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# Villa Martinique Apartments come tumbling down

Repeated warnings by city inspectors about sewer leaks and sub-standard electrical circuits in three of the Villa Martinique's seven buildings went unheeded. Residents of the three buildings were informed on Aug. 30, 2006 that they were being evicted and had until Sep. 29 to move.

At the time of the evictions, resident Jinny Varr had lived in the Villa Martinique for six months. "This is crazy. You get used to an area and no matter how bad

the world gets around you, it is still home," Ms. Varr said.

Later the Villa Martinique Apartments were later sold to developer Delbert McDougal, who plans to redevelop the property.

Early Monday morning a demolition crew began the work of razing the complex and clearing the land for new development. The demolition is expected to be completed within 60 days with the land cleared by the end of the year.



The long awaited demolition of the Villa Martinique Apartments begins on a sunny morning.

## Voters go to the polls in an approving mood

Texas voters approved 16 constitutional amendments on Nov. 6. Statewide roughly 8.7% of the state's 12,587,501 registered voters participated in the election. In Dallas County, 11.82% of the 1,115,668 registered voters went to the polls.

Irving voters approved Irving's Proposition One, which raises the hotel tax rate to 15% from its current 13%. Allows a ticket tax of up to 10%. In addition, Proposition One allows a parking tax of up to \$3 per vehicle for the Irving Convention Center and Entertainment Venue, which

is currently under construction.

Irving voters also approved the Irving ISD Bond, which will allow for the issuance of \$249,975,000 of bonds. Through the use of the bond money a new elementary and middle school will be built. Land will be acquired for a new early childhood school. Repairs and improvements will be made to existing IISD facilities. Almost 50,000,000 will go to technology, approximately 4,200,000 for fine arts equipment, and roughly 4,600,000 will go towards library books and materials.

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## Unique benefit memorializes friend

By Jess Paniszczyn

Sunday night Joe's Coffee Shop was jumping literally. Several patrons were forced to park across the street to approach the restaurant, which usually closes at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

A gospel band performed in the normally empty parking lot. As waitresses, cooks, and other staff members volunteered their time to feed the overflow crowd. Once inside, patrons shared tables and the festive spirit with strangers as they awaited their spaghetti dinners. In just three hours, the restaurant served 400 meals.

All of the meals, music and fun were designed to raise funds for Evelyn Segrest, a Joe's employee who suffered from cancer.

"The place was packed continually," Carol Wood, owner of Joe's Coffee Shop, said. "Everybody was upbeat and happy. Eventually, everybody got fed.

"We had a silent auction, raffle and door prizes. Many, many, many people contributed. We had inexperienced waitresses and waiters. We had waiters who had never waited on tables before. People were working the dish pan who had never worked the dish pan before.

"I was overwhelmed by the response. People in the community here are so supportive. We feel like when people need us, we are there for them; and when we need them, they are there for us. The people of Irving are very generous. When they all come together, it is a wonderful thing. We raised \$10,000, and it was a celebration of Evelyn's life," she said.

After caring for her dying brother, Evelyn was unable to shoulder the burden of her own medical expenses.

"Evelyn had been an employee of ours for 11 years. She was a very loving and giving person. She became ill very quickly. Evelyn exhausted all of her savings while helping her brother through a cancer crisis. He passed away about 18 months ago.

"Evelyn opted out of our insurance plan, because it really was too expensive for her. We didn't want her to do that, but she had to make that decision. She was trying to build up some of her savings, and she never got to do that. She was diagnosed 10 weeks ago, and she was gone the night before the benefit," Ms. Wood said.

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## Plane crash scenario tests agencies' communications ability



First responders and relief agencies from across north Texas test their ability to communicate effectively during a disaster.

By Jess Paniszczyn

One of the most important elements necessary for people to survive a major catastrophe is the immediate response of agencies designed to offer aid and relief. Too many times, citizens have looked on as the lack of communications and the inability of various agencies to coordinate their efforts compound the tragedy rather than helping the victims.

In an effort to avoid miscommunications during a crisis, agencies from around the Metroplex sent their mobile command centers and staffs to participate in a catastrophe scenario at Texas Stadium on Nov. 6.

"Today we are communicating. It is called 'interoperability'

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# Summerville to Honor Our Veterans in a Landmark Event Saturday, November 10, 2007



Summerville At Irving Independent Living and Assisted Living to stage a special event honoring the twenty-six veterans who reside at the Summerville Community. Program activities will commence at noon in the Independent Living dining room. The American Flag will be presented followed by the invocation by Larry Danforth. The Star Spangled Banner will be performed by Jolie Stratton, soloist with the Dallas Opera and TAPS will be played by Aaron Montoya. Veterans will be introduced separately by name, rank, and branch of service and recognition of wars served. A special meal will be served following the introduc-

tion. A service medal presentation sponsored by Hillcrest Bank will begin during this special meal. After the ceremonies those able to gather around the flag pole will salute the flag while singing God

Bless America with Ms. Stratton leading the charge.

To complete the day's events veterans will be transported to the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery for a tour. This will take place at 2:30pm. Those interested are welcome to attend this day honoring all veterans and our men and women now serving in our armed forces.

For more information please call Shayron Scott, Activity Director at (972) 721-1500.

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# Former Irving student wins University of Oklahoma award

Provided by Meredith Bratton

Joseph Picca, University of Oklahoma (OU) meteorology senior, received the Outstanding Senior Award in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences for 2007-2008 based on his achievement in the areas of scholarship, honors, awards, leadership and service to the university and community.

Picca was honored during the Parents' Association Outstanding Senior Awards Reception and Ceremony on Nov. 9 in Oklahoma Memorial Union on the Norman campus.

Originally from Irving, Picca came to OU as a freshman and has been active in both on- and off-campus activities. He is the acting treasurer with Habitat for Humanity and volunteered at the National Weather Service in Fort Worth last summer. On campus, Picca was involved in the Oklahoma Weather Lab student-run forecasting, student newscast OU Nightly, the Honor Student Association and the OU student chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

While Picca was involved in

many volunteer organizations, he also interned at both the Storm Prediction Center and the CBS news station in Dallas, furthering his main interest in operational meteorology. Picca said he hopes to continue studying operational meteorology and is planning to apply to graduate school at OU, Colorado State University, the University of Washington, Rutgers and Penn State. His first choice for graduate school is OU.

As the Outstanding Senior Award recipient, Picca will represent his classmates at the spring graduation convocation. He also will attend the university reception and presentation ceremony recognizing outstanding seniors from all OU degree-granting colleges. As a result of this honor, Picca will be awarded the Nichols Trailblazer Scholarship, traditionally granted to the outstanding senior in the college. Picca will receive a check for \$500 at the fall convocation ceremony and a plaque in the spring.

"My most important advice is for people to get involved both on and off campus," Picca said.

## POLICE & FIRE



**Burglary:** The Chevron at 1016 W. 183 was burglarized on 09-01-07. The pictured subject and two other males committed the offense. The others concealed their faces prior to entering the camera view. The 24-hour contact number for Irving PD is 972-721-2518.



her against her will, and put a knife to her throat. Later, suspect let complainant go, but took her five month old daughter. Suspect threatened to kill the child (not suspect's biological child) and left with the child. Complainant taken to Baylor Hospital for treatment of a possibly broken wrist. An officer followed up, but was not able to locate suspect or child.

**Aggravated Robbery:** 11-04-07 at 6:50 p.m. Complainant was in the parking lot of Meadowbrook Heights when he was approached from be-

hind by a suspect who pointed a gun at him and demanded his wallet. The complainant relinquished his wallet. The suspect fled the location and was not located.

**Theft from Person:** 11-04-07 at 9:10 p.m. A male approached the complainant in the Apple Apartments and attempted to steal her purse by pulling it away from her. The purse straps broke and the suspect fled toward the front of the complex with the straps, leaving the purse in the possession of the complainant.

## Irving Fire Department

### Activity summary Oct 25-31, 2007

Irving Fire Department responded to 337 incidents.

#### The Fire incidents

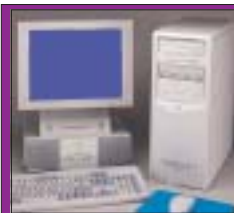
- 99 Miscellaneous Fire and Rescue Calls
- 6 Structure Fires
- 1 Special Operations
- 4 Vehicle Fires

#### Comments:

- 11-01: Special Ops was an elevator rescue where all occupants got out safely. Ambulances went into overload six times.
- 11-03: Ambulances went into overload twice.
- 11-05: Structure fires contained by first arriving crews.
- 11-06: Structure fire and vehicle fire calls resulted in no fire damage. Ambulances went into overload once.
- 11-7: Structure fire was limited to one garage and mitigated by first arriving company (E7). No injuries reported. Ambulances went into overload three times.

