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Veterans Day celebrated with honor

By Jess Paniszczyn

Speeches, music and prayer lay at the heart of the Irving Veterans Day Program that began in the Irving Central Library before moving to the Irving Veterans Memorial Park for the conclusion.

Following the program, Bob Moffatt, Treasurer for the Irving Veterans Memorial Park Committee, reflected on the need for Americans to stop and appreciate veterans. As high school students in Coffeyville, KS in 1942, Bob and five of his friends enlisted together in the Marines. Of the six,

only Bob and his friend, O.C. Quatterbaum, returned home.

"The veterans are precious. I started out as a 16 year old and lied, and went away to service in the Marine Corp," Bob said. "Nobody knows the terrible things our men and women are going through, much more so than in World War II. Back then we had a different feeling about the war. We dropped bombs, and we went in to win. It is horrible to kill men, women and children, but you had to do it.

"Now days it is so mixed up. The way I look at it, we need to

either win or get out.

"I have seen some terrible things on the island, but nothing compared to how they can be killed so quickly with the bombs and things in Iraq and Afghanistan. We ought to say a blessing and thank

the Lord for our freedom and our veterans everyday," he said.

Representative Linda Harper-Brown served as the program's guest speaker.

"It was a beautiful ceremony and very well deserved recogniz-

ing the sacrifices our veterans have made for us to preserve freedom in America," Ms. Harper-Brown said. "Veterans have made a commitment to serve, protect and pre-

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Job market not expected to improve

By Jess Paniszczyn

As we embark on another holiday season looking forward to eating turkey, shopping and gift giving, there are indications which

suggest all is not well. Tom Pauken, Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission, offers his expert advice on what is happening in the economy and what needs to happen to create some positive momentum.

"In Texas, unemployment is 8.2 percent for September," Mr. Pauken said. "Nationally the figure is 9.8 percent. In the Metroplex area, unemployment is 8.3 percent. So the statewide unemployment figures and the Metroplex figures are comparable.

"Texas is doing better than any other large state, but none the less we are trending in the same direction as the national unemployment rate, which consistently has been going up. If the national unemployment rate goes to 10 percent or more, I would anticipate that Texas would continue to see rising unemployment.

"What we are seeing at the moment is a slowdown in companies laying off employees compared to what they were doing six or nine months ago. At the same time, however, we are not seeing any indication that companies are in a hiring mode. So the people who have lost the jobs are having a difficult time finding work.

"Unless we do some things differently at the national level in terms of putting in place an economic policy to encourage job cre-

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Leadership Irving students play "fireman"



Members of the current Leadership Irving class, try their skills at controlling a high, pressure water hose while experiencing the daily chores of firefighters.

Vision Van gives glasses to children

By Jess Paniszczyn

'See More,' a Vision Van developed by OneSight, recently rolled into the parking lot of the

Irving Family YMCA. Following initial screenings at their schools, 300 children were invited to have full eye exams and glasses were

made free of charge for children who needed them during van's the Nov. 4-6 stop.

"We are doing a coordinated effort through the Lions Club and all the Luxottica Companies with the Irving ISD," said Earnie Rutherford, a store manager for Pearle Vision. "We have 100 children per day scheduled. There are children who do not know they need a pair of glasses. I would think their school work would be greatly improved if they could see better.

Since Luxottica began giving away glasses to those in need worldwide, more

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Can you see me now? Students from Irving ISD join volunteers and professionals from OneSight outside the See More vision bus as they wait for their turn to receive free eye exams and glasses.

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POLICE & FIRE

Pursuit (stolen vehicle): 11-05-09 at 9:54 p.m. Near Loop 12 at Grauwylar, officers observed a vehicle that was reported as stolen in an aggravated robbery with a handgun out of Richardson. Officer Worley and his recruit pursued the stolen vehicle into Dallas and eventually into Highland Park where the suspect fled on foot and jumped into a large pond. Aided by DPS Air-one, and approximately 20 DPD officers, the suspect was located hiding in the water and arrested. He was transported to Parkland Medical Center and admitted for hypothermia and injuries he sustained attempting to evade the police.

Aggravated Robbery: 11-09-09 at 6:39 p.m. The victim, a 71 year old female, was approached by a male in the Lowes parking lot. The suspect displayed a handgun and forcibly took her purse, knocking her to the ground in the process. The victim sustained minor injuries.

Aggravated Robbery: 11-09-09 at 9:00 p.m. The complainants stated that they were in their bedroom in the 200 block of Steeplechase Drive when two suspects forced open a backdoor to their home which leads into their bedroom. The suspects forced the husband to open their safe and an undetermined amount of cash and jewelry was taken from the home. The complainants were tied up, but they were not injured. Crime Scene was called to the location and investigators were notified.

Burglary in Progress: 11-10-09 at 2:07 p.m. Witness saw suspect climb from the balcony of one apartment in the Casa Valley Apartments over to the balcony of another apartment and enter through the sliding glass door. Officers arrived and contacted the suspect at the apartment who admitted to committing the offense. The property was recovered in the apartment and the suspect was arrested for burglary of a habitation and transported to Irving jail

Burglary in Progress: 11-10-09 at 2:29 p.m. Officers were dispatched to the San Villa Mobile Home Park after a citizen witnessed three males break out a window on a mobile home and make entry. Officers arrived on scene and the suspects fled the location on foot. One suspect was taken into custody in the mobile home park and a second suspect was apprehended after a short foot pursuit. The homeowner was notified and confirmed that this was a good burglary.

Traffic Stop / Possible Stolen: 11-10-09 at 4:33 p.m. An officer received an Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) hit on a possible stolen vehicle that had just passed him as he was driving east bound on Willow Creek Dr. from Beltline Rd. He made a traffic stop on the vehicle which was confirmed stolen by Hutchins P.D. and the driver was taken into custody for Auto Theft.

Aggravated Robbery: 11-11-09 at 11:45 a.m. Officers were dispatched to a robbery of an individual in the 2300 block of Penn Street. The victims had just left a business on Penn Street when the suspect vehicle pulled out in front of them blocking their path. The two suspects jumped out of a white Ford F-150 pick-up wearing black bandanas and were armed with unknown type handguns. The suspects took personal property from the driver and front passenger and then fled the scene east bound on Penn in the suspect's vehicle.

Suspect Apprehended: 11-13-09 Investigators were able to deter-

mine the identity of the suspect from information received after the videos/portions of them were televised. From the information received, they were able to build their case and arrest the robbery suspect. In addition to the three armed robberies listed below, the suspect has been identified as well as robbing a fourth location (9-22-09 - Quick Food Store, 600 block of W. Shady Grove Rd., Irving.) The suspect, Eddy Spearman (42) was located and arrested in Dallas. Spearman is currently being held in the Irving Jail with bond set at \$50,000.

Previous Notice: 10-20-09 Irving Police are seeking assistance identifying the suspect in several recent robberies.

Over the past month there have been three robberies involving a black male, armed with a handgun, described as being 30-35 years of age, large build, short hair, wearing a white ball cap, white or blue t-shirt, jeans and white tennis shoes and investigators believe the same, lone suspect, is responsible for each of the three robberies listed below. The suspect described walks to the counter to purchase a soft drink and when the clerk opens the register he displays his handgun.

09-12-09 at 3:47pm 501 S. Loop 12 (Quick Track)
09-22-09 at 9:51am 305 S. Beltline (Family Dollar)
09-30-09 at 7:20pm 501 S. Loop 12 (Quick Track)

EMS students host air ambulance



Emergency Medical Services students from Irving High School hosted a visit from a PHI Air Medical Group helicopter Nov. 5.

Better vision may mean better grades

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than seven million people have been helped.

"We had a great group of kids come," said Dawn Yager, operations supervisor for OneSight. "We also had lots of volunteers from all of our brands show up. We are going to impact a lot of kids in the next three days.

"Some of these kids may not even know they have a vision problem. Very often when a child has some kind of vision problem, they are labeled with learning disabilities or other kids make fun of them because they have to sit up front. A pair of glasses will socially put them in a more comfortable place where they are not going to be made fun of by the other kids. Many of their problems come from the fact that they can't see, but nobody realized they couldn't see.

"They have screened hundreds and hundreds of children at the schools to find the ones who really need our services.

