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Mistletoe Express

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November 2010

The official day for gravy

Time for a trip to the home of the person who's "doing it" this year, or a stay-at-home extravaganza because you're the one "doing it." Maybe you're a singleton or a two-fer with a turkey leg. Or maybe you're boycotting the big cook and going out.

Whether for one or for 21, Thanksgiving is the official day, not of turkey, but of gravy. We have turkey all the time. Turkey burgers, turkey sandwiches and turkey bacon. We have so much turkey all year now that I'm surprised we have enough turkey for a family of four at Thanksgiving. No, what sets this holiday apart is the gravy train.

To one who grew up Italian, the word "gravy" means "tomato sauce." Your "gravy" is your standard on-hand family tomato sauce that's cooked in quantity and frozen in containers for the rest of the week. For everybody else, gravy generally means

some sort of sauce born from the scrapings or stock of something cooked prior to the meal they're eating.

My husband comes from the mountains of North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, where "gravy" is liberally interpreted and can come from what I consider "non-gravy-able" food stocks, such as bologna. "Bologna gravy" is derived from the scrapings and stock of a "bologna steak." The bologna steak is simply a rather thick cut of bologna that's fried in the family pan. I have so many problems with this that I could digress for days on end. Suffice to say, the people of Bologna, Italy, would be rather unhappy with this particular steak and gravy being attributed to their hometown.

Then there are the many odd variations of gravy, *Continued on Page 6*

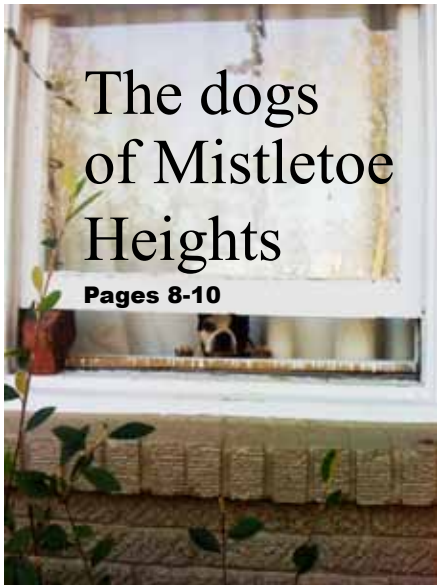


Robert Louis Needham, 1945-2010

Robert Louis Needham of Burleson went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, Oct. 29, 2010.

Robert was born in Winnsboro on July 24, 1945, and was 65 years old. Survivors: Daughters, Angela Rawls (Ken) of Arlington and Crystal Gregg (Cody) of Granbury; father, Louis Needham of Eules; brothers, Bobby Needham (Shirley) of Bay Minette, Ala., and Sammie Needham (Lisa) of Aurora, Ind.; sisters, Judy Ellis (Dale) of Eules, Betty Seabolt of Roanoke, Rita Hemphill (Michael) of Tillamook, Ore., Mary Smith (Jessie) of Eules, Pam Dawson (Tim) of Watauga; grandsons, Gregory King, Jared Taylor, Zane Gregg and Braeden Gregg; dear friends, James and Dolores Carson; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

- From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram 10/31/2010



Pat Hale's pug.



Drill site update

It is located at the corner of Peter Smith and 15th Street (just east of the haunted house).

XTO expects to begin drilling within a month. When the tower is erected it should be easily seen from Forest Park Blvd. north of I-30.

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Yard of the month: 2230 West Magnolia Ave.

Yard of the Month for November is awarded to Elizabeth Gowan and Stephanie Mischke at 2230 West Magnolia Avenue. They have lived at the home for 13 years and have proudly received this award before. Elizabeth is credited for the beautiful garden. She also takes part in the community garden located in a vacant lot at the corner of Magnolia and Jerome.

Elizabeth's garden is a study of color and texture. The front porch beacons you through a walkway spilling over with flowering blue hill sage. The long-lasting blue spikes make a great vertical accent in the front her garden. Wisteria frames the entrance way accented with potted seasonal mums for early fall color. The mature silvery-green Junipers provide a nice backdrop with a pops of color from a mixture of ground cover including red flowering salvia greggii, yellow lantana, and creamy datura. The charming bungalow is nicely framed by mature pink and red knock out shrub roses on either side of the front bed.

Elizabeth Gowan and Stephanie Mischke will receive a generous gift certificate from Calloway's Nursery and based on their care and pride in their home.



