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# Chapter 8 changes to improve apartments

By Jess Paniszczyn

The City Council recently approved amending Chapter 8 of the Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving. One of

the biggest changes mandates that apartments with a three or four risk rating participate in an abbreviated version of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. Through this

program, apartment managers can learn how to create a safer environment for their tenants, and using criminal background checks, avoid renting to tenants with a history of repeated criminal behavior.

"There were several changes to Chapter 8," said Teresa Adrian, Director of Irving's Code Enforcement Department. "Chapter 8 used to be five separate chapters. We combined all those chapters because they all had the same type of language in them. Basically Chapter 8 addresses the building; the construction of the building, the conditions of the building, the

owner's responsibilities if it is renter occupied whether it is a single family or multi-family property. Chapter 8 applies to all buildings whether the construction of a residential building or a commercial building.

"The second thing we did was some clean up in the Building and Standards section. One of the things that happened was the removal of the appeals process. There had been the ability to file an appeal on a Building and Standards commission order; that re-hearing has been taken out."

Additions to Chapter 8 as it relates to apartments should not be

intrusive to the apartment's management or demand undue manpower on the part of Code Enforcement.

"We are doing an abbreviated version of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. From an enforcement side, what we will be doing is when we go out and conduct our annual inspections, we will be spot checking just to make sure they are participating. From a list of the recent move-ins, we will randomly pull some leases to make sure a criminal background check has been done.

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## It's good to be Ms. Mature



After all the beauty and suspense of the evening, Jody Smith-Jones is announced as Irving's Ms. Mature 2008. Ms. Smith-Jones also had the honor of tying with Mary Ellen O'Gorman for the title of Ms. Congeniality.

# Internet phenomenon celebrates success

By Jess Paniszczyn

Thousands of people who struggle with the demons of depression, disorganization and clutter have found a friend and ally in Marla Cilley, a.k.a. the FlyLady. Nine years ago, Marla was inspired to reach out through the Internet to encourage others like herself. Today with 500,000 members, Marla captains the largest Yahoo! Group ever gathered.

In honor of her success, Yahoo! organized a gathering of Flybabies at the Omni Mandalay Hotel on Oct. 4. Marla and her Fly Crew personally interacted with the estimated 700 guests in attendance.

"Thanks to a sponsorship from Yahoo! I was able to throw an amaz-

ing party for my Flybabies," Marla said. "I love to meet them in person and listen to their incredible stories. In person I'm able to connect with them on another level, and go into great detail about who I am, what I represent, and how the FlyLady has come to be. I enjoy making them laugh, cry, and even dance at these events and believe it's an important aspect of what I do to keep the FlyLady community

together.

"One of the core missions of my group is to help each FlyBaby to FLY (finally love yourself.) I believe that by helping my FlyBabies achieve the small everyday tasks, they can establish routines and accomplish small goals that will not only keep their houses clean, but make them feel good about themselves.

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# Toll revenues to help fund BNSF study

Toll revenues have been allocated by the Regional Toll Revenue Funding Initiative to help fund the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) passenger rail project study. It is hoped that the funding, which came from State Highway 121 toll proceeds, will help ensure a more timely implementation of the commuter rail service.

The study, spearheaded by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), will examine elements such as ridership, economics, route schedules and future

project funding to help provide area residents with a north-south mass transit option on the BNSF rail line.

Irving has partnered with NCTCOG and several area cities to conduct the study that would unite Irving, Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Plano and Frisco along 29.4 miles of existing freight rail. Initial plans call for several stations along the rail line from Irving to Frisco.

"Our partnership with these area cities will help bring the commuter line through Irving sooner rather than later to help address is-

such as traffic congestion and pollution," said City Manager Tommy Gonzalez. "The convenience of this commuter rail also would help support job growth by providing area residents with another mass transit option."

NCTCOG is in the process of selecting project team members to participate in the study.

For more information on the BNSF rail project study, contact Melissa Baker at ebaker@cityofirving.org or 972-721-4846.

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# POLICE & FIRE



## Aggravated Robbery/Arrests:

10-02-08 at 12:09 a.m. Two suspects, one armed with a 12 gauge shotgun, entered the 7-11 store in the 4100 block of W. SH 183 and robbed the clerk of cash and merchandise. The armed suspect struck the victim several times with the shotgun before fleeing the scene. The victim received minor injuries. Officer Rodgers heard the call and responded to the area. He heard that the suspects ran to the back of the store and felt that they were running to a vehicle. He then observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed exiting the Starplex parking lot, cross Pioneer Dr. and drive into the Creekwood Apartments. He followed the vehicle into the complex until it stopped and three suspects fled on foot. Officer Rodgers was able to apprehend the driver (armed sus-

pect from the robbery) after a short foot pursuit. One of the other suspects was apprehended a short time later in a nearby apartment. The shotgun used in the robbery as well as items stolen were recovered from the vehicle and arrestees.

## Fire/ Criminal Mischief:

10-02-08 A fire was intentionally set at MacArthur High School in a trash can in a restroom near the library. The fire alarm was activated, IFD responded, and the building was evacuated. There are no known suspects but video evidence should be available.

## Robbery:

10-03-08 at 12:05 a.m. The complainant was walking in the Wal-Mart parking lot to her car. The suspect jumped out of a van and grabbed the complainant and threw her to the ground. The suspect took

the complainant's purse. The suspect was not located.

## Aggravated Robbery:

10-03-08 at 1:10 a.m. The complainant pulled into his parking space in the 4300 block of Pleasant Run Rd. The suspects pulled behind him and displayed a weapon. The suspects took the complainant's cash and left the scene. There were no injuries.

## Burglary of a Residence:

10-04-08 at 1:50 p.m. Officers responded to a burglary in progress in the 4200 block of Reserve Way. Three juveniles were seen breaking into an apartment. When officers arrived on the scene, the suspects ran through the complex. Officers caught two of the three burglars. Property was recovered throughout the complex.

## Burglary of a Building:

10-05-08 at 2:35 a.m. Officers were dispatched to an alarm at Otis Brown Elementary. On arrival they found three juveniles inside the school in the mail hallway. The suspects fled through the school and out the north side. Officers apprehended all three suspects after a brief foot chase. Suspects had two backpacks containing various items taken from inside the school.

## Police Pursuit:

10-05-08 at 4:30 p.m. Officer R. Jones was working radar, sitting on the inside shoulder of east bound SH 183 at Valley View when a vehicle just missed hitting his squad car by inches. He attempted to stop the vehicle which refused to stop. The vehicle, a tan Pontiac Sunbird struck the center wall two different times, blowing out the front left tire but still continued. Officer Standlee deployed the spikes on east bound SH 183 over Loop 12 which flattened the front right tire. The suspect continued east bound Spur 482 into Dallas. The vehicle struck another vehicle stopped at the red light at Northwest Highway and Webb Chappel. There were only minor injuries. The female suspect was taken into custody and charged with Evading and DWI.

