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Left: The memorial honoring flight crews during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the United States. The dedication ceremony for the bronze statue is Friday, July 4, at Texan Trail and Northwest Hwy.

Below, left: A steel beam from the World Trade Center was incorporated into the memorial site, along with a piece of stone from the Pentagon.

Below, right: Construction workers prepare for the installation of the statue.



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Flight Crew Memorial to Be Dedicated July 4

Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, in which four large airliners were hijacked and crashed, a group of people — many of them local — have been raising money to build a memorial to the flight crews who died that day.

The 9/11 Flight Crew Memorial, the first such memorial dedicated to the 33 flight crew members who lost their lives that day, will be dedicated

at 10 a.m. Friday, July 4, at the corner of Northwest Highway and Texan Trail [Business 114] in Grapevine.

"This dedication will be solemn and respectful," said P.W. McCallum, Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau executive director.

McCallum said family members of some of the flight crew members who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, will attend, along with aviation represen-

tatives from around the country.

The event will also include patriotic music and a flyover of four jets in a missing-man formation.

The memorial also honors present flight crew members.

"This memorial is important to the history of aviation; it remembers the lost and honors those who continue

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BY SCOTT PRICE | STAFF WRITER

Grapevine May Increase Water Rates

Utility Bills Have Not Changed Since 1999, But Costs Are Up

By Scott Price
STAFF WRITER

The city of Grapevine awarded a \$53,000 contract recently to J. Stowe and Company to conduct a water and wastewater cost-of-service and rate design model. The city, which has not adjusted the rates since 1999, will use the information in deciding whether to increase water and sewer rates.

The city of Grapevine currently charges \$9.75 for the first 2,000 gallons of water and \$7.80 for sewer with the first 2,000 gallons of water. After that, it is \$2.74 for each thou-

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sand gallons of water, and \$3.26 for sewer with each thousand gallons of water.

"I'm not necessarily suggesting that we raise the rates, but we should look at it," said Grapevine Public Works Director Matt Singleton.

In 2004, the city hired the engineering firm of Freese & Nichols to conduct an analysis of utility rates. That study rec-

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CITY COUNCIL STORIES ONLINE

Because of early holiday press deadlines this week, coverage of the Colleyville and Grapevine city councils are not included in the print edition of the Courier. However, you can get full coverage of these meetings at www.colleyvilletexascourier.com and www.grapevinecourier.com.



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Some of the bricks on the old Metro Cinema, now scheduled to open in August under a new name, were recently removed after slippage shattered a window at nearby Austin Lorin.

New Manager: Leak Caused Cinema Bricks to Slip

By Scott Price
STAFF WRITER

Last week as officials were announcing that Colleyville's Metro Cinema will reopen in mid-August under new management, a large portion of bricks on the front wall of the theater slid down several inches placing additional weight on a steel support above a window of the Austin Lorin clothing store next door, shattering the window.

Mark Schulman, of Shulman Partners, the theater's new manager, said Monday that the slippage was caused by a water leak, and that no structural damage was involved. A large number of bricks have been removed, Schulman said, to get to the leak.

City spokeswoman Mona Gandy said the city would have no comment on the damage un-

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Construction Site Thefts Increasing in Colleyville, Grapevine

By Larry Roquemore
STAFF WRITER

The bad guys — and gals — are out in force.

Doubt that, and glance at our weekly police blotters — everything from auto and home burglaries to vandalism of all types.

This summer, in part because of the depressed economy, police across North Texas are especially concerned about thefts from construction sites, including both new homes and businesses, where thieves are stealing everything from copper wiring and roofing shingles to building materials and expensive appliances.

Consider Colleyville and Grapevine. Those cities have been hit hard recently by such burglaries.

In Colleyville, here are the latest reports of thefts from facilities under construction: June 16, theft of copper tubing [\$733.32] from a home in the 7200 block of Windswept Trail; May 24, a home in the 2400 block Glade Road, a stainless-steel Thermador oven with griddle [\$11,304]; May 27, theft of copper [\$2,000] from a building in the 700 block of Tappen Shire; and May 21, \$14,500 in appliances from a home in the 100 block of Waterfall Court.