Garden Tip of the Month: Place a metal ring that can be purchased at any home and garden store around the base of the blue hill sage while it is still young to keep the long heavy spikes vertical. The weight of the mature tall spike tends to droop without any support.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The MHA needs new officers!

By Jeff Davis

Yes, you, too, can be president of the Mistletoe Heights Association! Or vice president, treasurer, secretary, or perhaps best of all, editor of the neighborhood newsletter, The Mistletoe Express.

These positions are available for a changing of the guard on Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. at our nominating meeting at 2325 Mistletoe Drive.

The election will be at the next regular neighborhood meeting on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m., also at 2325 Mistletoe Drive.

If you'd like to nominate someone or would like to have a chat about serving your neighborhood in any of these positions, please contact me or any of the neighborhood officers about what's involved in the jobs. Our neighbor-

hood needs new neighbors to take up our duties so that we create an expanding base of fresh ideas.

On another note, it really, really looks like the MidTown project will break ground shortly. The plans are being finalized and going out to bid now.

And, did anyone notice that we now have two Mistletoe Avenues? Great news really! As if we didn't have any problems with three Mistletoes! Now we have four!

On a final note, I took the City Council to task in my previous letter because a majority of the council on Aug. 30 tabled an innocuous resolution that would keep the \$25 million in funding from the Federal Transit Authority, our gas tax money, from being returned to us.

Apparently, one or two coun-

cil members have had a change of heart, which could provide a majority for pursuit of two starter modern streetcar lines. HDR, the city's consultant for the project, has done a brilliant job of assessing Fort Worth and the streetcars, and has said publicly that Fort Worth is the best city in the United States to take advantage of the economic development potential of streetcars!

Weirdly, Councilman Jungus Jordan said in a pre-council meeting in December 2008 that "streetcars are a no-brainer" and "fit hand in glove with our transportation vision." Unfortunately, Councilman Jordan forgot that he was in favor of a streetcar system because he continues to try to kill the streetcar in any way that he can. Don't you love politics?

Councilmember Joel Burns addresses teenage bullying

In light of recent suicides linked to bullying of gay teens, Councilmember Joel Burns shared how the issue affected him personally and offered a message of comfort to bullying victims: "It gets better."

As of today, over 2 million people have seen our councilman Joel Burns on the internet giving a personal impassioned speech to victims of

bullies to hold on. If you did not see our Councilman Joel Burns on The Today Show, CNN, Headline News, Ellen, or one of the many news outlets last month, you can watch a video of his comments online at the following address.

<http://www.fortworthgov.org/citynews/default.aspx?id=79644>



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**MH Lamp Post
Bow-tying party
Nov. 21**

Traditionally, the bow tying is done the weekend before Thanksgiving, so the street reps have the bows to put up over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Join Gary and Susan Willis at 2237 Irwin (blue house, third down from Forest Park) from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, November 21.

Kids are welcome! Get in the holiday spirit!

What to do in November

- **Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Nominating for Election's Meeting** November 9, Time and place TBA
- **Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Meeting** and Elections of Neighborhood Officers, 7 p.m. November 16, Jeff Davis home, ----- Mistletoe Drive
- **Drumline Live**, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2, 2010, Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St, Fort Worth, TX 76102. 817-212-4325
- **Taste of the NFL - North Texas Dinner Series**, Nov. 4, Grace, 777 Main ST., Fort Worth, TX 76102
- **Texas Pottery and Sculpture Christmas Show**, Nov. 5-6, Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1309 Montgomery St, Fort Worth, TX 76107
- **Merle Haggard**, Nov. 5, Billy Bob's Texas, 2520 Rodeo Plaza, Fort Worth, TX 76164
- **The Funky Finds Experience**, Nov. 7, Will Rogers Memorial Center, Exhibits Building- 3400 Burnett Tandy Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76107--3078 This self-proclaimed "indie art show" features works by 125 artists and crafters primarily from Texas.
- **Lyle Lovett & His Large Band**, 8 p.m. Nov. 13-14, Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St, Fort Worth, TX 76102. 817-212-4325.
- **2010 Lone Star International Film Festival**, November 14, Sundance Square, 201 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. www.lsiff.com
- **Thanksgiving Day**, November 25
- **Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Presents "Home for the Holidays,"** Nov. 27-28, Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St, Fort Worth, TX 76102.
- **Chesapeake Energy Parade of Lights presented by CHASE**, 6 p.m. Nov. 26, Sundance Square, 201 Main Street, Suite 700, Fort Worth, TX 76102. 817-336-2787.

