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**ON THE COVER:** Paige Whiteside, Jeb and Veronica Owens, Helen Molloy and Jane Ferguson dressed to the nines for the Lakewood Service League's Black Thai Gala that took place at the Lakewood Country Club Feb. 3. **FOR THE STORY AND MORE PHOTOS FROM THE FUNDRAISER, SEE PAGES 15-16.**

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## Neighbors IN THE SPOTLIGHT

# Former Reinhardt teacher to turn 90

By DEANNE MINNER

LaVera Gardner, former first- and second-grade teacher at Reinhardt Elementary School, will celebrate her 90th birthday Tuesday, Feb. 27. As vibrant and vital as ever, Gardner also celebrates 50 years in her Casa Linda home this year.

LaVera's husband, Oscar, a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Air Force and Dallas Water Department, moved his young family to Dallas from Little Rock, Ark., in 1956.

They lived in Casa View for one year before moving into their dream home near the Casa Linda Shopping Center in 1957.

With previous teaching experience in Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas, LaVera joined the Reinhardt faculty later that year. Hundreds of White Rock children passed through her classroom over the next 17 years.

LaVera subsequently enrolled in North Texas State University and earned a master's degree in educational administration. In 1974, she left Reinhardt to work as a Dallas Independent School District administrator. She served as vice principal of two elementary schools, Jose Navarro and David G. Burnett, and culminated her career as principal of Thomas

Marsalis Elementary School in Oak Cliff. LaVera retired from DISD in 1980.

LaVera and Oscar were active members of East Dallas Christian Church. Both were appointed elders, and LaVera still serves her church congregation as an elder emeritus. LaVera's beloved Oscar passed away in 1992.

After retiring from teaching, LaVera spent five years heading up Mom's Day Out, a preschool program hosted by the church that gave neighborhood mothers a break from their child-rearing responsibilities.

She also volunteered three years with the church's English Language Ministry, a program to help Spanish-speaking women develop their English-speaking skills.

Greeting cards from friends, neighbors and former students may be sent to LaVera Gardner c/o East Dallas Christian Church, 629 N. Peak St., Dallas, TX 75246.

*DeAnne Minner is LaVera Gardner's daughter.*

**REACHING A MILESTONE:** Right, LaVera Gardner of Casa Linda is celebrating her 90th birthday Tuesday, Feb. 27.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

**A DEDICATED TEACHER:** LaVera Gardner was a Reinhardt Elementary teacher for 17 years.



# Bring your community into focus

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# East Dallas residents help Costa Rican AIDS clinic

*Editor's note: Stacy Broun, clinical psychologist, and her 14-year-old daughter, Nellie, of the Ridgeway Park neighborhood in East Dallas spent Christmas week working at an AIDS clinic in Costa Rica.*

*The Brouns raised \$3,000 from the Dallas community to pay for their room and board as they traveled to volunteer at the shelter. The mom and daughter worked along with government employees at an orphanage for children 14 and younger who have been abused, neglected or whose parents are unable to care for them due to AIDS.*

*Broun kept a journal of her week at the clinic. Neighbors will run the second part of their trip next week.*

By **STACEY BROUN**

**Day One:**

The house where we are staying in is a cross between a dormitory and a house. About eight rooms house volunteers and a few for staff. Then, there are a few staff offices, a kitchen, a large dining area

and a common living area. Most activities today took place on the patio, where we received our orientation. Like many houses here, the patio and all living space is behind a brick wall. So, driving down the street, one would think that no homes were in sight. Actually, in our case, a gate opens and the van parks right next to the patio but inside the enclosure.

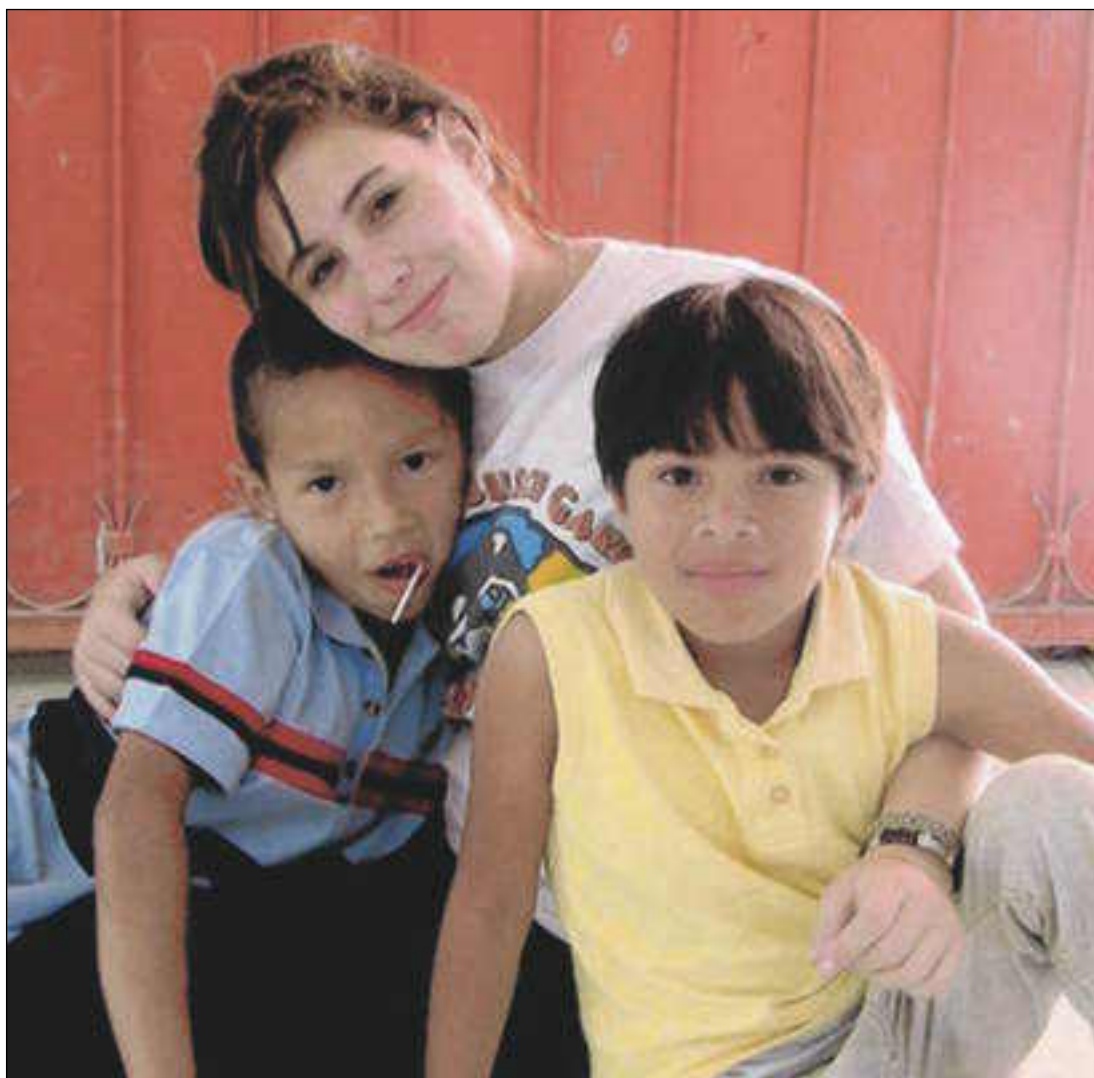
We met our fellow volunteers, all women, four traveling alone and then our family and another family consisting of a mother and her two daughters, 15 and 17. So far, I am the only that speaks some Spanish and I am learning that Mexican Spanish is quite different from Costa Rican Spanish.

