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UIL schedules altered due to swine flu

On the recommendation of Dr. David Lakey, Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, and in consultation with Texas Education Agency Commissioner Robert Scott, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) altered its schedule of events due to the outbreak of the swine flu in Texas. All UIL interscholastic competition has been suspended until May 11.

"The health and safety of our student activity participants is of the utmost importance," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles

Breithaupt. "Taking every possible precaution to prevent the further spreading of this disease is an important contribution to the welfare of our great state, and altering the schedule of our events is a way to keep our participants safe."

Joe Barnett, Athletic Director for the Irving ISD, said that the suspension of UIL competition has forced postponements for school athletes.

"They have suspended all playoff softball and baseball games and regional track until at least May 11. Any activities be-

tween different school districts is suspended until then," Mr. Barnett said. "We had a playoff baseball game (Irving) and two playoff softball games (Irving, Nimitz) that have been suspended. We will reschedule those for the week of May 11.

"We had about 25 kids in re-

gional track who were supposed to compete in Lubbock starting May 1.

"Students can still practice and things like that. They are trying to keep schools from different parts of the state from coming together will all of their fans.

"It's a massive undertaking to reschedule the track events, because there are 20 different sites around the state for regional track. The sites have to be available. A lot of the sites are colleges and

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North Lake College broadens educational opportunities

Provided by Ali Adams

North Lake College held a ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating the opening of the North Lake College South Campus on April 29.

"This is a long-awaited day," said Dr. Herlinda Glasscock, President of North Lake College. "Providing people with access to higher education is in our midst. We can make a significant difference in the lives of people in our community now and in the years to come."

Located on the northeast corner of Shady Grove and MacArthur, the North Lake College South Campus is a 33,000 square foot facility designed to provide a center for educational attainment that meets the economic and workforce needs of the community.

Among the guests who attended the ceremony were Irving city officials including Tommy Gonzalez, Irving city manager, and the city's mayor, the Honorable Herbert Gears.

"The future is something we have to keep our eye on at all times," Gears said. "The opening of this facility is a product of the great vision of the Dallas County Community College District, North Lake College and the City of Irving. It is a great contribution to this community and its future."

At the South Campus students will be able to pursue a two-year Associate Degree, take freshman and sophomore academic transfer courses to pursue a baccalaureate degree, attain certification for career programs, and take part in career, enrichment and cultural programs. Classrooms are equipped with "smart classroom" technology and the entire campus supports wireless connectivity. A common



Doing the honors, DCCCD Trustee, Kitty Boyle, cuts the ribbon for the North Lake College South Campus as Dr. Herlinda Glasscock, President, North Lake College and René Castilla, Executive Dean, North Lake College South Campus watch.

room is also available for the use of community and civic organizations.

In addition, the South Campus offers specialized programs to meet community needs including, computer business classes, GED instruction, an entrepreneur center, a teacher academy and ESL programs.

Also in attendance was special guest Emily Wilkin, whose family owned the land the campus is sitting on from 1907 until the 1960s. As the land changed ownership through the years, Wilkin has been diligent about saving a very special tree that sits at the front of the South Campus. Now called the Cunningham Heritage Tree, students and staff will be able to study, chat or simply take a break at one of the benches sitting around the tree.

"The land has become something the community can share in and gain from," said Wilkin. "I can't think of a better use for this land: cultivating and nurturing minds."

The campus landscape has caught the eye of the City of Irving as well. The South Campus was named 2009 Corridor Enhancement Winner of the Year by the Greater Irving - Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce.

"This is an important day for North Lake College and the City of Irving," said René Castilla, Executive Dean of the South Campus. "We are so proud to see our vision realized."

For more information about the North Lake College South Campus, visit www.northlakecollege.edu and click on the community campuses link.

World War II veteran honored with medals

By Jess Paniszczyn

Following his honorable discharge in 1946, Private First Class Robert Parras Luevano was content to leave the battlefields of Europe and his memories of World War II in the past. As the years unfolded, he established a career,

married his wife, Catalina; raised five children and enjoyed his version of the American Dream, which he and his brothers in arms fought to protect.

But as fate would have it, Robert's past did not remain forgotten, and the deeds of a young man drafted into arms would not remain in the shadows.

So after more than six decades as a civilian, the morning of April 25 found PFC Luevano once more in military dress. Surrounded by

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Sixty-three years after his honorable discharge from the United States Army, PFC Robert Parras Luevano receives a flag flown for him over England in addition to the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and other accolades he earned through his service during World War II.

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May 2 from 8am to 5pm

Hospice Volunteer Training - The Visiting Nurse Association needs hospice volunteers in Dallas County who want to help terminally ill patients and their families. A two-day training class in volunteer hospice care will be held May 2 and 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Visiting Nurse Association offices on 1600 Viceroy Drive in Dallas. Training is provided at no cost. Volunteers are requested to bring a sack lunch. Coffee and other beverages will be available. To register, contact 214-689-2672 or feltnerj@vntexas.org.

May 2 8:30am to 1pm

Dog Fun Walk - At Campion Trails from 8:30 a.m. to 1p.m. Check in from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Birds Fort Trail Pavilion, 5756 Riverside Drive just north of Northwest Highway. Free gifts and goodies. Come walk the beautiful trails. Make this a fun way for you and your four legged friend to exercise and enjoy nature. Complimentary trail guides provided. For details call the Heritage Senior Center 972-721-2496.

May 2 from 9:00am - 3:00pm

Cinco de Mayo - Be part of this Health, Educational and Multicultural Festival 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Senter Park Recreation Center, 901 S. Senter Rd. Irving.

May 2 from 10am to 6pm

Adopt-a-Thon - Irving Animal Services will host its annual pet Adopt-a-Thon from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A variety of puppies, kittens, purebred dogs and older pets in need of a second chance for a new home will be available for adoption. A list of adoptable animals at the shelter is available at www.cityofirving.org under "Online Services." The Irving Animal Shelter is located at 100 N. Briery Road. For more information, call 972-721-2256.

May 2 at 2pm

Small Business Administration programs - A representative from the Small Business Administration will discuss programs and services available to assist prospective, new and existing businesses at 2 p.m. at the Northwest Branch Library, 2928 N. Belt Line Road. Call 972-721-2691.

May 2-3

Texas Nightmare Weekend - Texas Nightmare Weekend is a three day horror convention that takes place bi-annually in the Dallas Fort Worth metroplex. "The Southwest's Premier Horror Convention", their goal is to provide fans with an unrivaled experience by celebrating all aspects of genre film making. Texas Nightmare Weekend hosts celebrity appear-

ances, autograph signings, screenings, exclusive parties and horror memorabilia vendors from all over the country. 2009's event will feature appearances by Alice Cooper, Linda Blair, Tobe Hooper, Fairuza Balk, Karen Black and over fifty other celebrity guests, filmmakers and authors throughout the weekend at the Sheraton Grand Hotel (4440 W John Carpenter Fwy, Irving, Texas 75063.) www.texasfrightmareweekend.com

May 3 at 2:45pm

Ice Cream Social - Ice Cream Social and General Meeting at the Heritage House at 2 p.m. The election and installation of officers will be at 2:45 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the afternoon of fellowship on the Heritage House lawn.

May 4 from 7:30 - 8:30pm

Journey Toward Healing - If you have lost a loved one in death, join "The Tasks of Grief" for support, discussion, and prayer. The concept of tasks implies that effort is required. This on-going support group meets the first Monday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Hill Room, Family Life Center, Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church, 2323 Cheyenne Street, Irving. Call 972-252-5521 for more information.