Paschal Band Gift Market Nov. 20

An invitation to Mistletoe Heights: The Paschal Band Gift Market is Saturday, Nov. 20--the Saturday before Thanksgiving--from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Market offers lots of unusual (and affordable) gifts and many of your smart neighbors get all their Christmas shopping done in that one day. This year we are featuring an expanded bake sale area with beautiful desserts and breads for your Thanksgiving entertaining. It's a lovely, fun event....and parking and admission are free!

Thank you for supporting Paschal and the Panther Band.

www.paschalpanthers.org

Parade of Lights Nov. 26

The Sundance Square Parade of Lights is a great way to start the holiday season. The illuminated parade winds its way around downtown Fort Worth and ends with the lighting of a holiday tree in the center of the Square.

You can watch the parade from the street or be lucky and have a seat at one of the free viewing sections or purchase reserved seats. The Parade of Lights begins at Belknap and Taylor streets, then down Belknap to Commerce, Commerce to 6th, 6th to Houston, and Houston to Weatherford.

Car pool with some neighbors or take the new streetcar so you do not have to mess with parking. Oh, wait, we haven't gotten that yet...

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Beneficial insects

By Dotty Guffey

Have you ever wondered whether you're attacking a beneficial bug or a pest? I have. So I finally bought a book: *Texas Bug Book: the Good the Bad and the Ugly* by C. Malcolm Beck and John Howard Garrett.

I'd like to share with you a list of the beneficial insects without the color plates. After all, it seems we only learn about the bad pests. Let's give the beneficial insects a thumbs-up.

These insects inhabit healthy, organically grown gardens:

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| Assassin bug | Lacewing |
| Bee | Lady beetle |
| Damsel bug | Longlegged fly |
| Damselfly | Minute pirate bug |
| Doodle bug | Mud dauber |
| Dragonfly | Praying mantis |
| Giant wheel bug | Spider |
| Ground beetle | Spined soldier bug |
| Hover fly | Tachinid fly |
| Ichneumon wasp | Wasp |

If you hope to start a beneficial insect garden, the insects are easily attracted to plants like alyssum, caraway, coriander, coreopsis, cosmos, goldenrod, lantana liatris, roses, sunflowers, tansy and yarrow.

And don't forget to garden organically!



I-20, Bryant Irvin bridge to be temporarily closed

As part of the work necessary to prepare the new Southwest Parkway, I-20 at Bryant Irvin Road will be closed starting at 9 a.m. Oct. 27 through 5 a.m. Oct. 28.


I-20 main lanes in both directions will be closed in advance of Bryant Irvin, and the Bryant Irvin bridge will be closed to through traffic over I-20.

The closure is necessary so crews can place beams for a new Bryant Irvin turnaround bridge.

Southwest Parkway is an 8.7-mile, six-lane tollway that will extend from Fort Worth's Central Business District at I-30 to southwest Fort Worth.

You can sign up for Southwest Parkway corridor progress reports at the North Texas Tollway Authority website. You can also become a fan of the NTTA's Facebook. To receive answers to your questions about tollway construction, e-mail southwestparkway@ntta.org or call 817-916-5105.

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Best Autumnal Porch



Best Autumnal Porch goes to John and Susan Hotard at 1201 Mistletoe Drive. Your pumpkin pie is on its way!



The Top Ten Wrongs of Turkey Gravy

#10 The canned salt-lick chicken broth gravy. It tastes like chicken broth out of a can, peeps. If you can't make turkey stock, at least use the Swanson low-sodium in the carton.

#9 Freaky corn starched gravy. Cornstarch is a notorious lumper when added to hot liquid. Plus the gravy comes out like a strange Chinese restaurant sauce with a glassy lump appearance.

#8 Turkey livers in the gravy. Liver is, well, liver ... and it tastes a whole lot like liver. And when added to the gravy or used as a stock builder, it imparts, well, the taste of liver. No liver gravy this year, OK?

#7 Giblets. Aka, the heart, the gizzard and the liver. Good for stock minus the liver.

#6 Serving the neck in a bowl of gravy. Has Hannibal the Cannibal taken over the kitchen? It reminds one of the bird's demise. The unfortunate bird's neck is best left for the creation of the stock and then discarded.