The people here are called Ticos. Besides Santi and Mari, our program directors, we met Alan, our van driver, Dona Olga, the cook, and Don Santiago, the night guard.

See **CLINIC**, Page 4



**STRENGTH IN NUMBERS:** A family of five that is at the PANI shelter in Costa Rica. SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY STACEY BROUN



**LOVING FRIENDS:** Nellie Broun, 14, with some friends she made at the PANI clinic in Costa Rica.



**WITH LOVE:** Stacy Broun of East Dallas holds Emma, one of the children she worked with on her trip.



## CLINIC

*Continued from Page 3*

rade. When they got back, we retired to our rooms to prepare for tomorrow. Lights out in the common area is 10 p.m. As that just occurred, I will sign off for now.

### Day Two:

Monday, we went to the site where we could spend most of our time, our volunteer placement. Pani is roughly the equivalent of CPS in the states.

At the house, which is actually more like an institution, the children who live there have been taken from their homes due to abuse, neglect by both parents or because they or their parents are ill — con sida or afflicted by AIDS. There are 18 to 21 kids there at one time; the house is only supposed to have 10.

The caretakers are referred to as tias, or aunties. So far, there have been one or two there at a time, although there are three who actually work here. These women should be called angels, as they take care of all the kids all the time by themselves.

We are all so very fortunate. These kids are surviving, not thriving. There is not enough governmental support to fund the staff that is needed, so today there were 20-plus kids ages 4 months to 13 years, and one tia.

As you might imagine, there is not enough of anything to go around. The kids showed extreme differences in developmental stages, one child, 8 years old, who is in diapers and when she had arrived at Pani and could not speak. After 3 weeks, she is smiling and talking, although not a language any of us can understand.

Pani is considered a transitory home, but some of the kids stay there for years and some are adopted. It is quite common for siblings to stay together in one house, and in fact, there is a sibling group at the house where we are working that consists of five children. There are several families of two siblings.

An example of the kind of kids whose names have been changed to protect the innocent are:

- Emma is a 6-month-old girl of mixed origin. Her mother “works the streets” or is a prostitute. Emma came to Pani because her mom had been hospitalized due to complications from AIDS. Emma is “my bebe” or rather the tias asked that the two moms in our group work with the babies. Emma was born HIV positive but is very responsive and happy.

With some of the kids, they truly do not understand the concept that we speak a different language at times so they become frustrated and just talk more loudly so that we will understand.

It is difficult to not want to bring the babies home, as well as some of the other kids. The babies spend a lot of time in their cribs, while the tias are busy. The older girls take care of them. They sleep in the same room as the tias, their cribs between beds, while the older kids sleep in rooms with bunks.

- George is 10 years old. He just came to PANI two days ago with his younger brother, Sam, who is 7. In every case where there are siblings together, the older ones are very protective of the younger ones. It seems like whenever there is a chance, George grabs Sam and they try to run away back home. This happens in the States, too.

*Stacy Broun and her daughter live in Ridgeway Park in East Dallas.*

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY STACEY BROUN

**LOCAL COLOR:** In the city of Cartago, the Brouns saw a parade to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



**REACHING OUT TO HELP:** Inside PANI, where the Brouns volunteered for one week during Christmas break to work with children who are HIV infected or have AIDS.



**BUBBLE FEST:** Far left, a boy at PANI blows bubbles.

**TEACHING TIME:** Left, a group of volunteers plays hand games with the children at PANI.



**Pets of the Week**

**Name:** Cassie  
**Breed:** Border collie mix  
**Age:** 1 year  
**Sex:** Female, spayed

**Name:** Nakita  
**Breed:** American shorthair  
**Age:** 8 years  
**Sex:** Female, spayed

Cassie is a 1-year-old female border collie mix. She is a VIP because she has been available for adoption for quite a long time now. Her adoption fee is \$50. Originally rescued from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, she has found herself looking for a home yet again. Her previous owner would tell you that she is a very lovable, friendly, intelligent dog who loves to be with people and will never pass up an opportunity to be outside playing with other dogs. She is house trained, energetic and great with children and other dogs as well. Her previous owner was not able to give her enough attention due to personal issues so Cassie has been at the

SPCA since Dec. 3. Nakita is an 8-year-old female American shorthair. She is a purr machine and will start her engine when you begin petting her. She loves attention and will curl up in your lap for some one-on-one time with her favorite person. Nakita is declawed and needs to be an indoor only cat for her safety. She was surrendered to the SPCA of Texas in Dallas because her previous owners are expecting a baby. She has been at the shelter since Jan. 28.

Cassie and Nakita are waiting at the SPCA of Texas in Dallas, 362 S. Industrial Blvd. near downtown. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

The adoption fees are \$185 for small dogs weighing less than 35 pounds, \$90 for large dogs more than 35 pounds and \$50 for VIP dogs and \$80 for cats and kittens and \$50 for VIP cats.

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and older, a microchip and a free leash or cat carrier.

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# White Rock gymnasts compete, win in Florida competition

By ALYSON JOHNSON



SUBMITTED PHOTO

White Rock gymnasts Cori and Nickie Guerrero traveled to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the Sand Dollar Classic Jan. 19-21. Cori and Nickie are members of the team at Eagle's Wings Athletics.

Cori, who competes at Level 7, was the vault champion with a score of 9.8 out of a possible 10. She also earned bronze on balance beam for her 9.5 and fifth place all-around.

Nickie, who competed in the Level 9 Jr. A division, placed sixth on vault, beam and floor exercise, and placed seventh on bars and all-around.

The team is coached by Greg Coots and Tatiana Schegolkova.

*Alyson Johnson handles public relations for Eagle's Wings Athletics.*

**ON THE BEAM:** Left, Cori Guerrero of White Rock on the beam at the Sand Dollar Classic in Orlando, Fla., Jan. 19-21.

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# The Stonewall Comets battle St. John's Girl Power

STAFF REPORT

The Comets of Stonewall Jackson Elementary went head to head against Girl Power, an all-girls basketball team from St. John's School, Jan. 27.

