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Irving firefighters prepare to take on the world

By Jess Paniszczyn

The Irving Fire Combat Challenge Team is hard at work preparing to represent Irving firefighters in international competition. An eighth place finish in Tyler qualified the team to advance to world competition in Las Vegas, NV from Nov. 7-11.

"At one time, the Irving Fire Department was the number two team in the world back in the early 90s," team captain, David Dunafan, said. "As the guys got older, they stopped competing. I think the last year they competed was 1995.

"Our current team, Bob Klassen, Guy Nichols, Chris Tull, Jason Darrow, Paul Wooten and Shane Peach, started training in July for our first competition, which was in Tyler. Bob Klassen, who was the first guy ever to break two minutes in the competition back in 1992, finished seventh in the over 40 competition in Tyler.

"We are a little shocked that we qualified for world competition our first year out. I think this team reflects very well on the Irving Fire Department. There are 278,000 paid, professional firemen in the United States. Only about 150 to 200 people have qualified for the Las Vegas competition and five of them are from Irving. So that is a pretty elite group," he said.

"The challenge starts with the competitor wearing full bunker gear and breathing air at the base of a five



The competition gets heated as an Irving firefighter (left) hoists a hose to the top of a five story tower. After a great showing in Tyler, the Irving Fire Combat Challenge Team took eighth place and will advance to international competition in Las Vegas, NV.

story tower. You run up the stairs carrying a 42 lb. high rise pack. Once at the top, you pull up a 42 lb. roll hose with a rope. Then you run

down the stairs. At the bottom, you move a 160 lb. sled five ft. with a 9 lb. sledge hammer. Then you run 140 ft. through fire hydrants in a

slalom formation. Grab a fire hose and run 75 ft. before shooting a target with water. Finally, you carry a

175 lb. dummy backwards 100 ft. to the finish line.

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Estelle residents remember the past during Vintage Base Ball Festival

The Estelle Heritage Society presented a Vintage Base Ball Festival in Lively Park last Saturday.

Announcer, Wendel "Appleseed" Dickason, explained the rules and customs of yesterday, as spectators were treated to the athletic stylings of the Buffalo Gap Chips, Montgomery College Saw Dogs, Estelle Redneck Cottonpickers and the Buck and Breck Base Ball Club. City councilmen cooked hotdogs to help raise funds for the Estelle Heritage Society. Members of the society taught visitors about Estelle, one of the small local communities that was absorbed into Irving.

Time has not been kind to Estelle. Most of the former farm community lies under the DFW Airport. The evidence of the once burgeoning community which boosted its own school, post office and cotton gin remains almost hidden on a



The uniforms and rules are different, but the Great American Pass Time is entertaining in any era. Returning from the field, the Buffalo Gap Chips are ready for their turn at bat.

private piece of property near the intersection of Valley View Lane and Beltline. There concrete foundations outline a handful of buildings. In the future, the heritage society

hopes to rebuild the schoolhouse and other structures to create a unique historical learning complex for Irving students.

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Our Children's House at Baylor in Irving receives grant

Provided by Ashley Howland

Our Children's House at Baylor in Irving (OCH Irving) recently announced it received a \$15,000 grant from the Harold C. Simmons Foundation. The grant will be used to underwrite the cost of specialized childcare provided to medically-fragile children at OCH Irving.

"We are extremely grateful to the Simmons Foundation for their support," Anne Morton, director of outpatient services, Our Children's House at Baylor, said. "We are committed to serving these children and their families. Funding for our childcare services is crucial since these children require such specialized care and attention."

Unlike any childcare center in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, OCH Irving is the only not-for-profit facility that offers childcare for children with special needs as well as their siblings, if needed. Scholarships are available to help subsi-

dize the cost of childcare for families who financially qualify. In addition, the center offers outpatient physical, speech and occupational therapy to children enrolled in the childcare program as well as children in the community who need these services.

"We funded OCH Irving because their cause is so compelling," Serena Connelly, LMSW, associate director, Harold C. Simmons Foundation, said. "If a child requires consistent and ongoing therapy, it only makes sense to combine it with daycare services. It's convenient for the parents, but even better, it normalizes the situation of the family, takes away stigma and unnecessary stress."

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Police & Fire Briefs

Irving Fire Department

Activity summary Oct 5 - 11

Irving Fire Department responded to 240 incidents.

The Fire incidents

- 73 Miscellaneous Fire and Rescue Calls
- 9 Structure Fires
- 2 Special Operations
- 3 Vehicle Fires

Medical calls

- 29 Major Accidents
- 59 Major Medical
- 20 Heart Attacks
- 26 Difficulty Breathing
- 24 Trauma Related
- 15 CPR Situations

Comments:

10-05: Two Structure fires, the first on Rochelle was controlled by first arriving crews and the second at 9488 E Valley Ranch Pkwy involved a mattress fire where a female was transported to a local burn hospital for injuries to her feet. Two HazMat calls, the first for a diesel fuel spill on Spur 482 and the second response for an unidentified product in storage on Penn St. Ambulances went into overload four times.

10-09: Structure fire at 2514 Markland brought under control in 15 minutes. Ambulances went into overload three times.

10-10: Two structure fire calls, both required a one alarm assignment. Ambulances went into overload once.

10-11: Two alarm structure fire at 607 Red River Trail and at 1817 Crape Myrtle Cir.

Aggravated Robbery- Business:

10-09-06 at 3:30 p.m. Officers were dispatched to a robbery that had just occurred at Valley Beauty Supply 9460 N. MacArthur. A male suspect had entered the business and pointed a gun at the clerk and demanded the money from the register. The suspect fled on foot with approximately \$700. The store had a video and the suspect description was broadcast. An officer located the suspect a short time later in the parking lot of the Waterford Apartments, and the suspect ran into his apartment. The suspect later voluntarily came out of the apartment and was arrested. ID and CID responded to the scene.

Assist Officer/Mental health commitment:

10-11-06 at 10:50 p.m. Officers were sent to Willow Creek on a domestic disturbance. One of the participants had been drinking and had struck himself with a glass in the head. He was being treated by paramedics in the kitchen when

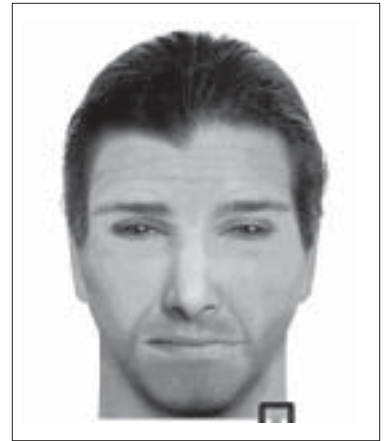
officers arrived. He became agitated and grabbed a butcher knife and briefly held off officers and paramedics until he was talked out of the knife by the roommate. He was taken to Parkland Hospital for a mental health warrant.

Aggravated Assault:

09-17-06 at 12:00 p.m. Police are asking for help in locating a suspect. The white male in his mid 30s is described as medium height, thin build with dark hair and eyes.

The suspect attacked a female in the laundry room of her apartment complex in the 6300 block of N. MacArthur. The victim was able to fight off the suspect causing him

to flee. The suspect was wearing female clothing. If you recognize the person in the composite, please contact Detective James Hallum at 972-721-2549.



Brighter Tomorrows benefit

Provided by Nancy Swartz

James and Fran Cassels hosted a benefit in their home for Brighter Tomorrows on Sep. 14. Guests in-

cluded friends, neighbors and colleagues whose contributions help Brighter Tomorrows fulfill its mission of providing shelter and support services to those in fear of domestic violence and sexual abuse and to break the poverty/welfare cycle through training and assistance in obtaining employment.

