALLAS BUSINESS JOURNAL RECOGNIZES IRVING CATERERS
The Dallas Business Journal has recognized the following Irving businesses: Aspen Catering and Glory House Catering were recognized as two of the largest caterers in the Metroplex.

IRVING BUSINESS LEADERS RECOGNIZED
Craig Boleman, founder of SoloShoe Communications and Chamber Board member, has been selected to be a

presenter at the National Arts Marketing Project Conference in Miami in early November. Vicki Marlett, Verizon Communications, has been elected to the position of national vice president of the American Business Women's Association.

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75 years of history remembered

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"Our new board looks forward to continuing the wonderful legacy that has been built over the past 75 years," Chairwoman Masters said.

During his presentation of a resolution from the Texas Senate, Senator Chris Harris discussed the many changes he has seen develop in Irving.

"Isn't it exciting? Seventy-five years of this community pitching ideas and growing them. When I look at all of the businesses that are now here in Irving it is dumb-

founding. Whenever I drive up 161 on the way to my Lewisville office, it is amazing. It always seems like there is something new being created in Las Colinas.

"In the 17 years I have been in the Texas Senate, I have represented Parker County, Tarrant County, Dallas County and Denton County. As a result, I have been a part of every Chamber of Commerce in every one of those counties. Ladies and gentlemen, there is no Chamber more dynamic than this one right here," Senator Harris said.



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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Games and Puzzles

ComParrot by Bonnie J. Malcolm Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



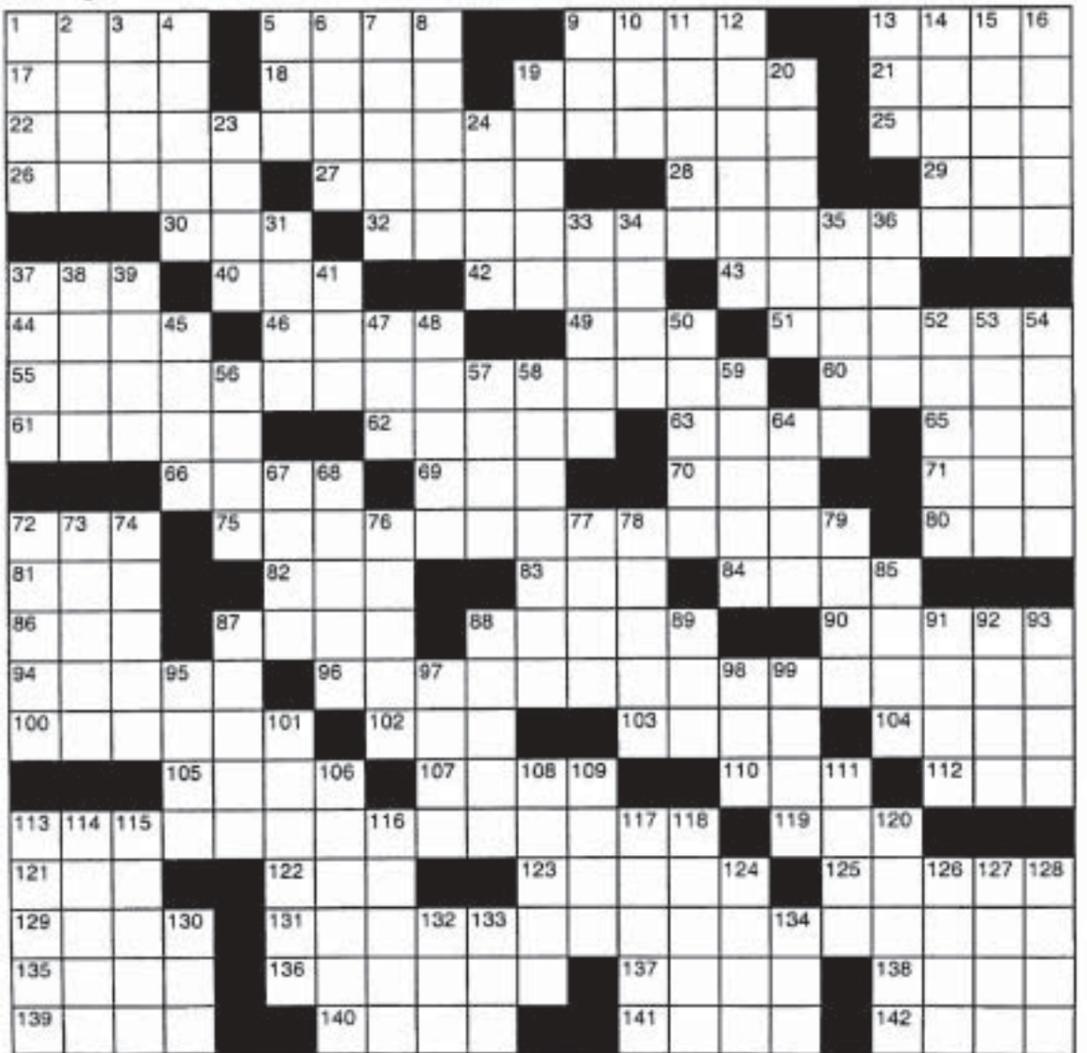
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Solution: 1. Corner of boy's robe is hidden. 2. Nose on pumpkin is missing. 3. Strap on shoe is missing. 4. Extra stalk appears on carrot hat. 5. Handle on girl's bag is hidden. 6. Package in pumpkin is colored in. 7. Moon on hat is colored in. 8. Star on robe has moved. 9. Bat on girl's bag has moved. 10. Candy on floor has moved. 11. Ribbon on wreath is longer. 12. Top of hat is different.