## Burglary of Habitation:

10-07-08 at 1:15 a.m. The previous night the resident was away from the apartment in the 2300 block of W. Rochelle and it was burglarized. This morning, a female suspect was snooping around the apartment. Officer Vignali responded and arrested the suspect for criminal trespass. After questioning, the suspect said that she heard a male named "Bo" had committed the offense and left the door open. Officer Vignali followed up and was able to get a possible residence for Bo. After knocking on a few doors at a separate location, the officer located Bo. Bo had an outstanding warrant and was arrested. A sub-

## Irving Fire Department

### Activity summary Oct. 2 - 7, 2008

Irving Fire Department responded to 189 incidents.

#### The Fire incidents

51 Miscellaneous Fire and Rescue Calls  
4 Structure Fires  
2 Special Operations  
1 Vehicle Fires

#### Medical calls

15 Major Accidents  
44 Major Medical  
17 Heart Attacks  
22 Difficulty Breathing  
23 Trauma Related  
10 CPR Situations

#### Comments:

**10-08:** At 3:26 a.m., the Irving Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 4125 Pleasant Run. First arriving emergency personnel were on-scene at 3:29 a.m. with a total of two alarms responding. The number of fire companies and /or major apparatus used to control this incident totaled 15. The companies responding were: five engines, three trucks, two MICU'S, three Chiefs, one Air-Light Truck. Thirty-three Fire Fighters and three Chief Officers were utilized in bringing the emergency under control. There were no injuries at this emergency.

sequent search led to a recovery of the stolen property.

#### Fraud:

10-07-08 at 1:15 p.m. A male suspect went to Toyota of Irving and attempted to purchase a vehicle using fraudulent identification. Officer Escobar responded and an arrest was made. Follow-up revealed the suspect drove to the dealership in another vehicle fraudulently obtained and a repo person was following the suspect looking for a

third fraudulently obtained vehicle. Lastly, the suspect's vehicle was filled with stolen mail.

#### Apartment Fire:

10-08-08 A fire displaced 17-20 residents from 8 units at the Vineyard Apartments in the 4100 block of Pleasant Run. No injuries and IFD is attempting to determine cause at this time. The management of the complex responded and is making arrangements for housing for the residents.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Editor:

I want to give praise and thanks to the Irving Fire Department.

Everyone knows that the firemen risk their lives in fires and accidents and disasters. They are at our beckoned call when we need assistance in our homes, but, did you know that these men also have the most beautiful, breathtaking, ceremony to offer one of their members when they pass away?

My husband recently passed away. He was a retired Irving fireman. He was given a burial fit for a king. They had honor guards, pallbearers, flag carriers, bagpipe players, drummers, bell ringers, and a trumpeter at his service. A fire engine led us from the church to the cemetery. My family has always

been proud to be a part of the Irving Fire Department, and we always will be.

Mrs. John (Tom) Murphy

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# MMI receives grant for expanded foreclosure prevention program

Provided by Jordan Gibennus

Money Management International (MMI), the nation's largest nonprofit credit and debt counseling and education agency, recently announced the official launch of their foreclosure prevention program. With receipt of its second \$1 million grant from HSBC-North America, MMI is able to expand its Preserving Homeownership and Savings Education Strategy (PHASES) program.

Utilizing the HSBC funds, the PHASES program provides grants for up to \$7,500-an increase from \$5,000 during the pilot phase-to qualified homeowners who are striving to recover from a temporary financial setback. As part of the program, the PHASES team provides one-on-one financial counseling sessions to help keep families in their homes and effectively manage their personal finances.

During the pilot phase of the program, MMI and HSBC helped hundreds of homeowners become current on outstanding mortgage payments and provided vital financial planning skills to keep consumers on the road to financial stability. The pilot program's success is evidenced by its receipt of the NeighborWorks America's 2008 Innovations in Homeownership Contest, for its innovative post-purchase strategy for consumers.

"HSBC is delighted to continue this partnership with MMI to provide the resources families need to keep their homes, and feel more confident about their future path," said Tom Detelich, president, Consumer and Mortgage Lending for HSBC Finance Corporation. "We are committed to working with MMI and other top national and local community organizations to provide practical tools to help families make an immediate difference and help plan for the future."

PHASES program helped more than 200 consumers keep their homes and build stronger financial futures," MMI President and CEO Ivan Hand said. "With HSBC's support, and the work of our housing counselors, the program was a great success and we're glad to announce our expanded support for American homeowners."

The PHASES program is currently available to homeowners in 15 states including Texas. To learn more about the MMI PHASES program, call 888-589-6959 or visit [www.MMIPHASES.com](http://www.MMIPHASES.com).

"In its pilot phase, the MMI

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### October 11

**Disability Expo** - The Irving Advisory Committee on Disabilities will host a free Disability Expo from 9 a.m. to noon at the Heritage Senior Center, 200 S. Jefferson St. Approximately 50 exhibitors will be represented at the expo, which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the community by highlighting services from local, county, state and federal agencies that serve area residents with disabilities. For more information, contact the Corporate Communications Department at 972-721-7600.

**October 11 from 11:30am-2:30pm NAACP Banquet** - The 2008 NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet with keynote speaker District Attorney Craig Watkins and Special Guest Senator Royce West will be held from 11:30am-2:30pm at the La Cima Club of Las Colinas in Irving. Admission is \$40.

**October 13 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camp Airways** - Baylor Medical Center at Irving is offering Camp Airways, a free day camp for children with asthma, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Townley Elementary School, 1030 Vilbig in Irving. Children with asthma between the ages of 8 and 12 are invited to attend. Activities for Camp Airways include education, games and a field trip. For more information or to register for camp call 1-800-4BAYLOR.

### October 13 at 9:30 a.m.

**Mysterious Monday Morning Movies** - Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd., screens the movie based on Dashiell Hammett's classic tale of murder in Manhattan that began one of the most successful detective series in film history on Oct. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

### October 13 at 7pm

**New Library Facilities** - Residents are invited to attend a presentation and provide input regarding plans for future Irving libraries during a public input meeting at 7 p.m. at the Central Library Auditorium, 801 W. Irving Blvd. The library's plan addresses opportunities to increase services in the community, and includes the framework for:

- A new Northwest Branch Library to replace an existing storefront location.
- Comprehensive renovation of the Central Library.
- Consolidation of staffing to better serve the city.
- Build-out of the Valley Ranch Library. A recreation/library complex that will provide an innovative activity destination for residents.

Comments also may be submitted online at [www.cityofirving.org](http://www.cityofirving.org) under the "Public Input" section of the home page. For more information, call 972-721-2628.

### October 13 at 7:30pm

**Beta Sigma Phi** - The Beta Eta Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will have their October meeting at 7:30pm at the home of Wanda Pomroy with Judy Pierson presenting the program. The Chapter meets the second Monday of each month. For more information call 972-254-1062.

### October 14 at 7:00pm

**Downtown Association** - The Irving Downtown Association will meet at the Community Building 7:00 PM. Mark Dyer from Irving First will be the guest speaker. The presentation will be on the Opposition of Malt Beer and Wine Sales.

### October 14 at 7:30pm

**Entertainment Series** - Entertainment Series of Irving presents Rachael Price 7:30 PM, Carpenter Hall, Tickets: \$30 972-252-ARTS, Info: 214-783-3724 [www.entertainmentseries.com](http://www.entertainmentseries.com).