May 5 from 10:30am - close

Teacher Appreciation Day - Chick-fil-A® restaurants in the greater Dallas/Fort Worth area will honor educators on Teacher Appreciation Day. Educators who visit a Chick-fil-A restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to the restaurants' closing will receive free Chick-fil-A® Chick-n-Strips (three-count) when they show their valid school identification. Offer only valid for educators who show valid school identification; limit one per person. Contact your local restaurant to verify participation.

May 5 from 3 - 6pm

Graduate Summer Job Fair - Irving ISD will be hosting a graduate summer job fair from 3-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Center of South MacArthur Church of Christ. The event is designed to help graduating IISD high school students locate part-time employment during the summer and while they attend college. Admission is free and open to the public. South MacArthur Church of Christ is located at 1401 South MacArthur Blvd. in Irving.

May 5 at 6:00pm

Greater Irving Republican Club - The Greater Irving Republican Club will have their regular monthly meeting at Spring Creek Barbeque, 3515 W. Airport Freeway, Irving. If you plan to have dinner, come at 6:00pm. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. Guest speaker will be

Debbie Georgatos, co-chair for the Kay Bailey Hutchison for governor campaign. For additional information, contact 972-258-1007.

May 7 at 7pm

Friends of Irving Public Library Meeting - The Friends of the Library will hold their annual meeting at the Valley Ranch Library, 401 Cimarron Trail. Following a brief

business meeting at 7 p.m., Library Director Patty Landers will present "The Library's Vision Plan - Building for the Future." Membership is not required to attend but applications will be available at the door. The Friends of the Library support the Irving Public Library by raising funds for library materials and programs. Call 972-721-2628 for more information.

POLICE & FIRE



Burglary of a Habitation: 04-25-09 at 2:06 a.m. Officers were dispatched to a prowler call in the Hidden Village Apartments, but could not

contact the reporting party. While walking the complex, officers contacted the suspect carrying a jewelry box. The suspect fled and was later apprehended in a nearby apartment and arrested. Dispatch broadcast two burglaries that had just occurred within that same area. The suspect possessed property from both burglaries.

Pursuit: 04-24-09 at 9:19 p.m. An officer was working the gang grant when he attempted to stop a sport bike motorcycle traveling north

bound on MacArthur for a traffic violation. The bike fled and escaped approximately two min. later. The bike was last seen east bound SH356 at Sowers.

Deadly Conduct: 04-28-09 at 10:09 p.m. An unknown suspect fired 3 shots from a .45 cal hand gun into an occupied apartment in the Regal Parc Apartments. No one was injured.

Aggravated Robbery (Individual): 04-29-09 at 3:35 a.m. The victim, an adult female, was walking in the parking lot at 1403 Esters Rd. when she was approached by a male armed with a handgun. The suspect grabbed her purse and fled the scene.

Irving Fire Department

Activity summary April 23 - 29, 2009

Irving Fire Department responded to 258 incidents.

The Fire incidents

60 Miscellaneous Fire and Rescue Calls
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Monday, May 11, 2009, 6 p.m. Open House,
6:30 p.m., Presentation
University of Dallas - Haggard University Center
(above food court)
1845 E. Northgate Drive

Thursday, May 14, 2009, 3:00 p.m. Open House,
3:30 p.m., Presentation
North Lake College Library - Room L-240
5001 N. MacArthur Blvd.

For more information, contact DART Community Affairs at 214.749.2543, or visit www.DART.org. (For accessibility assistance at the University of Dallas meeting, please contact the UD ADA Coordinator, 972.721.5382, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.)



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Mothers Against Drunk Driving hosts supporters

Provided by Mary Kardell

This year 3,500 people of all ages from around the Metroplex filled Uptown near Pearl and Woodall Rogers for Walk Like MADD, an annual pledge-based walk benefiting MADD's mission.

The Teen Scene tent offered live music and prizes specifically for teenagers, including TIGI hair products, gifts baskets, and an iPod. Kids' activities in the Tot Spot included crafts and prizes, as well as clowns and magicians. Parents enjoyed themselves with free food and family fun throughout the event grounds. Several families brought the family pet along to visit the Pooch Parlor area which included treats and prizes for the Top Dog.

The event also featured a survivor and victim area with stories and faces that have been affected

by drunk driving. Boards with the faces of victims surrounded the tribute area where walkers could hang up a cut-out angel or dove in memory or honor of a loved one.

Committed walkers helped MADD almost fulfill their financial goal for the event, \$170,000. MADD is still collecting donations and hopes to reach the \$170,000 mark by May 31. Approximately, \$30,000 is needed to meet this goal and donations can be made by going to www.walklikemadd.org and selecting the Dallas walk.

Displayed sole-to-sole were 1,300 pairs of shoes representing the number of Texans killed in alcohol-related crashes in 2007. Every 30 minutes, another family loses a mother, father, son, or daughter to the consequences of underage drinking, and drinking and driving.



The Irving Police Department team participates in Walk Like MADD.

Police Department offers school crossing guard jobs

Crossing guards play an integral role in the precautions taken by the city to protect children en route to and from school. With training provided by the Irving Police Department, crossing guards manage traffic for the safe passage of unassisted school children in designated school zones.

Trained and authorized to use traffic direction techniques, crossing guards sometimes help alleviate traffic congestion that may be potentially hazardous to pedestrians. Ensuring the safe crossings of pedestrians is just part of the job description for crossing guards, they also teach children

how to cross properly and how to report activity that may pose a danger in school zones.

As the number of schools and children in Irving grow, the School Crossing Guard Program continues to progress by providing the training and experience needed to ensure that duties are performed safely and to the highest expectations possible.

Those interested in becoming a school crossing guard should visit www.irvingpd.com and select the "Adult Crossing Guards" link. For more information, call 972-721-3553.

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Irving ISD elementary school registration schedule

Irving ISD announced elementary school registration guidelines for the 2009-2010 school year.

Elementary students in kinder-

garten through grade five who are new to Irving ISD may register for school May 4-22 and Aug. 10-18 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12:30-3 p.m.

at their neighborhood schools. To register a student, the following information must be provided: updated immunization records, birth certificate, student's Social Security card, and proof of residency (lease or utility bill).

All students who are entering school for the first time and speak a language other than English must

be given an oral language test to evaluate their language skills. Testing will be available 8 a.m.-4 p.m., May 11-15, May 18-22, May 25-29, and June 1-5 at the IISD Language Test Center, 820 O'Connor Road. Testing will resume Aug. 10, but will be available by appointment only by calling 972-273-6688. The test is mandated by law and is a neces-

sary part of the student's school record.

For more information regarding new student registration and for school attendance boundaries, access www.irvingisd.net/ppage/registration.htm.

The first day of school for IISD is Aug. 24.

UD School of Ministry receives gift from couple

Provided by Rebecca Jackson

The University of Dallas School of Ministry received a \$5,000 gift from Mike and Mary Terry to help fund scholarships for Escuela Bíblica Católica, the Spanish-language version of the school's Catholic Biblical School. The Terry's made the gift in honor of Marianne Staubach, a second-year student in the Catholic Biblical School and recent recipient of the Catholic Foundation Award.

"We are inspired by Marianne's devotion to the Catholic community as she continues to take her personal journey in our Catholic faith to new heights," said the Terry's. "The Escuela Bíblica Católica will allow others to deepen

their faith and provide the skills and resources needed for leadership in the Catholic community."

