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Election results send gun sales shooting up

By Jess Paniszczyn

Every day there are new cautionary tales about the economy. As the stock market does its impression of a Hawaiian cliff diver, department stores and other retail outlets brace for dismal Christmas sales. However, there is one, shining, bright spot on the economic landscape, gun sales. Gun enthusiasts all over the country are lining up in record numbers to purchase guns, ammunition and accessories.

"Since the day after the Presidential election all of the assault weapon companies, ArmaLite, GPMs, Olympic Arms, Colt, Rock

River, anything I could find ran out of guns by noon, out of assault rifles, uppers, lowers, 308s, everything," said Nick Porter, manager of Porter's Army Navy. "My gun sales are up between 600 and 800 percent. Ammunition sales are up, but not quite that much.

"Anything that will be in the ban that will go into effect once Obama gets in is selling. Obama is not placing anyone in his administration who is pro-gun. A lot of people who gave money to his campaign are anti-gun. Those facts are a big part of this drive.

"I have read the ban. It is 24 pages long, and it bans a lot. The

ban will go into effect, the question is when. Will it go into effect in January, February, or will it be summer? At what point can they sign a bill and get it in place? That we don't know. They will have to meet in the middle at some point. It's not going to be as extreme as they predict

it to be. It will be a 10 year reinstatement of the Brady Ban act and then a little more.

"In the details of the ban, stores can sell no pistol grip semi-automatics, no collapsible stocks, no flash suppressors, no bayonet lugs, no rail systems, and no maga-

zines that hold more than 10 rounds. Thirty round clips are out. Most assault rifles are out five different ways. The ban includes pistols that hold more than 10 rounds.

"Part of the proposition in the

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Texas' growth, opportunities focus of Chamber event

By Jess Paniszczyn

The Greater Irving - Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce met for its 2008 Annual Meeting in the Westin DFW north on Nov. 19. Texas' Lieutenant Governor, David Dewhurst, presented the event's Keynote Address. Mr. Dewhurst has served as Lieutenant Governor through three regular sessions and seven special sessions of the Texas Legislature.

"Over the last six years that I have been Lieutenant Governor, we have really focused on kicking down speed bumps wherever we saw them towards your creating more jobs. In these six years, we have passed more pro-growth, more pro-business, more pro-family legislation. We have passed more bills to protect children that we have ever

done in any comparable period in Texas' history," Dewhurst said during his address.

"Normal consumer confidence is 100. Texas today rates about 75. The Rust Belt states: 20. New England: 16. But my message today is stay the course.

"We have done everything we could in the legislature. We have cut \$7 billion a year in taxes. We balanced a \$10 billion budget without raising taxes. We kicked down speed bumps, but we didn't create the jobs. You all created the jobs. So I take my hat off to you and say, 'keep going.'"

As the population of Texas grows, their will be new opportunities for business.

"There is also good news, bad news. People have heard about how we are doing in Texas. In just the next 20 years, 49.5 percent of the entire population growth in the entire country occurs in three states: Florida, Texas and California.

"In Florida, their economy is not doing very well. In California, their economy is not doing very well. They are suffering right now with right at a \$21 billion deficit this year, and they had to refinance \$15 billion last year: \$36 billion," he said.

"Our population is going to double in the next 25 to 30 years. We will go from 24 to 50 million people. Brick houses built anywhere in Texas were built in the 1900s. In 108 years we have built enough homes for 24 million people. In a period less than one fourth of that, we are going to have to build twice that many homes here



Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst addresses the Greater Irving - Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce.

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Don't feed the animals



Children attempt to feed a Chinese lion a snack of lettuce leaves for good luck during a traditional lion dance put on by members of the JK Wong Academy for North Hills Preparatory's celebration of their International Festival on Nov. 15.

NCTCG embraces 2008 National Electrical Code®

Provided by Carri (Gregorski) Prue
The North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG) Regional Codes Clearing Committee (RCCC) recently voted to recommend adoption of the 2008 National Electrical Code® (NEC) with a new child safety precaution included. NEC Section 406.11 states that all 125-volt 15- and 20-ampere electrical outlets (receptacles) in new residential construction must be tamper-resistant receptacles.

Using a built-in shutter system, tamper-resistant receptacles prevent foreign objects from touching electrically live components when they're inserted into the slots, but plugs can be inserted and removed like standard electrical outlets. Unlike plastic outlet caps, which can be removed or forgotten, tamper-resistant receptacles offer automatic, continuous and permanent protection against electrical burns.

The RCCC's recommendation to adopt the 2008 NEC will go to the NCTCOG Executive Board for approval. The action will then be circulated to all member jurisdictions.

The Executive Board, com-

posed of 13 locally elected officials, is the policy-making body for all activities undertaken by the NCTCOG. Centered around the urban areas of Dallas and Fort Worth, NCTCOG has more than 230 member governments, including 16 counties, numerous cities, school districts, and special districts.

Several member cities have already indicated plans to adopt the 2008 NEC this fall, including Dallas, Irving, Plano, and Fort Worth. Additionally, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Commission announced that, effective Sep. 1, the 2008 NEC would be the effective "minimum standard" for all electrical installations covered by the Act.

"The Regional Codes Clearing Committee's recommendation to adopt the 2008 NEC with the tamper-resistant requirement marks a tremendous advancement for the electrical industry, for home safety, and especially for families," said Andrei Moldoveanu, technical director at the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). "The new Code affords

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Homicide Investigation: 11-04-08 at 9:44 a.m. Officers responded to the 2700 block of West Rock Island Road after receiving a call from the manager's office of the Island West Apartments. The caller stated an unknown male had come into the office and said he had just killed his wife. The unknown male was covered in blood and was now lying on the floor in the office.

Responding officers arrived and found the unknown male in the office suffering from lacerations to the wrists and throat. Officers were able to follow a blood trail from the manager's office to an apartment in the complex where they found the victim, a White female, deceased. The victim had suffered a stab wound to the chest. The suspect was placed in custody and transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital, where he underwent surgery for his injuries.

The suspect and victim, who lived together, were involved in a domestic dispute when the suspect stabbed the victim one time in the chest with a kitchen knife. The suspect then cut his wrists and neck. The murder weapon was recovered in the apartment.

The victim Anna Luisa Martinez is a White female 32 years old. The suspect Jose Luis Plata is a White male 36 years old. A charge of murder will be filed against Mr. Plata with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office.

Apartment Fire: 11-17-08 at 6:00 a.m. A fire started in one of the La Hacienda apartment units by unknown means and spread to three other units. There was only fire and smoke damage to four units, but the power had to be shut off on a block of about 16 units. There were about 60 residents displaced and Red Cross was called to the scene. A relief shelter was set up at the Senter Park recreation center for the victims.

Robbery: 11-17-08 at 4:23 p.m. As the complainant parked his car in the Summerbend Apartment complex, he was jumped and beaten by two suspects who took his

money. A third suspect picked up the first two and drove away in a white van. Tactical officers spotted the van on SH-114 and give chase into Dallas. The suspects eluded capture.

Irving Fire Department
Activity summary Nov 18 - 19, 2008
 Irving Fire Department responded to 117 incidents.

The Fire incidents	Medical calls
25 Miscellaneous Fire and Rescue Calls	4 Major Accidents
1 Structure Fires	43 Major Medical
0 Special Operations	7 Heart Attacks
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Texas creates opportunities for residents, businesses

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in Texas. We are going to need a third more public schools, a third more public school teachers, a third more university classrooms, a third more university professors, and 40 percent more highways to reduce congestion. Today the fundamentals are still good. We have more

fortune 500 companies in Texas today than in any other state in the country.

"Last year 2007, 26.7 percent of all new jobs created anywhere in America, or one in four, were created right here in the state of Texas. That is amazing. This year in the first six months of the year, almost 31 percent, almost one out of three

new jobs created in America were created right here. So we have the challenge of turning all of this growth into opportunity."

The American Dream is alive and well in Texas. Through the opportunities and education offered by Texas, Dewhurst was able to create a solid future for himself and others.

"This is such a special state. I am so proud to be a Texan. My dad was killed by a drunk driver when I was three years old. My mother was a legal secretary," Dewhurst said. "There is no reason I should be standing here today as Lieutenant Governor in a room filled with successful business people if Texas didn't offer all that opportunity. I really believe Texas is a place of big dreams and quiet miracles. I truly believe Texas is a place where anybody from any walk of life in any community can climb heights as improbable as they are possible. That is Texas. That is why I am in public life after being in business for so long. I really want to make sure that American dream remains a reality for young people all over this state."