The game was played at Hexter Elementary School and, as is custom for these YMCA games, no score was kept.

As always, players and parents enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

*Gordon Bruce is a Stonewall Jackson dad.*

**UP IN THE AIR:** Comets player Drew Ellis watches as teammates Catherine Kelly and Noelle Martinez fight for a rebound in their close game against Girl Power.



**COACHED TO WIN:** Catherine Kelly of the Comets aims for the basket under the watchful eye of her coach, Jack Montgomery.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY GORDON BRUCE



**GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP:** Friendly rivals Jonathan Bruce and Kathryn Ferguson reflect on the final score of their game, a well-deserved draw.



**GOAL ORIENTED:** Henry Bolt of the Comets concentrates on the basketball while dribbling down court.



# The neighborhood is churning with good stories — send in yours

Some weeks at White Rock Neighbors HQ, my in box is so swamped with submissions, suggestions and funny-bone ticklers I have to do little more than coordinate the plethora of information coming my way like some kind of mad conductor. This was just one such week.

When I opened my e-mail Monday morning, a gusher of words and photos poured forth from you, the loyal readers out there in the community.

**Ginger Everitt**, a member of Grace United Methodist Church, sent along photos and a snazzy story about the Grace UMC Souper Bowl event that took place at the church. Check out her efforts on Page 14.

And for all of you churchgoers out there, bite your lips with envy. Hey, all you have got to do is send me an update on what's going on at your house of worship and we'll find a way for your church to get the credit it deserves.

Meanwhile across town, mem-



**ALLEN HOUSTON**

bers of the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association have been battling for years to obtain conservation status for their community.

LFH finished its second meeting on the subject with the city Feb. 6 at White Rock United Methodist Church. **Linda Calvert**, a stalwart LFH resident, sent me a story and writeup you can scope on Page 9.

And for all those readers who know people who have lived in the White Rock area and are the bedrock of why our community is so great, make sure that you read the spotlight about La Vera Gardner, a former Reinhardt Elemen-

tary teacher, who turns 90 at the end of the month. Her daughter, **DeAnne Minner**, sent in the story all the way from Colorado where she lives.

I love these types of stories so if you have any recommendations of people in our community to profile, send me an e-mail.

In other news, **Michele DeSalme** and **Hillary Degroote** have been tagged by the Lakewood Crime Watch to serve as the first Lakewood Graffiti Gals.

The duo's job will be identifying public property in Lakewood that has graffiti and submitting a report to the city to have it abated.

According to **Nancy Wilson**, Lakewood Crime Watch chairwoman, this may be the first neighborhood in Dallas to have such a program.

Until next week, stay out of the shadows.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

# Lakewood residents co-found, support Savor Dallas

By **MARLENE GLASSER**

Lakewood residents Jim White and Vicki Briley-White co-founded Savor Dallas — an International Experience of Wine, Food, Spirits and the Arts in 2004. Now in its third year, the event will showcase a world of wines, top chefs and the Dallas Arts District, in addition to raising money for three charities Friday and Saturday, March 9-10.

White is a major market media veteran who has been involved as a music personality and talk-show host in Dallas, Chicago and San Francisco. Briley-White is an international flight attendant for American Airlines who has helped raise millions for charity causes when her feet are on the ground. The couple met while Vicki was chairing Côtes du Coeur for the American Heart Association Dal-

las Chapter.

During its nine-year run on CBS Radio, *The KRLD Restaurant Show* with Jim White was nominated for a prestigious James Beard Foundation Award. *KRLD Restaurant Week*, co-developed by White, generates \$300,000 annually for the North Texas Food Bank.

Briley-White coordinates wine and logistics for Savor Dallas, employing skills she honed as chairperson of Côtes du Coeur for three years.

She is considered a "super taster" in the world of fine wine due to her highly developed palate. She started her professional life as a high-school English teacher in Austin.

These days, she prefers to help educate people on the pleasures of fine wine and food.

Briley-White has spent a good deal of time supporting Children's Advocacy Center of Dallas, American Diabetes Association and Wings, a charity for flight attendants in need.

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*Marlene Glasser handles public relations for Savor Dallas.*

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SUBMITTED PHOTO BY JOHN SEALANDER

Photographer John Sealander will present a gallery talk at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Bath House Cultural Center.

**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.:** Old Lake Highland will celebrate its 60th birthday bash at White Rock Skate, 10055 Shoreline Road. The OLH Neighborhood Association will take time to look back to the neighborhood's past and towards the future.

**7 p.m.:** The Bath House Cultural Center and White Rock Lake Museum will present a gallery talk by photographer-writer John Sealander at the Bath House Cultural Center 521 E. Lawther Drive.

**8 p.m.:** Behan, the Celtic band, will perform some Irish classics at the Tipperary Inn, 5815 Live Oak Ave.

**SUN  
18**

**3 p.m.:** Free screening of *A Fair to Remember*, a documentary about the State Fair of Texas, will trace the fair's history from its start in 1886 to the present day at the Hall of State in Fair Park, 3939 Grand Ave.

*A Fair to Remember*, a documentary on the history of the State Fair of Texas that includes iconic Big Tex, will take place at Fair Park.



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**MON  
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**6:30 p.m.:** Share White Rock-inspired poetry, photography and songs at the Evening for Lake Lovers at the For the Love of the Lake office, 1180 N. Buckner Road.

**WED  
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**8 a.m.:** An All-School Mass for Ash Wednesday will be at Bishop Lynch High School, 9750 Ferguson Road.

**6:30 p.m.:** Ash Wednesday services will be at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. The season of Lent begins with a service of contemplation, music, candlelight prayer service and imposition of ashes. St. Andrews is located at 3204 Skillman Ave.

**7 p.m.:** Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church's Ash Wednesday services at the church, 8525 Audelia Road.

**FRI  
23**

**5:30 p.m.:** Woodrow Wilson boys varsity soccer versus North Dallas will be at Pleasant Grove, 8228 Maddox St.

**SAT  
24**

**8 to 11 a.m.:** Lakewood Kiwanis Club Pancake Day will be at Skillman Church of Christ, 3104 Skillman St.. The event will be an all-you-can-eat one. Donations will be accepted, with the proceeds going to youth in the Lakewood area.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Lakewood Kiwanis Club will host its annual Pancake Day event at Skillman Church of Christ Saturday, Feb. 24.

To submit your calendar listing, e-mail [ahouston@dallasnews.com](mailto:ahouston@dallasnews.com).

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**GETTING TO WORK:** Dan Levine, left, Richard George, Linda Calvert, Tracy Cox from the city of Dallas and Melissa McCurley. Members of the LFHNA conservation committee have spent years on this project collecting signatures and money and pulling details together.