Super Crossword BIG CHEESES

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| ACROSS | 61 Gossamer | 105 Mississippi senator | 4 Blackboard support | 41 "Pshaw!" | 93 Geometry calculation |
| 1 Scrabble piece | 62 They just want to have fun | 107 Hellenic letters | 45 The — Piper | 47 Beer barrel | 95 Joust |
| 5 Colt color | 63 Close as can be | 110 Red cap | 5 —4 (Toyota model) | 48 Uplift | 97 Encounter |
| 9 Chore | 65 — | 112 Actress | 6 38 Down city | 50 Jamaican | 98 Landon or Kjellin |
| 13 Marine leader? | 66 TV's "My Two —" | Zadora | 7 Islamic deity | 52 — ballerina | 99 Johannes-burg resident |
| 17 "Tosca" tune | 69 Toyshop initials | 113 Cheesy basketball player? | 8 — Dame | 53 Macho type | 101 Standards |
| 18 Woody's boy | 70 Stocking stuffer? | 121 Tempest — teapot | 9 Kind of cross | 56 Olive — | 106 Restrict Rover |
| 19 Synagogue singer | 71 Deface | 122 Mineral suffix | 10 — Day Now" ('62 hit) | 57 Lug | 108 Furniture wood |
| 21 Columbo or Tamblin | 72 Old Testament book | 123 Throws down the gauntlet | 11 Word with bath or shovel | 58 With detachment | 109 Railroad deps. |
| 22 Cheesy football player? | 75 Cheesy clarinetist? | 125 Soprano Tetrizzini | 12 Agile Olga | 59 Campbell or Judd | 111 '64 Michael Caine film |
| 25 Decree | 80 Sheridan or Sothorn | 129 Brink | 13 Pound sound | 64 Knight's quaff | 113 Brandish |
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| 27 Madame Tussaud | 82 Singer Tex | 135 Is inexact | 15 Custom | 68 Stallion sound | 115 Light beer |
| 28 English trio? | 83 Tallahassee sch. | 136 Sporting dog | 16 Mary of "The Maltese Falcon" | 72 Maestro Levine | 116 Cold-war assn. |
| 29 Self-esteem | 84 Baal or Elvis | 137 Toast topper | 19 — de menthe | 73 Wagner work | 117 Certain deck |
| 30 Scientific site | 86 Actress Tilly | 138 — Came Running" ('58 film) | 20 Just out | 74 Biblical repetition | 118 Sam of "Jurassic Park" |
| 32 Cheesy TV character? | 87 Find fault | 139 Pub missile | 23 Final | 76 Katmandu's country | 120 Pop |
| 37 — -de-sac | 88 George Hamilton's ex | 140 Director Nicolas | 24 Encircle | 77 Lofty initials? | 124 Hook's right hand? |
| 40 Throng | 90 Chula —, CA | 141 Request | 31 Comice kin | 78 Sahara sights | 126 Oistrakh or Stravinsky |
| 42 Robotic rock group | 94 A Muse | 142 Baseball's Speaker | 33 Maintains | 79 — Scotia | 127 Word form for "some-what" |
| 43 Bit of hardware | 96 Cheesy tel-evangelist? | DOWN | 34 Comic Crosby | 85 Relish | 128 Pugnacious Olympian |
| 44 Perched on | 100 Swift stuff | 1 Reid of "Just Visiting" | 35 — shark | 87 French painter | 130 Cornerstone abbr. |
| 46 Beppu brew | 102 Where flocks frolic | 2 Nutritional need | 36 Defeat by a knockout | 88 Cremona craftsman | 132 AAA offering |
| 49 Miscalculate | 103 Go it alone | 3 Pride papa | 37 No gentlemen | 89 From — Z | 133 Poultry serving |
| 51 Award | 104 Green land | | 38 A Four Corners state | 92 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark" | 134 Stole |
| 55 Cheesy late-night host? | | | 39 A many-splendored thing | | |