#### Medical calls

- 31 Major Accidents
- 82 Major Medical
- 29 Heart Attacks
- 47 Difficulty Breathing
- 48 Trauma Related
- 22 CPR Situations



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# Unofficial cumulative election results are as follows:

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**Constitutional Amendment No. 1**  
Appropriation for facilities at Angelo State University

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	75.21%	86,433
AGAINST	24.79%	28,492
<b>Total</b>		<b>114,925</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	66.28%	690,950
AGAINST	33.72%	351,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,042,450</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 9**  
Exempt totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	90.01%	107,824
AGAINST	9.99%	11,968
<b>Total</b>		<b>119,792</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	86.19%	925,225
AGAINST	13.81%	148,272
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,073,497</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 12**  
Issuance of bonds not to exceed \$5 billion for highway improvement

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	76.95%	91,012
AGAINST	23.05%	27,269
<b>Total</b>		<b>118,281</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	62.61%	665,308
AGAINST	37.39%	397,293
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,062,601</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 15**  
Creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	72.21%	88,357
AGAINST	27.79%	34,005
<b>Total</b>		<b>122,362</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	61.43%	668,543
AGAINST	38.57%	419,709
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,088,252</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 2**  
Issuance of \$500 million in bonds to finance student loans

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	80.03%	96,824
AGAINST	19.97%	24,168
<b>Total</b>		<b>120,992</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	65.85%	713,019
AGAINST	34.15%	369,738
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,082,757</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 10**  
Abolish the office of inspector of hides and animals

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	78.67%	91,325
AGAINST	21.33%	24,758
<b>Total</b>		<b>116,083</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	76.54%	800,439
AGAINST	23.46%	245,274
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,045,713</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 13**  
Deny bail to a person who violates certain orders or conditions

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	86.42%	105,357
AGAINST	13.58%	16,553
<b>Total</b>		<b>121,910</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	83.85%	908,764
AGAINST	16.15%	175,039
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,083,803</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 16**  
Issuance of bonds for assistance to economically distressed areas

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	74.00%	86,954
AGAINST	26.00%	30,546
<b>Total</b>		<b>117,500</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	60.77%	645,658
AGAINST	39.23%	416,884
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,062,542</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 3**  
Limiting appraised value of the residence homestead

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	80.03%	96,824
AGAINST	19.97%	24,168
<b>Total</b>		<b>120,992</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	71.48%	763,901
AGAINST	28.52%	304,717
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,068,618</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 11**  
To provide for public access on the Internet of Legislative votes

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	88.31%	102,971
AGAINST	11.69%	13,628
<b>Total</b>		<b>116,599</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	84.51%	886,742
AGAINST	15.49%	162,514
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,049,256</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 14**  
Permit a justice or judge to serve the remainder term

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	78.63%	95,137
AGAINST	21.37%	25,856
<b>Total</b>		<b>120,993</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	74.99%	807,932
AGAINST	25.01%	269,384
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,077,316</b>

**Irving Prop**

	Percent	Votes
FOR	66.12%	4,318
AGAINST	33.88%	2,213
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,531</b>

**Irving ISD Bond**

	Percent	Votes
FOR	58.23%	3,371
AGAINST	41.77%	2,418
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,789</b>

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**Constitutional Amendment No. 4**  
Issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds for construction projects

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	73.39%	87,457
AGAINST	26.61%	31,703
<b>Total</b>		<b>119,160</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	58.19%	623,404
AGAINST	41.81%	448,013
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,071,417</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 5**  
Local election to limit municipal property taxes

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	74.40%	84,224
AGAINST	25.60%	28,981
<b>Total</b>		<b>113,205</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	66.00%	685,298
AGAINST	34.00%	353,085
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,038,383</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 6**  
Exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	78.44%	94,386
AGAINST	21.56%	25,937
<b>Total</b>		<b>120,323</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	73.69%	793,793
AGAINST	26.31%	283,380
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,077,173</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 7**  
Allow government entities to sell property acquired by eminent domain

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	83.68%	100,526
AGAINST	16.32%	19,611
<b>Total</b>		<b>120,137</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	80.30%	861,201
AGAINST	19.70%	211,240
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,072,441</b>

**Constitutional Amendment No. 8**  
Clarify provisions relating to a home equity loan

Dallas County	Percent	Votes
FOR	85.10%	99,963
AGAINST	14.90%	17,503
<b>Total</b>		<b>117,466</b>

Statewide	Percent	Votes
FOR	77.55%	816,811
AGAINST	22.45%	236,474
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,053,285</b>

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# Mungles on Movies

By Matt Mungle  
 Title: *Lions for Lambs*  
 Rated: R

Films like *Lions for Lambs* make writing a review a slippery slope. If I praise the film, I am assumed to praise the message. If I slam it, I must be defiant to its cause. But that is not the case.

If I appreciate *Silence of the Lambs*, it does not mean I am on

# Yes we are at war: Thanks for the reminder

board with eating my neighbor's liver with some fava beans and a nice Chianti. Maybe I like it because of the writing and the superb acting. If I despise a film like *Radio*, it doesn't mean that I am against the advancement of the mentally challenged. It just means it was terribly hokey and manipulative in its sappiness. I could care less what your message is saying if you can't make a film worth watching. So now that we are clear,

let us begin.

*Lions for Lambs* parades its actors across the credits like a military intimidation tactic. Redford, Cruise, Streep. The big guns. Redford not only acts in, but directs this story told within three stories. The plot revolves around a military maneuver taking place in the war against terror and how it affects the lives of different individuals. You see the main event unfold as the six central charac-

ters discuss, react and defend the war we are currently in. Janine Roth (Meryl Streep) is the seasoned news journalist discussing this exclusive new military strategy with a top senator (Tom Cruise). All the while, the event is being carried out by two young military men (Derek Luke and Michael Peña) fighting to better their country. A Political Science professor (Robert Redford) is discussing the cause and effects of our own personal actions with a talented student (Andrew Garfield) who is tired of the current politics. Each story line weaves the tapestry for the movie as a whole.

The writing is brilliant and brought to life flawlessly by its three main deliverers. Streep as always exceeds expectations. She can make the smallest movement in a scene become relevant and character developing. No attention to detail is left out and it is done so seamlessly that it is no longer acting but personified real life. She is not performing, but being. And it must be said that the writing does produce thought. You can't walk out of this film without thinking about where we are in our country. Agree or disagree with the message. But you will have to form an opinion regardless. The message becomes a character. You either love it or hate it. But you can't avoid it. You can't put it aside. You have to engage it.

What impressed me about this film too was the fact that it didn't take three hours to say what it had to say. It didn't try to impress me with a lot of pompous regurgitation like some know it all wind-

bag who just won't shut up. It stood there, stated its case and sat back down. Many films could take a lesson in this. Writers and directors these days think that we should be honored to be in the presence of their feats of greatness for hours at a time. (My reviews excluded of course.) When in fact, we just want a good film. My thoughts, if you can't do it in 90 you probably can't do it in 120 either.

*Lions for Lambs* is rated R for some war violence and language. Again, if you want to see a well done film with superb acting then this is your baby. But if you can't check your political views at the box office, be ready to get emotional. Some will cheer its charge while others will snarl at its sensationalism. I admit I am becoming a little tired of the endless stream of political war pieces of late. I am well aware that we are in a crises, and I have the talking bobble heads on TV constantly reminding me of both sides. But again I am here to critique the film, not the war or those in control of it. Therefore, I give it 4.5 out of 5 stars and stripes. And God bless the USA.

## Margaret's Corner



Hi Irving!  
 I hope most of you are happy with the elections results. I am except for a few propositions. Time seems to pass so fast due to our busy lives so it's not too early to mark your calendar for the first day to vote. Feb.19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 marks the beginning of early voting for the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Primary Elections.

With 12 days of early voting, we should all have enough time to vote. I like what my Sunday school teacher says, "It does not matter, play or work, family or friends, quiet or noisy, fun or dull, hanging out or hanging in, fast or slow, good or bad...in the end I will make time for what I desire." I

agree. We choose what we want to do.