“Our detectives are looking at it from all angles now,” said Colleyville police Officer Bill Hudgins. “We’re looking mainly at pickup trucks or enclosed vans. We have increased patrols and contacts with anyone at these job sites [after hours].”

Most cities have an ordinance concerning when construction can be done.

In Colleyville, for example, those dates and times are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. No construction is allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, unless the contractor has a special permit, Hudgins said.

That’s why it is important that neighbors or passersby report anything suspicious to police by dialing 911.

“If it’s happening now,” he said, “we want to know about it.”

The same holds true in Grapevine.

Latest reports of burglaries to facilities under construction reveal a similar problem: June 9, a buried generator [\$4,500] from a commercial site in the 1300 block of Munici-

Avoiding Construction-Site Thefts

- Put a mini-GPS tracking device on all high-dollar appliances.
- Fence commercial sites and lock the area, enabling police and neighbors to see in.
- Issue keys — only to trusted individuals — and keep track of them.
- Keep the area well lit.
- Post signs with warnings to trespassers.
- Install surveillance systems.
- Keep all valuables out of sight and locked up.

pal Way; June 12, four men arrested for burglarizing a construction trailer at Great Wolf Lodge; and April 29, lumber and roofing materials [\$5,000] from a new home in the 2200 block of Cameron Crossing.

“They’re stealing everything from copper, appliances and roofing materials,” Grapevine Sgt. Kim Smith said. “Because of the uncertainty of the weather here, a lot of construction sites are using locked, portable storage buildings. Nothing, however, is fool-proof, even the locks.”

She also urges citizens to get involved and report anything they see out of the ordinary at construction sites in Grapevine, especially on weekdays after 7 p.m.

So, where does a thief go to sell these costly items? That’s easy, if you know where to look, Smith said.

“These aren’t materials you could go to a pawnshop to sell,” she said. “There has to be some market out there, maybe even another construction company. They wouldn’t steal it if they couldn’t resell it.”

“It’s big business for a lot of reasons,” said Southlake police Lt. Rhonda Moore, including material shortages and high prices for materials.

Colleyville’s Hudgins agrees, and said thieves find many opportunities to sell such materials, including flea markets.

Or, Hudgins said, thieves can store the material temporarily.

“Then you find somebody who’s building a house, and sell it to them at a discounted rate. The thief is making 100 percent profit, cash, off the merchandise, and the buyer is getting a deal.”

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Remembering the Lost Battalion

Texan Survived 'Death Railway' in World War II

By Sarah Juneke
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On a recent Friday afternoon, Crayton Gordon stepped out of his home into the blazing sun to get the mail. Stepping back in, he couldn't remember dropping some of the pieces on the front lawn.

At 88, despite two heart attacks and other health complications, Gordon, an Army prisoner of war in the 1940s and a Keller resident, gets around well but struggles with his memory. Such is the state of the story behind one of the most infamous prisoners of war experiences — construction of the Death Railway of World War II.

Though a healthy body of materials about the horrific experiences of Allied soldiers laying the Burma-Thailand railway exists, firsthand accounts like Gordon's are fading.

"At one time I weighed 93 pounds," Gordon said. "I can't remember a lot of that anymore. I've been trying to forget it all my life," he now says with a smile.

