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# New park invites all youngsters to play

By Jess Paniszczyn

A slight chill still hung in the morning air as City officials, baseball aficionados and kids of all ages and descriptions gathered to dedicate Irving's newest park on Oct. 24. The Accessible Playground and Miracle League Field is a unique park facility designed to allow all children, including those with disabilities, to play and grow together.

"We have a place where all children can come play and enjoy themselves in this accessible playground and Miracle Field," Mayor Herbert Gears said. "We are very happy to be able to provide this to our children."

"Teams came together of all kinds in our Parks Department, YMCA, the Advisory Committee on Disabilities, the Irving Girls Softball League, and Miracle Field

Organization to make this happen. They raised money and took contributions, so the children could come here and play softball for free.

"The YMCA will operate the programming here. Our Parks Department will maintain the park. It is just a really wonderful result.

"We even air conditioned the restrooms, so kids don't have to go inside a structure that is 100 degrees in the summer. We have done everything we can to make this a welcoming place to invite people. It is in a good, visible location with great neighborhoods. We think this is really something special.

"This facility is very unique in that it is not just a Miracle Field, or accessible playground, or park with playground facilities, it's all three at the same site. We think that is a way to bring children together and provide them every opportunity.

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# Interfaith Clinic plea to dentists: 'Please help!'

Provided by John Drake

More than 200 patient names are on the waiting list for basic dental services at Irving Interfaith Clinic, a charity clinic that serves uninsured residents of who qualify for care based on financial need.

"Our greatest need right now is for area dentists to volunteer to help us," said the clinic's Executive

Director Lilly Juarez. "If we had three to four more dentists who each would volunteer only four hours once a month, we can easily meet many of these needs."

Currently, Juarez coordinates the efforts of a team of 24 physicians, eight nurses and three dentists who all volunteer their services to the clinic. Thanks to grants from The Dallas Foundation's Safety Net Fund and from Citi, a dental assistant and equipment also are available to help meet patients' dental needs.

"One in four patients at our clinic require dental care," Juarez said "Left untreated, dental problems can grow into major overall health problems. When people can't eat and are in pain all the time, people's already challenged health can get progressively worse. Constant pain can also impede someone's ability to keep a job and provide for their family. It's a huge need and we need to do everything possible to meet it."

Alan Haile, DDS, is retired but still keeps his license current, so that he can help at Irving Interfaith Clinic as its dental director. He's joined in his volunteer work by Drs. Jim Filbeck and Carter Hallmark.

"If we could find dentists who would give us just a few hours of volunteer time one day a month, we can give them one of the most rewarding or satisfying experiences of their life," Haile said. "There's no insurance to file or staff to manage. It's just the joy of



Ready to play, members of Irving's Softball League for Physically Challenged Children explore the new Miracle Field before their first tournament in the new facility.

# HerWorld offers girls insight into technology careers

By Jess Paniszczyn

Women constitute 45 percent of the work force in the U.S., but hold just 12 percent of science and

engineering jobs in business and industry. More than 300 girls representing five ISDs including Irving ISD attended the DeVry

University's HerWorld conference at the Irving Arts center on Oct. 27, which is designed to empower more young women to explore technology, math and science studies and careers. The girls participated in workshops featuring electronics, business, computer information systems and game simulation programming.

"We host HerWorld every year for local high school girls," Emily Smith, Dean of Academic Affairs for DeVry University. "HerWorld inspires young women to pursue careers in technology."

"Often girls have not been as predisposed to choose technology as a career path. To make technology more exciting and more inter-

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Exploring new worlds, young ladies work together to build an electronic device during the HerWorld conference.

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# Texas pedestrian accidents jump during Halloween

On average, the number of Texans hit by cars spikes 23.3% during Halloween week, according

to Allstate Insurance Company. The insurer recently looked at its Texas auto insurance claims involving pedestrians over the past five years and found a dramatic jump in accidents around trick-or-treat time. Last year, Allstate says its number of claims involving pedestrians more than doubled over Halloween week compared with the rest of 2008.

The Allstate data coincides with a report from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety that

found Oct. 31 is the second highest pedestrian death day of the year behind Fourth of July.

"Because this Halloween falls on a weekend, there may be even more kids and cars on the road later at night, potentially creating an even more dangerous situation," said Brent Walters, an Allstate agent. "Whether you're behind the wheel or walking with your kids, it's critical to remain alert."

Allstate says on average, it receives 13.2 bodily injury claims

involving pedestrians or bicyclists in Texas during Halloween week, compared with an average of 10.7 a week during the rest of the year.

Three Halloween Traffic Tips:

**Don't Drink and Drive**

If you are attending a Halloween party, designate a driver.

**Don't Text and Drive**

Focus on the road, not your cell phone. Neighborhoods that don't normally have pedestrian or bi-

cycle traffic may experience an increase in activity on Halloween. Children are excited and may forget to stop, look and listen before crossing the street.

**Don't Text and Walk**

Children and parents should focus on traffic and not texting when trick-or-treating. Have an adult or an older, responsible youth supervise children. Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow.



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## POLICE & FIRE

**Burglary of Residence:** 10-22-09 at 2:00 p.m. Officers received a call of a burglary in progress at the Mayarka Square Apts. Responding elements set up a perimeter and determined the suspect was still inside an apartment. The apartment manager responded and stated the owner of the apartment was not at the location. Entry was made into the apartment and the suspect was taken into custody. Two apartments had been burglarized.

**Aggravated Robbery:** 10-23-09 at 3:28 p.m. The victim called the police reporting that two males had knocked on his door in the 1100 block of Weathered and forced their way into his home. The males pulled a gun on the victim and his sons, then forced them to sit on the couch. The suspects taped the victim's hands and mouth, and then ransacked his home. The suspects continually asked the victim where his safe was. The suspects took only a laptop from the victim. It does not appear that the victim knows any of the suspects. The suspects left in a dark colored SUV driven by a third male and were stopped leaving the area. Two toy guns and one real gun was recovered from the suspects' vehicle, as well as the victim's laptop. It is unknown how / why this particular victim was targeted. The investigation was turned over to Criminal Investigation Division.

**Burglary of Business:** 10-24-09 at 3:00 a.m. Four males were located in the immediate area of an

audible alarm at Southwest Electric. Property from the business was recovered in the suspects' van. During an on camera interview at scene, two of the suspects admitted to throwing a rock through the front door window of the business to gain entry. All were arrested.

**Burglary of Business:** 10-26-09 at 1:00 a.m. Officers observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the 900 block of W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. occupied by two females. While speaking to the pair an alarm was dispatched directly across the street. Identifying information of the two males was located in the females' vehicle and both admitted to assisting the two males commit burglaries at El Donkey Car Stereo and Sylvia's Beauty Shop. The females were arrested for Inv. Burglary. The two male suspects return to the scene to speak to officers and were subsequently arrested for Inv. Burglary. Crime Scene was called to process the scene.

**Robbery/Pursuit/Accident:** 10-26-09 at 9:44 p.m. Officer was flagged down by victim reporting a robbery in progress at the Raceway in the 1700 block of E. SH 356. The victim pointed out the suspect vehicle and officers attempted to stop it. The vehicle fled and ultimately wrecked into a vehicle at Irving Blvd. and Pioneer. After a short foot chase, the driver was arrested for robbery and evading. A passenger in the suspect vehicle was also arrested as a participant in the robbery.

Money and cigarettes recovered from the robbery.

**Robbery:** 10-26-09 at 11:58 p.m. A male entered the Big D Truck Stop and demanded the clerk open the cash register at took money. The suspect left on foot and no vehicle was seen.

**Burglary/Arrest:** 10-28-09 at 1:10 a.m. Officers responded to an alarm at Tony's Pawn Shop, as they arrived, police observed two male suspects running west through the parking lots on the North side of the pawn shop. Those two were apprehended and a third suspect was found across the street sitting in a vehicle behind another closed business. One of the suspects arrested in the parking lot had a citation written to him earlier in the same vehicle as the third suspect was sitting in. The suspects had made partial entry, but nothing was taken.

**Barricaded Suspect:** 10-29-09 at 10:42 a.m. U.S. Marshalls were attempting to serve a felony parole violations warrant and a warrant for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon (fugitive subject out of California) in the 2200 block of Chantelle when the suspect fled to the second floor of the residence and barricaded himself. The Marshalls put out an assist officer and patrol elements responded to the residence. The suspect has an extensive criminal history which includes assault on police and weapons offences and is a con-

firmed member of MS-13. Patrol secured the residence, the perimeter and Sally B Elliot elementary was locked down as it was less than a block from the scene. Tactical was requested and responded Af-

ter a several hour standoff the suspect was taken into custody. No Injuries. The suspect was turned over to the Marshalls who transported him to DSO.