In my recent *Intercessors For America* newsletter, they have an awesome article titled "Pilgrim Prayer and Fasting: A Model for Today" by Gary P. Bergel. It is compiled and adapted by Gary from Williams Bradford's "Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647". This book is now considered an American literature "classic". I think it is a good book to read during this Thanksgiving time. It is a great way to prepare our hearts for the thanksgiving season.

Sunday is Veterans Day. One way we can show our thanks and support for all our Veterans is to display our Flags on this special day. There will also be different Veterans Day events going on this weekend. If you would like to find

out more about the schedule, call Porter's Army and Navy Store in Irving. And to all the Veterans: Thank you for all you have done to protect this great country. I admire your courage and conviction and pray you enjoy many blessings.

Keep reading *The Irving Rambler*, the newspaper Irving loves to read.

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 God Bless You

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## Las Colinas Medical Center expands Women's Services Unit

Provided by Nikki Mutschler  
 Las Colinas Medical Center (LCMC) recently announced the expansion of its Women's Services floor - Labor & Deliver, Post-Partum, Newborn Nursery, & Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Increasing deliveries have made this expansion necessary, as July was one of the hospital's strongest months ever.

The expansion includes the addition of ten more rooms, one of which will be a VIP suite, for post-partum mothers. All rooms are private and spacious. Each patient room will be approximately 300 square feet and the VIP suite approximately 700 square feet, giving families plenty of room to enjoy their new addition.

Wireless Internet access will be incorporated throughout the floor. The general rooms will be equipped with a glider for rocking the baby, as well as a sofa-sleeper for dad. The rooms will have wood flooring and will be decorated with a contemporary flair.

The VIP suite will include amenities such as a kitchenette, a large flat screen television in the general seating area, a private bed for the father, a private room for

the mother with a separating glass door that can be closed off from the general suite, and an expanded bathroom with a spa-like atmosphere inclusive of a bidet.

An intermediate nursery will also be included in the expansion project. The intermediate nursery is designed for those infants who need a little more care than the newborn nursery or those babies who have been stabilized in the NICU and no longer require a higher level of care.

"The addition of the intermediate nursery will allow LCMC the opportunity to care for each babies' individual needs at any given time," Donna Butler, director of women's services, said.

Las Colinas Medical Center holds expectant and post-partum mothers dearly, and is committed to maintaining their comfort while providing excellent service.

"At Las Colinas Medical Center we know starting or adding to your family is a joyous occasion. In women's services we work as a family of care providers to make your special day one that is both comfortable and memorable," Ms. Butler said. "Come to LCMC for the 'Five Star' delivery experience you deserve."

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# Clinic provides vaccinations, educates pet owners



Sassy is ready to go home as Animal Control Officer Jim Owens and Senior Office Shelter Supervisor, Lisa Baker, inject her with vaccine.

By Jess Paniszczyn

Several area pets were disappointed to find out that their trip to the park involved receiving vaccinations.

Irving Animal Services hosted a rabies vaccination and microchip clinic on Nov. 3 at Running Bear Park. Dogs and cats received free vaccinations, and pet owners could purchase their pet an identification microchip for \$10.

Qiana Cobb-Sinnie, the City of Irving veterinarian, educated pet owners about the need for consistent veterinary care.

"The event puts the Irving Animal Services in a positive light. There are a lot of negative connotations that are attached to shelters. We are here for the community to help in any way we can," Ms. Cobb-Sinnie said.

"This is an opportunity for people to learn how important it is for their pets to have vaccinations. Today we are giving dogs and cats their boosters. For dogs the vaccines are distemper, parvo, parainfluenza and hepatitis. Cats receive FVRCT. We are also offering rabies vaccinations to both cats and dogs.

"For a small fee, people can have their pets microchipped. Often when animals come into the

shelter, we can tell that they are owned by someone, but they have no tags and no microchip. Sometimes these animals are euthanized, because we have no way of locating the owners. Microchipped pets can be returned to their owners quickly.

"We tried to target an area where people are less likely to take their animals to a vet. Some people just don't have the resources to take their pets to the vet. We are giving everyone a list of Irving area vets,

so they can follow up with their pet care," she said.

As of last December, Ms. Cobb-Sinnie became the City's first veterinarian.

"I walked into a clean slate. It can be difficult to build from the ground up. But I can kind of tailor the operations to the way I want them. I am not coming into a position that has already been created to meet someone else's wants or needs. I am excited because I am like a trailblazer," she said.



**Guest Speaker:**

**David Leininger, Managing Director of Development Services for the City of Irving**

**Date:**

**Tuesday, November 13th  
Doors open at 6:30 P.M.  
Meeting begins at 7:00 P.M.**

**Location: Community Building  
135 South Jefferson in the  
Heritage District**

Mr. Leininger will speak on the current and future status of the McDougal Project.

The Irving Downtown Association meets monthly at the . All are welcome.

## Patrons pay tribute to fast talking woman

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J.D. Phillips, Evelyn's friend and co-worker helped plan the benefit.

"We fed over 400 people, and some people we didn't have food for. We had enough food for all the

tickets and some extra. We served everything. There was nothing left," Ms. Phillips said.

"The benefit was a huge success. Everyone pitched in. It was a great memorial for Evelyn. Every-

body loved her and that was shown through the benefit.

Evelyn was a loving, wonderful, warm hearted, fast talking woman. She was hardworking. She loved her job, her family and her friends," she said.

## Leadership class explores community charities

Provided by Pam Brown

The Leadership Irving-Las Colinas Class of 2008 met Oct. 5 for their Community Involvement and Partnership Session.

Members began the day by bringing close to 100 pounds of food, toiletries, and paper products to be delivered to Irving Cares and Brighter Tomorrows/Transitional Housing. Along with bringing items from home, one of the class members connected with a large Irving corporation donated paper

products and several others had their own companies participate in the donations.

Additional presentations during the day included Our Children's House, The Family Advocacy Center, the DFW Humane Center and Make A Wish. Serving lunch to the seniors at the Heritage Senior Center was rewarding to the class.

"This was a fantastic session," Chris Kratovil said. "I learned more about community organiza-

tions in Irving in one day than I had learned in three years of living here."

"It was so exciting and yet sometimes overwhelming to see the need in the community," Chandra Moore said. "This was a wonderful experience and I am anxious to get motivated in the community."

The class will meet once a month through April and will focus on a different area of the City and development at each meeting.



The Leadership Irving-Las Colinas Class of 2008 began their eight-month program early in September. The class will meet once a month through April, focusing on aspects of the City of Irving and Leadership Development.

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**November 10 The Power of Women to Transform Their World** - The Irving International Women's Consortium Event "The Power of Women to Transform

Their World" in the Northlake College Library at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15. Register at [Monica@IWC.net](mailto:Monica@IWC.net)

**November 10 Home Chemical Collection Day** - Home Chemical Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Irving Mall, on the northwest corner behind Dillard's. Acceptable items include pool and yard chemicals, craft/hobby supplies, batteries, automotive fluids, oil filters, paint and home repair products, household cleaners and fluorescent light bulbs. Unacceptable items include tires, business or medical wastes, containers larger than five gallons, explosives, common recyclables, and smoke detectors or other radioactive materials. The free event is for Irving residents, but a current driver's license and utility bill must be provided. For more information, call Solid Waste Services at 972-721-8059.

9:00 p.m. in the Gonzales Room/Family Life Center, Holy Family Church, 2323 Cheyenne Street, Irving. Every marriage has its up and downs. You can learn practical tips and techniques that will help you understand and make the most of your relationship. Join us as we explore ways to: avoid criticism, contempt, stonewalling, and defensiveness; nurture your admiration for one another; create a marriage that will be a joy-filled journey. Call 972-252-5521 for more information.

[www.helpourwounded.com](http://www.helpourwounded.com), or call Cindy at 972-579-1155.

**November 10 - 11 Mid-Cities Stamp Expo** - The 20<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club of Arlington and Irving will be held in the Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 South Main Street, Grapevine, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking and admission are free. There will be 60 frames of competitive exhibits, and a three-judge panel accredited by the American Philatelic Society will grade each exhibit on its merits. These exhibits are anticipated to generate a high degree of interest among the viewers.

