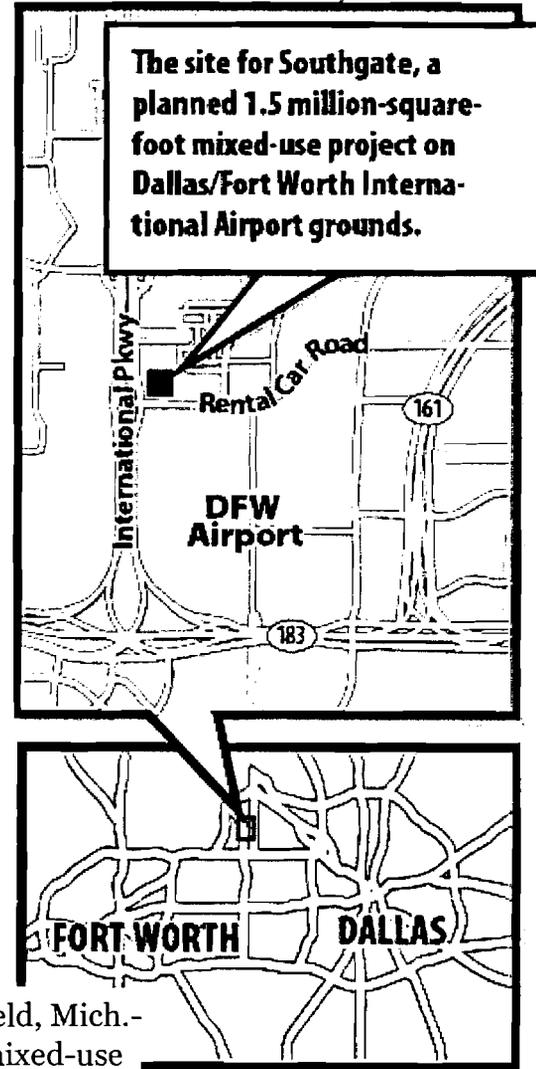


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# D/FW picks Michigan developer

Airport's mixed-use effort will carry \$250M tax value  
Dallas Business Journal - by Bill Hethcock Staff writer



Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport officials have selected Southfield, Mich.-based Redico to be the master developer for a 1.5 million-square-foot mixed-use project on airport property. As planned, it will have office, restaurant and retail space to go along with two hotels. Collectively, the development could employ more than 2,700 people.

The concept plan for Southgate Plaza calls for 60,000 square feet of restaurant and retail space, 320,000 square feet of office space, a 300-room full-service hotel and a 120-room limited-service hotel, said John Brookby, assistant vice president of commercial development at the airport.

Airport officials and Redico declined to give the project cost or even an estimate, saying too many specifics have yet to be ironed out. Airport projections available from public documents, however, estimate Southgate will add more than \$250 million in value to local tax rolls.

Southgate Plaza is planned on a 33-acre piece of vacant land in Euless on the northeast corner of International Parkway and Rental Car Drive. The development is next to and will be integrated with the airport's rental car facility, and a shuttle-bus system will connect Southgate Plaza with the airport's terminals.

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# KINCAID'S TO OPEN FIFTH AREA LOCATION

**The burger restaurant says it also plans to open a location in Weatherford this year.**

Kincaid's Hamburgers, a Fort Worth staple for the past 45 years, opens its fifth location today, this one in Alliance Town Center in north Fort Worth.

A ribbon-cutting is planned for 9:30 a.m., and the restaurant will open to the public at 10:30 a.m.

The famous hamburgers were first made at Kincaid's Grocery and Market on Camp Bowie Boulevard starting in 1964.

Kincaid's Grocery opened in 1946. The company is owned and operated by the Gentry family.

The last Kincaid's opened in the Arlington Highlands in 2007.

There are also locations on Hulen Street in Fort Worth and Kimball Avenue in Southlake.

Kincaid's is consistently named for selling one of Fort Worth's and Texas' best burgers.

They're made from freshly ground black Angus chuck.

Kincaid's said it will also open in Weatherford this year. Locations are planned for Euless and Denton next year.

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## OBITUARIES

### Evelyn Himes



**EULESS** — Evelyn Himes, 92, passed away Monday, May 4, 2009.

**FUNERAL:** 2 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Euless, the Rev. Gary Turner officiating. Interment will follow in Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington. Visitation: 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**MEMORIALS:** If desired, memorials in Evelyn's name may be made to First United Methodist 106 N. Main, Euless, Texas 76039.

She was born Evelyn Whitener, Sept. 28, 1916, in Euless and was a descendant of many original settlers of that community. She remained a resident of Euless all of her life and served many years as a member of the Euless Historical Society. She worked for the HEB school district for over 25 years and retired as cafeteria manager at Wilshire Elementary in 1977. Evelyn was a lifetime member of First United Methodist Church of Euless and was active in many church activities including her Kum Double Sunday School Class and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew.

**SURVIVORS:** Daughter, Shirley Himes Melson and husband, Lin, of North Richland Hills; grandchildren, Matt Melson of Bedford, Mark Melson and wife, Jennifer, of Hurst; Kelly Melson of San Antonio; and great-grandchildren Andrew, Austin, Lillian and Madeleine Melson.

