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BRIEFS

Hurst, Euless, Bedford win transit award

D/FW AIRPORT — The cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford received the Regional Cooperation Award on Friday from the North Central Texas Council of Governments for their HEB Transit program. The program provides transportation to residents of the three cities who do not have access to other options. It is the third time the cities have received the award, which is given to two or more local governments that promote coordination and cooperation. The award was presented at a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency hotel at the airport. — *Dianna Hunt*

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NEWS DIGEST

Temple historian gives address at marker dedication

EULESS — Weldon Cannon, professor emeritus of history at Temple College, gave the historical address at the dedication of a State Historical Marker for commercial horticulture in Euless.

The dedication was Sunday in Euless. He documented and wrote the narrative for the marker, awarded by the Texas Historical Commission.

Commercial horticulture and nurseries played a vital part of the area economy because of its sandy soil well adapted for plant cultivation, according to Cannon's research.

Early Euless nurserymen were essential to the "greening" of the Dallas-Fort Worth area as it grew from the 1870s to the 1970s. They were also pioneers in developing the state's floral industry and helped organize the Texas State Nurserymen's Association, now called the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association.

Also on the program were representatives from the Tar-

rant County Historical Commission, the Euless City Council, the Euless Historical Preservation Committee and the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association.

Texas nurseries are among the top agricultural producers in the state and a major contributor to the economy producing in excess of \$9.9 billion annually.

Historical markers have been a part of the Texas landscape since 1936, when the Texas Centennial Commission placed more than 1,100 markers and monuments around the state to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Texas Revolution and the establishment of the Republic of Texas.

The current Official Texas Historical Marker program dates to 1962 and it has been a popular means for interpreting local and state history and encouraging heritage tourism for more than four decades. There are now more than 13,000 State Historical Markers in Texas.

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Some Euless Apartment Residents Left Without A/C

EULESS (CBS 11 News) —



Bear Creek Apartments in Euless

Imagine having to endure the North Texas heat without air conditioning. Unfortunately, that's a reality for several Euless residents, including one mom who's trying to keep her baby from getting sick in the heat, and says her apartment complex isn't helping.

There are at least five families without air conditioning at the Bear Creek Apartments and one took extreme measures to keep cool. Over the weekend, the Velazquez family bought a pair of a/c units, from a pawn shop, because they couldn't handle the heat.

"We just kept going to talk to the old manager and she's not willing to help," claimed Velazquez. "She has like no sympathy at all."

The storms that hit North Texas last week blew the roof off of Amy Velazquez's apartment. Amy says she was at home with her husband and 15-month-old son when the straight line winds hit. "It was terrifying and real scary," she said.

Complex management did move Amy and her family to another apartment, but the unit doesn't have a/c. "I just wish it [the storm] hadn't happened so we didn't have to move all our stuff, because I liked this apartment better," Amy said of the different units.

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To make matters worse, the Bear Creek Apartments is in foreclosure and the property hasn't been purchased. The old owners left a week and a half ago, leaving the leasing center vacant, and the apartments held up in the courts.

"We're still waiting on the court to take its final action in order for that property to go into receivership and a new property management firm come on site," explained Eules Planning Director Mike Collins.

And air conditioning isn't the only thing the new Velazquez apartment is without. "It [the apartment] had no a/c, no refrigerator [and] no stove," Amy explained. "I went back over there and told her [the manager] and she said they couldn't do nothing about the a/c because they don't have a certified maintenance person to do it."

With her husband unemployed, Velazquez says she is barely making ends meet and she doesn't know how long her used a/c units will hold out.

While CBS 11 News was at the complex code enforcement officers showed up and said new management will be on site by Tuesday morning.

The new receiver for the apartments came to the property late Monday afternoon. The receiver is not the new owner, but is court appointed to take care of the property and any residential needs, until the courts decide what to do with the complex.

The receiver said his goal is to help affected residents get into a safe place by nightfall.

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Karen Gilleland, Pepper Hudson, Jamie Tongate and David Nelson

H-E-B Leadership Alumni Reception

The H-E-B Chamber of Commerce hosted a reception for all Leadership H-E-B Alumni and the graduating 2009 Leadership Class at the home of David Medina.