Brighter Tomorrows serves seven communities in Dallas County. In Irving, Brighter Tomorrows operates an emergency shelter and provides a transitional housing program for clients that enable them to become financially self-reliant while gaining necessary life skills, education and training.

In 2005, Brighter Tomorrows served 1,294 shelter clients, provided counseling to 259 non-resident clients, and fielded 1,812 hotline calls and provided counseling and support to 330 sexual assault victims.

Irving Bona Fide Club continues tradition of service

By Lynn Kopp

Celebration was in the air as the Irving Bona Fide Club reconvened at the Remington for 2006-07.

In 1933, the Irving Junior Felicity Club was organized. In 1946, the club changed its name to Bona Fide from the Latin term meaning 'good faith' and the French pronunciation was adopted, according to long time member Tommye Hodgkiss. Club members worked for and promoted a library. In the years Irving relied upon a volunteer fire department, Bona Fide gave assistance to families in need.

The club now holds monthly meetings at the Remington of Valley Ranch for luncheon and a program. The purpose of the club is to promote civic, cultural and social endeavors for the membership.

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IRVING ISD

Stipes School Dedication Ceremony - Irving ISD will dedicate its newest school – Stipes Elementary School – during a ceremony from 2-4 p.m. on Oct. 22 at the school.

The school is named after John W. & Margie Stipes, widely recognized for their longtime contributions to the Irving community. Prior to his death in 2001, John was a tireless champion for Irving children both as a volunteer, in his official capacities as IISD school board trustee and president, and as president of the Irving Schools Foundation. His wife, Margie, has continued to build upon the Stipes legacy with countless hours of volunteerism and service in support of Irving public schools.

The dedication program will include: remarks by Randy Stipes, son of John and Margie who now serves as school board president; a speech on the school's vision by Marty French, Stipes principal; and closing remarks by Margie on behalf of the Stipes family.

The ceremony also will feature the Nimitz High School NJROTC Color Guard and a performance by the Stipes school choir.

A reception and building tours will follow the dedication program. The school is located at 3100 Cross Timbers, near the intersection of Shady Grove and Beltline roads in southwest Irving.

TEEG Plans Available Online - Teacher incentive plans at four Irving ISD schools, submitted to the Texas Education Agency as part of the Texas Educator Excellence Grant (TEEG) initiative, can now be viewed on the IISD website at www.irvingisd.net/devfedfunds.

Plans were developed by school committees at Austin Middle School, Bowie Middle School, de Zavala Middle School, Good Elementary School, Keyes Elementary

School, and Irving High School.

House Bill 1 appropriated \$100 million to award schools with high percentages of educationally disadvantaged students and a rating of Exemplary, Recognized or in the top quartile of comparable improvement. Each school will receive \$135,000 except for Irving High, which will receive \$230,000.

Nine Seniors Earn National Honors - Nine Irving ISD seniors have been honored for their outstanding Preliminary SAT (PSAT) scores among minority students nationwide. The recognitions are coordinated through The College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Five IISD seniors were named Outstanding Participants in the 2007 National Achievement Scholarship Program for African American students, an academic competition conducted by NMSC. Students selected are: Christina Fowlkes and Brea Gardner, Irving

High School; Christopher Taylor, MacArthur High School; and Samuel Fanta and Derik Kendall, Nimitz High School.

These students are among 3,000 Outstanding Participants in the United States. They scored in the top five percent of more than 130,000 African Americans taking the 2005 PSAT.

Four IISD seniors were named National Hispanic Scholars by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program. Students selected are: Adrian Gallegos, Irving High School; Danny Cruz, MacArthur High School; and Chris Enriquez and Jason Solis, Nimitz High School.

These students are among 4,700 National Hispanic Scholars in the United States. They were selected from a pool of 175,000 students nationwide based on their PSAT test scores and their cumulative grade point average.

Bradley Honored as UD Distinguished Alum - Nimitz High

School teacher Helen Bradley received Distinguished Alumni status and recognition during the University of Dallas' 50th anniversary gala held Sep. 22. She was honored along with Tom Tenner Jr. of Lubbock and Manuel and Jane Zuniga of Austin.

Bradley, who graduated from UD in 1976, teaches advanced placement U.S. history and government classes at Nimitz. Her past honors include Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Association of Texas Professional Educators and IISD Teacher of the Year. Bradley has served many years on the UD Alumni Board.

She is also known for her community work. For the past 20 years, Bradley has taken a group of Nimitz students to feed the homeless the third Friday of every month.

Layne Serving as Regional CEFPI President - Scott Layne, assistant superintendent for support services, is currently serving as president of the southern region for the Council of Educational Facility Planners, International (CEFPI).

The council is the only professional association whose sole mission is improving places where children learn. Founded in 1921 as the National Council on Schoolhouse

Construction, today CEFPI is an internationally recognized professional organization, acknowledged for its leadership in planning, designing, building, equipping and maintaining schools and colleges.

The southern region includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. More information about the organization can be found at <http://www.cefpi.org>.

Adopt-A-Family Program Coming Soon - Individuals, businesses, clubs and churches are invited to help economically disadvantaged Irving ISD students through its Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program. Groups or individuals can help less fortunate families by providing food, clothing and toys to fulfill holiday wish lists.

Families can be adopted between November 6 and December 1. Individuals or groups will be matched to a student and their family through the student's school. The school will provide a wish list to the donor and help arrange deliveries of the gifts.

To adopt a family, contact Thelma Cantu, Partnership in Education coordinator, at 972-215-5017 or tcantu@irvingisd.net. IISD families in need should contact their school's counselor.

Nimitz Students Learn Politics



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Community Calendar

October 14 Kidgits Safety Fair - Annual Kidgits Safety Fair includes special guests from the Irving Police and Fire departments from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be costume characters and clowns, plus each child will receive their very own safety id kit*. Parents and kids will have the opportunity to visit several informational booths, as well as look through some of Irving's finest safety vehicles that help our law enforcement officers each day. *Kidgits membership applies.

October 14 DFW Humane Society Fall Garage Sale. - 1611 W. Irving Blvd. Irving, TX, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. All proceeds directly benefit the homeless and unwanted pets at the shelter.

October 14 An Evening at the Literary Cafe - The Irving Black Arts Council presents artists: Stella Alexander, Marilyn Donahue, Tuesday Sharlette-Hambric, Soli Kiluta, Yolanda Martin, Pamela Davis-Noland, Myra Towner-Rankin, Camika Spencer, T.R. Star in the Irving Arts Center 7 - 9 p.m. Tickets: \$10 Advance, \$13 At the Door. Refreshments served.

October 14 Christian Men's Day of Prayer - In a unique demonstration of Christian unity, Irving churches are coming together to host a free Christian Men's Day of Prayer. Paul Drake of the Navigators Organization will share practical instruction on making prayer more meaningful and effective. The

event will be held at Calvary Church of Irving (4401 North Hwy 161 at Walnut Hill Blvd) at 8:15 a.m. Continental breakfast and registration at 7:30 a.m. Registration is free.

More details and register online at www.meninprayer.org.

October 14 Beethoven Gala - Under the baton of Maestro Hector Guzman, the Irving Symphony Orchestra will open its 2006-2007 season at 8:00 p.m. "Beethoven Gala" with in the Irving Arts Center's Carpenter Hall. Ticket prices range from \$31-\$45 (discounts available for students) and may be purchased through the Irving Arts Center Box Office (972-252-2787, www.IrvingArtsCenter.com). Guest artists are Amit Peled (cello), Vesselin Demirev (violin) and Valeria Vetrucchio (piano). The evening's program will include Beethoven's Egmont, Pastoral Symphony and his Triple concerto.