### October 16 at 9:30am

**Animal Shelter Groundbreaking** - The City of Irving will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the new animal shelter at 9:30 a.m. The \$6.2 million, state-of-the-art facility is located at 4140 Valley View Lane, between Northgate Drive and Walnut Hill Lane. The animal shelter will be funded through capital improvement bond funds and gas lease revenues. Scheduled to open in the summer of 2009, the animal shelter will be a joint project, housing the city's Animal Services operation as well as the DFW Humane Society.

### October 16 from 6pm to 9pm

**Hospital Carnival** - V.F.W. Post 2494, along with the Ladies & Men's Auxiliaries will participate in the annual Carnival to be held at the V.A. Medical Center in Dallas. The Post and Auxiliaries serve hot dogs, chili dogs and nachos to the patients and their families at no charge. All food is prepared at the V.A.M.C. and is served from 6 PM to 9 PM. For information on participating, contact the Post at 972-790-1611.

### October 16 at 7 p.m.

**Eugene McDermott Lectureship** Mark Helprin, writer, essayist, and commentator, will serve as the distinguished guest for the University of Dallas' 33rd Eugene McDermott Lectureship. The lecture will be held in Lynch Auditorium on the University's campus in Irving (1845 E. Northgate Dr.) at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public with seating on a first come basis.

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# Abbreviated Crime Free Multi-Housing Program created for challenged complexes

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"The abbreviated or modified version of the Crime Free program, which involves much less than the voluntary program, will entail apartment managers, whose apartments have a risk rating of a three or four, signing an agreement, using the

addendum, and doing criminal background checks on everybody.

"A lot of apartment complexes already run criminal background checks on perspective renters. Some owners don't want to conduct those checks, because they dip into the costs it takes to run a property, and it is another reason why you wouldn't allow people to move in. Especially when there is a low occupancy rate, they want to get everybody in that they can to keep the occupancy high. And it is very common practice for apartment complexes to do credit checks on everybody. It is not necessarily

uncommon to do the criminal background check also.

"For those denied an apartment rental because of the background check, there is an appeals process in place, and people will have the ability to file an appeal. That appeal will be through the Police Department."

Code Enforcement officers will ensure that apartment owners and management are aware of the recent changes.

"On Dec. 2, Code Enforcement will conduct an overview workshop of Chapter 8 for the apartment industry. All of our multi-family op-

erators in Irving will be invited to attend this workshop. We will conduct an extensive overview of the ordinance and let everybody know what they need to do.

"By knowing what the expectations are and what the enforcement options will be if they don't meet those expectations and maintain their property at a level that is acceptable, they have an opportunity to start trying to correct that on their own voluntarily. Most people, when they know what the rules are, they tend to follow them. Our voluntary compliance rate has always been very high," she said.

Apartment managers will be required to register with Code Enforcement.

"One of the other changes was the registration of the apartment managers, so that when we have an emergency type event we can get in touch with the managers, and they can help us deal with the situation.

"A prime example would be Park Springs Apartments when we had the sewage overflow. We had a hard time getting in touch with anybody. We probably could have solved that problem a little quicker

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# Study finds alcohol beverage sales stimulate economic activity

Provided by Rickey Dailey

Communities that vote to allow beverage alcohol sales can expect millions of dollars in increased economic activity, hundreds of additional jobs and a steady source of new tax revenue, according to a new study by The Perryman Group.

"Our analysis found that even after all other economic trends and retail patterns are taken into account, there is a statistically significant increase in retail sales following a change from 'dry' to 'wet'. And, an area can reasonably expect a substantial gain in retail sales taxes the year after approval of a local option alcohol election," said Dr. Ray Perryman, president of The Perryman Group.

The 52-page study by the Waco-based economic and financial analysis firm measured the economic impact of beer, wine and distilled spirits sales on three hypothetical areas that changed from "dry" to "wet."

**25,000-person community** with per-capita income 10 percent below the state average.

Net impact of all beverage alcohol sales:

Almost \$19 million in annual spending in local economy

\$10.8 million in economic output

185 jobs

\$429,000 in local tax receipts per year

The economic contribution of distilled spirits sales:

\$5.8 million in annual spending

Nearly \$3.3 million in output

55 jobs

\$123,000 in local taxes per year

**100,000-population city** with average incomes equal to state average; impact of all beverage alcohol sales:

\$90.1 million in annual spending

\$50.8 million in output

863 jobs

\$1.9 million in local taxes per year

The economic contribution of distilled spirits sales:

\$27.8 million in annual spending

\$15.5 million in output

264 jobs

\$566,000 in local taxes per year

**150,000-population city** with per-capita income 20 percent above the Texas average; impact of all beverage alcohol sales:

\$134 million in annual spending

\$79.7 million in output

1,366 jobs

\$3.1 million in local taxes per year

The economic contribution of distilled spirits sales:

\$43.2 million in spending each year

\$25.3 million in output

440 jobs

\$964,000 in local taxes per year

"It is apparent that alcoholic beverage sales can be an important source of stimulus to economic ac-

tivity. Furthermore, our study also found that retail sales in 'wet' areas are higher than in 'dry' areas even after adjusting for other factors such as income," Perryman said.

For a full copy of The Perryman

Group report, visit [www.texashospitalityassociation.com](http://www.texashospitalityassociation.com). The Texas

Hospitality Association is a non-profit foundation whose members sell and serve beverage alcohol in Texas. THA's mission is to encour-

age the responsible sale and service of adult beverages and to fight underage drinking through public awareness campaigns and education.

# Irving First questions study's methodology

While Irving First has always recognized a slight, albeit unquantifiable, immediate economic benefit to beer, wine, and malt liquor sales, (the new study by The Perryman Group) fails to address the "net" economic impact to the community. This study fails to take into consideration the costs to address the increases in crime, panhandling, and litter that result from retail sales as reported in a recent study by the Urban Institute.

The study's methodology does not take into consideration Irving's uniquely strong economic tax base as recently reported by City Manager Tommy Gonzalez in a letter sent to City leaders. Irving's sales tax revenue has grown far in excess of the study's report for jurisdictions that do not have retail alcohol sales, which certainly calls into question its applicability to Irving.

The study does not identify what new business that Irving does not already have that will be brought to Irving as a result of retail alcohol sales. Irving already has at least a dozen major grocery shopping stores, including Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Target, Kroger, Fiesta, Minyards, and Carnival.

Further, the study touting the supposed benefits of package alcohol sales was in fact paid for by the Texas Hospitality Association,

an alcohol interest front group. The interests backing the new lobbying group thus have a direct stake in the study's findings.

Irving voters have repeatedly rejected package beer, wine, and malt liquor sales for off-premises consumption. Irving First is confident voters will reject this out of state alcohol interest-backed referendum on Election Day for the third time in four years.

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# Kirk England Is Making A Difference.

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- Keep Highway 161 construction on schedule
- Raise pay for teachers in Irving public schools
- Increase funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Add \$100 million to border security

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# New specialty license plates pop up around Irving

Provided by Kim Miller Drummond

Hot pink license plates in the state of Texas? Can an orange license plate be official? Well, what about purple? Yes, it's all on the up and up.