"This gift not only recognizes the generosity and example of Marianne, but it also serves to assist our students with scholarship support," said Dr. Brian Schmisek, dean of the School of Ministry. "We are grateful to the Terry's for their vision and charity."

La Escuela Bíblica Católica has been offered by the School of Ministry for the past three years. It is a four-year program of intensive study covering the entire Bible and is intended for adults who are willing to make a commitment to complete all course requirements for at least one year.

Senior prom sticker shock

By Jason Alderman

Forget college – just paying for your kid's senior year in high school can break the bank if you haven't planned carefully. While it's always a challenge to deny your kids enjoyable experiences, today's tough economy is forcing many families to make difficult decisions regarding these once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

One of the costliest senior expenses is the prom. At the risk of dating myself, my prom set me back \$150, mostly for a tuxedo rental. These days, according to a Your Prom magazine survey, the average couple spends at least \$1,000 – many pay much more.

It all adds up. Consider:

---New prom dresses cost from \$100 to \$700 or more. Plan on another couple of hundred for shoes, accessories, flowers and professionally styled hair, nails and make-up.

---A new tuxedo will set you back at least a few hundred dollars, not to mention the shirt, tie, studs and shoes you'll need. Even renting all this will likely cost \$150 or more.

---Figure at least \$100 an hour plus tip to rent a limousine, for a minimum of four hours.

---The national average for prom tickets varies from \$50 to \$150 per person, depending on venue, entertainment, meals, etc. And don't forget about commemorative photos.

---The couple probably won't want to eat at McDonalds, so figure at least \$40 for a nice meal.

---After-party. This could be anywhere from a few bucks at the bowling alley to hundreds of dollars for group hotel suites.

When Visa Inc. surveyed prom goers recently, 27 percent recalled having paid for everything themselves, 26 percent had parents who picked up the whole tab, 14 percent split it 50-50 with their folks and 12 percent shared the cost with their date. Bottom line: Don't feel compelled to foot the whole cost. If your kids have skin in the game, they'll quickly determine what they can and can't live without.

Here are a few cost-saving ideas:

---Shop for formal wear at consignment stores or online at sites like eBay or Craig's List. As with tuxedos, many outlets rent formal dresses and accessories for one-time use.

---Have make-up done at a department store's cosmetics department.

---At the very least, split the cost of a limo with other couples.

Team up with other parents to host a pre-prom dinner buffet or after-party.

---Take photos yourself – and buy disposable cameras for candid shots at various events.

Besides the prom, you should anticipate many other senior-year

expenses. Talk to recent graduates and their parents about their lessons learned; then, before the school year begins, sit down with your child and hammer out a budget. Consider expenses such as:

College entrance exams, study guides and tutoring
College application fees and site visits
Senior portraits
Graduation announcements

Cap and gown
Graduation party
Senior trip

Use senior year as an opportunity to teach your kids about the importance of setting and sticking to a budget. Visa's free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life, features many easy-to-use budgeting tools and interactive calculators that can help (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting).

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Swine flu: To panic or not, that is the question

Provided by Ashley Howland

Thanks to the 24-hour media coverage about swine flu, we're all aware that a potential flu pandemic could be nigh. But before you stock up on face masks and hand sanitizer, it's important to put some things in perspective.

William Sutker, M.D., chief of infectious diseases at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas says that first and foremost, we should remain calm.

"As of now, there is no need for people to panic. So far, there have been very few cases reported," said Dr. Sutker. "At this point, it is unclear if the swine flu outbreak will develop into a full blown pandemic."

Although there are many myths and misconceptions floating around, Dr. Sutker says the facts about swine flu are these:

Swine flu or H1N1, is a particular strain of Type A flu (Type A and Type B are the usual strains seen every year). Swine flu is typically associated with pigs and usually contracted by those who have close contact with the animals. However, this strain can be spread from person to person.

"Although the type of flu we saw this season was not sensitive to some of the common antivirals that were available, swine flu is," said Dr. Sutker. It can be treated with Tamiflu and Relenza, available by prescription. However, Dr. Sutker adds that these medications

should be used carefully as over-use could lead to drug-resistant strains of the virus.

So far, 40 people in the United States have been diagnosed with swine flu. In comparison, anywhere from 5 to 20 percent of the population in the United States is diagnosed with human strains of the flu every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The symptoms of swine flu are mild. Although the symptoms for swine flu are similar to those of the regular flu, such as fever, chills, body aches and coughing, they are no worse than regular flu symptoms.

"However, there seems to be an increase in nausea and vomit-

ing amongst those infected with swine flu. Again, these symptoms can be associated with regular strains of the flu as well," he said.

You can not get swine flu from pork products. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists you can not catch swine flu from food products.

Dr. Sutker adds that the most powerful weapon in our defense against swine flu is basic flu prevention protocol. Just like any other strain of the flu, swine flu is spread by coughing, sneezing, etc. so in order to protect yourself—or to avoid spreading it if you are infected—practice good respiratory etiquette.

"Hand hygiene can not be stressed enough," said Dr. Sutker. "Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitizer. As always, this is the single most important prevention technique that we have available."

"Flu, like any other contagious respiratory disease, is spread by

contact with infected droplets such as those released during a cough or sneeze," he said. Cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, use your shirt sleeve or hand, but make sure to wash your hands thoroughly afterwards.

"Any crowded area is the last place you should be if you think you have been exposed," said Dr. Sutker. "Do your friends, family and co-workers a favor and stay home. You will not only spare them becoming infected too, but you'll need the rest in order to get better."

"We are advising people to avoid going to their local emergency room if they are feeling sick as they can easily become overwhelmed. Instead, make an appointment to see your family physician so they can start treatment immediately."

To learn more about swine flu and how you can protect yourself, visit www.BaylorHealth.com.

Flu impacts UIL competition

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they have graduation and other events coming up."

A statewide ban on UIL competition is a new phenomenon.

"At first you think, this is way overboard. But I really don't know. I don't know how widespread this is. So I don't know whether it's prudent or not. I leave that to the experts to figure out."

"We are going to comply with what the UIL does. The students' health is more important than competing. We don't want to endanger the health of any students, parents or fans."

"We postpone a game because of rain or weather. But I have never seen anything statewide like this. It's a new one on me," Mr. Barnett said.

In addition to athletics, fine art students are also affected by the UIL's suspension.

"Music UIL events are over for Irving ISD," said Alfred Green, Director of Fine Arts for IISD. "The last ones were last week. We are fortunate to have gotten everything done in this area."

"There are some parts of the state where the music contests are scheduled for next week, and they will not be able to hold those. They are trying to reschedule those for a week after the blackout period."

Irving choirs and bands scheduled to participate in Fun-Fest at Sandy Lake, which is not a UIL event, will not perform during the UIL competition restrictions.

"The District has made the decision for Sandy Lake especially, because it is such a gathering of really young kids all elementary and middle school age that Irving ISD will not participate in Sandy Lake until the blackout is over. There are groups asking to reschedule, but we don't know how that is going to workout," Dr. Green said.

"The schools have paid money to Sandy Lake and we would like them to work something out so we can still do what we have paid to do, but at a different time. Each teacher will work on that individually."

"Thousands of people will attend Fun-Fest on a given day. Sandy Lake is a small theme park environment with rides and everything. Twenty or more groups will perform during the day, and the rest of the day they get the use of the park."

The Irving School District is committed to supporting the UIL in their decisions.

"I kind of think the UIL decision to suspend competition is a bit hasty. I don't think we know this is any kind of serious outbreak. There are thousands of people who experience the flu every year and die from it. We don't know that this is going to be any worse than that. Just your normal winter flu, pretty much gets everybody."