October 17 Free Well-Child and Immunization Clinic - Baylor Medical Center at Irving is sponsoring a

well child and immunization clinic along with the Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services and Northgate United Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Northgate United Methodist Church, 3700 W. Northgate Dr. in Irving. Well-child exams for children ages birth to four years-old and immunizations for children ages birth to 18 years-old, will be provided from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Immunizations only, will be given from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Immunization records must be provided for each child. The free services of this clinic are available to residents of Irving only. For more information call 972-579-4095.

October 17 Irving Democratic Club - The Irving Democratic Club will meet at El Rincon del Viejo Mexican restaurant, 2742 N. O'Connor. The meeting will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with an Enchilada Dinner served at 7:00 p.m. The dinner is \$5.00 per person. Drinks are extra. Attendees are asked to RSVP by Oct. 16 to 972-650-1510.

October 17 AmTryke Classic - The fourth annual AmTryke Classic will be held at the Great Southwest Golf Club in Grand Prairie. The proceeds from this golf extravaganza will be used by the Irving Chapter of Ambucs to purchase adaptive therapeutic tri-cycles for children with disabilities. The Irving Chapter has given over 1000 AmTrykes absolutely free of charge, regardless of economic need.

October 19 Weight Management Information Seminar - Baylor Medical Center at Irving will hold a free weight loss information seminar, for anyone interested in bariatric surgery from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in conference centers one and two at Baylor Irving, 1901 N. McArthur Blvd. Registration is required for attendance. To register or for more information, call 972-579-4446.

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Margaret's Corner



Hi Irving!

The November 7th election is quickly approaching and as you probably

already know, there are some important issues on the ballot. If you would like to vote NO on the beer and wine issue, and I highly encourage you to, you may pick up a vote "NO" yard sign at Joe's Coffee Shop. Don't forget to vote.

The League of Women Voters is hosting a Candidate Forum for District 106 on Oct. 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Irving City Hall, 825 W. Irving Blvd. This is a great opportunity to become better informed, and everyone is welcome.

I want to congratulate the winner of the "Most Intriguing Man of Irving" contest which was part of the 25th Anniversary Awards Show sponsored by ICTN. The winner was none other than my Pastor, the Reverend J. Don George of Calvary Church. If you know him you'll surely agree with the contest

results. I appreciate all you do for us and the community, Pastor George. You are always a blessing. If you missed the awards ceremony, log on to www.ictn.tv/25.asp to watch the video clip of this and the other awards given.

Tune in next week for "Wolves in Sheep's Clothing." If you take vitamins, herbs, and other supplements you will want to read, and hopefully act, on it. And remember, it isn't very hard to realize that there is a direct connection between what we feed our minds and how we think (see Proverb 23:7). Let's focus on feeding our thoughts with things that will get us thinking positive. Praying to make a difference; have a great week. Attend Church Sunday. God Bless You.

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 39 years and have four daughters and four grandsons

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**Mungles
on Movies**

By Matt Mungle
Title: *Man of the Year*
Rated: PG-13

Robin Williams as President? Hmm, yeah, I think that would be a step in then right direction. *Man of the Year* takes a refreshing look at elections and candidates and pretty much says what we are all thinking. Add to that the rapid fire standup of Robin Williams and what you have is an enjoyable, laugh out loud comedy. How refreshing would it be to hear a politician be honest? I know it is far-fetched and hard to believe. But a nice thought none-the-less.

Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams) is a late night political talk show host who on a whim decides to run for president. He doesn't expect to win or even to make the ballot. But his fans come out in droves to support him and get him into office. His manager (Christopher Walken) and TV producer (Lewis Black) are excited about the whole event hoping that he can shake up the political staunchness and boost ratings for his show at the same time. When they finally get Dobbs to stop playing the political game and just be himself is when we see Williams shine and the movie hits on all cylinders.

Robin Williams' is the king of rapid-fire wit and improvisation. When you turn him loose on politicians and the entire political system, it is a thing of beauty. The film is written by Barry Levinson but you can't help but wonder how often Williams' was just turned loose on his own. The best scene in the movie is the first TV debate between Dobbs, the current President and another candidate. Dobbs goes into an honest rant that not only is funny, but says everything that we have all thought and wanted to vent ourselves. Though just a comedy, I am sure that it will cause real politicians to sweat through their lobbyist purchased suits.

There is more to this film than just Williams' poking fun at the political scene. There is also the side story involving the corporation responsible for creating the new election ballot programs.

**Politics will never be the same
and for that we all shout AMEN**

Eleanor (Laura Linney), a programmer for the company finds a flaw in the system and the corporate lawyer (Jeff Goldblum) will do anything to keep her quiet. When Eleanor seeks Dobbs for help it is a cat and mouse game to stay ahead of her pursuers. Though adding dramatic elements it is not over-

powering and does not take away from the flow of the film.

The film does a nice job of blending in real people from shows like *SNL* and *Fox News* into the fictional story making it play like true events. This adds to the believability and gets you behind Dobbs' character. You want him to win and start think-

ing what a breath of fresh air he would be. There were many times in the theater when cheers would erupt over a comment Dobb's made, and I found myself excited about politics for the first time in, oh, forever! If nothing else, it allows you to vent for a couple of hours even if through a fictional character.

Man of the Year is rated PG-13 for language including some crude sexual references, drug related material, and brief violence. William's can be crude at times, and even in the context of humor some of the more easily offended audience members may cringe a little. All in all It is just good fun. I give it 4 out of 5 votes. If nothing else, for what it says about politicians in general.

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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Residents who grew up in Estelle remember a kinder, more innocent era

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Former members of the Estelle community continue to live in Irving. Throughout the afternoon of baseball several of these 'old timers' watched the game from beneath a canopy and spoke about life in Estelle.

Edgar Brown, known as the Mayor of Estelle, moved to an area farm in 1925 and lived there until 1938.

"We lived three quarters of a mile north of the school building. Estelle was my whole world. It had dwindled down to nothing at that time. Prior to that it had two churches, a cotton gin and quite a few people. Previously, it had been a layover for people going west in a covered wagon. By the time I got there, it wasn't even a wide spot in the road," Mr. Brown said.

"The entertainment for the year consisted of a couple of box suppers at school on the second floor of the red brick building, a big dinner on the ground of the Baptist church at least one Sunday a year and two or three country parties. For the box suppers, typically people took a shoebox and the women would cook a meal and the men would buy the box unknown. Whoever that box belonged to that is who they ate supper with. The money the men paid went to the school.

"No radio, there wasn't a radio in the community when we moved to Estelle. In 1926 or 27, there began to be some radio. We would walk a couple of miles to a neighbor's house to listen to some prize fight in boxing.

"The Depression hit in 1929. I didn't notice much difference between when the Depression hit and when it didn't.

"On my eighth birthday, my mother gave me a birthday party. Bessie Powers and one of the Ramsey boys came to the party; big

turnout. They didn't bring gifts. I remember distinctly sitting on the steps of our front porch she was on one side of me and the boy was on the other side. I was as happy as a dead pig in the sunshine," he said.

"About 1931, a teacher came to Estelle by the name of Martin Lewis Stevens. He believed in playing softball and he created a team. He had an old Dodge with one seat called a coupe and it had a two wheel trailer. He would put 10 or 12 boys and girls in the trailer and haul us down to Shadygrove and Sowers to play softball. There were no seatbelts or helmets. His car went 15 to 20 miles per hour.

"One night he took me and two other boys to SMU to a basketball game. He was big on basketball and softball. He brought a little excitement to the kids.

"The whole time I went to school 1926 to 1932, I never saw a football on the ground. I never heard the name 'football.'

The school building was a redbrick two story building. The second floor was an auditorium on one end was a stage with a dressing room on each side. It had a roll-up curtain with a big fancy mural. We had a lot of plays. For those days, it was state of the art.