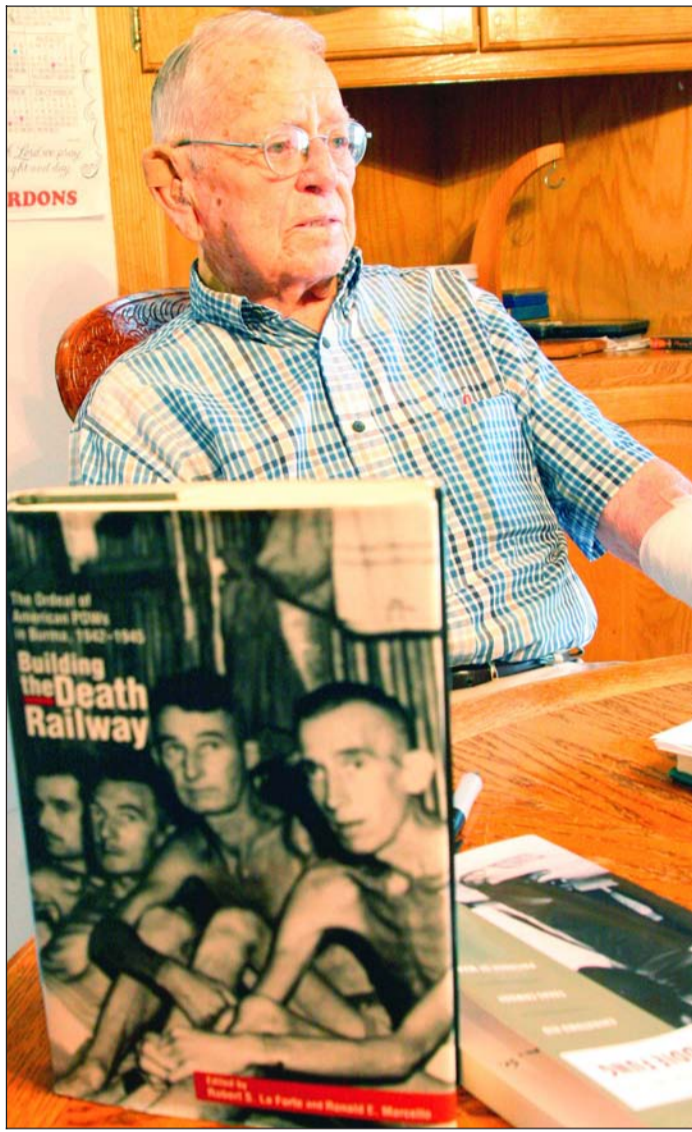
He has told his story before — how 902 American soldiers were taken prisoner when they surrendered to the Japanese in March 1942 on Java, an island in the Dutch East Indies. After capture, his unit, the U.S. Army 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery, spent 42 months with survivors from the U.S.S. Houston, a ship that sank off the coast of Java, and together became to be known as the Texas "Lost Battalion."

Gordon was one of 668 Americans sent to Burma to build the railway. It was dangerous, deadly work: 133 of those prisoners — one-fifth — died. Fearful of torture and execution, they worked 18-hour days, through starvation, ulcers and outbreaks of malaria, amebic dysentery and cholera.

Hundreds of thousands of POWs and civilian forced laborers died building the nearly 260-mile railway. Survivors were sent to prison camps throughout Southeast Asia, where communications with the outside world were lost.

Until the war ended in 1945, no one in the U.S. knew whether they were dead or alive.

Gordon was liberated from Changi jail in Singapore but remembers only fleeting details. He has told his story to a number of authors, including Robert La



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Crayton Gordon, a member of the "Texas Lost Battalion" of World War II. He worked on the infamous Burma-Thailand railroad. One-fifth of the POWs used by the Japanese in forced labor on this project died.

Forte, who compiled stories from 22 prisoners in his 1993 book, *Building the Death Railway: The Ordeal of American POWs in Burma, 1942-1945*. Of them, Gordon is one of three remaining.



GORDON, 1946

"They didn't believe the stories that actually happened to me," Gordon said.

Neither, perhaps, did Hollywood.

"We all laughed," Gordon's wife, Frankie, said, recalling the reaction of her husband and other former POWs to the 1957 film about the Death Railway, *The Bridge on the River Kwai*.

But there is a room in the Wise County Heritage Museum in Decatur dedicated to the Lost Battalion, started by Rosalee Greg, that elicits a different response.

Just last month, for example, Arthur Clark, 86, of Abilene, saw the room for the first time. He brought his son and grandchildren and left in tears.

It's an emotional response likely understood only by the survivors themselves.

That understanding has formed a strength and a brotherhood between them and their families that's unexplainable, said Pat Caden-

head, who with her husband is in charge of planning the survivors' annual reunion this year, which will be in Farmers Branch.

"Up until four or five years ago, if one of them passed away, the church was full. And if one was ill, God help the person that said, 'You're not family,'" Cadenhead said.

But fewer than 30 survivors came to last year's reunion, as the number of World War II veterans diminishes rapidly now, and some of their stories go untold.