#5 The gizzard grav-hey? Factoid. The gizzard is the spherical organ from the poor bird's digestive tract. Again, fine for the stock but toss that rock-

grinding puppy out or let a weird uncle eat it on a little plate in the kitchen because ever since the car accident you know he's not been right. I know people who might like little pieces of chewy chopped digestive tract floating in granny's gravy, but I say help them. They have the gravy taste buds of Andrew Zimmern.

#4 The heart-less gravy. Nothing says we killed a living thing more than a couple of turkey heart chunks floating over my taters. Hey, peepers, even worse finding the whole heart with the big spoon in the big gravy boat. Nothing says, "No more gravy for me, Aunt Bertie," than finding Big Tom's heart on my white meat. It's a tasty treat for a serial killer at an institution for the criminally insane. Serve the heart gravy as an urban tribal ritual. He who gets the heart holds it up over the dining table to prove he now has the power of the spirit turkey. Or make up a batch of turkey heart gravy and invite a lot of Scottish people over.

"Oh, Mrs. McGregor, I got so many stewed turkey heart parts poured over me mashed, aren't I the lucky one."

#3 Flecks and lumps and specs in the gravy. Granny made her gravy with flecks, lumps and specs and so should I. No, no you shouldn't.

#2 Hard-boiled eggs in the gravy. Sorry gang, finding anything that is white or yellow staring back at me makes me feel like I'm a prisoner in a Russian gulag. After a period of time, the gravy's yellow parts turn green and the egg gravy looks like something the Cat in the Hat would pour over his cartoon ham. I don't care if that's how granny did it. Granny made coffee with grinds and eggshells over a fire pit. Great-great grandma had a killer squirrel recipe, too.

#1 The Ultimate Gross Combo gravy. Greasy, cornstarch lumpy, flecky, liver, heart and gizzard dotted egg floating canned neon-yellow chicken gravy that is cold with the strings of turkey neck meat floating in the layer of solidifying pan drippings that have formed a glassy greasy skating rink on top of the gravy boat.



Gravy

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such as gravy that is "non-gravy," also known as "white gravy" or "milk gravy." When I was first served this, Husband informed me that sometimes it has breakfast sausage pieces in it. He ate a gallon of it. Me no likey.

Then there's red-eye gravy, made from a piece of country ham. Please see your doctor for a Lisonopril prescription.

Let's hold hands as a group and say, "Turkey gravy is not in a jar, can or packet."



HONORABLE MENTION



WINNER

Great Gourds!

On the evening before Halloween the dedicated Mistletoe Pumpkin Perusers hit the streets. We were soon delighted with many imaginatively carved pumpkins and their enthusiastic creators. The fine American art of carving a Halloween pumpkin is alive and thriving in Mistletoe Heights.

The esteemed panel of gourd graders unanimously choose the Grand Prize entrant titled "Snow White and the Scary Kids," (above) we found at 2218 Harrison and choose to honorably mention what we named "WereWeasel" (left) at 2309 Irwin and "White Spiderkin" (previous page) at 2229 W. Magnolia.

Congratulations to these young carvers!

Other Great Gourds:

- "Doublekin" - 2312 Irwin
- "Follow the Dots" - 2320 Irwin
- "Mush-Mouths" - 1211 Clara
- "Hole Eyes" - 1119 Clara
- "Hearts & Stars" - 1200 Mistletoe Dr
- "Franken-Rangers" - 1109 Mistletoe Dr
- "Peace/Love& Rangers" - 2341 Magnolia
- "Dark Pumpkins" - 1220 Buck
- "Wills Gourds" - 2343 Mistletoe Blvd
- "U R the Pumpkin of My Eye" - 2239 Magnolia
- "The Scream & Buddy" - 2245 Magnolia
- "Arg, Pirate & Bat" - 2204 Mistletoe Ave.
- "I Brake for Pumpkins" - 2228 Mistletoe Ave.
- "Zipper and Zagg" - 2132 Edwin
- "OMG" - 2122A Edwin
- "Paranoid-Pumps" - 2201 Edwin
- "Starburst & Dazed'nConfused" 2216 Weatherbee
- "PO'd" - 2211 Weatherbee



dogs in the 'hood

Bailey, a golden retriever owned by Jim and Mary Ellen Peipert of the 2200 block of Harrison Avenue, doesn't know what to make of the snow that blanketed our neighborhood in February. Bailey's favorite pastimes are walking the neighborhood, romping in Newby Park, sitting regally on the front porch to pretend he's a watchdog and lopping underfoot in the house.