"One of the boys I grew up with, he is dead now, but he said, 'Edgar, of all the people that we knew who lived in Estelle, none of them was ever arrested later in life. No scandals followed them.' They were a pretty good bunch of people.

"My goal was to get away from there. I wanted to get away from the farm. I went to Dallas for two days with my aunt and uncle. I saw a bathtub and a commode, I had never heard of them. When I got home, I told my mother why don't we get one of those. She said, 'Son the only way you will ever get one

of those is to get an education and get off this farm. If you stay on this farm, you will never have a bathtub.' That motivated me. I went to Irving High School. Then I went to North Texas Agricultural College (NTAC) Arlington for two years. It was a branch of A & M at that time. Now it is the University of Texas at Arlington," Mr. Brown said.

Lavera Borah Nance was born and raised in Estelle.

"Those were the Model T days, so we didn't get far from the community of Estelle. We always had entertainment through the PTA. There was a stage in the upstairs of the schoolhouse and that is where we had our programs and where people went to vote," Ms. Nance said.

"I remember the boys always played marbles. I always had a bag of marbles too. There was only my brother and myself in the family. So we would have to shoot our favorite aggies at one another's aggies and try to knock them out. We also pitched washers. Washers were always plentiful. We would dig a hole and pitch washer at the hole. I don't know that we could afford anything else.

"We learned more about the universe sitting out on the front porch at night. We would look at the stars and find the little dipper,

big dipper and all those things. So many children now don't even look up at the stars. In town now, it is not open like we were where we could see things around.

"We had a little dairy where there was plenty of milk. So there was always hot chocolate, big containers of hot chocolate.

"I remember seeing the Northern Lights back around 1924. We went to church in Euless some of the time. They were always having ice cream suppers. The kids were all just running and playing. We noticed that all of the older people were looking to the north. It was all lit up just beautiful. Everybody was so scared. They said Grapevine is on fire. We kids didn't think much about it. The preacher went and got his Bible. He started looking through that to see if they could identify what all the red sky was. The whole sky was bright red like it was on fire. They all thought the world was coming to an end. They say that only happens once every hundred years," Ms. Nance said.

Bessie Powers Ramsey said the world is much different today than when she grew up in Estelle.

"A lot of times on Saturday night, the neighbors would get together and make ice cream. The ladies would have a quilting day. We enjoyed it very much. Our toys were

mainly what we could make," Ms. Ramsey said.

"I had three brothers and three sisters. We all went to school in Estelle. I am the only one who went on to high school.

My grandkids ask me now about what in the world did we do. I said, 'Well, we just had to make our own things to do.' They said, 'I don't know how you ever made it,'" she said.

Glenn Gleghorn described Estelle's most notorious traffic accident.

"When my brother, Alvin, hooked the horse up that evening, she was anxious. She would rear up. He finally got her hooked up. He and my brother Milton just jumped in the buggy. Instead of him slowing her down, Alvin turned her loose and let her go," Mr. Gleghorn said.

"She got down to a corner and turned. The buggy hit a little dip in the road where water had washed it out. It flipped that buggy over and tore the top off of it. They hung the top in a mesquite tree next to Sam Ramsey's house. It hung there for years and years.

"Milton got a little hurt, not much to talk about. But they got out of the buggy, turned it back over and went home," he said.

Paralympic athlete addresses Rotary club

Provided by Maura Gast

The Irving Rotary Club welcomed motivational speaker and Paralympic medalist Lonnie Hannah as the guest speaker at the Las Colinas Country Club on Oct. 5.

Hannah was a competitive speed skater with multiple national titles and was training for the US World Team when a workplace accident left him paralyzed from the waist down at the 20 years of age. It is a day Hannah described in his opening comments as the "best day of his life." Within two months of the accident, Hannah as on the tennis court learning how to play wheelchair tennis. Nine months passed and he had won the "d" division at the US Open and then won the Wheelchair Tennis Play of the Year the following year.

Late in 1999, Hannah discovered sled hockey, during a demonstration at a Dallas Stars game. He was a natural at the sport, and made the 2002 Paralympic Team;

seeded last going in to the games in Salt Lake City, Hannah and his teammates ultimately went undefeated and captured the gold medal for the US.

In October 2004, while training for the 2006 Paralympics in Torino, Hannah was diagnosed with melanoma. Major surgery and several months of chemotherapy followed, yet Hannah went on to help his team win the bronze in Torino.



Following the meeting, Lonnie Hannah (front) spoke with Irving Rotary Club President Owen DeWitt, Fairway Contracts; Rotary guest and Hannah family friend Doug Bryan; Mary Warren, Hannah's mother; Irving Rotary Club member Jerry Payne, Independent Bank of Texas; Rotary guest

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Lyric Stage presents *Cabin in the Sky*



Eleanor Threatt as Petunia, Vince McGill as Little Joe and Doris Howard as Lili in Lyric Stage's production of *Cabin in the Sky*.

Photo by Bill Janscha

Provided by Steven Jones

Lyric Stage fulfills its mission of preserving the American musical by producing the rarely seen *Cabin in the Sky* Oct. 6-21 in the Irving Arts Center's Dupree Theater.

Lyric Stage Founding Producer Steven Jones has been working with Tony Root, librettist Lynn Root's son and Kay Duke Ingalls, composer Vernon Duke's widow, to recreate the original Broadway script and score.

"I have really enjoyed talking with Tony and Kay about the original production of CABIN IN THE SKY and gaining insight into its creation," Jones said.

Cabin in the Sky is a musical fable about the tug of war between

good and evil in the rural South. Ethel Waters stopped the original production cold with the classic song "Taking a Chance on Love." Other classics in Vernon Duke and John Latouche's glorious score include "In My Old Virginia Home" and the title song.

The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded Lyric Stage its first ever grant for this production.

Eleanor Threatt leads the cast as the God-fearing Petunia with Vince McGill as her wayward husband Little Joe. Crystal Phillips is Georgia Brown, Little Joe's temptress. Wilbur Penn plays The Headman (the Devil's son) and Marcus M. Mauldin is his nemesis, The Lord's General. Crystal Phillips is Georgia Brown, Malcolm Beatty,

Charlet Dupar, Ashley Duplechain, Kia Dawn Fulton, Doris Howard, Gabe Lawson, Bryan Pitts, Billy Poole and Durant Searcy complete the cast.

Following George Balanchine's lead as the stager of Broadway's original production, Bruce Wood, critically acclaimed Artistic Director and Choreographer of the Bruce Wood Dance Company, will make his directorial debut with Lyric Stage's *Cabin in the Sky*. Musical direction is by Gary Okeson, scenic design is by Wade Giampa, lighting is by Susan A. White and costumes are by Diane Simons.

Tickets for *Cabin in the Sky* are available online at www.lyricstage.org or by calling 972-594-1904.

Irving Arts Center's Saturday School opens with ceramic sculpture

Provided by Kass Prince

The Arts Center's popular education program, KidsArts, returns with a twist. Saturday School is scheduled during the school year on starting in October. Saturday School will concentrate in depth on one subject each session. For parents familiar with KidsArts, during the six week session, students will be instructed in a shorter two or three hour format. Small classes provide a high level of individual attention for students ages 6 to 14.

Set in the creative atmosphere of the Arts Center's Art Lab, the program began Oct. 7 with a session on ceramic sculpture taught by long-time KidsArts instructor, Steve Beck. During the school year, Beck teaches at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center Magnet School, Dallas ISD and is bi-lingual (Spanish). Working with terra cotta clay, students will use mathematics, proportion and basic anatomy to sculpt the human form.