An officer stands ready outside of Elliot Elementary School.

## CLUBS

### LISTINGS

**Buttons & Bows  
Square & Round Dance Club**  
1st & 3rd Saturdays at 8:00 pm  
Senter Park East  
228 Chamberlain

**Evening Lions Club**  
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Community Christian Church  
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**Irving AMBUCS**  
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**Irving Sunrise Rotary**  
Las Colinas Country Club  
Thursday at 7 am

**Irving Shrine Club**  
2nd Thursday at 6:30pm  
IHOP Restuarant- Beltline Rd.  
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**Saturday Singles  
Lunch Bunch**  
1st & 3rd Saturdays  
972-254-3525

**Yellow Rose AMBUCS**  
Wednesday's at 6:00pm  
IHOP Restuarant- Beltline Rd.  
1801 N. Beltline Rd.

**VFW Post 2494 IRVING**  
Post Meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7pm  
Ladies' Auxiliary - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed at 7pm  
Men's Auxillary - 4<sup>th</sup> Wed at 7pm  
Junior Girls - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 12:30pm  
3375 Belt Line Rd  
Just South of Shady Grove

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**October 31 from 8:30 - 9:30am Breast Cancer Fundraiser** - Dallas Adventure County Boot Camp is holding a fitness bootcamp from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at Cimarron Park (201 Red River Trail, 75063) to raise money for breast cancer research. The cost is \$20, and anyone of any fitness level who is interested in a fat-burning workout that will raise money for breast cancer research should attend. Every cent raised will be donated to UT Southwestern Medical Center to support breast cancer research being done there. Bootcamp for Breast Cancer participants should register at [DallasCountyBootCamp.com](http://DallasCountyBootCamp.com) and come with an exercise mat, dumbbells, a water bottle and lots of energy.

October 31 Fall Carnival Compass Christian Church is providing an alternative to trick-or-treating, Fall Carnival 6:30-8:33 pm at the Valley Ranch Campuse. The event is free of charge for everyone.

**October 31 from 2 to 4 pm Halloween Costume Dance** - VFW 2494 will hold a Halloween Costume Dance at the Post from 8 PM to Midnight. Music will be provided by the "South Bound" Band. Admission price is two cans of food or money donations for our Food Baskets. There will be prizes for best costume. The public is invited to attend. Adults only at this dance. There will be a children's party that afternoon from 2 to 4 PM. VFW Post 2494 is located at 3375 Belt Line Road, just south of Shady Grove. Call 972-790-1611 for directions and more information.

## TASB superintendent search community input meetings

The Irving Independent School District Board of Trustees has begun work to select a new superintendent of schools with assistance from the Texas Association of School Boards Executive Search Services. As a part of that process, a TASB consultant would like to meet with various groups to begin developing the qualifications and characteristics of the ideal superintendent for Irving ISD.

To provide the public an opportunity to offer input, a number of meetings have been scheduled.

**November 10**  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the Administrative Conference Room (2621 W. Airport Freeway).  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at the Maintenance Service Center Training Room (3620 Valley View Lane).

6:30 – 7:15 p.m. at the Nimitz High School Auditorium  
**November 11**  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the de Zavala Middle School Cafeteria  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the MacArthur High School Cafeteria  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Nimitz High School Cafeteria  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Administrative Building Boardroom

**November 12**  
4:15 – 5:15 p.m. at the Townsell Elementary School Cafeteria  
4:15 – 5:15 p.m. at the Stipes Elementary School Cafeteria  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Barton Elementary School Cafeteria

Public attendance and comments are greatly appreciated. Meetings are expected to last approximately one hour.

**November 1 - 2 Golf Tournament** - The Vernon Wells Perfect 10 Foundation will hold its inaugural gala and golf tournament to take place on Nov. 1 and 2, respectively, at the Four Seasons Resort and Club in Las Colinas. The Wells' goal for the Foundation is to open a general residential operation for homeless children. The facility will also offer short-term shelter for children displaced by Child Protective Services. Each foursome will have a designated professional athlete on its team for this shotgun start/scramble format. The tournament will begin at noon and will end with a post-round cocktail reception, raffle and awards presentation. For more information, visit [www.vernonwellsfoundation.org](http://www.vernonwellsfoundation.org).

**November 1 at 2pm Okinawan Dance Performance - Mai-Shin: Dancing From the Heart.** Master Noshio Miyagi Noshio, hosted by the Dallas—Fort Worth Branch School, will direct and conduct a performance of Okinawan Classical Dance. Okinawan Classical Dance in brilliant kimonos and traditional dress displaying a cultural theme based on farming and fishing and modern influences. In the Irving Arts Center at 2 p.m. For ticket information, visit [www.Irvingartscenter.com](http://www.Irvingartscenter.com).

**November 2 at 7:45pm Grief Support** - Grief Support will meet at 7:45 p.m. in the Hill Room/Family Life Center, Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church, 2323 Cheyenne Street, Irving, 972-252-5521. As Thanksgiving approaches, are we able yet to thank

God for the gift of our loved ones who have died? Join us as we discuss how "Gratitude Amidst Grief" can assist our healing.

**November 3 at 6:00pm Republican Club** - The Greater Irving Republican Club will have a monthly meeting at Spring Creek Barbeque, 3515 W. Airport Freeway, Irving. To have dinner, come at 6:00 pm. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Tom Pauken, chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission where he brings years of public service experience having held numerous leadership positions. For additional information, contact Kaye W. Ward at 972.258.1007.

**November 5 from 12 to 1pm Caregiver Education/Support Group** - Baylor Medical Center at Irving is sponsoring a Caregiver Education and Support group from 12 to 1 p.m., in the Irving Cancer Center Conference Room located on the campus of Baylor Irving, 2001 N. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 120. The topic will be "Understanding the emotions, behaviors and needs of the chronically and

terminally ill". Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch. For further information call 972-579-4095.

**November 6 - 7 at 2:30 & 8 p.m Don't Dress for Dinner** - Presented by ICT *Don't Dress for Dinner* is a frenetic case of mistaken identity with more twists than a corkscrew. At the Irving Arts Center, PG, 2:30 & 8 p.m., three week-ends \$18-20, 972-252-2787 or [www.irvingartscenter.com](http://www.irvingartscenter.com) for tickets.

**November 6 - 7 Traffic Skills 101** - The city will offer Traffic Skills 101, an extensive course on bicycle safety and

awareness. Learn safe, confident cycling in the DFW area. Instructors will teach proper lane positioning, basic rules of the road, how to avoid obstacles, emergency turns and stops, and basic maintenance. Cost is \$20. A bicycle and helmet are required on the second day of class.

**Class schedule:**  
Nov. 6 – 4 to 8:30 p.m.  
Nov. 7 – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Classes will be held at Senter Park Recreation Center, 901 S. Senter St. Seating is limited to the first 15 participants ages 16 and older. For more information or to register for a class, visit [www.cityofirving.org/begreen](http://www.cityofirving.org/begreen) or call 972-721-2533.