**November 10 - 11 ICT MainStage Auditions** - ICT MainStage is holding auditions for *Shakespeare for the Modern Man - Lesson 1: Macbeth* by Scott A. Eckert. By simultaneously presenting both a traditional staging of the play and a modern interpretation, "Lesson 1: Macbeth" allows the audience to hear the text in Shakespeare's terms, and understand it on their own. A witty and enlightening comedy - Leon Rabin Award winner for Best New Play.

Two productions, two casts, one stage. "Lesson 1: Macbeth" Auditions at ICT Studio, 2333 Rochelle, Irving both days from 1 - 4 p.m. Call for appointment 972-594-6104. Auditions can be a Shakespeare monologue or cold readings from the script. Performance dates Jan. 18 - Feb. 2, 2008.

**November 11 Salute to America** - The Irving Silvertones are to present a Salute to America, honoring all past and present military personnel by singing a variety of patriotic music. Please join us at Oakview Baptist Church at 1004 S. Story Road at 3:00 p.m.

**November 11 Anime Club** - Teenage fans of anime and manga are invited to join in a conversation about the latest trends in the Japanese-born art form in the Central Library at 2:00 p.m. The program includes an anime screening. Call 972-721-3503.

**November 12 Dedication of Northgate Pump Station** - Residents are invited to celebrate the opening of the city's Northgate Pump Station, located at 1100 E. Northgate Drive, with a dedication ceremony at 9 a.m. The new station will provide water to east and south Irving customers. Elected officials, city staff and representatives from Archer Western Contractors Ltd. and Alan Plummer Associates Inc. will be on hand to celebrate the occasion. For more information, call Public Works/Water Utilities at 972-721-2281.

**November 12 Annual Golf Tournament** - The Rotary Club of Irving, the oldest and largest club in Irving, will host its annual Ben Brown Memorial Golf Tournament at the Las Colinas Country Club (4400 N. O'Connor Blvd., Irving). The annual event is the primary fundraiser for the club's scholarship program, which annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to exemplary graduating seniors at each of Irving's four high schools. The cost is \$150 per person, or \$500 for a foursome, and includes



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**Friday, January 18, 2008 Brittnee Lee**

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

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**November 10 Storytelling Around the World** - The Northwest Branch Library, 2928 N. Belt Line Road, will present Storytelling Around the World at 2 p.m. This free program will feature Native-American storytelling with Dorayne Breedlove, which is part of the library's series to bring tales from different cultures to Irving. The series is made possible by a grant from Texas Reads, a program administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to promote reading and literacy within local communities. A guardian must accompany children younger than eight. For more information, call 972-721-2691.

**November 10 KidsNotes** - The Irving Public Library has teamed up with the Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra to present KidsNotes at 2 p.m. The program offers young children the opportunity to hear, see, touch and explore different aspects of classical music and the orchestra. Kids can learn about the orchestra while getting hands-on experience through an "Instrument Petting Zoo." KidsNotes also includes a storytime, games and activities all designed to help kids relate to the symphony orchestra experience. Call 972-721-4669.

**November 10 Build a Sound Marital House** - Build a Sound Marital House presented by Toni Borowczak, M.Ed., LPCI, at 7:00-

**November 10 Love at First Sight** - Presented by Irving Symphony Orchestra in the Carpenter Performance Hall at the Irving Arts Center at 8 p.m. This special performance will feature special guest violinist Mariusz Patyra, first prize winner at the 2001 Nicolo Paganini International violin competition in Italy. Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5 will also be performed.

**November 10 Rick Price and Blackwood Legacy** - The Nashville-based "Blackwood Legacy" gospel group, featuring former Blackwood Brothers Quartet lead singer, Rick Price, will be performing at 10:45 am at the Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Irving. Admission is free and a love offering will be received. Price has gathered some of the most talented and sought-after gospel singers on the scene today to create a unique Blackwood Brothers tribute concert that blends the best of the old favorites with newer Southern Gospel favorites and original hits. The Meadowbrook Baptist Church is located at 1705 N Irving Heights Road. For more information on this event call 866-855-1036.

**November 10 Veteran's Day Celebration** - Porter's Army & Navy at 600 E. Irving Boulevard will once again host its annual "Help Our Wounded Warriors" celebration 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. There will be food and entertainment. The community is requested to bring small size toiletries that will be donated to the Ft. Hood Hospital for soldiers wounded in battle. For more information, go to

**Celeste Golden Violinist**  
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green fees, range balls, a box lunch, soft drinks and snacks. To register, or for more information, call 972-790-5963.

**November 12 Fall Fashion Style Show** - Irving Garden & Arts Building, 906 Senter Street, at 10:00 a.m. Fall Fashion Style Show by Cindy Alleman of Chapter Two. For Information, call 972-986-7825.

**November 12 Meeting Notice** - The Beta Eta Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will hold their meeting at the home of Wanda Pomroy at 7:30 p.m. The Chapter has voted to make donations of \$100 to Irving Cares and \$50 to Guide Dogs of Texas project. For more information, call 972-254-1062.

**November 13 Irving Downtown Association** - The Irving Downtown Association will host David

Leininger, Managing Director of Development Services for Irving as guest speaker. Mr. Leininger will speak on the current and future status of the McDougal Project. Doors will open at 6:30 and the meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. The Irving Downtown Association meets monthly at the Community Building located at 135 South Jefferson

in the Heritage District. All are welcome.

**November 16 Art Display** - Watercolor paintings by artist Ingrid Scobie will be on display Nov. 16-Jan. 4 at the Irving Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd. Scobie, a member and former ex-

ecutive director of the Visual Arts Society of Texas, combines classic composition with vibrant colors to create art that is both fresh and timeless. She has taught workshops on watercolor painting and continues to participate in a variety of art exhibitions. For more information, call 972-721-2606.



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## WEEKLY BIZ BRIEF

A business activity report by the Irving Economic Development Partnership.

**SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIAL VISITS LAS COLINAS**  
Moon-Soo Kim, Governor of Gyeonggi Province of South Korea was presented an overview of Las Colinas and encouraged to explore opportunities for businesses in his country to develop relationships with businesses in Irving. He had heard of the success of Las Colinas and wanted to understand what made Las Colinas so successful in a relatively short time.

**ASHFORD NAMED DELEGATE**  
Irvin Ashford, vice president of public affairs and manager of the statewide Community Reinvestment Act program for Comerica Bank's Texas market, including Irving, has been named a delegate to the 2007 class of the British-American Project. The Project meets annually in alternating countries to debate issues of importance to both countries.

**IRVING ISD AP SCHOLARS**  
Ninety-three students from all four Irving ISD high schools (Irving, Nimitz, MacArthur and the Academy) earned the designation of AP Scholars from the College Board for exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement exams taken in May 2007.

**SMALL BUSINESS TOOLKIT**  
The Irving Business Institute will host Tom Trotter, senior operations executive for IBM, to introduce the Small Business Toolkit, a free on-line toolkit to help small businesses succeed. Thanks to Irving-resident Trotter, Irving will be one of the first cities in the United States to have access to the Toolkit, which was developed by IBM and the International Finance Corporation. The Toolkit includes business forms, free software for building a website, online forums, articles from experts in business development and other resources to help our local businesses succeed. The presentation will be Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Irving Central Library, 801 W. Irving Boulevard. The seminar is free.

**MARGIN TAX SEMINAR**  
The State Comptroller's office will host a free seminar in Arlington on Nov. 13 to introduce taxpayers to the revised Texas franchise tax and help them learn how to calculate the tax. The seminars will benefit current franchise taxpayers and the approximately 200,000 new entities that will file franchise tax reports ("margin tax") for the first time, beginning with reports due on or after Jan. 1, 2008. Three hours of CPE and CLE credit are available for each presentation. To reserve a seat, contact the Arlington Chamber of Commerce at 817-543-4301 or e-mail [lgriffin@arlingtontx.com](mailto:lgriffin@arlingtontx.com). The seminar is from 8:30 a.m. until noon in the Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S. Center Street.

**DEVRY UNIVERSITY CAREER FAIR**  
DeVry University will hold its Network Connection Career Fair on Dec. 12, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at its Irving Campus. To participate in the Career Fair, please contact Terrence Hood at 972-929-9358. The focus of the Fair will be DeVry's February 2008 graduates, alumni and Keller Graduate School.

**IRVING MALL ONE OF LARGEST IN METROPLEX**  
In a ranking of the Metroplex's largest shopping centers and malls by the Dallas Business Journal, the Irving Mall is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> largest in the Metroplex. The ranking is based upon leaseable space.

