

Series of upsets precedes weekend play in the Irving Tennis Classic

By Brandon Crosby

Things are off to a hot start so far at the 2014 Irving Tennis Classic, which is taking place at the Four Seasons Hotel and Resort in Las Colinas. Entering the weekend, only a handful of favorites remain in contention to win the event.

In singles play, there were several notable upsets in the first two rounds. Perhaps the biggest surprise came in first round play when top seed Vasek Pospisil was knocked off by former Baylor Bear Benjamin Becker, who has since advanced to the quarter final round. A slew of second round upsets included second-seeded Federico Delbonis going down, as well as fourth seed Igor Sijsling and fifth seed Denis Istomin.

Becker and German Tobias Kamke have looked particularly strong through opening round play, as has Austin resident Ryan Harrison, who advanced to the quarter finals. Third seed Lukas Rosol also seems poised to make a push for the tournament crown.

In doubles play, hometown favorite and Four Seasons Sport Club member Alex Pier and fellow American Michael Russell were defeated in the first round by Argentinean duo Guido Pella and Federico Delbonis. American Rajeev Ram and partner Paul Hanley lost in second round action to Jesse Huta Galung and Rosol.

American Scott Lipsky and partner Santiago Gonzalez remain alive in doubles play heading into the weekend and will battle for the doubles title. Rosol and Huta Galung look to be strong candidates to win the tournament as well.

Tournament action will continue through the weekend at the Four Seasons, with semi final play on Saturday and finals for both singles and doubles taking place on Sunday afternoon. SMU will also take the court Sunday morning against Portland at 10 a.m.



Playing on the Championship Court, Daniel Gimeno-Traver (Spain) prepares to backhand the ball during the Irving Tennis Classic. / Photos by John Starkey



Working hard for the win, Steve Johnson (USA) plays against Daniel Gimeno-Traver. Johnson's victory sends him into the quarter finals where he will play his next match against Benjamin Becker (Germany).

Specialized cancer treatment center under construction

By Jess Paniszczyn

When cancer affects your family members or loved ones, you want them to receive the best medical treatment available as soon as possible. For certain cancers, proton therapy is the fastest, safest, least harmful course of treatment. At this time, unfortunately, patients must travel either to Houston or Oklahoma City to receive proton therapy, because the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex is the largest metropolitan area in the United States without a proton therapy facility. But that situation is about to change.

The Texas Center for Proton Therapy is currently being built in Irving as a joint venture between Texas Oncology, US Oncology and Baylor Scott & White. Scheduled to be completed in February of 2016, the Center will treat more than 110 patients per day.

The Center's director, Gary Barlow, discussed the construction and the advantages of proton therapy during

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An Airbus A380 like the two show here (one in flight, one on the ground) may be coming to the DFW Airport soon. However, the first carrier to fly A380s into DFW remains a mystery.

/ Photo courtesy of Airbus by A. Doumenjou

DFW prepares for world's largest passenger jet

By Stephen Fielder

In October 2007, Singapore Airlines became the first air carrier to fly the Airbus A380 "Super Jumbo." Today, there are well over 100 of the behemoths flying to destinations all over the world. However, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) is not yet among them. (There was a one-off visit on Sept. 19, 2013 when a Lufthansa A380 was diverted to DFW from Houston.) However, DFW management is taking steps to prepare for the day when an A380 is a regular part of the airport operation. There has been no official announcement, but apparently the arrival of the A380 may not be very far off.

The DFW management team went to the airport

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The developer presented several sketches of proposed uses of the old Texas Stadium site including this one. Among ideas for the area are restaurants, retail and even a tennis complex. / Courtesy rendering

Options abound for stadium site

By Amanda Casanova

Irving residents got a glimpse of what could come to the old Texas Stadium site at a public meeting on Monday, March 3.

Among some of the proposed designs from developer OliverMcMillan was a retail center with apartments, hotels, office space, restaurants and even a tennis complex.

"We think it's a unique opportunity to make a special place in Irving," said Paul Buss, president of the firm. "This site is a tremendous opportu-

nity ... to make it a real place, a place where people want to be and want to spend their time."

Nearly 100 guests attended the meeting at City Hall. Some of their suggestions included taking advantage of connectivity in the area and designing an iconic look to the site rather than just settling for a traditional multi-use development center.

"We are looking for something to make this a unique ... and special addition to the Metroplex," Mayor

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City Council to consider Victor Conley as Fire Chief

Interim City Manager Steve McCullough has announced Victor Conley as his nomination for Fire Chief and the City Council will consider this during the March 20 Council Meeting. In this capacity, Conley will be responsible for the administration of Irving's Fire Department, supervising 318 fire personnel with a general fund budget of \$36 million. Conley has most recently served as Irving's

Interim Fire Chief. "Having worked almost 30 years with the Irving Fire Department, Chief Conley has established himself as a proven leader," McCullough said. "The Chief has tremendous depth in training and experience. Among other qualities, he understands the need for technical relevance and he is focused on resident relations."

Earlier this year, the Texas Fire

Chiefs Association named Conley 2013 Texas Fire Chief of the Year. In Irving's 2012 Resident Survey, residents expressed an 87 percent satisfaction rate with the Irving Fire Department.

Conley's career in the fire department began in 1986 with the City of Irving as a firefighter. He has risen through the ranks serving as Fire Equipment Operator, Lieutenant,

Captain, and Assistant Fire Chief. Since August 2012 he has served as Interim Fire Chief.

"I'm excited for this opportunity and eager and ready to take the Fire Department to the next level," Conley said. "Residents can continue to expect exceptional service from firefighters, paramedics, and prevention personnel at the Irving Fire Department."

In addition to accumulating a

number of advanced certifications, Conley also enjoys giving back to the community. He serves on the Board of Trustees for the Irving YMCA and volunteers for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Make-A-Wish Foundation and assists the Scottish Rite Hospital with events.

Conley holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Columbia Southern University in Fire Science.

SOURCE City of Irving

Irving receives prestigious environmental award

Governor's Community Achievement Award given to 10 winners

Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) recognized Irving as one of 10 winners of the 2014 Governor's Community Achievement Awards for outstanding community improvement. The award is one of the most coveted annual environmental and community improvement honors in Texas.

The winners will share \$2 million in landscape funding from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Irving will receive \$310,000 for a landscaping project along a local state right-of-way.

Communities submitted materials to one of 10 population categories and judges chose the winners based on their achievements in seven environmental and community improvement areas: community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, litter law and illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and community improvement, and solid waste management.

Scott Wilson, President of the Board of Directors of Keep Irving Beautiful (KIB), commented on the significance of this honor.

"This is a testament to the dedication and efforts of so many in this community who work year-round

to make Irving a better place to live, work and play," Wilson said. "While KIB staff did an excellent job of creating and submitting the application, it's important to stress that this award honors the entire community, not just KIB. This is something special for all of Irving to share and take pride in. We were honored to win the GCAA in 2010, and just as excited to win it again in 2014."

The GCAA program has recognized outstanding communities since 1969, with TxDOT providing landscaping awards since 1985. Irving will receive its award on June 24 in Austin, Texas during KTB's 47th Annual Conference.

