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**THIS
WEEK**



Local youngsters dance 'The Nutcracker Suite'



Holiday decorations fill the Irving Arts Center

Church gives away turkeys



Willie White, Kevin Harris, Eric McNair, and Shondrick Hill stand ready to pass out frozen turkeys.

Community Bible Fellowship gave away 200 turkeys to deserving families on Nov. 20 at the Irving Arts Center. The young, non-denominational church grew out of an IBM company bible study and meets each Sunday at the Arts Center at 9:00 a.m.

"Part of the church's community outreach is that once a quarter we try to do something for the community of Irving," Pastor Kevin Harris, said. "The church is new; we started in June. This is our first big event for Irving. We partnered with Pilgrims Pride, bought the turkeys at a discounted wholesale price and we partnered with the Salvation Army, Irving Cares and Brighter Tomorrows to connect with people who need this service. Everything we do is geared toward events like this."

SYMPHONIES GALORE

Irving Symphony League Gala presents La Renaissance D'Italia

By CAROL VAN LUIK

The Irving Symphony Orchestra, celebrating its 42nd season, "Let's Tour the World - Your Passport to Great Music" was feted by the Irving Symphony League on Saturday, Nov. 21 at its annual gala fundraiser, La Renaissance d'Italia, at the OMNI Mandalay - Las Colinas. Co-chairs for the event were Carol Van Luik and Dr. Sherrie Vandiver.

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The Irving Symphony Orchestra's *Escape to Europe!* features guest conductor Carlos Piantini and piano soloist, Domenico Codispoti.



The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra opens Strauss, not stress... with Lisa Loeb and her brother, guest director Ben Loeb.

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The Texas Music Educators Association Region XX Orchestra plays to a packed audience during their concert at Nimitz High School last week. In October, 600 students competed for the honor of playing in one of the three Region XX orchestras.

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Mayoral candidate, Terry Waldrum calls for new leadership and defining of direction

Terry Waldrum, an Irving small business owner has announced his intention to run for mayor. Mr. Waldrum served on the city council for five years and on the school board for eight years. He says that to be mayor of Irving has been one of his goals since he was 18-years old.

"Irving is at a cross roads. We have a small window of opportunity to turn this city around. What you see in southeast Irving as far as



Terry Waldrum

businesses, residences, apartments and in decline is spreading across Irving."

"It is time for a change, and that starts with a leader. We need a change in leadership. We need someone who has a plan to make the necessary changes. I think I can do that," Mr. Waldrum said.

"The first thing I would do is sit the council and the staff down and create a vision statement: what do we

want Irving to become. Once you put a vision in place and set some goals, then you can move forward. I do not expect south Irving to look like Las Colinas but we can do a lot of clean up. Code enforcement has not had the support of the council in years past; and they've been afraid to enforce some of the rules. We need to change that. We need to let code enforcement know that we stand behind them; and we want these things done," Mr. Waldrum explained.

Mr. Waldrum discussed the difficulties and concerns created by several families living in an apartment or residence designed for a single family. "That situation puts a burden on our school system, it puts a burden on our city services, and it needs to

be addressed. You can't just throw those people out of their homes. Part of the plan would be to bring churches into the fold and see what they can do to be part of the solution. It is a big task that is going to take someone with a vision of bringing everyone together, talking about it and laying out a plan."

"Overall, I think that leadership ability, bringing people together is important; and I have that. We are going to run a positive campaign. We need someone who is willing to step out and make decisions, not because they are politically correct but because it is the right thing to do. We have a council and a staff that want to do something; we just don't have any direction," Mr. Waldrum said.

Luncheon to honor V.F.W. State Auxiliary President

By MARGE HOENIG
The Irving Rambler Contributor

Roberta Carnley, V.F.W. Auxiliary President, State of Texas, will be the guest of honor at a District Three luncheon at the V.F.W. Post 8913 in Lancaster. Cancer survivors will also be honored at the luncheon. Junior Girls Unit of Auxiliary 2494 will help serve the lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. Following lunch, the girls will perform a musical skit for the State President and guests. Sunday, Mrs. Carnley will make her official visit to the District Three meeting that begins at 1 p.m.

Roberta (Bert) Carnley joined the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars

2494 in Irving, Texas during July 1978. Her eligibility is through her husband C. Wayne Carnley, a veteran of the Vietnam War, who is the current Sr. Vice Commander for the V.F.W. Post 2494 in Irving and is a Past District Three Commander.

Mrs. Carnley has held a number of offices in her auxiliary including President 1980-81 and 1988-89. By making her theme for the year 2004-05 "make a difference by unity as one", she hopes to help veterans and their families lead a better way of life. Her desire is that everything will be "Hot in Texas". Her cancer pins are a "red hot chili pepper and a mouse". Texas Auxiliaries serve through a "symphony of service" to continue making a difference for our veterans.

Celebration of Lights coming to University Hills

Candy canes will soon line the lakes and Santa Claus is heading this way! The University Hills Association of Homeowners invites all families to the 2004 "Celebration of Lights" on Monday night, November 29 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM in Las Colinas' Rosita Park (corner of Northgate and Rochelle in Las Colinas).

This family event is crammed with more surprises than Santa's pack on Christmas Eve. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, a live nativity scene (complete with a real camel), performances by the Irving Boys Choir and the Farine Elementary Choir. Even jolly old St. Nick will be on hand to pose for pictures

with the kids (and parents...if they've been nice). The association encourages guests to bring a camera for photo opportunities.