The roads are a lot more colorful as My Plates, a new first-of-its-kind program, takes off in Texas. My Plates debuted more than 20 new license plate designs in August, and now hundreds of the new specialty plates are on cars all across the state, prompting a lot of questions. My Plates' customers have reported being stopped in grocery store parking lots and at tailgate parties by people wanting to know whether the plates are "real" and "legal."

"It's a sign we've done our job

well," said James Power, president of My Plates. "State lawmakers charged us with creating plates that would offer Texans more choices for fun and self-expression through their cars. Our designs are like nothing ever seen on Texas roads."

The [www.myplates.com](http://www.myplates.com) website lets you create your own personalized plate combination, check its availability and order online. There's even a way to print out a paper copy of the plate to test how it looks on your car.

My Plates is a Texas-based company chosen by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to handle the design, marketing and sale of new specialty license plates.

This innovative public/private

partnership is the first of its kind in the country. It will give Texans more opportunities to express their creativity while also generating new income for the state. A portion of the sale of each plate will go into the General Revenue Fund, which provides services that benefit all Texans. The contract guarantees a minimum of \$40 million to the Fund over a five-year period.

Texas currently has the country's lowest percentage of drivers with personalized license plates. Fewer than 1% of the 21 million vehicles registered in Texas have personalized plates.

The price of plates depends on the style and the level of personalization. Plates are divided into three

series: Custom, Premium, and Luxury. Prices start at \$95 a year, or from less than \$40 a year if you buy a ten-year term. Before now, Texans had to renew specialty plates each year. With My Plates, you can also choose a five or ten-year option. My Plates will also offer gift certificates for its specialty license plates, another unique aspect of the

program.

Besides the exciting new designs, the key difference in the new system is the ease of picking a plate, personalizing it and completing the order. My Plates developed a user-friendly website and added a professionally staffed call center in Austin to handle orders through their toll-free number, 877-769-7528.

## FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

In response to the current economic situation, the Irving Rambler is offering **to individuals only** any classified ad selling merchandise from puppy dogs to cars at no cost! Also garage sales! Ads must adhere to a 20 word maximum size. These ads will only be accepted through e-mail to [bobs@irvingrambler.com](mailto:bobs@irvingrambler.com). No ads will be accepted over the phone. Ads will be accepted only during October and November and will only be allowed to run for up to three weeks.

# IRVING SPORTS

## Irving beats Nimitz in showdown

By Lotis Butchko

The Irving Tigers flexed their offensive and defensive muscles Friday night beating Nimitz steadily.

For the second consecutive week Nimitz was held scoreless and beat by over 25 points. After losing last week to South Grand Prairie 28-0.

Irving (4-2) scored on their first possession of the game after senior quarterback Jercolby Bradley hit senior wide receiver, JJ Thompson for a 70-yard touchdown pass on a third a 22. The Tigers attempted a trick two-point conversion, but failed.

Nimitz (1-5) was slowed by

penalties and failed to establish an offense in the first half.

Irving got the ball back and on their third possession went on a 13 play 80-yard drive and capped it off after Bradley scored on a one-yard touchdown run.

Irving blocked a Nimitz punt on the ensuing possession and Quinton Abron scored on a 47-yard return.

At the half Irving led Nimitz 20-0.

Both teams struggled to get their feet under them in the third quarter until Bradley hit senior wide receiver Theo Teamer for a 48-yard pass which set up a seven-yard touchdown run by freshman running back Kendrick Daniels.

The fourth quarter both teams stepped up defensively not allowing any touchdowns. When Irving got the ball with a little over seven minutes left, they sat on it running out the time, not giving the ball back to Nimitz until a little over 90 seconds were left on the clock, with the Tigers leading 27-0.

Bradley finished the game with 31-yards rushing and 201-yards passing with a touchdown through the air and on the ground.

## Sports Briefs

By Lotis Butchko

Macarthur – bye week

Newman Smith – 35

R.L. Turner - 12

Newman Smith (1-4) junior quarterback Aldo Quiroga lead a fierce running attack against R.L. Turner to capture their first victory Friday night. Quiroga ran in two touchdowns of his own one from 30-yards and one from six-yards.

Running back Randall Joyner added a touchdown of his own and also had 169 yards rushing.

### Volleyball

All games were played on Oct. 7.

Grand Prairie beat Irving three sets to zero.

Nimitz beat South Grand Prairie three sets to one.

Macarthur lost to top ranked Duncanville three sets to zero.

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# Chores are positive tasks, not burdens

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“One of my philosophies is to throw away perfectionism. Perfectionists often feel overwhelmed with the tasks they have to complete throughout the day. They feel like if they can’t take the time to do it perfectly, it’s not worth doing at all. The core of what I teach is also about seeing the chores that many people let stack up day by day as positive tasks that make living in that home a more pleasant experience—less stress about having over company and keeping them away from the dirty bathroom, or cluttered family room.

“I hope that people are able to take away the idea that chores are not a burden but they are things we can all do to begin our day the right way. There are flybabies out there in nearly 80 countries who also suffer from cluttered homes and disorder in their lives. My Yahoo! Group allows them to come together, and gives me a way to speak to them whenever I want, no matter where they are.”

Marla took a rocky path to becoming an advice goddess.

“After some difficult times in my life, I began to seek a new path

for myself and fell into teaching fly fishing lessons. People, who had originally sought my advice on fly fishing, soon started seeking my advice on topics outside fly fishing. So in 1999, I started my first online group on Yahoo! where I could share my thoughts and within a month there were already 100 members,” she said.

“I would like my Flybabies to walk away from these events with the knowledge that they are not alone. I want them to see that I am a real person who was once in shoes much like their own, and if they be-

lieve in what I teach they will be able to change and be in control of their lives.”

The FlyLady’s success can be contributed in a part to her partnership with Yahoo!

“This event is very important, because Marla represents the largest group we have in Yahoo! Groups,” said Matt Warburton, Yahoo!’s Director of Community Management. “She has 500,000 members in her group. Seeing that she impacts so many people, we love to reach out to her and make sure we build a product that meets her needs. We want to give her support, because she does represent such a large group of people.

“She has also been a great partner with us. She comes to our town hall events where she gives testimonials.

Providing opportunities for people to meet and grow through the Internet benefits everyone participating in cyber communities.

“At the most basic level, she is helping people organize their lives and themselves. But she is really doing much more than that. She really has a philosophy of self improvement. She is helping people one at a time to make themselves better people. She helps people overcome problems, and she makes people happy. She is providing a great service.

“The fact that we have so many members in this group who not only participate online, but participate in events like this off-line, is a real testament to the power of the Internet and of Yahoo! Groups to enable people to have this kind of connection with people of similar interests and passions.

“The benefit to Marla is that this is a free service to her. She went out once and asked some web hosting companies what it would cost to build a system to allow her to replicate what Yahoo! Groups does. And the cost estimate was over \$1 million. It is a bit of a partnership between the people who use our services and Yahoo!,” he said.

With the help of the Marla’s advice and support, Susan Cerroni was able to take control of her life.