"Another issue that is so important is public education. I wouldn't be standing here today if I hadn't received a great public school education. The Texas of tomorrow is literally being forged in our classrooms everyday. There is nothing more important than our teachers teaching our students."

"In the last three or four years, we have raised teachers' salaries. We have raised standards. For the first time ever in the history of the state, we provided incentives for teachers' improvement and teachers to work together. As we are ending teaching to the TEKs test, we are going to end the course exams. I want to dramatically raise our goals. I want to use those resources to hold on to our good teachers."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 22 from 8 am to 5 pm
Yard Sale - The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 2494 will hold a yard sale at the Post located at 3375 Beltline Road from 8 AM to 5 PM. All proceeds will be used for the VFW Political Action Committee (PAC) which helps with legislative matters pertaining to our Veterans. Everything must go by the end of the day. For more information and directions to the Post, call 972-790-1611.

November 22 at 2:30pm
Thanksgiving Day Crafts - Decorate Thanksgiving Day crafts at the Northwest Branch Library, 2928 N. Belt Line Road, at 2:30 p.m. The pro-

gram is open to all ages and no registration is required. For more information, call 972-721-2691.

November 23 at 6:30pm
Thanksgiving Service - First United Methodist Church, 211 W. Third in Downtown Historic area wants to invite the whole community to the Chapel for a Community Thanksgiving Service at 6:30 p.m. There will be no childcare available for this event, but come and celebrate the upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving.

November 27-28
Office Closings - City offices will be closed for Thanksgiving. All of-

fices will reopen at their regular hours Dec. 1. City libraries will be closed Nov. 27-28, and all libraries close at 5 p.m. Nov. 26. There will be no residential trash or brush collection on those days, nor will there be any curbside recycling service. Hunter Ferrell Landfill, located at 220 W. Hunter Ferrell Road, also will be closed Nov. 27-28. The city's drop-off recycling centers will be closed Nov. 25-27, but will reopen Nov. 28. All city recreation centers will be closed Nov. 27-28. Heritage Aquatic Center will be closed Nov. 27-28 and North Lake Aquatic Center will be closed Nov. 27-30. The Irving Arts Center administration offices will be closed Nov. 27-28 and will reopen at regular hours Dec. 1. The box office and galleries will be open Nov. 28 for normal business hours.

November 28-30 at 7:30pm
Nutcracker - The popular holiday favorite is brought to life by Momentum Dance Company's brightest stars 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday in the Carpenter Performance Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd, \$12-20 972-252-2787 for tickets. www.irvingartscenter.com.

Electrical code changes to protect children

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many Texas children the most reliable protection against electrical injuries."

According to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission data, approximately 2,400 children suffer electrical injuries each year—about seven children every day—from inserting metal objects into electrical outlets.

While unfamiliar to many homeowners, pediatric care wards have required hospital grade tamper-resistant receptacles for more than 20 years. And, even with their invaluable protection, the projected compliance costs using residential grade products are minimal.

NEMA estimates that tamper-resistant receptacles would add

less than \$70 to the cost of a new home's electrical system.

Parents, homeowners, and building and electrical professionals wanting to learn about tamper-resistant receptacles, child safety statistics, and Code details can view an informational video and other resources at NEMA's Real Safety Web site: www.childoutletsafety.org. Additional information can be found at Electrical Safety Foundation International: www.esfi.org.

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IRVING SPORTS

Irving falls to Wylie during playoffs

By Lotis Butchko

Irving marched into Texas Stadium on Friday night, returning to the playoff for the first time since 2003.

Irving quarterback Jercolby Bradley had just come off a huge performance against MacArthur in which he had 351-yards passing,

threw for three touchdowns and ran for another. Winning that game put Irving in the playoffs.

But Irving would be facing its biggest test of the year, a highly ranked Wylie team who went 8-2 on the season.

The game started out bad for Irving. Bradley's first three pass at-

tempts were 0-3 with two interceptions.

However the real story of the game was Wylie's defense, Nikita Whitlock had four sacks, and a blocked punt. Daniel Jordan had three interceptions all in the first half.

Irving could not muster a drive over seven plays long. And Wylie didn't punt till there was 4:29 left in the second quarter.

At the half the score was 42-0 Wylie.

Wylie Quarterback Jerod Monk didn't play for much after the half, but was pulled in the third quarter when he had amassed 271-yards passing and three touchdowns.

The second half of the game went by fast, as Wylie eased up on the Tigers and ran the ball.

Irving ran into more of the same problems, only coming up with one scoring drive. With 90 seconds left in the game, Irving got the ball back and did what it couldn't do all game - drive the length of the field.

Bradley simply refused to give up, at one point making defenders run into each other as he sprinted for a 19-yard gain. The drive ended as he hit wide receiver Winford Tennell for a 22-yard touchdown pass with just six seconds remaining in the game.

Even though the Tigers took a beating like a drum to the score of 45-7 the fans weren't as upset as some might think.

"They lost and got beat," Melissa Pardue said "But this team never gave up and that's what I really like about them."

Sports Briefs

By Lotis Butchko

Carrollton Ranchview - 0 Alvarado -27

Ranchview High School capped off their season with their first playoff game in the school's history against Alvarado. However, Ranchview was overmatched and never scored during the game.

Alvarado quarterback Thomas Head scored first on a 13-yard touchdown run. Then he hit wide receiver Jerome Brown for a 19-yard touchdown pass.

Alvarado led 14-0 lead at halftime. Alvarado leaned on Broam Hart as he rushed for 166-yards.

In the second half, Head rushed for a 2-yard touchdown, and then hooked up with Brown again for a 14-yard touchdown pass.

Ranchview worked hard but was hurt by their six turnovers.

High school Football Briefs

Highly ranked Southlake Carroll faced off against Colleyville Heritage Saturday at noon. Carroll who lost notable starters: Tre Newton and Riley Dodge had a lot of unanswered questions, but handled Colleyville with ease beating them 31-7

Number three-ranked Abilene was upset Friday night by Mansfield. Mansfield used the running game eating up a lot of time as running back Stefan Taylor rushed 33 times for 194-yards; he also had touchdowns from 65- yards and 4-yards out.

With less than two minutes remaining, Mansfield cornerback Jon Finch sealed the game with interception to cap off the victory 20-14 at Memorial Stadium at Tarleton State University.

Model citizen turns 99

By Jess Paniszczyn

It's been nearly a century since Edgar Seay, Sr. was born in Vandervort, AR. In the intervening 99 years, Mr. Seay built aircraft, taught pilots aerodynamics and the theory of flight, visited 48 states by VW bus, raised a family and created handmade models. In 1948, Mr. Seay opened M. A. L. Hobby Shop in Irving. The family lived in the back of the building until 1965.

Mr. Seay spoke about his adventures in life while waiting for his birthday party guests to arrive on Nov. 15.

"M. A. L. is now the oldest hobby shop in the Metroplex area," Mr. Seay said. "I had to quit work. I worked until I was 95 or 96. I don't worry about being 99. I just take it from day to day. I might make 100, I might not.

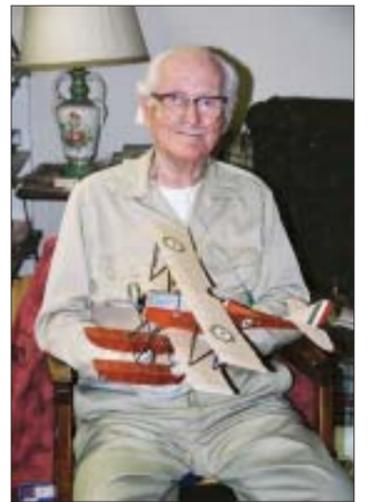
"Irving was a small town when we first moved here. Look how it has grown. There have been so many changes."

Mr. Seay created models from scratch using balsa wood, pins, glue and paint. Occasionally, he used metal pieces such as squashed lead ball bearings for wheels.

"I have cut up and awful lot of balsa wood. I was a professional model builder for hobbyists and plane owners back in the early '30s. I had a national reputation for it. I made the Air Show in Detroit, MI in 1932. In 10 days I took 432 orders. It was the last large show they had before the depression closed them down," he said.

Mr. Seay's son, Edgar Seay, Jr., added to the story.