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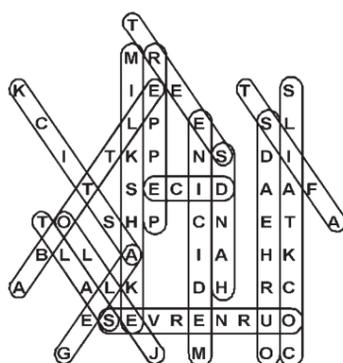
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MARGARET "PEGGY" GOODGAME



Margaret "Peggy" Goodgame, of Grapevine, passed away October 22, 2007. She was born Jan. 30, 1933 in Washington, DC.

Preceded in death by her husband Billy Bentley Goodgame in 1990, survivors include her sons Jeff Goodgame of Irving, and Dave Goodgame of Houston; daughter Karen Clark of Ft. Morgan, CO; brothers Wallace Campbell of Thurmont of Maryland and Robert Campbell of Cape Coral, FL; sisters Nancy Manos of Laurel, MD, and Janet Ebersole of Columbia, MD; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 26 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment followed at Goodgame Cemetery in Athens, TX.

MORRIS FRANK ALLEN



Morris Frank Allen, 86, passed away on October 15, 2007 in Irving.

He was born on Oct. 28, 1920 in Winnsboro, TX. Mr. Allen was a veteran of the US Army serving in World War II, had been a resident of Irving since 1951 and was the owner of A Quality Printing since 1961. He will always be loved and cherished, living in the hearts of his wife, children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Allen Telford. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Imogene Allen, three sons, Ben Allen of Irving, Gary Allen of Los Angeles, CA, and Randall Allen of Galveston, 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18 at Chapel of Roses Funeral Home. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

STEPHEN HOWARD WILKINSON

Stephen Howard Wilkinson, 50 year old son of Howard and Mary Jo Wilkinson, passed away October 17, 2007.

He was born Aug. 25, 1957 in Denton. Stephen was a member of Preston Rd. Church of Christ in Dallas and a part of a small business. He will be sorely missed by his many friends and family.

Funeral services were held Oct. 23 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with Mr. Walt Minchew officiating. Interment followed at Crown Hill Memorial Park in Dallas.

KENNETH BOYD BRANCH



Kenneth Boyd Branch, of Irving, passed away October 17, 2007.

He was born Nov. 12, 1930 in Mt. Vernon, TX. He was a member of Oak View Baptist Church in Irving.

Survivors include his wife Peggy Branch of Irving; sons Ken Branch and wife Bobbi of Irving, and Rob Branch and wife Rhonda, of Grapevine; daughter Regina Kenemore and husband Tim of Irving; brothers Don Branch and Glen Branch, both of Dallas, and Ronald Branch of Carrollton; 7 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22 at Oak View Baptist Church with Dr. Jim Gerlach officiating. Interment followed at DFW National Cemetery, Dallas. Visitation was Sunday at the funeral home. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Oakview Baptist Church - Continuing the Vision, Phase II.

WILLIAM E. FREDD, JR.

William E. Fredd, Jr. of Dallas, passed away Oct. 18, 2007. He was born Sep. 19, 1914 in Bloomington, IN.

