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## THIS WEEK



*Carol Van Luik decides not to pursue mayor's position*



*Tinsel Trio divas sing with Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra*

## Heritage Senior Center celebrates its first birthday

Nearly 600 seniors and guests celebrated the Heritage Senior Center's first year of operations at a Happy Birthday Heritage program on Dec 16.

The evening was filled with a variety of music and song. Selenza Mitchell was the celebration's featured soloist. Pat Davenport also sang accompanied by harpist Peggy Lovett. Woody Schober directed the Irving Silvertones Choir's presentation of *The Sounds of Christmas*. Laretta Jenson, Ms. Mature Irving, accompanied the Silvertones by signing *Silent Night, Holy Night* as the choir sang.

A full turkey dinner was prepared and served by the Knight's of Columbus #5243 and was followed by a huge birthday cake.

"I feel like the Silvertones achieved a high level of singing quality because they enjoy singing Christmas carols and the music of Christmas," Mr. Schober said. "I think we had a wonderful audience here tonight that supported us as we sang these wonderful songs that glorify the Savior at Christmas time. The Heritage Center is outstanding; this is the state of the art center for the seniors. Our choir certainly enjoyed being a part of celebrating the first year of the center. We feel very honored to be here."

Pat Davenport, a recreational specialist for the Heritage Senior Center, spoke about the center's first year.

"It has been a really exciting year," Ms. Davenport said. "It has been very, very busy, but that is the way we wanted it. The center is here for the people, and we want them to be using it. A night like tonight is just a time to celebrate and feel the joy of this place. The Knight's of Columbus are phenomenal. They can really cook, and you always end  
*See Seniors, page 16*

## Winter weather brings cold and snow to area



People and plants alike were caught off-guard by a series of cold fronts and snow. Happily the change in weather helped some people get into the 'Christmas spirit'.

## Lyric stage presents first production of King David since its Broadway debut

Steven Jones

Lyric Stage, Dallas County's only locally produced professional musical theater

company, presented Alan Meken and TimRice's *King David* in the beautiful Cathedral at the Arts District. This was the first production of *King David* since its premiere as the inaugural event of Disney's

beautifully renovated New Amsterdam Theater on Broadway. Composer Alan Menken (*Little Shop of Horrors, The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin*)  
*See Lyric Stage, page 12*

## Owen DeWitt joining mayor's race to bring something new to Irving



Owen DeWitt, a 20-year resident of Irving, has announced his intention to run for mayor of Irving. Mr. DeWitt, a small businessman, serves on the Tax Increment Finance board of directors and is a former

school board trustee.

The reason I have decided to jump into this election is that no one is talking about the issues; they are just talking about code enforcement." Mr. DeWitt said. "Code enforcement is only one little piece of the puzzle; let's talk about the real issues the citizens want to hear: safety and taxes."

"Security, the safety of citizens, is the number one issue in Irving. Our crime rate has continued to go up, and aggravated robberies have continued to go up."

"Even though police officers now have laptops in their cars, they are still not up to speed on technology. We need to get them every tool possible to make the job faster and easier. We also need to get more police officers on the street," Mr. DeWitt explained.

"I think as a small businessman who has learned to live on what you have, there are lots of ways that city government could trim to hold our taxes and our fees from continuing to go up."

"In my opinion, we gave away the farm to Citibank, and I do not want to see that again. Citibank made a great deal with the city for tax abatements and some rebates. I don't mind tax abatements, but I like them to be economically right for the city. We are wanting so much to get new businesses in

town that we are willing to sellout the rest of the town to do it. I do not believe that is a good precedence to set for Irving," Mr. DeWitt said.

"I am willing to step out and take some risks. Irving has got to take some risks right now or we are going to continue to dwindle. No one has stepped forward to do that. People who know me and have seen me know that I am willing to stand out even if it means standing alone for a while and say what is really critical. I did that on the school board for my entire tenure and a lot of things got changed."

"I am the only candidate that has lived in both north and south Irving. We are a fragmented city; and I want to bring it back together. I have some ideas about how to do that. One of the ideas is to have some joint projects together like Fourth of July. We should take all of the different cultures and center them around the fire works and have

different staging areas set up for different types of bands. Do something like that to bring the city back together and quit the fragmentation. The north verses the south is just huge; it is just unbelievable and it is crazy for a town the size we are. I fully understand this situation; and I do not like it. I want to see a change," Mr. DeWitt said.

My commitment is that I will three times a week, at minimum, go to breakfast with some business leader in Irving, different people every week. Everybody that is in the city of Irving doing business needs to have a first name basis with the mayor; and we do not have that today.

"The citizens of Irving are calling for something new; and I am the only new blood in the game. We are still going down the same path; let's change it. The only way to change direction is to change people. It is time to listen to citizens and make some changes," Mr. DeWitt said.



# Candidate decides not to pursue mayor's position

Carol Van Luik

I try to live each day with the following in mind: "Winners never quit and quitters never win" and, "Always do what's right." So, it was a very difficult decision to step down from the Irving mayoral race because I do not believe in quitting, *but* feel it was in the best interests of the city.

From the beginning, I clearly indicated that I would willingly support another candidate were there one who would put Irving above their own personal agenda, speak to the needs of *both* north and south Irving, endeavor to establish a plan to secure the economic future of Irving *and* had sufficient political capital to secure a winner's share of the vote.

The one of the most recent candidates to throw his hat into the mayoral race is ex-mayor, Marvin Randle. He will compete with incumbent, Joe Putnam, ex-city council member, Herb Gears; former city council member, Terry Waldrum; and former school board member, Owen DeWitt. That is five, and frankly, it would be best for the city if the number of candidates were reduced, yet again.

My concerns lie with the number of candidates and the dilution of the vote, which statistically in past mayoral elections has secured victory for the incumbent. After careful deliberation, it seemed expedient that Irving would be better served, if I were to set aside my ego and use my talent and strength to support rather than run.

I am grateful for what I have learned and would like to thank those who have shared both encouragement and support through this process. If you have any further questions, I may be reached at [vanluik@hotmail.com](mailto:vanluik@hotmail.com) or 469.939.1493.

Irving is a wonderful city full of amazing people who deserve the best. *You* deserve the best, so please, take time to learn about your candidates and vote on May 7, 2005.

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## POLICE BRIEFS

**Suicide:** 12-15-04, 1:27 p.m., 2000 block Brenton. The complainant was a 70 year old female recently diagnosed with dementia and living at this location with her daughter. The daughter returned home this afternoon and found complainant slumped over a nightstand in her bedroom deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot to the head. CID, ID, and the M.E. responded.

**Agg. Sexual Assault:** 12-15-04, 9:00 p.m., Officer s was dispatched to 2800 block W. Walnut Hill, on a possible sexual assault. The reporting party stated that her 5 year old son had made an outcry. She believes the sexual assault took place on December 11, 2004, while the child was visiting the father. The reporting party, the mother claims she does not know where the father lives. She says that the suspect's nephew had taken the child to see the father on that date. She does not know how to get a hold of the father.

**Agg. Robbery:** 12-16-04, 8:59 p.m., A pizza delivery driver had just made a delivery to 3500 block Portland. He was on his way back to his vehicle and a male jumped out of some bushes, stuck (what he believed to be) a gun in his back and demanded all his money and his wallet. The driver complied and the suspect fled on foot.

**Agg. Robbery:** 12-17-04, 2:15 a.m., The complainant was walking to his apartment at 3100 block W. Walnut Hill when he was approached by two males. One of the males displayed a handgun and demanded the complainant's cell phone, wallet and coat. The males took the property and fled the location on foot.

**Sudden Death:** 12-17-04, 8:30 a.m., Officers responded to 2705 Vancouver on an unconscious person. When they arrived, they found the complainant, a 21 yr old male, deceased on the couch of the residence. There were several items of drug paraphernalia laying around and the complainant has a history of heroin addiction/use. CID and ID responded to the scene.

**Agg. Robbery:** 12-17-04, 11:03 a.m., The complainant was walking at Country Club and William DeHaes when she was

approached by two males and a female. The suspects displayed a metal pole and pulled the complainants purse off her shoulder. The complainant fell to the ground as a result of he force used to pull the purse off of her shoulder and suffered minor scrapes to her wrist.

**Agg. Assault:** 12-17-04, 8:17 p.m., The complainant was arguing with his son and brother-in-law. The complainant his son in the face with his fist and the complainant's son and brother-in-law chased him through the apartment complex and caught him in the 1100 block of Story Glen. The complainant was struck numerous times in the head with the baseball bat and the crowbar. The complainant suffered serious but not life threatening injuries.

**Discharged Firearm:** 12-17-04, 11:30 p.m., Four males got into an argument with several people over not being admitted to a party that was taking place at 605 W. 183 at the State Bank. After being refused entry to the party, the males drove by the location and fired several shots. The males fled and were not located.

**Robbery:** 12-17-04, 3:50 p.m., A male subject approached a female teller at the Bank of the West, 950 N. Belt Line Road and handed her a note. The note said for her to "give him all of her money and not to say anything". When she asked what he meant by that, he retrieved the note and ran away without getting any property. There was video evidence seized and the FBI was notified.