"I was fortunate to come home," Gordon summarizes, "and life has been good."

When they were liberated on Sept. 7, 1945, members of Gordon's unit were flown to Calcutta, India, to receive medical care. There, the allied POWs gathered, and after a long session of shouting, a silence was finally broken by soldiers singing their British, Dutch and American national anthems — expressions of gratitude for their freedom.

After receiving medical care at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., Gordon made his way back to Texas and opened up a hardware store in Fort Worth.

He sold the business in 1975 and retired, moving to Keller in 1990 with his wife.

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■ **July 5 - Afriky Lolo** presents *The Goddess Zaouli*, an African Dance Festival, at 8 p.m. Saturday in the **Colleyville Center**, 5301 Riverwalk Drive. Call 469-682-1118, 469-328-4650 or e-mail ccevents@ci.colleyville.tx.us.

■ **July 8 - The city's Commuter Rail Citizen Committee** has scheduled a public meeting for residents' input at 7 p.m. Tuesday in **Colleyville Center**, 5301 Riverwalk Drive. Call 817-503-1330 or see www.colleyville.com/content/blogcategory/48/569.

GRAPEVINE

■ **July 4-6 - Dan Bells Unique Collectibles and Handmade Crafts Show** is at **Grapevine Mills**, 3000 Grapevine Mills Pkwy. The show features arts and crafts from nationwide artists, with a variety of items on sale. Call 972-724-4910.

■ **July 4-Nov. 8 - Gaylord Texan Resort and Lagniappe Productions** present the **Lone Star Murder Mystery, Missed Fortune**, every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the hotel's **Riverwalk Café**, 1501 Gaylord Trail. It's a story about Marshal **Jim Courtright** trying to solve the mystery of who killed the town's banker. Call 817-778-2215 or see www.lonestarmurdermysteries.com.

■ **July 4-Aug. 17 - Grapevine Public Library**, 1201

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Municipal Way, has begun its **Adult Reading Program**, with the theme "Go Anywhere with a Book." Participants can win gift certificates and coupons from local businesses. See www.ci.grapevine.tx.us.

■ **July 4 - The 9/11 Flight Crew Memorial** sculpture will be dedicated at 10 a.m. in **Grapevine Station**, Northwest Highway and Texan Trail. City officials will join representatives from **American and Delta Airlines**, including families of flight crew members who died that day in hijacked airplanes. See www.911flightcrewmemorial.org.

■ **July 5, 12, 25, 26 - Grapevine Opry** has shows scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in the **Palace Theatre**, 300 S. Main: Saturday, **God and Country**; July 12, **Legends: Making Time With Patsy Cline**; July 25, **Gospel Country Showcase**; and July 26, **Country Music Showcase**. Call 817-481-8733 or see www.gvopry.com.

■ **July 5 - La Buena Vida Winery**, 416 E. College, will host **Reds, White and You** during the **Grapevine Wine**

Trail. Call 817-481-9463 or see lbuenavida.com.

■ **July 5-Oct. 18 - Grapevine Market** is open every Thursday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in **Liberty Park**, across from **City Hall**, 200 S. Main. The **Grapevine Farmers Market, Grapevine Gazebo** in the 300 block of South Main, is open at 8 a.m. until produce is sold out every Thursday and Saturday. See www.grapevinetexasusa.com.

■ **July 7-13 - Ohlook Performing Arts Center** presents *Disney's Aladdin Jr.* in the **Palace Theatre**, 300 S. Main. Show times are July 7-11 at 10:30 a.m., July 11-12 at 7:30 p.m. and July 12-13 at 2:30 p.m. Call 817-421-2825 or see www.ohlookperforming.com.

■ **July 7-18 - Timberline Elementary School**, 3220 Timberline, provides free breakfasts from 8:15 to 9 a.m. and lunches from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 18 and younger. See www.gcisd-k12.org/nutrition/images/summerlunch.pdf.

■ **July 7-Aug. 22 - Adventure Team Outreach's Summer Day Camps**, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, are under way for ages 4-13 at Meadowmere Park on **Grapevine Lake**. Call 817-812-2853 or see www.adventuredaycamps.com.