Preceded in death by his son Edward A. Fredd, our sweet and loving Pee Paw is survived by his wife Mary Alice Fredd of Dallas; son David Fredd and wife Connie

of Keller; daughter-in-law Suzy Fredd of Irving; 5 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Oct. 22 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were made by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

AL ZADY LOOPER



Al Zady Looper, of Irving, passed away October 16, 2007.

He was born July 20, 1920 in Dallas. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Irving and the Masonic Lodge.

Preceded in death by his wife Mabelle, survivors include his nephews and nieces John Looper, Joel and Margaret Looper, Larry and Becky Young, and John and Tammy Newbern, and numerous great nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Oct. 20 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. David Turner officiating. Interment followed at Restland Memorial Park, Dallas.

RICHARD GUY FOWLER



Richard Guy Fowler, of Irving, passed away October 18, 2007.

He was born Jan. 13, 1920 in McKinney. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Irving, and VFW Post 4477, and enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening, and dancing.

Preceded in death by his parents E.E. and Grace Fowler, brother Wilson Fowler, sister Oma Bolin, and wife Mildred Fowler, survivors include his son James Richard Fowler of Irving; daughter Mary Moloughney and husband Edward of Dallas; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; sister-in-law Emma Kathryn Beck; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held Oct. 23 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment followed at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas.

EDWARD ALLEN BRIDGES

Edward Allen Bridges of Irving passed away October 22, 2007 at his home. He was born on June 2, 1926 in Dallas.

He is survived by wife Dorothy Bridges of Irving; sons Boyd Fredregill and wife Audry of Grand Prairie, and Roger Keith and wife Susan of Killeen; daughters Beverly Fredregill of Ennis, Joyce Shankles and husband Thomas of Irving, Shirley Barfield and husband Danny of Arlington, and Debbie Holcomb and husband James of Terrell; brother James Bridges and wife Betty of Denver, CO; 16 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 26 at Plymouth Park Baptist Church with Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Interment followed at

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JERRY DALE CALLISON



Jerry Dale Callison, of Irving, went to be with the Lord on October 23, 2007.

He fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith! 2 Timothy 4:7 He was born July 29, 1960 in Nowata, OK.

Survivors include his wife Glenda Callison of Irving; mother Thelma Meacham of Cambridge, ID; son Jerry Callison, Jr. and daughter Christina Callison, both of Mesquite; 1 brother; and 6 sisters.

DORIS ANN HUNT



Doris Ann Hunt, of Irving, passed away October 22, 2007. She was born Nov. 22, 1919 in Dallas.

Preceded in death by her husband Claude Hunt in 2003, survivors include her sons Lawrence Hunt of

Irving, and Ronald Hunt of Arlington; 1 grandchild, and 1 great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Oct. 25 at Brown's Memorial Chapel with Rev. Earnest Walt officiating. Interment followed at Wheatland Cemetery in Dallas.

VIRGINIA R. HILL-FARR



Virginia R. Hill-Farr, age 64, a resident of Irving for 21 years, formerly of Abilene for 43 years, passed away October

23, 2007 at home. Born April 13, 1943 in Abilene to Jack and Helen Hill, she was employed at EMC Mortgage in Irving for 13 years.

Virginia is survived by her son, Brandon Farr; mother, Helen Hill; brother, Tommy; sister, Vivian; and best friend, Frankie Freeland.

She will be remembered as a loving mother, wonderful daughter and a very caring friend.

Friends were received by the family Friday at the funeral home. Services were held Oct. 27 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

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Pet ownership improves the health of Baby Boomers

Provided by Rachel Friedman

As our population ages, health concerns among the Baby Boom generation affect all of us in some way. So what if there was a natural way to help lower blood pressure, increase activity and ward off depression for seniors? There is - pet ownership.

A number of studies by respected researchers have proved the positive benefits the Boomers derive from the companionship of a pet. That's why animal rescue shelters across the nation encourage pet adoptions by members of this generation. It's a win-win situation for everyone.

"When they feel isolated because their families are far away

and they're all alone, the love and connection they feel with a dog or cat can dramatically change their outlook," Dr. Pomerance, certified grief recovery specialist and author, said. "A pet provides a sense of purpose and helps ward off isolation and depression."