"I think we could have handled the situation by providing precautions. Once the state begins to re-

quest certain actions, we are going to cooperate," Dr. Green said.

Tentative UIL schedule

As this is a fluid situation, the UIL tentatively releases the following schedule for UIL regional and state events affected by this situation. For more information, visit www.uil.utexas.edu.

Academic State Meet

The UIL Academic State Meet, originally scheduled for May 7-9, will be May 25-26 for all conferences.

One-Act Play

The Conference 4A and 5A One-Act Play competition will continue as previously scheduled on May 15-16.

Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival

The Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival, originally scheduled for May 9, has been cancelled. The UIL staff will consult with the 16 participating schools to determine whether or not to reschedule the event at a later date.

Regional Track Meets

All UIL regional track meets originally scheduled for May 1-2 have been cancelled. The state track and field meet will be extended to a three-day format to include semifinal heats. The meet is tentatively scheduled for May 14-16.

After collaborating with University of Texas officials and the twenty UIL regional track meet hosts, the UIL has tentatively rescheduled the regional track meets to take place after interscholastic competition resumes on May 11. The IV-5A regional track meet will be held May 15-16 at San Antonio ISD.

On April 29, the UIL announced that the state track meet would be held May 14-16 and that qualifiers would come from the top four participants in each event from each region.

Semifinal qualifiers will be based on the district track meet results. Each region will be represented at the state meet by the top four performances in each event for all conferences.

Hand-held times will be converted to fully automatic times as defined by the National Federation of State High School Association rules. A revised track and field state meet schedule is posted on the UIL

web site 1. Qualifiers to the UIL state track and field meet will be posted on the UIL web site on May 6.

Golf State Tournament

The UIL golf state tournament will take place at the previously scheduled times beginning May 11.

Tennis State Tournament

The UIL tennis state tournament will take place at the previously scheduled times beginning May 11.

Baseball and Softball

For an updated schedule of interschool games, visit www.uil.utexas.edu.

UIL Academic success

MacArthur High School placed second overall in District 7-5A UIL Academic Competition at Grand Prairie High School April 3.

Irving High School, MacArthur and Nimitz High School were among seven schools competing in UIL District 7-5A. MacArthur won team awards in debate, calculator applications, literary criticism, mathematics, number sense, spelling & vocabulary, and theater. Team awards won by Irving High were in the categories of Science and Computer Science, and Nimitz students won several top individual awards.

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TXU Energy installs LEDs in parking garage

Lighting Science Group Corporation recently announced they completed a parking garage retrofit for TXU Energy, helping the company to reduce their energy costs.

TXU Energy replaced existing 175 watt metal halide light fixtures with state-of-the-art 78 watt light-emitting diode (LED) low bay parking garage fixtures from Lighting

Science. It is the first garage project of its kind in North Texas and among a handful of similar projects in the state.

Lighting Science, a global leader in LED lighting solutions, retrofitted TXU Energy's headquarters' parking garage with 53 pyramid shaped low bay parking garage fixtures. The high performance LED fixtures will help reduce

TXU Energy's energy consumption by 54,700 kilowatt hours a year, which is equivalent to the carbon sequestered by nearly 880 trees in ten years.

"The garage retrofit embodies our commitment to supporting energy efficient solutions that, in the long run, provide a financial and environmental benefit," said Jim Burke, chief executive officer of

TXU Energy. "LED lighting is now becoming more available to commercial businesses. It was important for us to be at the forefront of applying this technology."

Lighting Science's pyramid shaped garage fixtures are made up of 108 LED light sources arranged so that if one light source fails, the other LED light sources will continue to illuminate a wide area. These units provide cool white light with excellent color rendering, substantially improving night vision and providing increased security for TXU Energy employees.

LED fixtures offer an extended useful life of up to 50,000 hours, compared to 10,000 hours for a 175 watt metal halide lamp, allowing organizations to confidently reduce the frequency of maintenance

rounds devoted to fixing or replacing non-working units.

LEDs represent an energy conserving and sustainable technology because they contain no mercury, or other hazardous materials typically used in many types of traditional light sources such as fluorescent and compact fluorescent lighting.

"When you consider parking garage lights are on 24 hours a day, seven days a week, energy costs can amount to a significant overhead cost," said Govi Rao, chairman and chief executive officer of Lighting Science. "LED solutions are maturing into an affordable, reliable and financially beneficial alternative to traditional lighting options, encouraging even greater adoption rates."

Property Owners' Association elects board

Provided by Doug Harper

The South Irving Property Owners' Association (SIPOA), elected their first permanent Board of Directors on March 31.

The ten candidates elected to the Board of Directors for 2009 / 2010 are: Rosann Alexander, James Baker, Carol Carper, Linda Fischer, Edna C. Garcia, Roy Getting, Doug Harper, Kenny Hernandez, James Wallace and Don Wilson. A chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer will be deter-

mined by the incoming Board of Directors prior to assuming their duties on May 1. The length of term, one year or two years, for each board member will be determined as well.

The South Irving Property Owners' Association is a non-profit organization made up of residents and property owners in Irving whose purpose is to protect and promote the rights and interests of property owners, to promote community awareness, and to improve the quality of life in South Irving.

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Young job seekers face tough market for summer jobs

By Stacey Brucia

Teens and college students looking for a summer job might have a tougher time landing a gig this year compared to summers past, according to a recent survey.

Nearly half (46%) of hourly hiring managers with responsibility to recruit summer employees will not be recruiting this year, according to a February survey of more than 1,000 hiring managers commissioned by SnagAJob

.com. To compound the problem, teens and young adults can anticipate far fewer openings among businesses with available positions. Nearly one quarter of hiring managers (23%) say that while they will be hiring, they will do so at levels lower than last year. Almost half (48%) of these managers intend to hire at rates between 10 and 50 percent below last year's seasonal hiring levels. This figure has jumped 12 percentage points from 2008 (36%).

"We'd be leading teens astray if we told them anything other than the fact that it will be a very tough summer for high school and college students to find seasonal jobs," said Shawn Boyer, CEO of SnagAJob.com. "The reality is that there will be fewer summer positions available, and more people are out of work each month, which is increasing pressure on the summer job market."

Hiring managers report that young adults will be facing increased competition:

29% of hiring managers say that a youth's greatest competition for a seasonal position comes from workers who recently entered the workforce because of economic pressures (up 9 percentage points from last year). And as this group is a larger competitive factor, fewer hiring managers say that a youth's biggest competition will come from another teen or college student like themselves – a drop of 7 percentage points from last year (61% last year, now 54%).

73% of hiring managers expect more applications this summer compared to last summer. This is a significant increase from the 48% of hiring managers who anticipated more applications when comparing summer 2008 to summer 2007.

While this scenario may look bleak, Boyer offers some tips to teens and college students looking for a summer job:

Apply now. Do not wait until school gets out. While 74% of hiring managers with available positions expect to have their positions filled by May, this is a case where proactive job seekers will have a

leg up on their completion.

Cast your net wide. Let family and friends know that you are seeking a summer job, and do not limit yourself to one or two opportunities – this is not the year to be picky.

Teens should consider establishments that typically begin hiring at 16 years old. These include

fast-food restaurants, movie theaters and grocery stores.

College students should return to places where they have been employed previously. According to the survey, hiring managers say that 65% of their seasonal staff will be returning workers. Make contact now with a previous employer to see if they might need you again.