"Working with clay and the human form will be a real plus for students enrolled in AP 3D Design Portfolio," KidsArts Coordinator Marcie Inman said. "Parents have been asking for KidsArts to expand beyond summer for several years, and Saturday School fills this need. Although the classes are spread over six-weeks, our goal is to provide professionally guided experiences in the arts, have fun and instill an appreciation of the arts in participating students." Remaining

sessions will feature fiber arts, choral singing and printmaking.

Saturday School class size is limited and each session runs six consecutive weeks with pre-registration suggested. Session I is scheduled Oct. 7-Nov. 11. Tuition for Session I is \$110 per student and includes all supplies. Remaining sessions are \$75 per student and class time is 2 to 4 p.m.

Session II: Fun With Fibers, Jan. 20-Feb. 27, 2007, Instructor Leisa Rich

Session III: Choral Singing, March 3-April 7, 2007, Instructor Barbara Lee

Session IV: Printmaking, April 14-May 19, 2007, Instructor Eva Kutscheid



Showing pride in his work, this KidsArts student points to his creation.

Registration for all sessions and complete class descriptions are available

at www.irvingartscenter.com and in person at the Arts Center Box Office. Supported in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Seniors play softball in Trinity View Park

Provided by Tom Henry

The Irving Eagles, a senior softball team, won the Metroplex Senior Citizens Softball Association fall tournament last week at Trinity View Park. The Eagles had to win five games to capture the championship in the two day tournament. The Eagles beat the Arlington Spurs 15-5 in the first game before winning three consecutive one run

ball games over the Mesquite Texans, Richardson Roadrunners and Arlington Subs. The game against the Subs was decided in extra innings. The Eagles clinched the championship with a decisive 19-2 victory over the McKinney Mustangs in the final game.

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Combat Challenge Team represents fire department

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"This all happens on our off-duty time. We spend about six to eight hours a week just on the course out here with the tower training. We take vacation to go compete. Chief Evans has helped us out with entry fees on occasion. Since it is not directly city training related, we rely on sponsors to help with the costs.

"We have really had to work and concentrate on raising money and making sure we can get the team there from a financial stand point. It will take about \$3,500 to get the team there. We have raised some money through the sponsorship of local businesses. We have been selling spots on the back of a team

t-shirt and brochures for advertisement. The Irving Professional Fire Fighters Association has helped us out as well," he said.

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ing. Interment followed at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

RAY D. COX

Ray D. Cox, of Irving, passed away Thursday, October 5, 2006.

He was born Nov. 24, 1929 in Clarksville, TX. Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing, and boating; and was happiest while enjoying all of nature's wonders.

Survivors include his wife Barbara Cox of Irving; son Mike Cox of Plano; sister Barbara Duty of Grand Prairie; and granddaughter Rachel Cox.

Graveside services were held Oct. 10 at DFW National Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

ANGELA FAYE TAYLOR

Angela Faye Taylor, of Quinlan, passed away October 7, 2006. She was born March 29, 1967 in Irving.

Survivors include her husband John Taylor of Quinlan; parents Ronny and Faye Hill of Irving; sons John DeHaes of Irving and Mark DeHaes of Greenville; step-daughters April Taylor and Kristina Worley; brothers Richard Hill and Kenneth Hill, both of Irving; sisters Alisa Eagle and Bethany Ruano, both of Irving; and grandson Dohn DeHaes.

Funeral services were held Oct. 11 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. In-

terment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

BESSIE M. "BESS" IMLER



Bessie M. "Bess" Imler, 71, a resident of Irving for three years, died October 4, 2006 at an Irving hospital.

She was formerly of Houston for 45 years and moved to Irving to be near grandchildren. Born Sep. 30, 1935 in Phelps County, MO to Daniel and Rubey Irene Pruett Ott, she married Robert Imler on June 3, 1955 in Rolla, MO. Bess was baptized in the Christian faith followed by confirmation at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) in Rolla, MO, and was an active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving.

Preceded in death by her sister, Jackie Sanderson, she is survived by her husband, Robert; son, Brad Imler and wife Lynn, grandson Grant Imler (6) and granddaughter, Lauren Imler (5) all of Irving; son, Brian Imler of Houston; sister, Betty Lyttle of Michigan; and sister, Juanita McKinley of Indiana.

Visitation will be Oct. 14, at the Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home from 3:00-5:00, in Irving. Memorial service will be held Oct. 15, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 3:00 in the afternoon. Interment services will take place Oct. 16, at 10:30 in the morning at the Dallas/Forth Worth National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Building Fund, 2505 West Northgate Drive, Irving, TX 75062 or on behalf of Grant and Lauren

Imler to Family Legacy Missions, 5005 W. Royal Lane, Suite 252, Irving, TX 75063 or the American Pregnancy Association, 1425 Greenway Dr., Suite 440, Irving, TX 75038.

BILLIE FAYE GARRISON

Billie Faye Garrison, age 74, of Irving, passed away on September 22, 2006.

She was born on July 25, 1932 in Decatur, TX to A. M. and Gladys Perkins. Billie married Bobby Ray Garrison on March 10, 1950 in Decatur, he preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1999.

Survivors include daughter Debra Allen and husband Harrell of Irving, Belinda Rowlett of Irving; son, Keary Glen Garrison and wife Angie of Dallas; brothers, Ernest Perkins and A. M. Perkins, Jr.; grandchildren, Brandon Lee Rowlett, Kimberly Litwinowich, Hayley Rowlett, Phillip Garrison, Kristen Allen, William Allen; great-grandchildren, Andrew Rowlett, Noah Allen.

A graveside service was held on Sep. 25 at oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Chism-Smith Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

JAYDEN NOAH KAYE

Jayden Noah Kaye, of Irving, infant son of James Dewey Kaye, III and Magen Caren Testerman passed away October 10, 2006.

Besides his parents, he is survived by grandparents James and Maria Kaye; uncles John Kaye, Aaron Kaye, and David Kaye; great grandparents Jima and Rick Gardner; and Dewey and Melissa Kaye; grandparents Marty and Cindy Testerman; aunt Mandy Testerman; great grandparents Art and Donna Sharp; and great grandfather James Testerman.

A graveside service was held Oct. 13 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

ROSALIE JUNE LANNEN



Rosalie June Lannen of Irving passed away October 10, 2006. Mrs. Lannen was born June 9, 1927 in Dawson

City, KS.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Rosie Lannen of Irving; Richard and Virginia Lannen of Dallas, grandchildren Justin and Shiela Lannen, Whitney Lannen and Shahram Tadayyon, Keith and Jana Lannen, Tanya Lannen, Richard H. Lannen. She is preceded in death by her husband Richard C. Lannen.

A prayer will be said be 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 14 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with visitation 5:00-7:30 p.m. Services and burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 21 at Evans Funeral Home in Houston, MO.

ROY C. YEAGER



Roy C. Yeager born September 21, 1927 in Wilburton, Oklahoma passed away October 2, 2006.

Survived by wife Patricia Yeager; son Dr. Larry Yeager; daughters Donna Yeager-Wood; and Kim Goehrig; grandchildren Jennifer, Zackary and Megan.

Funeral were held Friday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at DFW National Cemetery with full military honors. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Lion Hospice.

STEVE WILSON




Steve Wilson, age 31, a lifelong resident of Irving died Thursday, October 5, 2006.

Born Oct. 2, 1975 in Irving, he was

preceded in death by his step-father, Don Danner and grandfather, Harold Pierce. Survivors include his wife, Amber; son, Steven Keith Wilson, II; mother, Karen Danner of Irving; father, Jack Wilson and wife Shelly of McKinney; sister, Stacy Lawson and husband John of Lake Dallas; step-brother, Justin Colvard of McKinney; niece, Holly Lawson; grandparents, Bobbie Pierce of Irving, Herman Wilson of Princeton and Durece Kirby of Denton.

