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# Keeping her promise

Native Kenyan makes good on vow to help her home village

By VERONICA VILLEGAS  
Special Contributor

When Rosemary Nzembi left the small rural village in eastern Kenya where she grew up, she vowed to return and change lives for families just like hers that struggled to feed their children and send them to school.

"For a lot of families, they have to make a choice. They can't do both," she said. "There are so many kids back home who want to go to school, but it's just too hard."

After returning to her native village of Matetani to visit family a few years ago and seeing that things really hadn't changed much since she was a child, Ms. Nzembi decided to make good on her promise.

"My grandmother, who raised me, instilled in me the importance of education and

## TO LEARN MORE

For more information about Twinkle Little Stars or to make a donation, go to [www.twinklelittlestars.org](http://www.twinklelittlestars.org).

the belief that I could overcome," said Ms. Nzembi, 35, who moved to the U.S. nearly seven years ago and now lives in Eules. "It was very difficult, but I always hoped to go on to do something greater and make a difference in someone else's life. I'm too blessed to turn a blind eye or a deaf ear."

Initially Ms. Nzembi, who by her accounts earns a modest income working for a telephone company, solicited donations of school supplies from friends and co-workers to send back as Christmas presents to the children in her village.

She then expanded her mission to include raising money to purchase school uniforms and books. A nonprofit organization, Twinkle Little Stars, was created last fall to do that.

About the same time, a few

friends and co-workers who knew about Ms. Nzembi's goal decided to join her effort.

Cliff Boren, 30, a Las Colinas resident, was one of them.

"I knew Rosemary's cause, and I knew the money would go to good use," said Mr. Boren, one of Twinkle Little Stars' board members. "I lived in Asia for four years, and during that time I saw so much poverty. I felt like this organization would give me the opportunity to alleviate some of the poverty that exists in the world."

Jana Wu, who works with Ms. Nzembi, said she decided to help for similar reasons.

"A few years ago I traveled with my family to India. I visited an orphanage, and I saw families living on the street, and I came back wanting to do something to put a dent in poverty and hunger," said Ms. Wu, 24, of Richardson. "When I heard about what Rosemary was doing, I knew fate had brought us together."

Twinkle Little Stars, which has about a half-dozen active

volunteers, is working to raise more than \$6,000 in the next few months so they can purchase uniforms, books and school supplies for 135 students identified at six schools who need help. The cost per student is \$45.

So far, they have raised enough money to cover the costs for 22 children.

Ms. Nzembi and Mr. Boren will travel to Matetani at Thanksgiving to distribute the uniforms and supplies — just in time for the beginning of the new school term in January.

One day, the group hopes to fund a resource center and computer lab for all the village children to use.

In the meantime, Ms. Nzembi said she is pleased that she is finally doing something to give back.

"I just want to be able to go back home and see hope and change," she said. "I want to know that I made a difference."

*Veronica Villegas is a Fort Worth freelance writer.*

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## Euless Animal Shelter picks Pets of the Month for June

BY CHAD JONES

Every month, the Euless Animal Shelter nominates two of its adoptable animals as the "pets of the month."



For the month of June, a small adult male Chihuahua and a large adult make domestic short hair cat make the list.

Keep in mind these animals are nameless because you have not yet given them a purpose in life.

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**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**1** Storyteller Joy Cunningham will perform her one-woman show *Goin' to Georgia* at 7 p.m. Monday at the Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive. Free.

**2** The UT-Arlington Jazz Camp faculty will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Villages of Bear Creek Amphitheater, 1951 Bear Creek Parkway in Euless. Free.

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**ELECTIONS**

# Early voting in runoffs will continue through Tuesday

By **JESSICA DeLEÓN**  
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Early voting ends Tuesday for Saturday's runoffs in Euless, Grapevine and Westlake.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

■ In the Euless City Council races, incumbent Carl Tyson is up against Tim Stinneford for Place 1. In Place 6, former

Councilwoman Veva Lou Massey faces firefighter Perry By-num.

Voters may cast ballots at the Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive.

According to the Tarrant County Web site, 417 people had voted through Thursday. The city has 25,563 registered voters.

■ In Grapevine, Mike Lease

and Traci D. Wilkinson are vying for Place 3 on the City Council.

Voting will take place at the Grapevine Community Activities Center, 1175 Municipal Way. Records indicate that 743 people had voted through Thursday. The city has 26,430 registered voters.