"The Vision Van is a mobile eye clinic on wheels with no cash register. There are two exam lanes where two doctors work at a time. It is stocked with about 3,000 frames and 6,000 lenses. We are able to make in the neighborhood of 80 percent of all of the glasses prescribed right there on the van. The lenses are cut onsite in a minilab. It's a full service optical store on wheels.

"The other 20 percent of lenses are outside of a range that we have. We ask that those lenses be made at one of our retail operations. They will manufacture those lenses with more specialty equipment that the van does not have," she said.

Irving Fire Department

Activity summary Nov. 8 - 10, 2009

Irving Fire Department responded to 135 incidents.

The Fire incidents

- 31 Miscellaneous Fire and Rescue Calls
- 0 Structure Fires
- 1 Special Operations
- 2 Vehicle Fires

Comments:

Medical calls

- 7 Major Accidents
- 36 Major Medical
- 8 Heart Attacks
- 20 Difficulty Breathing
- 17 Trauma Related
- 13 CPR Situations

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Sunday Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

United Methodist

Oak Haven United Methodist Church
1600 N. Irving Heights 75061
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6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Plymouth Park United Methodist Church

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(North side of Hwy 183 between MacArthur & Story)
972.255.4185
www.ppumc.org
Sundays 8:30, 9:15 & 11:00am

REACHOLUTION Sunday, Nov. 15

- 9:30am traditional worship - [the chapel]
- 9:30 & 11:15am contemporary worship - [worship center]
- 1:30pm hispanic worship - [worship center]
- hispanic worship - [the chapel]

Calvary Church
hwy 161 @ walnut hill . irving 972.261.1919 calvarychurch.cc



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 14 from 9am to 3pm Home Chemical Collection - Celebrate Texas Recycles Day by properly disposing of home chemicals during Irving's annual Home Chemical Collection Day. The free event will take place on the northwest side of Irving Mall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A list of acceptable and unacceptable items is available at www.cityofirving.org/begreen. Residents will need to provide proof of residency with a current driver's license and utility bill.

November 14 from 9am to 5pm Outdoor Expo - The first ever North Texas Outdoor Expo will take place at the Elm Fork Shooting Sports facility at 10751 Luna Rd. in Dallas from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring activities such as fitness obstacle course, bicycling, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, archery, target shooting, rock climbing, and more. Children can experience a wide range of activities, and all are free for kids. Children 17 and under, with a \$5 admission charge for adults and a \$5 charge for parking.

November 14 from 10am to 5pm Veterans Day Celebration Porter's Army & Navy will host their 6th annual Unite for Troops Veterans Day Celebration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This annual drive is held to honor those serving overseas and their families. Through the assistance of the USO, the drive allows the community to collect needed items and ship them to the soldiers.

November 14 from 11am to 3pm Holiday Adoption Event - Share in the joy of this holiday season and adopt a pet from the DFW Humane Society 11am-3pm at Pete and Mac's Pet Resort, 6150 Riverside Drive, Irving, 972-717-5500. Visit pets on the web at www.dfwhumane.com

November 14 Sonic Visions - Irving Symphony Orchestra presents a US premier presentation at 8 p.m. in the Carpenter Performance Hall. This original production, in collaboration with the Amon Carter Museum, will combine American West-inspired and impressionist orchestral masterworks with visions of the American West on a wide screen projection. Musical selections include: Overture to The

Cowboys by Williams, Scenes from Billy the Kid by Copland, The Big Country theme music by E. Bernstein, Violin Concerto by Barber, La Valse by Ravel and excerpts from Serenade for Violin and Orchestra by L. Bernstein. Narration provided by Rick Stewart, Senior Curator of Western Painting and Sculpture. The program will also feature Curt Thompson, Associate Professor of Violin and Director of Chamber Music Studies at TCU \$36-50, 972-252-2787 or www.irvingartscenter.com for tickets.

November 14 Volunteer Training - Certified Volunteer Training for the DFW Humane Society. Register at www.dfwshvolunteer.com/signup.php. Learn about the history of the shelter, policies and procedures, and how you can help

November 15 from 2 to 3pm Service of Remembrance - The Visiting Nurse Association will host a Service of Remembrance to honor the memory of loved ones from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The memorial service will be held at the Preston Hollow United Methodist Church on 6315 Walnut Hill Lane in Dallas. The event is open to the public and will feature special music, readings, and the lighting of memorial candles. Attendees of all faiths are welcome. For additional information, call 214-689-2922.

November 16 at 8:30am AirHogs Golf Tournament - First Annual AirHogs Golf Tournament will be held at Prairie Lakes Golf Course in Grand Prairie. Self-proclaimed "Hogs For A Cause," the organization is partnering with the David Nicklas Organ Donor Awareness Foundation, who will benefit from the proceeds of the tournament. Registration Begins at 8:30 a.m. \$100 per golfer; \$350 per foursome, 4-Golfer Best Ball Scramble. Dinner will be served following the tournament.

November 16 at 7pm Genealogical Society - The Irving Genealogical Society welcomes Kelvin L. Meyers, Forensic Genealogist, researcher, lecturer, and publisher who will present Scalwags, Rogues, and Ruffians: All Those Ancestors We Don't Talk About. Every family has them,

skeletons in the closet; those things that are not talked about in front of the children, and when they are talked about, then only in whispers and euphemisms. How do you access the records of prisons, asylums and courts to find the truth behind the story? In this lecture these questions and many others may be answered. Meetings are held in the main auditorium of the Irving Public Library, 801 West Irving Blvd. at 7:00 pm. Visitors are welcome.

November 17 at 11:30 a.m Women's Network - Irving Women's Network, a networking group for business women and community volunteers, will hold its monthly at Hackberry Creek Country Club, 1901 W Royal Lane in Irving. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$17.00 with a timely reservation of \$20.00 at the door. Make reservations by calling (972-262-2317) or e-mailing(pfaye@mgfpersonalsecretary.com). Guests are welcome.

November 18 from 7-8pm Night of Fun - First United Methodist Church Irving would like to invite children in elementary (K-5th) to come for a night of fun 7-8p to learn about & make puppets

during the free wow event. We are located @ 211 W. Third in downtown Irving. We will be in Son Rise Village (basement) of Education Building during this 1 hour of fun. For more information contact FUMC-Joy Turner (Director of Christian Education) @ 972-253-3531.

November 19 from noon to 1pm Bereavement Luncheon - Norma Carter, author of "Without Warning," will be the featured speaker at the bereavement luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association. Ms. Carter will speak on "Coping with the Holidays." The luncheon is from noon to 1 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation on 3966 McKinney Avenue in Dallas. There is no cost to attend the luncheon, but reservations are requested by calling 214-689-2633.

Nov. 19 from 6:30 to 8:30pm Tree Care 101 - There are many benefits to having trees in the community. They add beauty, environmental wellness, enhance neighborhoods and the community, and increase property values. Tree Care 101 will teach participants about proper planting and pruning techniques, and long-term maintenance for trees to prevent disease and insect infestation. The free class will

be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall, 825 W. Irving Blvd. Visit www.cityofirving.org/begreen and click on "Educational Opportunities" to register for any of these classes. For details, call 972-721-2533.

November 19 at 7pm Native American Storytime - The Valley Ranch Live programming series continues with a Native American Celebration featuring storyteller Dorayne Breedlove at 7 p.m. at the Valley Ranch Library, 401 Cimarron Trail. Children younger than age 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Call 972-721-4669 for more information.

November 20 at 7:30pm Rudolf Budginas - Entertainment Series of Irving presents an evening with pianist, Rudolf Budginas at 7:30 p.m. in the Carpenter Performance Hall. Budginas was born into a family of musicians in Lithuania and debuted at the age of nine with the Lithuanian National Symphony. He trained at the prestigious Moscow Conservatory, earned first prize in the International Liszt Piano Competition, 972-252-2787 or www.irvingartscenter.com for tickets.