SOURCE Keep Irving Beautiful

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Texas Stream Team Activity class

March 15, TBD
Learn about the natural quality of Irving's creeks, ponds, streams and the Trinity River at stream sampling demonstrations. Watch a representative of the Texas Stream Team program perform basic water quality testing and data gathering at the water's edge and learn how to keep an eye on water quality and our environment, obtain training, and become a part of the long-term stream monitoring in Irving. For more information, contact Karen Siddall, at 972-721-2772.

Craft Corner Store

March 17-22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Looking of a unique gift or item for your home? The Coppell Senior and Community Center (345 W. Bethel Rd., Coppell) announces the return of the Craft Corner Store! Shop a variety of locally produced, handmade items crafted with care by Coppell Senior Center members. For more information, call 972-462-5136.

Registration for Clean Coppell

March 17 deadline
It's time to pitch in to clean up Coppell during Keep Coppell Beautiful's (KCB) annual, city-wide cleanup event, Clean Coppell. The registration form is available on the City of Coppell website (www.coppelltx.gov). For more information about, call 972-462-5191 or e-mail KCB@coppelltx.gov.

Career & Financial Empowerment Fair

March 18, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
North Lake College will host two career-focused events, for students and the community, in the Student Life Center of Central Campus. Both events will help attendees gain real-world information about college majors, career options, and financial planning. A \$250 scholarship drawing will be held hourly. In room H-226, the "Major Career Affair" will include two panels of eleven career professionals.

Archery Clinic

March 18, 4:30-6 p.m.
The Irving Police Athletic/Activities League (IPAL) is offering a free archery clinic for ages 10-18 from at IPAL, 1550 Rock Island Road. No registration required; however, parents or guardians must sign a waiver. Participants may attend one or both clinics. For more information, visit irvingpal.org.

Community Meeting with new Parkland CEO

March 18, 6:30-8 p.m.
Dallas County Commissioner, Dr. Elba Garcia, is hosting a forum with Dr. Fred Cerise at the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce (5201 N. O'Connor Blvd. #100). This event is open to the public and will allow attendees to share concerns and ask questions about the Parkland Health & Hospital System.

Town Hall

March 18, 6:30 p.m.
A City Council led Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Mustang Park Recreation Center, 2223 Kinwest Parkway. The City of Irving and representatives from the development firm, Oliver McMillan, will

gather resident input related to the possible development of the city-owned stadium-site property located at State Highway 114, Loop 12 and State Highway 183. Developers and architects are asking for resident input prior to finalizing the master plan for the proposed high-end project. The site includes 78 acres of prime real estate. For more information, call (972) 721-7600.

Bats in the City

March 20, 6-7:30 p.m.
Come to the West Irving Library (4444 W. Rochelle Rd.) to learn about the role bats play in keeping North Texas' ecosystem healthy and balanced, and dispel the myth associated with these winged mammals including the saying "blind as a bat" and the statement that they are destructive pests.

Coppell Farmers Market

March 22, 8 a.m.-Noon
The Coppell Farmers Market (793 S. Coppell Rd.) is a thriving farmers market in Old Town Coppell with almost forty vendors and features arts and crafts vendors in addition to the produce and food vendors that participate year round. The rule of thumb for market operation is "rain or shine, but not ice." For more information visit www.coppellfarmersmarket.org.

Get Moving! with the UT Southwestern Heart Team (Coppell)

March 22, 9-11 a.m.
Bring your family and friends to Andy Brown Community Park East to hear about tips for stress reduction, then take a walk with a UT Southwestern cardiologist to learn how the "heart pros" stay healthy. Free Health Screenings - Handouts on Health and Nutrition - Free Bottled Water and Granola Bars. For more information, visit www.utswnmedicine.org/conditions-specialties/heart/get-moving

Smart Springtime Water Usage

March 22, 9 a.m.-Noon
Guests at the Valley View Municipal Complex (333 Valley View Ln.) will learn about the basic concepts of indoor water conservation. Students also will learn about basic drip irrigation design and installation, choosing the right components, watering techniques and system maintenance for landscaping. For more information, call 972-742-2296.

Community Fest

March 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Enjoy a day filled with free food, games, entertainment and children's activities during the annual Community Fest at its new location, Senter Park, 901 S. Senter Road. Businesses and city departments will be present during the event. For more information, call (972) 721-2641.

Small-Scale Gardening class

March 22, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Keep Coppell Beautiful is offering an environmental education class at The Biodiversity Education Center (345 Freepoint Parkway). The workshop will cover: containers, raised beds, veggies in landscape, and creative gardening. Free; registration is not required. Visit coppellcommunitygarden.org

Concert in the Plaza

March 22, 7-9 p.m.
Gather your picnic baskets and chairs and join the City of Coppell for its spring event kick-off as Live 80 plays all the decade's hits from new wave to pop to dance to hair metal, at the Town Center Plaza (255 Parkway Blvd.). Tropical ice treats from Kona Ice will be available and free popcorn courtesy of the Parks and Recreation Department! For information on the Plaza Music Series, please call 972-462-5100.

Teen Jam

March 22, 7-11 p.m.
Middle and high school students are invited to enjoy an evening of music and games during Teen Jam at Lively Pointe Youth Center, 909 N. O'Connor Blvd. Complimentary snacks and soda will be served. Free admission with a valid IPAR card. For information, call (972) 721-8090.

Women's Defense Class

March 31
Registration is open for the Irving Police Athletic League's four-day Rape Aggression Defense class for women, ages 12 years and older. Classes in Spanish will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. March 31 to April 3 at the Fire and Police Training Academy, 2603 Esters Road. Participants will practice realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. Each participant must provide a \$20 donation for kids' programs, sign waivers and attend all four days of their session. Visit irvingpal.org and choose "Events," or call Officer Jill Smith at (972) 721-2544.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrant flushing will occur throughout the city during March and April. Irving firefighters perform flushing to check for proper water flow and pressure, and to ensure that hydrants will work properly in case of emergency. State and federal agencies require water utilities workers to flush fire hydrants to circulate water and remove rust and other debris from lines.

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Remembering a healthcare hero, Patty Bozeman accepts the Outstanding Individual Award on behalf of her late husband, Walter Raymond "Gnat" Bozeman, for his work to keep the people of Irving healthy. / Photos by John Starkey



Recognizing his work as an exemplary volunteer, John Drake presents the Outstanding Volunteer Award to Alan Haile, DDS for his leadership of Irving Interfaith Clinic.

Healthcare foundation honors volunteers, donors

By Jess Paniszczyn

With the help of thousands of people from across the community, the Irving Healthcare Foundation (IHF) has raised more than \$35 million in the past 37 years to support healthcare in Irving. The IHF's primary beneficiary is Baylor Medical Center at Irving, previously known as Irving Community Hospital, but it also supports the Irving Interfaith Clinic, Baylor Our Children's House at Irving, Irving Dental Center and the Childhood Obesity Task Force of Irving.

In recognition of those who have generously aided the IHF through volunteerism or with monetary donations in its mission, the Irving Healthcare Foundation hosted its annual Citizens Who Care Dinner at the Hackberry Creek Country Club on March 6.

"I think Baylor is doing healthcare better than they have ever done it before, and you are part of that," said John Drake, president of the IHF. "You support the only charitable hospital in town, or the Children's House, or the Interfaith Clinic, or our obesity battling efforts."