"He rode his motorcycle up to Detroit from Arkadelphia, AR.



Edgar Seay, Sr.

When he got there, he was out of money. If you could afford an airplane during that time, you could afford a dollar for a custom model of your airplane. My dad would paint it in your color scheme, put your end number on it and mount it on a little base.

"His friend Scotty sold his models and took his commissions in models. Several other people bought nearly everything he made. So there are about five collections somewhere around the country. We have no idea what has happened to them," Edgar, Jr. said.

His son believes working and being a part of the M. A. L. Hobby Shop is Mr. Edgar's secret to a long life.

"He'd sit in a chair up there. I think that was one of the things that kept him going. He's kind of bored now that he doesn't have as much to do," he said.

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The Salvation Army in Irving is pleased to announce the annual Super Lunch XVI on December 1, at the Four Season's Hotel in Las Colinas. Pat Bolger, Super Lunch Chair, and The Salvation Army of Irving's Advisory Council will host the ultimate celebration and fundraiser.

The 16th annual luncheon will feature special key note speaker, Mr. Oscar Roan, former pro-football player for the Cleveland Browns. During his rookie year with the Browns, Roan was named fourth runner up for rookie of the year. Roan retired from professional football in 1979 and went into full-time

Christian service, working as area director with the Dallas chapter for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Roan and his wife, Linda, now travel full time as an evangelist through Oscar Roan Ministries.

Marvin Randle will be emceeing the event that will feature a live auction, special testimonies, and a musical performance by children who participate in the center's School of Performing Arts program.

The Super Lunch XVI anticipates raising \$125,000, which will benefit the community center's services and programs. "Money raised from the event will go straight to The Salvation Army in Irving,"

Bolger said. "It will be a wonderful event."

The Salvation Army of Irving Community Center offers a variety of services to low-income citizens in the community, including emergency rent and utility assistance, food distribution, after-school care for children, summer-long

children's camps and its signature program the Gene and Jerry Jones Family Center for Children,

At the luncheon, The Salvation Army will honor loyal Super Lunch sponsors who came on board at the inception of the sponsorship event and have participated as underwriters each consecutive

year since. This long-time support has been a tremendous help to the center.

Tickets for the Super Lunch XVI are available for \$65. Sponsorships levels start at \$1,000 per table. For more information, please contact The Salvation Army of Irving at 972-438-6553.

An Education in After - School Programs

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courses and recreational activities then proceed to the front of class.

If not, well, you'd be smart to look into The Salvation Army of Irving Community Center.

For parents, finding a quality after-school childcare program can be a challenge. Here's a quick lesson: The Salvation Army of Irving offers all of the above and more for children in the Irving community. Pam Benton, The Salvation Army of Irving's Community Center Director, says the center's program epitomizes what an after-school program should be about.

"Our After-School program is designed to meet the needs of each child," Benton said. "We take a close look at the student's academic strength and weakness. Our tutors take a hands-on approach and focus on the areas where a child may be struggling and really work and improve the area the child is struggling. We also communicate to each child's parent, so the parent is involved in their child's academic success."

Of course, the real test is what the children say about the After-School Program. Six-year-old Jadia Shelton attends the After-School program. "I really like Ms. Pam and coming here. We get to work on our school work and see our friends," Jadia said.

So, what do the parents think about the program? Pay attention because the answer is important: parents can't

rave enough about the program.

"It's a great place for my children to be after school," Jason Shelton, father of three said. I know they are in a good place, getting homework done. It's great at night because I can double check their homework and then spend more time with my children. Our nights are a lot easier. Also, they look forward to the program after school and the staff does a great job. I feel good knowing our children are in safe environment."

The After-School program is available for all students' ages five years-old through high school, Monday through Friday during the school year.

So, you will be enrolling your children in the After-School program soon?

Good. That's an A in After-School Programs for you.

New Leaders at The Salvation Army of Irving

The Salvation Army of Irving strives to meet the needs of the Irving community and recognizes the importance of quality leadership. Last summer, The Salvation Army of Irving welcomed new leaders to its center. After serving as officers in Oklahoma and Arkansas, Majors Mark and Leigh Ann Craddock are now serving in Irving. In addition to their role as officers of the Salvation Army's Irving center, they will also serve as pastors of the church at the Irving location, ministering through worship programs, Bible studies and fellowship groups.

"Leigh Ann and I are excited and blessed to be serving the Irving community together," Mark Craddock said. "We work with an enthusiastic group of professional staff that does an outstanding job of treating each person who enters our center with the dignity and respect they deserve."

The Irving location offers a food pantry, emergency financial

assistance, an after-school program, a summer day camp, and a school of performing arts. The location's signature program is the Gene and Jerry Jones Family Center for Children.

The Craddocks are the parents of four children. Major Mark earned a degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and Major Leigh Ann is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma City.



Majors Leigh Ann and Mark Craddock

Former Jaycees to aid Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is short of both donations and volunteers this Christmas season. Several former Jaycees, always referred to as 'Exhausted Roosters' due to the 35 year old limitation on membership, are calling on all former Jaycees of any era back into action as bell ringers by meeting at the Irving Salvation Army HQ, 259 E. Grauwlyer, on Nov. 24 at 7:00 p.m. to organize a schedule to man one of the Army's bell-ringing sites.

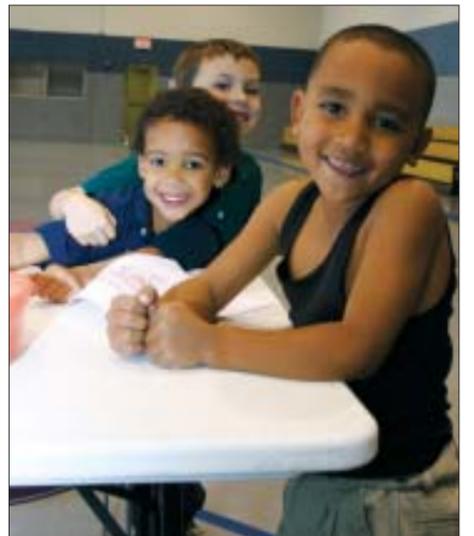
From its forming in 1952 through the late '70s, the Irving Jaycees were the community's largest, most active, and most

honored civic group. It produced a state president (Dick Wadsworth), recognition as best chapter in the US (Meredith Bolger, Pres.), national Project of the Year, (Jaycee Center for the Arts, Gnat Bozeman, chair), plus many other state and national awards, state and national officers and directors, local council members, mayors, and others devoted to the community.

The Jaycees will be assigned a site to supplement other Salvation Army volunteers in urging contributions to their well known nation wide Christmas Kettle drive. Call 972-650-9026 for further information.



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Kendrick Cardell, five years-old, Ruben Shelton, five years-old, and Brandon Clark, five years-old enjoy spending time with each other at The Salvation Army of Irving Community Center.



Julia Shelton six-years-old and Becky Sullivan a University of Dallas student concentrate on after school homework

Red Kettle campaign begins with community support

Mayor Herbert Gears kicked off The Salvation Army of Irving's Red Kettle campaign in high spirits during the Irving City Council meeting on Nov. 20.

While reading the proclamation, Mayor Gears officially declared Nov. 20 as the start to the red kettle campaign. To show his support, the mayor placed a dollar into the kettle. He also mentioned The Salvation Army's newest kettle to make debut in the Irving community.

"The Salvation Army of Irving

will debut two cashless kettles in Irving," Mayor Gears said. With so many people carrying less change these days, people will be able to make a donation at a cashless kettle by swiping their credit card.

To conclude the proclamation Mayor Gears made honorable mention about the Army's commitment in providing programs and services in the community.

"The Salvation Army in Irving continues to provide quality services," Mayor Gears said.

Joining in the celebration was

Major Mark Craddock, The Salvation Army of Irving officer. Major Craddock expressed his appreciation of the mayor's continual support for the Army.

"We are very fortunate to have Mayor Gears serve on our advisory board," Major Craddock said. "We deeply thank him for supporting The Salvation Army of Irving."

This year, The Salvation Army of Irving will try to collect \$100,000, mostly in loose change and \$1 bills. Cashless kettles will be located at the Wal-Mart on Airport Freeway.

A Recipe for Food Pantry Success

Take one cup of generous donations, a heaping scoop of thoughtfulness from a caseworker, a dash of gratefulness from a person in need, sprinkle generosity and you have the recipe for The Salvation Army of Irving's Food Pantry.