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# Bill would change sex offender rule

**The proposal would allow judges not to list some young violators.**

By **DAVE MONTGOMERY**  
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AUSTIN — The House of Representatives passed legislation Wednesday that would allow judges to spare teen-agers and young adults engaged in consensual sex from being branded as sex offenders.

Rep. Todd Smith, R-Eules, sponsor of the bill, said that many young people face a lifetime of shame by being placed on the sex offender registry after being convicted of sex with a minor.

Sex involving minors is illegal in Texas, though cases are seldom prosecuted if the participants are no more than three years apart, according to Smith's office.

Under HB3148, which the House sent to the Senate by a vote of 131-12, a defendant could petition a judge for exemption from being registered as a sex offender. The legislation would apply only to age-based offenses involving consensual sex in which the defendant is no more than four years older than a victim who is at least 13 years old.

Smith, an attorney, called the bill "one

of the most morally compelling" measures of his legislative career. He said he filed the bill in response to pleas from parents and grandparents who told him of cases in which their children were banned from college campuses or unable to get jobs after being placed on the sex offender registry.

"They're treated like pedophiles," Smith said.

Smith and other House members acknowledged the risk of political fallout from a vote that could be perceived as being lax on sex offenders. When the bill came up for preliminary consideration Wednesday, 45 members voted against it. But Smith and his supporters worked overnight to build support by explaining the intent of the bill.

Smith told colleagues that if a constituent accused any of them of being soft on sex offenders, "I make a personal pledge to come to your district and call that person a liar."

Several lawmakers praised Smith for "courage" in taking on the issue.

"I voted against this bill yesterday," Rep. Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown, told colleagues in announcing that he planned to change his vote. "It's the right thing. It's the moral thing.

"This is not absolving them. . . . They will still be prosecuted. It gives the judge the opportunity to determine whether this person should have to register for the rest of their lives as a sex offender."

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## LEGISLATURE

## Voter ID plan gets more strict in House

**Eules lawmaker recasts proposal amid demands from fellow Republicans**

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AUSTIN — The majority of Texas voters would be required to present photo identification in order to cast ballots under a retooled voter identification bill being circulated by House Elections Committee Chairman Todd Smith.

Smith, R-Eules, backed away from his original plan, which allowed voters to present a photo ID or two forms of non-photo ID, after 71 of the 76 House Republicans issued a statement insisting on a strict photo ID law.

In another major change, Smith also modified a provision in his earlier proposal that would have kept the bill from taking effect for four years in order to educate voters about the new ID requirements. Now it would become effective in January 2011.

Voters who are indigent, have a religious objection to the documentation, or live in a nursing home would be exempt from the photo ID requirements in Smith's revised plan. The bill would also exempt voters who are at least 70 years old and never had a birth certificate because their births weren't recorded with a state vital statistics office.

Smith acknowledged that he couldn't muster enough votes for his original proposal to get it out of his committee, which Republicans control by a 5-4 vote. In addition to demanding a photo ID, a statement from the House Republican Caucus also called for a new voter ID requirement to be in place for the next election, effectively repudiating Smith's proposed four-year delay.

"If there were sufficient support for that," he said of his first plan, "then we would have just voted it out."

The voter ID issue has been repeatedly characterized as a partisan standoff between Democrats and Republicans. But Smith is facing formidable challenges within his own party as he attempts to cobble together a bill capable of gaining bipartisan support in the House.

### Plan still evolving

Smith described his latest proposal as "conceptual" and said he may present further modifications in order to find consensus.

"What is necessary to get it out of committee may be different from what [is] needed to get it off the House floor," Smith said.

Smith's original proposal, which he said remains his "No. 1 choice," was similar to the Senate-passed bill that would allow voters to present either a photo ID or two forms of non-photo ID, such as a utility bill, handgun license or a pilot license.

A voter ID law is one of Republicans' top legislative priorities in response to what they say are constituent demands for strengthened ballot security. But Democrats say the requirements would disenfranchise poor, elderly and minority voters who might not have the required identification.

### 'Bad for Texas'

Although Smith said his proposed exemptions are aimed at addressing Democratic concerns over photo IDs, the election committee's Democratic vice chairman signaled sharp disapproval with Smith's latest draft.

"I think it's bad for Texas, plain and simple," said Rep. Aaron Pena, D-Edinburg.

Democratic committee chairmen and vice chairmen, in a letter to House Speaker Joe Straus, are also asking for a further round of public hearings. Smith presided over two days of hearings before unveiling his original plan.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Beatrice Parker Green**



**EULESS** — Beatrice Green passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2009, after 101 glorious years on this side of heaven.

**SERVICE:** A celebration of a beautiful life's walk with the Lord will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the church she loved, Cathedral Of Faith Church of God In Christ in Mosier Valley. Interment: next to her beloved husband, Clifford, in Mosier Valley Cemetery. Family and friends will gather at the Cathedral of Faith Church from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday for an hour of reflection and precious memories of "Mother Green."

**SURVIVORS:** Left to mourn, her grandchildren, Danny Wilson, Jacqueline Stewart and Jerry Pointer; eight great-grandchildren; 22 great-great-grandchildren; eight great-great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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