**Robbery:** 12-18-04, 12:20 p.m., Adult female was coming out of Albertson's at 535 W. 183, when teenage suspect came up behind her and tried to pull her purse away from her. She and the suspect pulled on the purse until the strap broke. The complainant fell down and suspect ran away with her purse. He jumped into a waiting van driven by suspect #2, and were last seen W/B on SH 183 North Service Road. Complainant had minor injuries.

**Burglary:** 12-19-04, 10:50 a.m., Officers were dispatched to a burglary at Rack Room Shoes,

7727 N. MacArthur. The store manager opened up this morning and noticed a hole had been cut in the roof and several thing had been moved around. There is not a safe at the location and he will be unable to determine if anything is missing until he completes an inventory. Officers checked the roof and found a 20 foot ladder.

**Robbery:** 12-19-04, 1:15 a.m., The complainant went into the check cashing place at 2821 N. Belt Line to cash his paycheck. When he came outside and was standing next to his truck, a male suspect stepped up to him, pulled up his shirt and placed his hand on a handgun that was in his waistband. The suspect took the comp's money and told the comp to get in his truck. As soon as he got in the truck, the suspect ran off around the corner. The comp then heard tires squealing and saw a cream colored older model sedan and another tan colored car driving away.

**Assist Officer:** 12-19-04, 1:13 a.m., Officer McMahan checked out on a suspicious vehicle at 215 E. 183. There was a male and female in the vehicle and the female was performing oral sex on the male. There were two children asleep in the back seat of the vehicle. Officer McMahan got the male out of the vehicle and when he attempted to arrest the male for outstanding warrants, the male resisted arrest by pushing the officer and attempting to hit the back-up officer. The officers used their batons and OC spray on the defendant and took him into custody. He was charged with Public Lewdness, Public Intoxication, Resisting Arrest and the warrants that were outstanding.

**Agg. Robbery:** 12-20-04, 3:41 a.m., Officers were at 1204 N. Nursery on a robbery. The complainant and his girlfriend were in the parking lot talking. Two suspects opened the door, displayed a knife, demanding the radio and cash. Both suspect left in an SUV. They were not located. There were no injuries.

**Structure Fire:** 12-20-04, 6:15 p.m., Officers were dispatched to 4000 block N. Belt Line Rd., on a fire. The fire started somewhere on the roof. The building recently had some repairs done in that area. They estimated that the building sustained \$100,000.000 worth of damage and \$50,000.00 to the contents. There were no injuries.

**Agg. Robbery:** 12-21-04, 8:51 p.m., Officers were dispatched to 3710 Cheyenne St., on a robbery. Two suspects entered the Rincon Argentino's restaurant and pointed handguns at the owner and his wife. They used zip ties to control the owner's and took money from the register and also took a purse from the office. Both suspects left through the back door and fled in an unknown direction. There were no injuries; I.D. was called to the scene.

**Agg. Robbery:** 12-21-04, 9:03 p.m., Officers were dispatched to 1231 Meadow Creek Dr., on a robbery. The complainant was walking through Thomas Jefferson Park when he was approached by the suspect. The suspect asked him for the time and then demanded his wallet. The suspect then pulled out a black handgun and took the wallet. There were no injuries.

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PATLAN, MELISSA  
PHILLIPS, NICHOLAS  
PITTMAN, OCTAVIA  
REYES, YULIANA  
REYNA, ASHLEY  
ROCHA, NANCY  
ROCHON, NICOLE  
ROGERS, CYMONE  
ROSALES, ANABEL  
RUIZ, LLUVIA  
RUYLE, AMBER  
SERIGHT, DANIELLE  
SHERIDAN, TRAVIS  
SIEGEL, STEPHEN  
SMITH, BARON  
SMITH, CHRISTOPHER  
SOTOMAYOR, DANIELA  
SPANN, SALLY

STUBBLEFIELD, CHELSEY  
SWEAT, WILLIE  
TAYLOR, JESSICA  
THAN, MADELAINE  
THOMPSON, ALVIN  
THOMPSON, MEAGAN  
TIBBETTS, HAYLEY  
TOSCANO, MONICA  
TRAN, DAO  
UNGER, ROBERT  
VADILLO, TERESITA  
VEDASTO, EVELYN  
VELASQUEZ, JUAN  
VENTURA, ADA  
VO, THIEN  
WEATHERFORD, KYLE  
WEBB, TYTREAKA  
WEBSTER, STEPHANIE  
WELCH, JIM  
WILLIAMSON, WHITNEY  
WONGSAPROME,  
PREMWADEE  
WORLEY, JACOB

## MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 9

ADHIKARI, SUNIL  
AGHERA, MADHURI  
ALSBURY, ASHLEY  
BAKOS, NATHAN  
BATRES, JESSE  
BAUTISTA, IVAN  
BAUTISTA, SAHARA  
BEVLY, ALEX  
BEYENE, JONAS  
BRICENO, JAQUELINE  
BRUMLEY, KAYLA  
CANDANOSA, JENNIFER  
CANNADAY, DAVID  
CHILDRESS, BRANDI  
CHOUDHRY, RAZI  
COWART, DYLAN  
CRUZ, JORGE  
DALY, CYNTHIA  
DANG, THINH  
DAVIS, MEGAN  
DAVIS, MARIAN  
DIAZ, ROBERT  
DORLAN, ROBERT  
ELIZONDO, ADRIEN  
ESTRADA, HILLIANA  
FLORES, IVAN  
FRETTOLOSO, CARYN  
GARCIA, ANABEL  
GARCIA, RAVEN  
GARCIA, DAVID  
GARCIA, JOSUE  
GARCIA, JESSICA  
GELTEMEYER, GRETCHEN  
GENTRY, ELISE  
GENUZZO, GEMINA  
GONZALEZ, DULCE  
GONZALEZ, DIANA  
GOVEA, CARLOS  
HAMILTON, MICKEY  
HESS, SAMANTHA  
INGRAM, CAMERON  
JARAMILLO, VINCENT  
JUNG, HELEN  
KASLIWAL, SWAPNIL  
KAYE, JOHN  
KRAMER, PATRICK  
LEE, JOHN  
LEE, MICHELLE  
LOCKHART, THERESA  
LONDON, MARSHAWN  
MARTINEZ, MARIA  
MCELROY, CHRISTOPHER  
MEDELLIN, VIRIDIANA  
MENDOZA, MARIA  
MOHAN, ROHITH  
MORENO, KARINA  
NGUYEN, PAUL  
NGUYEN, LINH  
NITCHOVSKI, PAVEL  
NWABUODAFI-OSILONYA,  
BLESSING  
OH, YUN HYE  
OKEZIE, MICHELLE  
OLIVERA, FEDERICO  
OLOWOYEYE, OPEMIPO  
ORDONES, SANTOS  
OWENS, LAUREN  
PALMER, CHRISTOPHER  
PAREDES, RAFAEL  
PARK, SUH  
PATEL, YESHA  
PATTERSON, MEAGHAN  
PAYNE, DAPHNE  
QUEZADA, NANCY  
RAMIREZ, MARGARITA  
REINWALD, SAMUEL  
RESCHREITER, EVAN  
RIOS, MARICELA  
RODRIGUEZ, MARIA  
RUVALCABA, MARIA  
SALAS, SARAH  
SHACKLEFORD, BRITTANY  
SLEDGE, TAYLOR  
SMITH, MAKENZIE

SOSA, AMY  
STONE, ANN  
STRAND, RYAN  
SULAIMAN, VINCENT  
SUSTAITA-BUENI, DIANNA  
TAUFIQ, KHURRAM  
TILLMAN, SAMANTHA  
VARGAS, KILMAR  
VAZQUEZ, HECTOR  
VERBENA, DAYANNE  
VILLAREAL, AMALIA  
WATTS, KASEY  
WEMPLE, ADRIAN  
YOO, CHANG

## MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 10

ACHILLES, AUDREY  
AHMED, TAUSIQ  
AMERSON, ANDREW  
ANABALON, MICAELA  
BERHE, MSGANA  
BERRY, JESSICA  
BLAKE, CHRISTOPHER  
BROWN, MEGAN  
BYRNE, SHANE  
CANNON, JEFFERY  
CHAVEZ, GLORIA  
CRUZ, DANNY  
CUDE, CHRISTOPHER  
DAVENPORT, SARAH  
DOWLEN, ALYSSA  
FARRIS, STEFANI  
GEORGE, PRINCY  
GROHMAN, MICHELLE  
GUTOWSKI, CLAIRE  
HARRIS, BRET  
HARRIS, JOSHUA  
HENDERSON, KESLEY  
HILL, MICKI  
HOANG, QUANG-THUY  
HOLLEY, ALEXANDRYA  
HOVER, MATTHEW  
HUANG, JIMMY  
HULSEY, JENNIFER  
JACOBS, HAYDEN  
KAMYAB, SUSAN  
KIM, JIN JOO  
KINKAID, ASHLEY  
LEE, JIN  
LESTON, LISHA  
LOWERY, JENNIFER  
LUONG, JASON  
MAIZ, JUAN  
MASTERS, KRISTIN  
MASTIN, SPENCER  
MCCLUNG, ALEJANDRO  
MCGILL, JAAZLYNNE  
MEDELLIN, BERENICE  
MENDEZ, JESUS  
MENDOZA, GILBERTO  
METCALF, BRANDEN  
MITHEO, YANNIK  
MORENO, XAVIER  
OKAMURA, KOKOKU  
OKEKE, JOSHUA  
PATEL, SAMIT  
PERRAULT, STEPHANY  
PONIKIEWSKI, TRAVIS  
PRIOLEAU, SAN'QUAN  
RASHID, SAADRI  
REZENDEZ, LUPE  
RENICK, LESLEY  
RIASAT, MAHDIN  
RIVERA, KASSANDRA  
ROBERTS, KIMBERLY  
ROBERTSON, HEATHER  
RUTLEDGE, SARAH-NAOMI  
SCHRECK, HOLLY  
SHAHWAN, NATASHA  
SHEHEE, LACI  
SHOOK, SARAH  
SIMPSON, ASHLEY  
SMITH, COURTNEY  
STEARNS, JENNA  
TAFI, SEYOUM  
THOITHI, MARY  
THOMAS, MICHAEL  
TRAN, LY  
TSOU, IRVING  
TULK, KANDACE  
VALLANCE, MICHAEL  
VAN GUNDY, STEVEN  
VITH, CHRISTINA  
WADSWORTH, CHARLES  
WALTHER, REBECCA  
WELDEMARIAM,  
YORSALEM  
WERO-WARNECKE, CODY  
WOODARD, TERRILOUS  
WOODS, ARTAVIA  
ZIMMERMAN, ANDREA  
ZIRNHELD, ALEXANDER