Once again this year's festivities include a canned food drive. In addition, a variety of sponsorships are available for the annual event. Those interested in a sponsorship opportunity or a volunteer job for the event should call Kass Prince at 972-281-5229.

University Hill's residents are also encouraged to light up for the holidays as part of the Holiday Decoration Contest. Recognition is given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and the most original design. Join in the fun on Nov. 29th and happy holidays.

POLICE

Major accident/Officer Injury: 11-17-04, 7:20 a.m. An officer was investigating an accident W/B on the right shoulder of the 1800 block of E. Airport Frwy involving a Buick. The officer was standing on the shoulder of the Frwy beside this vehicle. A Plymouth Van that was W/B in the right lane of the Frwy lost control and hydroplaned on the wet pavement. The van struck the officer on his right hip and then collided with the left side of the Buick. The officer sustained class B injuries and was treated and released at Baylor Irving. The driver and two occupants of the van and the occupant of the Buick were not injured.

Aggravated Robbery: 11-17-04, 7:00 p.m., Officers were dispatched to 4100 block W. Northgate on a robbery. The clerk stated that the suspect came into the 7-11, asking to see a phone book. The suspect went to look at the phone book and then pulled a large knife and jumped over the counter. The suspect demanded the money and then jabbed the clerk in the hand, cutting him. Another clerk heard the commotion and came out of the office. He was confronted by the suspect and was also cut when he attempted to take the knife away. The second clerk received a minor cut on the hand. The suspect took the cash tray from the register and fled the scene on

foot. Both clerks received minor injuries and were treated by IFD. The suspect was not located. I.D. was called to process the scene.

Murder: 11-18-04, 3:08 a. m., The complainant and witness were in the 3300 block. Toronto, Dallas preparing to repo a vehicle. A suspect appeared in front of their wrecker and fired four shots into the windshield and lightbar. The complainant fled the area in the wrecker and made it to N/B Loop 12 at the Trinity River when a white Ford Mustang drove up behind them and started shooting at them. The complainant drove N/B on Loop 12, at the south city limits several rounds were fired and the complainant told the witness he was hit. The complainants wrecker came to a stop at Shady Grove exit ramp on N/B Loop 12. IFD responded to the scene, started CPR and transported the complainant to Parkland, where he was pronounced dead. **Investigation determined that this is a Dallas offense, the investigation was turned over to DPD Homicide.**

Class A Major: 11-18-04, 8:48 p.m.. In the 1600 block of Ronne Drive, a 60 YOA female was being instructed in the nuances of the vehicle she had just bought. At some point she had placed the vehicle in reverse, then set the emergency

brake. She then got out of the vehicle and was standing beside it with the driver door open when she released the emergency brake. The vehicle went backwards and the door caught her, dragging her down the driveway into the street. At some point she hit her head on the curb and did injury to her head. She was transported to PMH where she was listed in stable condition.

Squad Car Accident: 11-18-04, 5:08 p.m. An officer, operating vehicle #650 was east bound on Northgate in the left-hand lane. A vehicle, driven by an 18-yr. old male, was in the right lane. The other driver changed lanes without checking his blind spot and sideswiped the officer's marked unit. There is approx. \$1,000 in damage to both cars and no injuries. The accident was in the 3700 block of W. Northgate

Agg. Assault: 11-19-04, 9:45 p.m. A 16 yr old male reported that someone shot at him while he was in front of his residence at 1711 Waldrop. Further investigation revealed that he was going on a date for the first time with a 19 yr old female, whose last name he did not know. They stopped for gas somewhere in Irving. Neither could remember where, and her ex-boyfriend showed up. They left and returned to Waldrop and when they stopped, the Complainant and another subject got into a fight. The complainant ran away and another unknown suspect fired at him. There were no injuries.

Agg. Robbery: 11-20-04, 1:35 p.m. A suspect stole underwear and T-shirts from the Dollar General Store, 400 S. Nursery. A 52 yr. old employee attempted to stop him and the suspect threatened him with a knife. The total value of the property was \$60.00. There was video but it could not be obtained at this time, due to the employee's inability to work the computer.

Robbery: 11-20-04, 6:25 pm. A 60-yr. old female was walking in the 500 block of W. 6th St., when she was approached by a newer gray car. A female got out of the vehicle and asked her for the time. When she stated that she did not have a watch the suspect demanded her purse. The complainant refused and the suspect grabbed the purse. The complainant would not let go and the suspect sprayed her with mace or pepper spray. The complainant began to scream and the suspect left in the vehicle without the purse. There was no description on the driver of the suspect vehicle.

Safe Burglary: 11-21-04, 720 a.m. Officers were dispatched to Danals Restaurant at 508 N. O'Connor on a burglary. Sometime during the night suspects had cut the phone and cables

behind the restaurant, disabling the alarm. There was no evidence of forced entry. Suspects beat the safe open and also beat open the cash register. The store manager discovered the burglary when he opened up this morning. ID was called out to process the scene.

Burglary: 11-21-04, 10:00 a.m. The manager of the Family Dollar Store at 900 E. Shady Grove arrived to open up. She went to the back of the store and noticed that the ceiling tile caved in and lights hanging down. Nothing in the store appeared to have been bothered. The suspect entered the air condition vent system and dropped into the store through the vent. It appears the suspect fell through the vertical shaft busted through the bottom of the shaft, hit the false ceiling and continued the fall into the store. Suspect have landed on some clothes racks which were damaged and injured himself.