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email: [secretary@ststephenspres.com](mailto:secretary@ststephenspres.com)  
website: [www.ststephensirving.org](http://www.ststephensirving.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

**United Methodist**

**Oak Haven United Methodist Church**  
1600 N. Irving Heights 75061  
972.438.1431  
[www.oakhavenumc.org](http://www.oakhavenumc.org)  
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**United Methodist**

**First United Methodist Church**  
211 W. Third St., Irving 75060  
972.253.3531  
[www.fumcirving.org](http://www.fumcirving.org)  
Sundays 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

**Plymouth Park United Methodist Church**  
1615 W Airport Frwy, Irving 75062 (North side of Hwy 183 between MacArthur & Story)  
972.255.4185  
[www.ppumc.org](http://www.ppumc.org)  
Sundays 8:30, 9:15 & 11:00am



**REACHOLUTION**

Sunday, Nov. 1

9:30am traditional worship - (the chapel)

9:30 & 11:15am contemporary worship - (worship center)

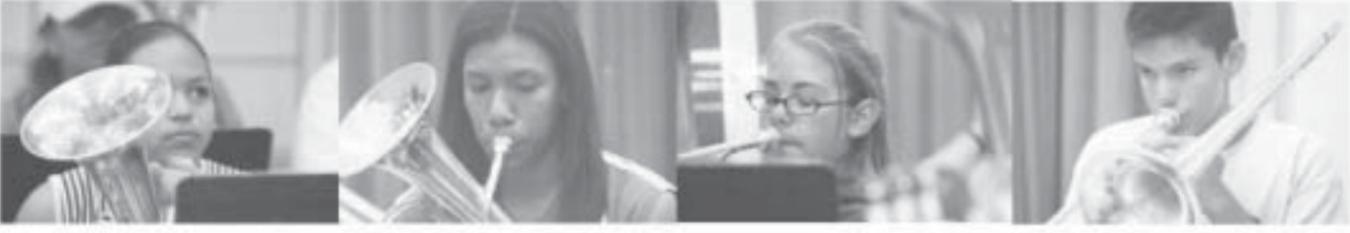
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ZONING CLASSIFICATION S-P-1 (R-AB)

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-9101

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ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2009-9129

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS" OF THE CODE OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS; ADDING ARTICLE VI. REGULATION OF NEWSRACKS. (COMPOSED OF SECTIONS 34-28 THROUGH 34-43); REQUIRING PERMITTING AND INSURANCE, REGULATING THE PLACEMENT, APPEARANCE, TYPE, LOCATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF NEWSRACKS, ESTABLISHING A PROCESS OF NOTICE AND IMPOUNDMENTS FOR NONCOMPLIANT NEWSRACKS, PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ZONING CASE NO. ZC09-0047  
ZONING CLASSIFICATION S-P-1

ORDINANCE NO. ORD 2009-9130

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1144, THE 1964 COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS, GRANTING A ZONING CHANGE ON A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS: A TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE MCKINNEY AND WILLIAMS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1042, AND LOCATED AT 1402 AND 1404 WEST PIONEER DRIVE (SOUTH SIDE OF PIONEER DRIVE, WEST OF ROGERS ROAD), MORE FULLY AND COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE OF SAID PROPERTY FROM S-P-1 SITE PLAN DISTRICT USE FOR MINI-STORAGE AND RETAIL UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 1144, AS AMENDED TO S-P-1 SITE PLAN DISTRICT USE FOR SELF-STORAGE WAREHOUSES AND OUTSIDE STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS, CARS, AND TRAILERS UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 1144, AND ACCORDING TO THE SITE PLAN ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO LAND USE; CORRECTING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP ATTACHED TO ORDINANCE NO. 1144; PRESERVING ALL OTHER PORTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE; DETERMINING THAT THE CHANGE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST, MORALS AND GENERAL WELFARE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE DOES NOT REPEAL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE EXCEPT IN CASES OF DIRECT CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2009-9132

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 1144 OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SECTION 52-36, "OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS," TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR GARAGE CONVERSIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS:

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Irving, Texas, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October A.D. 2009.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Janice Carroll, TRMC, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Charles R. Anderson City Attorney

# Students, teachers can win through American Citizenship essay contest

Provided by Jennifer Berkowitz

High school students and their teachers can participate in the Bill of Rights Institute's national Being An American Essay Contest. The contest asks students to share their thoughts on American citizenship by answering the question: "What civic value do you believe is most essential to being an American?"

Essay entries are due by Dec. 1. Teachers must submit essays online at [www.BeingAnAmerican.org](http://www.BeingAnAmerican.org) for a chance to win cash prizes from a pool totaling nearly \$200,000 and one of 54 trips to the nation's capital (awarded both to teachers and their students).

The names of the top three prize winners in the nine contest regions

will be announced at a special Washington, DC Awards Gala in the spring of 2010. The first place winners in each region and their sponsoring teachers will each receive \$5,000 cash awards, second place winners \$2,500, and third place winners \$1,250. Honorable mention prizes of \$250 will be awarded to 7 students and teachers from each contest regions.

The winners will also be treated to a tour of prominent national landmarks and will hear from a range of important voices on American citizenship. Last year's winners met with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who keynoted the awards gala; NPR's Juan Williams; Pro Football Hall of Fame Cornerback Darrell Green; FOX News Commentator Judge Andrew Napolitano; and several members of Congress from winning students' districts.

"The Being An American Essay Contest allows teachers to open a dialogue with their students about what it means to be a modern day American citizen in light of the principles upheld by our Founders, Documents and heroes," said Bill of Rights Institute President Victoria Hughes. "Supporting contest materials, including lesson plans meeting national academic standards, are provided at no cost to teachers who want to incorporate the essay topic into the classroom."

High school students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia are eligible to participate. Nearly 50,000 students have participated in the contest to date.

Visit the Being An American web site at [www.BeingAnAmerican.org](http://www.BeingAnAmerican.org) for complete rules and materials, including submission details, lesson plans and background information on the Constitution, Bill of Rights, Founders, and other Americans who have contributed to America's shared civic values.

# Event Encourages Family Fitness



Lee Elementary School hosted a family fitness event including golf, tennis, walking and cardio line dancing Oct. 15.

# CFB Council PTA presents "40 Developmental Assets"

The Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Council PTA will feature a preview of "Developing Success - 40 Developmental Assets" at its regularly scheduled meeting and program on Nov. 4, 9:45- 11:00 am, at the district administration building, 1445 N. Perry Road, Carrollton. This program focuses on making our children more resilient by building 40 common sense, positive experiences and qualities that help influence choices young people make and help them become caring, responsible adults.

C-FB ISD principals, administrative staff, PTA presidents and council delegates, and Council PTA board members regularly attend these meetings. All meetings are open to the public.

New this year, Council PTA is hosting weekly Wednesday workshops known as "Learning Lunch Bunch" from noon - 1 pm in the Dallas Room at the CLC (Community Learning Complex), 1820 Pearl Street, Building B, Carrollton. For more information and a list of November's scheduled sessions, go to [www.cfbpta.org](http://www.cfbpta.org).

# First Tee kid plays Peeble Beach

The First Tee (TFT) of Dallas participant, Isaiah Huerta, and his partner, PGA Tour player Tom Lehman, competed in the Walmart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach. Isaiah qualified as one of 70 junior TFT players worldwide by advancing through a grueling Participant Selection Process in Northwest Arkansas that evaluated the participants' playing ability, as well as comprehension of the life skills and core lessons learned through The First Tee program.



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# A Midsummer Night's Dream performed at the UD

Provided by Kyle Lemieux

The University of Dallas Drama Department will present *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare (on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its last performance on campus) Nov. 4 - 15.

A cast of 21 performs Shakespeare's most popular com-

edy. Set in Athens and the surrounding forest – *A Midsummer Night's Dream* explores the eternal theme of love in a way that only Shakespeare can, using dreams, an ass-head and fairies.

After each performance a post show discussion with the cast and creative team will be held.

The cast includes Blake Ballard, Jessie Burke, Halley Chavez, Kate Chiappe, Donny Covington, Stefan Dammen, Meredith Domalakes, Jessica Fowler, Lafayette Francois, Michael Jarvis, Dylan Key, Jessica Konderla, Tim Maher, Joe Mazza, Blake Montgomery, Matthew

Quinn, Tommy Riordon, Thomas Sorensen, Elaine Stenson, Alex Trevino, and Amanda Werley, and is directed by Kyle Lemieux assisted by Daniel Roberts. The production stage manager is Amy Pen and the assistant stage manager is Paige Hryszko. The costumes are designed by Susan Cox and the light and set design by Tristan Decker.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* is performed at the Margaret Jonsson Theatre on the University

of Dallas campus (1845 E. Northgate Dr., Irving).

Due to the popularity of this production, please note: while admission is free to UD students, faculty and staff, reservations are strongly recommended. Box office opened for reservations Oct. 21. Call 972-721-5314 or email [boxoffice@udallas.edu](mailto:boxoffice@udallas.edu) for reservations.

Tickets are \$10 for general public, \$8 for seniors (55+), non-University of Dallas students and University of Dallas alumni.

## Season begins for youth orchestra

The Lone Star Youth Orchestra (LSYO) opens its 2009-2010 season on Nov. 11 at 7:00 pm at the Irving Arts Center. The season premiere concert, entitled "Let's Get Bizet," will feature works by Brahms, Mozart, and of course, George Bizet.