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## - SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1904

### *The Passing of "Kit." Some Reminiscences*

By "Uncle" Ike Story.

In the spring of 1855 G. D. Peeler laid his headright, built a log cabin and settled where Kit now stands. S. P. Montgomery and 'Kiah Lucus were his only neighbors. In the fall of the same year he sold his house and 320 acres of land to Jonathan Story for the staggering sum of a pony worth about forty dollars. During the same fall and winter there was quite a lot of new comers to the "forks of the creek," as it was then called. Among these were the Story families, Castors, Irbys, Reedyds and Stocktons, which made up enough children to start a school. So a log schoolhouse was put up at Kit Spring and a school started, with 'Kiah Lucus as teacher, with about twenty scholars, some of them coming about four miles. From that time this little community began to grow stronger, and in a few years we had begun to have pretty regular preaching and prayer-meetings.

Before the civil war broke out we had a first-rate country school, and had established a postoffice, under the name of Buck and Brack. The war came on and in the general break up of law and order the postoffice was discontinued and Sowers postoffice served these people. Time brought a close to the war, and the immensely rich and fertile lands came rapidly into demand, and soon the public need brought a new postoffice, originally named Gorbet, but changed to Kit, to get it distinctly different from Corbet, another and older postoffice in the State. The changes written by the finger of time were

filling up of the country, the building up of new churches, schools and towns. Lands grew to values that the "old residents" had never dreamed of. The rural free delivery came along, and nearly swept delivery came along, and nearly swept Kit off the face of the earth; but the final cataclysm came with the building of the Rock Island Dallas extension, and the establishment of Irving, "the young prodigy of the Forks of the Creek."

In the passing of Kit there are many sweet memories that hang around a name

which indicates the scene of all the passions that make up the drama and tragedy of human life. The sweet and most precious memories that illumine the walls of castle "long ago" are love's whispered words, and unspoken, though well understood promises and vows that have marked out the weal or woe of the men and women who have here linked life and endeavor together until the last solemn parting. The little church stands a monument to religious devotion, to love's consecrated linking; and its solemn chants over the bier

of the dead, which promise of a greater, grander chorus, tuned by the hand that set the stars to singing together in the morning, are precious memories.

As all chrysalids die only to live again, grander, nobler and sweeter lives-as they go from dormant, or creeping thins, uncouth of form and ungainly of gait, so, sweet as are the sentiments of the past that cling to old Kit, in the passing of Kit and the birth of Irving brings a fitting for grander, better and nobler things. So mote it be.

## THE STORY OF KIT

I was born on a farm in Illinois, in 1839. When I was eighty years old my mother died, and soon my father went blind, and I was left at an early age to rustle for myself. I came to Texas in 1855, with friends, and settled down where Kit now stands, and where I have lived ever since. I commenced work at rail making, teaming and wood chopping. Chopping cordwood was my long suit and was talked of far and wide as a chopper, having cut and corded five cords a day often.

In 1859, I was married to Miss Mary Duncan, at Cedar Springs, where Dallas now stands.

Being of a disposition to help humanity at wholesale and myself at the same time, I had a great anxiety to be an officer of some

kind, so I, like Davy Crockett of old, ran for Constable of my precinct, No. 8 of Dallas County, but got beat by the other fellow. The next time I ran for Justice of the Peace; got beat again. I was farming and chopping all the time. The next race I made was for public weigher, thinking that office ought to be filled by an honest farmer; but got left, as usual. The next thing was to try Uncle Sam, as all hopes were lost on county office. I got out a petition for a postoffice that time, and I succeeded; got the office established and have been running it as postmaster and assistant, doing all the good in my power to accommodate the patrons of the office and be just, honest and true to the government, beginning in June, 1888 and running along

smooth for sixteen years, under the same hands and by the same supervision of instructions. The office was burglarized and robbed twice during that time of money and stamps, which I made good out of my own pocket. I built up the office during that time for \$1.86 a quarter to \$43.60 per quarter.

Now I give up Kit-turn it over to other hands and another name (Irving). I have this to say, in conclusion. God bless America, the land of liberty, peace and plenty. And to the patrons: God bless you; may you live long to enjoy all the comforts and be treated with courtesy, as heretofore, is my prayer.

I.H. STORY, Late P.M.

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### Head Shot Off.

Texarkana: Sam Easley, a farmer and cattle trader, was shot in bead at his home in the suburbs. He has been mixed up in the courts here for several years on charges of cattle theft, but has always com clear. He and a neighbor filed complaints against each other on like charges recently, and Easley's examining trial was to have taken place Tuesday. The assassin cut the wire screen from the window and blew the head of the sleeping man off.

W. B. Brazeil, a carpenter at Dalles, about thirty-two years of age died some time between the hours of 10 o'clock Monday night and 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. It is stated that he fell from a moving car and was taken to his house where he complained of his head hurting him but nothing was thought of it until he was found dead.

### Met Death through a Wire.

Austin: W. E. Bridges, a Western Union lineman, was almost instantly killed as a result of a wire which he was stringing across Congress avenue coming in contact with the street car trolley wire. He was knocked off of a pole and fell to the sidewalk, thirty feet, and died before a physician could reach him. He was from Brandsville Mo., where a widow survives him.

The son of J. R. Scott, a prominent stockman of Wills Point was bitten by a dog Friday that later developed hydrophobia. A madstone was applied to the bite Sunday and adhered to the wound for about five hours. Mr. Scott has gone to St. Louis for treatment in the Pasteur Institute.

### Mysteriously Murdered.

El Paso: Another mysterious murder has been perpetrated near Opunto, State of Sonora, Mexico. not far from the scene of the Maxwell assassination, making six killings all told within a month. The latest death was

that of Shorty Carr, an old freighter, who was engaged in prospecting. An examination of the remains showed that he had been both stabbed and shot.

### Fell Dead in the Street.

Muskogee, I. T.: A. J. Nelson, a resident of Denver, Colo., fell in the street here and died in one minute. He had \$39.90 on his person. He had been here for about a week taking orders for photo buttons, and had \$200 in orders which he had not delivered. He was about 40 years of age, and leaves a wife and one daughter. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World, and carried \$2,000 insurance in that order.

### Thirty Men Are Drowned.

Kingston, Jamaica: Thirty-three persons were killed by an accident which took place near Spanishtown, ten miles west of Kingston in the main conduit of the West India Electric Company. Nearly 100 laborers had been detailed to remove sand from the enormous pipe, which is a mile long, and which conveys water from the intake on the Rio Cobre to the turbines of the powerhouse. The work had practically been completed when orders were given to allow a small quantity of water to enter the conduit. Through misapprehension, accident or carelessness, the full force of water was turned on and a mad struggle to escape by means of the manholes ensued with the result the thirty-three persons were killed.

### To Parcel Out the Townsite Fund.

Muskogee, I. T.: Indian Agent Shoenfelt received instructions from the Department of the Interior to pay out the Choctaw-Chickasaw townsite fund, which amounts to \$520,000. He was instructed to prepare a roll of all approved allottees of those notions, and make a per capita payment. This money has accumulated from the sale of town lots, and each citizen of those tribes will receive about \$24.



# IRVING

Happily Irving was located just between the two pioneer settlements of Kit and Sowers. The forks of the Trinity was the last portion of Dallas County to be modernized by the advent of a railroad and Irving is the central trading point for this territory — long famed for its fertile soil and hospitable and well-to-do people. When the two young railroaders—Messrs. J. O. Schulze and Otis Brown—decided to “rest here,” they chose well. Since December 19, 1903, when the town was located, and when there was not a house on the site save one residence, it has pressed forward very rapidly. Now it is a prosperous trading point with a handsome station and other railroad improvements; three general and prescription drug stores, one excellent lumber yard, one blacksmith shop, a barber shop, an ice cream parlor and —not the least— a general printing plant and newspaper; also two handsome churches already built and



MR. AND MRS. H.W. BRITAIN

another and a schoolhouse projected. Yesterday the postoffice was moved from Kit to this point and the name was changed to “Irving.” A handsome cabinet with call and lock boxes and money order department has been ordered, and this office will soon be prepared to serve patrons in a modern way. Truly this issue of the Index may be taken as a reflex of what importance Irving has risen to within six months’ time.