“The FlyLady changed my life,” Susan said. “I met a bunch of people because of her. We started a local group and I have made friends I know I will have for life. We all help and encourage each other using FlyLady’s principles.

“I didn’t realize there were other people in the world who had houses so bad they wouldn’t invite other people in. I met all these people and I thought, ‘Oh my God, I am not alone.’ Once you don’t feel alone, you get the encouragement of other people. Then you think, ‘I really am tired of living like this.’ So I just made little changes. I am not anywhere near having what you would consider an entertaining ready home, but there has been definite progress.

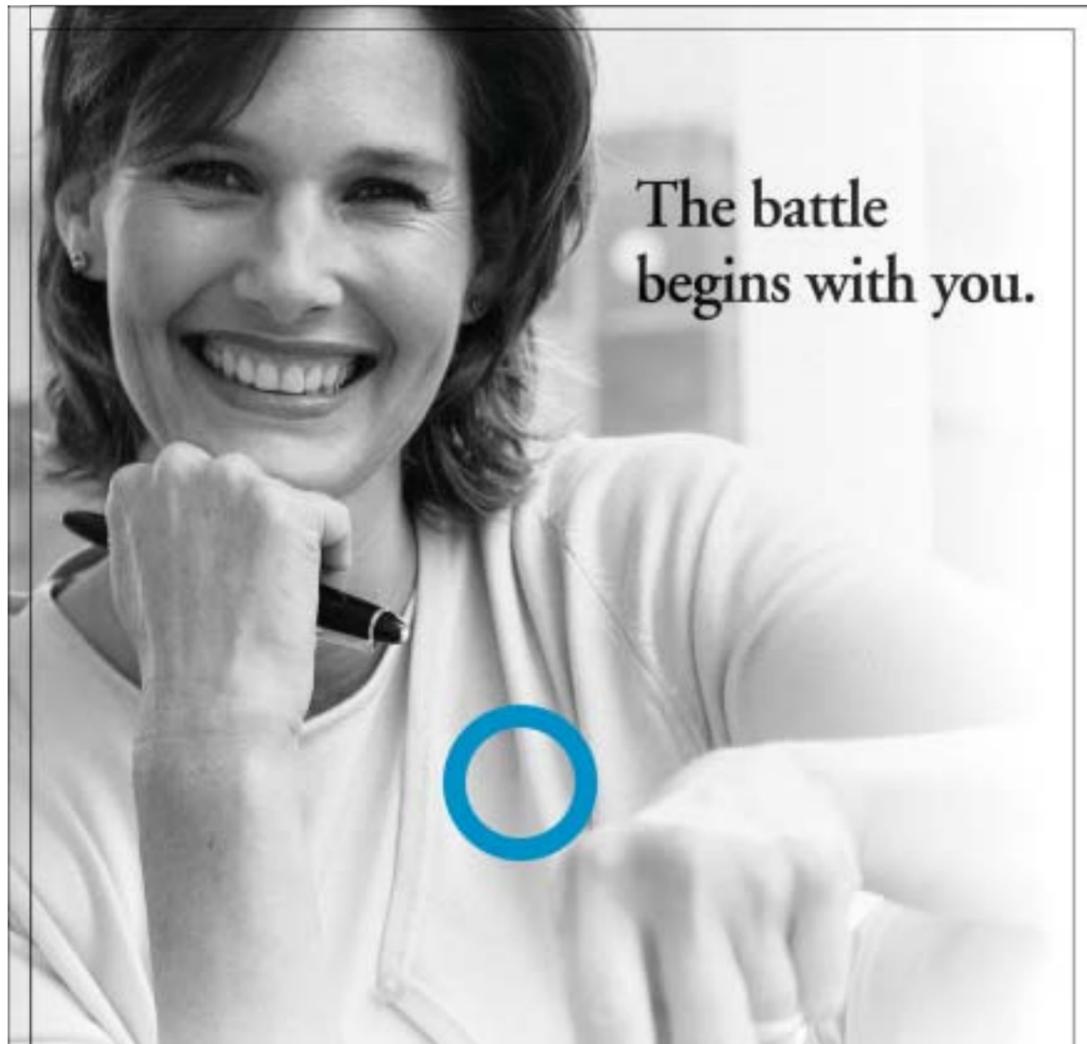
“Sometimes you get overwhelmed. You are someone’s friend, someone’s wife, someone’s mother, someone’s employee, and that becomes your identity. You don’t have a sense of yourself or develop your own passions. The Fly Lady has changed the way I think about those things.

“She makes it real simple, and she tells you what to do. When your house is a mess, your life is chaos, your schedule is a mess, and your check book is in chaos, and every aspect of your life is overwhelming, you can’t stop and think. You need someone from outside to say, ‘Okay. Today, just do this. Tomorrow, just do this.’ It is kind of like having a mom say, ‘Quit whining and go clean the kitchen sink.’ You have to snap to it and stop feeling sorry for yourself. Look at things one step at a time.”

The four Hufhines sisters made the event a family affair. Three sisters gathered from around Texas and the fourth, Lewan Hufhines, came from Spring Dale, AR to join the festivities.

“The FlyLady is just an absolutely wonderful person who helps us learn how to organize our lives. Not only our lives, but also our

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A business activity report by the Irving Economic Development Partnership.

### FLOWSERVE INTO S&P 500

Irving-based Flowserve Corporation has been selected to replace Washington Mutual in the Standard & Poor's 500 index, a group of 500 stocks chosen for their size and liquidity. Flowserve's move into the S&P 500 was effective October 1. Flowserve is the world's largest provider of pumps for the chemical, petroleum, and power industries. It provides its products and services to more than 10,000 customers around the globe.

### HEALTHVISION RELOCATES CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS INTO LAS COLINAS

Healthvision, a provider of healthcare software, has leased 24,000 sq ft in Riverside Commons on Riverside at SH-114 for its global headquarters. The lease is for 91 months and brings Riverside Commons' occupancy rate to 90%. Healthvision is currently located at 6330 Commerce Drive in Irving

### BEST CORPORATE COUNSELS

Irving is home to three of North Texas' Best Corporate Counsels including Howard Janco with LSG Sky Chefs, Michael "Mike" Smith with TRT Holdings, Inc. and Dawn Stout with Fluor Corporation. These corporate counsels were selected by the Dallas Business Journal in their annual search. An awards reception will be held November 6 in their honor at the Westin Galleria. Reservations may be made by going to [www.dallasbusinessjournal.com](http://www.dallasbusinessjournal.com) and selecting events.

### EF JOHNSON WINS \$48 MILLION NAVY CONTRACT

EF Johnson Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: EFJI) announced today that its 3e Technologies subsidiary has been awarded a \$48 million contract from the U.S. Navy. This indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity, cost plus fixed price contract calls for the company to design, test and implement a Navy-wide Virtual Perimeter Monitoring System (NVPMS) in support of the U.S. Navy's Commander, Naval Installations Command (CNIC) and the Transportation Security Administra-

tion (TSA). The company will perform based on specific task orders placed against this contract.