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Karin Newell and Gary Fickes



Phil Freedman, Tom Hingst, Larry Darlage and Mary Lib Saleh

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SOCIALEYES

KIDS CAN EXPERIENCE THE ART OF SUMMER FUN
AT AREA CAMPS

Volunteer opportunities in Euless and a tie-dye throwback activity also provide plenty of ways to fill June and July days.

Kids running wild: This scary thought morphs into something wonderful if you make it kids' imaginations running wild. And "wonderful" is a perfect description for the Summer Arts College presented by ARTSNET. This art camp for children ages 6-11 (and one teen camp, ages 12-15) will be in four locations throughout Northeast Tarrant County during June and July. Parents love the art camps because they know that their child is safe and in a learning environment



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while they're at work, and it is a great outlet for children to discover themselves and the world of art.

Cheers to the Southlake and Colleyville chapters of the National Charity League for providing volunteers for the programs. During each session, professional artists and teachers give students a chance to participate in artis-

tic disciplines that include visual arts, drama, music and dance, and Friday afternoon, students perform for friends and family. Jackie Berry of Hurst, Cheri Irwin of Colleyville, Sandra Lacaze of Keller and Bill Webb of Bedford are a few of the local teachers dedicated to making summer fun a reality for children at the camps. Call Elizabeth Chambliss at 817-283-3406 or visit www.artsnetc.org for a registration form.

ER this summer: No, this isn't the emergency room—it's Euless Revitalization, and it's a chance for energetic volunteers who might be taking a staycation this summer to use their time off for a good cause. Volunteers will help under-

privileged residents whose homes are in desperate need of repair by pitching in to help with painting, landscaping, cleaning and other handiwork.

Ken Rawlinson of Euless says, "There is an online registration form on our Web site, www.euless.org/er, where volunteers can still sign up before the project work days planned for June 19 and 20." Adds Rawlinson, "I would welcome walk-up volunteers; however, we may not be able to give them one of our cool volunteer T-shirts unless they register beforehand."

At 8 a.m. on the work days, volunteer teams will assemble at Campus West at 1000 W. Airport Freeway in Euless to receive their assignments. If

hand tools and work gloves are not the supplies you typically use at work, then ER will be a refreshing change of pace. And a few sore muscles will be worth the satisfaction of completing the much-needed home improvements. "Our Euless Revitalization program continues to be a highlight for those citizens in need. We work with Tarrant County and several local churches to revitalize older homes for those who cannot do the work themselves. Euless is such a caring community, and those involved are truly rewarded by their service," says Mayor Mary Lib Saleh. For information, contact Rawlinson at 817-685-1636.

Blast from the past: If you

remember the tie-dye fashion craze from the 1960s, then you may want to take a nostalgic trip back in time June 23 at the Keller Senior Activities Center, 660 Johnson Road. Bring your own T-shirt or socks and enjoy making your personal tie-dye creation. The fun begins at 2 p.m., and don't be late, because it's first-come, first-served with a limit of one garment per person. Questions? Call Catherine Neel at 817-743-4840.

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TARRANT APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Ex-trustee to finish TAD board term

Michael Glaspie brings diversity to the taxing district's board.

By ANTHONY SPANGLER
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FORT WORTH — A Baptist minister and former Arlington school trustee will finish Harold Patterson's unexpired term on the Tarrant Appraisal District board.

Michael Glaspie, 62, who spent 17 years on the Arlington school board, said he considers Patterson one of his mentors.

Patterson died this year,

and a nominating committee recently appointed Glaspie to complete his two-year term, which was set to expire at year's end.



Glaspie

"I've been privileged to serve the community, and I told the school district that I was open to any opportunity that may come along," Glaspie said. "The appraisal district is an area I had not been involved in before, but I believe I have a

lot to offer that board."

Tarrant County Commissioner Roy C. Brooks said he was excited to learn that Glaspie will serve on the board, which is responsible for hiring the county's chief appraiser, setting the department's budget and appointing members of the appraisal review boards that hear property value protests.

Brooks was especially pleased that Glaspie, who is black, will bring diversity to the five-member panel, which has been dominated for years by Anglo men.

"Every community pays taxes, and every community has a right to be represented on that board," he said. "It's not just a matter of color or ethnicity, but a commonality of experiences and commonality of history that is vital to representation on any government board. But this board is especially important because it plays a key role in establishing property valuations, which, I believe, requires an understanding of communities."

Appraisal district board Chairman Joe Potthoff, a business consultant who lives in Fort Worth, said he has

known Glaspie for several years and welcomes the diversity.