H.W. BRITAIN

Index takes pleasure in presenting the portraits of Mr. Henry Britain and wife. Mr. Britain was the original owner of the present site of Irving. He owns large land and cattle interests here, and is one of the prime spirits of the section.

As early as the pioneer days of Texas in 1859 the Western spirit took hold of the old Britain family in Gibson County, Tennessee, and Mr. D. C. Britain, with his children, one of which is the subject of this sketch, wended their way to Texas and first stopped at the then small trading station of Dallas, after tedious journey with a yoke of oxen across the country from Milligan, Brazos County, the nearest railroad station at that time. Thus Henry W. Britain, the eldest son, began his Texas career. One wheel of the antique wagon used on this trip Mr. Britain still has in his possession, and prizes it as a pleasant relic of those cherished days.

Mr. Britain has resided here since that far back date, and here he married Miss Sarah C. Castor in the early 70’s. He has reared a family of three children, all of whom live on or near the old home place.

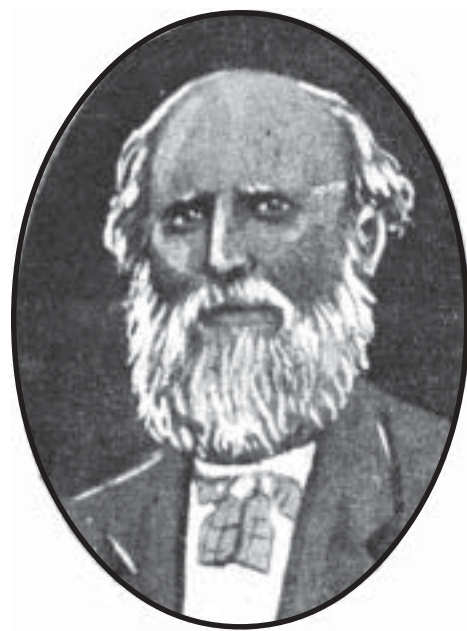
## William Haley.

Mr. William Haley, another of the pioneers, was born in Knox County, Tennessee, in 1831. He later moved to Missouri, and when 19 years old he crossed the plans to California, during the Pacific gold craze. He returned via the Isthmus and New Orleans. In 1857 he landed in Texas, located on his present home site and has continuously resided here. He engaged in farming and stock raising and his pastures are numbered among the finest in this section. In the early days, he says that wheat was the principal crop, as corn did not seem to do well. Mr. Haley has been twice married and is the father of 16 children, 13 of whom are yet living. Dr. John Haley, a popular physician of this community, is his son.

Among his early neighbors he reckons E. Sowers, Johnnie Armstrong and Charlie Sands.

Mr. Haley enlisted in Bill McKamey’s company Jim Boland’s regiment, and did frontier service during the war.

He is now 74 years old. Always had good health until about two years ago, when he



WILLIAM HALEY.

had a bladder trouble, which as impaired his system and destroyed is eyesight.

## Pretty, Historic Sowers, Her Pioneer Fascinations.

The name Sowers has been so interwoven with that of Dallas that the history of the beautiful little community has become a part of the history of Dallas and Dallas County. Away back in the ‘50’s, when Indians were yet a menacing shadow on the frontier of Texas, and when the buffalo were roaming at will, and herds of deer and droves of wild turkeys were as common about Sowers as are now the cattle, sheep and domestic fowls, sturdy old pioneers began to take up headrights in this vicinity. Nature had smiled lavishly upon this particular part of the vineyard and its beauty captivated every prospector that chanced to get in this way. Once here, always here. In those frontier days, which are cherished yet by the pioneers as the happiest and most prosperous period of their lives, there was numbered among the settlers here that time-honored gentleman who resides at the same spot yet as on of the landmarks.—Ed. Sowers.

His neighbors were: Jacob Castor, who had also taken a headright; Henry Castor, who lived two and a half miles south from Sowers; Uncle Lew Castor, who lived on the Gorbitt prairie. Jacob and Henry have passed away, but Uncle Lew still lives here, residing with his son, young Henry. Then there was old man Irby, father of John, who lived near what is called California crossing on Elm Fork. He is yet here. There were a few others at that early period, but very few.

E. D. Sowers was born in North Carolina, but was reared in Illinois. On the thirteenth day of November, 1856, he landed in Texas, and at the present site of Sowers. He located on Parson’s headright and proved claim. That is his homestead now. He farmed exclusively for twenty-one years, but twenty-seven years ago he engaged in the mercantile business and has done a lucrative trade here since. He is in good health and shows a life free from strenuousness, and Index is glad to herewith present a portrait of himself and his wife. When seen by the Index man, Tuesday, he gave some interesting reminiscences:

The first school was in a log house on the Delaware, near where Irving now stands, and it was patronized by all the settlers in the “forks of the Trinity.” A little later another school was taught on Mr. Castor’s place. These primitive houses and school facilities were all the educational opportunities offered to the early settlers. In 1880 Mr. Sowers donated two acres for schoolhouse and cemetery purposes, and a small house sufficed her until last fall, when a new and commodious schoolhouse and church combined, with W. O. W. hall overhead, was erected.



E. D. SOWERS AND WIFE.

The first mail service was before the war. It was a once-a-week star route from Dallas to Birdville, and Jim Horton was mail carrier. There was an office at Jack Lucas’ place (near Kit), called Breckenridge, with Jack Lucas as postmaster; the next office was at Buchanan (now Sowers), with Ed. Sowers as postmaster; one at Estelle, one at Bedford, and at Birdville. This rout was discontinued during the war.

In about 1866 Mr. Sowers secured the re-establishment of the route—this time from Dallas to Grapevine, and twice a week. Eagle Ford, Sowers and Estelle were the intermediate points, and George Hancock was the mail contractor. Mr. Sowers was continuously postmaster at Sowers until five years ago, when he voluntarily gave it up to Mr. H. M. Lucas, the present incumbent.

Mr. Sowers believes people more civilized then than now; all men were honest, and but little wrong doing was known. They had tough times, but enjoyed life better than people of today.

Mr. Sowers has a comfortable, homelike house that has stood the weather beats since 1870. His lumber came from Jefferson, and the shingles, or boards, were made by hand. He was three tears in hauling the material, as he would only haul lumber when he didn’t have freight to haul. He wagoned all over Texas. The lumber cost him 75 cents to \$1 per 100 feet.

The most profitable crop he ever raised was sorghum cane. Just after the war he made and sold sorghum at 75 cents to \$1 per gallon by the barrel, and people came for forty miles to get it. The present crop in the vicinity of Sowers will run near 5,000 to 6,000 bales of cotton, 250,000 bushels of corn, and a good acreage of potatoes, fruit and truck.

### New Texas Insurance Company.

Austin: Texas is to have another home fire insurance company, connected with which is James A. Baker, Jr., Rufus Cage, Charles Dillingham, J. M. Dorrance, W. B. Chew, Hyman Levy, J. V. Neushaus and T. W. House, all of Houston. The name is the Texas Commercial and Marine Fire Insurance Company, capital stock \$100,000.

Robert Logan, Mayor of Poteau, I. T., shot himself above the heart and is in critical condition. It is not known how it happened.

At Millington, a small village near Memphis, Tenn., at an early hour J. G. Ligon a merchant of that place was held up by two masked men and robbed of over \$5000.

In trying to avoid running over a dog Count Chamberlain Von Specht was thrown from his auto and killed near Weisbaden. The machine swerved and stuck a telegraph post. A small

blaze which started in a jewelry store resulted in a general conflagration which destroyed the main portion of the town of Sisson, Cal., the loss reaching \$300,000, with very little insurance.

With her husband in an insane asylum and starvation threatening her, Mrs. Anna Keldick of Chicago gave up the struggle and killed her three small children and then took her own life.

### NEWS IN NUTSHELLS.

Norman Lee, aged 10 years, son of Mr. S. P. Smith, of Jefferson, died as the result of a fall from a tree.

Twenty-two sailors were drowned in experimenting with a submarine boat in the Russian Baltic shipyards Wednesday.

Greenville has just passed an ordinance providing for the issue of \$16,000 in 4 per cent bonds, the money to be used for building an additional school house.

For the first time in five years Texas will be an exporter of corn. So far as can be learned the prospects for this cereal is the brightest known in that many years.

The Texas World’s Fair Commission has entered suit in the Federal court against the Kirby Lumber Company to collect a \$5000 subscription to the Fair fund.

After a trip which circled the earth, John Alexander Dowie arrived in Chicago a few days since. He remained in his private car until switched to a train for Zion City.

Near Ashton, twelve miles north of Flatonia, Joe Kubala, a prosperous Bohemian farmer about 22 years of age, while watering his

horse at a tank, was shot with a shotgun and killed. Mat Charba, a neighbor of the Kubala family, a married man, about 45 years old, surrendered to the officers.

Under the Kinkaid law, which permits homesteaders to file on 640 acres of land, nine million acres of land has been thrown open to homesteaders in Nebraska. The land opened is known as semi-arid land is mostly adapted to grazing.