Arson: 11-22-04, 2:30 a.m., 1901 W. Royal. An officer met IFD arson investigator at the Hackberry Creek Country Club in reference to an arson. Unknown suspect(s) had started a small fire that was contained to the paper towel bin in the men's restroom that is adjacent to the Pro Shop. The fire was extinguished by the sprinkler system and there were no injuries. Damage was limited to the towel bin and several ceiling tiles.

Agg. Robbery: 11-22-04 3:30 p.m., 8800 block of Saddlehorn. Complainant is a taxi driver and the male suspect had requested a cab at the Tom Thumb in Coppell at MacArthur and Beltline. Complainant gave the suspect a ride to the Amli apartment complex on Saddlehorn. The suspect pulled a handgun on complainant and made him empty all his pockets. The suspect took \$107 from complainant and left in a black Ford Explorer waiting nearby. Due to dark tinted windows the complainant could not see who was driving the Explorer. No injuries.

Pursuit: 11-23-04, 2:32 a.m. Officers ran a license plate at 183 and O'Connor. The vehicle came back stolen out of Rowlett. The officer waited for back up and attempted to stop the vehicle at 482 and the North City Limits. The driver of the vehicle fled and a pursuit ensued. The vehicle fled into Dallas and after going on several side streets the suspect went north on I-35 into Lewisville. He took the north bound 121 exit and ran over two curbs. He slowed to less than 20 mph several times and finally pulled into a construction entrance at S.H. 121 north of Blair Oaks and got stuck in the mud. He was taken into custody without incident. He was also charged with an active DSO warrant.

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Join the iCity HR Alliance for its final program in 2004, "Supervisor Selection and Development at Southwest Airlines", presented by Terri Brown, Director of Reservations, Southwest Airlines.

Having been with Southwest Airlines for 15 years, Terri has worked in

Dallas, Albuquerque and Oklahoma. She currently has responsibility for 3 of Southwest Airlines' 6 reservation centers that includes 1,800 employees.

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an excellent work force, which directly impacts customer satisfaction, loyalty and company profitability.

Make plans now to attend this informative breakfast program. Cost: \$15 / person for Chamber members and \$25 / person for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at 972.252.8484 (attn: Barbara Craig), or respond to bcraig@irvingchamber.com. Payment in advance (cash, check or credit card) is required to attend. Registration deadline is Friday, November 26, 2004.

Wear black tie attire for dinner, music, dancing and raffle. Guest of Honor is Mr. Esko Aho, Former Prime Minister of Finland. Special Guest is Ms. Lenita Airsto, Motivational Speaker. Entertainment by Paula Koivuniemi and her band, Ruusa Teppo

Tickets are \$75, cash bar, (Chose salmon or duck). Make checks payable to: Irving Sister Cities (note "Gala") Irving Chamber, 3333 N. MacArthur, Suite 100, Irving, TX 75062.

RSVP by Monday, December 1: 972-252-8484

The Gala is the event of the year for anyone with ties to Finland, associated with Finnish business, or have an interest in Finland.

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Saturday, December 4, 5:30 pm – 2 am at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas.

Economic Development updates

Economic outlook for 2005 is positive

The economic outlook for 2005 is positive in the Dallas-Fort Worth area according to presentations made at a recent Urban Land Institute seminar. Office and industrial space are expected to improve in 2005. Economists are forecasting between 40,000 and 90,000 new jobs will be created in the Metroplex. The Chamber's ED staff is focusing on its 2005 marketing plan to help improve the City's commercial tax base, which has seen significant declines in recent years.

Based upon a survey of businesses in Irving, thirty-four of the *Fortune* 500 companies have either their world headquarters (ExxonMobil and Kimberly Clark) or a corporate presence in Irving. They are: [Abbot Labs](#), [Allstate Insurance](#), [Bear Stearns](#), [Brinks](#), [Bristol-Myers Squibb](#), [Capital One](#), [Caremark](#), [Cigna](#), [Citigroup](#), [Comcast](#), [Computer Sciences](#), [ExxonMobil](#), [Federal Express](#), [Fidelity](#), [Ford Motor Credit](#), [Kimberly Clark](#), [Lennar Homes](#), [Lucent Technologies](#), [Medco Health Solutions](#), [Microsoft Corporation](#), [NEC America](#), [Northrop Grumman](#), [Oracle](#), [Owens Corning](#), [Quest Diagnostics](#), [SBC Communications](#), [Sprint](#), [St. Paul Companies](#), [TIAA-CREF](#), [Unisys Corporation](#), [United Stationers](#), [Verizon](#), [Washington Mutual](#) and [Xerox](#).

The ED staff is active on 2 major relocation projects and 3 major retention/expansion projects.

Commercial Metals Co. (NYSE:CMC) declared a 2-for-1 stock split for stockholders of record on December 13th. The Company also raised its cash dividend by 20 percent.

Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations Inc has leased 7,626 sq ft at 1333 Corporate Drive in Corporate Park Place.

Equity Office Properties' two buildings in Irving at 545 E. John Carpenter Freeway and 909 Lake Carolyn Parkway are for sale. Equity is marketing a total of 10 buildings in Texas.

Bank of America has renewed its lease for 125,728 sq ft of Class A office space in Las Colinas Tower II, 225 E. John Carpenter Freeway for another 65 months. The Bank occupies 5 floors of the building.

Citigroup has announced that they are selling their truck-financing arm to General Electric's Commercial Finance. There are approximately 400 employees in Irving within this unit. The Chamber has initiated contact with Citigroup to determine the impact on these employees.

Direct Logistics Inc., currently located in Carrollton, has leased 48,000 sq ft of Bandera Ventures' warehouse space under construction at 1011 Royal Lane. The Dallas Cowboys merchandising unit will lease the remainder of the 151,845 sq ft building. Both companies will take occupancy in January. The Chamber has mailed a welcome letter to Direct Logistics and plans to meet with them.