"It's a terrific feeling," Jacquelyn Bridges-Radford says about providing groceries for people in need through the Food Pantry program. "To be able to give a bag of groceries for families that would not have any food, unless they came to our location is wonderful. Sometimes families have two choices: pay the bills or buy food. Even families on food stamps don't always have enough money to buy groceries, especially now that the price of food is going up in stores."

Each week the Food Pantry program provides up to 25 bags of groceries. The grocery bags are customized according to an

individual's health restriction or family's size. The Food Pantry provides this service for people on an appointment basis, but is always ready for the unexpected.

"It's not uncommon to see new faces," Bridges-Radford said. "We keep emergency food bags in stock. When we have bags ready for people in crisis they shed tears of joy, grasp us with hugs, and even give kisses. They are extremely

grateful for the food, and it shows.

Food donations are provided companies and organizations that hold food drives. "We always accept more food," Bridges-Radford says with a smile. "The more food we have the more we can give. During the holiday season we are touched by all the donations we receive."

It's a recipe that turns out great each time.



Mayor Gears places a dollar into the kettle to start the Red Kettle campaign.

Summer Day Camp, where it all began

For children, the summer months conjure up a time to have fun: Think splashing in the pool taking trips to the local zoo, spending time with your friends, and enjoying an ice cream treat or two.

But for some parents, summer breaks evoke anxiety as they wonder where their children will go during the daytime working hours. A great place for your children to be is at: The Salvation Army of Irving's

Summer Day Camp.

The eight-week, action-packed program is offered for children age's six to 12.

"Parents are always looking for an affordable and fun place to send their children during summer break," Pam Benton, The Salvation Army of Irving's Community Center Director, said. "Parents tell me all the time that our program does more than what a typical day care

may offer."

In addition to taking day campers on field trips, the children are exposed to a world of books that captivate their young minds. Benton says the book club is the highlight for many children.

"Last year our reading theme was 'Where is Your Treasure?' The kids enjoy checking books out, reading the stories and coming back with a big smile, ready to check the next book out," Benton said. "They get so excited after finishing a book and cannot wait to tell me all about it."

The Salvation Army of Irving's Summer Day Camp program has made a lasting impact on their campers over the years.

"Recently I had a college student contact me about making a class presentation on our Summer Day Camp program," Benton said. When I asked her why she was doing a class presentation about our program she mentioned she attended a summer program in our community when she was little," Benton said. "The young woman explained how grateful she and her mother were for her summer camp experience, which she will never forget. After she told me this, I knew our summer program was a success and will continue to make an impact on the children in Irving."



The Salvation Army Irving Community Center

The Salvation Army is a part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

As officers in The Salvation Army, Majors Mark and Leigh Ann Craddock are ordained ministers, who lead both spiritual programs and social services at The Salvation Army Community Center located on the corner of Britain Road and East Grauwlyer in southeast Irving.

Worship services for children and adults are conducted in the center's chapel as follows:

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 AM

Sunday School - 9:45 AM

Wednesday Bible Study - 6:00 PM

Although The Salvation Army is a faith-based organization, it is important to point out that there are no religious requirements whatsoever in order for a person to receive help and services. The Salvation Army's Mission Statement affirms our commitment to meet human needs in the name of Jesus Christ without discrimination.



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IRVING BROKER WINS STEMMONS AWARD

Phil Baker, President of Magellan Commercial Realty, an Irving-based company, was awarded the prestigious 2008 Stemmons Service Award on Thursday. The Stemmons Service Award is given by the North Texas Commercial Association of Real Estate Professionals and was named to recognize the Stemmons family for their progressive leadership and many contributions to the growth of the city of Dallas, their long-standing dedication to and support of NTCAR, and, in particular, their cooperation and courtesy in dealing with the commercial brokerage community. Special consideration is given to each nominee's tenure in the commercial real estate business, production level, reputation, and professional, civic and community involvement. NTCAR also presented its annual Young Citizen Award to Brett Hefton with Cresa Partners.

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Irving-based Everest Heights has been named Small Business of the Year by the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Current business operations of Everest Heights include Radio Salaam Namaste (104.9 FM) and the new 200,000 sq ft Everest Heights Mall on I-635 near Riverside.

CONGRESSMAN BURGESS RECEIVES AWARD

U.S. Congressman Michael Burgess, whose district includes a portion of Irving, has received the National Association of Manufacturers Award for Manufacturing Legislation Excellence. Congressman Burgess was recently re-elected to his fourth term in Congress.

JESSY'S GIRL HAIR DESIGN WINS STATE AWARDS

Jessy Graham, owner of Jessy's Girl Hair Design entered 4 models into the 2008 Dallas Hair Styling Awards Competition at the Texas Beauty Show at the Dallas Convention Center in the categories of Color, Cutting, Styling, and Avant Garde. Jessy presented her models on stage at the Texas Beauty Show at the Dallas Convention Center where she was announced the Grand Prize Winner, in the adult category, after placing first in the categories of Color, Cut, and Avant Garde.

COOKSEY COMMUNICATIONS HIRES DAVENPORT

Irving-based Cooksey Communications has named Sharla Davenport to the position of Senior Account Executive. Davenport has a diverse background in various positions in public relations as well as having served in the Governor's Office of Economic Development and on the staff of Congressman Joe Barton in Washington D.C.

SHERMCO EXECUTIVE TO TSTC REGENTS

Ron Widup, Executive Vice President of Irving-based Shermco Industries, has been named to the Texas State Technical College Regent Circle board of directors.

GARTRELL NAMED TO IRVING MALL POSITION

John Gartrell has been named Operations Director for the Irving Mall.

IRVING BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED BY DBJ

The following Irving-based businesses have been recognized by the Dallas Business Journal: Fidelity National Title as one of the largest title companies in the Metroplex; Cousins Properties as one of the largest commercial property managers in the Metroplex.

December 5, 2008 Green Speaker Series

Effective Ways to Keep Your Business Green!
Wyndham DFW North,
4441 W. John Carpenter Freeway
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KIMBERLY-CLARK NAMES GLOBAL MEDIA DIRECTOR

Mark Kaline has been named to the position of Global Media Director for Irving-based Kimberly-Clark.

WAYPORT ACQUIRED BY at&t
at&t is expanding the scope of its Wi-Fi business today by purchasing Irving-based Wayport Inc. a network and applications management company that provides back-office management for Wi-Fi hot spots. Wayport specializes in providing wireless-network for several big companies, including Four Seasons Hotels and McDonald's restaurants.

TEXAS GOOD VALUE FOR HOME BUYERS

In information release from the Real Estate Center, Texas continues to be a better value than the rest of the country when it comes to buying a home, according to the latest Housing Affordability Index (HAI) numbers. Texas finished second quarter 2008 with an HAI of 1.55. The HAI for the United States' was 1.27. The index is the ratio of median family income to the income required to qualify for an 80 percent, fixed-rate mortgage to purchase the median-priced home. Interest rates are lower at this time and mortgage money is available for qualified buyers.

McMILLAN ELECTED PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Charles McMillan, Director of Realty Relations and Principal Broker for Irving-based COLDWELL BANKER Residential Brokerage, Dallas/Fort Worth and a nationally recognized leader in the real estate industry, was elected President of the one million member National Association of Realtors.

ROMO'S RELOCATES TO IRVING.

Juan and Ruben Romo have relocated their company, Romo's Pools & Plastering, from Dallas to 1508 Hard Rock in Irving. Romo's brings 32 employees to the City. They have completely refurbished an existing house for their offices and built a warehouse for supplies and equipment. The company works with 48 pool companies throughout the Metroplex plastering and tiling more than 1,300 pools in 2007. They are on-schedule to exceed that record number in 2008.

IRVING ISD RECEIVES SUPERIOR RATING

Recently, the Irving ISD received a Superior Achievement rating from the Schools Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. The district has received the highest possible rating for six consecutive years, which confirms excellence in accounting for taxpayer dollars." Our Superintendent Jack Singley and our Asst. Superintendents Debbie Cabrera, Scott Layne, and Dr. Neil Dugger are "PROs" at managing the fiscal pieces of one of the state's largest school districts.