During the month of June the receipts at the Dallas postoffice amounted to \$26,201.72 against a total for the same month last year of \$22,440.05, a gain of \$3,761.67, or nearly 17 per cent.

The grand jury is investigating a general boycott by the street car strikers at Houston. Editor Max Andrew of the Labor Journal and other leaders refused to give testimony because of self-incrimination.



# Irving CDC adds historic home to city's Heritage District

Otis Brown's historic house, the restored early residence of the City's first mayor and co-founder was originally constructed in 1928 and is now located at 303 S. Hastings in the Heritage District. The holiday season is an excellent time for Irving citizens and visitors to stroll or drive through downtown and the Heritage District to experience a bit of nostalgia. Earlier this year, amidst a steady rain, a Centennial Marker was unveiled at the Otis Brown Historic House. The marker and the renovated exterior are visible from the sidewalk.

The late twenties Tutor style home was first built on the site that is now part of the Sonic Drive-In on Pioneer Drive. When the home was built, it was in the country and considered to be part of the first brick subdivision outside of city limits.

When Dick and Jolene Lear, franchisees of the Sonic Drive-In, purchased the lot in

2002, they donated the house to the Irving Community Development Corporation (ICDC). The nonprofit group and other officials saw an opportunity to save the home from being demolished. An agreement was reached to move the house to the Heritage District. The project staff worked to insure that the integrity and period flavor of the home were maintained. During the renovation phase, the square footage was increased from approximately 1200 to more than 1400 square feet.

Board Chairman, Colvin Gibson stated that while the move to the Heritage District and renovation preserved an important part of Irving's history, ICDC remained focused on its mission. That mission is to help revitalize Irving's neighborhoods through the encouragement of new, rehabilitated and affordable single-family housing.



Otis Brown's house was moved from its original location to 303 S. Hastings.

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After two years of negotiations, **Lowe's** is coming to Irving at the southwest intersection of Hwy 183 and Beltline, the site of the former K-Mart and Hobby Lobby. The old buildings have been razed, and a new 135,000 sq ft store and 27,000 sq ft garden center will be constructed.

K. P. Wilska, president of **Nokia America** since 1999 is leaving to run Nokia's luxury cell-phone company, Vertu, located in the United Kingdom. He has been in leadership positions in the U.S. for 10 years.

**Exxon Mobil Corporation and Qatar Petroleum** announced the commencing of a number of significant activities to advance the \$12 billion Qatargas II project, which will supply liquefied natural gas from Qatar to the United Kingdom by the winter of 2007/2008.

The **University of Dallas** has named Dr. James Leland Whittington as its new dean of its College of Business. Whittington had been associate professor for UD's Graduate

School of Management since 2000, most recently serving as the academic director for the school's Strategic Leadership MBA program.

The **U.S. Supreme Court** recently ruled that, where **Aviall** voluntarily took the initiative to cleanup an environmental situation near Bachman Lake instead of waiting for a government order, as filed, the Company could not collect \$5 million from a former owner of a Love Field business to defray some of the cost. The Court did not hold that Aviall could not sue under the "Superfund" law to recover its cost, and instead sent the case back to a lower court. Aviall may pursue its claim under another section of the law.

**MacArthur Plaza**, a retail center at 2815 N. MacArthur Boulevard, has been purchased by PNYX LP of Dallas for approximately \$900,000 - \$1.0 million. The center has 12,400 sq ft and is 93% leased.

Irving's unemployment rate ticked up slightly in November to 5.3% from 5.2%. Although 167 more citizens were employed in November, 286 more entered the job market, causing the percentage increase.

**Governor Rick Perry** said that he will ask the Texas Legislature to reauthorize \$300 million for the Texas Enterprise Fund, the "deal closing" fund to bring new businesses to Texas. The Governor will also seek \$300 million for the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, a new program focused on fostering innovation, research and job creation in

emerging high-tech industries like semiconductor manufacturing, biotechnology, nanotechnology, environmental sciences and advanced energy.

"Welcome" letters mailed to 15 businesses receiving new sales tax permits.

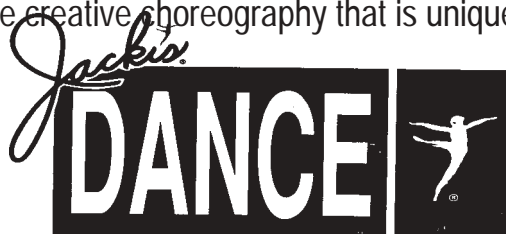
The **ED staff** continues to work on 2 major relocation projects—a major retailer and a semi-conductor manufacturer—and 3 major retention/expansion projects—an oil and gas exploration and production company, a pharmaceutical company and a sales-service center.

**We wish Happy Holidays** and a prosperous 2005 to our private **Economic Development Investors**: **Platinum:** Flowserve Corporation; **Gold:** Carrington Laboratories, Fidelity Investments, Trammel Crow Company; **Silver:** Allstate Insurance, American Title Company-A Shaddock Office, Classic Catering-University of Dallas, DeVry University, The Empower Network, Granite Properties, Medco Health Solutions, SBC Communications, The Staubach Company, TXU Electric Delivery, Zale Corporation; and **Bronze:** Acuity-Associates, Archon Group, Bank of the West, Frazier-King, Imlach & Collins, Industrial Properties, Koll Development Company, Old Republic Site Management, Robert Lynn Company, Southtrust Bank and Staffelbach Design Associates. Thank you for supporting Irving's Economic Development. Call Darnee Samples, 972-252-8484, to see how this program could benefit you.

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# MALL DIRECTORY

## ACCESSORIES

### (ACCESORIOS)

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 Christopher & Banks  
 Claire's Boutique  
 Eyeland  
 Greek Italian Leather  
 Hot Topic  
 Icing by Claire's  
 Lids  
 Sunglass Hut International

## CARDS / BOOKS / GIFTS / STATIONERY (TARJETAS)

Barnes & Noble Booksellers  
 Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop  
 Great American Cookie/TCBY  
 Holly's Hallmark  
 Icing by Claire's  
 Mervyn's  
 T-Shirts Plus  
 Texas Treasures

Things Remembered

## CHILDREN'S FASHIONS (MODAS PARA NINOS)

Dalia's/Dickie's Brand  
 Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop  
 Dillard's  
 Foley's  
 Journeys Kidz  
 Klazy  
 Mervyn's  
 Moda  
 Old Navy  
 Payless Kids  
 Sears  
 The Children's Place

## Department Stores

Circuit City  
 Dillard's  
 Foley's  
 Mervyn's

Sears

## ENTERTAINMENT

### (ENTRETENIMIENTO)

AMC Theatres 14  
 Animation Town  
 Barnes & Noble Booksellers  
 Choo Choo Charlie's Train Ride  
 Circuit City  
 fye - For Your Entertainment  
 A.T. Arcade  
 Sam Goody

## ENTERTAINMENT-THEATRES

AMC Theatres 14

## HEALTH AND BEAUTY

### (SALUD Y BELLEZA)

Bath & Body Works  
 Victoria's Secret  
 GNC  
 Heaven Beaute' Spa  
 Irving Mall Family Dental Center  
 L.A. Nails  
 LensCrafters  
 MasterCuts  
 Modern Nails  
 Regis Hairstylists  
 Toni & Guy  
 Total Life Chiropractic  
 Trade Secret  
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## HOME FURNISHINGS

### (ENSERES PARA EL

### HOGAR)

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 Jet Furnishings  
 Mervyn's

## JEWELRY

### (JOYERIA)

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 Friedman's Jewelers  
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 Gordon's Jewelers  
 Helzberg Diamonds  
 Italian Jewelry  
 New York Jewelers  
 Silver & Gold Connection  
 Whitehall Co. Jewellers

## LUGGAGE

Dillard's  
 Foley's  
 Greek Italian Leather  
 Mervyn's  
 Sears

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S

### FASHIONS

### (MODAS DE CABALLEROS Y DAMAS)

American Eagle Outfitters  
 Dalia's/Dickie's Brand  
 Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop  
 Dillard's  
 Foley's  
 Greek Italian Leather  
 Hot Topic  
 Klazy  
 Mervyn's  
 Moda  
 Old Navy  
 Sears  
 T-Shirts Plus

## MEN'S FASHIONS

### (MODA DE CABALLEROS)

Champs Sports  
 Dalia's/Dickie's Brand  
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 Dillard's  
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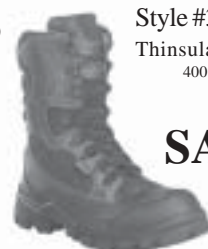
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Moda  
Old Navy  
Sears  
T-Shirts Plus

Villa Pizza

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## SERVICES

(SERVICIOS)

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Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop  
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Teddy Bear Land  
Texas Treasures  
Things Remembered

## SPORTING GOODS /

### ACTIVE WEAR

(DEPORTES)

Champs Sports  
Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop  
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## TOYS AND GAMES

(JUEGOS Y JUGUETES)

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## WOMEN'S SPECIALTY

### FASHIONS

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London Boutique  
Victoria's Secret

## WOMENS FASHIONS

(MODA DE DAMAS)

5-7-9 Shop  
American Eagle Outfitters  
Christopher & Banks  
Dalia's/Dickie's Brand

Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop  
Dillard's  
Express  
Foley's  
Frederick's of Hollywood  
Greek Italian Leather  
Hot Topic  
Isis Bridal  
Klazy  
L'Patricia  
Lane Bryant  
London Boutique  
Melrose  
Mervyn's  
Moda  
New York & Company  
Old Navy  
Rave  
Sears  
T-Shirts Plus  
Victoria's Secret  
Wave

## MEN'S SPECIALTY

### FASHIONS

Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop  
Fashion 101

## Music / Electronics /

### VIDEO

Cingular Wireless  
Circuit City  
GameStop

## MUSIC / ELECTRONICS /

### VIDEO

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Mobil SolutionsNextel  
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# For every family there is a Christmas movie waiting to become part of holiday tradition

Matt Mungle

Each year movies are released with the hope that they will not only score big at the box office but will also find a place in

reoccurring festivities. Though many scripts have been fashioned around the Yuletide theme only a small handful have made it to the pristine position of tradition.