Holmes Davis, a commercial broker with Binswanger, advised the Chamber that his firm will again be representing the vacated [Atmel](#) building. Davis/Binswanger originally represented the facility for Hitachi and handled the purchase by Atmel. Binswanger specializes in marketing technology related facilities. The Atmel facility has had very limited marketing representation since closing. The 624,000 sq ft facility contains "clean rooms" and is located on 39 acres at Hwy 114 and Hwy 161.

CITY BRIEFS

Holiday Extravaganza

Residents are invited to get into the holiday spirit by attending this free event, Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Civic Center Complex, 825 W. Irving Blvd. The annual Christmas parade begins at 4 p.m. in downtown Irving, followed by the annual tree-lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Canine "adoptees" will be in their finest holiday apparel from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Irving Central Library main entrance. Those interested in taking a loving companion home for the holidays are encouraged to visit "Doggie Whoville." The animals are from the Irving Animal Shelter. Other activities include a stage show, fireworks, carnival games, visit from Santa, food concessions and viewing of a classic Christmas movie. After the fireworks, a 60-minute concert will conclude the event. For

more information, call (972) 721-2501.

Breakfast with Santa

This event for children up to age 6 will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Lee Park Recreation Center, 3000 Pamela Drive. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 14. Parents must be present, and cost is \$5. For more information, call (972) 721-2508.

Holiday Camp

Northwest Recreation Center's 2004 Holiday Camp will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 20-23 and Dec. 27-30. The camp is for children ages 6 to 12 and will feature arts and crafts, sports, games and snacks. Cost is \$80 per week. Northwest Park Recreation Center is located at 2800 Cheyenne St. Call (972) 721-2529 for more information.

ICT Theater prepares for upcoming events

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The ICT Guild presents a fun evening of Murder Mystery Dinner Theater as a fundraiser for ICT MainStage and ICT Children's Theatre at 6:30pm on December 2, 2004 at the Omni Mandalay in Las Colinas.

Dinner will be served at 7 pm along with a performance of a Murder Mystery with a Holiday theme performed by the ICT Clubhouse members. Tickets are \$50. For reservations call Jill Stephens at 972/594-6104 or Florine Richmond 972/719-5194.

ICT Children's Theatre Classes

ICT Children's Theatre will be offering 10 weeks of theater classes for children January 8 thru March 12, 2004.

Classes are held on Saturday mornings at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. There are still a few spaces available in the 7-9 year old and 12-16 year old classes. Total cost is \$70 or \$90 depending on age.

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Movie Review

Alexander is an excellently produced disappointment

By Jess Paniszczyn

Rated: R

Starring: Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie, Val Kilmer, Rosario Dawson, Jared Leto
Director: Oliver Stone

Long ago and far away when I was in school, Masterpiece Theater aired *I, Claudius*. Each of the thirteen installments about the life of the Roman emperor, Claudius, who ruled from 41 to 54 A.D., found my entire family (including my father) eating dinner in front of the television. This is doubly impressive when you realize that my mother forbade eating in front of the television under any circumstances.

I, Claudius was riddled with production problems. Often booms and other recording equipment could be seen in the shots. The sets were terrible and often showed wear as if they had been recycled from other projects. Makeup was a mess; at times the actors prosthetic devices come apart as they performed. In some instances, the delivery of a line was so bad it was fall-down funny. In short, this mini-series lives on in film schools as a case study of poor theatrical production.

But every week, despite the technical errors, the whole family gathered to watch. The story was a fascinating history of people whose actions, scheming and betrayals continued in at least some small part to affect our society today. As the character's lives unfolded week by week, ancient history came to life in a relevant, interesting and understandable way.

Fully developed characters and some good (not great) actors placed in key roles made this series a must see. Though I have not watched the series in many years, I still have found memories of *I, Claudius*.

In stark contrast, *Alexander* is a polar opposite to *I, Claudius*. A production triumph; actors, sets, costumes, music, direction and lighting, *Alexander* is simply the best of the best. Technically, no flaw can be found, no error sighted.

But sadly given all of its expensive, exhaustively polished perfection, *Alexander* has no heart; its characters build no interest. This movie is destined to become a late-night classic and History Channel staple but you probably won't remember much about it two weeks after you've seen it.

If *Alexander* is the best the Greeks had to offer, it's no wonder the Romans conquered them.

More showers, how about some more flowers?

Kathy Hawkins
Kathy's Kottage

Last article we talked of Bromeliads, African Violets and Cyclamen. Now let us continue to expand this list of wonderful colorful plants for your indoor enjoyment.

First let us consider the Gardenia. A heavenly scented plant, and well worth the effort to have one in your collection. Gardenias like a bright well lit area, keep the soil moist and fertilizer with an acid fertilizer. They prefer a humid location, so setting a plant on a larger saucer with gravel or rocks in it will provide this beauty with added humidity. Charcoal in the saucer is another option. When purchasing this plant, look for shiny, dark green leaves, and tight buds. This will help to ensure your growing success. I give a Gardenia a 4 greenthumbs for growing pleasure.

The next plant to consider for your pleasure, or for gift giving, would be the

Reiger Begonia. These begonias come in various shades of red, white, orange, pink, and yellow. The flowers look like roses and bloom profusely. The main problem I have encountered throughout the years, is OVERWATERING! They like a good soaking, but do not like a soggy soil. Fertilize while in bloom and keep the old-dead flowers pinched off. A definite 5 greenthumbs.