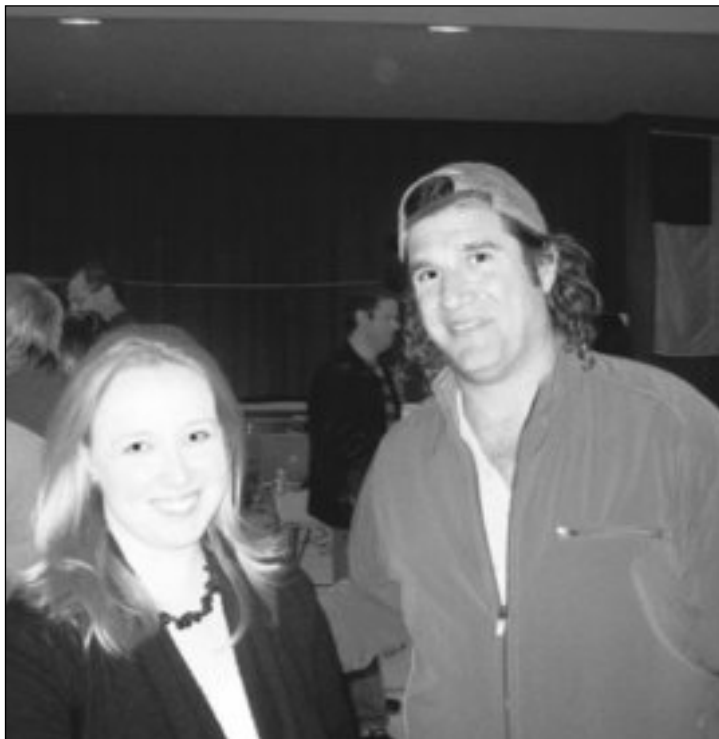
# LFHNA, city of Dallas discuss conservation efforts

By LINDA CALVERT

Members of the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association took part in a conservation district study meeting with Tracy Cox of the city of Dallas at White Rock United Methodist Church Feb. 6. This was the second meeting with Cox as she facilitated a discussion of characteristics the neighborhood wanted conserved.

A zoning-change application was submitted by property owners to the city in June 2006 for a conservation district feasibility study to be conducted by the Dept. of Development Services. Sixty-three percent of property owners in Little Forest Hills boundaries signed a petition in support of the city conducting a feasibility study. There are 945 properties in the proposed district which will make it one of Dallas' largest conservation districts. The majority of the structures are single-family homes containing a variety of architectural styles.

The city will host about six meetings of this type before the study will be complete and Conser-



**PART OF THE DISCUSSION:** Tracy Cox and Joey Lane, construction builder, took part in the Little Forest Hills Conservation District community meeting at White Rock United Methodist Church Feb. 6.

vation District status is awarded. The exact dates of the future meeting have not been confirmed.

*Linda Calvert is a member of the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association.*

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# Bands battle for supremacy at Bishop Lynch

By **RENE RAMIREZ**

Four bands from Bishop Lynch High School competed in the school's preliminary round of Battle of the Bands Jan. 19.

Bishop Lynch High School hosted its seventh annual Battle of the Bands contest Feb. 16.

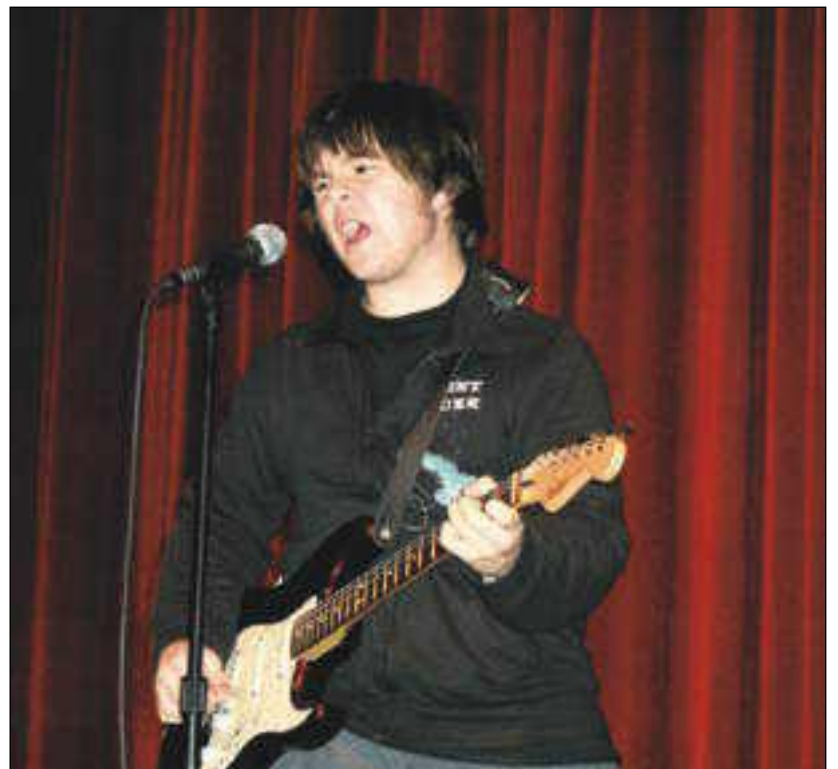
The event was open to bands representing private schools in the Dallas area. Admission was \$10 and parking was free.

The winning band was decided by a panel of celebrity judges and was due to receive a \$500 cash prize donated by the Dallas City Credit Union. The winner of the preliminary round for Bishop Lynch was Roadside Texas.

Other bands that competed were the TRAMS, Narwhals and Outside In.

*Rene Ramirez is junior varsity football coach at Bishop Lynch High School.*

**GRINNIN' AND PICKIN':** Right, Chad Vrla, left, Joe Teichman and Frank Cusimano of Roadside Texas at the preliminary round of the Bishop Lynch Battle of Bands.



**KEEP ON ROCKIN':** Andrew Collins, left, Max Feroze and Aaron Packard of Narwhals.

**HEARTFELT SONGS:** Matt Butterfield of the TRAMS.





**BALLADS GALORE:** Chad Vrla and Joe Teichman of Roadside Texas.



**HEADBANGERS:** Fans Lauren Wild and Alex Adams attend the Bishop Lynch Band competition.



**DRUMROLL, PLEASE:** Chris Grabinski of Outside In prepares to jam at the Battle of the Bands event.



**ROCK 'N' ROLL WIZARD:** Daniel Howard of Outside In.



# Lakewood student receives Davey O' Brien scholarship

By DANIELLE MOORMAN

Spencer Rhodes Coffey of Lakewood was awarded the 2006 Davey O'Brien Foundation scholarship.