**AVAIL MEDICAL PRODUCTS TO BENT BRANCH**  
Avail Medical Products leased 29,126 sq ft of industrial space at 770 Bent Branch Drive in Irving. Avail is one of the world's largest outsource providers of sterile, single-use medical products.

**BAYLOR MEDICAL CNO ATTENDS WHARTON BUSINESS COURSE**  
Gary Hamrick, Baylor Medical Center at Irving's Chief Nursing Officer, completed the Johnson & Johnson Wharton Fellows Program in Management for Nurse Executives. This was a three-week intensive course that included discussions on financial planning and team management. The program only accepts 40 students per year.

**TWO IRVING-BASED COMPANIES FINALISTS**  
Two Irving-based companies, ACE Cash Express and Cheddar's Casual Café, are finalists for the Dallas Business Journal's Merger and Acquisition Awards. ACE is a finalist for its buyout by management and JLL Partners; and Cheddars for the acquisition financing. The winner will be announced Dec. 6. All of the deals were closed between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Last year's winner was Irving-based Michael's Stores.

**PHIL BAKER A FINALIST**  
Phil Baker, owner of Irving-based Magellan Commercial Real Estate, has been named a finalist for the 2007 Stemmons Service Award. The winner will be announced on Nov. 9.

**ABEDI HONORED**  
Abid Abedi, founder and chairman of Adea Inc of Irving has received the Pride of India Gold Award from the Non-Resident Institute in Washington DC. Winners are

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# University of Dallas presents Alumni Awards

The University of Dallas (UD) presented four alumni with the Distinguished Alumni Award on Oct. 27. Dr. Larry Allums, Dr. John Donnelly, Emmet T. Flood and Michael Wyatt were named the

2007 recipients as part of the University's annual Reunion Weekend. The new recipients join 33 other UD alumni honored with the award since 1992.

Dr. Larry Allums is executive

director of the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture. He earned his master's degree in literature in 1976 from the University of Dallas and his Ph.D. in literature and political philosophy in

1978 from the University of Dallas Institute of Philosophic Studies.

Dr. John Donnelly is associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine and associate

professor in the Department of Community Health at Wright State University School of Medicine. He received his bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Dallas in 1981, and his M.D. from The University of Texas - Houston Medical School in 1985.

The Honorable Emmet T. Flood is the deputy assistant and special counsel to President George W. Bush. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1978 from the University of Dallas, and his master's and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin in 1981 and 1986 respectively.

Michael Wyatt is executive director of the Transaction Services Group at Cushman & Wakefield of Texas Inc. He received his bachelor's degree from Washington & Lee University and his MBA from the University of Dallas.

Additional information about the award recipients can be found at: [www.udallas.edu](http://www.udallas.edu).

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## Homeowners: Tips for Avoiding Financial Hardship

By Jason Alderman

America's once red-hot housing market has cooled off considerably. Prices are down, unsold housing inventory is up and mortgage lenders have tightened credit standards.

What's worse, many borrowers who opted for adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) are in for a big shock when millions of ARMs "adjust" to new, higher interest rates in the next few years. In a stronger market, these borrowers could simply refinance, using built-up home equity to qualify for lower, fixed-rate mortgages. Unfortunately, many now find themselves "upside down," owing more than their home's current value.

If you're in this situation, here are a few steps to consider before falling behind in your payments:

Carefully read your loan documents for terms that can make your interest rate rise or fall, such as:

When initial rate period ends, and when your rate is likely to start going up

**Periodic rate cap** (the most your interest rate can increase or decrease whenever your rate is readjusted - often annually)

**Lifetime rate cap** (the highest possible rate during your loan's life)

**Index your rate** is tied to (some indexes are more volatile, moving up and down more quickly)

**If a balloon payment** is ever owed Prepayment penalties, in case you're able to refinance

Rein in spending. Your monthly payment could suddenly go up hundreds of dollars, so if you're already struggling, cut expenses now. If you don't already have a budget, create one. Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA, has numerous budgeting tools ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting)).

Refinance to a fixed-rate mortgage, if possible. Well before your ARM readjusts, talk to your cur-

rent lender and also shop around. With thousands of borrowers defaulting, lenders are more likely to negotiate if it means you'll stay a solvent, paying customer.

If you're in danger of missing payments or already have, contact your lender immediately and respond to all inquiries from them. It's better to work out a solution together than to let your options expire. Alternatives might include: **Repayment plan.** Talk to the loss mitigations department about how you might catch up. They'll likely want at least partial payment initially and your agreement to pay on time thereafter.

**Forbearance.** Lenders sometimes allow suspended payments for a

few months, especially for disaster victims, or after job loss or family emergency. After the forbearance period ends, expect to pay extra each month until caught up. **Loan modification.** Where a lender agrees to modify loan terms with few or no fees. They might reduce the interest rate, convert to a fixed-rate mortgage, or possibly tack missed payments onto the end of the loan.

**Short sale.** Sometimes lenders allow owners to sell their homes for less than owed and write off the difference. The owner walks away with nothing except severely damaged credit.

**Foreclosure.** The lender takes possession of your home, you are

evicted and your credit is severely damaged for at least seven years. Avoid foreclosure at all costs. The Federal Housing Administration offers comprehensive advice on avoiding foreclosure, including links to local housing counseling services, at [www.fha.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm](http://www.fha.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm).

Talk to an attorney, financial advisor or housing counseling agency before taking any action and never make a payment to anyone other than your lender. Sadly, there are people who will take advantage of your bad circumstances.

Nobody wants you to lose your home, but you must take the initiative to find a solution before it's too late.

## Scenario finds communications problems

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that is the key word," John Cabrales, Jr., City of Denton's public information and intergovernmental relations officer, said. "We have a simulated exercise in which a large aircraft has crashed into Texas Stadium during a Cowboys football game. You can imagine the amount of chaos and the number of casualties that would create.

"Immediately the City of Irving and Dallas County are going to be overwhelmed. Their resources are going to be taxed to the limit. So they will call in help from surrounding Metroplex communities. That is fine and dandy except that each city has different radio equipment and different ways of communicating. In order for them to be effective, they have to communicate. And in order to communicate, they must be able to talk to one another using the equipment they have.

"Several of these mobile command vehicles have equipment that allows different radio frequencies to communicate with one another. The equipment even has the ability to allow someone to patch in from a cellular phone or

landline. So theoretically, you could be sitting in the City of Dallas' emergency operations center talking on a landline to someone from Frisco who is on a mobile phone and to the City of Irving Police Chief who is on a radio. You will all be able to communicate as long as you are going through one of these mobile command vehicles with that capability."

Through the day's activities, equipment and protocols were tested to determine if various agencies could communicate effectively during a crisis.

"We want confirm that we have the ability to communicate with all of the various entities out here. There are agencies out here that have old equipment and others that have cutting edge technology. So we want to make sure those agencies can communicate. If not, we will try and find out why. Is there an equipment issue or a training issue? Once we know what the issue is we can correct it.

"Today's exercise is funded through the Texas Environmental Extension Service (TEES), which is based out of Texas A&M. They

fund this through grants they get from the State of Texas to make sure that the equipment that has been purchased with state or federal funds is doing what it is supposed to do," Mr. Cabrales said.

Patrick McMacken, the City of Irving's Emergency Management Coordinator, participated in managing the day's exercise.

"We don't have any victims. We don't have any fire trucks. About 35 agencies are involved today," Mr. McMacken said. "The primary function of this exercise is to test the interoperable communications capabilities of the north-central Texas region.

"We have here millions of dollars worth of high tech equipment. We are testing all of our public safety radios to work and interoperate with each other during a major disaster. The venue is Texas Stadium, because it is a good venue, it is big and it is all encompassing. It also has the scenario where you could have quite a few casualties, which would cause us to come together like this.

"Through this exercise, we are going to learn where our problems are. We are not looking for mistakes; that is not the issue. We are looking for technical issues, so we can correct them," he said.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

On Nov. 10, 1775, the Continental Congress passes a resolution that creates the Continental Marines. The date is now observed as the birth date of the United States Marine Corps.

On Nov. 11, 1831, Nat Turner, the leader of a bloody slave revolt in Southampton County, Virginia, is hanged. Turner, a slave and educated minister, initiated a slave uprising in which 60 whites were killed during a two-day rampage. Turner's rebellion led to a new wave of oppressive legislation prohibiting the movement, assembly and education of slaves.