Builder completes luxury suite for Dallas Cowboys

Provided by Lynda Haschke

Green Star Builders, a Dallas-based custom builder specializing in energy efficient green building practices, completed the construction of a green luxury suite at the Dallas Cowboy's Valley Ranch practice facility in Irving.

"It was a thrill for me to design and develop this cutting-edge green luxury suite for the Cowboys," said Brett Relander, Green Star Builders president and CEO. "Even though I grew up in Illinois, the Cowboys were always my fa-

vorite team. They've been a leader in the NFL for decades; now they're leading in a new way with a real dedication to building green."

The three-story outdoor suite features green building techniques, including a high-efficiency ductless HVAC system, reflective windows, tankless water heaters, and a custom terrazzo floor made from recycled glass. Green Star is also building an elevated viewing platform inside the team's indoor practice facility. The Cowboys plan to integrate the outdoor suite and the indoor viewing platform into the team's corporate sponsorship program.

"We hope to expand this green luxury suite initiative to other major sports franchises around the country," said Relander. "It's a great niche for our company and something that has great appeal for sponsors and fans."

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LETTERS

Editor:

I have known Joe Phillip for many years in both a professional and a personal capacity. I am proud to endorse him for re-election to the Irving City Council and highly recommend him as the best choice for Place 8 on the bal-

lot.

Irving is a visionary city. We need leaders in the city who have that visionary outlook for the future of Irving.

Joe Phillip has this proven leadership with a true sense of community. He has helped in making many positive changes for our great city such as support of the IPD in crime reduction, support of

lot.

Joe is honest, intelligent, respectful and extremely aware of the multi-faceted issues we face in Irving. He thoroughly researches each item before voting to ensure it is in the best interest of all Irving citizens. He has been success-

ful in helping establish Irving as a national leading city for its economic development and job creation. His experience in the business sector gives him insight into what businesses and individuals are facing in today's challenging environment. I personally admire

active neighborhood associations and redevelopment of neighborhoods by encouraging strong code enforcement. Joe Phillip has been a stalwart councilman in attracting economic development projects such as bringing in new companies which have created jobs bringing young business and professional people to Irving.

I personally have been pleased that Joe supports and attends cultural and heritage events. Joe Phillip leaves no doubt that he is proud of and supportive of our great city one hundred per cent. We would have to look far and wide to find a more seasoned, responsible and capable leader to serve our great city.

Mary Oberlin

his commitment to the development of single-family residences which, I believe, will enhance the quality of life in our city.

We are truly fortunate to have a man of Joe's character, dedication and loyalty willing to serve our city. It is without hesitation or

reservation that I recommend him for Place 8 on the Irving City Council. And, I sincerely hope that the citizens of Irving vote for him so they can continue to benefit from the leadership of Joe Phillip.

John R. Owens

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OBITUARIES

MORRIS HOLLAND PARRISH



Morris Holland Parrish was born January 28, 1927 near Tenaha, Texas to Fred and Lena McCann Parrish. He died Thursday April 30, 2009 after a long bout with leukemia. He served in WWII and the Korean War as a hospital corpsman in the Navy. He graduated from Tenaha High School in 1943, received a BBA from Stephen F. Austin State College and a Masters in Hospital Administration from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. He served as Hospital Administrator of Memorial Hospital - Houston; Memorial Hospital - Nacogdoches and Irving Community Hospital - Irving where he retired in 1987. He was appointed by Governor Clements to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas and was appointed by the Irving City Council to serve

as Executive Director of the Irving Arts Center where he became interested in art and this interest was carried forth to his eight years as a member of the Irving City Council with four of those being Mayor. This interest was shown through his dedication to public art across the city. He was dedicated to the concept of regional mass transit and worked tirelessly for the expansion of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit service and fought for Irving remaining a part of the system. He also served as a member of the Dallas Mobility Coalition, Member of the Tollway Committee for the Dallas Region, Member of Dallas Area Rapid Transit Arts Committee, Executive Committee of the North Texas Council of Governments, Executive Committee of North Texas Commission, and Chairman, Metroplex Mayors Association. He was a deacon at Plymouth Park Baptist Church. Throughout his varied career he served on many boards, commissions and committees in the three cities where he lived and also on the State and National level. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, two children, Richard Parrish of Terrell, Texas and Judith Bolch of Monument, Colorado

and five grandchildren, Sam Parrish, Danny Parrish, Alex Parrish, Beau Bolch and Ali Bolch. He is also survived by his twin brother, Mitchell of Waco, Texas who eight years ago donated his stem cells giving Morris a much longer life than was ever expected and creating medical history. Also surviving him are Mitchell's wife LeFern and late brother Bill's wife Jean, of Richardson, Texas and a number of nieces and nephews. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Joseph Fay who did so much to preserve the life of their husband and father for so many extra years. Funeral services will be held at the Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving, Friday May 1, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., with Pastor Ken Branam officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Ramah Cemetery near Tenaha, Texas. It was the desire of Morris that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Irving Healthcare Foundation in Irving, Texas. Morris felt the foundation was one of his great accomplishments while serving as administrator of the hospital from 1973 to 1987. Honorary pallbearers: Those who called him friend.

ALTON LEON TROBAUGH



Alton Leon Trobaugh, 73, passed away on April 19, 2009 in Muleshoe, TX. He was born on August 15, 1935 in Dallas Co., TX. to A.L. & Mary Lou Hargrove. Alton had been a resident of Irving all of his life until moving to Sudan, TX. in his later years to live with his daughter. He was a former member of Village Baptist Church, a veteran of the US Navy and had worked as a meat packer for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Anita Trobaugh. He is survived by his Two Daughters, Robin Gore and Husband, Randy of Sudan, TX., Rhonda Nowak and Husband, Dave of Weatherford, TX., Two Sons, Ricky Trobaugh and Russell Trobaugh both of Irving, TX., Two Stepsons, Rick Martin of Mesquite, TX., and Donald Martin of Euless, TX., 16 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, two brothers, Nolan Trobaugh of Mansfield, TX., and Roy Trobaugh of Alvarado, TX., and five sisters, Carlene Kelly of

Amarillo, TX, Laverne Walls of Kemp, TX., Alma Kennedy of Irving, TX., Helen Trobaugh of Benton, AZ., and Barbara Ann Townsend of Pearl, MS. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at Chapel of Roses Funeral Home. Interment followed at D/FW National Cemetery in Dallas, TX.

ALAN DALE DANIEL



Alan Dale Daniel of Irving, TX, 60, passed away unexpectedly on Friday April 24, 2009 in an auto accident on his way to work at Image Concrete. He is preceded in death by his mother Ann Kane and brother Dennis Davis. He is survived by his wife Michelle Daniel, son Christopher Daniel, daughter Laura Daniel, 3 grandchildren and sisters Sue Coleman and Teresa Phillips. His love for animal's lives on and in lieu of flowers contributions may be made to: Classy Cats, Inc., P.O. Box 1755, Roanoke, TX. 76262, in

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Irving resident wins scholarship in culinary competition

Provided by Mollie Cole

Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts Dallas recently announced the local winners of the 3rd Annual Le Cordon Bleu Schools

North America Market Basket Competition. Nine future students participated in the semi-annual event that took place on March 21; and three Texans received schol-

arships to attend the Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts Dallas, beginning in April.

Michael Bolen, Springfield, competed against eight other contestants from around the state. At the pastry scholarship competition, Bolen wowed the judges with his Apple Cinnamon Crepes with Caramel, Chocolate and Sweet Cream Cheese Sauces using only the components of a "market basket." Bolen earned a \$2500 scholarship and intends to pursue a career as an Executive Chef.