■ In Westlake, incumbent Larry Corson faces Rick Renn

for an at-large seat on the Board of Aldermen.

Residents may vote at Westlake Town Hall, 3 Village Circle, Suite 207.

Records indicate that 77 people had voted through Thursday. The city has 406 registered voters.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

# Auto thefts, robberies up in Northeast

Robbers and **auto** thieves were busier than ever last year in most greater Northeast Tarrant County cities, according to a five-year comparison of area major crimes statistics. Population growth contributed to the rise of **auto thefts** and holdups, police officials said.

Tarrant County's population increased from 1.45 million residents in 2000 to 1.7 million residents last year, and Northeast Tarrant got its share, according to the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

"It's not all bank **robberies** and store holdups," Haltom City police Sgt. Terry Stayer said, referring to **robbery** cases.

"You will find that cities are having more and more a person being robbed in a parking lot," he said. "Or there are shoplifters who decide to get into fights with store owners, and that makes it a **robbery**."

But the number of **thefts** — while still the most-frequent felony crime — declined in almost every city in the area, statistics showed.

Police officials said that increased patrols and crime-prevention programs helped keep the number of **thefts** down.

"When you see that a number of cities are reporting a decrease, it means a uniform effort by police departments to keep that crime down," Bedford Police Chief David Flory said.

Major crimes include homicide, rape, **robbery**, aggravated assault, burglary, **theft** and **auto theft**.

In area cities, homicides remained low through those five years. Rapes and aggravated assaults showed no major changes.

In property crimes, burglaries also decreased through the years in most area cities, statistics showed.

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## Robberies

Holdups rose in a majority of greater Northeast Tarrant County cities in the last five years.

City	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average*	2006	% change
Bedford	26	39	33	35	33	40	+21%
Colleyville	2	1	5	1	2	2	n/a
Denton	78	63	87	76	76	65	-14%
Eules	30	28	23	49	33	38	+15%
Flower Mound	10	2	5	4	5	4	-20%
Grapevine	27	20	21	25	23	30	+30%
Haltom City	30	41	42	36	37	46	+24%
Hurst	49	35	44	27	39	45	+15%
Irving	250	258	249	270	257	264	+3%
Keller	4	3	2	5	4	4	n/a
N. Richland Hills	35	38	22	37	33	41	+24%
Richland Hills	2	3	5	3	3	6	n/a
Roanoke	0	0	0	1	0	2	n/a
Southlake	6	5	5	0	4	4	n/a
Trophy Club	1	0	0	0	0	2	n/a
Watauga	9	11	11	6	9	22	n/a

\*4-year average 2002-05  
 n/a - not applicable

## Thefts

The number of thefts declined in 8 greater Northeast Tarrant County cities.

City	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average*	2006	Percent change
Bedford	1,414	1,443	1,483	1,344	1,421	1,236	-13%
Colleyville	269	261	259	234	256	229	-11%
Denton	2,665	2,600	2,930	3,138	2,833	2,284	-19%
Eules	1,207	1,276	1,268	1,379	1,283	1,195	-7%
Flower Mound	577	631	573	528	577	540	-6%
Grapevine	1,325	1,164	1,206	1,095	1,198	1,194	n/a
Haltom City	1,207	1,336	1,604	1,453	1,400	1,487	+6%
Hurst	2,090	1,957	2,069	1,686	1,951	1,811	-7%
Irving	7,077	7,254	7,222	6,658	7,053	6,729	-5%
Keller	390	423	462	481	439	430	2%
N. Richland Hills	2,236	2,008	2,000	1,599	1,961	1,677	-14%
Richland Hills	184	186	169	168	177	220	+24%
Roanoke	81	69	102	105	89	101	+13%
Southlake	295	364	440	411	378	478	+26%
Trophy Club	36	33	46	39	39	61	+56%
Watauga	483	428	518	494	481	491	+2%

\*4-year average 2002-05  
 n/a - not applicable

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**Crime statistics for greater Northeast Tarrant**  
 The number of property crimes such as burglary and thefts declined in a majority of greater Northeast Tarrant County cities.