"Imagine if you opened the Rambler, because it's your favorite newspaper, and it said the Mayo Clinic was opening a hospital in your town or the Cleveland Clinic or Johns Hopkins. Imagine you read that. Think about how proud you would be knowing that type of a facility is in Irving. That is exactly what is happening with the Baylor Scott & White. The strength of both of those facilities creates a health system like Mayo, like Johns Hopkins. That is going to be in your hometown, and I hope you are really excited. Your gifts have laid the groundwork to make that possible in Irving."

"Thank you for staying with us and investing. We know you have lots of giving options, but you have continued to give to healthcare, and that is going to pay tremendous dividends."

While some donations may be larger than others, they all go towards helping make the community a better place to live.

"My belief is there is no such thing as a small gift," Drake said. "There are only gifts."

"Last year the hospital had .8 percent margin, a little less than one percent. Those are grocery store margins. We were able to raise and grant \$2 million to our charities. One million of it went to the hospital last year. In order to have had \$1 million left over, the hospital would have had to have billed \$124 million in additional business."

"No matter what you gave. No matter how much you gave. You gave, and you made our community healthier. You helped educate nurses. There is no money left over for nursing education. New pieces of equipment like we bought for the cancer center, things we were able to do that philanthropy was the only way it was possible. You did that."

Brian Smith, chairman of the IHF, indicated that in the future, philanthropy will be more important to hospitals than it has ever been.

"Healthcare will change more in the next decade than it has in the past 50 years," Smith said. "As Hospital President Cindy Schamp will tell you, healthcare had to change. We could not sustain our healthcare system as it was. But as it changes, hospitals like ours will need us more than ever to help buy the equipment, to provide for nursing staff education and to continue with the treatment of our poor citizens in Irving who need our help even more now."

During the evening a few individuals and corporations were honored for their amazing gifts of time and support to healthcare in Irving.

The Outstanding Individual Award was presented to the late Walter Raymond "Gnat" Bozeman for his work at Irving Healthcare Foundation to keep the people of Irving healthy.

The Outstanding Individual Award was presented to Robert Israel, M.D. for his support of and volunteer leadership of Irving Interfaith Clinic.

The Outstanding Corporation Award was presented to Gold N Carats and owners Lucinda and Jim Rogers.

The Outstanding Volunteer Award was presented to Alan Haile, DDS for his volunteer leadership of Irving Interfaith Clinic.

National conference connects mayors and educators

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in conjunction with the U.S Conference of Mayors, invited Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne to participate in an education meeting for select mayors on March 13 and 14 in Washington, D.C.

The Gates Foundation works to dramatically increase the number of students who graduate from high school, truly ready for college or a meaningful career, and believes more progress can be made if mayors and educators work together to share ideas. Bill Gates will attend and will be involved in the conversation.

"I have been extremely involved in education with Irving schools and am eager to join this distinguished group of thought leaders to get a deeper understanding of the Gates' plan. I am interested in helping all youth excel and believe this is a prime opportunity to share ideas and further develop programs that have proven to be successful," Van Duyne said.

The mayor has invited Irving ISD Board of Trustees President Steven Jones to join her at the meeting.

"I am honored to represent the Irving Independent School District at this meeting," Jones, said. "I'm grateful for the strong relationship we have with the City of Irving and the mayor's office. I appreciate the city's support of our public schools and enjoy working with Mayor Van Duyne on education-related initiatives."

The meeting will begin on March 13 with a dinner discussion followed by a day-long meeting on March 14, including a conversation with Bill Gates. The foundation is working toward increasing the achievement of students, particularly those who are disadvantaged.

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Police enforce no-refusal policy for Spring Break

The Irving Police Department (IPD) will be conducting a DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) No-Refusal operation over the Spring Break holiday weekend by means of a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation's "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." campaign. Additional officers, whose primary focus will be to locate and arrest impaired drivers, will be on duty. Their high visibility and enforcement efforts should serve as a warning to those who would drive impaired.

IPD will utilize a no-refusal approach to DWI enforcement. Persons arrested for DWI will be offered a blood test only (no breath tests), and officers will seek a search warrant, signed by a judge, in order to obtain a sample from anyone refusing consent.

During the week of Spring Break, there is a higher likelihood of impaired drivers on the roadways. There will also be an increase in traffic due to people traveling to and from vacation destinations. These factors can increase the potential for alcohol-related crashes.

The operations will take place on the nights of Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15. If you see a suspected drunk driver, and you (or a passenger) can do so safely, please call 9-1-1 with the information.

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Cancer

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the Irving Healthcare Foundation's annual Citizens Who Care Dinner hosted at the Hackberry Creek Country Club on March 6.

"Right now you have to travel north or south to get proton therapy treatment," Barlow said. "I feel in my heart, after having delivered cancer care for 29 years, that the opportunity to stay in your community with the support of your family, your churches and even to be near your pets while you are getting treatment makes a difference in healing and recovery."

"When you go a half mile from here (Hackberry Creek Country Club) and you look on your left, just before you go under the George Bush overpass, you see six acres and a huge tower crane where we are building this facility."

"The first equipment from Belgium will hit the port of Houston on June 30. The piece of equipment is called a cyclotron, and it weighs 440,000 pounds. It weighs so much, it will actually have to be welded to the bottom of the boat when it leaves the port of Antwerp, Belgium for fear it will capsize the boat if it shifts around in high seas. It will come up on a 19 axle truck from Houston to Irving."

Proton therapy is used primarily for cancers in children, because they are still growing. It is also used in sensitive areas of adults including the head and neck, near the heart and spine, and for treatment of prostate cancer.

"Proton therapy is an advance form of radiation," Barlow said. "It is highly targeted and precise to destroy cancer cells, but it does minimal damage to normal, healthy tissue. Therefore, you don't have the side effects, and you have the ability to maintain your quality of life, because you are targeting the cancer only and not damaging healthy tissue."

"There were 117,000 new cases of cancer in 2013. There were 10,000 new proton patients in 2012. (The Mayo Clinic) is building two of these proton facilities. Each one of them costs \$155 million. Mayo is one of the cornerstones of medicine in our country. If they are building them, then this stuff works."

"During Mayo's due diligence study, they found that at a minimum, 137,000 Americans would best benefit from proton therapy. Today in our country there are only 14 functioning proton facilities. Only 14,000 patients out of 137,000 can be treated who badly need this. So you see how woefully underserved the

market is. This treatment is covered by Medicare and other commercial payers," he said.

"Sloan Kettering is building proton facilities. Emory University in Atlanta, University of Maryland, the major academic facilities in our country have proton facilities. The University of Pennsylvania has had one for four years."

Conventional radiation therapy uses x-ray waves which travel with fairly equal strength throughout the body. Proton therapy uses protons which have mass and expend their energy when they hit the cancer, much like a rock hitting a wall.

"When we use high energy x-rays to try to destroy cancer, which is what conventional radiation therapy uses today, just as soon as the x-ray beam enters the body it gives off its maximum dose," Barlow said. "That means that all the normal tissue on the way to the tumor is dosed with radiation. Not only does it dose tissue on the way in, it doses tissue on the way out. All the tissue on the other side of the cancer is dosed as well. We can't avoid that, because we can't stop an x-ray beam."

"A proton enters the body with far less energy. Then it peaks and stops at the cancer, because it has mass. A high energy x-ray is a wave form like light, but a proton has mass. Because a proton has mass, the physician taking care of you and a PhD physicist calculate the geometry of your tumor, and then they give the proton beam enough energy to reach that tumor and no more. The proton has very little dose on the way to the target. It blooms its dose and strikes the cancer, destroys it, and then there is no exit dose."