STOUT RECOGNIZED AS A "RISING STAR" GENERAL COUNSEL
Dawn Stout, Senior Counsel for Fluor Corporation was named a Rising Star by the Dallas Business Journal in their annual search for the Best Corporate Counsels in the Metroplex. In her duties with Fluor, she is responsible for securities compliance and disclosure, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, ERISA compliance and banking and financing transactions. Other finalists from Irving included Howard Janco with LSG SkyChefs and Mike Smith with TRT Holdings.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Thomas Falk, CEO of Kimberly-Clark, has received the Distinguished Business Alumnus Award from the Wisconsin School of Business. Chris Wallace, President/CEO of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce has received the 2008 College of Mass Communications Outstanding Alumnus Award from Texas Tech University.

DFW MARKET LEADS NATION IN APARTMENT CONSTRUCTION

The Dallas-Fort Worth market has been recognized as the number one developer of multi-family units in the United States by M/PF YieldStar's list of top U.S. apartment-building markets with 20,585 apartment units currently under construction. Two other Texas metros are also in the top 3 including Houston with 16,282 apartments under development and Austin with 13,366 units.



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November 20, 2008

Dorothy "Dottie" Marshall



Dorothy "Dottie" Marshall, of Irving, passed away Nov. 12, 2008.

She was born November 16, 1927 in Chicago, IL. She was a 1945 graduate of Oak Park High School in Elmhurst, IL and Grinnell College in Ames, IA with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. After completing her college education, she served as a WAVE officer in Washington, D.C. and Tokyo, Japan and was the Navy's representative in Colorado. She retired from the Navy to start a family. She was a member of Irving North Christian Church and a member of the choir. She was active in her community, serving as an IPAR volunteer, swim coach, water safety instructor, and on the Irving Bicentennial Committee. Dottie enjoyed swimming, reading, cooking, and sewing.

Preceded in death by her parents Calvin Darr and Matilda Cairns Darr; survivors include her husband Cliff Marshall of Irving; son Tim Marshall and wife Melissa of Houston; daughters Betsy Marshall and husband Richard Threlkeld of Arlington, Debi Marshall of Denver, Colorado, and Jennifer Driskell and husband Terrell of Buda; and grandchildren Ryan and Meredith Driskell.

Memorial Services were held Nov. 20 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Inurnment followed at DFW National Cemetery.

Virginia Lee McDonald

Virginia Lee McDonald, age 61, of Irving passed away on Oct. 29, 2008. She was born on May 5, 1947 in Dallas to Ferdinand and Mildred Cieminski.

She is preceded in death by a son, Bobby Anderson; sister, Patricia Goodwin and a brother Gerald Williams. Survivors include, daughters, Jennifer Aaron, Georgia Edwards; mother, Mildred Borchert; sisters, Harriet Wiley, Karen Long; brother, Arthur Williams, Jr. and 7 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements made by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

William W. "Bill" Weatherby



William W. "Bill" Weatherby, age 75, a resident of Irving for 24 years, formerly of Mesquite, died at his home on Nov. 7, 2008.

Born June 27, 1933 in Minden, LA to James Warren Weatherby and Virene Pounders Weatherby, he married Linda Bowen Baumann July 7, 1984 in Irving. Bill was a school crossing guard for the City of Irving for 12 years, a member of the Mesquite Masonic Lodge and a member of First United Methodist Church in Irving.

Preceded in death by his parents and sister, Juanita Thompson, he is survived by his wife Linda; children, Nita Sanders and husband Rick of Dallas, Mark Weatherby of Mesquite, and Deborah Hurley and husband Mike of Keller; grandsons, Bryan and Brandon; and brother-in-law, Gene Thompson of Cedar Creek.

Funeral Services were held Nov. 12 at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Sammy Hargrove officiating. Interment service followed at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Friends were received by the family on Tuesday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung As-

sociation, or to First United Methodist Church, 211 West Third Street, Irving, Texas 75060.

Marlin M. "Skip" Winn



Marlin M. "Skip" Winn of Irving passed away Nov. 14, 2008 in Irving.

He was born on January 18, 1931 in Wichita, KS. He was a veteran of the US Army and later worked in the printing business. He was a Boy Scout leader and coached Irving Baseball and Football.

He is survived by wife Helen C. Winn; son Michael Winn and wife Alison; daughter Kathleen Winn; son Mark Winn and wife Katie; grandchildren Amanda Charron, Matthew Winn; Sara Winn, Parker Winn and great-granddaughter Laurana Charron.

Graveside services were held Nov. 19 at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Fund.

Richard Morgan Neal



Richard Morgan Neal passed away Nov. 13, 2008. He was born on Feb. 22, 1958 in Waco.

Preceded in death by parents Marie and Douglas Neal; and brother Dana Neal. He is survived by wife Cindy Neal of Burleson; daughter Danielle Neal of Plano; Stephanie Neal of Burleson; brother Robert Neal of Euless; sister Nikki Allen of Euless; and cousin Mickey Rozelle.

Memorial services were held Nov. 18 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ken Parlin officiating.

James Charles Caskey



James Charles Caskey of Irving passed away Nov. 16, 2008 in Irving.

He was born on Jan. 31, 1932 in Lexington, OK. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corp. and worked as a sales manager at Texas Stadium.

He is survived by son James R. Caskey and wife Carey of Alvarado; daughter Connie M. Durham of Denver, CO; sister Virginia Cudd of CA; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Nov. 21 at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas.

Zelda Joan Souther Bass



Zelda Joan Souther Bass, 72, of Euless, died Nov. 17, 2008 at Harris Methodist H.E.B. Hospital in Bedford.

Known as Joan to most and Me-Ma or Mame to her grandchildren, she was born July 11, 1936 at Graham, TX, she was the daughter of Melvin and Bernice Boyd Souther. She grew up in Graham and Olney, TX, graduated from Graham High School and Texas Woman's University. She had a Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees. She was a teacher and educational diagnostician for Irving, Crowley and Lewisville school districts. She married Billy Frank Bass April 14, 1953 at Graham. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Euless and sang with the Irving Silvertones for many years.

Survivors include her husband Billy Frank of Euless; her children, Darrell Shane Bass of Garland, Shelly Loraine Campbell of Rockett, TX and Derrek Kyle Bass of Red Oak, TX; four grandchildren, Shane Bass, Lauren Campbell, Shea Campbell, and Olivia Bass; sisters, Melva Greathouse of Mineral Wells and Susan Marek of Palestine, TX; and a brother Herb Souther of Hurst.

Funeral service was Nov. 20 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Irving Silvertones, c/o Keith White, 1912 Anna Drive, Irving, TX 75061.

Horace "Hoss" Meyers



Horace "Hoss" Meyers, age 77, a resident of Irving for 47 years, died Nov. 15, 2008 at his home.

Born Oct. 4, 1931 in Oklahoma City, he owned a food brokerage business in Irving for over 30 years. An avid golfer, he is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty of Irving; sons, Rick and wife Rhonda of Edmond, OK, Gary and Mark, both of Irving; daughter, Pam Trimble and husband Curtis of Euless; six grandchildren, Christie, Ricky, Whitney, Tucker, Mason, and West; and a great granddaughter, Elle.

Funeral service was Nov. 19 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation was Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 4144 N. Central Expressway, Suite 750, Dallas, TX 75204.

Marie Bonnette Bibb Langley



Marie Bonnette Bibb Langley born Dec. 28, 1919 passed from this life Nov. 14, 2008.

Marie graduated from St. Paul School of Nursing and had a thirty year career as a registered nurse in obstetrics, and labor and delivery with St. Paul and Methodist hospitals of Dallas.

Preceded in death by husband, Lauren A. Langley and two sisters, she is survived by son Larry J. Langley, daughter-in-law Margie, grandson Jay Langley and wife Misti, great granddaughter Abigail Lauren Langley, the light of her life, and numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held on Nov. 21 at Calvary Hill Memorial Park with the Rev. Msgr. Donald F. Zimmerman officiating.

John "Tiny" Ross



John "Tiny" Ross, of Irving, passed away Nov. 11, 2008.

He was born Jan. 22, 1969 in Dallas. He was a lifetime resident of Irving, a member of Celebration Worship Center, and enjoyed playing softball.

Survivors include his wife Kimberly Ross of Irving; mother Billie Ross; son Christopher Payne; brother Joe "Jody" Ross; sister Kristie Ross; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Nov. 14 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Joshua Price officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.



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Essay winner announced

VFW Post 2494 and Ladies Auxiliary recently announced the winner at the Post level of the annual Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest. She is Lavonne Windham, a senior at Nimitz High School. Lavonne is in the Dual Government class of Ms. Helen Bradley at Nimitz.