City	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average*	2006	% Change
<b>Bedford</b>							
Homicide	0	0	0	2	1	0	n/a
Rape	19	29	17	14	20	37	+85%
Robbery	26	39	33	35	33	40	+21%
Agg. assault	43	72	146	189	113	198	+75%
Burglary	314	325	272	342	313	297	-5%
Theft	1,414	1,443	1,483	1,344	1,421	1,236	-13%
Auto theft	139	182	157	139	154	127	-18%
<b>Colleyville</b>							
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rape	2	0	0	1	1	0	n/a
Robbery	2	1	5	1	2	2	-
Agg. assault	9	9	5	8	8	6	-
Burglary	60	60	78	52	63	48	-24%
Theft	269	261	259	234	256	229	-11%
Auto theft	6	11	18	13	12	20	+67%
<b>Denton</b>							
Homicide	2	3	6	5	4	0	n/a
Rape	65	68	73	79	71	60	-15%
Robbery	78	63	87	76	76	65	-14%
Agg. assault	229	234	237	225	231	204	-12%
Burglary	673	673	620	678	661	664	-
Theft	2,665	2,600	2,930	3,138	2,833	2,284	-19%
Auto theft	178	230	211	255	219	209	-4%
<b>Eules</b>							
Homicide	1	0	0	3	1	0	n/a
Rape	6	11	8	7	8	3	-63%
Robbery	30	28	23	49	33	38	+15%
Agg. assault	70	86	64	103	81	68	-16%
Burglary	262	327	349	371	328	308	-6%
Theft	1,207	1,276	1,268	1,379	1,283	1,195	-7%
Auto theft	138	116	163	142	140	177	+26%
<b>Flower Mound</b>							
Homicide	2	0	1	1	1	3	n/a
Rape	16	15	20	22	18	9	-50%
Robbery	10	2	5	4	5	4	-20%
Agg. assault	125	123	119	110	119	136	+14%
Burglary	169	190	133	105	149	130	-13%
Theft	577	631	573	528	577	540	-6%
Auto theft	27	30	34	46	34	29	-15%
<b>Grapevine</b>							
Homicide	2	1	2	2	2	0	n/a
Rape	9	5	12	9	9	8	-11%
Robbery	27	20	21	25	23	30	+30%
Agg. assault	60	85	55	55	64	50	-22%
Burglary	271	190	231	238	233	212	-9%
Theft	1,325	1,164	1,206	1,095	1,198	1,194	-
Auto theft	197	169	146	124	159	158	-
<b>Haltom City</b>							
Homicide	0	1	0	1	0	1	n/a
Rape	9	16	28	17	18	36	n/a
Robbery	30	41	42	36	37	46	+24%
Agg. assault	108	117	134	110	117	119	+2%
Burglary	500	539	469	511	505	513	+2%
Theft	1,207	1,336	1,604	1,453	1,400	1,487	+6%
Auto theft	153	224	257	308	236	288	+22%
<b>Hurst</b>							
Homicide	2	2	1	0	1	1	-
Rape	16	18	9	16	15	15	-
Robbery	49	35	44	27	39	45	+15%
Agg. assault	84	121	135	126	117	136	+16%
Burglary	255	359	421	268	326	293	-10%
Theft	2,090	1,957	2,069	1,686	1,951	1,811	-7%
Auto theft	148	134	161	126	142	128	-10%
<b>Irving</b>							
Homicide	5	7	10	2	6	3	-50%
Rape	47	75	52	60	59	48	-19%
Robbery	250	258	249	270	257	264	+3%
Agg. assault	501	533	504	572	528	545	+3%
Burglary	1,634	1,515	1,535	1,730	1,604	1,674	+4%
Theft	7,077	7,254	7,222	6,658	7,053	6,729	-5%
Auto theft	1,298	1,238	1,273	1,160	1,242	1,242	-
<b>Keller</b>							
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	2	n/a
Rape	4	6	8	8	7	7	-
Robbery	4	3	2	5	4	4	-
Agg. assault	77	16	9	21	31	12	-61%
Burglary	113	76	113	96	100	99	-1%
Theft	390	423	462	481	439	430	-2%
Auto theft	18	14	16	20	17	22	+29%
<b>North Richland Hills</b>							
Homicide	1	1	1	0	1	0	n/a
Rape	25	27	19	21	23	18	-22%
Robbery	35	38	22	37	33	41	+24%
Agg. assault	97	131	100	100	107	128	+20%
Burglary	422	521	502	416	465	499	+7%
Theft	2,236	2,008	2,000	1,599	1,961	1,677	-14%
Auto theft	141	152	158	129	145	184	+27%
<b>Richland Hills</b>							
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rape	6	3	2	4	4	2	-50%
Robbery	2	3	5	3	3	6	n/a
Agg. assault	11	10	9	12	11	15	+36%
Burglary	72	79	79	69	75	69	-8%
Theft	184	186	169	168	177	220	+24%
Auto theft	32	45	40	34	38	40	+5%
<b>Roanoke</b>							
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rape	0	2	0	1	1	0	n/a
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	2	n/a
Agg. assault	4	15	12	11	11	10	-9%
Burglary	22	14	31	23	23	22	-4%
Theft	81	69	102	105	89	101	+13%
Auto theft	6	3	2	5	4	9	n/a
<b>Southlake</b>							
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rape	0	2	2	4	2	2	-
Robbery	6	5	5	0	4	4	-
Agg. assault	12	3	8	6	7	11	+57%
Burglary	53	89	111	114	92	113	+23%
Theft	295	364	440	411	378	478	+26%
Auto theft	11	20	11	11	13	24	+85%
<b>Trophy Club</b>							
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rape	1	0	0	0	0	0	-
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	2	n/a
Agg. assault	3	13	5	5	7	28	n/a
Burglary	20	10	9	10	12	14	+17%
Theft	36	33	46	39	39	61	+61%
Auto theft	1	4	4	3	3	4	+33%
<b>Watauga</b>							
Homicide	0	1	1	0	1	0	n/a
Rape	3	3	1	9	4	2	-50%
Robbery	9	11	11	6	9	22	n/a
Agg. assault	59	38	51	40	47	29	-38%
Burglary	172	116	124	115	132	127	-4%
Theft	483	428	518	494	481	491	+2%
Auto theft	30	37	27	48	36	41	+14%