Visitation was Sunday at the funeral home. Service was Oct. 9 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Mark Gomez officiat-



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On Oct. 12, 1810, Bavarian Crown Prince Louis marries and invites the citizens of Munich to attend the festivities. The decision to repeat the festivities in the subsequent year gave rise to the tradition of the annual Oktoberfest.

On Oct. 14, 1912, in Milwaukee, Theodore Roosevelt is shot at close range by saloonkeeper John Schrank. The .32-caliber bullet failed to mortally wound the former president because its force was slowed by a speech manuscript in Roosevelt's breast pocket.

On Oct. 11, 1929, "They Had to See Paris" opens in New York, the first sound film starring Will Rogers. Until the development of cinema sound, his ingenious verbal wit kept him more popular onstage than on-screen. Rogers later served as mayor of Beverly Hills.

On Oct. 16, 1946, in a move that pleases millions of Americans, President Harry Truman lifts price controls on meat. With World War II quickly receding into memory, Truman saw fit to wean the nation from the austere economic diet that the government had devised to fight wartime inflation.

On Oct. 15, 1966, in McKinney, Texas, a 75-year-old male driver reportedly received 10 traffic tickets, drove on the wrong side of the road four times, com-

mitted four hit-and-run offenses, and caused six accidents, all within 20 minutes.

On Oct. 10, 1973, Spiro Agnew becomes the first U.S. vice president to resign in disgrace. Later the same day, he pleaded no contest to a charge of federal income tax evasion in exchange for the dropping of charges of political corruption.

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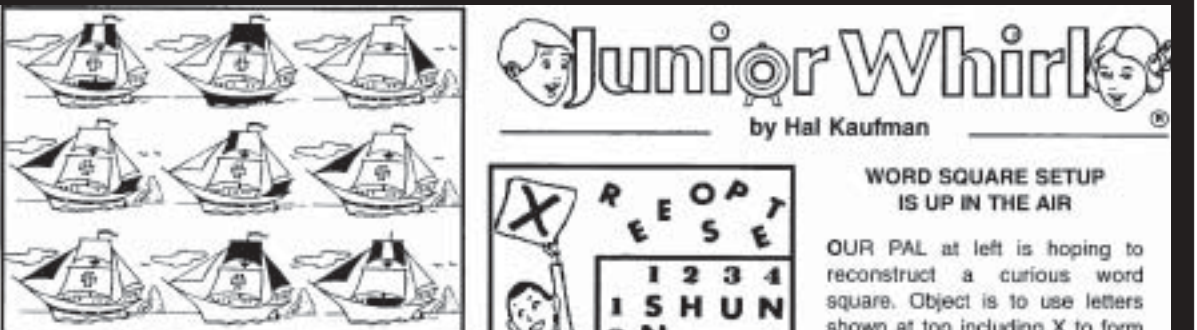
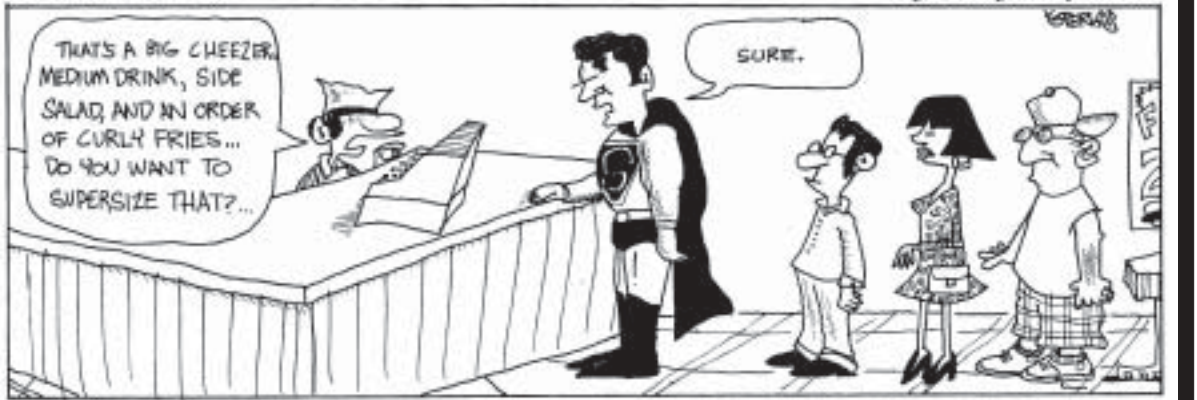
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1. Snub (SHUN, place).
2. Lie detector?
3. Tiptop.
4. Chic and jaunty.