"With proton therapy, we can actually dose-escalate: give a higher dose. By treating less normal tissue, the doctors who give chemotherapy, can give more chemotherapy, because we are damaging less healthy tissue. Sometimes we do use conventional radiation therapy in combination with proton therapy. Prostate cancer is one of the diseases (for which) we use that approach. If we are damaging less tissue, that means we can give more dose per treatment day and that shortens the whole course (of treatment.)"

"What we see with prostate cancer is with conventional therapy it takes nine and a half weeks. If you go for proton therapy, it takes a little under eight weeks," he said.

"Right now proton therapy is about twice as expensive as conventional radiation therapy. But if you look at the cost of what you are saving, if you can give more dose to that cancer where it does is not recur, you



Texas Center for Proton Therapy / courtesy rendering

do not have to treat recurrent disease, because it never came back. If you can use proton therapy and not cause side effects that you have to manage later on, you have saved those costs. So people have found that in the long run, proton therapy is actually the better value.

"Most patients receive proton therapy for six to eight weeks. The average appointment lasts 13 to 40 minutes: 13 minutes for prostate therapy, 40 minutes for a two year old who you have to put under anesthesia to give them a treatment."

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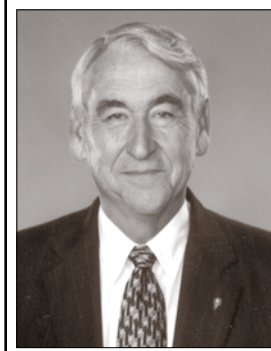
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Sandra Kay Holmes

Sandra Kay Holmes, a resident of Irving since 1963, born September 27, 1935 in Gentry, Missouri, left her heavenly body Tuesday, March 11, 2014. She is survived by her husband, Richard L. Holmes. They married on September 16, 1962 in Saint Louis,



Missouri. Also surviving are her sister, Joan King of Illinois; two former exchange students, Morton Hagan of Denmark and Eivinn Euland of Norway;

brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Elizabeth Henry of Oregon; and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Lucille Peter and brother, Russell Peter. Sandy graduated from Central Methodist College with a degree in vocal music. She taught in the St. Louis, Missouri and Irving, Texas School Systems, ending her career as Therapeutic Recreation Director for the Handicapped for the City of Dallas. Sandy was an active member of the Ambassador Program at DFW Airport and a member of the Irving Chorale. She is a former member of

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Marjorie Vigen
December 19, 1928 – March 11, 2014

choirs at St. Luke's and Holy Family Catholic Churches in Irving. She is also a previous member of the Dallas Catholic Choir. Visitation and Rosary were held Thursday, March 13 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 14 at Mater Dei Catholic Church, 2030 East Highway 356 in Irving. Entombment followed at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Irving Chorale, 3333 North MacArthur Blvd, Irving, TX 75062, Mater Dei Catholic Church, or a charity of your choice.

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Summer intern will help residents overcome employment barriers

Through a grant from the Exxon-Mobil Foundation, Irving Cares will hire a paid summer intern for their Employment Services department, from May 19 to Aug. 29. Each year, the ExxonMobil's Community Summer Jobs Program provides full-time college students with an eight-week partnership to gain experience in a wide range of nonprofit community organizations.

"Irving Cares is honored to be selected to hire an intern," said Irving Cares CEO Teddie Story. "We have had some fantastic interns through this program, working in all parts of our agency. This year's placement includes direct client contact, which helps us serve more clients this summer, as well as giving the intern some solid job skills for his future."

The intern will assist job seekers with referrals, resumes and educational needs. They will also conduct a Job Search Seminar and market and promote the employment program in the community.

Eligible students must be an undergraduate returning to college on a full-time basis in the fall of 2014 and should be pursuing a degree in human resources, business or psychology.

SOURCE Irving Cares

Make-A-Wish North Texas grants 8,000 wishes

On Saturday, March 8, Make-A-Wish North Texas hosted its 8th Annual Waltzing for Wishes gala at the Overton Hotel in Lubbock, Texas. Guests arrived knowing they were in for another competitive dance competition, but they had no clue they would be a part of a milestone announcement.

Just days before the gala took place, eight-year-old Taylor, who battles a life-threatening medical condition, was seen skipping through the mall singing, "We're going to a gala. We're going to a gala." Taylor had just learned that she would spend her Saturday night with her family attending Make-A-Wish North Texas' annual fundraiser. Treatments and doctors' visits were far from her mind as all she could think about was getting to dress up like a princess and go to a "ball" wearing a pretty pink dress.

Arriving at the Waltzing for Wishes gala, Taylor's parents knew that this was the night their daughter would find out her wish was coming true, but what Make-A-Wish North Texas had in store for the family and the guests was something no one expected. After a heated dance competition between six local Lubbock celebri-



Pretty in pink, Taylor enjoys a Make-A-Wish gala where she learned her wish to travel to Hawaii will be Make-A-Wish North Texas' 8,000th wish to be granted.

Courtesy photo

ties, Taylor joined her family on stage as her mother shared their journey since first hearing the news that their daughter was battling cancer. All eyes were on Taylor as she received news that her wish to go to Hawaii would soon come true. The crowd cheered as Taylor hugged her dad and the cheers turned into a roar when it was announced that Taylor's wish would be the 8,000th wish granted for the North Texas chapter.

Taylor was all smiles as she and her brother danced the night away, and their parents watched with joy. Soon the family will make their way to Hawaii where they will take a horseback ride along the beach, swim with dolphins and experience an authentic Hawaiian luau.

"I'm excited to swim with dolphins, which are my second favorite animal," Taylor explained. When asked what her favorite animal was, Taylor squealed "horses!"

Since 1982, Make-A-Wish North Texas has worked to grant the wishes

of every eligible child in the 161 counties the organizations serves in Texas. Now awarding over 500 wishes per year, the chapter was delighted to share the news of their 8,000th wish milestone.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was President John F. Kennedy who made the following sage observation: "Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."

• If you're planning a trip to Kentucky anytime soon, you'd better keep a close rein on your interactions with strangers. It seems that flirting there is illegal and could get you 30 days in jail.

• If you're like me, social situations can be a nightmare of trying -- and usually failing -- to remember the names of all your new acquaintances. The next time you find yourself struggling to name the person you're conversing with, you can always segue into this interesting tidbit: The inability to remember names is technically known as anomia.

• Those who study such things claim that more Jell-O is eaten in Utah than anywhere else in the world.

• W.H. Auden was already a celebrated poet when he left Great Britain for America in

1939. His admirers on the other side of the Atlantic, therefore, may have been surprised that when he arrived in the U.S. he moved into a run-down house in Brooklyn Heights with roommates ranging from novelist Carson McCullers to composer Benjamin Britten to stripper Gypsy Rose Lee.

• The state of Colorado is named (unsurprisingly) after the Colorado River. In Spanish the word means "reddish," a reference to the appearance of the water in some places.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What was the name of the coffee shop featured on the sitcom "Frasier"?
- U.S. STATES: What is the United States' northernmost state capital?
- FOOD AND DRINK: What are crudites?
- THEATER: What was the first rock musical to play on Broadway?
- LANGUAGE: What is logorrhea?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Spy Who Came in from the Cold"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: About what percentage of people are left-handed?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the smallest country in the world with a coastline?
- ANATOMY: In human beings, how long is the average interval between eye blinks?
- FAMOUS QUOTES: Who once said, "A word to the

wise ain't necessary -- it's the stupid ones that need the advice?"