\*4-year average 2002-2005  
 n/a = not applicable

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# THIS WEEK'S POLICE SCANNER

## INSIDE THE POLICE SCANNER

# A margarita caper on the rocks

By DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.  
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**EULESS** — This Grapevine teen could not go to Margaritaville.

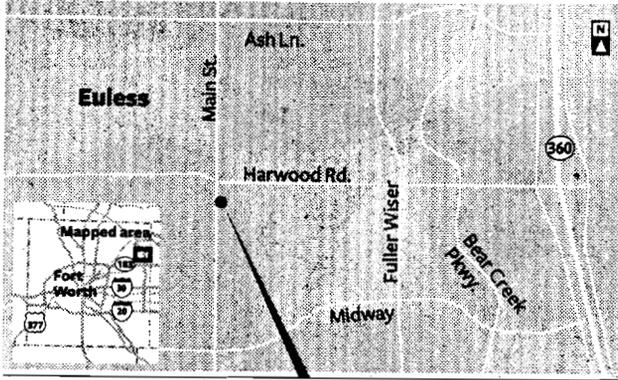
A 17-year-old girl was arrested June 2 after police say she walked out of an Albertsons without paying for a bottle of Mr. & Mrs. T's Margarita Mix.

Store officials told police that they would pursue a theft charge.

An employee told police that she saw the teen place the \$3.99 bottle in her purse.

The teen then walked out of the store with three other people, but she was stopped

### Teen takes margarita mix



A Grapevine teen is accused of stealing a bottle of margarita mix on June 2 from a Euless grocery store.

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in the parking lot, according to police reports. And, of course, it happened just like the Alan Jackson song: "It's 5 o'clock somewhere."

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## LETTERS

### **Not the case**

I was appalled by the May 25 letters on the Euless City Council runoff election. The characterizations of Carl Tyson and Veva Lou Massey were totally wrong and unjustified.

Previous letters referred to them as self-serving and not caring about the Euless residents. This is simply not the case.

Massey and Tyson served the City Council well in their last term, and we need them back to help bring stability to the council and to serve the people of Euless with strength and integrity. It's particularly disappointing that the opposition has resorted to lies and half-truths to try to win this election.

I urge you to vote for Carl Tyson and Veva Lou Massey on Saturday.