Down

1. Easy task (SNAP).
2. Bright expectation.
3. Advantage taker.
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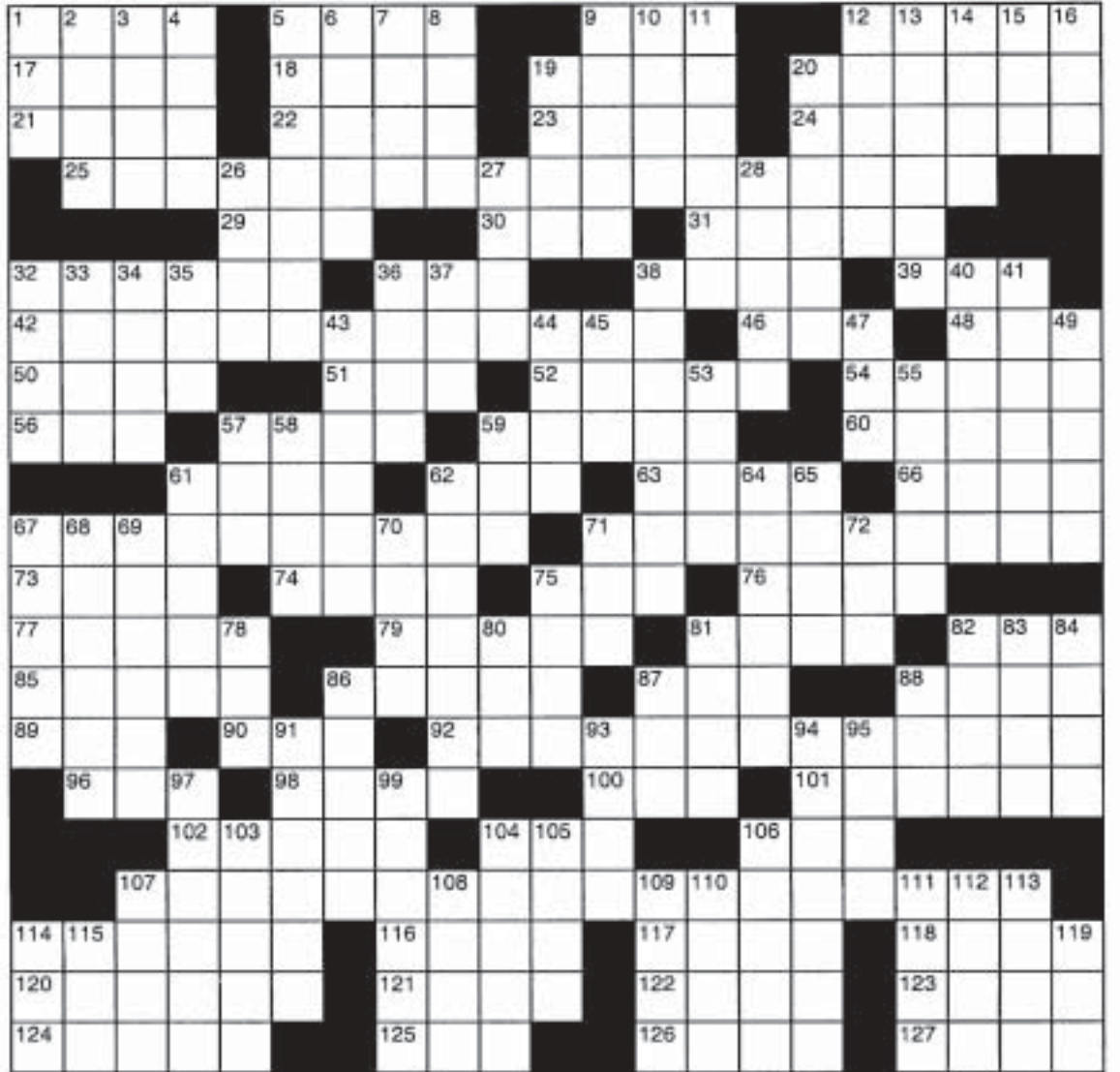
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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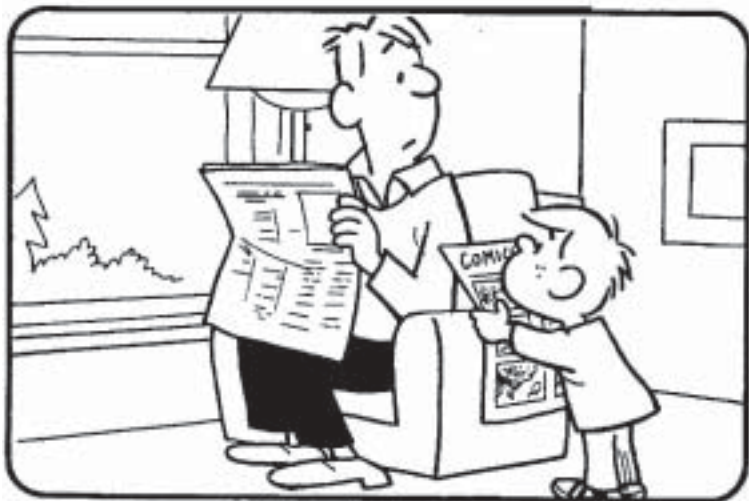
- ACROSS**
- 1 Rover's remark
 - 5 Plead
 - 9 Plead
 - 12 Wooden pin
 - 17 Baseball's Vizquel
 - 18 Portrait painter John
 - 19 Pakistani language
 - 20 Flaunt
 - 21 Small hawk
 - 22 Descartes or Levesque
 - 23 Trusting sort
 - 24 Loath
 - 25 "I Think I Love You" group
 - 29 Khan opener?
 - 30 Figs.
 - 31 Fosters a felon
 - 32 Avoid an accident
 - 36 Poetic contraction
 - 38 Way off base?
 - 39 Pixie
 - 42 "Joy to the World" group
 - 46 Swimmer
 - 48 Supper scrap
 - 50 Meat cut
 - 51 Fix a fight
 - 52 Mercury, for one
 - 54 Dwight's competition
 - 56 Acorn, eventually
 - 57 Enthusiasts
 - 59 Trite
 - 60 "— Break" ('91 film)
 - 61 Director Kazan
 - 62 Sister
 - 63 Amontillado container
 - 66 Yen
 - 67 "Happy Together" group
 - 71 "Here I Go Again" group
 - 73 Actress Lillian
 - 74 Line of clothing?
 - 75 "The Simpsons" bartender
 - 76 "The Avengers" star
 - 77 Wan
 - 79 "Moll Flanders" author
 - 81 Sour
 - 82 Toody or Muldoon
 - 85 Musty
 - 86 "Iron Mike"
 - 87 Onassis' nickname
 - 88 Hermes' mom
 - 89 Russell or Wahl
 - 90 WWII area
 - 92 "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" group
 - 96 Rocker Claypool
 - 98 They may be split
 - 100 Shoe width
 - 101 Evaluate
 - 102 Sweatshirt size
 - 104 Botanist Gray
 - 106 "Birds — feather . . ."
 - 107 "For What It's Worth" group
 - 114 imam's subject
 - 116 Skeleton part
 - 117 Cordelia or Edith Bunker
 - 118 Sink or swim?
 - 120 Bundle
 - 121 Valley
 - 122 "— Around" ('64 hit)
 - 123 Notion
 - 124 Cabinet wood
 - 125 Canal zone?
 - 126 Word with biscuit or jerk
 - 127 Suburban obsession
- DOWN**
- 1 Hunan pan
 - 2 Skip
 - 3 Inauguration Day event
 - 4 Liberate
 - 5 Scrounged around
 - 6 Beethoven wrote one
 - 7 Navel store?
 - 8 Mailer's "The — Park"
 - 9 Better oneself, in a way
 - 10 Falco of "The Sopranos"
 - 11 Loud laugh
 - 12 Cargo crane
 - 13 Threat words
 - 14 Guarded
 - 15 Mag. bigwigs
 - 16 Golfer Trevino
 - 19 Reverse
 - 20 Richardson novel
 - 26 Macadamize
 - 27 Cross inscription
 - 28 Extremely hot
 - 32 Normandy site
 - 33 "Hold your horses!"
 - 34 Palladino of "ER"
 - 35 Stimp's pal
 - 36 Protection
 - 37 Chang's sib
 - 38 Lawyer's case?
 - 40 '62 Kubrick film
 - 41 Composer Cesar
 - 43 Rococo
 - 44 Fed
 - 45 Party animal?
 - 47 Doze
 - 49 Church offering
 - 53 Jai —
 - 55 "Nothing —!"
 - 57 Winter malady
 - 58 Pretension
 - 59 Kramden's vehicle
 - 61 One of the Barrymores
 - 62 Downfall
 - 64 Channel
 - 65 Actor Dulles
 - 67 Country singer Diana
 - 68 Inn
 - 69 Petroleum component
 - 70 Chatterley or Windermere
 - 71 "— is me!"
 - 72 Bilko's rank: abbr.
 - 75 Non-stereo
 - 78 Born
 - 80 In place of
 - 81 Real
 - 82 Java joint
 - 83 Art medium
 - 84 Actress Amanda
 - 86 Friendly Islands
 - 87 Novelist Kobo
 - 88 "— Doubtfire" ('93 film)
 - 91 Bass-baritone Bryn
 - 93 Imminent
 - 94 Lustrous fabric
 - 95 Morales of "La Bamba"
 - 97 Channel
 - 99 Genesis disaster
 - 103 Out to get
 - 104 Ed of "Rosie O'Neil"
 - 105 Extend across
 - 106 Inspected too closely?
 - 107 Tweeter
 - 108 — podrida
 - 109 Spring flower
 - 110 Inoperative
 - 111 Depraved
 - 112 A swan was her swain
 - 113 Sketched
 - 114 Hydrotherapy site
 - 115 Porter or Prince
 - 119 Outlaw



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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



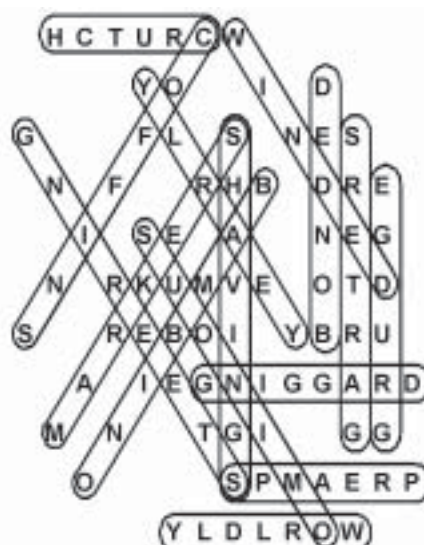
FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Ball is missing. 2. Hand is missing. 3. Paper has fewer pages. 4. Shirt is hidden. 5. Picture is moved. 6. Footstool is missing.