Last but not least, the Cineraria. A compact plant of pubescent leaves sporting beautiful daisy like flowers in pink, blue, white and shades of red. The flowers have a very delicate fragrance. Cinerarias like a bright area but no direct sun. Let dry between soaking and fertilize during its growing and flowering period. Pinch off the old blooms to promote more flowering. A 4 greenthumbs in my book.

Brighten up your environment with one of these lovelies and enjoy it immensely.

Happy Growing! Grow onwards and upwards!

Margaret's Corner

Thanksgiving and Christmas are a time for making memories

Hi Irving,

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. Do you remember last year's Thanksgiving and Christmas? Did you stick to your family traditions, start new ones? It is important to remember past traditions, you see we are making memories, if there are young ones in your family – believe me they will remember. Will they remember with joy or sadness? Sometimes it is joyful all the way, parents have enough money etc. But sometimes there is not enough money, or maybe there is an illness of a loved one. Circumstances change, as we all know. We need to acknowledge changes and realize nothing stays the same. "This too shall pass", I always say.

The important thing is to trust God completely, God tells us to give thanks in everything. Thanksgiving day is set aside so we can give our undivided attention to keep the spirit of being thankful the entire day!

We must also realize that everyday we should have a spirit and attitude of Thanksgiving in our hearts, no matter what the circumstances may be.

Every year there are so many opportunities to attend special church services and programs. At Calvary Church, please join me on Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. for "a Christmas Tale", and the anointed worship choir. You will be blessed.

On Dec 4th, the city starts holiday festivities with a Christmas parade at 4 p.m. and goes through the evening; the tree lighting is at 6:30. Then you can enjoy hot coco or cider as you sit back and enjoy several choirs and organizations' Christmas music. The inside of City Hall is all lit up to celebrate.

There is a nice and fun evening at the Irving Arts Center. They have an open house, beautifully decorated, Irving schools decorate Christmas trees with a special theme, and refreshments are served. Every year we look forward to it. This year it is on Dec. 10th, 6-8 p.m.

If you are not receiving *The Irving Rambler* through the mail, do it soon. I will be at Irving Mall Nov. 27 and 28th 12-5 p.m.; Dec. 4 and 5th, 11th and 12th, 18th and 19th all 12-5 p.m. Come by I'll give you a paper and you can subscribe for \$35 a year or \$20 for six months. See you there.

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



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During Simon Evening of Giving, the Forscher Dance Center presented selections from *The Nutcracker Suite*.

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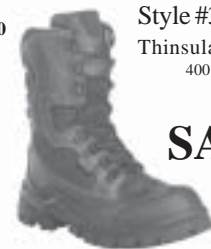
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Texas Music Educators Association Region XX Orchestra Concert creates beautiful music

A crowd of music lovers packed the Nimitz High School auditorium to standing room only and overflowed into the lobby. They came to hear the Texas Music Educators Association Region XX Orchestra Concert on Nov 20.

In October, 600 young people from across Region XX played in competitive auditions to become one of the 250 students chosen to perform in the three orchestras: the Concert, Symphonic and High School Honor Orchestra. Selected students practiced the concert music independently or with their private teachers until the orchestra came together for the first time Friday night before the concert. Friday night and Saturday morning, students worked with clinicians and conductors to blend individual players into a full orchestra before the Saturday afternoon concert.

"The concerts were wonderful," Marla Maletic, Region Orchestra Chair, said. "I was absolutely satisfied with the outcome. I was

pleased with the quality of performance. The clinicians did an excellent job; they polished the music beautifully. As a music teacher in Irving, I would love parents to know that orchestra is alive and healthy; we are a very strong vibrant group. There are more music teachers working in the state of Texas than in the rest of the nation put together."

Seven students from the High School Honor Orchestra competed and were selected to be members of the Texas All-State Orchestra. The All-State Orchestra will perform in San Antonio this February. All-State Orchestra players are on bass Christine Craddock and Fernando DeLima; on cello Edward Song; on viola Joshua Westerman, and on violin Jason Zheng, Sarah Martin and Timothy Barrus.

"Students chosen to be part of the Texas All-State Orchestra will be sought after by Texas colleges and colleges out of state. Being part of the All-State Orchestra is a tremendous honor," Ms. Maletic said.



Seven musicians from Region XX earned positions in the Texas All-State Orchestra. Edward Song, Jason Zheng, Joshua Westerman, Christine Craddock, Sarah Martin, Timothy Barrus and Fernando DeLima will perform with the All-State Orchestra in February.

Grammy Nominee, Lisa Loeb, performs with The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra

The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra opened its 2004-2005 Season, *Strauss, not stress...* with two-time Grammy nominee, Lisa Loeb, on Nov. 20.

Raised in Dallas, deeply immersed in the arts, Loeb studied piano and music theory, writing her first original songs with lyrics while still in her early teens. She earned her degree in comparative literature from Brown University, where she experienced her first taste of musical success with the duo Liz and Lisa.

"It was really great working with the Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra," Ms. Loeb said. "We were able to work through some new arrangements with great musicians. I also love playing (I know we are not in Dallas, Dallas) but I love to come back to my hometown to play. I would love to come back to Irving and play with this orchestra again."

Confirming Loeb's prodigious talents the Platinum-selling "Stay" earned both a Grammy nomination and a "Best New Artist" Brit Award resulting in a record contract with Geffen Records.