— *Walter Whitaker, Euless*

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**OIL & GAS**

**Largest Tarrant County New Car Dealers**

Ranked by number of new units sold in 2006

Rank	Company Address City Postal Code Phone Fax Web site	Total New Units Sold 2006	Revenue From New Units Sold 2006	No. of Employees Metroplex Locations	Makes Sold	Owner or General Manager Year Established
1	Don Davis Auto Group 1901 N. Collins St. Arlington 76011 817-461-1000 817-588-5040 dondavisautogroup.com	7,241	\$218,241,857	498 6	Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Nissan, Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Toyota, Scion	Robert Howard 1979
2	Classic Chevrolet Grapevine 1101 Hwy. 114 Grapevine 76051 817-259-1200 817-421-7205 classicchevytexas.com	6,974	\$219,872,874	254 1	Chevrolet, Hummer	Tom Durant 1988
3	Moritz of Fort Worth 9101 Camp Bowie West Fort Worth 76116 817-696-2000 817-696-2355 moritzdirect.com	4,797	DND	300 2	Chevrolet, Chrysler, Jeep, Kia	John David Moritz 1996
4	Toyota of Fort Worth 9001 Camp Bowie West Fort Worth 76116 817-560-1500 817-560-7708 toyotaoffortworth.com	3,956	\$135,487,213	105 1	Toyota	John Easley 1991
5	Frank Kent Motor Company 3800 Southwest Blvd. Fort Worth 76116 817-244-9600 817-989-4504 frankkentcars.com	3,509	\$105,192,250	355 2	Cadillac, Pontiac, Buick, GMC, Honda and Hummer	Will Churchill and Corrie Churchill 1935
6	Freeman Toyota 204 N.E. Loop 820 Hurst 76053 817-287-5200 817-287-5387 freemantoyota.com	3,185	\$82,327,000	105 1	Toyota	Dane Minor 1997

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7	Autobahn Motor Group 3000 White Settlement Road Fort Worth 76107 817-336-0885 817-339-8982 shopautobahn.com	2,780	\$118,361,503	250 1	BMW, Jaguar, Porsche, VW, Volvo, Land Rover	John Chase and Chad Chase 1980
8	Allen Samuels Dodge-Hyundai 7740 N.E. Loop 820 North Richland Hills 76180 817-276-7700 817-276-7752 allensamuelsdodge.com	2,710	\$65,495,419	161 3	Dodge and Hyundai	Thomas Hervey 1983
9	Vandergriff Chevrolet 1200 W. I-20 Arlington 76017 817-557-1200 817-557-4818 vandergriffchevrolet.com	2,326	\$61,476,353	185 1	Chevrolet	Rick Cantalini 1997
10	Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet 711 S.W. Loop 820 Fort Worth 76134 817-293-5811 817-568-4867 brucelowrie.com	2,160	\$50,447,947	134 1	Chevrolet	Bruce Lowrie 1965
11	Grapevine Suzuki 440 Hwy. 114 Grapevine 76051 817-410-7425 817-410-7488 grapevinesuzuki.com	1,800	\$26,000,000	55 1	Suzuki	Patrick Lawler 2004
12	Saturn of Fort Worth 400 W. Loop 820 South Fort Worth 76108 817-367-1000 817-367-1090 saturnofdfw.com	1,361	\$66,948,227	120 2	Saturn	Conrad Holt 1990
13	Grubbs Infiniti 1661 W. Airport Freeway Euless 76040 817-318-1200 817-359-4100 grubbsinfiniti.com	1,200	\$40,000,000	70 1	Infiniti	George Grubbs 1989



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14	<b>Longhorn Dodge</b> 4500 South Freeway Fort Worth 76115 817-926-2681 817-927-1760 longhordodge.com	1,032	\$31,125,236	78 1	Dodge	Richard L. Adams 1971
15	<b>Allen Samuels Chrysler Dodge Jeep at Alliance</b> 11200 North Freeway Fort Worth 76177 817-337-1937 817-697-6001 alliance.allensamuels.com	980	\$29,400,000	84 DND	Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep	Wes Harrison 2003
16	<b>Freeman Buick Pontiac GMC</b> 501 W. Hwy. 114 Grapevine 76051 817-410-5000 817-329-5720 freemangrapevine.com	953	DND	65 1	Buick, Pontiac, GMC	Mike Matlese 2000
17	<b>Mac Churchill Acura</b> 3125 N.E. Loop 820 Fort Worth 76137 817-232-2872 817-847-8174 macchurchill.com	937	\$32,186,011	59 1	Acura	Mac Churchill 1992
18	<b>Hiley Mazda of Hurst</b> 625 N.E. Loop 820 Hurst 76053 817-701-1000 817-701-1051 hileymazdahurst.com	930	\$32,044,344	40 1	Mazda	Jason Hiley and Allen Glover 2003
19	<b>North Hills Lincoln Mercury</b> 401 N.E. Loop 820 Hurst 76053 817-595-4488 817-284-2284 northhillslincoln.com	458	\$16,353,994	62 1	Lincoln, Mercury	Kenon Jones 1982