CLUBS

<p>Buttons & Bows Square & Round Dance Club 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 8:00 pm Senter Park East 228 Chamberlain</p>	<p>Irving Sunrise Rotary Thursday at 7 am Las Colinas Country Club 4400 N. O'Connor Rd.</p>	<p>Saturday Singles Lunch Bunch 1st & 3rd Saturdays 972-254-3525</p>
<p>Evening Lions Club 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00pm Community Christian Church 2301 Texas Drive</p>	<p>Irving Shrine Club 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm IHOP Restuarant- Bellline Rd. 1801 N. Bellline Rd.</p>	<p>Yellow Rose AMBUCS Wednesday's at 6:00pm IHOP Restuarant- Bellline Rd. 1801 N. Bellline Rd.</p>
<p>Irving AMBUCS Thursday at 11:30am New Panda Cafe West Hwy 183 service rd.</p>	<p>Israel Club Hwy 183 & McArthur Inside Baylor Hospital Foodmart Saturday Mornings 8:45</p>	<p>VFW Post 2494 IRVING Post Meeting - 1st Thursday at 7pm Ladies' Auxiliary - 1st & 3rd Wed at 7pm Men's Auxiliary - 4th Wed at 7pm Junior Girls - 2nd Sunday at 12:30pm 3375 Belt Line Rd Just South of Shady Grove</p>
<p>Irving Noonday Lions 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday at Noon New Panda Cafe West Hwy 183 at Story</p>	<p>Las Colinas Rotary Noon, Tuesdays La CIMA Club 5215 N O Connor Blvd</p>	

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Property owners' association discusses energy

Provided by Doug Harper

The South Irving Property Owners' Association's (SIPOA) hosted a public meeting at Oak View Baptist Church on Nov. 3. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Dr. Breyer, TCU professor of Geology.

Dr. Breyer said the United States has 4.5 percent of the world's population. However, the United States uses 24 percent of the world's daily oil consumption. Every day the United States uses 8.5 million barrels

of domestic oil and 12.5 million barrels of imported oil. The United States imports 20 percent of its daily use from Canada and 14 percent from Saudi Arabia followed by Venezuela – 10.5 percent, Nigeria – 8.3 percent, and Mexico – 8 percent.

Dr. Breyer explained that a little over 5 MCF (thousand cubic feet) of natural gas produces the same BTU of energy as 1 barrel of oil. A conservative estimate of the recoverable reserves of natural gas in the Barnett Shale in North Texas is 30

trillion cubic feet (some estimates are up to 100 trillion cubic feet). North Texas has (conservatively) the equivalent of 5 billion barrels of oil. This is equal to 60 percent of the world's oil reserves that are buried beneath our feet in North Texas!

Municipalities have the right to prevent drilling or they can allow it and set standards for noise, housing setbacks, salt water disposal, compressor site setbacks, drilling mud systems, drilling in flood plains, zoning, gas well permit fees, landscap-

ing and screening, repair of street damage, etc. The State of Texas, however, has given eminent domain authority to the Railroad Commission to allow for the development of Natural Gas Pipelines for the transport of Natural Gas. This means that the various municipalities can control whether or not wells are drilled within their corporate limits but have no say about the development of transport and distribution lines within their corporate limits.

Because of the gas reserves of

the Barnett Shale, the future of energy independence in the U.S.A. is within our reach. Texans have an element of control.

SIPOA recommends that no gas lease be signed before checking out the alternatives. Landmen are in Irving seeking to lease mineral rights for the purpose of drilling for natural gas in the Barnett Shale reserve of North Texas.

More details of Dr. Breyer's presentation are available at www.SouthIrvingPOA.org.

Ambassadors offer Texas hospitality to travelers

By Jess Paniszczyn

Being lost and confused in a large airport can be a frustrating and time consuming experience. Fortunately, for travelers passing through the DFW Airport, there are 640 Ambassador volunteers ready to lend a hand and if necessary, lead the way.

"The ambassadors are all volunteers who give their time at least once a week for four hours," said Karen Turner, the Ambassador Program Manager. "They work in the airport in a series of booths or podiums scattered throughout all five terminals and at the rental car center. Their one responsibility is to look for lost, confused and dazed people, and there are plenty of those at the airport.

"They step up and assist travelers whether it is helping them

find a gate or how to use sky link. Ambassadors may escort people to their next terminal, because 50 percent of all travelership at DFW is not stopping here, they are making a transfer, and that often involves another terminal. People become confused. Many travelers are not used to a big airport like this. The airport may be bigger than the town they grew up in.

"The DFW Airport sees some 59 million passengers a year. So that's a ton of people who come through this airport. There is a lot of need for people who can help out."

Though there are volunteer opportunities for people as young as 14 years old, most of the ambassadors are a little older.

"About 65 percent of our volunteers are retirees, which is great,

because they are available during the weekday when we need a lot of help. I think our oldest ambassador is 92 years old.

"The ambassadors are mainly people who like the airport. Many of them like aviation. Several have worked in the aviation or airline industry. They are proud of the North Texas area, and they like the idea of welcoming people to North Texas," she said.

Eleven years ago, the DFW Airport ambassador program began after an airport executive encountered a similar program while traveling.

"It was Jeffery Fegan's, CEO of the airport, idea. He ran into an ambassador program in 1997 when he went to New Zealand. He became infatuated with the idea that this would be a wonderful addition to DFW's customer service.

"The program started Nov. 13, 1998. It happened to be the day that

DFW changed the names of its terminals. These terminals used to be called things like 2W and 3DE. It was very confusing. The day we started DFW changed the terminal names to A, B, C and E. D wasn't here then.

"We thought it would be really difficult for passengers. It made perfect sense to the passengers, because that is how other airports recognized their terminals. All the employees were totally confused. They parked their car in 2E one morning, and they didn't know how the area was designated that afternoon," Ms. Turner said.

"The program runs seven days a week, 365 days a year. It accumulates a little over 110,000 volunteer hours a year. We reach some two and a half million people a year. Over the 11 years we have been here, we have reached 21 million plus passengers. It is quite a big operation. It's one of the

larger volunteer programs you will find.

"If you tried to replicate this program by hiring people, which is what a lot of airports do, it would run into several million dollars. I don't think you would get the quality of people, because you would probably be paying minimum wage. These folks come to us with a whole life time of experience. Many of them are professionals, and it is a different kind of animal."

Tom Couser, has served as an ambassador for a year.

"When I retired, the airport ambassadors was a program I had heard about. I just enjoy talking to people. My wife said I should do it. So I did.

"This program is a great way to meet people from all over the world. It makes you feel good, because you are extending some Texas hospitality to folks," Mr. Couser said.



Cutting a rug, airport ambassadors and their guests dance the night away during the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held in the ambassador volunteer's honor.

Veterans Day celebrated in new Veterans Memorial Park

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serve the freedom for all of us and for future generations. It is vitally important we remember that. Their sacrifice is not an easy sacrifice, because of the time they spend. Some have paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. We should remember that always.

"I am very proud of the Irving Veterans Memorial Park. It is a beautiful park recognizing our veterans. We have the opportunity for people to visit this park, and to remember always what veterans have sacrificed for each and every one of us."

John Danish, Chairman of the Irving Veterans Memorial Park Committee, pointed out the park's newest statues, a Hispanic seaman and a female, Asian pilot.

"Without certain men and women standing up and being willing to pay that price, which may be the ultimate price of their life, as reflected on the Wall of Com-

memoration, you and I would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we have in ordinary life," Mr. Danish said. "The Bill of Rights our Founding Fathers laid out don't come without a heavy price tag.

That price tag is veterans who are willing to stand up and see that you have freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of a jury trial, etc."



Honoring jobs well done and lives well spent, Linda Harper-Brown and Julie Grant place a wreath in front of the Wall of Commemoration.

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Bullets end season with a perfect record

The bullets coached by Blake Adams and Joe Taylor and managed by Vicki Yanez completed their 2009 season undefeated with a record of 10-0.

"These girls have displayed superb athletic ability" said Vicki Yanez.

"I am very impressed with how these girls played together as a team and never gave up" said Blake Adams, a first year coach.

Veteran coach Joe Taylor taught the girls that dedication and commitment serves not only as a tool in softball, but also in the game of life



1st row: Vivian Cotten, Bridgette Murphey, Taylor Holle, Daisy Martinez, Samantha Cruz, 2nd row: Essence, Herron, Mykail Kirven, Ashley Ware, Crystal Lopez, 3rd row: Blake Adams, Adrianna Stewart, Kaitlyn Cluck, Vicki Yanez, Sheleisia Stevenson, Bonnie Priem, Joe Taylor

Tax structure discourages job creation

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ation in the private sector, we are going to continue to have a stagnant economy and what I would call a jobless recovery, which is no recovery for all for people who are out of work.

"A jobless recovery is a situation in which companies cut their costs so they remain profitable, but they don't grow their business in terms of revenues or overall profits. As a result, they are not hiring new people. They are running their company in a bare bones type of situation.