On Nov. 12, 1889, DeWitt Wallace, founder of Reader's Di-

gest, is born in St. Paul, Minn. Wallace began in 1922 with a press run of 1,500 copies. By the end of the 20th century, Reader's Digest had the largest circulation of any publication in the world.

On Nov. 8, 1900, Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind," is born in Atlanta. Her tale of Scarlett O'Hara sold 1 million copies in its first six months in print, 8 million by the time Mitchell died in 1949, and at least 25 million more to date.

On Nov. 7, 1940, the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington state, the third-longest suspension bridge in the world, suffers a spectacular collapse. Most experts agree the collapse was related to

resonance, a phenomenon that also comes into play when a soprano shatters a glass with her voice.

On Nov. 9, 1970, in a 6-3 vote, the Supreme Court refuses to hear a challenge by the state of Massachusetts regarding the constitutionality of the Vietnam War. Massachusetts wanted to bring a suit in federal court that would allow state residents to refuse military service in an undeclared war.

On Nov. 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the long-awaited V-shaped black-granite wall inscribed with the names of the 57,939 Americans who died in the Vietnam War, is dedicated in Washington. It soon became one of the most visited memorials in the nation's capital.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!



# Games and Puzzles

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



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Solution: 1. Part of leaf on table is hidden. 2. Pencil appears in pocket. 3. Inside of watering can is colored in. 4. Lady's necktie is different. 5. Leaf on hanging pot has moved. 6. Leaf in man's hand has moved. 7. Badge on lady's sleeve has moved. 8. Stitching on sack is longer. 9. Design on pot is different. 10. Ribbon is longer. 11. Frame behind man is taller. 12. Corner of sack is longer.

## Super Crossword COMPLETE THE THOUGHT

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|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                          | 54 Spiked the punch           | 105 Maestro de Waart        | 5 Out-of-this-world org.             | 43 Reacts to fireworks     | 90 Major artery                |
| 1 Skilled                              | 58 Keanu of "Speed"           | 106 More appealing          | 6 Hosp. area                         | 44 "Martha" composer       | 92 Word form for "bone"        |
| 5 1492 vessel                          | 60 Forsaken                   | 107 It may be white         | 7 Pen point                          | 47 89 Across output        | 95 Conceit                     |
| 9 Proclaimed pompously                 | 62 Erwin or Gilliam           | 108 Grisham characters      | 8 Commotion                          | 48 Vote in                 | 97 Dundee denial               |
| 15 With 103 Across, present-day Ceylon | 63 Night noise                | 110 "— Shame" ('70 song)    | 9 Auto pioneer                       | 49 Like some beaches       | 100 Pine product               |
| 18 Flynn of films                      | 64 No-nonsense Athenian       | 111 Excellent               | 10 Eaves dropper?                    | 50 Practice piece          | 101 UN Day month               |
| 19 Tart                                | 65 Musical finale             | 114 Citrus cooler           | 11 "Rule, Britannia" composer        | 55 Runner Sebastian        | 102 Splendid                   |
| 20 Texas city                          | 67 Poem of praise             | 115 Eventual oak            | 12 "The — of a Clown" ('70 song)     | 56 Age                     | 103 "Good Night —" (1853 song) |
| 21 Flat hat                            | 69 "My Favorite —" ('82 film) | 119 Returns from a trip     | 13 PA hours                          | 57 Augsburg article        | 104 USNA anthem                |
| 22 If at first you don't succeed . . . | 70 He who laughs last . . .   | 123 Sundial numeral         | 14 Buck's beloved                    | 59 Manhattan area          | 108 First dog in space         |
| 25 Actress Gardner                     | 75 Type of pear               | 124 Honk if you . . .       | 15 Put on                            | 61 Writer MacDonal         | 109 Relish                     |
| 26 Long-running Western                | 79 Mine find                  | 129 "Cheers" prop           | 16 Deep gorge                        | 66 Disembarked             | 110 Claire or Balin            |
| 27 Ed of "Lou Grant"                   | 80 Act like a Crabbe          | 130 Negative terminals      | 17 Persona                           | 68 Punta del —             | 112 Alphabet sequence          |
| 28 Actor Young                         | 81 Sample the soufflé         | 131 —                       | 18 Peter out                         | 71 Coming from Cork        | 113 Neighbor of Oahu           |
| 29 Turner or Cole                      | 85 Activist Medgar            | 132 Travis or Quaid         | 23 Montezuma, for one                | 72 Nervous —               | 116 Surrender                  |
| 30 "Yo!" at the library                | 87 Unwell                     | 133 — blond                 | 24 "The Wind in the Willows" critter | 73 Literary collection     | 117 Ready for business         |
| 33 Triangle type                       | 89 Italian rumbler            | 134 "The — Trap" ('61 film) | 30 Pansy part                        | 74 Roberts or Tucker       | 118 Be still                   |
| 37 — Na Na                             | 91 California town            | 135 Competition             | 31 Junk                              | 75 You can retire on it    | 119 Component                  |
| 40 Build                               | 93 Robert of "The Citadel"    | 136 Incites Rover           | 32 Sault — Marie, MI                 | 76 "Ab —" (from the start) | 120 Pres. Bush, e.g.           |
| 42 Cartoon                             | 94 Insomnia cure?             | <b>DOWN</b>                 | 34 — Cob, CT                         | 77 DC figure               | 121 Converse competitor        |
| 45 Nitrous —                           | 96 Triac of tennis            | 1 Singer Guthrie            | 35 Jumps on the ice                  | 78 Nook's companion        | 122 Pig's digs                 |
| 46 Save the whales . . .               | 98 Tales                      | 2 Fiber source              | 36 Catalogue                         | 82 Strike-breaker          | 124 Fold over                  |
| 51 Conductor Dorati                    | 99 A penny saved is . . .     | 3 Theatrical salesman       | 37 Trauma aftermath                  | 83 Innsbruck's locale      | 125 "Sat — tuffet . . ."       |
| 52 Maglie or Mineo                     | 103 See 15 Across             | 4 Actress Verdugo           | 38 Sharpened a skill                 | 84 Boredom                 | 126 Machine part               |
| 53 "— the Sheriff" ('74 hit)           |                               |                             | 39 Change                            | 86 Tend the fire           | 127 Language suffix            |
|  |                               |                             | 41 Certain line-men: abbr.           | 88 Expect back             | 128 Tackled a taco             |
|  |                               |                             | 42 Surprised sounds                  |                            |                                |

### FRENCH GRAPE VARIETIES

**MAGIC MAZE** ●

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

Carignan	Clairette	Mourvedre	Semillon
Chardonnay	Gamay	Muscadelle	Syrah
Chenin Blanc	Grenache	Pinot Gris	Ugni Blanc
Cinsault	Merlot	Pinot Noir	

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**EVELYN RUTH SEGREST**



Evelyn Ruth Segrest, 63, passed away on November 03, 2007 in Ft. Worth, TX.

She was born on July 11, 1944 in Lamb Co., TX to Reginald "Rex" and Anna Jaquess. She was a waitress at Joe's Coffee Shop for the past 11 years and affiliated with the Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Willis Jaquess and Kenny Jaquess. She is survived by two sisters, Glenda Freeman and husband, Bill of Houston, and Doris Jernigan of Midland, four brothers, Cecil Jaquess and wife, Kathy of Pittsburg, TX, Donnie Jaquess and wife, Barbara of Arlington, Tim Jaquess and wife, Linda of Arlington, and Auborn Jaquess and wife, Gerita of Ada, OK and several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Nov. 24 at 4:00 p.m. at Chapel of Roses Funeral Home.

**HILDA CARTER**



Hilda Carter, age 77, a resident of Irving for 17 years, passed away November 1, 2007 at her home.

Born July 25, 1930 in Waycross, GA, she was an avid world traveler.

Preceded in death by her son, Michael Carter, Hilda is survived by her husband of 59 years, Ben Carter; son, Pat Carter and wife Terry Ann of Arizona; and daughter-in-law, Salma Carter.

Visitation was Monday at the

funeral home. Service was Nov. 6 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving, where she was a member. Pastor Michael McFarland officiating. Interment to follow at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

**ROBERT MATTHEW MORGAN**

Robert Matthew Morgan, a lifelong resident of Irving was born June 13, 1969 and passed away November 4, 2007.