NOTES: DND - Did not disclose

Source: Participating dealers

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**Man, 38, is accused of  
indecent with a child**

**EULESS** — A 38-year-old man was arrested Tuesday on one count of indecent with a child involving sexual contact, police said. Brant Berry remained in the Euless Jail on Tuesday evening with bail set at \$30,000, officials said. Nobody answered a call to a number listed for Berry's address. — *Melissa Vargas*

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## LETTERS

### **Euleless runoff election**

As a longtime Euleless resident, I've proudly watched our city grow and prosper under the leadership of Mayor Mary Lib Saleh and the City Council.

Our residents were happy and our employees secure until one fateful council meeting at which several of our representatives chose to use our employees as pawns in their ill-conceived plan to make a political statement against a tax rate they didn't support. They voted against the budget section containing employee health and retirement benefits and, in that one vote, fractured the confidence of the employees.

Neither Tim Stinneford nor Perry Bynum have political agendas. They're simply residents who have in mind the best interests of our residents and employees and want to serve the community they love. Please vote for them Saturday.

— Jo Pierce, Euleless

Councilman Carl Tyson used city employee healthcare benefits as part of his political agenda to further decrease an already lowered tax rate to benefit his business and eliminate the city's rainy-day fund. In the minutes of the Aug. 29 council meeting, the city secretary recorded his vote and verbal opposition to Ordinance 1745, which would provide healthcare benefits to city employees.

We can't afford this type of leadership on the council. Rewriting history to win an election doesn't erase the facts. Tyson had a political agenda that didn't serve the best interests of Euleless and its valuable employees.

If you want honesty and integrity restored to the council, I encourage you to vote for Tim Stinneford and Perry Bynum on Saturday.

— Susan Rogers, Euleless

There has been a lot of talk in the Stinneford/Bynum campaign about revitalizing south Euleless. Doesn't revitalization often mean seizing private property for redevelopment under eminent domain law? Is that what the people of south Euleless want?

A June 6 news item said Fort Worth City Council members agreed to send a letter asking Gov. Rick Perry to veto a bill limiting the government's power to take property for public uses through eminent domain. The Carl Tyson/Veva Lou Massey campaign stands for private property rights of homeowners and supports the bill limiting the government's power to seize your land.

— Tyler Oster, Euleless

The blowup at the council meeting *was* about employee benefits. Carl Tyson and two other council members wouldn't approve the healthcare package unless they got their way on the tax issue.

Whether Euleless needed the tax increase was irrelevant to employee benefits and never should have been part of that battle. The power play backfired, and Tyson and the other two members lost the trust of many residents and employees.

Integrity should be a strong factor in deciding which candidate voters choose, and Tim Stinneford and Perry Bynum qualify as shining examples. In their professional and personal lives, they use fairness and decent Christian principals.

Please vote for Tim Stinneford and Perry Bynum so we can see Euleless grow and see south Euleless revitalized. They will keep attention on the issues at hand and work well with the council members.

— Helen Voss, Euleless

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EULESS | MOLESTATION CASE

## Police want to hear from possible victims

By **MELISSA VARGAS**  
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EULESS — Police are asking children who may have been molested by a Euless man to come forward.

Brant Eden Berry, 38, was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of indecency with a child by contact, a second-degree felony.

The aunt of Berry's 14-year-old accuser reported to police that Berry fondled her nephew June 4 while he slept over at Berry's home in the 300 block of Cantefbury Street. The boy was a friend of Berry's adopted son, said Lt. Wayne Pavlock.

Berry was released on \$30,000 bail Wednesday afternoon.

Police searched Berry's home Wednesday and seized some items, Pavlock said.

Child Protective Services took Berry's adopted son into state custody when Berry was arrested, Pavlock said.