By no means a 'pops' concert, "Let's Get Bizet" will feature clas-

sical dance music that'll have you on your feet. Brahms' Hungarian Dances No's 5 and 6 and Bizet's Carmen Suite No. 1 will surely make your toes wiggle, while Mozart's Symphony No. 25 will give you enough time to take a breather.

Season, flex, and single tickets are available by phone or at the

door. All seating is general admission.

The Lone Star Youth Orchestra provides young, advanced level instrumentalists the opportunity to supplement and enhance their music education through high quality orchestral training. Membership in the LSYO is open to all middle and high school string, woodwind, brass, and percussion players.

## ICT MainStage serves up hearty laughs for Dinner

Provided by Jill Stephens

ICT MainStage audiences are in for a scrumptious evening of entertainment and fun when Marc Camoletti's acclaimed comedy *Don't Dress for Dinner* opens the 2009-2010 season at the Irving Arts Center.

In this sequel to his smash Broadway hit, *Boeing, Boeing*, Camoletti continues the amorous misadventures of Bernard, whose plans for a weekend rendezvous go astray with mix-ups while trying to keep his wife and mistress apart. Visitors to Bernard's home are hastily recruited to cover up his unraveling alibis. The guests, though, are also trying to conceal their own romantic entanglements.

The fast-paced humor and witty dialog of *Don't Dress for Dinner* are guaranteed to fill the Dupree Theater with laughter. And what a feast of talent ICT MainStage has put together for this production.

Multi-talented theater pro J. Alan Hanna performs the role of Bernard at its roguish best. He's joined by area stage favorite Nikki Andoga, who makes a memorable ICT debut as Jacqueline, Bernard's wife, who has a few secrets of her own.

Ticket information and reservations for the Nov. 6 - 21 run can be obtained by calling 972-252-2787 or going on-line at [www.irvingtheatre.org](http://www.irvingtheatre.org).

## Unique park promises fun for all children

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nity to be able to have fun, play sports and get out to enjoy nature.

"Other cities will look at what we have created here, how we have combined the accessible playground and the Miracle Field into a park that serves the greater community, such that all children can find happiness in this place. Other cities will want to do that for their residents. We are very proud of this park."

Both the playground and baseball field were designed to provide a safe and fun experience for all children.

"The unique feature of this particular park is we have it all here," Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Program Director for the City. "We have a playground that is fully accessible for kids with all different abilities, as well as the field. The field will be available here for the league to play at nights. There are lights on the field so instead of playing in the heat on Saturday afternoons, they will be able to play on the weeknights in nice fall and spring weather."

"The field is a shorter field and it has a nice rubber surface covering it for the kids to safely play on. It has all the amenities of a field: a scoreboard, nice dugouts with covers, spectator seating, and a P.A. system to announce the games. It is really set up so these kids will have a first class facility to play in."

"We were able to go in to Texas Stadium and salvage 106



Officially opening Irving's newest park facility, Joe Taylor and Breanna Murphey cut the ribbon as Doug Fox, Mary Tatro and Mayor Gears look on.

seats for this park. The seats were taken apart and sand blasted, cleaned, and the frames were powder coated to give them a nice, new, black color. Then we reattached the original seat numbers and seat backs. We had custom made brackets produced, and then came out here and installed them.

"These seats are perfect for this field. They provide wonderful seating."

With tears in her eyes, Cyndee Rowe took pictures of her 13 year old son, Mason, as he propelled his wheelchair around the bases of the Miracle League Field with his friends.

"It is great to have the park so close by," Ms. Rowe said. "We live here in Irving. I work with special needs kids, and this is just amazing."

"On this field, because of the surface there is no dust. Children

in wheel chairs have problems with the bearings becoming gooped up with dust, dirt and oil. This is a much easier surface for the chairs to move on. Mason can actually wheel himself around on the field.

"The surface is also good for kids with severe allergies, because there is no dust or grass out here."

"It also prevents fire ants from being everywhere. That is a big deal. There are kids out here who can't move to get away from things like that. Those are just hazards most other children could just walk away from."

"Having this surface levels the playing field for everybody, whether they are in a wheel chair, use a walker or are able to walk. Whatever their disability is, they can all come out here and play together. It is wonderful. It's great for everybody."



Surrounded by young softball players and their families, Mayor Gears throws the ceremonial first pitch on the Miracle Field.



Dinner gets interesting, with Nikki Andoga, Brad Stephens, J. Alan Hanna, and Ginger Goldman on stage. Photo: Mike Morgan

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## Employers recognized for clean air and green initiatives

Provided by Rene Smith  
"The North Texas Clean Air Coalition recently announced recipients of the Working for Clean Air™ Awards. The awards pro-

gram is in its sixth year of recognizing North Texas' outstanding workplaces for clean air, sustainability, and green initiatives. "The Working for Clean Air

Awards is our opportunity to publicly recognize civic-minded businesses, who have developed internal corporate programs to improve the quality of air, our quality of life,

and the health of our community" said Cathy Altman, chairman of the North Texas Clean Air Coalition and partner at Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP.

Western Region winners were announced during the luncheon held in Fort Worth and included American Airlines, Employer of the Year Over 500 Gold; The T, Employer of the Year Over 500 Silver; Clean Green Consulting, Employer of the Year Under 500 Gold; and the City of North Richland Hills, Employer of the Year Under 500 Silver.

"We are very proud to accept the Working for Clean Air Gold Award," said Tom Opderbeck, environmental projects manager for American Airlines. "We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve the local air quality in the communities we serve."

Eastern Region winners were announced during the luncheon held in Dallas and included Raytheon, Employer of the Year Over 500 Gold; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 6, Employer of the Year Over 500 Silver; imc2, Employer of the Year Under 500 Gold; and Carrington Coleman, Employer of the Year Under 500 Silver.

The Clean Air Coalition also

honored winners of their "Commuter Challenge" competition, which encouraged North Texans to choose commute alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles and reduce harmful emissions. Eastern Region resident Jerry Wyrick reduced his vehicle miles traveled by 14,252.7 through commuting alternatives and Western Region resident Debbie Boles reduced her vehicle miles traveled by 7,244. The "Commuter Challenge" incentive reduced the number of vehicle miles traveled by over 531,000 vehicle miles and a decrease in CO2 over 467,000 lbs.

Celebrating 16 years of helping North Texans find ways to help clear the air, the Clean Air Coalition encourages voluntary efforts to improve air quality in North Texas through educating, engaging and recognizing the business community. Founding members of the Clean Air Coalition include the North Texas Commission, the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Dallas Regional Chamber, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Dallas Area Rapid Transit, The T and Denton County Transportation Authority joined shortly thereafter as members. For more information on the North Texas Clean Air Coalition, visit [www.workingforcleanair.org](http://www.workingforcleanair.org).

## VHA named seventh best place to work in health care

Provided by Ashley Lengen  
VHA Inc., a national health care network, has been named the 7<sup>th</sup> best place to work in health care by *Modern Healthcare* magazine. This is the second consecutive year

VHA was ranked within the Top 100. In 2008, VHA ranked 76<sup>th</sup>.

The magazine compiled this year's list using information collected from thousands of health care workers at more than 300

health care companies nationwide, including hospitals, suppliers and service companies. *Modern Healthcare* asked a series of detailed questions related to:

- Leadership and planning
- Culture and communications
- Quality of working environment
- Training and development
- Compensation and benefits

"Our top ten ranking validates what we know to be true about VHA. It's a great place to work, and it has been for a long time," said Curt Nonomaque, president and chief executive officer at VHA. "VHA helps hospitals with their most difficult challenge, providing excellent care while managing dwindling resources. That mission, guided by our values, culture and ethics, enables us to make a meaningful impact on our nation's health care system. The people who work here could work almost anywhere else, but they choose to leverage their talents through VHA."

VHA has 765 employees in Irving and an additional 700+ employees throughout its 17 regional offices. Across its employee base, VHA includes 171 nurses, pharmacists and doctors, as well as many others who have worked in various roles in hospitals and the health care industry.



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## Technology meets girls at conference

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esting, we bring them all together as a group to talk about what the possibilities are. Traditionally,

technology careers have been more attractive to men than to young women.

"This event makes technology fun and interactive. We've had competitions all day, which the girls get really excited about. The girls are being led by our faculty, who are well equipped to inspire young women, because they are practitioners in the technology and business world bringing real world experience into the classroom, into these workshops and putting the challenge into these competitions.