Robert is survived by his parents, Glen and Linda Morgan; brother, Michael Morgan; sister-in-law, Linda Bishop; sister, Stacy Moreau and her husband Doug. He is also survived by his grandmother, Mildred Morgan of Sour Lake, TX and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many life long friends.

A memorial service for Robert was held Nov. 8 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Memorials to Robert can be made to the American Lung Association.

**BILLY GUY CLEMENT**



Billy Guy Clement of Irving passed away October 30, 2007.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1923 in Valley View, TX. He was a member of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in Irving past member of the Masonic Lodge and member of The Irving Rotary Club.

He is survived by wife Shirley Clement of Irving; son David Clement and wife Chris of Frisco; son Kevin Montgomery and wife Kerry of Burleson; daughter Karen and husband Gerald Farris of Irving; brother John D. Clement of Lewisville; sister Mildred Read of Bedford and 3 grandchildren.

The family received friends

Friday evening at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Nov. 3 at St. Stephens Presbyterian Church with interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

**JO ANN DORRIES**

Jo Ann Dorries, age 78, of Irving passed away on October 31, 2007.

She was born on Oct. 14, 1929 in Dennison, TX to John Robert and Edna (Butcher) Dorries. Joan married Carl Dorries on July 7, 1945 in Oklahoma, he preceded her in death on May 25, 2007. She made a career with Texas Instruments and was an executive secretary when she retired. Joan loved her family and friends and adored her only grandson Joshua.

She is also preceded in death by a son Carl Dorries Jr. who died serving his country during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include, son, Rev. Joe P. Dorries and wife Cynthia; sister-in-law, Patricia Blair; grandson, Joshua Dorries.

A graveside service was held on Monday at Fairview Cemetery in Dennison. Arrangements by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

**DR. KENNETH G. DUBOIS**



Kenneth Guinn DuBois went to claim his reward as a good and faithful servant on November 1, 2007.

From the time that he was born on Feb. 19, 1930 at Petrolia, TX, Kenneth was known by many names. He was known as "Doodle" to those people who knew him when he attended and graduated from Petrolia High School. He was known as Ken or Kenneth by his wife, Mary Lou and to those who knew him when he attended and graduated from North Texas State College (now University of North Texas) with B.A. and M.S. degrees. He met Mary Lou when they were in the 8th grade. They shared a marriage of 57 years.

During the 2 years he was in the U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, in the Surgical Research Unit, he was addressed as Pvt. and Cpl. DuBois. He was known as Dr. DuBois to his colleagues and patients when he established a medical practice in Irving in Family Medicine after having graduated from University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in 1961. He was originally in a solo practice but in 1970 he joined with the Medical and Surgical Clinic of Irving where he remained until his retirement in 1995.

He was known as "Dad" or "Pop" to his children: Kenneth G. DuBois, II and wife, Connie; David S. DuBois and his wife, Donna; and Yvonne R. Hill and her husband, Beaux. He was known as "Roro" to his grandchildren: Matt DuBois, Trey DuBois, Cassie DuBois, Brandon DuBois, Chase Townley, Taylor Townley.

And most affectionately, he was known as "Doc" to his church family and various other friends.

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He was a member of Irving North Christian Church for over 40 years. Over the years he had served in every official and unofficial capacity (except as minister), from dishwasher to Chairman of the Board. But by whatever name he was known, he was admired, respected and loved by all.

He is predeceased by his brother, Floyd J. ("Doodle") DuBois; his father, Floyd E. ("Doodle") DuBois; and his mother, Mamie C. DuBois.

Visitation was Nov. 4 at the funeral home. Services were at Irving North Christian Church on Nov. 5. Interment was at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Lane A. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to Irving North Christian Church or charity of your choice. Pallbearers are his grandchildren and nephew, Mike DuBois.

**JIM O'CANAS**

Jim O'Canas, age 41, a resident of Euless formerly of Mesquite, died October 29, 2007 at home.

Born Dec. 5, 1965 in Tulia, TX to Foster O'Canas and Connie Davila O'Canas, he married Jeanette Lopez on Feb. 13, 2006 in Mesquite.

Preceded in death by his father in 2004, he is survived by his wife, Jeanette; daughters, Sylvia O'Canas of Amarillo, Katarina O'Canas of Garland, Arianna O'Canas and Sarah Hannah O'Canas, both of Sinton; mother, Connie O'Canas of Euless; sisters, Lupe Gonzalez of Ennis, Molly Longoria of Dallas, Janie Carabajal of Irving, Melissa

Castillo of Euless and Julie Cantu of Mesquite; brother, Foster O'Canas, Jr. of Irving.

Visitation was Thursday at the funeral home. Rosary was Nov. 2 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 3 at Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church with Rev. Msgr. Jerome Duesman as presider. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

**ESTELLE LOYD CHAMBERLAIN**



Estelle's courageous battle against vascular dementia ended on November 2, 2007. She passed very peacefully at home with all her family surrounding her.

Born on March 10, 1928 Estelle grew up in Oak Cliff/Dallas where she was a graduate of Sunset High School. She attended the University of Arkansas where she was a member of the Tri-Delta Sorority House. An accomplished dancer, Estelle once won a jitterbug contest sponsored by Life Magazine.

Estelle has been involved in numerous charity organizations including delivering meals-on-wheels for the VNA, raising money for domestic violence shelters and hearing dog companions program, and volunteering for multiple events in the aid of diverse groups of people in need.

She was actively involved with the Irving Junior Chamber of

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Commerce (Jaycees and Jayceettes/Jaycee Women), YMCA, Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, and she was a certified member of the National Association of Parliamentarians. Estelle was honored with lifetime memberships on the local, state, and national levels with the Irving Does/Elks Lodge of Irving as well as with the Parents Teachers Associations (PTA) of T.J. Lee Elementary School, Travis Junior High School, MacArthur High School, Irving Association of PTAs, the Texas State PTA, and US National PTA.

Estelle was a talented seamstress/tailor, creating clothes from simple buttoned-down shirts to elaborate beaded and laced wedding dresses. Estelle was an avid game-player and was a member of bunko, bingo, and bridge clubs. Estelle was an all-around incredibly kind woman whose heart was always open to everyone. In a final act of generosity and compassion, the family has honored her request to contribute to the Southwest Transplant Services.

Estelle is preceded in death by her husband, Jacob Travis Chamberlain; brother, Burl Luke Loyd; sister, Genevieve Loyd; father, Luke Benhur Loyd; and mother, Elsie Looney Loyd. Estelle is also preceded in death by her many loving pet companions who knew her as "Grandma".

Estelle is dearly loved and survived by her daughter, Janet Sue Chamberlain; son, Donald Travis Chamberlain; daughter-in-law, Janet Runnells Chamberlain; daughter-in-law Christine McLuckie Chamberlain; her grandchildren: Keith Phillip Ray Chamberlain, Lora Anne Chamberlain, Amy Lynn Chamberlain, Travis Loyd Chamberlain, Jessica Lorraine McLuckie, Jason Lee McLuckie; and many, many, many friends.

If desired, memorials in her name may be made to Visiting Nurses Association (vnatexas.org) Meals on Wheels program.

Visitation was Nov. 6 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home in Irving.

Services were held Nov. 7 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel followed by graveside service at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens near downtown Irving.

### SYLVIA SIMPSON



Sylvia Simpson of Flower Mound passed away October 29, 2007 in Dallas.

She was born on Feb. 19, 1946 in Vernon, TX. She worked for Irving Independent School District and was a member of Irving Bible Church.

She is survived by husband Benny Simpson of Flower Mound; son Shannon Simpson and wife

Alison of Ft. Worth; sisters Carol Kilman of Irving; and Sherry Fincher of Wichita Falls; sister-in-law Barby Goodlett of Houston; brother-in-law Scotty Simpson of Wichita Falls; one grandchild, Keller Simpson of Irving; nephews Ryan Fincher of Wichita Falls; Justin Fincher of Lubbock; John McCallum of Arlington; nieces Toni Campbell of Wichita Falls; Amy Jeffcoat of Albany, Georgia; and Leslie Latham of Oklahoma.

Memorial services were held on Nov. 1 at Irving Bible Church with Pastor Andy McQuitty officiating.

### WALTER PRICE

Walter Price, age 71, a resident of Arlington for 2 years, formerly of Houston, Irving and Abilene died November 4, 2007 at a Dallas hospital.