Ms. Loeb's credits are not just limited to music; her television credits include her own series for Food Network, *Dweezil and Lisa*, *The Chris Isaak Show*, and *The Drew Carey Show*. Her film credits include *House on Haunted Hill* with Geoffrey Rush, and in 2003, Loeb gave voice to Spiderman's gal pal Mary Jane in the animated series "Spiderman."

Lisa Loeb joined the Las Colinas Symphony under the baton of her equally talented brother and conductor Ben Loeb. Ben Loeb is an accomplished conductor, accompanist, soloist and arranger. Mr. Loeb, having also grown up in the arts in Dallas went on to pursue his music education at Harvard University, and later received a Doctorate of Musical Arts from The Juilliard School.

The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra credits its Music Director, Robert Carter Austin for its continued outstanding and diverse orchestral programming. Maestro Austin's background encompasses over 30



Ben and Lisa Loeb pose for photos following their performance with The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra.

years of professional music experience and includes degrees from MIT, Cambridge University, and Stanford University. Maestro Austin's musical experience includes conducting performances in countries including: Korea, Ukraine, Canada, Italy, Spain, China, France, Germany, Mexico, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Colombia, Philippines, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and the United States.

Other works to be performed during the concert were music by Johann Strauss, Jr., *Overture to Die Fledermaus*, along with *Roses from the South, Op. 388*. Other musical selections were from the Broadway musical *The Producers* and the motion picture *Spiderman*.

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What does it mean that the Bible is the inspired word of God? Some would suggest that God dictated every word to the writers while others would suggest that men simply wrote what they deemed necessary to keep order in the church. We need to evaluate our understanding of inspiration as it impacts everything we read from the Bible. If the Bible is a collection of man's patriarchal views on how they would see things run in the church, then there is no authority in the

scriptures and we are free to do as we please. If, however, the Bible is God's will exposed, we have been given an authoritative guide by which we should strive to conform our selves and our congregation.

Before continuing we should ask ourselves what our biases are. Men should question themselves as to their desire to dominate women and women should ask if they have a desire to dominate men. If we have been in the church for a period of time, we need to ask if the convictions we hold are traditions stemming from biases of old or reaction to what we believe to be unwarranted

practices of the past. We all have biases that we bring with us as we read the Bible. Our goal should be to avoid using our biases to interpret scripture as much as possible. So what does it mean that Scripture is inspired?

To answer this question we should first look at what the authors claimed about themselves. Both Paul and Peter claimed they were apostles for Jesus Christ. In Gal 1:1 Paul states that he is, "An apostle (not sent from men, nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead)." And in 2 Peter 1:1 Peter explains that he is "A bond-

servant and apostle of Jesus Christ." So what is an apostle?

Apostle or Apostolos in the Greek means "one sent forth" (apo, "from," and stello, "to send"). The word is used of the Lord to describe His relation to God in Heb. 3:1. The twelve selected for special training by Jesus were also called apostles, Luke 6:13; Luke 9:10. Paul himself was commissioned directly by the Lord to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles. Apostle means that one is sent with the authority of the sender. Just as Jesus had the authority of the Father, the apostles *See Bible reveals, page 11*

OBITUARIES

JOEL C. HARDELL



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Joel C. HardeLL, 69, of Euless, Texas formally of Irving and Ennis, Texas, died November 19, 2004 at a Bedford hospital.

Born September 15, 1935 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving and Christ the King Lutheran Church in Waxahachie. Joel loved to

fish and spend time with his family. He often expressed his gratefulness to God for all the time he had with them.

Survivors include his wife, Dawn HardeLL; daughter, Heather Lassetter and husband David, of Irving; son, Matthew HardeLL and wife Shelley of Fort Worth; son, Martin HardeLL and wife Julie of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Stephanie, Haley, Kevin, Kyle and Huntington; and great granddaughter, Kamryn. Memorial service 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 24, 2004 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Pastor Mike McFarland officiating. A private burial to be held at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery with Pastor Hemsath officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the DAV Memorial Program, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

BIENVEIDA NIEVES



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Bienvenida Nieves, of Irving, passed away on November 19, 2004.

Mrs. Nieves was born on April 12, 1926 in Isabela, Puerto Rico. She is survived by husband Andres Nieves of Irving; daughters Nilda Robinson of Atlanta, GA; Elva Moore of Irving; son Carlos Nieves of Irving; 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 1 niece and 1 nephew.

A Funeral Mass was held Monday, November 22, 2004 at Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Irving. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

JAMES L. "ROCKY" JOHNSON



JAMES L. "ROCKY" JOHNSON

James L. "Rocky" Johnson, Former Chairman and C.E.O. of GTE Corporation, passed away November 18, 2004 after a long battle with melanoma.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, oldest son and sister. He is survived by his wife, Francis; a brother, three children and five grandchildren.

Rocky was born and raised in Vernon, Texas where he graduated from high school. In high school, he was a class favorite and lettered in basketball and football. His high school football coach gave him his lifelong nickname, "Rocky." He served his country in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in Finance. He received his masters degree from Michigan. Both universities awarded him an honorary Doctorate degree. Rocky spent his entire working career with GTE. During that time, he held many positions, including President, Chairman and C.E.O. of the company. Rocky also served on the Board of Regents for Texas Tech for six years, two years as Chairman. He also served on the Board of Directors for Mony, B.C. Tel, Valero, Hart Hanks, Walter Industries and Cell Star where he also served as Chairman. Rocky received many awards and honors during his career. He considered working with his GTE family his greatest honor. He loved the competition of golf, hunting and fishing, and his ranch and hunting dogs. A memorial service was held 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 23, 2004 at Woodhaven Presbyterian Church, 3650 N. O'Connor Road, Irving, Texas 75038. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Woodhaven Presbyterian Church in his honor.