"In every competition, the girls are actually building, making or creating something with time limits and quality requirements. We will give out awards afterwards to the winning teams.

"DeVry is a career university offering degree programs in our colleges in engineering and information sciences, health sciences, media art, and technology to lead young women into careers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century," she said.

## UniCare health insurance exits Texas

Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC), a non-investor owned company operating Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans in Illinois, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, and WellPoint, and its UniCare subsidiaries, recently announced they reached an agreement to ensure UniCare members have no loss of health insurance coverage as UniCare exits the Illinois and Texas commercial health insurance markets. Under the agreement, HCSC's Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans will offer replacement coverage that, in most cases, provides similar benefits and rates. Where applicable, replacement coverage for dental, vision, life and disability benefits will also be offered.

The agreement includes UniCare's endorsement of HCSC's Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans as the insurer of choice for their group and individual policyhold-

ers and is subject to certain regulatory approvals.

"We believe that HCSC, through its Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans in Illinois and Texas, is best positioned to offer quality products, a high level of benefits and the superior customer service that our customers have come to expect," said Dennis Casey, President of UniCare. "In addition, like UniCare, HCSC has statewide plans in Illinois and Texas that include among the largest network of physicians and hospitals in the state. We are committed to ensuring that our members have a smooth transition to their new insurance carrier."

"We know these groups and individuals have a choice to accept our offer," said Pat Hemingway Hall, CEO of HCSC. "Our goal is to make the transition as seamless as possible for UniCare policyholders. We want to earn and keep their business."



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# Community joins forces for biggest fall carnival yet

Provided by Angie Marlin

Nearly 2000 kids, parents and neighbors gathered at Mustang Park Recreation Center last for a gigantic fall carnival on Oct. 23. The carnival was truly a neighborhood event, being co-hosted by Las Colinas Elementary, Mustang Park Recreation Center and Irving Bible Church.

"The night was a huge success, the turnout was great and the weather couldn't have been more perfect. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying a fun, safe environment," said LCE PTA board member Jennifer Erlenbusch.

The fall carnival has become an autumn tradition for many local families and offers dozens of attractions to amuse all ages.

LCE PTA President Kelsi Borman was grateful for the commitment Mustang Park shared toward the success of the evening.

"Mustang Park's contribution to the event was so gracious. It was a joint venture, and we were so happy with the success of the carnival. Overall it was a huge event and fun for everyone," said Borman.

Mustang Park contributed two bounce houses, a huge inflatable football toss, carnival games with prizes, face painter, balloon artist, 24-passenger train, candy and decorations.

The train at this year's carnival was packed with kids and parents all night with a long line waiting to board. The quick-selling giant turkey legs filled the air with

an aroma reminiscent of the State Fair.

Perhaps the most anticipated event at the carnival for LCE families was the pumpkin auction. The pumpkin auction was comprised of 40 teacher-designed and decorated pumpkins. Again this year, the auction turned out to be a great success and raised over \$700 for the school. The highest price paid was for the "Starry, Starry Pumpkin" created by LCE art teacher Jennifer Carey.

This year was the third year LCE and Mustang Park combined resources to create a better event for everyone to enjoy. James Smith is the Community Programs Supervisor at Mustang Park who worked toward an entertaining carnival. He believes this partnership is created for one simple reason.

"We all want the same thing for the community. We want to deliver exceptional services and promote a high quality of life for residents, visitors and businesses. This joint venture helps us to cut cost, which allows us to provide even more for the community without duplicating each other's programs or events," said Smith.

The night was made possible due to a ton of volunteer hours put in by friends of this Las Colinas community.

Smith reported that 25 Mustang Park employees and volunteers were present to help at the carnival. Further, the Recreation Center staff volunteered 76 hours towards the event to make the festival enjoyable for the community.



Going for a long ride, PTA Vice-President Wendy Greenwood hopped aboard the choo choo with her three kids to the right Will, Matthew and Natalie.

LCE Carnival Committee Chair Ronni Eason estimated that her committee volunteered over 100 hours to put the event together.

LCE Volunteer Coordinator and pre-kindergarten teacher Jennifer Jameson noted that every LCE teacher gave at least an hour toward Friday night's festivities.

"All the teachers helped in some way, if they couldn't be at the carnival, they helped wrap hotdogs before, filled candy bags or made signs," said Jameson.

Afterwards, the LCE Dad's Club rallied to help with clean-up.

"I loved the way everyone worked together to make the event a success," said Jenn Morland,

PTA board member and President of the Mustang Park Advisory Board. "I was so appreciative of our wonderful LCE staff who decorated pumpkins and worked the events, even after a long day at school. The Mustang Recreation Center staff helped all during the day and that evening. Their in-

volvement was greatly appreciated.

"Ronni Eason needs to receive huge kudos for all her hard work on the carnival. She coordinated everything. Her love for the community and our kids is evident in her tireless efforts and warm spirit," she said.

## Family honors son with chess donation

The family of Charles Scott Watson donated \$2,000 to the Chess Club at Jack E. Singley Academy in memory of Watson's service as teacher and chess coach in IISD.

Watson, who passed away Aug. 3, joined Irving ISD in 2003 as special education aide at Singley Academy. He then became sixth grade math teacher at Houston Middle School in 2004. While at Houston, Watson co-sponsored the Chess Club, helping lead the team to win 12<sup>th</sup> place in the unrated division of the National Junior High Chess Championship in April 2008.

Watson's parents, John Watson and Nancy Bauer, made the donation Oct. 16. The donation funded a site license for *Think Like a King* chess training software for the Chess Club's use. The software, which promotes critical thinking and problem solving, is the official training program of the United States Chess Federation.



John Watson and Nancy Bauer, parents of former IISD teacher and chess coach Charles Scott Watson, donated \$2,000 to the Jack E. Singley Academy Chess Team in memory of their son. Pictured are (from left) Watson and Bauer; James McCalip and John T. Smith, Singley Academy teachers and Chess Club co-sponsors; and Sam Farsaii, director of instructional technology.

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# Career education finds powerful results in high schools and beyond

Post-secondary education has been growing exponentially in the United States over the past decade, but employers know that on-the-job training is still critical to employees' success. What if you could combine the two?

This is the major premise behind two powerful new models for secondary and higher education: career-oriented colleges and career academies in high school. Advocates of both movements see career-oriented education as the wave of the future — a way to save both students and employers time and money.

Career-oriented college is one model of higher education growing rapidly in response to changing demands in the labor market. The U.S. Bureau of Statistics estimates that 90 percent of the fastest-growing jobs in the country over the next decade will require some form of post-secondary education, creating a huge demand for higher education. With a national

focus on ensuring all students master 21st century skills, many higher education institutions are focusing more on hands-on work experiences, internships and real-world problem solving.

For many students looking to enter the job market quickly, the benefits of a career-oriented education outweigh the typical community college model. "We design our programs to respond to the needs of the labor market," says Chris Tilley, regional vice president of Everest University in Florida. "This means we target our programs to the fastest-growing jobs and constantly review and improve them to make sure that our students receive high-quality training in their fields."

Many career-oriented higher education institutions have also begun to focus on helping students get the skills they need in the most efficient way possible, by offering fast-track programs, night classes and online courses.

"We know our students' lives are busy. The vast majority of our students are juggling families and full-time jobs. That's why we offer flexible programs to fit their lives," said Bruce Jones, president of Everest University in Orange Park, FL. Some career-oriented higher education institutions also offer mentoring or job placement services.

Some policymakers are looking even earlier than college and creating career academies at the high school level. Career academies are high schools that combine regular academic content with career-specific studies, mentoring, internships and hands-on training. Despite their recent rise to fame, career academies are not new to the educational arena — they are almost 40 years old, with the first two academies beginning in Philadelphia in 1969. Since then, they have spread throughout the country.

The premise of career acad-

emies is quite simple. Most career academies are designed for the last three years of high school, and each is built around a certain career theme, such as health and medicine, business and finance, architecture and construction, education and child development, engineering and information technology. In their coursework, students combine both core academic content as well as career-specific information.

The academies also offer a number of enhancement activities such as excursions, speakers, paid and unpaid internships and job shadowing. Many career academies also support students' development of career skills such as resume writing, interviewing or mentoring.

A recent longitudinal study traced career academy graduates over the past decade, and found that those who graduate make more money eight years after graduation than do their peers who

did not graduate. The difference? Approximately \$2,088 more a year. That's about the pay increase students received after attending community college for one or two years.