The scholarship is presented annually to an outstanding high-school senior student-athlete in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Coffey, a senior at Dallas' Science and Engineering Magnet school, will receive a \$20,000 four-year scholarship to the college or university of his choice, as well as a bronze bust of the award's namesake, former TCU football star Davey O'Brien.

Coffey will be presented with the award at the 30th annual Davey O'Brien Awards Dinner at The Fort Worth Club Monday, Feb. 19.

Coffey is ranked first academically at Dallas' Science and Engineering Magnet school.



Spencer Rhodes Coffey

The athlete is a leader in baseball, golf and tennis.

Additionally, Coffey completed an internship through NASA's

Aerospace Scholars program during his junior year and has earned admittance into the National Society of High School Scholars and the National Honor Society for which he was named community-service chairperson.

Coffey has performed many community-service projects.

Among these were working with a summer-reading program and as a greeter at the Dallas

Women's Museum, helping to clean up White Rock Lake and at the Children's Rights exhibit.

*Danielle Moorman works with the Davey O'Brien Foundation.*



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**WE'RE NUMBER ONE:** From left, Malin Kenny, Tony Rau, Eric Bilder and Will Smith show off some Bishop Lynch pride at the TAPPS Swimming Championship Jan. 23.

## Friar swimmers do well

By MICHAEL MEAGHER

The Friar aquatics team competed in the TAPPS Division 1 North Region Swimming and Diving Championship Jan. 23.

Bishop Lynch boys swim team took first place in dominating fashion, scoring 189 points, 82 points more than runner-up San Antonio Central Catholic School.

The boys team won 10 of 12 events including the 100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke and 100 back stroke.

Two event winners were senior Tony Rau and Jon Horak, sophomore. Single event winners were freshmen Malin Kenny and Kyle Dupuis and senior Michael Masters.

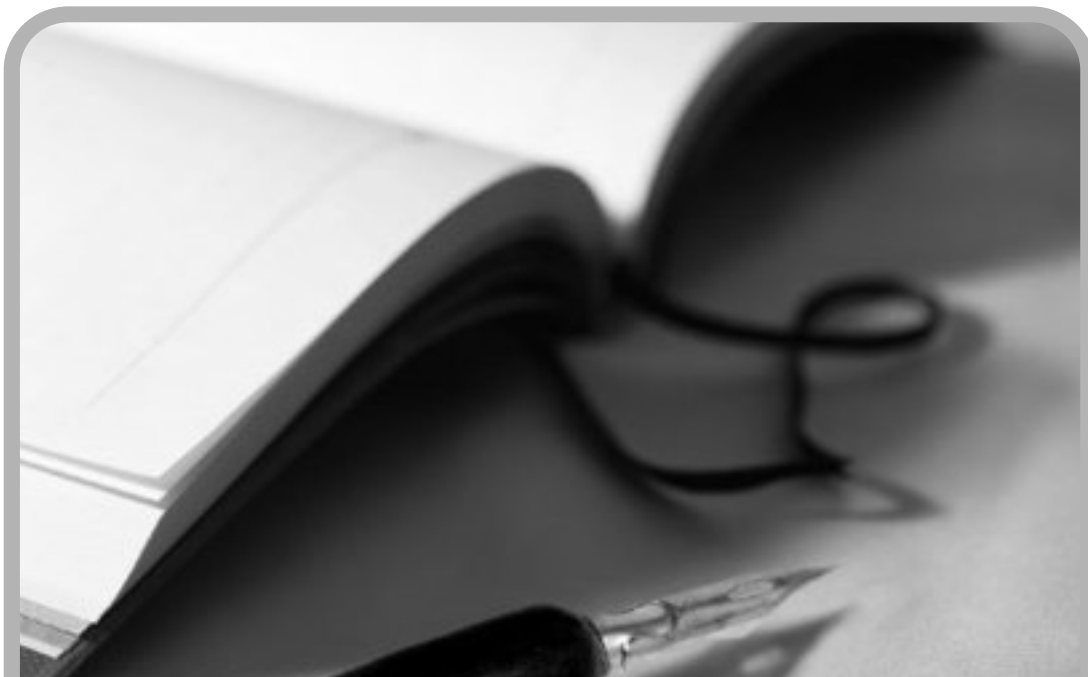
Masters set a new school record in the 500 freestyle.

The girls team put forth an excellent effort and finished fourth overall. The Bishop Lynch girls team fared well in 1-meter diving, with junior Nichole Burgess finishing second; senior Shana Brockman, third and freshman Abbie Sheffield in sixth place.

In swimming, the girls were led by fifth-place finishes in the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle by junior Alex Brown and a fifth-place finish in the 200 freestyle and a sixth-place finish in the 100 freestyle by freshman Danna Callahan.

The Friars' final competition of the season was at the TAPPS State Championship at the University of Texas at Austin Feb. 3.

*Michael Meagher is head swim coach and a math teacher at Bishop Lynch.*



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# White Rock actor to participate in national conference

By **KIM RASCHKE**

Daniel Pappas, a White Rock resident who attends Parish Episcopal Middle School, will help open the 2007 National Junior Thespian Conference at Clements High School in Sugar Land with the school's full-length production of *The Diviners*.

*The Diviners* is set in rural southern Indiana in the year 1932. A lapsed minister from Kentucky drifts into the small town of Zion, Ind., looking for work.

He befriends a mentally challenged 14-year-old boy who has not bathed in a dozen years due to his fear of water as a result of a near drowning in which his mother died rescuing him.