Born Oct. 2, 1936 in Putnam, TX to Walter Marion Price, Sr. and Pearl Wolfe Price, he married Sandra June Cooper in 1991 in Irving. Walter was the owner of Walter Price Bail Bond and a member of Discover Church in Irving.

Preceded in death by daughter, Judith Price and four brothers, Dee, Dale, Robert and Rodney, he is survived by his wife, Sandra; children, Walter "Jasper" M. Price of Abilene, Jeannie Stewart of Arlington, Roxanne Lawton of Colorado, Cpl. Walter M. Price, III of Virginia, Shane L. Price of Abilene; step-children, Charlie Earp of Illinois, John Earp of Florida and Traci Earp Issah of Arlington; mothers of his children, Vivian Price and Darlene; sisters, Sherree McGrew of Abilene, Sonja Guthrie of Eastland and Glenda Link of NC; brothers, Homer Price of Cleveland, TX and Jimmy Price of Abilene; several grandchildren and one great grandson.

Visitation was Tuesday at the funeral home. Service was Nov. 7 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Zane Causey and Rev. Al Dawson officiating. Graveside service was Nov. 8 at Potosi Cemetery in Taylor County, TX.

### OLA MURRAY

Ola Murray, age 75, a resident of Irving since 1965, died November 6, 2007 at Baylor Medical Center at Irving.

Born Feb. 22, 1932 in San Augustine County, TX to Alvin Sowell and Vivian Goodman Sowell, she married Herbert Murray Oct. 2, 1948 in San Augustine County. Ola was a cashier at Irving ISD for 30 years and a member of Northgate Missionary Baptist Church in Irving.

Preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Diane Hughes, she is survived by her husband Herbert; son, Mike Murray and wife Sandra of Chandler; son, Steve Murray and wife Vickie of Tomball; brothers Lenard Sowell of Nacogdoches

and Raymond Sowell of Louisiana; sister, Alva Todd of San Augustine; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and son-in-law, Sam Hughes of Irving.

Visitation was Wednesday at the funeral home. Service was Nov. 8 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Larry Chalker officiating. Graveside service followed at Sowell Cemetery in San Augustine County.

### FRANCES NATALIE BARKER PLUME

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Iago, TX, she had a thirst for knowledge and an adventurous spirit. She moved to Irving in 1974 and operated a local household cleaning business and a wood working business. In her 60's, she joined the Peace Corps and served in Jamaica, briefly in Guatemala and Western Samoa. She traveled to Paraguay, Europe, Mali and Nepal. Upon returning to Irving, she was a volunteer with the Irving Public Library. Frances was a character and an epitome of a Texas woman.

She is survived and missed by her daughter, Catherine Plume.

Frances lived her life well. Her favorite epitaph was "By and large, I had a good time"...and so she did.

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## Unattended tethered dogs banned by new ordinance

The Irving City Council passed a new ordinance Nov. 1. Effective immediately, the ordinance prohibits pet owners from keeping unattended dogs tied up. Pet owners who maintain direct physical control will be allowed to tether their dogs.

This means the owner must be outside with the dog and near enough to exercise control over the dog at all times in the event it should become necessary to protect an animal or human from harm.

"It's not humane for a dog to spend its life chained up," Fred Sanderson, Irving Animal Services supervisor, said. "Dogs are naturally social animals and need interaction. Tethered dogs left unattended become aggressive and territorial and are more likely to attack a person or animal."

Research by agencies such as the Humane Society of the United States indicates that irresponsible animal tethering can result in

physical abuse and cause aggressive behavior or harm to others. Good alternatives to tethering are for pet owners to keep their dog in a fenced yard or kennel run.

With the approval of this ordinance, Irving now holds the most firm standards for pet owners in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The development of an informational campaign has been initiated to educate residents of the new ordinance.

Fines for those who do not adhere to the ordinance will not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2008 as long as abusive conditions do not exist. Beginning Jan. 1, those in violation of the ordinance, a Class C misdemeanor, may receive fines of \$100 to \$500 per animal, per occurrence. The maximum fine can cost up to \$2,000.

For more information, call Irving Animal Services at 972-721-2256.

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# NASCAR driver supports children with learning differences



David and Lauren Zweig help Jamie McMurray (rt front) hold the ceremonial check as Robin, Ida Ann (second row) Louis and Harold Zweig (third row) look on.

Provided by Diana DuBois

NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series driver Jamie McMurray extended his lead in the support for children with learning differences by generously contributing to the Gladys Golman/Faye Dallen Education Fund (GGFDEF).

A \$5,000 check was presented by McMurray at Texas Motor Speedway on behalf of the Jamie McMurray Foundation (JMF), to Louis and Robin Zweig, co-founders of the GGFDEF, and their two children Lauren and David. McMurray will also donate one of

his fire suits, which will be auctioned off in support of the fund.

The Gladys Golman/Faye Dallen Education Fund was created by Louis, a Senior Vice President with Glazer's Distributors, and his wife Robin when they were faced with the challenge that their son David, who has Asperger's Syndrome, might not be able to become a Bar Mitzvah. The Zweig's discovered that there was a glaring need in Dallas to train and educate the city's religious-school teachers to enable children with learning differences to be successful in their classrooms.

"The need in the Dallas community for religious-school teachers to be trained and educated for children with learning differences was greater than I ever imagined," said Zweig. "We had to do more than just contribute to our own congregation. This is a citywide issue that will only grow in scope without securing the resources, raising awareness, and providing the training and skills that our teachers and our children deserve."

# Firefighters honored at annual ball

Provided by Monica Ellington

The Irving Firefighters' Ball hosted at the Four Seasons Resort and Club on Oct. 28 is a signature event of Irving. Only two years old, the ball creates a unique atmosphere in which investors, residents, public officials, children and heroes all meet for one night under a banner of respect and honor.

Born of the vision of Christina Gears and Mayor Herbert Gears, the ball honors the men whose lives are at stake every day they show for work.

Dozens of sponsors answered the sirens call and arrived to a standing room only crowd the night of the event. Through sponsorships and auction the Irving Firefighters' Ball raised over \$460,000 this year, benefiting the Irving Fire Foundation Scholarship Program.

Following dinner by Chef Christof Syre, State Representative Linda Harper-Brown introduced the 2007 scholarship winners to the crowd. The chosen students excel in their studies as members of the National Honor Society, step up as leaders, and participate in community service. A standing ovation was given to the following students:

Chandra Klassen daughter of "Bob" Klassen who is studying at El Centro College.

Jonathan Hall the son of Darrell and Sandy Hall and a student at the University of Texas.

Jared Hindman the son of Brian and Beth Hindman who attends classes at Texas A&M.

Texas A&M student Sarah Spencer, the daughter of Scott and Susan Spencer.

Kara Harris the daughter of Steve and Tanya Erick who is attending

Newberry College in South Carolina.

Stacy Spagnola the daughter of Jeff and Kathy Spagnola who is attending the University of North Texas and her sister Lisa Spagnola who is a student at the Texas Woman's University. Jessica Curbo at Sam Houston University and the daughter of Duane and Kathryn Curbo. Thomas Keetch III the son of Thomas "Bill" Keetch at Tarrant County College.

And David "Nicolas" Morgan of LeTourneau University and the son of David and Jana Morgan.

The highlight of the evening, however, was listening to the tales of the men who serve the city of Irving including:

Firefighter of the Year, Firefighter David Jennings, for embodying what it means to be a firefighter.

Officer of the Year, Captain Jerry Kirby, for 25 years on the Irving Fire Department.

Five Lifesaving Awards were presented for acts of bravery to the following firefighters:

Lieutenant Ken "Kruzer"

Kruszynski with Engine 2-C Shift. Firefighter David Jennings with Engine 5-A Shift.

Captain "Bobby" Willingham Truck 2-A Shift.

Captain Kenneth Boozer Engine 5-A Shift.

And Firefighter Josh Nicholes Engine 5-A Shift.

In addition to their award, each won a leather recliner for their Station compliments of The Dump.

Captain Riddle and Firefighter Lancaster with Engine 6 both won the Medal of Valor for their pursuit to fight fire despite injuries and received as a gift from Southwest Airlines round trip tickets for themselves and a guest.

Gene "Shakey" Holder presented an award to Captain Larry Erwin of Truck 7 for lifelong service to the citizens of Irving.

The Irving Firefighters' Ball committee thanks all those involved from the sponsors, to our volunteers, to the men of the Irving Fire Department whose character and pride in what they do ignites within each of us a civic pride and respect for them.



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