The report also found that career academies do not affect college attendance rates. Advocates argue that career academies do not replace college, but do make graduates more competitive in the workforce by giving them additional experience and exposure.

Is more career-oriented education the wave of the future? Some say so.

"We believe in the power of hands-on education. We think it's important to practice what you're learning. That's why we incorporate hands-on training into all our degree programs at Everest. We know our students learn better by doing the work themselves than they would just sitting in a classroom," said Tilley.

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#### GEORGE L. MARCEL

George L. Marcel, of DeSoto, passed away Sunday, October 25, 2009. He was born April 18, 1921 in Somerville, Massachusetts. Preceded in death by his first wife Helen Jeannette Marcel, survivors include his wife Eunice Marcel; children Carol Ann James, Richard Charles Marcel, and Georgette Alexander; 7 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 2 PM Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

#### HENRY C. SHOCKLEY

Henry C. Shockley, age 81 of Holly Lake Ranch, TX, passed away on Monday, October 26, 2009 in Tyler, TX. He was born on June 12, 1928 in Dallas to Cleo and Louise Shockley. Henry was a brick mason serving the Irving community for many years. He married Gloria Joyce Shockley, who preceded him in death in 1977, then married Hazel Chumley on October 11, 1986 in Pensicola, FL. Survivors include, wife Hazel Shockley of Holly Lake Ranch, TX; daughters, Gloria Fail of Tyler, Amanda Guzman of Houston; sons, Henry Shockley Jr., of Irving, John Shockley also of Irving; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held on Friday, Octo-

ber 30th at Holly Tree Cemetery, Holly Lake Ranch, TX. Arrangements by Chism-Smith Funeral Home

#### JAMES F. RHODES

James F. Rhodes, 79, of Saginaw, Texas, died Thursday, October 22, 2009. He was born December 13, 1929 at Lamesa, Texas. Visitation was Sunday. Service was 10 a.m., Monday, October 26, 2009 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park, Colleyville, TX.

#### JOHN ALLAN STUBBLEFIELD

John Allan Stubblefield, age 81, of Seagoville, TX, passed away on Sunday, October 25, 2009. He was born on June 2, 1928 in Sulphur Springs, TX to John & Pearl Stubblefield. John married Edith Jean Lee on April 15, 1955 in Dallas, TX. Survivors include wife, Edith Stubblefield; daughters, Cynthia Williams, Debra Williams; sons, Paul Stubblefield, Kenneth Stubblefield; grandchildren, Christopher, Mark, Amanda, Jessica, Ashley, Christina, Stephanie, Rachael, Cassandra, Amber, Michael; great grand Children, Deseria, Carmine, Hannah and Olivia. Funeral Services were Thursday, October 29th at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel with interment at DFW National Cemetery.

#### SHIRLEY LEE SNIDER

Shirley Lee Snider, 73, of Irving, passed away October 27, 2009. She was born May 16, 1936 in Morris, OK to Otis and Mae (Ford) Loague. She was a member of the First Christian Church and was their pianist. After her graduation from Morris High School, she attended Draughn's Business College in Oklahoma City, OK and worked at Tinker AFB before her marriage to Henry Snider. Shirley was the family genealogist and a member of the Irving Genealogy Society. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was pre-

ceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Henry and her parents. Survivors include daughter, Cathy Snider of Elgin, TX, sons, Bruce Snider of Irving and Scott Snider of North Little Rock, AR; grandchildren, Jason, Maggie, Matthew, Jonathan and Sarah. Funeral Services will be Monday, November 2nd at First Christian Church in Morris OK at 2:00 pm. with interment following at Morris Cemetery.

#### TERRY GLYNN BAILEY

Terry Glynn Bailey, of Irving, passed away Tuesday, October 27, 2009. He was born July 17, 1961 in Dallas. Funeral services were held at 2 PM Friday, October 30, 2009 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dallas.

#### THERESE BROTHERTON JONES



Mrs. Jones passed away Saturday, October 17, 2009 in Grand Saline, TX. She was born September 2, 1973 in Irving to Larry and Jean Brotherton of Irving. Survivors include her loving parents, and husband, Brent Jones of Mineola; three daughters, Rayla, Casi, Hailey Jones, all of Mineola; and two brothers, Larry and Robert Brotherton, both of Irving; an uncle, Robert Armstrong; a grandmother, Juanita "Granny" Armstrong; three nephews; one niece; a sister in law and brother in law. She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Robert Armstrong; and her father in law G. Robert Jones. She was very active in her daughter's lives and will be greatly missed. Services were held October 24, 2009 at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola and burial at New Hope Cemetery in Mineola. A Memorial Fund has been set up in Mineola to help the family with costs. Please make checks payable to: Therese Jones Memorial Fund and mail to: Wood County National Bank 100 NW Loop 564 Mineola, TX 75773

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# DCCCD trustee receives national leadership award

Provided by Ann Hatch

Students, diversity, access and affordability steered Kitty Boyle, long-time member of the Dallas County Community College District's (DCCCD) board of trustees, as she has served and guided the state's largest undergraduate institution for 13 years. Her vision, leadership, legislative efforts and dedication to students from diversity issues to her steadfast insistence that DCCCD always keep its tuition affordable prompted the Association of Community College Trustees to honor her in October with the 2009 ACCT M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award.

Boyle, who received both this year's Western Regional Trustee Leadership Award and national honors, was recognized during

ACCT's annual leadership congress in San Francisco, CA, earlier this month. ACCT is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards which represents more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern more than 1,200 community, technical and junior colleges in the United States, serving 11 million students across the country.

"To receive such a prestigious award pleases me," said Boyle. "This recognition is a reflection of the consistent efforts of so many in DCCCD who contribute to the great successes of our colleges in the lives of so many, and the overall welfare of our community."

Each year, ACCT recognizes one exemplary trustee, chief executive, faculty member, profes-

sional board staff member and board/CEO team, all of whom have improved equity at their institutions.

"Trustee Boyle epitomizes public service," said Jerry Prater, chair of the DCCCD board of trustees. "She is the strongest voice on our board when the subject turns to tuition. Time after time, she has argued that tuition should be the last place to turn to balance the budget.

"She lives and breathes stewardship. Trustee Boyle exerts leadership by showing up and closing deals. These qualities, combined with her perennial devotion to access, affordability and responsible stewardship of public resources, set her apart."

"Trustee Boyle puts students

first," said Dr. Wright Lassiter, DCCCD chancellor. "She supports diversity and access, and her actions on the board reflect that fact. We celebrate this honor from ACCT with Trustee Boyle. She once again has elevated our district's reputation at the national level, in addition to all of the hard work she has put forth locally and across Texas to promote the needs and best interests of community colleges and our students."

Boyle, who has been elected to three six-year terms on the DCCCD board of trustees by District five voters in the Irving/Las Colinas area, served as chair of the board from 2000 to 2004.

With Boyle's assistance, the Texas Legislative Community College Caucus and the Community

College Association of Texas Trustees played key roles during the last two legislative sessions in restoring employee health insurance funds for the state's 50 community colleges/systems.

Boyle is involved in numerous civic and community organizations in Irving. She is an administrator for the law firm of Boyle & Lowry, LLP, and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She has received the Irving Independent School District's Golden Apple Award; the Irving "YWCA Where the 'W' Makes the Difference" Women in Government Award; the American Cancer Society (Irving Chapter) Community Service Award; and the Soroptomist International Distinguished Women Award.

# National Science Foundation names Texas A&M to elite top 20 list

Provided by Rusty Cawley

The National Science Foundation named Texas A&M University as the only new member of the NSF's annual list of the Top 20 Academic Research Performers in the United States.

Texas A&M joins an elite list including such standouts as the Johns Hopkins University, Ohio State, Penn State, Duke University, Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

(MIT), and is the only Texas institution to rank in the NSF's Top 20 for 2009.

Each year, the NSF surveys 690 U.S. institutions and ranks them according to their research and development expenditures in science and engineering.

For 2008, Texas A&M's research expenditures increased by 6.99 percent to \$582 million. This pushed Texas A&M up two places on the 2009 NSF list from No. 22

to No. 20, displacing Washington University (St. Louis, MO), which had been a member of the NSF Top 20 since 1999.

The NSF ranked Texas A&M at No. 22 in 2008, based on the university's 2007 research expenditures of \$544 million.

The university is determined to reach the NSF Top 10 within the next few years.