"A situation like this could go on for quite a while unless we do some things differently in Washington. The reason for that is our unemployment figures range is comparable to what we saw in the early 1980s when I was in the Regan Administration. The difference between then and now is that the Regan Administration passed a program in Congress called the Kemp-Roth Job Creation Act, which resulted in strong economic growth and capital investment. But that took two years to kick in.

"There is nothing in the Obama Stimulus Plan and there was nothing the Bush Administration did in 2008 that was comparable to what was done in the Regan Administration in order to spur job creation and capital investment in the U.S. That is the missing element in my judgment."

Consumer shopping has been touted as a means for economic stimulation.

"I don't believe the consumers are going to lead us out of this severe national recession as both the Bush Administration and the Obama Administration has hoped would happen. The reason for that is because debt levels for consumers and really debt levels across the board are too high.

"Consumers are worried about whether they are going to be able to keep their jobs, make their payments to keep their houses, address their credit card debt problem and keep their businesses going if they have a small business. So they are going to be pulling in the reigns in terms of their spending.

"That is why to me the only answer to the serious problems we

face is to provide some incentives to encourage capital investment in the private sector, particularly small businesses where most new jobs are created.

"I've been disappointed in Washington. I don't hear from either the Democratic or the Republican leadership any serious proposals to really change economic and tax policy here in the U.S.," he said.

"For example, even though this national recession really hit us like a hurricane in 2008, it didn't start overnight. From 2000 to 2009 according to Floyd Norris of the New York Times and the data he cites is from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the United States has had virtually no creation of jobs in the private sector, .01 percent. The only job creation has been in the government sector. Ultimately, government doesn't create jobs, the private sector does. That tells you there is something structurally wrong with our American economy, which is not encouraging job creation. If anything, we are exporting jobs and exporting prosperity abroad by our current tax and economic policy.

"We have the most onerous business tax in the world at 35 percent corporate income tax. You add to that the payroll tax and you have a heavy burden on American business.

"Every other nation, all our trading partners, do not tax their exports. They have a built in 17 percent or more incentive to encourage domestic manufacturing in their nation. Even a nation like Germany, which has a high wage structure, has a trade surplus, because they have incentives for their domestic manufacturing industry.

"We are the only nation of our major trading competitors that has no such incentive. So what happens is American companies trying to survive and also export are at a huge disadvantage.

"The long term solution to this problem would be a revenue neutral plan to replace the corporate income tax and payroll tax with an eight percent, border adjusted, consumption tax. That would level the playing field with our trading competitors and bring American jobs

home that we are losing because of our current tax system.

"We have a tax system that encourages the private, equity moguls to leverage companies, load them up with debt, because debt is not taxed, and savings and capital investment is taxed and is taxed very heavily. We must reverse that in order to bring jobs home to the United States."

The loss of manufacturing jobs also plays a large role in the declining state of the economy.

"We have lost more than 5.5 million jobs in manufacturing from 2000-2009. That is one third of our manufacturing base. You can not have a strong economy without a strong manufacturing base. We need to rebuild the manufacturing base and the way to do it is to change the tax structure to incentivize manufacturing jobs staying in the U.S. rather than being exported abroad.

"To any financial engineer who looks at the current tax structure, it makes sense from their perspective to send these jobs overseas. They can send jobs to China or Mexico or Germany and set up manufacturing facilities there and then export back to the U.S. and there is no tax on that.

"We've got to level the playing field with our trade competitors. By changing the tax system, we can do that and a lot of those marginal manufacturing jobs will come home. In the short term, what we could do in this economic crisis until we can get that long term policy in place, we could do what Fred Smith of Federal Express recommended, allow companies that are willing to make new, capital investments in the U.S., which creates jobs, to expense those capital investments in a one year period. In other words, accelerate depreciation, so we can get this economy going," Pauken said.

"Another suggestion has been to put back into law

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of JOSEPH E. RATH and SHIRLEY G. RATH to Declare RANDY MICHAEL RATH, a minor, Free from the Custody and Control of JOSEFINA VINSON
 CASE NO. 08 AD 00377
 CITATION TO APPEAR
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO: JOSEFINA VINSON
 YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO appear at 8:30 a.m. on JANUARY 14, 2010, in DEPARTMENT 123 of the above entitled Court, located at 3341 POWER INN ROAD, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why the Petition of JOSEPH E. RATH and SHIRLEY G. RATH, to declare the minor child, RANDY MICHAEL RATH, born on August 26, 1996, free from your parental custody and control should not be granted without your consent in the above-entitled proceeding, on the ground that you have abandoned that child. The above-referenced Petition alleges that for a period of six months after March 21, 1998, you willfully failed to communicate with, and to pay for the care, support, and education of, the above child. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR, THE COURT WILL TERMINATE YOUR RIGHTS FORTHWITH.

DART Orange Line Construction Update Public Meeting

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 University of Dallas - Lynch Auditorium (just east of the Tower)
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ORANGE LINE SCHEDULE

Irving 1 - University of Dallas, Las Colinas Urban Center, Irving Convention Center stations, scheduled to open December 2011.

Irving 2 - Las Colinas Carpenter Ranch, North Lake College, Belt Line stations, scheduled to open December 2012.

Irving 3 DFW Extension - proceeding with an Environmental Assessment and not yet under construction, scheduled to open December 2013.

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Study of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans launched

Why do some veterans return from war able to move beyond the horrors they experienced while others suffer ongoing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)?

The answer may lie in differences in how their brains process anxiety and anticipation.

A team of psychiatrists at the University of Wisconsin and the William S. Middleton Veterans' Hospital in Madison launched a large clinical study aimed at finding better treatments for veterans returning from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We became aware of how many veterans are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with serious PTSD, and were interested in finding out the best ways to help," said Dr. Jack Nitschke, a psychiatry professor in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. His collaborators are Drs. Eileen Ahearn and Tracey Smith, both UW clinical psychiatry faculty who practice at the Veterans' Hospital.

PTSD is a debilitating condition that often follows a terrifying physical or emotional event causing the person who survived the event to have persistent, frightening thoughts and memories, or flashbacks, of the ordeal. Persons with PTSD often feel chronically, emotionally numb; the disorder is associated with higher rates of alcohol and drug abuse and suicide.

Nitschke, who treats severely anxious patients and studies brain differences in the Waisman Labora-

tory for Brain Imaging and Behavior, suspects those veterans who suffer the most debilitating PTSD have brain differences that set them up for the disorder.

"A lot of people go to war; some are able to get over the experiences with talk and processing, whereas others are traumatized," Nitschke said. "What is different about the brains of these people that cause the anxiety to become so overwhelming?"

Some of Nitschke's earlier research used functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to watch how the brain processes anxiety. He found that people with several common anxiety disorders show stronger activity in the amygdala in some situations. In other words, people with this signature of the anxious brain worry more and can experience debilitating consequences.

Another of Nitschke's recent studies, published in March in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, showed that patients who had greater anticipatory activity in a different area, the anterior cingulate, responded better to treatment with venlafaxine (Effexor).

In the newest study, about 120 Iraq and Afghanistan combat veterans will be divided into four groups:

A control group of veterans who do not have PTSD despite having experienced combat

A second group of veterans who have symptoms but receive no treatment

A third group that will receive a form of counseling called cogni-

tive processing psychotherapy

A fourth group that will receive a medication similar to venlafaxine known as paroxetine (Paxil).

All groups will receive fMRI scans before and after the eight-week treatment regimen to see which approach works best to normalize the brain after combat.

Nitschke says that PTSD isn't only about what happened during the

war in the past. It also involves anxiety about the future, which leads to numbing activities such as drug and alcohol use, hypervigilance and avoidance behavior. Many with the disorder, he says, avoid social situations and other people because they fear that stress or noise will trigger flashbacks.

"This is what is so debilitating about the disorder," he said. "People

worry that they're going to have severe flashbacks or a panic attack while they're at work or on the bus. It's this worry about future events that can keep them in their homes and turn them into recluses."

This research is funded by the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, the Dana Foundation, and the U.S. Defense Department.