Mikoh Schwartz lives on Edwin St. Mikoh is a rescue puppy from the fort worth animal shelter He Loves sleeping with the cats and playing with my daughter Kaila.



This is **Hank**. He lives at 2116 W. Morphy and loves to play ball at Newby Park in his free time.



We have 2 schitzus named **Jake & Sophie**. They had 5 puppies 2 years ago and this is a picture of the puppies at their 2 year old birthday party we had in our backyard. We live at 1414 Mistletoe Drive. The Shaws



Three Italian Greyhounds (Oscar, Ruby & Cindy).



Rocky lives on Edwin Street. He has been a Mistletoe Heights dog for 7 years. He previously lived in Indiana, where he played in the snow, so when we had the last snow storm, he had a great time! Rocky's favorite hobby/job is to chase squirrels, and he hates it when the ferrel cats take over his back porch. His other favorite thing....sleeping, and sitting in your lap to get his tummy rubbed!



Chino McReynolds
Chino aka Lord of Irwin
friend of cats foe of opossums



Roxy, aka Devil Dog & The Boo Boo. Lives on West Rosedale - she is half Aussie, half Black Mouth Cur, 75 lbs. of pure intensity. Enjoys long walks in the neighborhood, holding court at Fort Woof and general intimidation.



Her name is **Asia**. She is a boxer. She loves to hunt, play fetch and snuggle!!! 2313 Irwin St.



Max loves to hang out on the porch with us. Max was adopted from DFW Lab Rescue and we think he's the best.



Barbie Kohout lives at 2242 Mistletoe Blvd. She has a pink beauty mark on her left lip, a scar from fire ants when she was a baby. She is known for carrying a water bottle when we walk in the hood.



Spanky
West Magnolia
Abused stray from Houston Humane Shelter Tat on Belly, Heartworm Survivor. Defends Humanity against UPS, Landscapers, helicopters and of course the dreaded squirrel.



Jasmin Nishimura lives at 2239 Mistletoe Blvd. She's new to the hood, having been adopted 6 months ago. Jazzie's her name and squirrels are her game. Her bay is her calling card.



Buster has lived on W. Rosedale his entire life. Buster will be celebrating his 10th birthday on Nov. 16 this year; one day after Jacob (his owner's) 16th birthday. He is smiling because Jacob is tickling him under his arm.



Melissa is our Lab mix. Mistletoe Drive is our street.

Betty, right, is a Decker Rat Terrier. She jumps up and down like a pogo stick. She makes Lulu, left, run a lot. We are on Harrison Ave.



Chance Lynn lives at 2244 Mistletoe Blvd. Found on an FM road near Dublin, he's gone from coyote snack to top dog at his new mom's law office.

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Ignored pet poop = water pollution + air pollution

There are significantly more dogs and cats per square mile in Fort Worth than would be found in a normal mammal population in a natural ecosystem. In the aggregate, Fido's little poop is a big Fort Worth water problem. Having a dog poop-filled back yard is not only bad for the health of your family and pet; it's bad for our groundwater as well.

Everybody knows somebody with a dog- and cat-shizzed yard. At our house, we refer to such yards as "Dookieville," "Smellville" and "Stanktown." Not long ago, I actually stood in a Dookieville yard with the homeowner chatting away about this and that. She was barefoot in a yard riddled with more shiz than a Cambodian minefield. I wondered if she had been trained at a Shaolin temple because, without ever looking at the ground, she managed to avoid several dozen mounds. This was a seemingly buttoned-up girl. Seeing her dodge dog dumps was like finding out that Elvis really is alive and is tooling around Memphis on a Little Buddy. All you can say is: Wow, I don't want to see it.

Here's the deal, pet waste decomposes slowly. It's broken down by organisms in the soil and then filtered by rocks, debris



and soil during rains. In a populated area, pet poo overloads our ecosystem with bacteria. The ground is not able to filter the waste of our growing pet population.

Pet waste contains viruses, parasites and bacteria that can be transmitted to humans by gardening or playing in a Stanktown back yard. Some illnesses that can be contracted by contact with animal waste: campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidium, toxocariasis, toxoplasmosis. Some cause blindness and birth defects. So Fluffy and Rover's packages are not just annoyance but a real health issue.