"But I'm also glad to have someone with his skills on the board," Potthoff said. "It is always good when a board reflects the makeup of a community that it represents. It doesn't always work out, but it helps to build understanding and trust. It is also good because you need more perspectives."

Glaspie said his background in information technology implementation will be helpful as the appraisal district studies an upgrade to its computer system.

He resigned his school board position this year to run for the Arlington City Council but lost in a runoff.

He continues to serve as a minister of Christian education and community outreach at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, where he also runs the church's credit union. Before his work at the church, Glaspie spent 21 years in marketing and marketing management for IBM.

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Opinion

LETTERS

Storm frustrations

I have storm damage (tree limbs) that I moved to the curb. The local trash service said it will not pick it up. The city of Euless said to call the local trash service. In the meantime, this pile is in the street. But I sure don't get that kind of run-around when I call about my taxes.

— Edward Liebgott, Euless

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Euess man dies of carbon monoxide poisoning, police say

BY NATHANIEL JONES
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A Euless man died Thursday of carbon monoxide poisoning after he fell asleep inside a car that had its engine running inside a garage, police said.

Mohammed Panjwani, 47, was found dead inside his car 10 hours after he arrived at his apartment from a late-night card game, police said.

Investigators believe Panjwani kept the car running so that he could operate its air conditioner. Temperatures this week have reached the upper 90s.

Police have no reason to believe Panjwani's death was anything other than accidental, said Lt. John Williams, a Euless police spokesman.

"There aren't any family, personal or financial conditions that could cause him to be distraught," Williams said. "This just appears to be an accident."

However, investigators said they were not sure why Panjwani chose to stay in his car, Williams said.

The wife, who usually parks in an open-air parking space at the Parkside on the Creek apartment complex, left for work without knowing her husband had parked inside the garage.

"That was his day off and he was really active in the Muslim community and she thought he had gone out early with friends," Williams said. "So she went on to work."

The apartment complex is in the 700 block of Hill Trail Drive, just west of the D/FW Airport and near Texas 360 and East Mid Cities Boulevard.

Panjwani's body was found in the driver's seat shortly before 1 p.m. after apartment residents complained of smelling exhaust fumes.

Though Panjwani did not drink alcohol, police are awaiting a routine toxicology report, Williams said.

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EULESS

Volunteers help those who can't do it themselves



Rachael Wynn-Jones, left, and Lisa Lowery help load a trailer with trimmed branches and trash to be carried away from a home on Country Lane in Euless. The home was one of 15 to be repaired this weekend through the Euless Revitalization program.

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More than 400 people are helping repair 15 houses of homeowners who are struggling with health or financial concerns.

By **DIANE SMITH**

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EULESS — Breast cancer has left Christy Solberg with little time for home repairs.

So when she saw a write-up in a city publication about the Euleless Revitalization program, she asked for help. Volunteers arrived Friday carrying their handyman tools. They replaced a carpet and fence and trimmed trees.

"This is the way it should be," Solberg said, motioning to the volunteers. "Neighbors taking care of each other."

Solberg's house on Evans Drive and 14 other homes are being repaired in a two-day makeover campaign through Euleless Revitalization. The program teams city, businesses and churches to help homeowners who can't make repairs because they are physically or financially unable.

The program, which began in the fall of 2007, typically handles one project at a time. This weekend marked a push to help more families at the same time. Organizers got pledges from 450 volunteers, including many from churches and businesses. Home Depot, Lowe's and other companies donated many of the materials for the project.

Funding was provided by 6 Stones Mission Network, a nonprofit ministry. DW Redo, a local home remodeling company, planned the project and enlisted volunteers.

"We are so excited and we are so proud of the number of volunteers who are willing to give their time and effort," said Euleless City Councilwoman

Linda Martin, who visited houses being repaired Friday morning.

Martin said the program builds on the old town spirit that continues in Euleless even as it has grown. It began when church leaders asked city leaders how they could help the community. The answer came with the formation of the Euleless Revitalization Committee. Code enforcement officers identified homes that needed repair, and volunteers helped make improvements.

Homeowners who need help can apply through the city.

Rose Dyer, one of about 65

Home Depot employees who volunteered Friday, helped clean the outside of Walter Jones' house on Country Lane. Volunteers trimmed trees, cleaned the lawn and prepped the exterior for paint work set for today. Jones' house will also get new gutters.