Neighborhood group visits Arts Center



Many of the Northwest Place Neighborhood members enjoyed a tour of the Smithsonian exhibit NASA / ART: 50 Years of Exploration at the Irving Arts Center. Stopping at the Ten Thousand Springs Pavilion exhibit the group posed for a photo including:

Back row: Mary Higbie, Pat & Larry Holm, John & Melinda Coalson, Mary Kay & David Reyes, Marty Evans, Nancy & Joe Young.

Front Row: Gary & Liz Nied, Jake Coalson, Regina Reyes, Melissa Umpleby & Tim Lockard.

Elected officials host the 6th Annual District 4 Bar-B-Q



Meeting the people, Judge Bob Whitney, Constable R.L. Skinner, Commissioner Kenneth A. Mayfield and Judge Mike Petty gather so their constituents can take photos.

As a gift to their constituents in appreciation for the privilege of serving them, Dallas County Commissioner Kenneth A. Mayfield, Constable R.L. Skinner and the

two Justices of the Peace who serve District 4: Judge Mike Petty, with his court in Grand Prairie, and Judge Bob Whitney, whose court is in Irving, hosted the 6th Annual Dallas County District 4 Bar-B-Q held Nov. 5.

The venue was the District 4 Road & Bridge office on about five acres in Oak Cliff. All the large equipment such as dump trucks, bulldozers and asphalt laying machines, were moved to the side so over 30 community volunteers could serve bar-b-q, beans and potato salad to 550 folks.

The weather was beautiful and the entertainment was great. Commissioner Mayfield loves to showcase youth and young adults doing great things, and this year it was the Dallas Baptist University Legacy Choir. They performed a mix of patriotic, spiritual and pop songs for the crowd.


Past years have seen the Grand Prairie High School Mariachi Band, the Cedar Hill Jazz Band, the Irving High School Show Choir and Orchestra and the Coppell VIVACE Show Choir perform at the District 4 Bar-B-Q.



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Ronald McDonald House of Dallas receives furniture deliveries

Provided by Juliette Coulter

Set to open in December 2009, the new Ronald McDonald House of Dallas (RMHD), located at 4707 Bengal Street in the Southwestern Medical District, recently celebrated Thanksgiving early with two large in-kind donations from

La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries and Sleep Experts.

La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries delivered the following furniture to the new House: leather sofas and occasional chairs, cloth sectionals, occasional tables and other wood furniture, ottomans, accent chairs,

desks for the House's library, rugs, lamps and, of course, recliners. La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries customarily donates four furniture pieces a year to the local Ronald McDonald House in each area nationwide. This is the first time La-Z-Boy has donated an entire house

of furniture with more than 300 pieces to outfit the Great Room, individual rooms and some common areas. This gift is valued at \$300,000.

"As one of the first and oldest La-Z-Boy gallery operators in the country, we are thrilled to give back to the community that has made us successful," said Lewis Brown Jr., founder and president of Lebcos Industries, L.P., which operates 13 La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and Houston. "This donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas is the largest our franchise has ever made, and in fact, it's the largest that La-Z-Boy nationally has given."

Earlier this year, Sleep Experts made a first-time donation of approximately 120 mattress sets for all of the bedrooms. This gift is valued at \$150,000.

"Many families say they would be lost without the Ronald

McDonald House of Dallas," said Christine Cook, president of Sleep Experts. "It is their stories that have inspired us to reach out and help our friends at the House by donating 120 mattresses and box spring sets for their beautiful new House, which will double the capacity of the current RMHD house."

The Southwestern Medical District includes Parkland, UT Southwestern University Hospital and Children's Medical Center Dallas.

"These donations, which will furnish the majority of our new House, are significant and come during a difficult economic climate," said Barbara McDermott, executive director of Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. "We thank La-Z-Boy and Sleep Experts for providing comfort for families at a time in their lives when they need it the most."

North Lake College opens new building on Central Campus

Provided by Gina Federer

The newest addition to North Lake College is an impressive three-story structure that adds 35,000 square feet of energy-efficient teaching and learning space to the Central Campus in Irving. The new General Purpose ("G") building is one of the first green-roofed buildings in the DFW region.

Located near the Walnut Hill entrance to the campus, the "G" building houses three separate departments on its three floors: Vi-

sual and Performing Arts learning spaces and offices on the bottom floor, Liberal Arts classrooms and Human Resources offices on the middle floor, and college administration on the top floor. The bottom floor accommodates 2-D arts and painting studios and several high-tech areas, including graphics design and animation labs, and a television studio for the college's video technology program.

The television studio is an acoustically-treated, black-box space with a suspended grid to al-

low for flexibility in arranging theatrical curtains and lighting. Support spaces include a control room, sound booth, acoustically-isolated edit bays, and studio prop storage area.

High performance principles for energy efficiency were used in the design of all of the building's systems. In addition to energy-efficient mechanical and electrical systems, efficient light fixtures, occupancy sensors and natural day lighting strategies were incorporated to reduce electricity usage.

Little "meadows," a series of cascading green roofs that can be seen from various lobbies and spaces in the building, provide natural beauty and added insulation from the sun and reduce storm-water runoff. Where the green roofs are not used, Energy Star-rated roofing reflects heat and sunlight, reducing air conditioning costs.

"North Lake has looked forward to the addition of this building for a very long time. The state-of-the-art facilities that this space provides are so important to our college and the community," said David Evans, Executive Dean of Visual and Performing Arts.

The building opened for classes earlier this fall and was officially introduced to the community at a ribbon-cutting celebration Nov. 2.



DCCCD Chancellor Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr., DCCCD Trustee Kitty Boyle, North Lake President Dr. Herlinda Glasscock and DCCCD Trustee Bob Ferguson (lft to rt) cut the ribbon for North Lake College's new "G" Building.

C-FB ISD rating remains the same

The Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD (C-FB ISD) learned that TEA Commissioner Robert Scott denied its request to adjust the district's rating and Creekview's rating from Academically Acceptable to Recognized.

The district submitted an appeal to TEA because it had missed one of the 10 indicators on the dropout/completion rate. As a result, the district has an academically acceptable rating as well as Creekview.

"We do not believe this rating is indicative of student achievement or learning in C-FB ISD," said Dr. Bobby Burns, C-FB ISD superintendent.

The district's results on the 25

TAKS academic standards are at the Recognized Rating level and the absolute standard for 2009. TAKS measures five academic areas and five student groups, C-FB ISD's academic performance is evaluated in all 25 areas because of its student population; however, not all Texas school districts are evaluated on all 25 academic standards because their student enrollment does not meet the numbers required for the five individual student groups.

C-FB ISD is continuing to see increases in its commended student percentages on TAKS. C-FB ISD students are outperforming their peers on the state level significantly. For example, 54% of

C-FB ISD students scored at the commended level on the social studies TAKS.

The district fell eight students short of the TEA Recognized rating standard set for the completion rate of 85% in one student group.

In the appeal letter to TEA, C-FB ISD identified seven students who became C-FB ISD graduates, but not on the state's timeline. They earned their high school diplomas after the Aug. 31, 2008 deadline.

"Our team continued working with these students to help them pass the TAKS tests so they could earn their diplomas. Fortunately, we didn't give up on these students, and now they are high school graduates," said Dr. Burns. "However, the accountability rules don't count them in the completion rate because they didn't graduate on the state's timeline.

"I am appreciative of the efforts of our teachers, principals, and the rest of our team. They work hard for our students and believe in our goal of high achievement for all students. This rating does not reflect the outstanding accomplishments of our students, teachers and district staff."

Curves shares the giving spirit

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Traditionally, this is a time to collectively give thanks. And most celebrate this holiday by gathering for a meal with family and friends.

The traditional meals vary from turkey and wild rice dressing in northern U.S. and Canada to turkey and cornbread dressing in the south. Very different traditions, with one commonality, turkey.

But not everyone will have a turkey. The Curves of Irving wants to help by hosting a Give a Gobble event Nov. 16-20. During this event, the Irving Curves will waive the initial service fee for any new

member who brings in either a turkey or a \$30 contribution, all to be donated to Irving Crisis Food Bank.

"We chose this organization because they feed approximately 50 people each day," Curves owner Terry Hale said. "Our goal is to donate 50 turkeys and I think we can do it. Give a Gobble is just a great way for us to get into the giving spirit and to also help those in need at the same time."

To participate in Give a Gobble, contact Stephanie Ratcliff at 972-607-2100 or 970VCRTU9@curvesmail.com.