Answers

- Cafe Nervosa
- Juneau, Alaska
- Raw vegetables often served as appetizers
- "Hair"
- Excessive wordiness
- John Le Carre
- 10 percent
- Monaco
- 2-10 seconds
- Bill Cosby

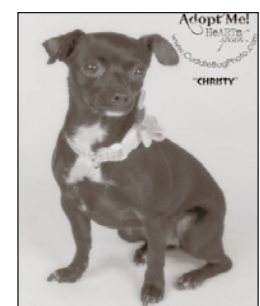
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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| 3. Precious medal | ___ I _ _ _ _ | Serving tray | ___ A _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Place a bet | ___ G _ _ _ | Thirst quencher | ___ T _ _ _ _ |
| 5. Talk excessively | ___ B _ _ _ _ | Dangling ornament | ___ U _ _ _ _ |
| 6. Fad | ___ Z _ _ _ | Yearn | ___ V _ _ _ |
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| 8. Mr. Mitty | W _ _ _ _ _ | Bridle | H _ _ _ _ _ |
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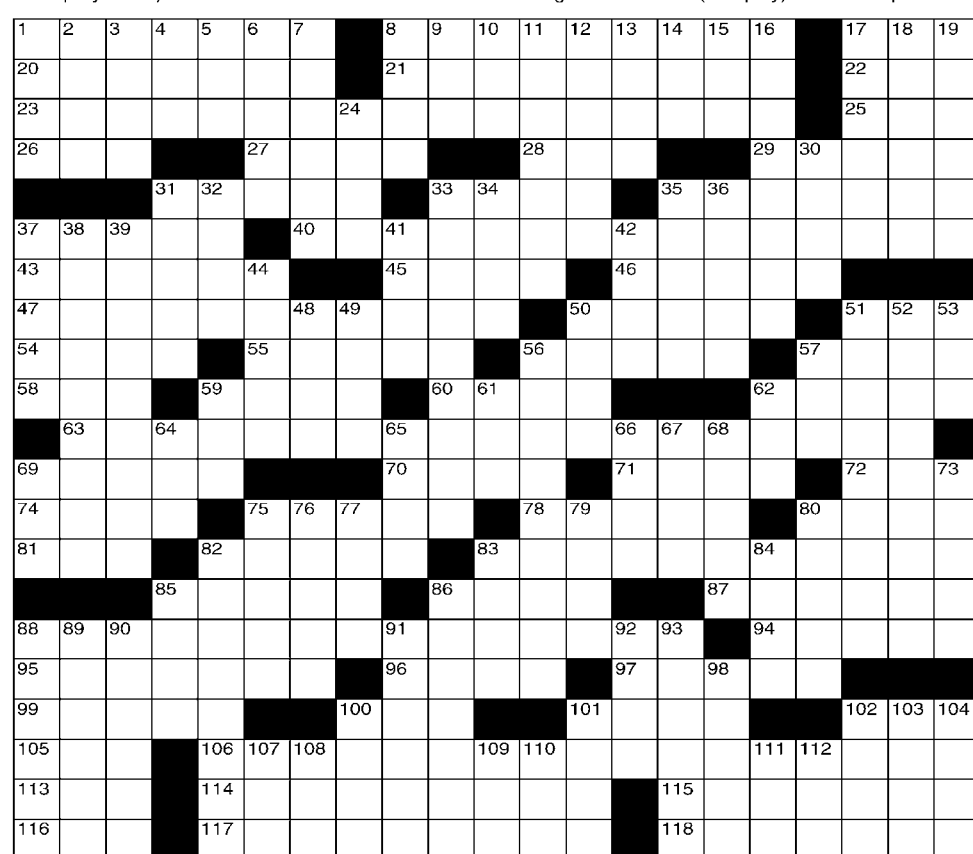
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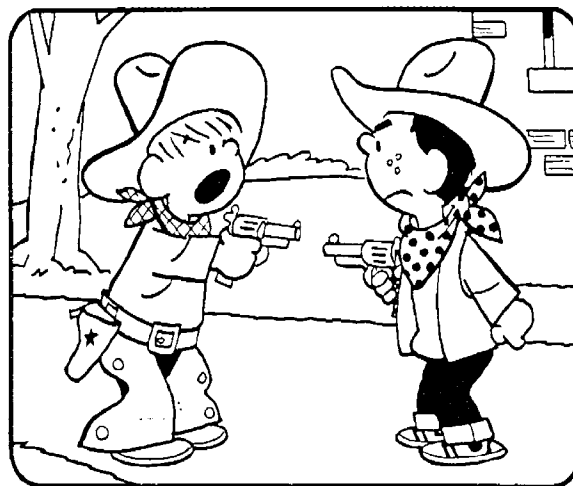
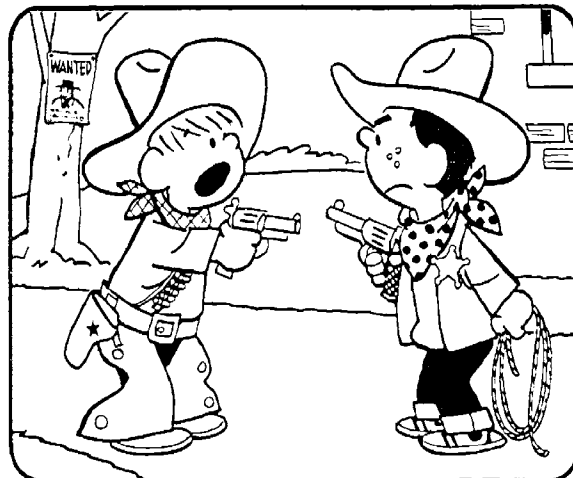
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| 8 Harvard's city | 2 Large fair |
| 17 Sleeping site | 3 Unfreeze |
| 20 Grave robber, e.g. | 4 "Ben-" |
| 21 Outfitted and equipped | 5 Rescue squad VIP |
| 22 Summer, to Henri | 6 Monkey's kin |
| 23 Activity of a ghost in a flat? | 7 Factory-made home |
| 25 Zenith competitor | 8 Lynxes, e.g. |
| 26 Seating tier | 9 Herr's cry |
| 27 Sci-fi space vehicles | 10 1988 buyer of Motown |
| 28 Crooner Orbison | 11 Whiskey type |
| 29 Ham-and- (average Joe) | 12 Get used up |
| 31 Bigoted title of film | 13 Blitty lead-in |
| 33 He played Mowgli in "Jungle Book" | 14 Soft & Xer |
| 35 -Packard | 15 With a side foremost |
| 37 Didn't just talk | 16 Actress Candice |
| 40 Develop a potbelly faster than? | 17 "And so on and so on": Abbr. |
| 43 Somewhat (Ocean Spray flavor) | 18 Scarcity |
| | 19 E flat, e.g. |
| | 20 Bonding stuff |
| | 21 Hellenic B's |
| | 22 Kitchen lure |
| | 23 Discovered black gold |
| | 24 Very little |
| | 25 Put a spell on |
| | 26 Olympics swords |
| | 27 Songwriters' org. |
| | 28 At an angle |
| | 29 Dirty Harry's last name |
| | 30 At that time |
| | 31 Figure (out) |
| | 32 Essence |
| | 33 Dickens or Darwin |
| | 34 In storage |
| | 35 Abrasive stone stuff |
| | 36 Keynote speaker, e.g. |
| | 37 Bird calls |
| | 38 Jazz's state |
| | 39 Snooping (around) |
| | 40 One seeing the sights? |
| | 41 Glamour or Vogue rival |
| | 42 Cautious (of) |
| | 43 Metropolis in Columbia |
| | 44 Island dance |
| | 45 "So right!" |
| | 46 Lemon or lime drink |
| | 47 Jean- Picard |
| | 48 Mystifying Mr. Geller |
| | 49 Swift plane |
| | 50 NYC's Park, for one |
| | 51 Big name in ballpoints |