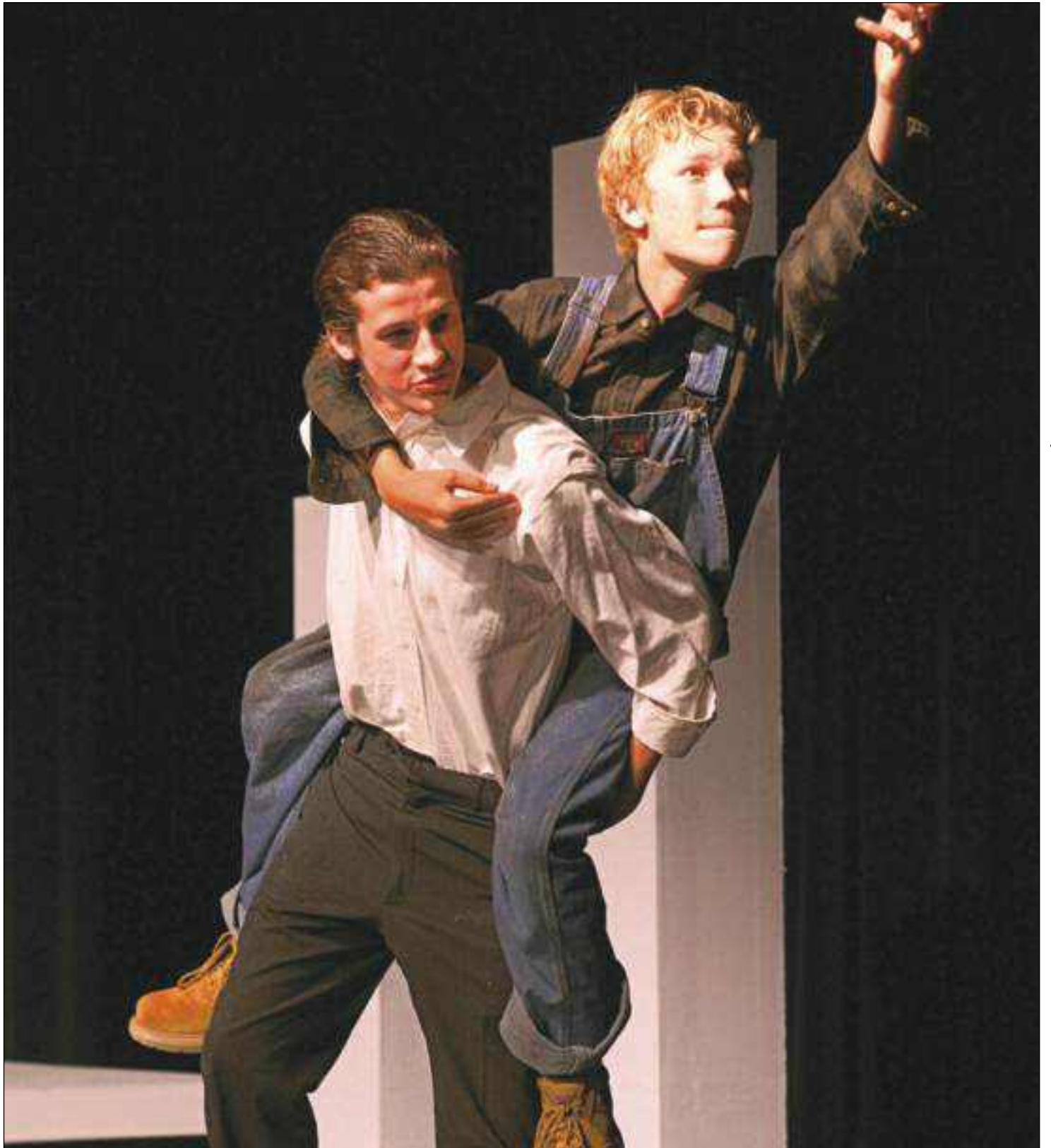
Oddly enough, the boy can divine water using a stick, and his function in the community is to tell everyone when it is going to rain during the time of the Dust Bowl.

In addition to their performance, Parish students will have the opportunity to interact with 400 other middle-school theater students, their teachers and professional theater experts throughout the two-day event.

This year's conference will include two other middle-school programs' performances, as well as workshops in acting, creative dramatics, playwriting and technical theater.

*Kim Raschke is associate director of communications at Parish Episcopal School.*

**SMALL-TOWN BLUES:** Right, White Rock resident Daniel Pappas carries eighth-grader Tyler Knight during Parish Episcopal School's performance of *The Diviners*.



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## Dallas Alumnae Panhellenic Association

■ The Dallas Alumnae Panhellenic Association is offering scholarship to graduating senior women.

To qualify, the women must attend high schools within Dal-

las and plan to attend a Texas college or university in the fall of 2007.

Applications must be received no later than Monday, March 5. Winners will be announced in May 2007.

For more information, call 972-867-0819.

## The Open Door Preschool

■ Dallas Children's Theater and Kathy Burks Theatre of Puppetry Arts will present a benefit performance for The Open Door Preschool at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24.

*Carnival of the Animals* is an

unforgettable puppet interpretation of Camille Saint-Saens' zoological fantasy for orchestra and a visual experience suitable for all ages.

The Open Door Preschool is in its 36th year of providing developmentally appropriate preschool education for children in East Dallas for whom English is not their

primary language. This nationally accredited preschool serves 35 culturally diverse families. Additional funding will increase enrollment to 45 families. The performance will be at the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman. For more information, call 214-824-2534.



Neighbors **IN FAITH**

# GUMC hosts a tasty Souper Bowl Fest

By GINGER EVERITT

Superbowl Sunday was a blustery day around Dallas, but it was cozy and warm in Grace United Methodist Church, where a Souper Bowl Fest was hosted after the morning church service.

Members of the church made their best treats including wonderful chili, sandwiches, and cakes — one even looked like a football stadium — and chips and dips of all descriptions. The price of lunch was a love offering, which was earmarked for the pastors discretionary fund.

Grace UMC is located on Haskell and Junius and has Sunday services at 10:50 a.m. every week.

*Ginger Everitt attends Grace United Methodist Church.*

**BEAUTIFUL SMILE:** Right, Lennis Welch is all smiles at the Souper Bowl Party.



**GAME-DAY FUN:** Below, Dave Price joins the line with a lucky Grace United Methodist Church visitor.



**BACKBONE OF THE CHURCH:** Jouette Bassler and Dolena Westergard, project chairwoman, serve up dips for a hungry bunch at Grace UMC's first Souper Bowl.



**TREATS AND TESTAMENT:** Jacquelyn Elbel, left, and Miranda Prater enjoying treats at one of the food tables.

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**SOUPER GOOD TIME:** Pastor Chuck Cox and Bob Hopkins usher a guest through the line.



# LSL Black Thai Gala is a hit

## STAFF REPORT

White Rock residents turned out in mass for the 24th Lakewood Service League's Black Thai Gala at the Lakewood Country Club Feb. 3.

The LSL event has raised more than \$1 million to benefit charities in East Dallas, with proceeds this year benefiting such organizations as the Wilkinson Center, Juliette Fowler Homes, Jonathan's Place and the Disciples of Trinity.

Tiffany and Company was the presenting sponsor and donated 35 pieces of jewelry for the silent auction.

The Lakewood Service League was formed in 1982 with the goal of fostering interest among its members in the economic, educational, cultural and civic conditions of East Dallas.

*Carol Hensley is an East Dallas photographer.*



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**PLAY IT, DADDIO:** The Ricki Derek Band provided the soundtrack for the event.