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The Garden Bug

Flower power

For striking autumn show, combine chrysanthemums with ornamental kale or cabbage. These showy plants range from white to pink, purple or red; light frosts may even intensify their colors.

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Irving students connect to world through art

Provided by Amy Gerald
Students from Travis, Lamar and De Zavala Middle Schools will tour the Nasher Sculpture Center in downtown Dallas this October – but the visits will be much more than routine field trips. Nearly 1,000 students from across the Irving ISD will participate in Make a Connection Thru Art, an educational initiative sponsored by Nokia. The program provides middle-school students the opportunity to work directly with professional artists while learning essential life skills such as respect, creative thinking and communication.

“The visit to the Nasher is really just a first step,” Gigi Antoni,

Executive Director of Big Thought, the program’s administrator, said. “While touring the gallery, instructors lecture on artists’ motivation and students participate in interactive activities. They learn how artists take an idea or concept and incorporate that theme into their work. Back in the classroom, students are challenged to pick a topic that’s important to them – individual concepts – as important as self confidence and pride or as autobiographical as family and heroes. Over the ensuing 10 weeks they then work with professional artists to explore those themes and turn them into art. The program does a phenomenal job of allowing stu-

dents to develop life skills. It uses art as a way to explore their personal point of view.”

Make a Connection Thru Art is in its third year in the Irving ISD and is the U.S. component of Nokia’s global youth life-skills initiative. Nokia currently funds programs in 24 countries. In spring 2007, Make a Connection Thru Art will expand to Austin, Bowie, Crockett and Houston Middle Schools in the Irving ISD. For the first time, the program will also serve schools in the Keller Independent School District.

“Make a Connection Thru Art provides an opportunity for students to express themselves, and

we’re very happy to again deliver this arts-based life-skills program to young people right in our own community,” Vanessa Nickson, Senior Manager, Community Involvement, Nokia, said. “Our partnership with the Irving ISD gives Nokia employees many opportunities to work with and get to know young people in and around Ir-

ing. For them, the Make a Connection Thru Art program is a great opportunity to learn with—and learn from—the program’s middle-school participants.”

Make a Connection Thru Art is sponsored by Nokia, with support from the Pearson Foundation. The program is managed directly by Big Thought.

Irving composer, pianist nominated for state award

Provided by Maura Gast

Irvingite Giorgio “George” Primo has been short-listed for the position of Texas State Musician, a designation created by the 77th Legislature for well-known, accomplished and prolific Texas musicians.

Born Feb. 2, 1922 in Detroit into a family of musical talents (brother Humberto Primo was a concertmaster with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and paid for all of his younger brother’s piano lessons), Primo debuted his first composition in his senior year of high school – it was the graduation song for the 1939 class of his alma mater, MacKenzie High School.

Primo performed with the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) – WXYZ Radio Station staff orchestra from 1940-1946, alongside Brace Beamer, radio’s original “Lone Ranger” and Al Hodge of “Green Hornet” fame, as well as Mike Wallace.

He composed two ballets for the Detroit Civic Lite Opera Company, *Mother Goose Fantasy* and *Fate Ballet*, during his 1947-48 tenure. The *Detroit Free Press* noted of the latter, “brilliant as the dancing is however, the discovery of the week is the young Detroit composer, Giorgio Primo, who wrote the blazing music that accompanies it.”

In 1972, he was commissioned to compose a personal Presidential Inaugural song for President Richard M. Nixon; the piece was per-

formed for the President and Mrs. Nixon during their visit to the Post Office Building for the inaugural.

From 1977-1978, television fans caught a glimpse of Primo on a recurring role on the hit series Vegas, featuring Robert Urich as the show’s lead, private investigator Dan Tanna.

Memorial Day 1978, Primo accepted an invitation in Las Vegas to conduct that evening’s performance of the Tropicana Hotel’s “Folies Bergere,” without a rehearsal.

In 1980, Primo achieved lifetime memberships to the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

In 2004, Primo composed his first religious song, “Lullaby for Baby Jesus,” premiering it for St. Michael Catholic Church in Bedford, where he is a church and choir member.

Primo moved to Irving in 1982, as the house pianist at the predecessor to today’s Omni Mandalay. Since then, he has shared his talents gratis with numerous organizations throughout the community, at charitable and civic events, while remaining a “working musician.” He was inducted as an honorary member of the Irving Rotary Club in 2004, and serves as the club’s pianist and composer “in residence.”

Today, at 84-1/2 years young, Primo is still creating music. His interpretative composition of *The Lord’s Prayer* is being considered

for publication, and he has generated renewed interest in his ballet, *Mother Goose Fantasy*.



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Homeschoolers prepare to compete in robotics



Yes, we have no bananas. But there will be bananas a plenty when Coach Gary, Carlos, David, Josh, Larry, Roger, Haley, Logan, Aaron, Kylie, Tyler, Wesley and Jorge (lft to rt back tofront) compete with their robot.

By Kylie F. Jones

TECH, an Irving based homeschool robotic team, is preparing to participate in the Texas BEST robotics competition. Over the past six weeks TECH created a robot with only the parts given to them by their local BEST hub.

Every year the robot must do something different. This year is the "Laundry Quandary." For points the robot will hang "wet" bandanas on a clothesline and take "dry" bandanas off. To complete its mission, the robot must be designed with an

arm that can reach over five feet, a claw, room to hold "wet" bandanas, a hook that can grab a basket to hold "dry" bandanas, and wheels, run by four motors. According to the rules, the robot must weigh less than 24 lbs. and fit in to a twenty-four inch cube.

TECH will compete in the Texas BEST competition at the University of Texas at Dallas on Oct. 21. The winning team will advance to Texas Tech in Lubbock for the final competition.

For more information go to www.dallas-best.org.

North Lake art student wins calendar design for Dallas Farmers Market



Ed Greer and Byron Black (rt) congratulate Parul Sharma on her award winning design.



2007 calendar will be distributed at the State Fair of Texas as well as the Farmer's Market.

The winner, Parul Sharma, will receive \$500. In addition, the North Lake Art Club (WEOTA) will receive a \$1000 to help fund art scholarships and awards for other North Lake art students.

"Parul is an excellent student and is committed to a career in art," Byron Black, Art/Computer Graphics instructor at North Lake, said. "She is a great representative for all our students in our computer graphic program."

Provided by Janis Browning

For the seventh year in a row, a student from North Lake College's Computer Graphics program has won the Dallas Farmer's Market Calendar competition. The

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Lacking the ability to regulate alcohol outlets Irving will quickly evolve into what you see in Dallas at Skillman/Abrams, the bikini beer bars on Webb Chapel or Grand Prairie on Jefferson Blvd. The DMN recently reported that Carrollton citizens have discovered that there is nothing that can be done to prevent the heavy concentration of alcohol outlets popping up even around daycare centers. Studies have shown that these heavy concentrations of convenience stores, drive up beer windows and beer barns selling malt liquor and beer attract vagrants, loiterers, the homeless, and criminal activity. Malt liquor (known on the street as "liquid crack") has twice the alcohol content of beer at half the cost and is the drink of choice for these groups.

There are already over 125 existing retail outlets that would be allowed to sell malt liquor, beer and wine, primarily concentrated in Central and South Irving. Proponents of alcohol sales would like you to believe that Irving needs the sale of malt liquor, beer and wine to offset the revenue from losing the Dallas Cowboys. Nothing could be further from the truth. Development proposals are currently being submitted which will result in more than a billion dollars of development and generate substantial year round tax revenues.

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