Her entry met all the criteria on the subject, "Service and Sacrifice

by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth by ..." She will be awarded a scholarship from the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary at their annual Awards Program in June. Her entry has gone on to the District level for judging. For information on other upcoming student contests, contact the Post, located at 3375 Belt Line Road or call 972-790-1611.

Resident graduates from Boston University

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,576 students in September 2008.

Among the graduates was Samuel L. Vinson, who received a

Bachelor of Arts in History, Cum Laude.

Boston University is the fourth largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 17 schools and colleges.

Holiday programs scheduled

Approximately 40 holiday programs featuring IISD bands, choirs and/or orchestras will be presented throughout the month of December at district schools. For more information, visit www.irvingisd.net/finearts/December%202008.html.

WORSHIP

Church of Christ

North Irving Church of Christ
727 Metker St. Irving, Texas 75062
972.252.9981
Sundays Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Worship - 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Disciples of Christ

First Christian Church
210 E. 6th Street, Irving 75060
972.579.0911
www.fccirving.org
Sundays
Bible Study for all ages - 9:30am
Traditional Worship - 10:45am

Independent Bible

Berean Memorial Church
1000 E. Sixth Street, Irving 75060
972.438.1440
www.bereanmemorialchurch.org
Sundays 10:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Independent Bible

Word of God Christian Fellowship
Meeting at Plymouth Park Baptist Church
1714 N. Story Rd., Irving 75061
Fellowship Center FH 103
214.404.1899
www.wordofgodchristianfellowship.com
Sundays 4:00 p.m.
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.

Southern Baptist

Pioneer Drive Baptist Church
4034 W. Pioneer Drive
Irving, Texas 75061
972.790.8828
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Sundays Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m.

United Methodist

Plymouth Park United Methodist Church
1615 W Airport Frwy, Irving 75062
(North side of Hwy 183 between MacArthur & Story)
972.255.4185
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Sundays 8:30, 9:15 & 11:00am

First United Methodist Church
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Joseph Albert Fagan



Joseph Albert Fagan, 78, unexpectedly passed away Nov. 15, 2008, at his home.

Joe was a resident of Eules and Irving for the past 48 years. He was born Nov. 19, 1929, in Deport. Joe attended Paris High School, Paris Junior College and the University of Texas at Austin.

He served in the Navy as an Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class USN-1 on the U.S.S. Hancock from 1951 - 1955. He was selected as Honor Man of Company 51-588 in September 1951.

Joe was an Episcopalian and was among one of the first charter families to start the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Irving in 1960. He was employed as a sales manager for Dan River Mills beginning in 1960. He also served as a consultant at Gotcha Covered where he enjoyed his many friends until his professional retirement in 2006. In his spare time, Joe was known to be an avid bird watcher, outdoorsman, Texas Longhorn and Dallas Cowboy fan.

He was deeply devoted to his family and leaves behind three sons and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Jan. Survivors include sons, Matt of Austin, Todd of Prairie Village, KS and Grant of Wheaton, IL; daughters-in-law, Karen and Jamie; and eight grandchildren

Memorial service was Thursday at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials

may be made to the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer or the National Brain Tumor Foundation, www.braintumor.org.

Dorothy Weber

Dorothy Weber of Balch Springs, and formerly of Irving passed away Nov. 18, 2008.

She was born on March 17, 1934 in Anson, TX. She enjoyed crocheting, reading and watching movies.

She is survived by son Alfred Weber, Jr. and wife Robbie of Colorado Springs, CO; grandchildren Sarah, Rachel and Ian all of Colorado Springs; and brother Earl Turner and wife Betty of Denison, TX.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Nov. 22 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Ozro Henderson



Ozro Henderson was born Jan. 12, 1943 and passed away Nov. 19, 2008 after suffering a stroke. He retired from the Irving Fire Department on April 11, 1993 after serving 26 years as a Fire fighter and Paramedic. During this time he earned his nursing degree and spent several years flying with Careflite.

He taught Paramedicine at Methodist Hospital, Dallas and Garland Fire Departments. After "retiring" he embarked on a career of teaching for North Central Texas College in Corinth and was the Commander of TX4 Disaster Medical Assistance Team. As Commander

of the team, he lead this group of medical professionals to provide medical care to those affected by such events as 9/11, Hurricanes Katrina, Ernesto and most recently, Hurricanes Ike and Gustav.

Ozro was also a member of several organizations at State and Federal levels. He worked closely with the VA Hospital and THR in providing medical care at the Alliance Air Show.

He had a craving for knowledge that was insatiable. His wisdom, insight and opinions were sought by many. With incredible foresight and integrity he guided many people thru life. He touched so many and will be sorely missed.

The family would like to thank the caring staff at Baylor Hospital, all of the support of the local Fire Departments, National DMAT teams, and hundreds of friends.

He is survived by his best friend and loving partner of 15 years,

Suzanne Stiles of Lake Dallas; sister, Juanetta Wood and her husband Ray of Lubbock; daughter, Serena Henderson of Grand Prairie; sons, Glenn and Tim of Irving; grand kids Kristin, Megan, Trent, Savannah, Cody and Gracie; great grand kids Ava and Kyra; niece Gayla Trammel and husband Shea; and very special friends Dianne, Dale, Darrell, Lauren, Cameron, Ryan,

Gunner, Pierce, Goldie, Faith and Taylor.

Viewing was Nov. 21 at Dalton and Son Funeral Home 1550 N. Stemmons Freeway in Lewisville. Service will be held at First Baptist Church of Lewisville, 1251 W. Valley Ridge Blvd. on Nov. 22, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

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Mungles on Movies

Twilight drives a stake into the heart of film making

By Matt Mungle
Title: *Twilight*
Rated: PG-13

Listen very closely. *Twilight*. Did you hear it? When I typed the word *Twilight*, thousands of teen-aged girls screamed simultaneously. It is a natural phenomenon. The new film, based on the best selling book series by Stephenie Meyer, is the most anticipated film this fall. For some, for others it is a complete mystery. Not having read the books I went into the movie with a totally open mind and no preconceived ideas. I could believe all the hype from my friends who read the books, telling me that this was going to be an amazing film. But, I simply waited, let the film speak for itself. And I am still waiting.

It is hard to summarize the plot without it sounding comical or plain idiotic. Basically 17 year old Bella (Kristen Stewart) moves to a small

town in Washington state where she meets and falls for the local high school hottie, Edward (Robert Pattinson). Edward is not like the other guys. It isn't so much that he has a face as white as Casper the ghost or that he stares off into space like Edward Scissorhands on Quaaludes. There is something else. Oh, yeah, he is a vampire. But no one knows. These aren't the living dead who sleep in coffins or can't see themselves in a mirror. In fact they do not sleep at all and are far too pretty not to have a few mirrors around. When Edward's love for Bella puts her in mortal danger decisions have to be made. And love drives it all.

The bottom line is this. This film, like the books, was not made for me. So to sit here and tear it apart would not be totally fair. I wasn't expected to like it. In fact it might be a little strange if I did. Like collecting American Girl Dolls. It was obvious at the screening who the film was created for and even

more obvious how it was received by that select group. They loved every minute of it, apparent by screams, giggles and cooing noises. An easy way to figure out if you will be in that select group is this. If you are old enough to actually drive yourself to the theater, you might be a little too old to fully get it and appreciate it. Though the film is based on high school characters, I see this being huge for the 13-15 female set. And glad of it. They need a film to rally around. Young boys are always getting films like *Iron Man* and *The Dark Knight*.

As a film it falls short in a few areas. One, it feels, moves, sounds, acts and breathes like a Tuesday night prime time TV series. Not once does it simulate a big screen production. I like the characters. And the humor of a human mingling with a family of vampires had modern day *Adams Family* moments. The ensemble cast worked well with the story and script. But

again, like they were doing television. And there is a big difference. This movie gives you a glimpse into the characters, makes you like them, but doesn't allow them to evolve. If I could watch them on TV each week, get to really know them, I might like it more. The love story is cute. Though at times I felt like I was watching Anakin Skywalker and Padme all over again. Edward being whiney and pouty and Bella constantly telling him to suck it up.