### FORMER BAHAMA BREEZE BUILDING SOLD

The former Bahama Breeze restaurant building located at the intersection of SH-114 and MacArthur Boulevard has been sold to a partnership headed by local restaurateur Randy DeWitt, the founder of Rockfish Seafood Grill and Twin Peak Restaurants. The new restaurant, which will be a steakhouse, will be named Cadillac Ranch.

### IRVING MALL ADDS NEW STORES, GREEN RENOVATIONS

The Irving Mall has added new retailers KT Candles and Soda, a junior girls' apparel shop. La Mariposa and Maybee, two more junior apparel girls' stores, are set to open Nov. 1. The Mall is also undergoing significant renovations including environmentally friendly green features such as waterless urinals and sink faucets in restroom facilities, installation of energy-efficient compact fluorescent lights, new paint with low levels of volatile organic compounds and carpeting from a green manufacturer, Interface. On the exterior, Irving Mall is planting new grass and flowers and installing pathways of decomposed granite.

### CEO OF THE YEAR

The Dallas Business Journal is seeking nominations for the CEO of the Year for 2009. The honor will be awarded to a chief executive of a DFW company who has had a major impact on the region and a long track record of business success. The honoree must have made outstanding contributions to a DFW company, to his or her industry, and to the North Texas region. The selected CEO must have been an important figure in news during the past year, as well as shown civic leadership throughout the North Texas community. To nominate a CEO for this honor, submit the nominee's name, company, and reasons why he or she should be the Dallas

Business Journal's CEO of the Year by Monday, Oct. 6 to Dallas Business Journal Editor Kevin Bumgarner at [kbumgarner@bizjournals.com](mailto:kbumgarner@bizjournals.com).

### UNITE FOR TROOPS NOV. 8

Porter's Army-Navy Store at 600 E. Irving Boulevard will be the location for the Veterans Day celebration, Unite For Troops, where Steve and Cindy Porter will be collecting items to benefit our deploying soldiers. For more information, contact the Porters at 972-579-1155, or visit [www.unitefortroops.com](http://www.unitefortroops.com).

### FLUOR WIN \$1 BILLION CONTRACT

Irving-based Fluor Corp., a Fortune 500 company, has been awarded a \$1 billion contract for the engineering, procurement and construction services for USEC's American centrifuge plant in Piketon, Ohio. The plant is the only commercial uranium enrichment facility that's using U.S.-owned centrifuge technology.

### MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA OPENS IRVING OFFICE

The Motion Picture Association of America has opened an office in Irving to stop DVD piracy in North Texas, one of the country's largest hubs for the crime. So far this year, law enforcement officials have seized about 100,000 counterfeit DVDs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, said Michael Robinson, director of North American anti-piracy operations for the MPAA.

### HEALTHAXIS RECEIVES UNSOLICITED BID

Ebix Inc., a software and e-commerce system provider to the insurance industry, said Tuesday it has offered to buy Irving-based Healthaxis Inc. for \$6.8 million in cash and stock. Healthaxis, which provides online benefits distribution and administration services, had already agreed to be sold to BPO Management Services earlier this month in a stock deal that would give its shareholders a 20 percent stake in a new, publicly traded company. Atlanta-based Ebix said its offer is a 100 percent premium over BPO's offer and includes \$3.5 million in cash, \$500,000 of which would be paid as termination fee to Anaheim, Calif.-based BPO. Ebix' offer also includes \$3.3 million to be paid to the Healthaxis shareholders, in the form of 33,000 shares of Ebix stock valued at \$100 per share.



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A diverse line-up of speakers will distill over 30 years of insider knowledge of the Japanese market into this 3-hour presentation to answer these questions and more. For those wanting specific guidance, a limited number of private consultations will be available after the seminar. The objective of the seminar is to provide you with the tools, information, and mindset required to achieve success in Japan's IT market. Are you thinking about opening a branch office in Japan? Check with JETRO before you invest one dime into overseas expansion.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 18, 2008

**Time:** 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast  
8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Speaker presentations  
11:30 – 1:20 p.m. One-on-one consultations (optional)

**Venue:** Hilton Garden Inn Hotel Dallas/Richardson  
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## Small businesses continue to drive the economy

Provided by Jennifer Sherlock

Using its database of millions of US small businesses, BizEquity.com created "The top 25 MVB List." The Most Valuable (small) Business List features the top 25 US cities (with a population of at least 100k) with the highest average small business value.

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Walking down Wall St, there are bailouts on every corner. But, on Main St, business owners continue to work hard and they are the entrepreneurial engine that drives much of our economy. Yes, Wall St. deserves our attention, but it's not the only game in town. As it turns out, the value of large companies traded on NASDAQ is approximately \$3.9 trillion while the aggregate value of US small business is nearly \$6 trillion.

So, where in the US do we "find" this small business value? Which US cities are actually home to the most valuable small businesses?

Here's the list, with average valuations.

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Boston, MA	\$324,103
Sioux Falls, SD	\$312,079
Santa Clara, CA	\$310,653
New York, NY	\$279,982

Tempe, AZ	\$262,636
Wichita, KS	\$259,512
Ann Arbor, MI	\$256,894
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Cambridge, MA	\$255,880
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## Partnerships build better apartment communities

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had we had contact with people," she said.

"By having manager registration, every time a new manager comes on board, they have to register their contact information with Code Enforcement. That helps us contact them in the event of an emergency."

People who need to know the risk rating of a specific complex can contact the Code Enforcement Department to learn the current risk rating.

"We are going to be posting the risk ratings with Dallas County Records. It will be a generic notice, so anybody who is trying to purchase an apartment complex or working on a due diligence on a property will see that we do risk ratings for apartments. They will be instructed to contact us, and we will let them know what the risk rating is. Prospective renters can also call us and find out what the risk rating is on an apartment complex where they are considering renting."

In the next few years, apartments with a level four risk rating will be a thing of the past.

"After the year 2010, I believe, the apartment complexes cannot have a level four risk rating. That doesn't mean the property has to go down. That means owners can demo their properties if they don't want to maintain it. Other owners are going to be required to make corrections so they can get a risk rating of three. Owners get the choice," Adrian said.

David Tull, Irving's Police Information Officer, indicated that the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is designed as a partnership within the community to make apartments safer.

"Chapter 8 is about 170 plus pages. One very small part of it has to do with any police involvement," Officer Tull said.

"The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program has been available in Irving for the past several years. Basically it is an agreement that the management of apartment complexes will do their best to make their complexes and residents safe and secure. The apartment management goes to some classes that the Police Department puts on. So they know what to look for and they know what we can do to help them. The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program helps them help themselves to a certain extent.

"This whole thing is based on good faith and trust between the police, the citizens and the apartment managers. We want to do what

we can to improve the quality of life in our city."

The city ordinance is not designed to have the Police or any other city department directly determine which prospective renters an apartment manager chooses to rent to.

"The police are in a support role. It is their location. It is their complex. It is their decision who to rent to and who not to," he said. "The guidelines suggest things to look for such as murder, sexual assault, robbery, drug offences and so forth. You also take into consideration how recent the offence was and whether has there been a change. There can be mitigating circumstances to anything

"Criminal background checks will be done by a company that does checks as part of their business. Basically, it is on the complexes to do that. If something comes up and the person says the information is not right or there were mitigating circumstances, that is when the police would assist with an apartment manager's request for more information. The Police Department will not be running all the background checks for all the people who want to rent apartments.