The Le Cordon Bleu Market Basket Competition takes place twice yearly at 14 of the Le Cordon Bleu Schools North America

locations. The pastry competition began with an essay and concluded with an intense kitchen challenge at Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts Dallas.

Daisy Stateler, Irving, placed second in the competition and won a \$2000 scholarship for her Chocolate Pirouette with a Crème Anglaise. The third place winner in the Market Basket Competition was Hutchins resident Michael McMillian Jr. Texas.

"Mr. Bolen has an appetite for the culinary arts and it definitely shows in his work," said Executive Chef Barbara Tuckson. "The clients enjoy his demeanor and rave about his food. He pays at-

tention to detail and is always researching the latest trends in business."

The Le Cordon Bleu Market Basket Scholarship Competition is two-phased. Students submit an online entry form with a 75 - 150 word essay demonstrating their interest in becoming a chef; a team of judges select the finalists and invite them to compete in the kitchen challenge. Then, on the day of the scholarship competition, future students are given a market basket containing key ingredients. They have 90 minutes to prepare and present two identical plated desserts (one for presentation and one for judging.)

Trivia teams battle for trophy

Provided by Mary Higbie

Eleven teams began, but only four went on to the finals of the Irving Trivia – The City and The Man on April 19 at the Valley Ranch Library.

All of the teams came well prepared to test their knowledge of the City of Irving, past and present, as well as the first American Man of Letters, Washington Irving. Sometimes they surprised themselves with an unusual correct answer, other times there were moans when a correct one slipped away. Always there was laughter and good humor from the audience as well as the teams. Irving Heritage Society President and former mayor R. Dan Matkin served as emcee.

The Greater Irving – Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce defeated the La Cima Club when they knew that Nimitz was the local high school which had won the most regional Academic Decathlons. Entertainment Series of Irving (ESI) started down the victory path by defeating the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau when they selected an answer that said Rip Van Winkle went into the

mountains to get away from a nagging wife.

When the ESI met last year's trivia champions the Irving Chamber, it became a different story. Following the rounds of eight questions, the teams were tied. The lead bounced back and forth as they went through sixteen tie breaker questions. On the second "sudden death" question, ESI said the original monks who started Cistercian Prep School were from Hungary, and this was enough to send them home with the traveling trophy. The members of the winning team were Marlene Steward, Richard Knoll, Max Whitley, and F. M. Gilbert, who substituted for preliminary round team member Dottie Vaughn.

The month long series of events have been sponsored by the Irving Heritage Society, the Irving Public Library, the City of Irving, and the Irving Independent School District. This program was made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For additional information about the events, visit www.irvingheritage.com or call 972-252-3838.

Family, friends rally to honor war hero

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family and friends, Robert sat straight and stern-faced as he was presented a flag flown over England in his honor, the World War II Legacy Medallion, the Purple Heart Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, World War II Registry Certificate and the Purple Heart Hall of Honor Certificate.

Only at the end of the ceremony as *The Army Goes Rolling Along* was played, did Robert permit himself to smile. And when he did, his pride and happiness filled the entire room.

"After the war, there were problems with record keeping, because they were mustering out several million men at one time. Part of his medals were mailed to him," said Jim Van Rite, who served as

the master of ceremonies. "The Army was going to present the metals to him during a ceremony in about two weeks, but they don't think he will last that long. So that is why we are in a hurry up mode."

Robert's granddaughter, Lety Chacon, was very pleased with the ceremony hosted at Hearthstone Assisted Living in Irving.

"The ceremony was bigger than we had imagined. We had so many people help us pull this whole thing together. It came out perfect," Lety said.

"Even though we rushed the ceremony, we are way late in doing it. We should have done it years ago. It is our fault, because we never knew. He never talked about the war. He loved the Army, but he told me the war was Hell. That is about all he ever told us.

"We didn't realize how important it was. Only in the last four or five years has he started opening up. I am just sad that a week before he passes away, we are finally going to do this for him. At least, he is being honored finally."

While celebrating Thanksgiving last year, a friend of the family's, retired Master Sergeant Martha Alice Lowell, asked Robert what medals he had received. At the time, he said he had earned the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

"Martha started investigating and realized he should have received all of these other honors. She found out that in total he should have received 15 medals, and he had only received two of them," Lety said.

"Martha still works at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs. She found a pilot who was flying to England, and asked him to fly a flag for my father in England.

"His flag was flown especially for him. The pilot and his whole crew signed a certificate for my father. The certificate documented where the flag was flown and who it was flown for. They took a picture of the plane, and they all signed it, and sent it to him."

Now 83 years old, Robert, who receives treatment from VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, isn't always fully aware of his surroundings. But receiving these overdue honors seems to have made a positive impression on him.

"He hasn't been in his right mind to tell us too much. He can't remember any stories or even being in the service," Lety said. "But the last few days, it is like the flood gates opened. He was naming his friends, telling us stories, and talking about the towns he was in.

"For the last few days, he has known he was going to receive his medals. He has been able to understand what is happening, and he specified what he wanted.

"When he was coming in, he understood exactly what was happening."

With a little help from his family, Robert was able to say a few words about the event.

"My medals are good. They are not counterfeit. There is one for each cause.

"The ceremony was nice. I have been waiting almost every day for this," Robert said.

OBITUARIES

memory of Alan. Celebration of life services to honor his life will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00 A.M. at the Aria Funeral Home at 1820 N. Belt Line Rd., Irving, TX. 75061.

FRANCES OKPECHI

Frances Okpechi, 57, passed away on April 17, 2009 in Irving, Texas. He was born on June 30, 1951 in Nigeria. Funeral services will be Saturday May 02, 2009 at Family Life Center. Interment will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. For full obituary, please go to www.chapelofrosesfh.com

WILLIAM BLAIR "BILLY" WELLS

William Blair "Billy" Wells, age 28, died April 24, 2009. He is survived by his parents, JoEllen and Mark Lansford of Irving and two brothers. Funeral was Monday at Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in

Mesquite. Burial was at Masonic Cemetery in Abilene by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

RALPH E. CARPENTER

Ralph E. Carpenter, 88, formerly of Irving, TX, died Sat. April 25, 2009. Born May 1, 1920, in Wooster, OH, he was preceded in death by his wife Virginia Gray. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at the Anderson Funeral Home, Adrian. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery, Irving, TX.

RAYMOND CHARLES O'BRIEN

Raymond Charles O'Brien was born December 14, 1921 in Ouray, CO. He is survived by his wife June O'Brien of Irving, stepdaughter Sherry Hamilton, Richardson, and stepson Curtis Farrar, Lewisville. Services were held 10 AM April 28, 2009 at Brown's Memorial Chapel

with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Oaray.

ROBERT W. KEITH

Robert W. Keith, age 67, of Irving, died April 23, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Eileen, 4 sons, 2 sisters, and 4 grandchildren. Funeral Mass was Tuesday at Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church with burial at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery directed by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

SHAUN TOOMBS

Shaun Toombs, age 30, died April 25, 2009. Survived by his wife, Monica; mother Terri Taylor; grandparents Drex and Mary Toombs and Florene Taylor; brothers Gahlen Dinkle and Michael Dinkle. Funeral was Wednesday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Oak Grove.