Researchers discovered a multitude of physical, mental and emotional benefits of pet ownership for seniors. Pets help reduce stress, lower blood pressure and keep seniors more active—whether they have a dog or cat. According to the Pets for the Elderly Foundation, senior pet-owners also take better care of themselves and have 21% fewer visits to the doctor compared to non-pet owners, with shorter

hospital stays than the average person. Animal companions can also help them deal with grief and loss, which unfortunately, are common issues for Baby Boomers.

"No one likes talking about death, but the fact is, as we get older and start outliving our friends, our spouses and our siblings, we face tremendous loss and loneliness," Pomerance said. "The unconditional love of a pet can be a great comfort when you're grieving and struggling to deal with a roller coaster of emotions."

While the benefits of pet ownership are indeed great, seniors need to make some careful considerations before heading to a shelter to adopt a pet. Dr. Pomerance has come up with a list of questions they should ask to determine how to choose the best pet for their situation:

1. Do I have enough space for the type of pet I want?
2. Do I want a pet that is full of energy, or one that is mellow?
3. Am I able to take my pet for walks?
4. Do I have time to regularly feed and exercise my animal companion?
5. Can I handle cleaning a litter box or cleaning up after a dog?
6. Is the pet's temperament suited to mine?
7. Do I understand the costs involved in caring for this pet?
8. If I become seriously ill or die, who will care for my pet?

Pomerance stresses that pet adoption is a lifetime commitment and responsibility that requires much thought and planning. "I strongly encourage Baby Boomers to adopt pets because it helps the person *and* the pet. But people

need to be fully prepared for what's truly involved in caring for that animal. That's why it's so important to be sure that you choose a pet that's a good fit for your lifestyle, personality and living arrangements," he said.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church supports Irving Cares

Provided by Leigh Eitson

St. Mark's Episcopal Church donated 890 pounds of food to the Irving Cares Food Pantry program in celebration of Father Greg Pickens' birthday.

"The church members at St. Mark's saw this food drive as an opportunity to honor Fr. Greg on his birthday, and to thank God for sending him to us," St. Mark's member Bettye Brown said. "We hope to make this an annual event."

The food pantry program allows Irving Cares to partner with clients to help meet the nutritional

needs of families during a crisis. Irving Cares served 411 families during the month of August.

"St. Mark's is a fantastic partner for the food pantry. They man several crews to prepare food orders for clients, sort and stock donated items, and keep the food pantry in tip-top shape. They are also our jelly and cracker church, holding regular designated food drives that supplement our inventory. They really understand our mission and are faithful supporters," Executive Director Teddie Story said.

If you or your group would like to learn more about the Irving Cares food pantry, visit www.irvingcares.org or call Leigh Eitson at 972-721-9181 x209.

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ROSITA RENDON



Rosita Rendon, 58, passed away October 22, 2007 in Dallas.

She was born on April 23, 1949 in Mercedes, TX. Mrs. Rendon was along time resident of Dallas and had been a Teacher's Assistant for DISD for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jose Manuel Rendon, Sr. She is survived by her daughter, Martha Rendon of Irving, son, Jose Rendon, Jr., 7 grand children, father, Miguel Medina of McAllen, TX, mother, Evangelina Medina of East Lansing, MI, and 7 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services was held Oct. 25 at Chapel of Roses Funeral Home. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

DEBORAH JO WHITWORTH

Deborah Jo Whitworth, 59, passed away on October 11, 2007 in Dallas.

She was born on July 25, 1948 in Dallas. Mrs. Whitworth had been a resident of Irving most of her life, was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Las Colinas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Whitworth. She is survived by her children, Reggie Whitworth, Robin Rutherford and Ronny Whitworth all of Irving, 3 grandchildren, Robert, Nicole and Brittany, mother, Sue Brown, step-mother, Melba Smith and nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Oct. 15 at Chapel of Roses Funeral Home. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Halloween safety tips to avoid fires

As ghosts, goblins and witches prepare to hit the streets in search of fun and treats, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is urging caution in order for chil-

dren and adults to be safe this Halloween. Halloween is the fifth highest day of the year for candle fires, falling in behind Christmas,

Christmas Eve, New Year's Day and New Year's Eve.

In order to make the Halloween holiday safe, NFPA recommends the following:

Halloween Safety Tips

1. Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.
2. Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.
3. Use flashlights when illuminating Jack-O-Lanterns. Use extreme caution when decorating with candlelit Jack-O-Lanterns, and supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack-O-Lanterns, use long, fireplace-style

matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn including doorsteps, walkways and yards.

4. Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.

5. Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

6. Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to Stop, Drop and Roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)

OPINION

Statement in support of Texas Proposition 15

Provided by Margaret Foti, Ph.D., M.D., (h.c.)

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) supports Texas Proposition 15 and strongly encourages voters in Texas to approve the bond proposal on Nov. 6. Proposition 15 would provide \$3 billion in funding — \$300 million a year for 10 years — for cancer research and prevention efforts in Texas.

At a time when federal funding for cancer research is declining, alternative funding mechanisms are crucial to our progress against cancer. The AACR applauds the efforts of Gov. Rick Perry, the Texas legislature, the state's cancer researchers and their institutions, the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Kill Cancer, the American Cancer Society and the Texas Medical Association to successfully pass legislation that establishes the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and gives voters an opportunity to support Proposition 15 and make an impact against the disease that strikes one in three Americans.

America has benefited from a long-standing commitment to cancer research. In declaring a "War on Cancer" in 1971, the U.S. government made a significant investment in cancer research that, over the last 35 years, spawned a thriving biotechnology industry and supported cancer research studies at hospitals and universities across the nation that have yielded major advances in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Cancer patients are now receiving treatments tailored to their own cancers and their genetic makeup. Vaccines that call upon the body's immune system to prevent cancer from ever occurring are now available for some cancers, and new ones are on the near horizon. Progress in cancer prevention research is reducing cancer incidence and rapidly leading to improvements in public health.

Over 10 million cancer survivors are alive today in America because of the remarkable advances in cancer research.

Our investment in cancer research is returning billions in savings to this nation from decreased mortality. Noted University of Chicago economists Kevin Murphy and Robert Topel have estimated that a one percent reduction in cancer mortality rates is worth nearly \$500 billion in national wealth to America. A cure for cancer would be worth upwards of \$46 trillion. And the social value of cancer research in terms of lives saved is immeasurable.

At a time when cancer researchers are making real and rapid progress against this disease, federal funding from the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute is decreas-

ing, with devastating effects. Today, only one in 10 cancer research proposals receive funding from the National Cancer Institute, leaving many promising paths toward a cure for cancer unexplored. Bright, young researchers, unable to secure research grants, are turning to other careers.

These effects are felt acutely in Texas. In 2006, the state lost \$30 million in federal research funds and this year will not see an improvement in this grim picture. Texas researchers are receiving fewer grants for research and training, which means that new ideas will go unexplored and the next generation of young scientists will leave Texas or the cancer field altogether. This disruption of the research pipeline will slow the development of new treatments and set back America's biomedical leadership for decades to come.

Texans should be proud of the scientific achievements made by their research institutions, but they should also be concerned that their state, and the nation, are in danger of falling behind. The people of Texas, and all Americans, must make cancer research a national

priority. By approving Proposition 15, Texans will lead the nation by example in providing critical funding for cancer research. Using Texas as a model, the AACR urges all states to consider passing similar legislation to ensure appropriate funding to advance progress in cancer research.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France to the United States, is dedicated in New York Harbor. The 151-foot statue was originally known as "Liberty Enlightening the World."

On Oct. 27, 1904, the first subway system in America is opened in New York City. The first route ran north from City Hall, under Lafayette Street and Park Avenue to Grand Central Station, west along 42nd Street to Times Square, then north on Broadway to 145th Street.

On Oct. 25, 1912, comedian Minnie Pearl, destined to become a longtime fixture of Nashville's Grand Ole Opry, is born. Pearl was famous