"It is a selling point for an apartment complex to be able to say all their residents have passed a background check and are individuals you would want to live next to."

One of the missions of Irving's Salvation Army is to help people transition into apartments. Through a number of circumstances such as the death of a spouse, loss of income, completing rehab or transitioning out of homelessness, people who may have made poor choices in the past find themselves in need of an affordable apartment.

"My assumption is the back

ground checks will make some cases more difficult to place," said Major Mark Craddock of The Salvation Army. "If necessary, we would go to other communities to place people in apartments.

"Our preference is if they are Irving residents, to keep them in Irving. If you live in Irving, Irving is home. If a person lives in Irving, their kids go to school in Irving, they want to try to keep all that as stable as they can. But should they fall into those circumstances where they are not eligible for an apartment and they lose an appeal, the only option we have is to go to another community.

"This may be a very minor issue or it may be a pretty major hurdle we all have to pass through. It may be that landlords step it up and properties become better rated. It could be that the appeals process just becomes another step in our placement process. I think it is really going to be a case by case issue."

Ms. Adrian feels there are plenty of opportunities for individuals to secure an apartment in the area.

"There are more level one and two rated apartments than there are three and four rated apartments. The Salvation Army can direct their referrals to those apartments. But then there is the appeals process they can go through. If The Salvation Army has someone they are rehabilitating for some reason and their representatives want to speak on behalf of that person and help with the appeals process, they can do that.

"They are trying to approach this with common sense. There will be odd or unique situations. I think everyone involved will be thoughtful about those cases," she said.

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## JEAN BOONE



Jean Boone was born Aug. 1, 1931 in Dallas and passed away Oct. 5, 2008 in Irving.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Minerva Smith. A resident of Irving for 54 years, Jean was a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church and sang with the Senior Adult Choir. In the past, she had served as PTA President at Barton Elementary School and Crockett Middle School. Jean had been honored with a Life Membership in the Texas Parent Teacher Association.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ben Boone; daughters, Sharon and husband Rick McCullough and Diane and husband Phil Vick; son, Steve Boone and wife Sherry; grandchildren, Shane McCullough and his wife Melinda, Stacey McCullough Clayton and her husband Paul, Lauren, Courtney and Tyler Vick, Taylor and Amy Boone; and, great granddaughter, Zoe Clayton.

Visitation was Tuesday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Services were Oct. 8 at Plymouth Park Baptist Church. Interment service followed at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Lane B. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Park Baptist Church, 1714 N. Story Rd., Irving, TX 75061.

## DONALD M. CORNETT



Donald M. Cornett, of Irving, passed away on Oct. 2, 2008.

He was born in Brazoria, TX on Oct. 29, 1921. Don graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and served his country as a control tower operator in the Army

Aircorps during WWII. He worked as a chief examiner for the Texas State Board of Insurance before joining Rupe Investment Corp. as president. He enjoyed photography, hunting, fishing, and traveling.

Preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Mildred Cornett, brother Malcolm Cornett, and parents Jefferson Alvey and Elna Cornett, survivors include sons Donald M. Cornett, Jr. of Irving, and Richard A. Cornett and wife Kay of Frisco; granddaughter Sherry Rowland and husband Al; great granddaughter Lauren Roush of Frisco; Mary Catherine Cornett, Ray and Sharon Cornett of Quintana, TX; and Eugene and Gloria Cornett of Houston.

Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Oct. 11 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Visitation was Oct. 10.

## EDNA T. REVOIR



Edna T. Revoir, age 77, of Keller previously a resident of Irving for 35 years, died Oct. 3, 2008 in Fort Worth.

Born Nov. 3, 1930 in Charleston, SC to Robert E. and Ella Taylor, she lived in Lafayette, IN before moving to Irving.

Preceded in death by her husband, Vernon "Frenchy" Revoir and a brother Glenn Taylor, she is survived by a daughter, Annette Bacon and her husband David; grandsons, Drew and Taylor Bacon, all of Keller; sisters, Fay King and husband Larry, and Etta Mae Lewis, both of SC; a brother, Harold Taylor and his wife Roseal of Irving; numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends were received by the family Monday at the funeral Home. Funeral service was Oct. 7 at

Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Memorial contributions may be made to Happy Hills Farm Academy, 3846 N. Highway 144, Granbury, TX 76048.

## LOISANN RHODES SHORT



Lois Ann Rhodes Short, born 14 Aug. 1929, in Buffalo, NY to Christopher Lee Jr. and Mildred Clark Rhodes, died 3 Oct. 2008 due to complications of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD).

Her family moved to Tulsa, OK in 1935. She graduated from Central High School, Tulsa, OK in 1947 and Christian College for Young Women in Columbia, MO in 1949 and attended Tulsa University, where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Lois married Richard Allen Short, the love of her life, on Dec. 21, 1951 in Tulsa, OK. She followed her husband's military postings until he entered civilian life in Fort Worth in 1955 and moved to Irving in 1957 where she resided until her death.

Lois was an active member of the Irving Republican Women's Club and the Irving Library Board. She was an accomplished musician, having performed with Richard Chronister and Tom Waring. She was the preferred piano accompanist for many solo, choral and instrumental musicians. Lois was a long time member of Plymouth Park United Methodist Church, having joined in 1957. She sang in the choir, was a member of the Women's Society for Christian Service (WSCS) and served the church as a member of many church committees, including the Pastor Parish Relations Council.

Once her children were self-sufficient, Lois acquired a Social Security number and began a career outside the home. Using her musical talent, she began by accompanying singers in local clubs, and worked as a Musical Therapist at the Carl Albert State Mental Institution in McAlistier, OK. She then segued into the travel business, working first as a travel agent, and finally managing a travel agency.

Her career allowed her to travel extensively throughout the world.

Lois is preceded in death by her parents, Christopher Lee Rhodes and Mildred Enid Clark Rhodes Wolff, and nephew Huntington Wolcott Rhodes. She is survived by her loving husband Richard Short; brother Christopher Lee Rhodes III, wife Judith Peirsol Rhodes of Tulsa, OK and nephew Christopher Lee Rhodes IV; son Grant Short, wife Patricia Short of Jacksonville, FL; daughters Melissa Short Reeves and husband Mike Reeves of Fort Smith, AR; and granddaughters Rachel and Jessica Short of Coppell, Rebecca and Molly Reeves of Fort Smith, AR, and Michelle Brown and husband Wes Brown of Irving; and the many friends who loved and supported her.

A celebration of her life shall be performed at 11:00 am on 25 Oct. at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church, 1615 W. Airport Freeway, Irving. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the organ fund of Plymouth Park United Methodist Church. Arrangements made by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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homes by teaching organization to those of us who are not born organized. She also helps us learn to put things in our lives in the right order. She is a fantastic lady," Lewan said.