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Mungles on Movies

By Matt Mungle
Title: *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*
Rated: PG-13

There are films that touch us. Films that inspire us. Films that transport us. Then there are films that are made entirely to entertain us. And so begins those movies known as the summer blockbusters. Those effects driven, off the wall plot lined, never could happen in a million years flicks that kick us in our popcorn filled stomachs with adrenaline fueled action. And hopefully they give us our moneys worth. This season starts smart with a well loved character and a background sown in Marvel pages. That steel clawed, Gillette avoiding mutant, Wolverine.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine takes us back to the beginning when a set of young brothers, Logan (Hugh Jackman) and Victor (Liev Schreiber), begin their lives as something not quite human. We see them travel the same path but to separate destinations. Victor, loving the thrill of killing and the power his mutancy brings him, compared to Logan's conception of right and wrong, and the desire to still do good in this world and live a life as normal as possible. It is only when a mad government scientist (how many of those can there be in the world) threatens the woman he loves that Logan fully engages his inner Wolverine and becomes what we later see in the X-men series.

This film does exactly what you hope it would. It lets you see the origin of a familiar character, but does so with stylized fight scenes and action sequences that must be viewed on the big screen to fully appreciate. They bring in all these other crazy mutants that can do all sort of wild and zany stuff. Things that as a kid you always pretended to be able to do. Even as a person who doesn't follow the X-men (or is it X-people) I was able to follow the storyline and possibly even had a few more surprises. Granted there is probably a lot that went over my head, but it didn't matter. When you have the action that Marvel films bring, ignorance can still be bliss.

Hugh Jackman is Wolverine. It is the role he will be immortalized for and one that he gives 120% effort to every time in every scene. There are things he says and faces he makes that you know have to make him cringe with embarrassment, but he does them with such conviction that you can overlook the stupidity and love the character. Schreiber is always creepy, and so to let him play Sabretooth was a good call. He plays him not as a comic book character but as some psycho that could easily live next door. The contrast between him and Wolverine makes for a nice on-screen dynamic. They compliment each other and that helps better define who Wolverine becomes.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine is rated PG-13. This one has a darker tone and the violence though never bloody is still intense. Lots of gun play and fight sequences in the Marvel comic vein. The language is mild though certainly 13-ish. You know your kid better than anyone

X-Men action leads summer blockbusters

so use your judgment with this like you would with any of the past Marvel episodes. The content stays true to the genre. And sure, you could laugh at the nonsense of most of the film but why? It is what you would expect it to be. To try and find seriousness or validity ruins the fun. I give it 4 out of 5 "evil mad government scientist with a billion dollar budget to do mad evil things, laugh". Certainly an intense way to kick off the summer movie season.

Matt is a member of the North Texas Film Critics Association (NTFCA) and hosts the weekly syndicated Indie Rock Radio Show Spin 180. Plus with his wife Cindy they do a weekly radio feature, The Mungles on Movies. For additional reviews and interview clips visit www.mungleshow.com.

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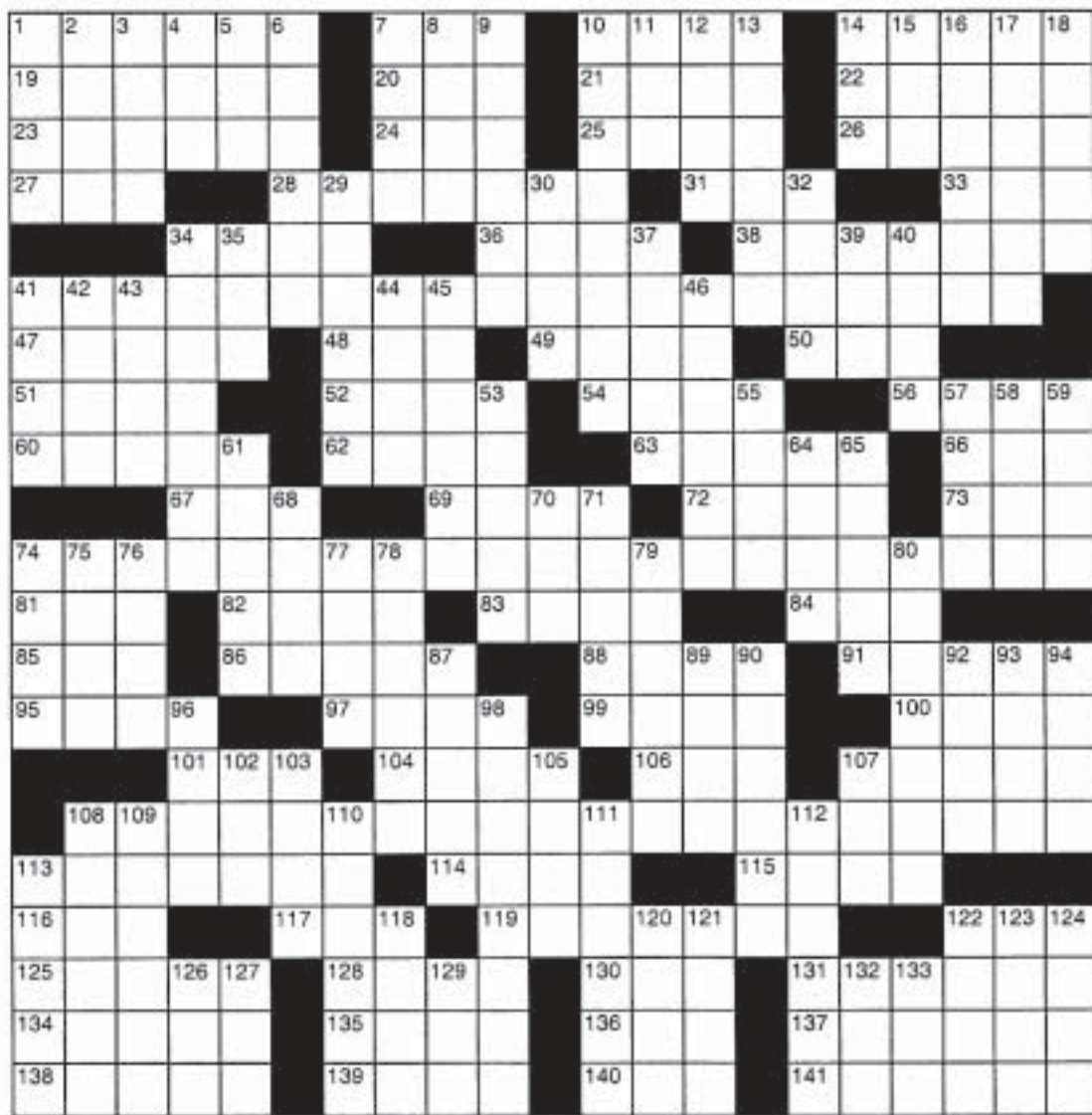
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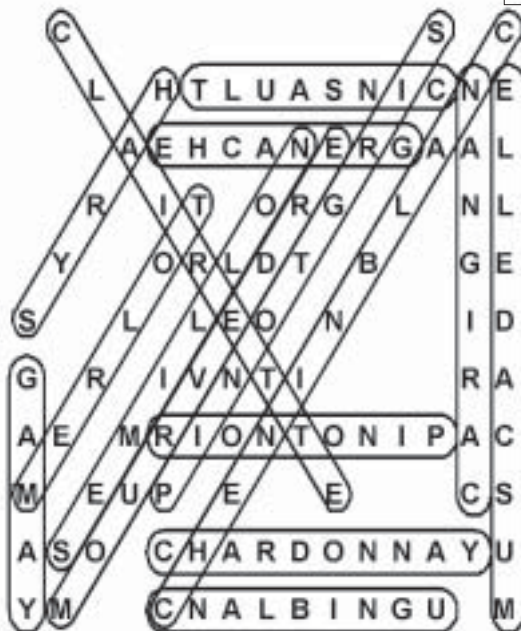
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 - 14 In the lead
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 - 22 Sibelius' "— Triste"
 - 23 Start of a remark by Joan St. Onge
 - 24 Paving material
 - 25 Picnic spoiler
 - 26 Shocked
 - 27 Susan of "L.A. Law"
 - 28 Forsake
 - 31 — -di-dah
 - 33 Chihuahua relative
 - 34 — Valley, CA
 - 36 Aparicio or Alvarez
 - 38 Least relaxed
 - 41 Part 2 of remark
 - 47 Nigerian city
 - 48 Even if, informally
 - 49 Judd Hirsch sitcom
 - 50 Arafat's grp.
 - 51 Profess
 - 52 Joyce's land
 - 54 Transfer temporarily
 - 56 Exploded
 - 60 "En —!"
 - 62 Mafia or Downey
 - 63 Gown part
 - 66 See 113 Across
 - 67 — roll
 - 69 Made wine divine
 - 72 Actress Remini
 - 73 Envelope abbr.
 - 74 Part 3 of remark
 - 81 TV's "People — Funny"
 - 82 Humorist Bombeck
 - 83 Young or Diamond
 - 84 Dallas coll.
 - 85 Beak
 - 86 Ready partner
 - 88 New Jersey team
 - 91 Happen next
 - 95 Sale stipulation
 - 97 Smeltery refuse
 - 99 Profit
 - 100 Baseball's Bucky
 - 101 Owns
 - 104 Joyce of "Roc"
 - 106 — -Magnon
 - 107 Droll
 - 108 Part 4 of remark
 - 113 With 66 Across, Burt Reynolds flick
 - 114 Mediocre
 - 115 Related
 - 116 Sweater letter
 - 117 Cutup
 - 119 "The Consul" composer
 - 122 Cow or sow
 - 125 Range rope
 - 128 Leslie
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 - 134 More distant
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 - 10 Big name in cruises
 - 11 Chicken — king
 - 12 Bucket
 - 13 Fiesta target
 - 14 Gregory's "On the Beach" co-star
 - 15 Crone
 - 16 Makes merry
 - 17 St. Francis' home
 - 18 Terminal
 - 29 Acrid
 - 30 Force out
 - 32 Rope fiber
 - 34 Famed photographer
 - 35 "— Too Late" ('71 hit)
 - 37 At — and sevens
 - 39 Zilch
 - 40 Social climber
 - 41 Pennant
 - 42 Molten rock
 - 43 Perpetual lab assistant
 - 44 Rock's — Express
 - 45 Sane
 - 46 The sound of little bells
 - 53 Minnesota town
 - 55 Spare fare
 - 57 It becomes ewe?
 - 58 Stocking shade
 - 59 Artist Benjamin
 - 61 Computer key
 - 64 "Willard" extras
 - 65 Subject
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 - 70 Chemical ending
 - 71 "A Kiss Before —" ('91 film)
 - 74 Comic Carvey
 - 75 Spring flower
 - 76 Skater Thomas
 - 77 Flightless birds
 - 78 High-flying birds
 - 79 Become a blond
 - 80 Shabby
 - 87 Stops
 - 89 It may be spare
 - 90 Winter vehicle
 - 92 Big rig
 - 93 Textbook heading
 - 94 Emulate Whistler
 - 96 "Scat!"
 - 98 In a morose manner
 - 102 Diving bird
 - 103 A whole bunch
 - 105 Cathedral area
 - 107 Dernier —
 - 108 Odysseus' home
 - 109 Emergency
 - 110 Puff, for one
 - 111 It's down in the mouth
 - 112 With hands on hips
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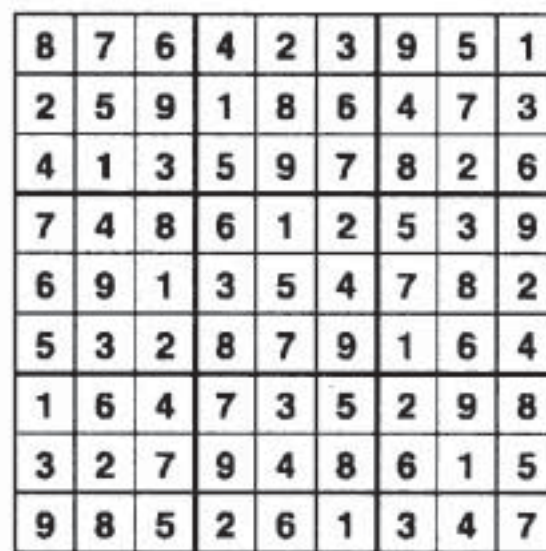