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Highway investment hits \$20 billion

The Federal Highway Administration recently crossed the \$20 billion mark in approved obligations for highway, road and bridge projects, according to U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. Of the \$26.6 billion available for federal highway and bridge projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, more than 75 percent

has now been obligated.

"Even though winter is right around the corner, highway and bridge projects are still getting underway, creating thousands of jobs and saving thousands more," said Secretary LaHood. "The Recovery Act is helping repair America's roads and bridges while putting people back to work."

The \$36 million replacement of the I-25/Alameda bridge in Denver, CO, pushed the FHWA past the milestone. The project's approval capped one of the busiest months of highway spending, with nearly \$760 million approved.

Other substantial progress made recently includes:

In August, construction began on the \$26.2 million I-279/Fort Duquesne Bridge preservation project in Pittsburgh, PA, designed to improve the safety of the bridge that serves an estimated 81,000 drivers each day.

In September, work got underway in San Bernardino, CA, on a massive billion-dollar project, using \$128 million in ARRA funds for additional lanes on I-215 to reduce traffic congestion that had been crippling the local economy;

Also in September, work began on the three-mile extension of Minneapolis' Trunk Highway 610 to I-94. When completed, this project will reduce traffic congestion and improve area residents' quality of

life with sound walls and a pedestrian bridge.

Last month in Nelsonville, OH, construction started on the 8.5-mile, four-lane highway to divert interstate traffic from local streets. The project is using \$138 million in ARRA funds and is the largest Recovery Act underway in Ohio to date.

"By addressing many long-overdue repairs to America's roads and bridges," said Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez, "projects like these are improving the economy and local quality of life while strengthening the nation's infrastructure."

To date, nearly 8,500 highway projects have been approved and nearly 5,000 are underway.

Irving ISD Schedule for November 23-27

All Irving ISD schools and offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays, Nov. 25-27.

Nov. 23-24, are holidays for students and IISD employees will participate in staff development. During these two days, all schools will be closed, but central administrative offices will be open for regular business hours.

Offices reopen and classes resume Nov. 30.

Retiree wins hybrid SUV online sweepstakes

Provided by Lolly Denk

One lucky driver in the Lone Star State has a new reason to breathe easier. Drive Clean Across

Texas, the nation's first statewide air quality public education campaign, this week announced that Florence Tarrant of Bullard, TX is

the grand prize winner of its annual online sweepstakes that promotes ways to reduce air pollution.

Tarrant, a 68-year-old, semi-retired plastics factory worker, picked up a new 2009 Ford Escape Hybrid in Dallas. Representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) joined campaign partners NAPA Auto Parts and the Dallas Cowboys to present her with the keys at the Dallas Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquarters. NAPA Auto Parts donated the hybrid vehicle in a show of support for the air quality campaign.

Tarrant was selected in a random drawing from among 37,000 entries. Since entering the Drive Clean sweepstakes and taking its "clean air challenge," she has focused on two key recommendations of the Drive Clean campaign

driving within the speed limit and combining trips in her vehicle to do her part to help clean up the air in Texas.

"We are thrilled to turn over the hybrid to an environmental steward like Florence who exemplifies what Drive Clean Across Texas is all about," said Dianna Noble, Director of TxDOT's Environmental Affairs Division. "We encourage all Texans to follow her lead and do their part to reduce air pollution. We wish her many happy years 'driving green' in her new hybrid SUV."

Driving a hybrid or other fuel-efficient vehicle is among things motorists can do to help improve air quality in the Lone Star State, campaign organizers say. By driving a vehicle that pollutes less, drivers not only keep the air

cleaner, they save money at the pump.

"I'm delighted that I'll now be driving a more eco-friendly vehicle," said Tarrant. "To celebrate, I plan on driving my new car to the Texas Panhandle to visit my mother."

Drive Clean Across Texas organizers from TxDOT and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality say there are plenty of other steps drivers can take to reduce harmful vehicle emissions. Keeping cars and trucks well maintained tops the list of clean air suggestions. A poorly maintained vehicle can release 10 times more pollution than one in top condition.

To get tips on how to "drive green" while saving money at the gas pump, visit the campaign's website at www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org.



Retiree Florence Tarrant won a 2009 Ford Escape Hybrid. Rowdy, the Dallas Cowboys mascot, was on hand to help hand over SUV. Photo by Richard Rodriguez

OBITUARIES

ALAN KLINGBEIL

Alan Klingbeil, age 47, a resident of Grand Prairie, Texas died Thursday, November 5, 2009 in Irving. He was born August 26, 1962 in Dallas, Texas. A Memorial service was held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.

WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARD CAIN

William "Bill" Edward Cain, 67, of Marble Falls, Texas died November 11, 2009. Born September

21, 1942 in Irving, Texas, Bill was the son of J.D. & Myrtle (Clark) Cain. He retired as a firefighter for the City of Irving. Bill is survived by his wife, Bonnie Cain of Marble Falls; sons: Allen R. Cain & wife Angie of Rowlett, Steven Lloyd Cain & wife Joanie of Midlothian, & Troy David Cain of Grapevine; grandchildren: Krista, Meaghen, Brett, Cody, Brittney, Amanda, & Hayden; great grandchildren: Hannah, Harmony & Liam; step-brother, Gary Williams; sisters: Donna Williams & Connie Holmes

and step-sister, Betty Beasley. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Sharon Smith. Visitation was Friday, November 13, 2009 at Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Memorial service will be Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Smithwick Church of Christ at 1:00 PM with Linvel Baker and Hank Lewis officiating. Pallbearers are Willis Lewis, Ray Coe, Sidney Stapleton, Harold Nicholson, Ray Grudowski, Randy Fry, Ralph Allen Clark, Dwayne Faith. Honorary pallbearers are Wilford Fry, Tommy Fry and Butch Sylvester. Memorials may be given to Marble Falls High School Class of 1959 Scholarship Fund, Attn: Madolyn Frasier, PO Box 91, Marble Falls, TX 78654 or Kenneth Cantwell

Memorial Scholarship, Panola College, Att: Dr. Lillian Cook, 1109 W Panola St, Carthage, Texas 75633. Arrangements under the direction of Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home of Marble Falls, Texas.

CHARLIE GRAVES ROBINSON

Charlie Graves Robinson, of The Colony, died Nov. 6, 2009. He was born Aug. 25, 1921 in Jean, TX. A graveside service will take place on Mon., Nov. 16, 2009 at 2:30 PM at the DFW National Cemetery, in Dallas. Visitation: Mon., Nov. 16, 2009 from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Arrangements made by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

DAVID WALLACE KEATTS

David Wallace Keatts, lifetime resident of Irving, died Nov. 10, 2009. He was born Feb. 26, 1957

in Dallas. He was a '75 Graduate of Nimitz High School. He is survived by his mother Ruth Bates Keatts and sister Lorre K. Scroggins. Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

JIMMY G. MULLINS

Jimmy G. Mullins, age 71, of Irving died November 3, 2009 in Irving. Visitation was Thursday, November 5. Graveside services were 12:00 p.m. Friday, November 6 at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

WILLIAM LARRY BARTON

William Larry Barton, age 50, of Irving, died Sunday, November 1, 2009, in Dallas. He was born December 27, 1958 in Dallas. Visitation



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Provided by Mandy Hamilton

Irving Schools Foundation (ISF) received \$20,000 in scholarship funds from the Pfaff Family.

Through the funds, the new Plastronics Perseverance Scholarship was established and endowed to award one (1) scholarship at \$1,000 per year to an IISD graduating senior. The recipient will be a homeless student who has been forced to work full time to support themselves due to misfortune and

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The Pfaff Family has a long history with the Irving Schools Foundation including, five Fellows on the Perpetual Giving Tree, Diana Pfaff serving as Past President of the Foundation, and most notably Mrs. Anne Pfaff founding the Irving Schools Foundation back in 1985.

Scholarships for graduating seniors and teachers are due in January each year. Students and teachers applying for scholarships should check specific due dates listed on the scholarship application. These scholarships are awarded each year at the Breakfast with the Stars scholarship event in April.

For more information about the Irving Schools Foundation or to apply for an existing Scholarship, contact 972-600-5018 or visit www.irvingisd.net/foundation.

Rising unemployment doesn't bode well for a happy New Year

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that which was taken out in 1986: the investment tax credit. This tax credit also provides for accelerated depreciation for companies that make capital investments in the U.S. Those would be immediate incentives to encourage job creation in the private sector.