## Dancers create an island Christmas



Adult students of Grace Hula and Tahitian Dance present their Christmas Hula Show at the Heritage Senior Center on Dec. 18.

Not wanting to just make stuff up, I did a poll of an extensive list of friends, coworkers and colleagues to find out just what is being watched if anything. The facts are in and by far the reigning holiday flick is *It's a Wonderful Life*. Capra's 1946 release has filled all generation gaps with its charm and heart-stirring message. Is it coincidence that *Sesame Street's* famous duo Burt and Ernie share their names with the cop and cab driver in this film. I think not.

Other non-animated titles making the must see list were *White Christmas*, *Miracle on 34th Street* and one version or another of *A Christmas Carol*. How can you beat Albert Finney as old Scrooge?

While the majority are pre-color, some later faces have crept onto household screens including *A Christmas Story*, *The*

*Santa Clause* and *National Lampoons Christmas Vacation*.

Maybe you have wanted to start a tradition while your kids (or grandkids) are young. To help you in making this all-important decision here are a few helpful hints. Please keep in mind that even though a movie has "Christmas jargon" in the title it won't necessarily make a smooth transition to tradition. For example: *Bad Santa*. I think the title sort of speaks for itself. Then there is *Black Christmas*, a slasher movie from 1974 with the great tag line, "If this movie doesn't make your skin crawl...It's On Too Tight!" No vision of sugarplums there. *Reindeer Games* though conjuring up thoughts of Rudolph and friends is actually about a casino heist gone awry, not a test of antler agility.

If you are one of "those" families and wanna be slightly varied from the norm maybe try some of these titles that amazingly didn't

make anyone's list. *Santa with Muscles*, a 1996 film where an evil millionaire (Hulk Hogan) gets amnesia, and then believes that he is Santa Claus. Or *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians*, a 1964 classic that has Martians kidnapping Santa because there is nobody on Mars to give their children presents.

But if you are going to start a new tradition, it might as well be done with a new movie. This year's *Elf* is destined to be a classic, plus there is *Christmas with the Kranks* and *Surviving Christmas* as well.

Regardless of what era you go with and whether it is animation or live action, there is something very bonding about family traditions that far out weighs the cinema. I urge you to let the mindset of family and togetherness top your wish list this holiday season. It really is the gift that keeps on giving. With tips for a cool Yule, I'm Matt Mungle.

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ANSARI, FARAH  
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## Goodby 2004, welcome 2005

### Margaret's Corner

Hi Irving!

Here is goodbye to 2004 and welcome to 2005.

As we continue to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas we cannot help but to realize this year is coming to an end, very soon. As we reflect on the past year we ask ourselves some questions: did we do everything God wanted us to do during the year He gave each of us? I can think of several that I failed, but at the same time a lot I did fulfill. What is more awesome is that God gives us a second chance. The benefit (or problem) is that we must heed the truth and act upon it.

I pray that 2005 will become alive in a greater way more than ever for my family and yours. First of all God wants us to become an instrument of praise to Him everyday. He inhabits the praises of His people. He will shower us with many gifts and blessing.

The other day a friend of mine prayed with me (on the phone). She addressed God as Papa, it was such a sweet, loving way to address God. He is our heavenly Father, but Papa, won, how more

personable is that! I'll never forget that prayer. Sometimes God changes our direction He wants to see how obedient we are to Him. After much prayer my friend is going to wait for another time or maybe even a different direction.

I just love my Sunday school class; Ed Davis is our teacher. We talked about Christmas. To sum it up: celebrate the true meaning and parents should teach children about the true meaning of Christmas also. Join me for Sunday school 9 a.m. Calvary Church every Sunday morning. We have breakfast too.

Have a glorious Christmas and I'll see you in 2005.

God bless you.  
Attend church Sunday.

*Margaret Lopez is an independent writer for the Irving Rambler. An Irving resident for more than 12 years, she and her husband have been married for more than 37 years and have four daughters and four grandsons*

## The Phantom of the Opera opens

Jess Paniszczyn

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum, Patrick Wilson, Minnie Driver, Miranda Richardson

For the past 16 years *The Phantom of the Opera* has been playing on Broadway. Now Andrew Lloyd Webber, the genius behind the musical, has produced the screen version of his epic work.

The story revolves around a mysterious, masked phantom (Gerard Butler) who lurks in the shadows of the Opera Populaire in 19<sup>th</sup> century Paris. For the past several years the phantom has concentrated his attentions on a young dancer and budding soprano, Christine (Emmy Rossum). As Christine's career takes off, the phantom seeks more control over both the Christine and the opera.

I had read some not-great reviews about this movie before I went to see it. When the movie got off to a slow start and the operatic singing began I thought, "Oh, no". But then something happened, between the enduring musical compositions of Webber, some excellent cinematography and a well crafted story, I began to really enjoy the movie.

Most of the people who dislike this movie are well acquainted with the Broadway version. Unlike a true musical, the film

characters don't sing every line; there is a lot of dialog in the film. A few other differences are that the order of the songs is rearranged, scenes have been added and the ending is altered. All of this adds up to a purist's worst nightmare. However, if you've never seen the Broadway version, it won't bother you a bit.

I wasn't extremely impressed by the performances of the main characters. It was the supporting cast that really held this film together.

Whenever Carlotta (Minnie Driver) was on the screen she stole the scene. Driver was absolutely terrific as the self-indulged, diva. From her strikingly pink hair to her salt and pepper matched poodles this is a fun, over-the-top characterization of Carlotta.

The visual presence of the film is as important to the telling of this story as any character. Filled with pageantry and interesting costumes the *Phantom of the Opera* is filmed in high contrast stunning color. Often the camera tells much of the story and adds humor by filming the actions and expressions of supporting cast members.

*The Phantom* is fun to watch and, at times, the music is truly striking. Guys, if you want to gain points with your girlfriend, take her to see this movie. Nothing is blown-up, but it's not a chick-flick either; and you get bonus points for appearing to appreciate the arts.

## CITY NEWS

### Irving soldier honored

Josiah Vandertulip's name has been added to the wall at Irving Veterans Memorial Park. Vandertulip, an Irving resident, was killed Oct. 14 when his Army patrol came under enemy fire in Iraq. The memorial wall lists 77 Irving residents who have given their lives in service to our country. Vandertulip is a 2002 graduate of Irving High School, where a scholarship has been established in his name. Irving Veterans Memorial Park is located at 644 Rock Island Road, adjacent to the Irving Central Library.

### Bluebonnet Award voting

The Irving Public Library is a site for children to vote for the 2005 Texas Library Association's Bluebonnet Award. Children who are home-schooled or who attend schools not registered with the program can vote at the Central Library from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. To be eligible to vote, students must be in the third through sixth grade or doing equivalent work. Participating students must read or listen to at least five books from the list, available at the library, before they may vote for their favorite title. The author of the book receiving the most

votes statewide is declared the winner of the Texas Bluebonnet Award. For more information, call (972) 721-2458.

### Irving Community Theatre

Irving Community Theatre will present the following free performances - *The Pied Piper* at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Central Library; and *The Wizard of Oz* at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Valley Ranch Branch Library.

### Counted cross-stitch display

A collection of works by Barbara Perkins, a former Irving librarian, will be on display at the Irving Central Library, 825 W. Irving Blvd., during the month of January.

### Library computer classes

The following free classes will be presented at the Irving Central Library's PC Lab. Call (972) 721-2606 for more information.

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### Recreation classes

Registration for recreation classes begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at each of the recreation centers. The session begins Monday, Jan. 10, and ends Saturday, March 5. Registration for Heritage Senior Center classes begins at 10 a.m. the first business day of the month. Call (972) 721-2501 for more information.

### ICTN holiday performances

Irving Community Television Network (ICTN) has taped a variety of holiday performances. Following are some upcoming airdates on cable Channel 15.

- Irving Girls and Boys Choir,  
Thursday, Dec. 23; and 5 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 29.
- New Philharmonic Orchestra of Irving with IISD Combined Choirs,  
Thursday, Dec. 30; and 5 p.m. Sunday,  
Jan. 9.
- Irving High School Orchestra Cluster, Winter Concert,  
8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23; and 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 28.
- Irving Ballet, *The Nutcracker*,  
5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26.
- Irving Symphony Orchestra Pops, *Home for the Holidays with the Irving Chorale*,  
6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26; and 10 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 29.
- For more holiday specials, go to [www.ictn.tv](http://www.ictn.tv) for show dates and times.