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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

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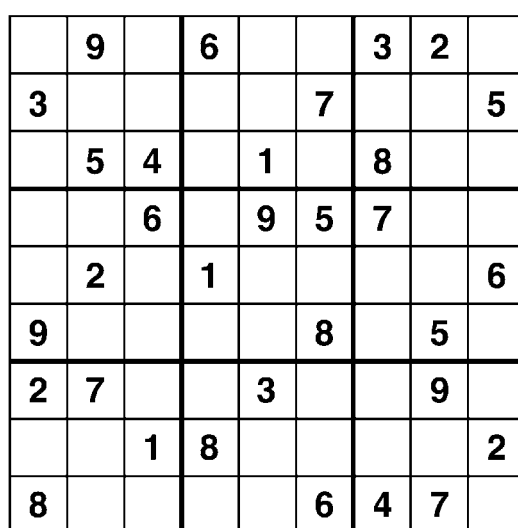
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Airport

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board on March 7 and requested an official board action to begin making modifications to accommodate aircraft like the A380. The first round of modifications will run approximately \$2.8 million and include the installation of an upper level jet bridge in Terminal D at D15 and D16, as well as modifications to existing lower level jet bridges, the auto docking system and ramp markings. All of that will take six months and should be ready in October of this year. The modifications for the A380 were actually considered in the original plans for Terminal D because the terminal and the A380 were designed concurrently. So DFW has been anticipating the arrival of the A380 for a long time.

In a month or two, DFW management will be requesting some modifications to the runways and taxiways to accommodate the A380, including widening the asphalt shoulders by about 20 feet. The total cost of all of the modifications is in the range of \$4-5 million.

Because the A380 is so colossal, it needs to fill up more seats for the flight to make money. This has caused some carriers to shy away from going with the biggest aircraft possible, because they can lose the versatility afforded by offering more flights out of a location using smaller planes, like the Boeing 747.

The Airbus A380 is similar to the Boeing 747 in some ways, but the two planes diverge on significant points. First of all, the 747 has an upper passenger deck that extends from the cockpit about a third of the way back to the tail. On the A380, there is an upper passenger deck that extends from just aft of the cockpit to the tail. A 747-400, like the ones seen at DFW now, has seating for about 416 passengers spread across first, business and economy class. An A380 typically has three-class passenger seating for 525-555. A 747-400 has an empty weight of 393,263 lbs. and a maximum takeoff weight of 875,000 lbs. The A380 has an empty weight of 610,700 lbs. and a maximum takeoff weight of 1,234,600 lbs.

Since the A380 would typically have more than 500 passengers deplaning all at once, the addition of the upper-level jet bridge makes sense. DFW plans to allow A380 passengers to deplane from the upper and lower levels of the aircraft using two gates and three jet bridges.

The obvious question is which airline is going to be the first to offer A380 service to DFW.

"We don't know. Completely unknown at this point," said DFW spokesman, David Mangana, "We're going to let that airline make their own announcement."

So the inaugural A380 carrier is a mystery, but it's still possible to make an informed guess. There are 11 air carriers currently flying the A380. They are: Singapore, Emirates, QANTAS, China Southern, Air France, Korean, Lufthansa, Malaysia, Thai, British Airways and Qatar. Of those, there are four who already serve DFW: QANTAS, Korean, British Airways, and Emirates. QANTAS has 12; Korean has nine; British Airways has four; Emirates has 46 A380s—more than twice as many as Singapore, which is the second biggest A380 operator with 19. Emirates also has a very large number of the A380 delivery positions going forward. So Emirates is currently by far the largest operator of A380 aircraft, and is going to be in that position for years to come.

Even though Emirates seems to be the most likely candidate to bring A380 service to DFW, it is still possible that British Airways or Korean Airlines or QANTAS could be first. It is not inconceivable that another A380 airline could decide to start service to DFW. However, it remains far more likely that an air carrier that is already established at DFW will decide to increase their capacity with A380 service.

Rematch cools Cowboy's hot streak

By Susan Whiting

The Coppell Cowboys hosted the Raiders from Flower Mound Marcus for their second matchup of the season on Friday, March 7.

After the Cowboys defeated the Marauders the first time around, this game ended in a 1-1 tie. Chris Madden scored the Cowboys' only goal off an assist by Austin Michaelis. The Cowboys had a very controversial call when a header from Justin Todd (pictured) struck the goal's crossbar; Mitchell Apple was on hand and ensured the deflection got to the back of the net, but the referee called Todd offside by inches, and the goal was disallowed.

The Cowboys remain on top in their district and look forward to their remaining two district games at Denton Ryan on Tuesday, March 18 and at home against Lewisville, for Senior Night, on Friday, March 21.

Coppell's JV had a strong 2-0 win over the Marauders.



Photo by Ty McAden

Scam rocks local roofers

Spring showers may bring flowers but for some businesses it could mean a loss in profits if they are not careful. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Fort Worth has received reports from roofers who have been contacted by potential customers to provide a bid for a roof replacement on a home purchase. Once the bid is submitted, the customer requests to overpay the requested deposit so the roofer can send the overpaid amount to the property owner via a wire transfer or prepaid card.

"These imposters are getting clever in their tactics," said Larry Taylor, BBB of Fort Worth CEO. "BBB of Fort Worth is working diligently to investigate potential scams and alert not only consumers but also businesses so they can take the proper precautions to avoid falling victim to these fraudulent activities."

In all cases reported, the customer only wants to be contacted via email or text message. And, in one case, the property address provided was a foreclosed home. BBB of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Inc. (BBB of Fort Worth) warns businesses, especially those in the roofing community, to be on the lookout for fake customers looking to make a quick buck.

Business owners can protect themselves from falling victim to this new scheme by being wary of customers who only want to do business via electronic formats or are unwilling to sign a contract but are willing to send money. They should also remember never to send money via wire transfer or prepaid card and to report suspicious transactions to their BBB.

SOURCE BBB of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Inc.

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BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
THURSDAY, March 27, 2014 3:30 p.m.
CITY HALL 825 WEST IRVING BOULEVARD

WORK SESSION – 3:00 PM – Council Conference Room

- 1 Presentation of Voluntary Compliance Items
- 2 Review of Staff Procedures
- 3 Review of Regular Agenda
- 4 Election of Officers
- 5 Adoption of Hearing Dates for 2014
- 6 Legal Advice By The Commission's Legal Counsel
- 7 Discussion: City of Irving Ethics Code & Policies
- 8 Review Rules of Procedure as Adopted November 17, 2011
- 9 Discussion: The Role, Responsibility and Liability of the Building and Standards Commission

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10 Pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, the Commission will convene in Executive Session to consult with its attorneys regarding ethics requirements and orientation on commission practices and procedures.
- 11 Consider and take action on items deliberated in Executive Session

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BSCP1105-0017 – 903 E. Pioneer Dr. – Carol Sible Ruiz
BSCP1301-0005 – 1825 English St. – Denise Kizziar
BSCP1005-0001 – 419 S Delaware St. – Deborah Smith-Wright

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

BSCP1306-0002 – 2427 Glacier St. – Robert F. Johannesen, Jr./Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas/Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
BSCP1307-0003 – 1621 Fair Oaks Dr. – Dale Lee & Barbara Linn Madsen/Plaza Home Mortgage, Inc./Bank of America N.A.