Twilight is rated PG-13 for some violence and a scene of sensuality. It is totally safe for those 10 and up even though the mushy love scenes might drive some late bloomers to roll their eyes. Edward

is dreamy, even with his Christopher Walken hair, and that will be a draw for most females. You know your kid better than anyone and if they are into the books at all then just try and keep them from seeing this. You will lose that battle for sure, but it isn't a battle you should try and win. Those who have no connection with the books and just want a decent love story in a well made film need not bother. This is not the one for you. I could go ahead and give it 2.5 out of 5 blank stares, but what would be the use. Again, I'm not expected to like it. And as a film to spend hard earned, sweaty, wads of movie cash on, didn't.

Bond is back

By Matt Mungle
Title: *Quantum of Solace*
Rated: PG-13

I will be the first to admit that I was done with the Bond franchise. After seeing what Jason Bourne did for the genre I figured Bond was no longer needed. Blame it on Roger Moore or Pierce Brosnan, the fact remains that the character was getting to be old, greasy and washed up. And worse off, unbelievable stunts and scenarios you at least want to see actors who can pull these things off as if they were possible.

Bond had become this Austin Powers ladies man who couldn't run across the street much less pull off what they had him doing. Add to that cliché story lines that were lame

and focused more on Bond's lady man skills, and it was time for a license to kill off the films all together. So it goes without saying, though I will, how welcome and saving Daniel Craig is for the entire legacy.

In *Quantum of Solace* we find Bond (Daniel Craig) still reeling from the death of his woman and vowing for revenge; without really admitting it. All the while still trying to get to the bottom of an over zealous tree hugger who seems to be behind some dastardly deals. And this eager environmentalist may or may not be linked to an organization that has spies everywhere, including M's own back yard. When several countries water supplies become the object of greed Bond joins with a revenge motivated hottie named Camille (Olga

Kurylenko) to infiltrate the system and shut it down.

This is the Bond film that just might reinvigorate the fans. Sure the plot is thin and the action over the top. But finally we have a Bond that makes all of it work. Craig is rugged and steely in his portrayal. He still has the charm that Bond needs, but that is not what gets him through the day. It is his ability to kick serious butt when need be. He has a swagger about him that we have not seen in a Bond for some while. Many gave Craig a hard time being that he was blonde and not like the Bonds of the past. Well Amen.

Quantum of Solace is full of action from the opening bell to the final credits. Car chases and hand to hand duels keep this film moving at a fairly decent pace. There was a brief moment near the middle when I thought it was going to stall out, but it pulled through and stayed strong until the end. Plus it has that tinge of old school Bond films where the bad guy is world dominating in his mindset and plots. The perfect bad guy you love to hate. Unlike the past Bond films, Camille is a girl that isn't totally reliant on Bond to save her every time. She has a steady spine and when push comes to shove can deal with the best of them.

Quantum of Solace is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and some sexual content. Not nearly the sexual antics and innuendos of the past failures, but enough for Bond to still prove he has a way with the ladies. The action is intense but not with a lot of gore and bloodshed. There are bullets flying everywhere and if you are not into gun play then you might be left out of most of the action. I give this Bond flick 3.75 out of 5 scaffolds. Craig is the perfect Bond and even though I still have no idea what a *Quantum of Solace* is, I enjoyed this action ride from beginning to end.

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. Opinions expressed in any commentary are those of the writer, and not necessarily those of The Irving Rambler, the publisher, editor, or any staff member.



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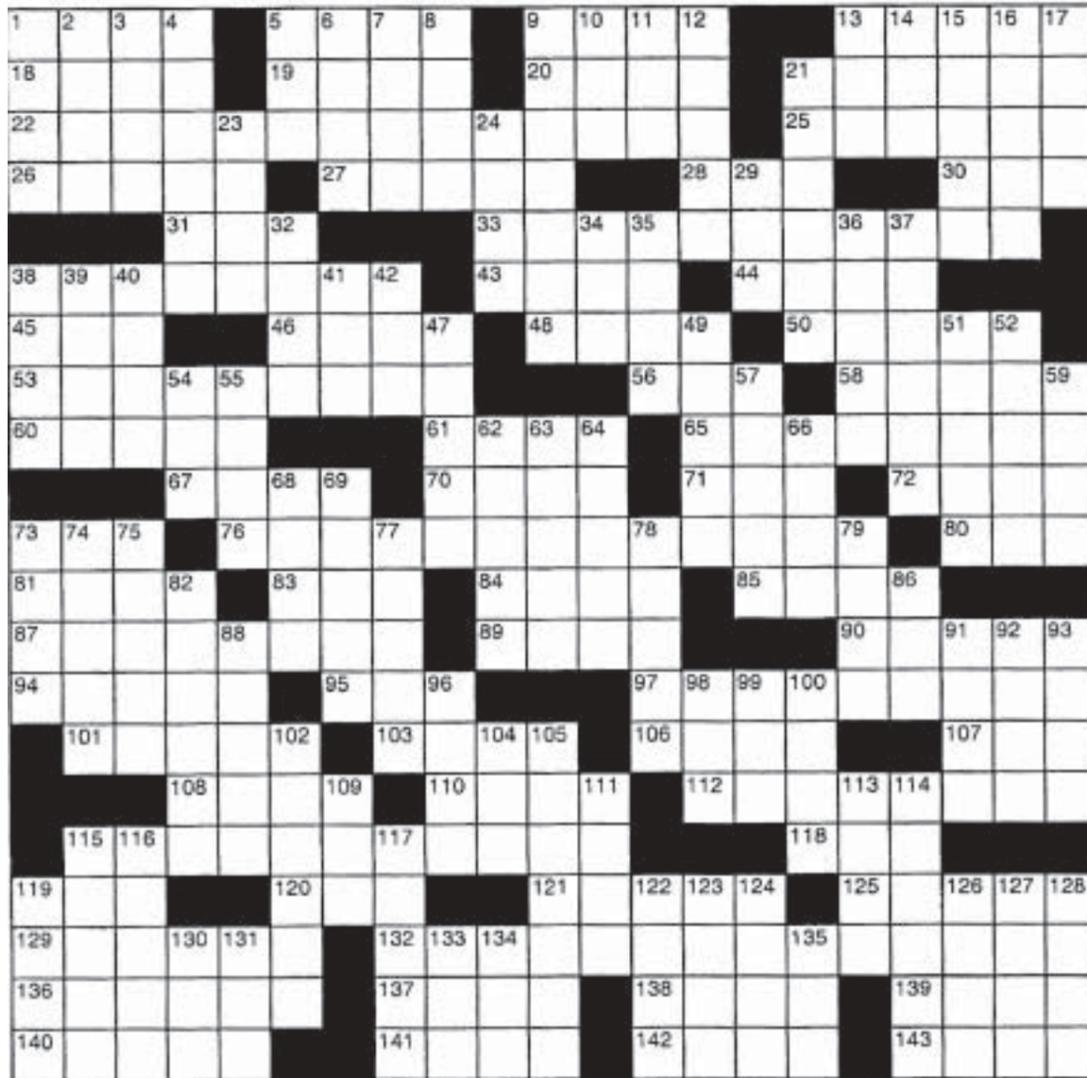
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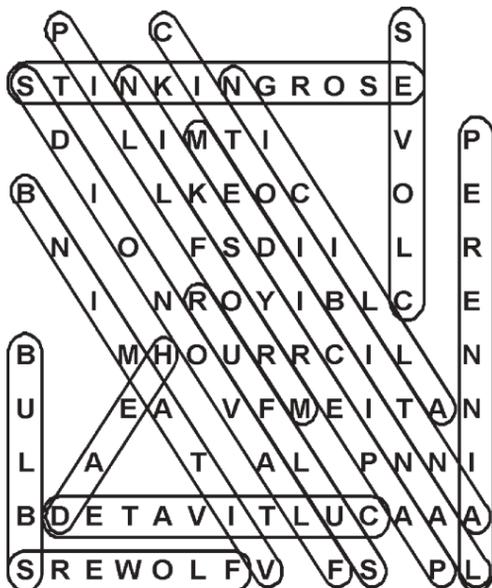
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by Bonnie J. Malcolm

Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



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Solution: 1. Extra split in palm leaf. 2. Stripe on tiger's leg is missing. 3. Pocket colored in. 8. Leaf beside man's leg has moved. 9. Tuft of grass has moved. 10. Tiger's tail is longer. 11. Map is longer. 12. Leaf in front of man is different.

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Collectors, investors promise a merry season for gun retailers

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ban is a 500 percent tax on ammo. I read about it again from a different source, and they stated there could be a 1000 percent tax on ammo, which would put the price of a box of 1295 9mm at \$129."