IRA (GENE) GARRETT



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Ira E. (Gene) Garrett, 78, a loving husband, father and friend, left this earth on Sunday, November 21, 2004 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Gene's life was a blessing to those he loved and his life was an example for them to follow. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on November 10, 1926 to Croatia

Whitlock Garrett and Ira E. Garrett. After graduating from Ruston High School in 1943, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, serving at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas and Lowry Field in Colorado where he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal. Upon his honorable discharge in 1945, Gene returned home to attend Louisiana Tech University and graduated in 1948 with a degree in Business Administration. He worked for General Dynamics Corporation in Fort Worth, Texas for 36 years, retiring in 1992 as the firm's Chief of Finance. During his tenure at General Dynamics, Gene received his professional designation of Certified Manager from the Institute of Certified Professional Managers. Gene was a member of the National Management Association from 1981-1997, serving as its National Chairman of the Board in 1983. As recognition of his work on behalf of the NMA, Governor John Y. Brown, Jr. commissioned Gene as a Kentucky Colonel for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Gene remained active in business after retirement from General Dynamics. In 1993, with his wife, Betty, he co-founded Garrett Speakers International, and both were active in the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of Meeting Professionals International. In 1994, Gene also co-founded Garrett Meeting Solutions, a staffing service for the meetings and events industry. Gene was an Eagle Scout, a 32nd-Degree Mason and a Shriner.

He leaves to rejoice in his memory his loving and devoted wife, Betty, sons David Garrett (Houston, TX.) and Steven Garrett (Fort Worth, TX.), sister, Jere Edwards (Broken Arrow, OK.), devoted grandchildren, Graysen Garrett (South Hadley Falls, MA.), and Austin Garrett and Samantha Garrett (Houston, TX.). Those also rejoicing in his memory include his Family in Christ at Royal Lane Baptist Church, and many friends and loved ones from the meetings and events industry. A Memorial Service was scheduled Wednesday, November 24, 2004 at Royal Lane Baptist Church, 6707 Royal Lane, Dallas, Texas 75230 with Reverend Ray Vickery officiating. A reception for family and friends will followed after in the Fellowship Hall hosted by Royal Lane Baptist Church. Interment is scheduled Saturday, November 27, 2004 at 1:30 pm at Greenwood Cemetery in Ruston, Louisiana. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Honor of our beloved Gene should be made to: Gene Garrett Cancer Memorial Fund, Bank of Texas, 6701 Preston Road, Dallas, TX. 75205, (214) 525-7600.

DELLA MAE ESTES



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Della Mae Estes, of Irving, passed away Tuesday November 23, 2004. Mrs. Estes was born on March 7, 1927 in Quail, Texas to William Roscoe and Vera Irene White Coffee.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Estes of Irving; son Don Estes and wife Kitty of Irving; son Dale Estes and wife Karen of Irving; sister Bertha Stiles of Reno, Nevada; sister Allie Minyard of Lubbock; grandchildren Ryan Estes, Daniel Estes, Jackie Estes, Ashley Estes, and Rachel Estes.

Visitation will be 6-8 PM Friday November 26, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday November 27, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

MONROE J. MEEKS, JR

Monroe J. Meeks, Jr, of Irving, passed away Tuesday November 23, 2004 in Denton.

Mr. Meeks was born on May 6, 1929 in Gadsden, Alabama to Monroe J. and Millie F. Hill Meeks. Preceded in death by wife Ola Louise McDaniel Meeks; mother; father; brother Frank D. Meeks; and sister Jennie C. Meeks Hooper.

Survivors include his son Ricki Meeks and wife Stacie of Corinth; their daughters Whitney and Corrie; son Keith Meeks and wife Kim of Frisco; their daughter Kaylie and expectant child; daughter Vicki Lunsford and husband Ricky of Highland Village; their son Dustin and daughter Kelli; daughter Melissa Murray and husband Ken of Irving; their son Kenny and daughter Michelle; brother Woody L. Meeks and wife Mary Sue of Marrero, Louisiana; brother Kenneth W. Meeks and wife Faye of Grandbury; sister Millie J. Meeks Johnson of Gadsden, Alabama; sister Joyce E. Meeks Headrick and husband Leon of Albertville, Alabama; 7 nieces; 6 nephews; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 P.M. Saturday November 27, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens at a later date. If desired, memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society, 8900 Carpenter Frwy., Dallas, TX 75247, or to a local hospice.

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- Cornucopia
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- Fall
- Family
- Friends
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The Bible reveals God's inspiration thru apostles V.F.W. Post collecting food for holidays

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carried with them the authority of Jesus Christ, Matt 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." From this we can gain an understanding that the apostles were not speaking for themselves, or from their biases of the first century, but from and with the authority of Jesus Christ. They were God's timeless spokesmen who had the authority to establish the regulations governing the function and order of the church. Their words carry the authority of church doctrine and we would do good to hold to their instruction. 1 Tim 4:6 "In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of

the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following."

Next we should consider what is meant by the statement that "God inspired all scripture", 2 Timothy 3:16. The word inspired in the Greek is theopneustos which means to be breathed forth from God (Theos, "God," pneo, "to breathe") and is used in reference to the Scriptures as distinct from non-inspired writings. The point being made is that these writings are distinctly different from all other writings as they are a direct result of God's divine intervention through man, on man's behalf. In 1 Thess 2:10-13 Paul sums up how we should understand inspiration when he writes, "You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; just as you know how we were exhorting and

encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

When we read scripture we should view it as though God were speaking to us through his apostles, because He is. We should understand that times and circumstances have changed, but God's word shall never pass away as Jesus states in Matt 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away." There is authority in the Bible and we would do good to abide by it.