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- (1) THE MODIFICATION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 635 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD FROM OLYMPUS BOULEVARD TO NORTH BELT LINE ROAD FROM A FUTURE EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING ROAD;
- (2) THE DELETION OF REESE DRIVE EXTENSION FROM A FUTURE THREE-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD TO ESTERS ROAD; THE DELETION OF A FUTURE THREE-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD FROM THE FUTURE EXTENSION OF STATE HIGHWAY 114 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD TO CABELL ROAD;
- (3) THE DELETION OF RIDGE POINT DRIVE EXTENSION FROM ROYAL LANE TO THE FUTURE EXTENSION OF STATE HIGHWAY 114 NORTH SERVICE ROAD; THE DELETION OF SHORTHORN DRIVE EXTENSION FROM ROYAL LANE TO THE FUTURE EXTENSION OF STATE HIGHWAY 114 NORTH SERVICE ROAD;
- (4) THE MODIFICATION OF CABELL ROAD FROM SHORTHORN DRIVE TO N. BELT LINE ROAD FROM A FUTURE EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING ROAD; THE DELETION OF W. CAMPUS CIRCLE DRIVE EXTENSION FROM THE FUTURE EXTENSION OF STATE HIGHWAY 114 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD TO PREMIER DRIVE; THE DELETION OF COMMERCE DRIVE EXTENSION FROM THE FUTURE EXTENSION OF STATE HIGHWAY 114 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD TO PREMIER DRIVE;
- (5) THE REALIGNMENT AND MODIFICATION OF STORY ROAD EXTENSION FROM WEST OF NORTH BELT LINE ROAD TO STATE HIGHWAY 161 FROM A FOUR-LANE DIVIDED ROAD TO A THREE-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD;
- (6) THE MODIFICATION OF LADARA DRIVE (FORMERLY BRANGUS DRIVE) FROM HIDDEN RIDGE DRIVE TO WALNUT HILL LANE FROM A THREE-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD TO A LOCAL STREET;
- (7) THE MODIFICATION OF LAS COLINAS BOULEVARD FROM CUSTOMER WAY TO SPUR 348 FROM A FUTURE EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING ROAD;
- (8) THE MODIFICATION OF SPUR 348 AT LAS COLINAS BOULEVARD FROM A FUTURE HIGHWAY GRADE SEPARATION TO AN EXISTING HIGHWAY GRADE SEPARATION; THE MODIFICATION OF LAS COLINAS BOULEVARD FROM SPUR 348 TO LAKE CAROLYN PARKWAY FROM A FUTURE EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING ROAD; THE MODIFICATION OF LAKE CAROLYN PARKWAY FROM LAKE CAROLYN PARKWAY TO LAS COLINAS BOULEVARD FROM A FUTURE EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING ROAD; THE ADDITION OF LAKE CAROLYN PARKWAY EXTENSION FROM LAKE CAROLYN PARKWAY TO RIVERSIDE DRIVE;
- (9) THE DELETION OF TELEPORT FROM RIVERSIDE DRIVE TO STATE HIGHWAY 114 NORTH SERVICE ROAD; THE MODIFICATION OF STATE HIGHWAY 114 SERVICE ROAD AT THE BNSF RAILROAD FROM A FUTURE RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION TO AN EXISTING RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION;
- (10) THE MODIFICATION OF O'CONNOR ROAD FROM ROCHELLE ROAD TO STATE HIGHWAY 183 FROM A SIX-LANE DIVIDED ROAD TO A FIVE-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD;
- (11) THE MODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL PLACE FROM CENTURY CENTER BOULEVARD TO STATE HIGHWAY 183 FROM A LOCAL STREET TO A FOUR-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD;
- (12) THE MODIFICATION OF HARD ROCK ROAD FROM STATE HIGHWAY 183 TO CONFLANS ROAD FROM A FOUR-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD TO A THREE-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD;
- (13) THE MODIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH TURNPIKE (FORMERLY STATE HIGHWAY 161) FROM STATE HIGHWAY 183 TO THE SOUTHERN CITY LIMITS FROM A FUTURE EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING HIGHWAY;
- (14) THE REALIGNMENT OF HUNTER FERRELL ROAD FROM MACARTHUR BOULEVARD TO BELT LINE ROAD;
- (15) THE MODIFICATION OF BELT LINE ROAD AT THE TRINITY RAILWAY EXPRESS FROM A FUTURE RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION TO AN EXISTING RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION; THE MODIFICATION OF STORY ROAD AT THE TRINITY RAILWAY EXPRESS FROM A FUTURE RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION TO AN EXISTING RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION; AND
- (16) THE MODIFICATION OF MUSTANG PASS FROM THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 635 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD TO KINWEST PARKWAY FROM A FUTURE EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING ROAD.

Notice is hereby given that the following public hearings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center Complex (City Hall), 825 West Irving Boulevard, Irving, Texas:

Planning & Zoning Commission:
Monday, March 17, 2014, 7:00 PM;
Council:
Thursday, April 3, 2014, 7:00 PM,

to consider amending the City of Irving Comprehensive Plan and Master Thoroughfare Plan as described in the caption of this notice.

The public hearings are held for the purpose of considering the amendment to the City of Irving Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Master Thoroughfare Plan adopted on February 25, 1997 and readopted on April 5, 2007.

All citizens or interested parties desiring to be heard concerning this amendment may speak. The proposed amendment is on file for public examination in the Traffic and Transportation Department, 333 Valley View Ln, Irving, Texas, 75061. For further information, please call Chris Collier, P.E., Traffic Engineering Manager at (972) 721-2646.

Fast car films may be predictable but they are still fun



MATT MUNGLE
MUNGLE ON MOVIES

The only other movie genre that is as predictable, common, and formulaic as the romantic comedy is the high speed, action car racing flick. It is the guy's way of getting equal balance in the theater setting. With each new film, the bar is raised slightly until the cars get faster, the stunts more daring, and the stakes higher. In the new action crime drama Need for Speed the bar might

be completely annihilated.

When street racer Tobey Marshall (Breaking Bad's Aaron Paul) is framed by an extremely wealthy business associate (Dominic Cooper) and ends up doing jail time, all he can think of is revenge. His chance comes in the form of an underground, winner takes all, cross country race. Aided by a beautiful and car savvy sidekick (Imogen Poots) they try and out race, out plot, and outlast the competition.

This film is a car lover's dream. Normally street racing films have all the tricked out Honda's and flame covered Toyotas. This one uses all the high end cars that many have never heard of much less seen racing on the big screen. Jaguar, Ferrari, Koenigsegg, Lamborghini, and Maserati become as important as the real life characters driving them. These machines are sleek, fast, and expensive. And of course many get completely demolished.