■ **July 8-29 - HOW**, a **Compulsive Eaters Anonymous** group, meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at 3502 Edgemoor St. Call 817-329-5146 or see dallasceahow.org.

Southlake Residents to Receive \$20K Gas Checks

By Nicholas Sakelaris
STAFF WRITER

Lured by thousands of dollars in signing bonuses, hundreds of Southlake residents gathered to sign their natural gas leases last week. The event featured free barbecue.

More than 200 Southlake residents attended the signing parties on June 25 and June 28 at St. John Church on Kimball Avenue.

"Everyone's happy. It becomes like a social event. It was very positive," said Jeff Wang, chairman of the SECC, an area bounded by Southlake Boulevard, Texas 26, Carroll Avenue and the eastern city limits. "Everyone was already ready before we opened the gate."

The economy should get a big shot in the arm over the next few weeks as members of the Southlake East Corridor Coalition get bonus checks valued at \$20,000 per acre from XTO Energy.

"The economy slows down and we feel so fortunate to have this money coming out of the ground," Wang said.

Property owner Sean Brown will use the money he gets for leasing his 2.5-acre property on Nolen Drive to develop a 35,000-square-foot of office



NICHOLAS SAKELARIS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Southlake property owner Sean Brown and his girlfriend Yuliya Bairefoot had a happy signing with agent Hadi Shaaban.

space there.

"It's very ironic. The Earth is giving us the money we need to develop the top of the land," he said. "We get to continue building."

The lease is the culmination of more than three months of negotiations with XTO Energy to get the best possible deal, Wang said.

Wang volunteered hundreds of hours of his own time developing the lease language for SECC residents. The final signing bonus was a \$1,500 increase over the gas company's original offer.

"[Wang's] a genius," Brown exclaimed. The first signing party on June 25 drew about

70 people to the church and would have attracted more, but a heavy thunderstorm interrupted the party.

For the second bash, XTO brought in Feedstore BBQ to cater the event. St. John donated its facilities, and this time the weather allowed many nearby residents to walk to the event. After signing, the mineral owners received a voucher and within 10 days they're expected to get their check.

But the relationship isn't over when people cash their checks. When the wells start production, mineral owners will start getting royalty checks of 25 percent throughout the life of the well.

Consumers Look at Golf Cart Upgrades for Street Use

By Nicholas Sakelaris
STAFF WRITER

At first glance, the E-Merge looks like it was built to haul golf clubs, not groceries.

Upon closer examination, the vehicle has everything needed to hit the streets, in-

cluding seat belts, mirrors, headlights, turn signals, a speedometer and a lockable trunk.

All that, and it doesn't need a drop of gasoline.

With no end in sight for soaring gas prices, more people are turning to Neighborhood Electric Vehicles [NEV], like the E-merge models made by Tomberlin.

"We've seen more and more people buying them for the streets because of the gas prices," said Leslie Scott, who along with husband, David, own Adventure Golf Cars in Southlake at 275 Commerce Street, just across Texas 114 from Grapevine.

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Hutcherson - Stokes
Beth and Glenn Brock of Colleyville, Texas and Jerry Stokes of Plano, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Caroline Brooke Stokes to James Aaron Hutcherson of Aiea, Hawaii.
The bride-to-be graduated from Allen High School in 2004 and received a BS in Forensic Science from Baylor University in 2008.
The future groom graduated from Punahou School in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2004 and also attended Baylor University.
The wedding will take place at First United Methodist Church of Colleyville, on May 30, 2009.
Jimmy Hutcherson, the groom's father will officiate the ceremony.
The couple plans to reside in Euless, Texas.

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August Wedding

Dr. & Mrs. Rex Mann of Perryton announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Rette Mann, to John Tyler Russell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Danny Russell of Keller. The couple will wed August 9, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church in Perryton. Reception to follow at the Perryton Country Club. The bride-elect will graduate from Oklahoma Baptist University in December with a degree in psychology and a minor in biology. The prospective groom graduated from Texas Tech University in December 2007 with a degree in personal financial planning. He is employed by Fidelity Investments in Westlake.