**OUT ON THE TOWN:** Above, Russell Keener, left, Melissa Williams, Nancy Johnson and Ryan Williams.



**CHEERS TO LSL:** Right, Roberto and Alise Cortez celebrated a great event and good cause at the Black Thai Gala.



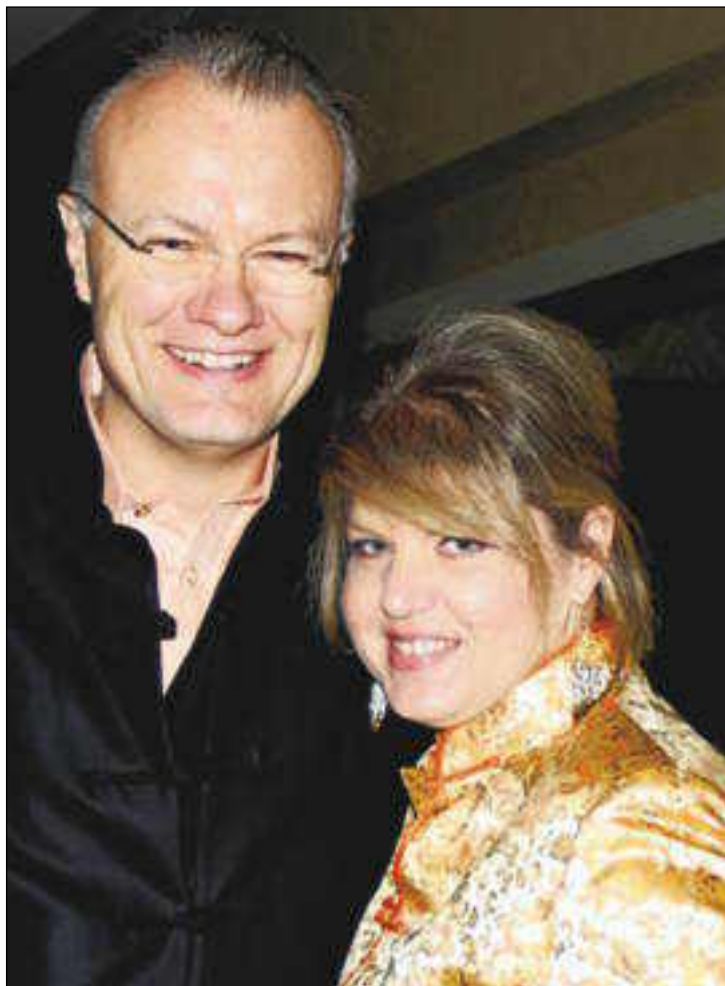
**STEPPING OUT:** Sheffie and Debbie Kadane were dressed to the nines at the Lakewood Black Thai Gala.



# Neighbors ON THE COVER

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**STRONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** Jeremy Chappel and Sandra Pomeroy paused during the fun of the Lakewood Service League fundraiser.



**FABULOUS FUNDRAISER:** Maria Hasbany and Mickie Braggalone attended the LSL Black Thai Gala.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY CAROL HENSLEY  
**GOOD TIMES ARE MADE OF THESE:** Heidi Ives and Rebecca Helm were the life of the party at the Black Thai Gala.



**BIG LAUGHS:** Friends Paige Whiteside and Helen Molloy share good times.



**ALL IN:** Above, poker was one event that took place during the Black Thai Gala.



**MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE:** Left, Lakewood Service League members Niki Peters and Adura Archer.





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**READY TO ROCK 'N' ROLL:** From top to bottom are Bruno Harvey of St. John's; Ruth Godbey Katherine Ozmun and John Godbey of Lakehill Preparatory; Sam Wells of St. John's; Rachel Regan of Woodrow Wilson; Riley Noble of Lakehill Preparatory; Andy Chilian of St. John's; Chloe Courtney of St. John's and Jake Harvey of St. John's.

## Variations will make Elvis, others' music come alive

By **JILL BUTTON**

Elvis Presley and the golden age of rock will trip back in time at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at First United Methodist Church.

The Variations Youth Choir of FUMC will present an evening of music and dance from the '50s and '60s titled Elvis Presley and the Golden Age of Rock and Roll.

Also featured will be two hand bell

choirs, the Carillon Ringers and the Tower Ringers.

Tickets for the fundraiser range from \$5 for students, \$10 for adults to patron seating at higher levels.

Children's tickets are \$3, and baby-sitting is available.

Funds from the show will support a youth singing tour to Tennessee this summer.

Elvis Presley and the golden age of rock and roll salutes the phenomenon that started in the 1950s. Look for songs such as "Rock Around the Clock," "Shake, Rattle and Roll" and "Blue Suede Shoes."

The choreography is provided by Beth Wortley.

The Variations consist of 80 students in grades seven through 12 from across Dallas who meet to sing and serve.

Under the direction of Dana Effler, this choir provides music for First United Methodist Church Dallas.

The public is invited to attend this show. The First United Methodist Church is located at 1928 Ross Ave. across from the Dallas Museum of Art.

*Jill Button handles variations fundraiser publicity.*



**Lake Highlands United Methodist Church**

■ The Lake Highlands United Methodist Church youth will present its rendition of the popular musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, in the church's fellowship hall. Approximately 70 area youth from Lake Highlands will participate in this production.

*Thoroughly Modern Millie* is a high-spirited romp featuring music and dancing from the 1920s.

The musical is filled with frisky flappers, dashing leading men and a dragon-lady of a villainess that audiences will love to hate. This musical marks the 32nd foray into theater production since *Godspell* in 1976. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24.

Lake Highlands United Methodist Church is located at 9015 Plano Road.

**Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church**

■ LHPC will host its Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21.

**Northridge Presbyterian Church**

■ The new morning-worship times will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays. Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m., and child care will be provided during all Sunday services.

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

■ The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb 21. Join St. Andrew's for an Ash Wednesday service of contemplation, music, candlelight, prayer and imposition of ashes, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

St. Andrew's is located at 3204 Skillman at Monticello.

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**

■ Join St. Mark's throughout the year with Sunday services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school

begins at 9:15 a.m.

**Unity Church on Greenville**

■ Relieve stress and other negative feelings with yoga at 7 p.m. every Thursday or with tai chi at 9 a.m. every Saturday at the church.

**White Rock United Methodist Church**

■ White Rock United Methodist Church has opened its doors the White Rock community to encouraging them to continue their education.

The church will host White Rock University, a variety of classes for youth and adults.

Classes are set up in weeks instead of months and there are scholarships available to the already low costs of each class.

A variety of classes are available at White Rock University for both youth and adults. From studying the gospel to learning a foreign cuisine, WRU students gain knowledge on the culture, people, ideas, and technology of the world.

For more information, visit [www.wrunc.org](http://www.wrunc.org).

**Zion Lutheran Church**

■ Zion Lutheran Church Concert Series will present the European vocal quintet, Calmus Ensemble Leipzig, in concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20.

These five singers, Sebastian Krause, Tobias Pöche, Anja Lipfert, Ludwig Böhme and Joe Roessler, are based in Leipzig, Germany.