Police say they are early in their investigation and promised that any information from potential victims would be confidential.



Berry

"We are exhausting all of our resources to ensure that the public is safe," Pavlock said.

Berry, who works at a security company, could not be reached for comment.

However, his longtime friend Patti Tinsley said she has entrusted her 12- and 8-year-old children to Berry many times over the six years she has known him and that her children have never complained.

Tinsley said Berry often had neighborhood children at his house and entertained them with high-tech toys to help socialize his son, adopted at age 10.

"He's probably the nicest, most upstanding guy I have ever known," she said. "He is like the one person I know that I would trust my kids with."

Anyone with information is asked to call 817-685-1500.

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## ELECTIONS

# Grapevine hopefuls are top spenders in area runoffs

Candidates are raising and spending money — up to five figures — for Saturday's runoffs in Euless, Grapevine and Westlake.

By JESSICA DeLEÓN  
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The two candidates in Grapevine's Place 3 City Council race top the area in spending for Saturday's runoffs, which include contests in Euless and Westlake.

The runoffs are the result of a tie or because no candidate received more than 50 percent of the votes during the May 12 municipal elections.

## Grapevine

Mike Lease, a building contractor, has received \$11,704 and spent \$12,065 on his campaign. During the most recent reporting period from May 3 to June 8, he received \$1,708 and spent \$4,027.

Traci Wilkinson, a lawyer and business owner, reported contributions of \$11,000 as of June 8. During the most recent reporting period, she noted contributions of \$9,750, including \$9,000 she gave to herself, and \$10,672 in expenditures — the total reported for the campaign.

Wilkinson and Lease said the costs of running a campaign, such as postage and printing, add up. The campaign started with four candidates; Wilkinson and Lease received the most votes May 12.

Wilkinson said she spent her own money because "I believe I'm the best person for the job, and so I'm willing to put personal funds in as much as my budget will allow."

Lease's contributions include a \$2,000 loan to himself, as well as contributions from dozens of residents.

"I hope it says I have a lot of people pulling for me," he said.

Whoever wins will be the first new member of the council since 1998. Place 3 Councilwoman Clydene Johnson declined to seek another term.

## Euless

Two newcomers remain competitive in their races against two City Council veterans.

In the Place 1 race, shopping center manager Tim Stinneford has raised \$2,340 in contributions, including \$600 during the most recent reporting period. He spent \$545 during the most recent period and \$2,439 for the campaign as of June 8.

Stinneford said many contributions have been from supporters who asked him to run and donated \$20 or \$30.

"I've appreciated every hard-earned dollar they've given me," he said. "I think it shows I've got a pretty good base."

Councilman Carl Tyson, a certified public accountant, has reported two contributions for a total of \$1,000 as of June 8. During the most recent period, he got \$250 from the Hammer and Nails PAC, which is part of the Greater Fort Worth Builders Association. He also received \$750 from the

Metrotex Association of Realtors in a previous report.

He has spent \$3,586, including the \$2,586 he lent himself, for the campaign. For the most recent reporting period, he spent \$965 and lent himself \$715.

Tyson did not return phone calls seeking comment.

In the Place 6 race, firefighter Perry Bynum reported raising \$840 and spending \$1,812, including the \$650 raised and \$724 spent during the most recent period.

Retiree Veva Lou Massey, a former councilwoman, has raised \$225 and spent \$793 as of June 8. During the most recent period, she raised \$225 and spent \$609, including \$192 from personal funds.

Massey said she kept expenses low because she had signs and computer software

## Voting sites

7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday

**Euless:** Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive

**Grapevine:** Grapevine Community Activities Center, 1175 South Municipal Way

**Westlake:** Town Hall, 3 Village Circle, Suite 207

from previous campaigns.

Bynum said that he hasn't asked for money, but that residents have asked to donate.

"I really think that the average people are out there trying to support people like myself," he said.

## Westlake

The election for an at-large seat on the town's Board of Aldermen is more low-key than races in other communities.

Rick Rennhack, a private equity consultant, signed a

## Early voting results

Totals for Saturday's municipal runoffs compared with numbers from the May 12 municipal elections:

City	Runoff	May 12
Euless	867	953
Grapevine	1,388	1,377
Westlake	153	78

SOURCE: Tarrant County Elections Office

modified report, which is allowed if he does not spend more than \$500.