Irving V.F.W. Post 2494 is collecting canned food (especially canned fruit, fruit cocktail, etc.) to be placed in Christmas baskets and delivered to families in need. Donations can be delivered to the Post located at 3375 Beltline Rd (just south of Shady Grove) prior to Monday, Dec. 20. For more information call 972-790-1611.

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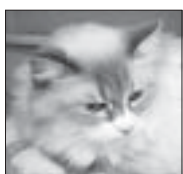
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Age: about 2 years
Color: White and grey

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Jasmine

Breed: Terrier Mix
Sex: Female / Spayed
Weight: about 30 lbs
Age: about 7 years
Color: Gray and Black

Reason for Surrender: Dog gets lonely.
Comments: Jasmine is looking for a home with someone that can stay home with her. She is very loving and good with kids and other pets.

The DFW Humane Society, 1611 West Irving Blvd, Irving, TX 75061 972-253-3333

Irving Symphony League Gala presents La Renaissance D'Italia

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Todd Wallace of NBC5 acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening guiding guests through presentation of Symphony Belles and auction items including a necklace designed by Peter Storm for the event and donated by International Diamonds (Irving, TX) and a painting by renowned artist Henrietta Milan of Milan Gallery (Ft. Worth).

One of the evening's highlights was cameo appearance by world-class soprano, Ms. Paloma Ciancio, singer, lyricist, arranger and composer whose voice captivates

audiences with old Italian favorites like "O Sole Mio" and an emotion laden Puccini aria.

Symphony Belles presented that evening were Britt Ambrose, Andrea Bushnell, Katie Davidson, Rachel Durrett, Robin Durrett, Paige Foppen, Sarah Fulton, Kelli Johnson, Christin King, Krystal McKinney, Elizabeth Noble, Kristen Ritter, Ashley Sims, Ellen Wadsworth, and Ari Wolever.

The Irving Symphony League Ball is an opportunity to network as well as support the Irving Symphony Orchestra. If you are interested in receiving an invitation for next year's ball, please Call Carol Van Luik at 469.939.1493.

Irving Arts Center brings The Age of Chivalry to life

There is always something going on at the Irving Arts Center as it ushers in another busy season of holiday arts activities. The

Arts Center's *Holiday Exhibition* and *Holiday Open House* are two of Irving's favorite annual traditions.

Seventeen trees creatively decorated by Irving schools (public, private, and charter) according to this year's theme, "The Age of Chivalry," will be on display along with artwork by IISD elementary school students. Local celebrities and viewers vote on favorite trees and cash prizes will be awarded during the annual holiday open house on December 10, 2004.

During the 2004 holiday season, visitors are invited to step back in time and celebrate the season in the splendor of the middle ages. In addition to the 17 decorated trees in the Main Gallery, decorative knights in armor and other symbols of heraldry adorn the interior spaces of Arts Center.

The FREE *Holiday Open House* is Friday, December 10, 2004, from 6

to 8 PM and is open to the entire community. The winners of the tree competition will be announced and prizes awarded at 6:30 PM. In addition to complimentary refreshments, greeting card & craft workshops, and face painting, guests will also be treated to street performers, jugglers, magicians and choirs. As always, Santa Claus will be present and parents are encouraged to bring their cameras to photograph their children with Santa. There will be a "live" unicorn available for photo opportunities, plus festival foods, train rides and cart and pony rides available for a small fee.

Commedia dell'Arte will give a free performance of "A Commedia Carol" performed in Carpenter Hall at 7:30 PM. This rollicking send-up of holiday stories is loosely based on the Charles Dickens classic and features traditional commedia characters. Seating is limited to the first 700 patrons.

Other December activities include Holiday Greeting Card Workshops (taught by members of the Irving Art Association)



PTA volunteer, Belinda Lessard, spends Thanksgiving eve at the Irving Arts Center decorating a Christmas tree for Travis Middle School.

ANNUAL BAKE SALE INCREASES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP THAT AIDS IRVING STUDENTS

Joe's Coffee Shop sponsored a bake sale and raffle to benefit the Tiffani Cain Memorial Scholarship.

Each year for the past eight years, family members and friends throughout the community donated baked goods, crafts and miscellaneous items to be sold. Local businesses donated a number of items including merchandise and gift certificates as raffle prizes.

"It has been going so wonderfully, so far. Everybody in the community has been helpful with this. They are just great. They

bring stuff, buy raffle tickets and buy all these baked items. People bring stuff all day long; they either bake it or buy it or both," Tiffani's mother, Tammy Cain Reeves, said during the sale.

The Tiffani Cain Memorial Scholarship is a fully endowed scholarship managed by the Irving Schools Foundation. Each year \$500 is awarded to a graduating senior from an Irving high school who is interested in photography, is involved in school and community activities, has an economic need and intends to major in the arts at a college or university. Monies raised in the bake sale are added to the principal amount of the scholarship, which increases the amount the scholarship can award each year. Family members hope to raise enough money be able to award scholarships to two students each year.

Tiffiani Cain, an Irving High School graduate, was killed by a drunk driver after returning home for the first time after beginning classes at the University of North Texas on September 7, 1997. Tiffiani's intended to study journalism; and her college education was aided by an Irving Schools Foundation Scholarship, the Irving News / Louise Whitmer Memorial Journalism Scholarship.



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