These five former members of the St. Thomas Church choir maintain an active concert schedule, performing both sacred and secular programs throughout Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Spain, Austria, Portugal and the U.S.

Specializing in unaccompanied — a cappella — music, the ensemble maintains a stylistic variety in repertoire, from Gregorian chant to Machaut, Palestrina, Bach and Verdi to madrigals, folk songs and even rock and jazz.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 6121 E. Lovers Lane.

**'Matisse: Painter as Sculptor' at MOA**

Discover a new side of Matisse at the exhibition currently on display at the Nasher Sculpture Center and Dallas Museum of Art. "Matisse: Painter as Sculptor" presents more than 150 sculptures, paintings and drawings of Matisse as well as photos of the artist at work.

**Political satire runs at Kitchen Dog Theater**

Part satire, part nightmare, as well as one of the most revolutionary plays ever written,

*Woyzeck* is regarded as the fundamental text of modern drama, anticipating the work of Brecht, Beckett by more than 100 years. The play will run through Saturday, March 17.

At its center is Private Woyzeck, an Army barber who volunteers to be the subject of bizarre medical experiments in order to feed his girlfriend Marie and their illegitimate child. When a drill sergeant seduces Marie, Woyzeck comes face to face with the emptiness of his existence. What will he do to keep his humanity intact, and offer both him, and us, a kind of redemption?

■ For dates and time, visit [www.kitchendogtheater.org](http://www.kitchendogtheater.org).

**Dallas Opera to present Wagner's 'Lohengrin'**

The Dallas Opera will present the finale of its 50th anniversary season with the company premiere of Richard Wagner's *Lohengrin* about a mysterious knight of the Holy Grail and the woman who loves him. The production will be performed Sunday, Feb. 18; Wednesday, Feb. 21; and Saturday, Feb. 24, with The Dallas Opera Orchestra in the Music Hall at Fair Park.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 to \$199, if purchased in advance.

■ For more information, call 214-443-1000.

**Cirque du Soleil performing at Fair Park**

Coreto, the latest live touring production of Cirque du Soleil will run through Sunday, March 11, under the trademark blue-and-yellow Grand Chapiteau — Big Top — at Fair Park.

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**Photographer to visit White Rock Gallery**

The Bath House Cultural Center and the White Rock Lake Museum will present a gallery talk by photographer and writer John Sealander at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive.

During the gallery talk, Sealander will engage in an informal conversation with the audience as he shares insights and information about his creative and technical approach for the creation of his photographic, design and writing works.

**Seminars explore two subjects**

The Dallas Architecture Forum and the Dallas Foundation for Psychoanalysis will present their second seminar series on psychoanalysis and architecture 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Nasher Sculpture Center. The seminar will consider social, cultural and psychological forces that lead one to buy or build an ultra modern white house or a lush, dark, traditional European style house.

The moderator will be Dr. Rick Brettell, Professor of Aesthetic Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas. Other speakers will be Herbert Gomberg, Richard Hamburger and Stephen Sonnenberg.

■ For more information and tickets, call 214-566-5083.

**Orchestra of New Spain to present Courcelle's works**

The Orchestra of New Spain will present three works of Francisco Courcelle at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, in the Meyerson Symphony Center.

Two of the masses of Courcelle will be recorded by Sono Luminus for compact disc to be released in November. Courcelle's Cantata O que suerte, with soprano soloist Tamara Matthews, will complete the program.

■ To make reservations, call 214-750-1492 or visit [www.OrchestraOfNewSpain.org](http://www.OrchestraOfNewSpain.org).

**Dallas Opera to give free concert**

The Dallas Opera will offer a free staged concert at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17, in the Music Hall at Fair Park.

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m.; there are no reserved seats.

The community concert titled, "The Young and the Restless: Young Artists in Concert with The Dallas Opera" will feature The Dallas Opera Orchestra under the baton of Dallas Opera Assistant Conductor Anthony Barrese.

The 45-minute concert will be followed by The Dallas Operas annual town hall meeting in The Crystal Terrace.

**Pocket Sandwich Theater to host 'Zorro' auditions**

The Pocket Sandwich Theatre will host open auditions for *Zorro - The Legend Lives!* from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26. The auditions will be at the theatre, 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 119. The play written by John Dawson is another of the Pocket's audience-participation, comedy spoofs, this time based on the classic characters in stories and books by Johnston McCulley.

**Fine Arts Chamber Players at Dallas Museum of Art**

The Fine Arts Chamber Players will present three of Dallas' most dynamic musicians at the free Bancroft Family Concerts series at the Dallas Museum of Art at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at in Horchow Auditorium.

This concert will showcase Dallas Symphony Orchestra violinist Maria Schleuning, Dallas Symphony Orchestra cellist Kari Nostbakken, and concert pianist Yurie Iwasaki.

■ For more information, visit [www.fineartschamberplayers.org](http://www.fineartschamberplayers.org).

**'Sleeping Beauty' is at Dallas Children's Theater**

The classic fairy tale awakens with a twist. Dallas Children's Theater will present a bolder, funnier version of *Sleeping Beauty* from Friday, March 2, through Sunday, March 25, at El Centro College Performance Hall in downtown Dallas.

Once upon a time, there was a spunky princess named Briar Rose. Her best friend, Gryff, is a half-dragon smartaleck.

■ For more information, visit [www.dct.org](http://www.dct.org).



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# Help our kids in the White Rock Community... **CALL TODAY!** **214-328-3849**



The YMCA @ White Rock, J.E.R. Bob Chilton Facility was founded in 2000 as a member-based facility that develops healthy spirit, mind, and body, for all. Through the Partners Campaign, the YMCA will provide financial assistance for qualifying members in traditional programs such as Aquatics, Child Care, Sports, Health & Wellness, Adventure Guides, Family Programs and Teens. In conjunction with the traditional services, the YMCA has put into practice new services that target members with specialized programs to fully engage them into the benefits of YMCA participation.

Some of these include:

- \* Inter-generational Programs
- \* Mother Child Programs
- \* Arts and Humanities
- \* Teen Development Initiatives
- \* Youth and Government
- \* Teen Clubs
- \* Civic Engagement Service Learning
- \* Know Before You Go
- \* Active Adult Programs
- \* Wheel Chair Power Hockey

## **BUDDY UP and PAY for a kid to play!**

Families need the YMCA. BUDDY UP and adopt a family through partners. BUDDY UP with our Senior Members so they may enjoy longevity with exercise and social outlets.

### **\$100 Program Kid Pack**

Youth Membership to the YMCA - One Program

### **\$200 School Age Kid Pack**

Membership + 2 sports, two week swim lessons and KidFit privileges

### **\$300 Senior Pack 62+**

Membership + program for the whole year.

## **BUDDY UP with our Single Members.**

\$750 Adult Pack

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## **\$1,500 Family Pack**

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