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- Sulfur
- Vitamin B

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Basketball players receive Hubbard Scholarship

By Jess Paniszczyn

Jarod Hubbard never met Denzel Williams or Michael Campbell. If the three had been introduced, they probably would have quickly realized they were the same age, and they all had a passion for basketball.

Any chance they might have been friends was taken on Aug. 13, 2005 when at the age of 15 Jarod died of sudden cardiac death. He collapsed while doing the thing he loved most, playing basketball.

However, death was not enough to keep Jarod's life from impacting the lives of both Denzel and Michael. In remembrance of Jarod, his family and church worked to establish a scholarship in his honor to be given to members of his graduating class and who shared his love of basketball.

The Scholarship Committee of Bear Creek Community Church presented the Jarod Hubbard Scholarship to Denzel Williams and Michael Campbell on April 25. Denzel, a senior at Universal Acad-

emy, received a \$1,200 scholarship. Michael, also a senior at Universal Academy, received a \$500 scholarship. In addition to the initial scholarship they received, each student will receive an additional \$500 at the beginning of each fall semester while they attend college.

"It is such an honor, even though it is a bitter-sweet occasion for us, because we won't be able to celebrate Jarod's graduation. We are happy to be able to do something in his memory and in his honor," said Michelle Johnson, Jarod's mother.

"Jarod's passing made me realize that life is short, and it enhanced my faith 100 fold, because that is all that I had to rely on. It made me grow stronger and closer to God. That is who I had to lean and depend on. It was the worst thing I have ever, ever experienced in my life.

"I think these young men are going to do great things. They come from strong family backgrounds. My purpose for the scholarship was to be able to give it to someone in need. I wanted to be able to bless someone who really needed it."

Brigitte Campbell, Michael's mother, believes the generosity of Jarod's family is an example for others.

"To be a mother, losing a son is so hard to deal with," said Ms. Campbell. "Michelle's unselfishness is reflected in her love for two young men to start something in memory of her son. She has done something to bless someone else, and his legacy will probably never end. As a mother, she taught me a lot."

Michael didn't think his chances of winning the scholarship were very good.

"When I first received the letter explaining that I had gotten the scholarship and my athletic director told me, I had honestly thought there was no chance I was going to win. I thought there were probably 8,000 people who wanted this scholarship," Michael said. "But this is truly a blessing, and I am thankful for it."

During the scholarship presentation, Pastor Webb offered the graduating seniors some advice.

"You are about to enter a world where there is a lot of freedom and a lot of temptation. Where you are going to have to really focus and knuckle down. You are also entering a world where your faith will be tested. You are entering a world that will not promote and elevate Christ.

I would encourage you, that which you learned as a child stays with you," Pastor Webb said.

Following the presentation ceremony, Chris Evans, Denzel's grandfather, stated that Metropolitan Baptist Church of Dallas would like to partner with Bear Creek Community Church to ensure Jarod Hubbard Scholarship continues as an annual scholarship.

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