## Tara Kersh named Irving's new neighborhood coordinator

Tara Kersh has been named neighborhood coordinator for the City of Irving. In this position, she provides support, resources and training for existing neighborhood and homeowner associations and assists in the formation of new groups.

City government and the field of neighborhood services are not new to Kersh, as she most recently served as neighborhood specialist for the City of Arlington. Prior to that position, she was neighborhood services planner for the City of Plano and planning coordinator for the City of Big Spring.

"We're very pleased to have someone with Tara's experience join our team," said Pat Nicks, community affairs director. "As neighborhood coordinator, she will serve as a liaison between Irving neighborhoods and city hall, and help residents interested in forming neighborhood associations."

Kersh has a master's degree in urban planning and a bachelor's degree in geography with environmental emphasis from Texas A & M University. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the American Planning Association.



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## Merry Christmas and motorcycles



Two area riding clubs, the Sport Bike Angels and Graphic By Design, joined together to ensure that a family of six had decorations and presents for Christmas.

## Lyric stage presents *King David*

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joined lyricist Tim Rice (Jesus Christ Superstar, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and Evita) to create this stirring biblical oratorio.

Gary Floyd starred as David with Greg Allen as Saul, Cara Statham Serber as Bathsheba, Mary Gilbreath as Michal and Greg Dulcie, Shane Hurst, Brian Hathaway, Wendell Holden, Doug Davidson, Emerson Collins, Jonathan McCurry, Randy Dobbs, Jay Gardner, Chad Huchison, Lindsay

Holloway, Stephanie Hall, Connie Marie Brown, Vickie Dean, Amy Askins, Karen Clayton, Lisa Miller, Laurie Granlund, Diane Robertson and Louise Anderson round out the company. Cheryl Denson directed with musical direction by Scott A. Eckert.

Performances were December 15, 16 and 17 downtown in The Cathedral at the Arts District Virgin of Guadalupe Shrine, and December 18 and in the Irving Arts Center's Dupree Theater.

## Academy students learn English by preparing a historically accurate feast

Students enrolled in Lori Welch's AP English 4 classes at The Academy created a medieval feast Saturday night.

As part of their study of the middle ages, 80 students participated in the graded project. The young scholars were required to create decorations, produce entertainment, and plan, prepare and serve the meal. Several students created costumes and enacted stories based on Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*.



Murderer (Matthew Whisennand) strikes the fatal blow during a *Canterbury Tales* skit.

## Holy Family of Nazareth School students perform Christmas program

Dancers, actors, singers, musicians and visual artists from Holy Family of Nazareth School worked together to create their Christmas program *Leaving Cookies for Santa Leave my Soul for Jesus* performed Dec 18 and 19.

Approximately half the school's students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade spent three months practicing, learning lines and preparing sets to help make the production a success.

Michael Pulido wrote, directed and produced the program to demonstrate the potential of students and the importance of a fine arts program.

"Everything that went into this production meant that the kids had to be on time, and they had to be dedicated and committed to what they were doing from the beginning to the end," Mr. Pulido said. It also meant character-wise that kids had to accept what their limitations were and work to go above them in order to make something happen and fulfill their commitment."



The loss of two front teeth has Alex Kohs singing the blues with tooth fairies, Mary Armato, Alex Perdomo, Serena Cansler and Melissa Hantelmann (not in order).

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## RELIGION

## Running your race may involve a few surprises

Dr. Jim Gerlach  
Oak View Baptist Church

I love to watch the Olympics for two reasons...the stories and the surprises. And with 10,000 athletes competing in hundreds of events over 18 days, even the mob of journalists and commentators can't cover everything.

Did you hear about Kim Gevert of Belgium who gave up a career as a classical pianist to try for the Olympics? Then there is Jefferson Perez of Equador. He is the 50K "walker" who is sustained by a lifetime supply of yogurt awarded to him for winning his event in Sydney. And Sergio, how about those Argentians? After 52 years without a gold medal, they upset Paraguay, the U.S.

and Italy to take top honors in two of the world's most popular sports - Men's Soccer and Basketball.

But probably the greatest surprise occurred on the last day of the Olympics. With only about 3 miles (of 26 miles) left in the Men's Marathon, a drunk ex-priest from Ireland jumped out of the crowd and tackled the leading runner Vanderlei de Lima of Brazil.

While Lima only lost about 15 seconds before his attacker could be restrained, he eventually lost his lead and finished third for the bronze medal.

The enemy will do everything he can to keep you from running and finishing the race Christ has set before you. And by the way, watch out for the nuts on the sidelines!

## OBITUARIES

## JOE E. BEMBENEK



Joe E. Bembenek, a resident of Irving, Texas for over fifty years. Born November 7, 1919 in Hurst, IL. Died December 20, 2004 in Irving, TX of cancer.

Joe was preceded in death by parents, Edward and Helen (Johns) Bembenek and brother, Earl. His loving and devoted wife of 49 years, Lila Jones Bembenek and his son-in-law, Don Dozier, also preceded him in death.

He served in the US Navy as Boatswain I/C during WWII and was stationed in New Guinea, Australia and the Philippines. Joe retired after 35 years from AM International. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church for 47 years and served on the Vestry and was known as Mr. Fix-It. He worked with the Austin Street Shelter helping make breakfast for the homeless and delivered Meals on Wheels to shut-ins. He loved to work on cars and helped numerous neighbors and friends with their car needs.

He leaves behind his four dedicated daughters: Debbie Dozier, Terri Bembenek, Cyndi Bembenek and Valerie Welch (Chaz), and five grandchildren: Christina, Kim and Brad Dozier, Maylen and Keaten Welch. He is also survived by 6 nephews and 1 niece and their families. Joe is also survived by sisters-in-law, Neva Jones Roche and her husband, Ernie, their son, David and his family and LaRue Jones and her family, as well as a host of friends. The family would like to thank the wonderful care givers: Dorothy, Shea, Lisa, Cindy and Michelle from Vitas for taking care of Dad these last nine months.

Family visitation will be Sunday, December 26, 2004 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Donnelly's Funeral Home, 606 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, Texas. Requiem Mass will be held Monday, December 27, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, officiated by Rev. Keith Roberson and Rev. John Johnson. Interment will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. Memorials should be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 516 S. O'Connor Rd., Irving, TX 75060 or Vitas Hospice Care, Dallas.

## CASS WILLIS "DUB" SEEBER

Cass Willis "Dub" Seeber, of Irving, passed away Thursday, December 16, 2004 in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Seeber was born on April 12, 1930 in Vidor, Texas to Nelson William "Joe" and Angeline Peveto Seeber. Dub was a graduate of Irving High School, a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason and Shriner, a 50 year member of Irving Masonic Lodge; a life member of TASBO, a deacon at First Baptist Church - Irving and a lifetime supporter of Nimitz High School.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Martha Seeber of Irving; son, Joe Seeber of Brenham; son, Charles "Chuck" Seeber and

wife, Donna of Tomball, Texas; sister, Marcelle Durbin of San Antonio, Texas; brother, Nelson William Seeber, Jr. of Teague, Texas; grandchildren, Stephanie Day, Kevin Seeber, Meagan Seeber, Abbey Seeber; numerous family members; and a wealth of friends.

## JACK RUBAN ANDREWS

Jack Ruban Andrews, of Irving, passed away Sunday December 19, 2004 at his home. Mr. Andrews was born August 16, 1921 in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Survivors include his son, Gary Andrews and wife Janis, of Balch Springs, Texas; daughter, Jacklyn Justus of Olathe, Kansas; and 4 grandchildren. Local arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, Irving, Texas.

## CHARLES R. SNIPES

Charles R. Snipes, of Irving, passed away Friday December 17, 2004. Mr. Snipes was born July 12, 1949 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Charles and Mary Alice Mayfield Snipes. Local arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, Irving, Texas.

## MARY KATHERINE METCALF BENOVSKY

Mary Katherine Metcalf Benovsky, age 81, a resident of Coppell, passed away on December 16, 2004 in Irving. She was born September 27, 1923 in Durant, Oklahoma.

Preceded in death by parents, Bryan and Emma Mae Metcalf; sister and brother-in-law, Raymond and Emma Jean Sirkle and Oscar Benovsky. Survived by daughters and son-in-laws, Linda and David McClure, Nancy and Burton Hill, Becky and Ted Downing, Jim and Mary Ellen Culbreth; niece, Sherry Knight; nephew, Raymond Sirkle; and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She also leaves behind many wonderful friends. Employed by IISD as a teacher and counselor for 27 years, until her retirement in 1988. She enjoyed her retirement years at her church, First Baptist of Coppell, Coppell Senior Citizens Center, and Farmer's Branch Woman's Club. Mary was a positive note in the many lives she touched - friends, family and the friends of her children.

A private burial was held at Oak Grove in Irving. In lieu of flowers please send donations to either the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.



## JOHN NORDSIG

John Nordsig, age 66, of Irving, Texas passed away on Friday, December 10, 2004 after a lengthy illness. A memorial service was held on Saturday, December 18th at Village Baptist Church in Irving.

Mr. Nordsig was born on December 26, 1937 in San Antonio, TX. He married

Marianne Shaw on August 5, 1962 in Anderson, TX. Mr. Nordsig was the owner of The Galley restaurant in Irving along with several printing companies.