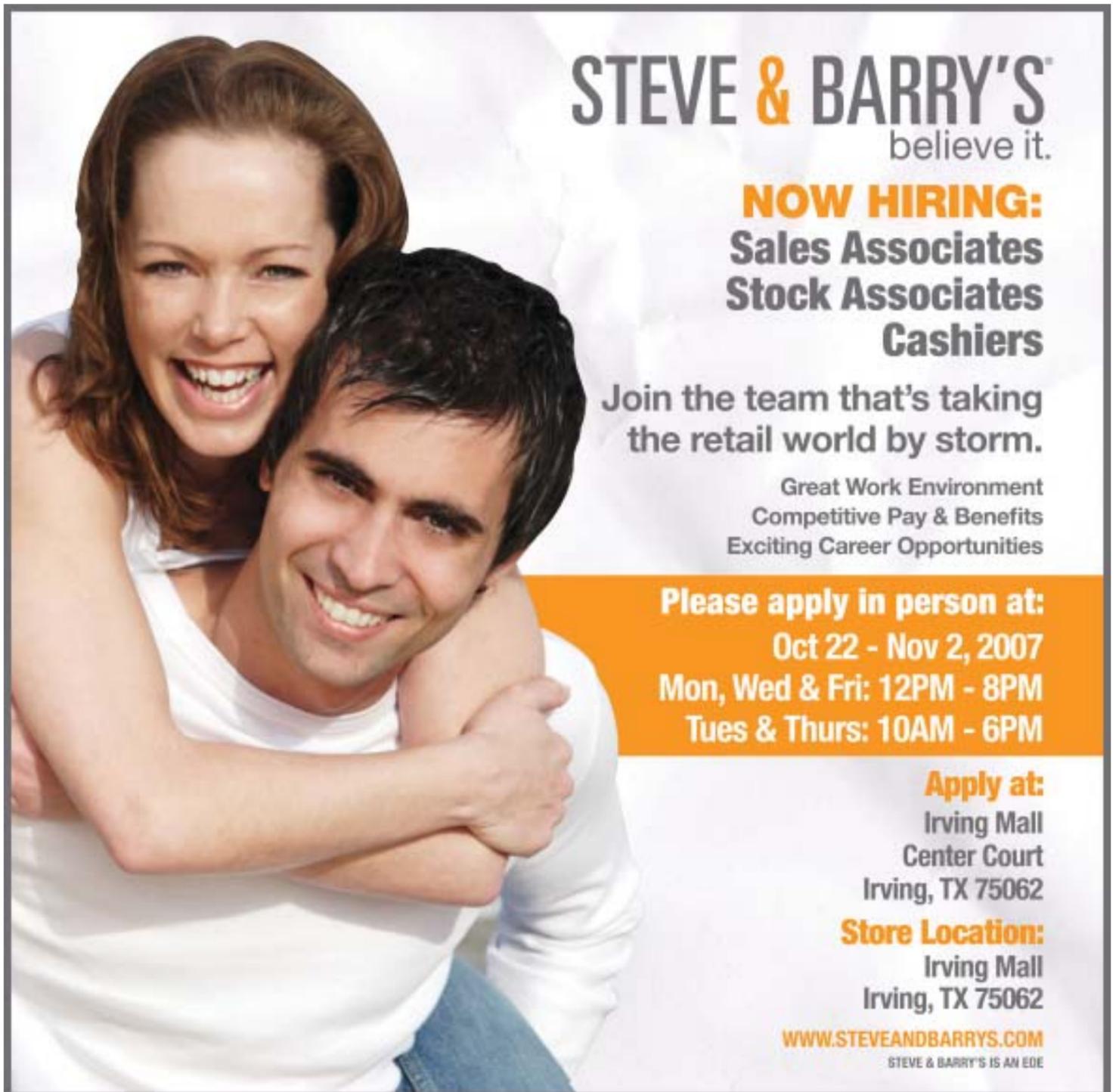
for her comic monologues about hill-billy life.

On Oct. 30, 1938, radio program Mercury Theater on the Air presents H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds," a fictional drama about a Martian invasion in New Jersey. The program sparked panic among millions of listeners who believed the play was an actual news broadcast.

On Oct. 29, 1954, the last Hudson motorcar is manufactured. Although rarely a top seller, Hudson was responsible for a number of important automotive innovations, including placement of the steering wheel on the left side.

On Oct. 24, 1969, movie star Richard Burton dazzles wife Elizabeth Taylor when he buys her a 69-carat Cartier diamond ring costing \$1.5 million. His purchase of the famous Cartier diamond was the product of a fight in which Burton called Taylor's hands large and ugly. She responded that in that case, he'd better buy her the 69-carat ring she wanted so that her hands would look smaller and more attractive.

On Oct. 26, 1984, at Loma Linda University Medical Center, Dr. Leonard L. Bailey performs the first baboon-to-human heart transplant, replacing a 14-day-old infant girl's defective heart with the healthy, walnut-sized heart of a young baboon.



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