Alderman Larry Corson, who works in real estate, reported no contributions and \$535 in expenditures during the most recent reporting period. He's received a total of \$1,997 and spent \$2,982 as of June 8.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### UT-ARLINGTON JAZZ CAMP

**PERFORMANCE:** University of Texas at  
Arlington Jazz Camp faculty will  
present a free concert at 7:30 p.m.  
Friday at Villages of Bear Creek  
Amphitheater, 1951 Bear Creek  
Parkway in Euless. Concessions will be  
available for purchase.

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## LETTERS

### On eminent domain

I must repudiate what Tyler Oster wrote in his Wednesday letter about Saturday's City Council runoff election in Euless.

He wrote that Perry Bynum and I were supporters of eminent domain. If Oster had bothered to attend the June 7 candidates forum publicized in the *Star-Telegram*, he would have heard from both Perry and me that we wouldn't support the use of eminent domain to advance private business.

This was clearly stated in front of about 100 residents as well as Bud Kennedy and Jessica DeLeon of the *Star Telegram*.

— Tim Stinneford, Euless

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EATS BEAT  
For dads, roll out  
all the meat groups

We all know what Dad wants.

Two local Brazilian steakhouses will open at 11 a.m. Sunday, just to make sure fathers get plenty of beef.

Boi na Braza in Grapevine is the suburban favorite, carving 15 meats tableside including garlic rump roast, parmesan pork loin and plenty of tenderloin.

If you've never tried a Brazilian steakhouse, servers dressed as gauchos carry skewers around the dining room, carving slices of whatever you want to try.

Dinner opens with a trip to the extensive salad bar. The price is \$33.99 at Sunday lunch, \$44.50 at dinner; 4025 William D. Tate Ave. (Texas 121 at Hall Johnson Road), 817-329-5514, www.boinabraza.com.

Texas de Brazil in downtown Fort Worth will open for a special Sunday lunch. Same concept: lots of beef and other meats, plus a 50-item salad bar. The price is \$42.99 all day; 101 N. Houston St., 817-882-9500, www.texasdebrazil.com.

Of course, if Dad really wants a variety platter, you could take him to a barbecue restaurant.

All the Shady Oak Barbeque and Grill locations in Fort Worth and Arlington open at 11 a.m. Sundays, serving combination dinners of pork ribs, sliced beef, chicken and sausage for \$12.99, or \$49.95 for a huge platter serving four to six people (multiple locations, www.shadyoakbarbeque.com).

For a basic Sunday barbecue lunch, two of the best picks are legendary rib cook-off champion **\*North Main BBQ in Euless** (406 N. Main St., 817-283-0884, www.northmainbbq.com) and 60-year Fort Worth landmark Sammie's Bar-B-Q (3801 E. Belknap St., 817-834-1822, www.sammiesbbq.com).

■ If Dad wants a country drive, the best pick is Wildcatter Steakhouse on Texas 16 near Graham.

Wildcatter will serve a spe-



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cial Father's Day barbecue lunch buffet instead of its usual family-style Sunday menu. The price hadn't been set early this week, so call 940-549-3555 to check.

Wildcatter is a steakhouse, but its barbecued brisket and ribs were the smash hit at a Fort Worth food festival a few weeks ago. North of Possum Kingdom Lake on Texas 16; www.wildcattersteakhouse.com.

The Loco Coyote Grill and BBQ Co. near Glen Rose isn't as elegant as Wildcatter, but the drive through Hood and Somervell counties is much prettier, particularly if you take Farm Road 51 out of Granbury.

Loco Coyote is the famous Hammond barbecue family's original back-road cabin and steakhouse, nestled in the hills near Chalk Mountain. Look up directions to 1795 County Road 1004, Glen Rose, about a mile off U.S. 67; 254-897-2324, www.lococoyote.net.

Farther away but well worth the trip is Perini Ranch Steakhouse south of Abilene, known for mesquite-smoked tenderloin and a Sunday home-cooking lunch; 800-367-1721, www.periniranch.com.

■ Prime beef steakhouses opening Sunday for lunch include JR's Steakhouse in Colleyville, Mercury Chophouse in downtown Fort Worth and Ruth's Chris Steak House in Dallas.

Both Cafe Modern and the Buffet at the Kimbell Art Museum, will serve their regular menus.