Look, everyone on a dog walk has at some time or another been without enough

receptacles and a pet that had more business than a human mind could imagine. Husband calls them "baggers," as in: It was a "one bagger" or a "two bagger." As an old dog walker, he knows it's not entirely impossible to witness a "three bagger." No man alive hates picking up after our dog more than Husband, but he does it.

Be a good steward of your yard, hood and home. Put pet waste in the trash, not recycling. Or flush down the toilet. Do not compost your pet poo into worm bins or vegetable beds, unless of course you want to serve an e-coli salad to family and friends.

With dry high temps, dog doo dries quickly and will begin the process of decay. Crank up a leaf blower in Smellville, and you will literally be setting shiz airborne, leaving a powered toxic dust over everything. For people who are immune-compromised, the elderly, children, pregnant women, and your pets, that's not so good.

Everybody may scream for urban density, as a way to save the environment, but it has caveats. Picking up your dog's poop is urban neighborhood environmental caveat numero uno.

Pet adoption fees reduced

Adopting a pet from Fort Worth Animal Care and Control has always been a great deal, but starting this week, it's an even better bargain.

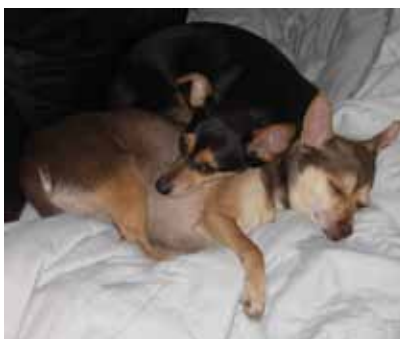
The price to adopt a dog has dropped from \$70 to \$49, and cats have dropped from \$50 to \$25. The price is valid at the Martin Street shelter and the Hulen Street PetSmart Adoption Center, and includes standard vaccinations, a City license and an identification microchip.

All pets adopted through the City of Fort Worth also have been spayed or neutered.

To see some of the animals available for adoption, or to get more information got to:

<http://www.fortworthgov.org/animals/adoption/>

More dogs in the 'hood



Frodo, upper left, and Sarah Jessica Barker, upper right. Frodo and Scooby, left, get some shut-eye. Sarah naps.

Update pets' rabies vaccinations

Owners can get their pets vaccinated and licensed for \$12 — and be microchipped for an additional \$12 — during the daily low-cost clinic hours, 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Chuck Silcox Animal Care and Control Center, 4900 Martin St.

The fine for owning an unvaccinated dog or cat is up to \$2,000 per violation, and the fine for owning an unlicensed dog or cat is up to \$500 per violation.

Residents and their pets should keep clear of any animal they suspect is rabid. Any animals suspected to be rabid should be reported to Animal Care and Control at 817-392-PAWS (7297).

Thank You, Neighbors!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fort Worth Symphony musicians feel they've done their part

The FWSO Mission Statement reads: "The mission of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Association (FWSOA) is to provide symphonic performances at the highest level of artistic excellence, to promote music and attract and retain the widest possible audience; and to serve and enrich our community."

Successful performances in Bass Hall in Fort Worth and at Carnegie Hall in New York have proven to the world that the musicians of the FWSO are achieving the highest level of artistic excellence, upholding their part in the FWSO's mission statement.

Who has benefited? Our audiences, our school children, and the community as a whole.

We, the musicians of the FWSO, love what we do. Yet, we are professionals, and this is our livelihood. We've invested in advanced degrees, and expensive instruments which can cost as much as a house. Unlike a professional sports team, our equipment costs are paid for out of our own pockets. We spend hours each day practicing and preparing on our own for concerts. This is what makes a quality symphony orchestra, and a reasonable salary guarantees it.

But, this proposed drop in the musicians' base salary from \$60,000 to \$48,000 will drive many current members away and keep talented musicians from joining the orchestra.

Additionally, this proposed cut is not a stopgap measure to bridge the orchestra through a few fiscally difficult years. These cuts would be permanent. Great musicians are not judged by how they sound in the practice room, but by the level of performance they achieve in front of an audience. Similarly, the measure of good management is not just how they perform in good times, but how they succeed in difficult times.

Fort Worth is a great city in a great state. This community deserves the great orchestra that is the Fort Worth Symphony.