Dyer said she didn't mind laboring under the Texas sun because she was taking part in a good cause.

"It makes you feel good," Dyer said. "You are able to help other people who can't do the work."

Jones appreciated the volunteers' hard work. He is recuperating from a stroke he had in January.

"This is wonderful," Jones said. "They are doing things that I can't do for myself right now."

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Euleless Revitalization

The program helps homeowners who need assistance with repairs. Applicants must go through a process that includes submitting a narrative. Homeowners can find out about the program online at www.euleless.org/er. Information is also available by phone at 817-685-1636.



Online exclusive

Hundreds of volunteers helped to revitalize 15 homes in Euleless. Watch the video at star-telegram.com/extras

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Out-of-work dads who feel lost may rediscover their children

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Caution: Men *Out of Work*.

That's more than a pithy play on words.

It is a sobering sign of the times, a troubling trend that David Zinczenko, editor in chief of *Men's Health*, cleverly calls the "Great He-Cession."

Turns out that men – much more than women – are feeling the brutal brunt of a gut-wrenching recession that's devouring male-dominated jobs in construction and manufacturing.

"This troubling trend has been going on for several years, but it really picked up speed at the end of 2008," Zinczenko wrote in a recent *USA Today* article. "Of the 5.2 million people who've lost their jobs since last summer, four out of five were men.

"Some experts predict that this year, for the first time, more American women will have jobs than men. And that's just furthering the decline of the endangered male."

I'm not ready to jump on the "endangered male" bandwagon just yet. Not after enduring all the "endangered-black-male" hype for two decades.

Let's see, we're *so endangered* that a black male now runs the White House.

Nor am I ready to emphatically declare that this draconian turn in the economy is as glum and gut-wrenching as the Great Depression that gripped our parents and grandparents.

We have more safety nets than we did eight decades ago, even if they aren't fail-proof.

This much is clear: Too many men – and fathers – are losing their identity and well-honed sense of self-worth as the traditional, breadwinning, daddy-knows-best role gives way to more women taking charge at work and at home.

"For a lot of guys who define themselves centered around the breadwinning role and suddenly they're out of jobs, the silver lining is that in the time they're out of work, they may have a closer, more intimate relationship with their kids than they've ever had," said Vince DiCaro, a spokesman for the National Fatherhood Initiative. "They're recognizing the incredible joy their children bring."

So kids, for this Father's Day, what do you give the man who has everything?

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"How 'bout a job?" quipped Phil Holland, a 44-year-old Euless man who lives with his fiancée. "My emergency unemployment is about to run out. Do you know anybody building a power plant?"

Holland, who abruptly left the restaurant business for a higher-paying job with an energy-management company that lasted only three months, is in he-man limbo.

"It's been kind of weird," he said, "because I'm a *househusband* right now living with my fiancée and her 19-year-old boy."

His fiancée, Kim Jackson, works at a convenience store, and the couple is struggling through the weak economy.

"I don't get up and go to work," Holland said. "I get up and do laundry."

Holland, like many men, said he feels odd in his new role, even if society has changed. "It messes with your head," he said. "It's just difficult to explain."

What men need these days – perhaps more than another necktie – is reassurance that their presence at home, whether or not they're the breadwinner, is valued and cherished.

Disturbingly, more than 25 million children live apart from their biological fathers – or slightly more than one of every three children in the U.S.

Let's break it down further: Nearly two in three black kids (65 percent) live in homes where no father is present. Almost four in 10 (36 percent) Hispanic children and 27 percent of white children live in fatherless homes, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

If you think that doesn't matter, think again: Studies show that children in "father-absent" homes are five times more likely to be poor, and they face higher odds of being incarcerated than those living with Mom and Dad.

One of the problems is that too many boys are pretending to be men – having babies out of wedlock, failing to commit to their partners and connect with their kids. And too many men don't know how to be fathers, especially when they're asked to do more than bring home the bacon.

"I do tend to find men's identities are connected in a big way to what they do in their career," said Rick Eldredge, a code enforcement officer for the city of Euless who is helping Holland make needed repairs to his home. "If it's not a job, they have to fill that void with something else."

Shakespeare had it right: *It is a wise man who knows his own child.*

These days, it is a lucky child who knows his own father – whether he mows lawns, runs a major corporation or stays home and does the laundry.