Even as predictable as the film is, it does have some intriguing characters and story elements. The idea of a secretive, invitation only, cross country race masterminded by a secluded car enthusiast (Michael Keaton) is helpful in setting this one apart. Add to that the over the top and ground breaking stunt driving, directed by the king of car scenes Scott Waugh, and you get an energetic, action packed thrill ride.

Aaron Paul may not be known to many, but his stealthy gaze and intense mannerisms make him a great fit for this film. He is so focused on what he is doing, that you are instantly riveted to the moment. Marshall is a character you root for, and you want to see him stick it to the bad guy. It helps that Cooper plays this arrogant, smarmy, detestable rich kid nicely.

Need for Speed is rated PG-13 for sequences of reckless street racing, disturbing crash scenes, nudity and crude language. It is certainly meant for older male audiences and parents should waive the caution flag when it comes to younger, more impressionable viewers. This genre is not for everyone but those who like their movies fast and furious will salivate all over this one. I gave it 4 out of 5 tire rotations simply for what it brings to those who love these films.

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History comes to life

Lee Elementary School second grade teachers Mrs. Marquez and Mrs. Richmond hosted a living museum on Feb. 26. Their students researched a historical figure of their choice and shared their learning with classmates and the rest of the school. / SOURCE Irving ISD



Cosmic creations

Third graders from Lively Elementary School created mobiles of the solar system to hang above cribs in the neonatal intensive care unit at Medical City Children's Hospital in Dallas. Teacher Brooke Tucker organized the project and field trip involving about 50 students to present the planetary prototypes to hospital staffers. Nurses from the unit say the babies will be drawn to the bright colors and different shapes.

SOURCE Irving ISD

Stadium

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Beth Van Duyne said.

In January, the Irving City Council voted to start discussions with OliverMcMillian about redeveloping the 79 acres at the stadium site.

According to the memorandum of understanding, OliverMcMillian has six months to design a site plan for investors to consider. After that, the Council will have to make another deciding vote. Then the City would have to leave its contract with

the state, which is using the site as a highway construction center.

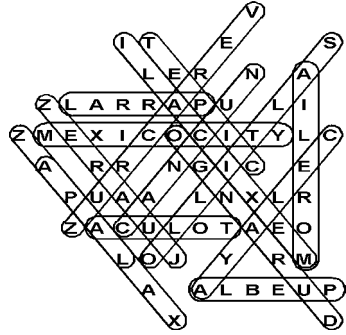
In late February, OliverMcMillian representatives met with several organizations including City staff, DART employees, University of Dallas officials and design firms.

"What's key about this process is we do it as a collaboration," Buss said. "This is a large enough project that we can work together and make the best if it."

The developer plans to have a budget created by April and could bring a development agreement to the City Council for approval as early as June, but nothing built on the site would open until 2017.

Past proposals for the site have included a FurnitureMart store and a snowboarding theme park.

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Super Crossword



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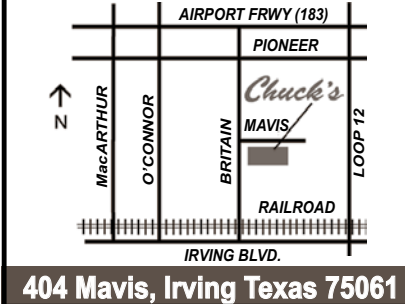
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3. Silver, Salver
4. Wager, Water
5. Babble, Bauble
6. Craze, Crave
7. Flash, Flush
8. Walter, Halter
9. Spring, Sprint
10. Brick, Brink

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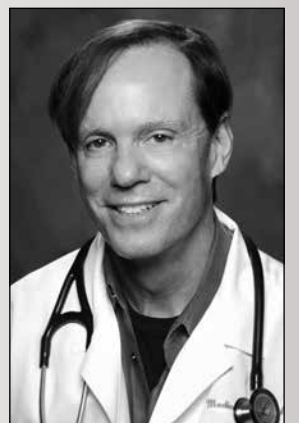
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Making Coppell a little greener, city officials and community members gather for a ceremonial tree dedication at the Nature Park and Biodiversity Center. / Photo by Nick Kramerer

Newly planted trees enhance city park

By Nick Kammerer

Coppell welcomed 18 newly planted trees on behalf of TXU Energy, Texas Tree Foundation and Coppell's Chamber of Commerce.

Members of Coppell's Chamber of Commerce, City Council and Coppell ISD School Board officials gathered for a ceremonial Tree Dedication at Coppell's newly developed Nature Park and Biodiversity Center on Monday, March 10. Texas State Representative Bennett Ratliff and Coppell Mayor Karen Hunt were also in attendance.

"When these partnerships come together, it is just that much better for the city and for the citizens," Mayor Hunt said. "This whole project has been a joy to watch unfold. Thank you for each of the individuals who have come together to make this entire project a reality, and we'll see it for many years into the future."

The trees were donated by TXU Energy and planted by the Texas Tree Foundation. The new vegetation was planted near Coppell's Nature Park and Biodiversity Center, located within Wagon Wheel Park.

"It is very exciting. We thank TXU for choosing to join the Coppell Chamber and to be a part of the community," said President and CEO of the Coppell Chamber of Commerce, Christine Valentine. "I know there will be a lot more to come from our

relationship."

President of the Friends of Coppell Nature Park and Biodiversity Center, Betsy Wilcox, welcomed the newly planted vegetation.

"This is a great place; this is a great park. We have a lot of exciting things planned for the summer and for any group that needs to come out here and just enjoy the trails or to enjoy our Biodiversity education center," Wilcox said.

"This is going to be the forefront for all of the buildings anywhere in the whole state of Texas, as far as being ecologically perfect and diverse. We just thank the community so much, and the city council, for everything they've done to make this dream come true."

The new Biodiversity center building was completed in December of 2013 and is designed to be ecologically friendly. The advanced educational center is "off the grid" and generates its own electricity using solar panels and batteries, allowing the building to leave zero environmental footprint.

The surrounding nature park contains 5.5 miles of trails that feature a variety of wildlife including over 130 species of birds and other animals including bobcats, hawks, coyotes and more.

Matt Grubisch with the Texas Trees Foundation explained how the

upcoming generation of students will benefit from the newly planted trees.

"As these kids start coming, they're going to start as kindergartners and all the way up through high school, they're going to get to see these trees grow and mature," Grubisch said. "It truly will be an education center where these kids will hopefully go on and be able to learn the correct way of how we're going to manage our environment going forward."

Shawn Parker with TXU Energy Company shared his excitement about the Coppell Nature Park and Biodiversity center.

"I've done a lot of these plantings over the years, and I have to say that this is probably one of the more exciting dedications that we've done," Parker explained.

"We couldn't be happier to be a part of it. This is actually a perfect definition of a public-private partnership coming together and making the community stronger. This donation is made possible by what we call the Committed to Community Growth program at TXU energy, where we donate trees to areas of need throughout the state. We've donated over 190,000 trees to areas of need, be it schools, municipalities and the Biodiversity center. We are very happy to do that and we are very excited about this process all of the time."

Young Seaman completes U.S. Navy basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Savon A. Porell, son of John R. Porell of Irving, Texas and Nicole F. Porell of Killeen, Texas, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Porell completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was



Navy Seaman Recruit Savon A. Porell participates in U.S. Navy basic training with his fellow recruits. / Courtesy photo

designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Porell is a 2012 graduate of Robert M. Shoemaker High School, Killeen.

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