"By joining the NSF Top 20, Texas A&M takes a significant step toward its goal of ranking among

the top 10 research universities in the United States," Seemann said. "It is notable that Texas A&M advanced its research activities in a year when four of the NSF's Top 20 institutions for 2008, Duke, Ohio State, Florida and Washington (St. Louis) reported declines in their research expenditures for the NSF's most recent survey."

Texas A&M's investment represents 3.78 percent of the total research expenditures, \$15.363 billion, reported by the Top 20 insti-

tutions to the NSF for the 2009 list. The NSF ranks Texas A&M as No. 3 among all institutions without a medical school, behind No. 1 MIT and No. 2 University of California at Berkeley.

The NSF published its 2009 list of Top Academic Research Performers in its September 2009 InfoBrief (NSF 09-318), headlined "Federal Government is Largest Source of University R&D Funding in S&E; Share Drops in FY 2008."

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## OBITUARIES

### WILLIAM "BILL" GRIGGS



William "Bill" Griggs was born in Decatur, TX on April 30, 1919 to Dan and Myrtle Griggs. He was the youngest of four children. He attended Decatur High School from 1935-1939, where he was an outstanding athlete in football and track. He was a three year captain of the Decatur Eagle football team. Bill continued his athletic pursuits in football at Decatur Baptist College and upon completion of college he joined the war effort of WWII. He served his country for 4 years in Company E, 176<sup>th</sup> Engineers where he received the rank of Master Sergeant along with numerous medals and commendations. Bill returned to Decatur after the war and married Lavada Lee Gage, a Decatur school teacher from the Sycamore community. Bill and Lavada had one child, Melinda, who was "her daddy's girl." They enjoyed many years of family sporting activities. Bill was always an active member of booster clubs and service organizations. He served as President of the Nimitz High School Booster

Club, the Irving Girls Softball Associations, and was instrumental in building the Southwest Park Girls softball fields in Irving, TX, where he and his family lived for over 30 years. Bill worked in the oil and gas industry for his entire career. He worked for Shell Oil Company for 10 years and Texaco Oil for another 37 years before retiring as the plant manager of the Dallas plant. Upon retirement he returned to his home of Decatur and was a long time member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Decatur Athletic Booster Club, and Central Fellowship Church. Bill always had a smile on his face, a firm handshake, and a positive word of encouragement for everyone he met. He enjoyed hunting, working on his farm, raising cattle, traveling and his wife, visiting with friends, Eagle sports, and his grandsons, Josh and Jase. Bill is survived by his wife of almost 64 years, Lavada Lee Gage Griggs; daughter Melinda Kaye Griggs Reeves and son-in-law Jack E. Reeves; grandsons Josh William Reeves and Jase Ryan Reeves; sister-in-law Roberta Buchanan; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins whom he dearly loved. In lieu of flowers, the family of Bill Griggs requests that donations be

made to Bill Griggs Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o DHS Booster Club, P.O. Box 34, Decatur, Texas 76234.

### FRANK MARTIN

Frank Martin, age 93, of Irving, died Sunday, October 25, 2009. He was born in Shamrock, Oklahoma on January 22, 1916. Visitation was 7- 9 p.m., Thursday. Funeral service was 2 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2009 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

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# Dentists needed to help Interfaith Clinic

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using what you've learned to help someone have better oral health." The dentists at Irving Interfaith Clinic do only basic dental work, including fillings and extractions.

The clinic also offers cleanings to patients through the services of a dental hygienist.

The three dentists who volunteer currently work on Fridays. However, Juarez says that the clinic's staff will work to accom-

modate any volunteer's schedule whenever possible. Dentists interested in helping can contact Lilly Juarez at the Irving Interfaith Clinic at 972-254-2700.

Founded in 2006, Irving Interfaith Clinic provides primary

medical and dental services to uninsured residents of Irving. Patients must qualify based on proven financial need.

Charitable gifts from individuals, corporations and founda-

tions to the Irving Healthcare Foundation have fully funded this clinic since its founding. To learn more or to make a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.irvinghealthcare.org](http://www.irvinghealthcare.org).

## Mungles on Movies

## The greatest concert that never was

By Matt Mungle  
Title: *This is It*  
Rated: PG

It is hard to watch and talk about the new documentary, *THIS IS IT*, which chronicles the last few months of Michael Jackson's life without feeling some tinge of sadness and a little bit of media sensationalism. Granted the film was created with the full support of Jackson's estate, but you have to wonder if it is too soon.

That said, Jackson was always

a fan of media attention and probably would be proud to have this shown as a last look at his talent and genius. The film is directed by Ken Ortega who was both Jackson's creative partner and director of the stage show. That connection helps Ortega to use over 120 hours of behind the scenes footage to bring a nice homage to the legend of Jackson and the concert that never was to be.

Covering the preparation, rehearsals and musical numbers the footage includes events from March

through June of this year. Nothing is left out of this musical masterpiece. They could have easily given us small glimpses of the song numbers and filled the rest with long winded interviews full of manipulative emotion. Instead they let the footage speak for the man.

You see Michael in every aspect of concert creation. From picking the dancers to conducting the band rehearsals to producing all of the special effects and prerecorded elements that was to be the backdrop of the show. Jackson had a hand in it all. This is not the creepy Jackson that plagued the news clips over the years. This is the creative Jackson that looms larger than life and brims with confidence and leadership. There is no doubt who is in charge, but he does it with such humility, patience and compassion that you get the feeling that he wanted nothing more than to love and be loved even in the pursuit of perfection. He was a star willing to share the stage and the glory.

Fans of Jackson's dancing get a front row seat to every spin, pop, and slide. I watched in awe as this 50 year old man moved with the agility and sharpness of someone half his age. I had forgotten how talented this cat was when it came to visually captivating an audience. He never misses a beat.

He can be involved in the most intricate dance move and still be able to concentrate on solid vocals and hearing every note the band is playing. Critiquing and polishing every element as he goes. Few performers have the talent and the ability to do one of those things much less all three to the level of MJ. I could always appreciate the man's gift to the music world but after seeing this candid, unscripted piece that respect has gone to new heights.

*THIS IS IT* is rated PG for some suggestive choreography and scary images. Nothing in this film is objectionable. I easily give it 5 out of 5 down beats. Over the last several years Jackson's personal life and off stage antics have over shadowed the brilliant artist that Michael was on stage. There needed to be something else. Something that showed the indisputable fact that he truly was the King of Pop. Something that gave the world one last look at the true heartbeat of the performer. Something that would allow fans to glimpse the greatest concert that would never be. This is it. So says Matt Mungle.

*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.mungleshows.com](http://www.mungleshows.com).*

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**Irving Independent School District**

Due to the unexpected increase of students entering band and orchestra, the Irving Independent School district has a temporary shortfall of instruments for students. As of Sep. 9, Lamar Middle School was short about 30 instruments while the other the middle schools were short about a dozen instruments each. After the article ran in the Sep. 12<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Irving Rambler*, a clarinet and a recorder were donated. Please look in your closets, and donate your old instruments that are collecting dust, so child can receive the instrument and enjoy the opportunity to develop musically.

**Salvation Army School of Performing Arts**

The need for musical instruments has also impacted The Salvation Army Irving's School of Performing Arts (SPA). During the past three years, SPA has provided instruction for children learning to play piano, drum, and guitar. Donations of keyboards, drums, and guitars. will allow students to take them home to practice during the week.

If you have a band, orchestra or other musical instrument you would like to donate to a music program, call 972-870-1992 to arrange for someone to pick up the instrument, or drop it off at The Salvation Army Irving, 250 E. Grauwylar Rd, Irving. You can also bring the instrument to The Irving Rambler, 625 S. Rogers, Irving.