Turkey Leek and Mushroom Soup

1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped fine
1 teaspoon fresh sage, chopped fine
1 teaspoon garlic powder
6 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 pound crimini mushrooms, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
1 pound small mushrooms of your choice 1/4 inch slices
4 large leeks, (well-cleaned) white/ pale green parts only, cut into 1/4-inch slice.
(Soak the leeks in a large bowl of water. Be sure to get rid of the grit!)

6 tablespoons flour
6 cups turkey stock or packaged low-sodium chicken broth
A splash of port wine
Salt and pepper to taste

Using mixer, beat cream until soft peaks. Fold in 1 tsp. thyme and 1 tsp. fresh sage. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Remove from refrigerator 1 hour before serving to come to room temperature.

In 4-quart stockpot over moderately high heat, heat 4 tablespoons of butter and cook mushrooms, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 8 minutes. Transfer to large bowl.

In same pot over moderate heat, add remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Stir in leeks, and cook for about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with flour. Whisk in small amount of stock, then salt, pepper, garlic powder and 1-teaspoon thyme to make roux then continue slowly adding the remaining stock. Add mushrooms. Add splash of port. Bring to boil, stir then reduce to low, and simmer 20 minutes. (Soup can be made the day before and simply heated)

Top each serving with dollop of seasoned whipped cream. Serve immediately with a wine pairing of Sauvignon Blanc or a Viognier.

Tricks to trump the Turkey Day food bill

* Shop with a list. That is your plan and stick to it. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. How else will you avoid those bakery items that they put immediately in the entryway? Be sure to make your list based on what is actually in the pantry, freezer and fridge. Planning menus from recipes can insure you are actually getting what you need.

* Eat a full meal before you go.

Nothing is worse than being hungry in the supermarket to add a few extras into the cart.

* Pay cash, that will stop impulse purchases because you need to stay on track of every penny you spend or you will look like a dork at the register.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Keeping up with transportation projects in our city

Anyone who's spent time sitting — not moving — on the highways in and around Fort Worth knows that mobility is an ongoing issue in the North Texas region.

This is an extraordinarily complicated and expensive problem. To meet growth expectations over the next two decades, North Texas needs to invest \$130 billion in regional transportation system improvements.

Locally, Fort Worth is doing its part by offering a way for citizens to stay informed of transportation and infrastructure projects around the city. On the City's website — www.fortworthgov.org — is a new page Public Project Finder feature that offers information about road construction and other infrastructure projects near you.

Want to check the status of a city construction project near your home? You can do that now, with this new tool. Need to find a staff contact for that road project right in the middle of your daily commute? It can help you out with that, too.

More importantly, it allows everyone the chance to see what projects are in the works and how they are progressing — and gives everyone an opportunity to have an informed voice in the conversation about improving mobility in our hometown.

Dallisgrass

An outbreak of dallisgrass is spreading over parts of the neighborhood. Please be a good neighbor and keep your yard mowed and trimmed. Dallisgrass spreads quickly into other yards and cheapens the look of your property.

The best dallisgrass control is to get down and pull out the rhizome and/or chemical controls, but good old fashioned weeding does the job best. Try to keep seeds from spreading when pulling it out, and wipe down the mower blades to not continually create more plantings.

At the very least mow your yard or weed whack more often to keep your yard tidy and neat and keep your infestation out of your neighbor's yard.

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January 1 through October 15, 2010**

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Income	
Advertising Income - Newsletter	4,157.00
Dues Donations	6,769.00
Interest Income	3.31
Total Income	10,929.31
Expense	
Bank Charges	4.11
Easter Egg Hunt	188.03
Flag Program - Triangle	120.00
Garage Sale Expenses	83.39
July 4th Party	647.64
Newby Park Improvements	22.43
Newsletter Expenses	3,795.72
Water Expense - Berm	609.49
Water Expense - Newby	537.32
Website Expense	95.25
Total Expense	6,103.38
Net Income	4,825.93

Kindergarten coffee meeting

All you need to know you'll learn at this kindergarten coffee! Lily B. Clayton Elementary invites you to an informational Kindergarten coffee at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3. We'll gather at Kristi Parker's home, 2215 Forest Park Blvd. All families with children entering kindergarten the fall of 2011 or for future years are welcome. You can meet the principal, the kindergarten teachers and other parents. It's a great opportunity to ask questions and receive an informational packet.



Lily B. Clayton Walkathon results

Lily B. Clayton's Walkathon was a huge success raising \$28,000! Praise and honors to all the participants. Congratulations on a job well done. Try walking to school more often and limit your time in the car line.

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