Weapons collectors, gun enthusiasts, and speculative investors are buying guns people believe may be banned as soon as stores put them on display.

"Guns are selling as investment. But I don't think many people are planning on turning them around. Generally, the people buying these guns are planning to keep them for a long time. Most of them are gun collectors.

"All these guns for the most part are selling as fast as we can get them. Today, I put three rifles out and sold them in 30 minutes. Yesterday, as soon as I put three \$1,500 rifles out there, I had four guys at one time wanting to buy them. I had to tell one of them he couldn't buy a rifle. They are really going that quick," Mr. Porter said. "If I get five rifles in, we sell five as fast as we can.

"A lot of places are price gouging. Several stores are marking the guns up 200 to 300 percent and they are still selling the guns. We don't do that. Just because the availability is low, we are not going to sell them at a higher price."

Prices for certain guns may go up in the future, but there will still be plenty of weapons available for hunting and personal protection.

"You will still be able to buy some hunting rifles and full-size shot guns, revolvers and autos that only carry nine rounds. Every other kind of gun will be banned.

"There will be a grandfather clause. So anything sold before the ban will be considered pre-ban, which knocks the value up after the bill is signed. You will be allowed to sell these guns person to person as long as the serial numbers are recorded as pre-ban. Guns that are already sold will be allowed to be resold. All the guns on the market will remain.

"People are going overboard. They are reacting more than they really should," he said.

A ban on certain types of guns may cause some businesses to suffer in the long term.

"Once the ban goes through, maybe we will start selling goldfish. The ban will hurt our gun sales. We will probably only sell about 25 percent or less of what we normally sell.

"It is going to be ugly. If the price of ammo goes up real high, I'll only carry six or seven types of basic ammo. We will knock our ammo wall out and place the ammo out of the way, because we won't be able to sell it. I will stock the guns we can continue to sell and stock the rack with hunting guns. I have probably 100 parts to customize AK-47s, AR-15s, those will all be useless. I don't think I will be allowed to sell the parts, but that is another grey area.

"So much of my business is in military guns, as we are a military store. When I can't sell those guns, I will be selling what Cabela's, Bass Pro, and Academy sell. At that point, I am in direct competition with them. I don't like that either. I don't know what to do. It is either that, or get out. We are staying, but it is going to hurt. We will have to find other avenues," Mr. Porter said.

Few gun owners believe a gun ban will reduce crime.

"These guns are considered assault weapons, but they aren't used for assaulting people much. Any kind of robbery or burglary, you don't see people walking around with AR-15s. Those people usually use pistols. The people who buy these guns are not doing anything wrong with them. They like to collect guns. These guns are cool, different and fun to shoot.

"If you want a gun that will be banned, you should go and buy that gun before the ban takes effect. Take an investment of \$1,000 or under, buy the gun you want and keep it. People shouldn't go crazy on ammo or worry too much about handguns. If you want a home-protection shotgun, you might want to go ahead and buy it," he said.

Bubba English, the manager of Roy's Pawn Shop, indicated that he has seen a more modest 20 percent rise in the sale of guns recently.

"Our gun sales have been pretty good. They have been picking up in the last couple of weeks. Especially on the higher end the sales have been going quite well.

"People are buying these guns because of the scare from the election. They are scared the government will ban all the high capacity weapons and do away with ammo. So everyone is trying to buy before the laws are changed," Mr. English said.

"I think the majority of the people buying are doing it for profit. They are buying the guns now thinking the price is going to go sky high when the law bans these guns. So they can sell the guns and make money on the deal.

"You can't find AR-15s and AKs anywhere. I think a lot of distributors are hanging on to them and claiming they don't have any. So when the price peaks, they can unload them on the market. Those guns are already made, so they can still be sold.

"I think it's all a big hype deal. Mostly people are just scared about what will happen with the law. The prices might go up a little bit, but I don't see it going crazy.

"It is like anything. If you say, stores can't sell bottled water tomorrow, everyone is going to run out and buy it."

This isn't the first time rumors of tougher gun laws have increased gun sales.

"They did the same thing back in the '80s. The government banned all high capacity guns and anything that looked like an assault weapon. What was out there could be sold, but supposedly manufacturers couldn't make any after that date unless it was for law enforcement or military issued stuff. It went on several months like that, and it didn't come to anything. The government really didn't pass anything.

"At one time, people were paying \$150 for one clip for a gun. Then eight months later, the same clip was down to \$20. A lot of people lost a lot of money."

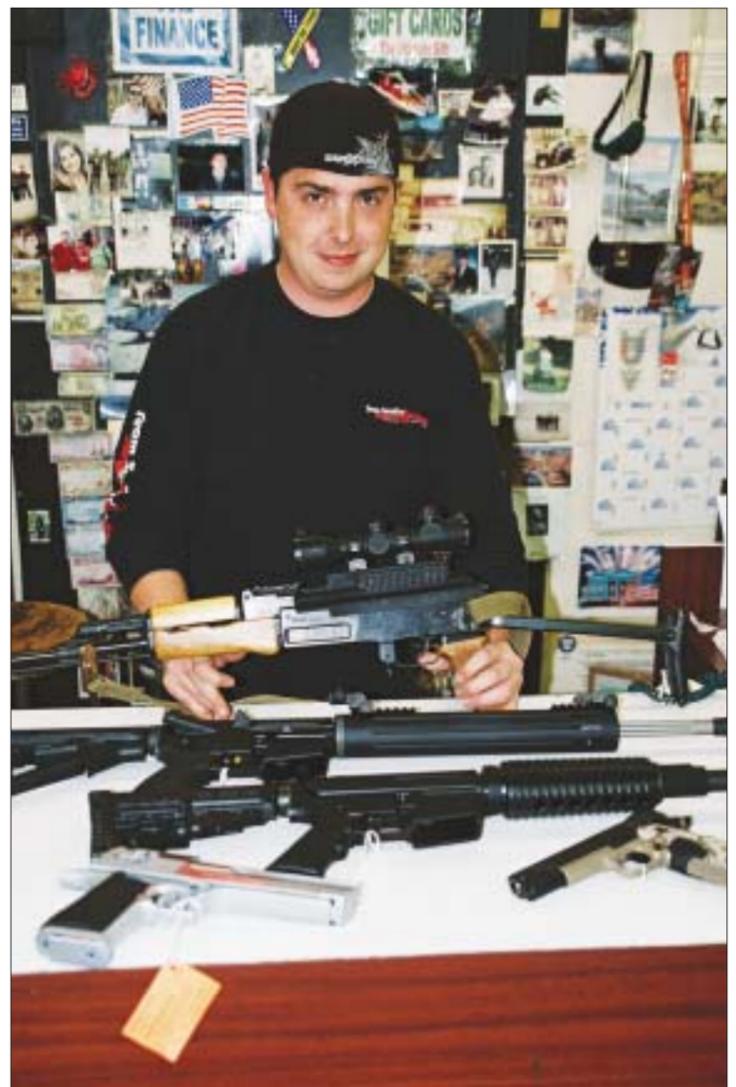
English echoes the concern that banning expensive, high dollar guns will not reduce crime.

"Most of the crimes you hear of when people shoot people, they use these cheap, small guns. People aren't going to spend \$1,500 or \$2,000 on a gun to go shoot someone with it. Those people are going to buy \$100 to \$200 cheap guns. Most of the assault stuff is not involved in crimes," he said.

"Assault rifles are kind of cool. I had one at one time. It was a 223 with little bullets like a varmint round. I hunted turkey with it. You step out, and you look cool. It is more about they look what I got than doing anything dangerous.

"I could do more damage with a 30-06 deer rifle than I could with that little 223. It is like they make these big 50 caliber pistols now. No one is really ever going to shoot that at anything except maybe a dinosaur. People buy them just to go look what I got.

"I think it's a lot of hype. Most of the people I talk to their jobs are not in jeopardy. They are still making the same amount of money they have always made. But word gets out there and everyone freezes up. I think it's the same way with the guns. People go out on the Internet and read what someone wrote about the government taking away all the guns. So everyone rushes out to buy all this stuff thinking they are going to miss out on something. It is just my opinion, but I don't think it is any big deal. That is what I'm hoping anyway."



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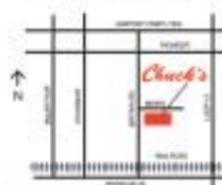
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