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- 1 Summer stinger
  - 5 Say "Hey!"
  - 9 It rhymes with doom!
  - 14 Jamaican cultist
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  - 20 Garfield's pal
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  - 24 FARMER WANTED!
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  - 62 Agitated state
  - 63 Oklahoma city
  - 65 Bristol brews
  - 66 Novelist O'Flaherty
  - 68 TV's "Happy —"
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  - 73 — and outs
  - 74 MAIL CARRIER WANTED!
  - 79 Outlaw
  - 80 Barbara of "Perry Mason"
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  - 100 Sedaka or Simon
  - 101 Out-of-this-world org.
  - 103 "Hi, Horace!"
  - 104 CHANDE-LIER SALESMAN WANTED!
  - 110 Singer Davis
  - 113 Paid player
  - 114 Actor McGregor
  - 115 Reunion attendee
  - 116 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
  - 118 Wildebeest
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  - 12 Henry the Fowler's son
  - 13 New York river
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  - 18 Llama turf
  - 25 Word with face or heart
  - 26 And others
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  - 35 Blue hue
  - 36 Spiritual guide
  - 37 Usher's beat
  - 39 Stained
  - 41 Toby, for one
  - 42 Neighbor of Idaho
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  - 44 A Karamazov brother
  - 45 Dwell
  - 46 Sylvester's snooze
  - 51 "Gotcha!"
  - 52 Antique
  - 53 Senator Lott
  - 54 Musical Myra
  - 56 Building wings
  - 57 Jaclyn of "Charlie's Angels"
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  - 74 Hyper
  - 75 Quilter's cry
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  - 84 Savage sort
  - 86 Former Buffalo Bills player Don
  - 88 Rachel's sister
  - 90 Elated
  - 91 Golfer Ballesteros
  - 93 Short-timer
  - 95 Survey
  - 96 Joyce of "Roc"
  - 97 Neighbor of Molokai
  - 98 Lapidus or Lewis
  - 102 Began
  - 105 Press
  - 106 Beethoven's "Moonlight —"
  - 107 The — 500
  - 108 Remnant
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  - 110 "— Pearl" ('71 hit)
  - 111 Mature
  - 112 Romero or Franck
  - 117 Sicily's highest point
  - 119 "QB VII" author
  - 121 Israel's Barak
  - 122 Tabula —
  - 124 Swenson of "Benson"
  - 125 Electrical measure
  - 126 "Only Time" singer
  - 128 Method
  - 129 Atlas feature
  - 130 Is for two
  - 131 Actress Grey
  - 132 Theater sign

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Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



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### WORDS WITH A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF FAT

## MAGIC MAZE

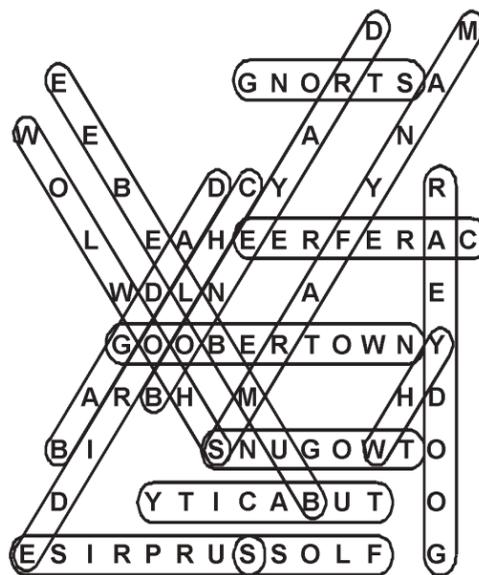
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Arafat	Fateful	Fatten	Nonfat
Butterfat	Fathom	Fatty	Prefatory
Fatal	Fatigue	Infatuated	Sulfate
Fatback	Fatima	Moffat	

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# Irving Cares declares "The Great Harvest" a huge success

Provided by Leigh Eitson

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual "The Great Harvest ~ An Evening to Care" benefiting Irving Cares was held on Oct. 9, at the Four Seasons Hotel & Resort for the second year in a row. The Great Harvest was excited to welcome first time attendees and was extremely appreciative longtime supporters.

As Teddie Story, Executive Director of Irving Cares, shared with the crowd of 230 people,

"Your support of The Great

Harvest helps us raise the money necessary to be able to meet the needs of Irving residents," Teddie Story, Executive Director of Irving Cares, to the crowd. "With your support, we will impact our community and meet the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. We were able to raise over \$161,000 with this event this year. Thank you for so generously saying yes."

Once again, the Four Seasons presented buffet stations that

partnered well with the ambience of the evening, good food, worthy cause, and helping to raise money to assist families going through a temporary crisis in their lives.

Don Herring, Jr. was acknowledged as committee chair for this year's Great Harvest. Ms. Story announced that Brian and Stacy Smith, owners of Big State Drug and Brown's Pharmacy, have committed to host the 20<sup>th</sup> Great Harvest in 2010, the platinum anniversary of the event.

# Choir prepares for Christmas with new recording

By Jess Paniszczyn

It's never too early for Christmas. Especially at the Plymouth Park Baptist Church where the Worship Choir spent the end of summer and the beginning of autumn recording a Christmas CD. After receiving the first shipment of 1,000 CDs, choir members threw a party at Receptions on the Main on Oct. 28.

"We are premiering our new worship recording for Christmas entitled The Spirit of Christmas," said David Scherler, Worship Pastor. "It is a compilation of songs written and arranged by Phil Barfoot and Dave Williamson out of Nashville.

"In September, we had Mr. Barfoot and Bobby Shin, who is an engineer, fly in and do the recording for us. Then they took it back to Nashville and mastered it. The Nashville String Machine is doing all of the accompaniment on the CD. The worship choir from Plymouth Park Church is doing all the singing. It is a collection of some familiar and brand new Christmas songs that people will hopefully enjoy listening to.

"We are very pleased with the way the CD turned out. It just sounds great.

"This is the first CD this choir has recorded. They did a recording back in the early 60s, and it was vinyl. So it's been a long time since they have done any recording."

Returning to the church following an extended absence, Pastor Scherler felt the choir needed some inspiration.

"I served Plymouth Park 10 years ago as the Worship Pastor. I left and went to another church. I have only been back six months. I

needed something to kind of rally everybody together, and to help us get our Christmas music all prepared. I thought this would be a great thing to get everybody hyper focused and bring us together as a unit. There is nothing like knowing you are about to be recorded to make everybody tune and learn their parts," Pastor Scherler said.

"We are making the CDs available to our church and the

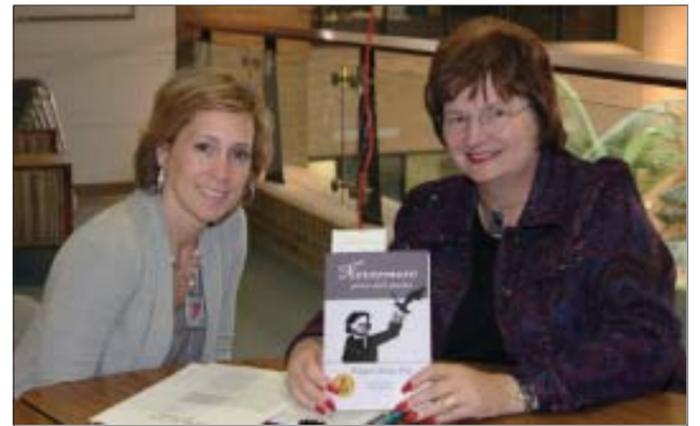
community at large. They are for sale at the church for \$15 a CD.

"The proceeds from the sales of the CDs will go back into paying for the production of the CD. We are just trying to break even on selling enough CDs to pay for producing that, and hopefully there will be enough left over for us to make another one next year," he said.



Ready for the Christmas season, members of the Worship Choir stand behind an advertisement for their new CD.

# Big Read Book Club



Jennifer Jackson, secondary English coordinator, and Lea Bailey, learning resources director, meet Oct. 23 to talk about the works of Edgar Allen Poe as part of the Administration Building Big Read book club.



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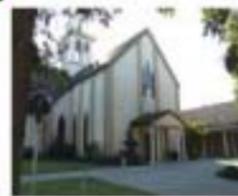
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## TODAY



**What you will experience during your visit**

**Car & Motorcycle Show 10A-2p** (Entry Fee \$5) CASH PRIZES 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

(Bring your ride, running or not, show it off, let the crowd decide if it's hot or if it's not. Public votes on best of show, best paint & ugly duckling.)

**Craft Fair 10a-5p** (you have a craft you want to share—check out website for details)

**Silent Auction from 10a-12 noon & again 2p-4p**

**LUNCH 11a-2p** (items will be carnival type food like hot dogs, & nachos)

**BBQ Dinner with LIVE Auction 6:30p-8p** (serving Brisket / Smoked Turkey, Cole Slaw, Beans—tickets will be sold—\$5 for children 10 years & younger, everyone else \$10)

**Things throughout the day for children:** mini train rides, bounce houses, cake walk, painting pumpkins, plus more, then from 5-6p Costume Contest (please NO SCARY Costumes) with Trunk & Treat to follow around 6:00-6:45p

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