He is survived by wife, Anne Nordsig of Irving, TX; daughter, Andrea Helgeson and husband Micahel of Aurora, CO; son Johannes Nordsig of Irving, TX; sisters, Emma Tedeschi of Irving, TX and Theresa Sjurseth of Houston, TX.

Heartfelt thanks to all our friends, long-standing and recent, who have made our quality of life enriched and blessed. The family also appreciates the care and concern of the doctors and staff at the Renal Care Group. For anyone who wishes, memorials can be made to the American Kidney Foundation, The Dallas Area Council of the Blind or a charity of one's choice.

## JANICE ANN (DILL) BAIRD



Janice Ann (Dill) Baird, age 57, a resident of Irving for thirteen years, died Dec 15, 2004 at her home.

Born Jan 29, 1947 in Westminister, Massachusetts, to a military family, she lived many places from France to the Dominican Republic. She was a records clerk at the Irving Police Department and she was involved in the pre-school department at Oak View Baptist Church in Irving.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Baird; daughter, Kelsey Michelle Baird of Irving; mother, Mary Louise Arnold; sisters Linda Dill and Donna Willis; and brother Rick Dill all of California.

## EDWARD AUGUSTUS VANCORTLANDT GLOVER, III



age 85, a resident of Irving, Texas since 1969, went to be with his Lord Dec 21, 2004 at Baylor Medical Center at Irving. Born Oct 15, 1919 in White Plains, New York, he was a Captain in the U.S.

Army from 1943 to 1946. Serving during WW II, European Campaign, D-Day +4, he was honored with three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He retired from AAFES after 26 years. While with AAFES, the family lived in Europe and Japan and traveled extensively in Europe and Asia. Preceded in death by his sister, Marie Marshall and brother, Richard Glover. Survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Sallyann; son, Edward (Ted) Augustus VanCortlandt Glover, IV and his wife Bonnie, of Lucas; son Courtney Michael Glover and his wife Pat, of Beaumont; daughter, Maryalice (Mimi) Glover Grant of Plano; two grandchildren, Charlotte Glover Grant and Douglas Glover Grant; sisters, Marjorie Kelly of Florida and Nancy Glover of New York City, NY. Private services to be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Puddin's

Place Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 30095, Lumberton, TX 77657.

## MARGARET WHITED

of Terrell and formerly of Irving, passed away Saturday December 18, 2004. Mrs. Whited was born July 26, 1942 to parents Harold John and Olive Crane Hart Eilers. Survivors include her daughters, Linda Johnson Vandiver of San Antonio; and Laura Davis of Terrell; sisters, Marion Robinson of Mena, Arkansas; Susan Miller of Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Barbara Groff of Arlington; and 5 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday December 22, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Chapel, Irving. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, Irving.

## JONG TAE CHO

of Irving, passed away Monday December 13, 2004. Mr. Cho was born February 4, 1948 in Pusan, South Korea to parents Eui Hong and Kum Ok Park Cho. Survivors include his wife, Eun S. Cho of Irving; son, Ik Terry Cho and wife, Jy Yeon of Houston, Texas; daughter, Yoon J. Cho of Houston; brother, Jin Woong Cho of S. Korea; brother, Sang Tae Cho of S. Korea; sister, Jung Hee Cho of S. Korea; brother, Woo Jin Cho of Irving; brother Hyung Jin Cho of S. Korea; and 2 grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Tuesday December 14, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Chapel with Seung Kim officiating. Interment was at Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston.

## GILBERT VOIRIN

Graveside funeral services for Mr. Gilbert Voirin, age 89, of Wills Point, TX, formerly of Irving, TX, were held Dec. 20 at Oak Grove Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Voirin passed away Friday, Dec. 17, 2004 at his residence after a short illness.

He was born July 8, 1915 in Irving, TX to Emile and Mary Densmore Voirin. Mr. Voirin married Myrtle English on May 20, 1944 in Rockwall, TX. She preceded him in death Nov. 13, 1991.

Mr. Voirin was a veteran of WWII having served his country in the US Navy. After returning home from the war he became a carpenter by trade and built many of the houses in and around Irving. He has also been very active in the American Legion in Irving. After retirement he purchased a ranch in Wills Point, TX, where he enjoyed the peace and quite of country living until his death.

Survivors include son Bob Voirin of Wills Point, TX; preceded in death by son James Voirin, but survived by James' wife, Kathy of Watauga, TX; daughter, Barbara Jones and her husband, Robert of Wills Point, TX; daughter, Johnnita Miller and husband Joseph of Irving, TX; and son Dennis Voirin of Euless, TX; brother Grady Voirin and his wife Mary of Farmersville, TX; 13 Grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.



**Famous Birthdays December 25th**

**Newton** - 1642 - Isaac Newton, Grantham Engld, physicist/mathematician astronomer [OS]  
**Pius** - 1717 - Pius VI, [Giovanni A Braschi], Italy, Pope (1775-99)  
**Chappe** - 1763 - Claude Chappe, French engineer (optical telegraph)  
**Wordsworth** - 1771 - Dorothy Wordsworth  
**Galvin** - 1855 - James Galvin, pitcher, shut-out every opposing team in 1884  
**Gunsbourg** - 1859 - Raoul Gunsbourg, composer  
**Fernandez** - 1863 - Fernandez Arbcs, Spanish violinist/conductor/composer  
**Ali Jinnah** - 1876 - Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Karachi, founded Pakistan (1947) gov (1947-58)  
**McCarthy** - 1881 - Joseph V McCarthy, baseball manager (NY Yankees)  
**Hilton** - 1887 - Conrad Hilton, hotel mogul (Hilton Hotels)  
**Davidson** - 1887 - John Davidson, NYC, actor (Charlie Chan-Chinese Cat)  
**Ripley** - 1893 - Ropert L Ripley, Santa Rosa Calif, cartoonist (Believe It or Not)  
**Bogart** - 1899 - Humphrey Bogart, NYC, actor, Here's looking at you, kid (Casablanca)  
**Maclane** - 1900 - Barton Maclane, Columbia SC, actor (Gen Peterson-I Dream of Jeannie)  
**Devoto** - 1916 - Daniel Devoto, composer  
**Berman** - 1944 - Rick Berman, [Richard], producer (Star Trek Generations)  
**Buffet** - 1946 - Jimmy Buffet, Mobile Alabama, vocalist (Margaritaville)  
**Mandrell** - 1948 - Barbara Mandrell, Houston Tx, singer/TV host (Mandrell Sisters)  
**Spacek** - 1949 - Sissy Spacek, Quitman Tx (Carrie, Badlands, Coal Miner's Daughter)  
**Grant** - 1960 - Amy Grant, vocalist (That's What Love Is, Baby Baby)

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**Gizmo**

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Reason for Surrender: Doesn't get along with other dogs.

Comments: Gizmo is very sweet and loving. He loves the outdoors and is good with cats



**Tigger**

Breed: Domestic Short Hair Sex: Female / Spayed Weight: about 7 lbs. Age: about 1 years

Color: Tabby

Reason for Surrender: Moving

Comments: Tigger is sweet and affectionate. She is good with kids and other cats.



# The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra presents its holiday celebration



Stage diva, Dara Whitehead, accompanies the Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra during their Yuletide holiday celebration.

The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra presented its second concert of the Season with a Holiday Celebration featuring three of the Metroplex's most dazzling divas on Dec 18.

Special guest artists Dara Whitehead, Amy Stevenson and Jodi Crawford Wright brought a special Yuletide show to the GSO stage. In addition to these vocal talents, the GSO, conducted by Robert Carter Austin, celebrated the season with Christmas favorites such as: Vivaldi's Concerto for Four Violins and Orchestra, Vaughn Williams' Fantasia on Greensleaves, and keeping with our *Strauss, not stress...* theme, Johann Strauss, Jr.'s Schneeglockchen (Sleighbell Waltz). Tradition also dictated the annual carol Sing-along to conclude the Holiday Celebration.

The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra credits its Music Director, Robert Carter Austin for its continued outstanding and

diverse orchestral programming. Maestro Austin's background encompasses over 30 years of professional music experience and includes degrees from MIT, Cambridge University, and Stanford University. Maestro Austin's musical experience includes

conducting performances in countries including: Korea, Ukraine, Canada, Italy, Spain, China, France, Germany, Mexico, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Colombia, Philippines, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and the United States.

## Irving Symphony Orchestra and Irving Chorale concert brings out the holiday spirit



Marguerite Korkmas

Carpenter Hall at the Irving Arts Center was aglow when the Irving Symphony Orchestra presented its holiday concert "Home for the Holidays" on Saturday, December 11th.

Guests were greeted with pre-concert music by the Lamar Middle School Orchestra with Adrian Demian conducting. Adrian is a violinist with the Irving Symphony and is the Director of the Lamar Middle School Orchestra.

Concessions were provided by the Irving Schools Foundation adding even more festivities to the beautifully decorated lobby.

The concert opened with the magnificent arrangement of "Gloria" by R. Alan Bass with the Irving Chorale accompanying the Irving Symphony Orchestra. Santa joined in the music handing out candy canes during a sing-along.

A reception followed the performance putting everyone in the spirit of the season.

## Seniors celebrate birthday



Members of The Irving Silvertones Choir present The Sounds of Christmas as part of the Heritage Senior Center's celebration.

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