"The idea that somehow government is going to put all this money out there and get consumers to spend our way out of this mess is just not working. It didn't work when the Bush Administration tried it. It is not working now that the Obama Administration is trying it."

Pauken had a few tips for people trying to survive in the job market and for those trying to get back in.

"If you have a job, make sure you have another job to go to that is as good as or better than what you have. The bird in the hand theory is very applicable during these difficult economic times.

"Particularly young people

need to consider the importance of skills training looking at those areas where there is still a demand for workers, such as electricians, welders, and pipe fitters. There are a number of areas where there is still demand for workers. If you are out of work, try to get the skill training that is helpful in terms of adding to qualifications and earning credentials, so companies know you have the ability to do a job and they don't need to provide on the job training. Community colleges here in Texas do a great job in terms of skills training matching the needs of the employers with the skill training that is in demand.

"A number of Texas employers are concerned about a declining work ethic. It is important that someone who is employed or who is trying to get a job understands that they need to have a good work ethic and be responsible in meeting the employers needs. Employers do not need people who are unreliable or who come in and just

do the minimum," he said.

Long existing mistakes by our country's leaders helped create the situation we see today.

"I think this situation has been building since the 1990s. The fundamental mistake was we allowed the Wall Street crowd and private equity financiers to use to an excessive degree leverage in order to make short term gains. That gets back to the flawed tax system, which they took advantage of for their own personal gain. That worked for a while for them, but it didn't work for the overall economy, because we began to build up a credit excess in the U.S. When the crisis ultimately hit in a major way, the problem was the response from the government with the Bush Administration was these institutions are too big to fail. So they were bailed out even though they are the ones responsible to a significant degree for the problems we face today.

"This didn't start overnight. It began in the Clinton administra-

tion. Then Secretary of the Treasury, Robert Rubin, bailed out some Wall Street financial institutions that got on the wrong side of the Peso trade in Mexico in the mid-90s. Rather than letting them suffer their losses, he essentially bailed out Mexico, which resulted in these Wall Street financial institutions getting back 100 cents on the dollar paid for by American tax payers.

"It set up the idea in these traders' minds that they have a win-win situation. If they win on their trade, they privatize the gain. If they lose, they socialize the risk by passing it on to the taxpayers.

"That happened in 2008 as well when we bailed out a number of institutions like AIG, which allowed companies and financial institutions on the other side of these risky credit derivative trades to get 100 cents on the dollar.

"When Enron went bankrupt at the end of the day it wasn't an energy company any more, it was

a credit derivative energy trading company. However, when it went bankrupt, the companies on the other side of those risky trades did not get 100 cents on the dollar.

"This is the real flaw in the system. We are running the American economy too much for the benefit of the Wall Street insiders, and we are not focusing on how to rebuild small business in America, and get American producers and manufacturers back at the center of the American economy. That is what we have to do if we are going to start growing the economy again.

"This is a situation which requires serious structural change in Washington. It isn't business as usual. It isn't a situation in which you can tinker around the margins. We have to recognize the serious nature of the crisis we are in, and we have to have a major change in our tax system in order to get the economy moving again," Pauken said.

OBITUARIES

tion was Wednesday, November 4. Service was 1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 5 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

KATHERINE BAKER

Katherine Baker, of Irving, passed away Friday, November 6, 2009. She was born August 29, 1921 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Memorial services will be held at a later date at Brown's Memorial Chapel.

LINDA KAY SCOTT

Linda Kay Scott of Kaufman, TX passed away on October 9, 2009 in Kaufman, TX. She was born on February 22, 1948 in McKinney, TX to Olish and Eula Wade Scott. She is preceded in death by her father Olish Scott and her husband John Powers. Those left to cel-

ebate her life are her mother Eula Wade Scott of Irving, TX; three sisters Susan Reis of Irving, TX, Karen Sego of Irving, TX, Mary Wasserman and husband David of Plano, TX; two brothers' James Scott and wife Robin of Cedar Hill, TX, Joe Scott of Plano, TX, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. For Online Tributes go to: www.andersonclaytonkaufman.com.

NEALON FARRELL KENNEDY

Nealon Farrell Kennedy, of Irving, passed away Thursday, November 5, 2009. He was born March 4, 1940 in Mason, Oklahoma. Graveside services were held at 10 AM Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements made by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

TROY W. ASHTON

Troy W. Ashton, of Irving, passed away Sunday, November 8, 2009. He was born February 1, 1935 in Corsicana. Funeral services were held at Brown's Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 with Rev. Steven Jones and Rev. Dennis King officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

VIRGLE L. HENRY

Virgle L. Henry, age 92, of Irving, died November 2, 2009 in Irving. Visitation was Tuesday. Funeral was 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 4 at Oak View Baptist Church. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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 - 26 Inventor Whitney
 - 27 Playing card
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 - 29 Actress Alicia
 - 30 Spool
 - 31 Karloff's colleague
 - 35 Riyadh's religion
 - 37 Deal with a dragon
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 - 44 Start of remark
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 - 52 Home on high
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 - 54 Caviar
 - 55 — Branco, Brazil
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 - 57 Brandy bottle
 - 59 Adds lace
 - 61 London gallery
 - 63 Always, poetically
 - 64 Bucket
 - 65 Monks' milieu
 - 67 Glowing
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 - 6 Brooch
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 - 8 Actress Cassidy
 - 9 Miscalculate
 - 10 Couches
 - 11 Boxer Max
 - 12 — Really Want to Do" ('65 hit)
 - 13 More light-headed
 - 14 Ancient science
 - 15 Actress Verdugo
 - 16 Shimmer
 - 18 Bronte heroine
 - 19 Weldon or Wray
 - 23 Mario — Monaco
 - 24 Reserve
 - 30 Rug type
 - 31 Spiked the punch
 - 32 Dos Passos trilogy
 - 33 Kennel threat
 - 34 Paddle
 - 36 — Tome
 - 37 Hurt
 - 38 Actress Cornell
 - 39 In progress
 - 40 Herding dog
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 - 43 Historic org.
 - 45 Make a doily
 - 46 "From — Eternity" ('53 film)
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 - 108 Rob of "The West Wing"
 - 109 Midwestern airport
 - 112 Church area
 - 113 Prayer finale
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Answers for 11-7-2009

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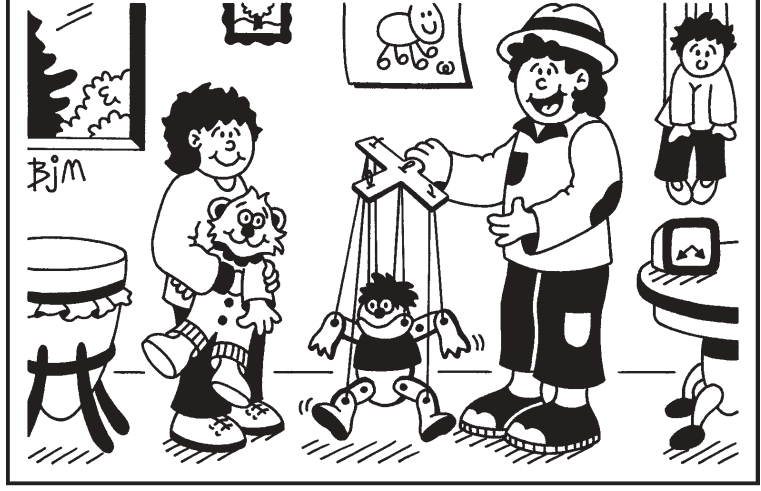
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Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



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Chamber meeting looks towards a successful 2010

Provided by Jeff Mues

At the Chamber's Annual Meeting sponsored by Reliant Energy, Immediate Past Chairman, Carter Holston (NEC America) symbolically passed the gavel to Chairman, Rick Lindsey (Holt Cat) on Nov. 10.

Past Chairman Holston led the first part of the meeting which included a recap of the many accomplishments of 2009, and Chairman Lindsey took over duties, sharing

with an audience of more than 250, some of the goals of 2010. The meeting also featured keynote speaker Roger Williams, the 105th Texas Secretary of State, and served to recognize a number of outstanding leaders including outgoing and incoming board members, Representative Linda Harper Brown, recognized for her leadership by Empower Texans, and Margie Stipes, recipient of the Jennings Smith Community Ser-

vice Award for her service to the community.