"Today was a day to get to know all the people in the FlyCrew, the people who help get the whole

thing off the ground. All of these personalities come together and make the FlyLady possible. I just loved putting all the faces with all the names I've seen. I wasn't sure what they were going to do today. I didn't care, because I knew it was going to be fun.

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them they can do it if they will only start loving themselves. If you love yourself, you can love your family and everyone else. It is just a win-win situation."

To learn more about the FlyLady's philosophy, visit Marla's

## Mungles on Movies

By Matt Mungle

Title: *Beverly Hills Chihuahua*  
Rated: PG

They have non-animated dogs? And the dogs talk? I am excited already. The new live action Disney comedy *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* is complete family entertainment. And yes it has talking dogs. I was a little concerned at the outset and was worried this was going to be a cheesy, unoriginal script geared toward those eight and under. (Remember *Curious George*?) Though it started a little rocky it finally got its footing and ended strong. And did I mention the dogs talk?

The story revolves around a pampered Chihuahua named Chloe (voice of Drew Barrymore) who

## Must love dogs

gets lost in Mexico due to an irresponsible sitter, Rachel (Piper Perabo). It is up to a lone street smart German shepherd (voice of Andy Garcia) to try and get her back to her Beverly Hills home safely and steer clear of local dog-nappers and illegal dog fight owners. Also in search of her is a blue collar Chihuahua named Papi (voice of George Lopez) who will stop at nothing to find the dog he loves. Chloe must get home safe and sound before her owner (Jamie Lee Curtis) discovers she is missing.

Call me clueless, but I have to admit that while watching this film I sometimes forgot the dogs were not really talking. They filmed using more than 200 real live dogs including dobermans, German shepherds, Chihuahuas, poodles, pugs, and a few mutts thrown in for good measure. Some were rescued from

shelters in Los Angeles and Mexico, some were seasoned Hollywood dogs. Using the animals own facial expressions and body movements added to the realism of the scenes. As a dog lover it was so easy to bond to the animals and I had no problem imagining them talking. It was all seamless and perfect. Trainers used repetition and positive reinforcement techniques, a tactic that impressed filmmakers.

"It's incredible to watch Mike and his crew work," producer John Jacobs said. "They have a way of encouraging dogs so that the dogs respond incredibly. I've never seen anything like it." Neither had I.

There are many positive messages in this film too. They make not to subtle hints about the importance of adopting and how all dogs need a home where they can be loved and feel part of the family. Too there is a bit of Chihuahua history mixed in to help understand those little shaky dogs. The story is not only for canines, but a positive human message is included. Chloe has to find her voice in order to discover who she truly is. I think we as humans sometimes need to discover our voice and know that we are far more than the clothes on our back or the address on our tag. And more importantly, so are those around us.

*Beverly Hills Chihuahua* is a laugh out loud movie that will have you cheering and pulling for these four legged adventures. It is rated PG for some mild thematic elements. There are a few scenes of animal danger plus one of the dobermans is a little on the scary side. This is certainly a safe film for your entire family and it is rare that one comes along that every one can have fun at. So take advantage of that. Although Disney still can't touch Pixar when it comes to animated adventure, here they show they are still top dog in the live action family realm.

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](http://www.mungleshow.com).

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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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



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Solution: 1. Brace on chair is missing. 2. Fold in tablecloth is missing. 3. Extra leaf appears behind pumpkin. 4. Napkin ring is colored in. 5. Turkey leg is colored in. 6. Puddle on tray is colored in. 7. Flying spoon has moved. 8. Flower on lady's skirt has moved. 9. Steam from turkey has moved. 10. Curtain is wider. 11. Stem on pumpkin is different. 12. Loop on oven mitt is different.

**Super Crossword** LABOR LOST

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fowl family
  - 6 Drag before a judge
  - 12 Rock's partner
  - 16 Barbecue leftover
  - 19 Bar hop?
  - 20 Tchaikovsky's "Onegin"
  - 21 Butter sub
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  - 23 Column style
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  - 27 Pressure meas.
  - 28 Skinny
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  - 31 Tinker Bell or Titania
  - 32 Head for the hills
  - 33 Malone's portrayer
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  - 42 Agricultural inventor
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  - 51 "Evita" setting
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  - 94 Part 4 of remark
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  - 102 Big beginning
  - 103 Circe's suitors
  - 104 Alternative to nothing
  - 105 Kirk's navigator
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  - 109 End of remark
  - 115 Sun-dried brick
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  - 118 Butte
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  - 120 Type of orange
  - 121 Litter sound
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  - 123 Hole in grain food?
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- 1 Radar presence
  - 2 Bravo and Grande
  - 3 Start of everything?
  - 4 Sapporo sash
  - 5 Compliant
  - 6 Farm youngster
  - 7 Car
  - 8 "That's disgusting!"
  - 9 Fire sign
  - 10 Burmese statesman
  - 11 Mrs. Al Bundy
  - 12 Portly
  - 13 Ken or Lena
  - 14 Author Wallace
  - 15 Leisure lovers
  - 16 Comic Auerbach
  - 17 No-nonsense
  - 18 Actress Lamarr
  - 25 Where Sopranos shouldn't sing?
  - 26 They'll never hurt me!
  - 29 Born
  - 32 Liberate
  - 33 Half a rock group
  - 34 From — Z
  - 35 Diarist Anais
  - 36 Canonized Mile.
  - 37 Pump part
  - 38 Ultimate whale watcher
  - 39 Author John Dickson —
  - 40 Southern constellation
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  - 103 Do laps
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  - 105 Vaudeville bit
  - 106 Salmon snack
  - 107 Assist a felon
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# No more politics as usual as Lyric Stage presents *Fiorello!*

Just in time for the 2008 election, Lyric Stage presents the North Texas premiere of *Fiorello!*, a musical about the rise to power of New York's Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia. In a time when the crooked political machine known as Tammany Hall was up to its ears in corruption, it took this small, honest man to break their stranglehold on New York City politics. Unlike the satire of most political musicals *Fiorello!* is a love story set to the music and beat of a New York City in the midst of change. *Fiorello!* is a melodic masterpiece whose take on corruption in government is as timely today as

when it was written.

Brian Gonzales returns to Lyric Stage as Fiorello H. LaGuardia.



Brian Gonzales as LaGuardia

Cheryl Denson directs with music direction by Mark Stamper. Lighting design is by Julie Moroney, costumes by Drenda Lewis and properties by Jane Quetin. Production stage manager is Margaret J. Soch.

*Fiorello!* runs Oct. 10-25 in the Irving Arts Center's Dupree Theater. Tickets are priced from \$23-\$30 and are available online at [www.lyricstage.org](http://www.lyricstage.org) or by calling the box office at 972-252-2787.

## Irving Art Association hosts Kids Wildlife Safari

Provided by Ron Stephens

Hundreds of parents and children participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids Wildlife Safari at the Jaycee Center for the Arts in Irving on Oct. 5. Children and their parents were treated to a live animal display in the Jaycee Park, drawing lessons, face painting, scratchboard and col-

ored pencil projects.

A ticket drawing was held every half hour for prizes and a Junior Wildlife juried art competition of the children's art work was held with first through third and honorable mention recognition. An Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will take place Oct. 12 from 2-4 p.m.

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