"Being named the first 5-star Chamber of Commerce in the state by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, speaks to the efforts of this organization," said Carter Holston. "The Chamber helped facilitate high-profile relocations and expansions, including Omega Environmental Technologies, Forward Air, ESPN Radio and HMS and the Chamber was proactive in its strategies which helped steer public policy in the areas of transportation and infrastructure, and for in-

dustries of great importance to Irving such as the media production industries."

An enhanced partnership with the U.S./Mexico Chamber of Commerce and the continued growth of the International Trade Development & Assistance Center and the Sister Cities Program were also cited as areas of accomplishment. A short video produced by the award-winning Irving Community Television Network, further highlighted the Chamber's many successes.

Later on in the program, Mayor Gears spoke of the strong partnership which exists between the City of Irving and the Chamber-managed Irving Economic Development Partnership. Roger Williams, a champion for economic development in North Texas, also had high praise for the work of the Chamber in 2008 in his keynote remarks.

"The Irving Chamber is looked at all over the state as the model for chambers of commerce in Texas," said Williams.



Roger Williams, the 105th Texas Secretary of State

Mungles on Movies

By Matt Mungle

Title: 2012

Rated: PG-13

Writer/director Roland Emmerich (*Independence Day*, *10,000 BC*, *The Day After Tomorrow*) is back with what is easily his most visual, action backed, destructive movie to date. Calamity films in the past have focused on certain regions of our Earth or the suspenseful buildup of possible doom from meteors or aliens. Emmerich tops them all by destroying the entire planet in full on, green screen fashion.

But I am not sure that is a good thing. As Peter Parker's Grandfather once told him, "with great power comes great responsibility." I think that most certainly applies to technology. Just because you have the ability to create every special effect known to movie goers doesn't mean you should use them without restraint.

2012 is based slightly on the beliefs of the Mayans whose calendar predicts that the Earth has an expiration date of late December 2012. In the early 2000's some government scientists discover that the Earth's core is increasing in temperature and that very soon the entire crust of our planet is going to shift and have terrible repercussions. So they decide then to prepare a way for the world's leaders and those wealthy enough to afford it to survive. While vacationing in Yellowstone with his family Jackson Curtis (John Cusack) discovers this plot and tries to get his family to China where they can hopefully find safety. He of course has to do this as the world is literally falling apart around him.

If you truly want to enjoy this film you have to go into it for no other reason than to see lots and lots of over the top, eye rolling, effects and some edge of your seat tension. And at times you will laugh out loud at the annihilation of humanity. It is that unbelievable.

This movie was made to be seen on the big screen and though it is dripping with peril it is certainly entertaining. Emmerich is the master of creating giant tidal waves, crumbling buildings and sequences of action. But at times it was so unbelievable that even though you could see it happening, it took you out of the moment. I think if he would have scaled it down slightly, it would have had the same look, but the impact on your emotions would have been a lot more intense. The scenes that are slow and building are the most

2012 is a recipe for disaster

stunning. It is only when he adds the full speed action that you start to chuckle. You have to sacrifice plausibility for entertainment, but hey, it is the movies, right?

I loved the cast and the acting for the most part is what it needs to be. You can't expect them to deliver these lines and situations with anything Oscar caliber. It is not the time or place. You want them to act scared and terrified, and they do. Danny Glover plays the president of the US, and I liked the way they gave him some deep rooted humanity. There are underlying themes in this film about faith, religion and love for the fellow man. When it comes time to step up and do the right thing, the message is clear. It wasn't pushed aside for you to catch if you were lucky.

2012 is rated PG-13 for intense disaster sequences and some language. Parents should be advised that even though it is laughable in parts it is still dramatic in its intention. I am not sure your younger viewers will be able to separate the reality. Also I think the language is stronger than you would want or expect. Granted I doubt any of us would be saying

"shoot" and "darn" as the world sucks us into giant craters, therefore the mild expletives are rampant so be prepared. Cusack plays fast and loose with the name of the creator of the universe which is probably not a smart idea when facing certain doom.

I give 2012 a solid 3.75 on the Richter scale. It is highly entertaining and carries a visual impact that few before it have achieved. Sure I wanted a more ominous stirring of the mind and soul when the Earth comes to an end, but I will take two and a half hours of heart racing, edge of your seat epic adventure as a back up plan. 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.mungleshow.com.

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Yellow Rose AMBUCS receive awards at Fall Conference

Provided by Cindy Morgan

The Yellow Rose Chapter of AMBUCS (American Business Clubs) received five awards during the recent Fall Conference held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Grapevine.

District Project Manager of the Year went to Debra Kitchens for her dedication to community service. Her community service projects have varied. She coordinated a group outing to D/FW Airport to welcome arriving troops and give them stationary and stamps to send cards and letters to their loved ones. During the Christmas season she coordinated the sponsorship of a family in need through the battered women's shelter, Brighter Tomorrows. She coordinated an effort to send shoes to children in Africa.

District Public Relations Award, Class 2 was received based on the publicity received in *The Irving Rambler* newspaper, *Irving Neighbors*, *Irving Journal*, *Heritage Herald* and the Irving Cable Television. Several articles were run throughout the year covering our fundraising efforts including our flamingo flocking efforts, Amtryke giveaways, the annual dinner/auktion, Wreaths Across America participation, and the annual Spring Fashion Show/Luncheon. In particular was the AMBUCS Expo run in February during Visibility Month that highlighted both the national and local levels of the organization.

District Visibility Award, Class 2 was received based on the receipt of Proclamations from both the City of Irving Office of the Mayor and Office of the Governor of Texas. The proclamations were received for National AMBUCS Service Day, Feb. 21, 2009. Judging was also based on the content of newspaper

articles that highlighted the Amtrykes giveaways and other various community projects such as donations to schools, libraries, and persons in need.

District Newsletter Award, Class 2 was received based on the weekly newsletter that is sent to all Yellow Rose Chapter members, to the presidents of surrounding chapters, and to individuals in the AMBUCS national office.

Local Charities Award, Class 2

Cancer coalition benefits from bean bag toss

Boston's The Gourmet Pizza in Irving partnered with The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) and Custom Cornhole Connection to host its first Bags Tournament on Nov. 7.

"Having organizations such as Boston's Pizza and Custom

was received based on the club donations to the Van, TX library (\$798), Brighter Tomorrow's woman's Shelter (\$610), Irving Fire Department (\$500), Irving Independent School School (\$2,253), Irving Cares - Food Bank (\$150) and Irving Care Center Nursing Home (\$500). Additionally contributions were given to the 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk (\$50), TX PEFI (Cadet tuition for ROTC) (\$200), and individual families (\$200).

Cornhole Connection help the NOCC in raising awareness about ovarian cancer is very exciting," said Sharon Goldammer, Co-President, DFW Chapter of the NOCC. "These organizations are truly helping to make a difference on this important issue."



Giving it their best shots, tournament participants toss corn filled bags to win prizes and benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

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The Irving service club is accepting orders for boxes of this citrus fruit throughout November in time for a mid-December delivery. The cost is \$17 per 20-pound box. The boxes contain 18 grapefruits. There also is shipping available to anywhere in the United States for an additional fee.

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Club President Ronda Huffstetler notes that grapefruit sales help fund the Sunrise Rotary Club's charitable efforts. This includes sending several Irving public school students to a week-long leadership camp sponsored by Rotary. The club also has used funds raised by grapefruit sales to buy wheelchairs for needy people in both Mexico and South Africa. "A significant amount of the money we raise also funds our annual back-to-school supply drive. This year, more than 1,200 needy Irving students received school supplies that were purchased through the sales of these amazingly delicious grapefruit," she notes.

Projects planned for 2010 include helping to build a guest home near the Dallas Veterans Administration Hospital where families of Iraq war veterans can stay while their love ones receive medical treatment. The club also plans to help

fund the drilling of a water well in Africa. "When you buy these grapefruit—whether one box or one hundred boxes—you're helping us live out Rotary's goal of helping and serving mankind, both locally and around the world," Huffstetler added.

Hrcir also noted, "This is a great and healthy gift for yourself or for someone you love. It's also really fun to send a little bit of the sweetness of Texas to family and friends around the country. Most folks who give our grapefruits as gifts come back year after year because the recipients love it. We even have several businesses who send boxes of these Rio Star Grapefruit to their clients as appreciation gifts during the holidays."

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