CINEMA

From 1A

til a structural engineer's "determination" on the cause of the damage. Austin Lorin had to close for a week because of the damage. Jennifer Gomez, who owns Austin Lorin with her husband, Austin Gomez, said the window broke at about 3

p.m. on Thursday, June 26. "We had a store full of customers, and police and fire came and evacuated the store," she said. "We were fortunate that nobody was hurt and the wall did not fall," Gomez said. Over the weekend, a construction company removed the bricks and hauled them away from the parking lot. A structural engineer is looking at the building and will report the

findings, city officials said. Metro Cinema, which includes an IMAX screen, closed Jan. 18 when the previous operator, MC Colleyville, filed for bankruptcy. Schulman Partners plans to re-open the cinema on Aug. 15 and eventually purchase the property from Charles Hodges Architectural Engineering, which owns the property now in conjunction with a bank. The property has been valued at \$8.5

million. Schulman operates other theaters in Texas in Weatherford, Georgetown and Austin. The Colleyville theater, which includes a restaurant, will be called Colleyville Cinema Grill and IMAX Theater. Schulman said he is not worried about the condition of the building. "I have gotten several calls from people asking me if the building is falling down," he said with a chuckle. "The building is not falling down.

They took down the bricks as a precautionary measure and the wall will be rebuilt." Schulman said the wall will be re-bricked this month. City officials said close neighbors have seen a reduction in traffic. City officials are pleased that the theater will reopen this summer. "That brings more traffic into one of our major retail sectors, so obviously it is a good thing," Gandy said.

MEMORIAL

From 1A

the quest for excellence in the skies each day," according to a news release from the city of Grapevine.

The memorial was the idea of Valerie Thompson, an American Airlines flight attendant for 20 years who is based at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, and her husband, Dean Thompson.

Valerie said in the days following 9/11, a friend said, "We are first responders. How come somebody is not talking about us?"

"My feeling has always been those were heroes," Valerie said. "We got like-minded people to form a foundation. They are from many airlines," and from locations throughout the country.

The foundation designed a logo that incorporates the Pentagon, the World Trade Center towers, a symbol of the state of Pennsylvania where one plane crashed, and the flight numbers of the four planes.

"We put the stars on there for all the people who climbed back on the planes and did not know what was going to happen," said Dean, who is president of the foundation.

Last week a portion of a steel girder from the World Trade Center, destroyed in the 9/11 attacks, was installed on a separate concrete pad at the site, along with a stone from the Pentagon.

The design of the memorial was selected through adver-

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tised competition, and Bryce Cameron Liston of Salt Lake City was awarded the commission.

"Chosen for its representation of the roles flight crews play in global travel, the Flight Crew Memorial is dedicated to the heroes and everyday people who make travel possible," according to the foundation.

Dean Thompson began work in 2006 transforming the artist's design, named *Valor Commitment Dedication*, into a 1.5 times life-size bronze sculpture.

It includes a flight captain and female flight attendant in American Airlines uniforms, a first officer and male flight attendant in United Airlines

uniforms, a child being protected by one of the flight attendants, a globe and two eagles to represent the two airlines. The memorial sits on a Texas limestone base and is 18 feet tall and 14 feet wide. It will be visible from the air, particularly for aircraft landing at the airport's northern runways.

The total value of the sculpture, base, plaza and the land is about \$1 million dollars, according to Grapevine and foundation officials. The foundation raised about \$300,000, they said. Gary Hazelwood of Westwood Development Corp., which developed the site, donated the land for the memorial. The city of Grapevine has paid for

part of the project, including construction and landscaping.

Shirley Hall, vice president of the foundation and an American Airlines flight attendant for 30 years, said the foundation raised money through a variety of means, including fundraising events and memorial bricks.

"We are humbled that the majority of our donations ranged from \$1 to \$100," she said.

The foundation is still raising money to pay for a water feature that will be part of the memorial. For more information on the memorial, see www.GrapevineTexasUSA.com/911flightcrewmemorial, or contact the GC&VB at 817-410-3185.

Pickup Hits Boy Near Dove Park

By Scott Price
STAFF WRITER

A 10-year-old Grapevine boy was struck by a pickup Monday night as he was walking across Dove Road near Dove Park.

The truck hit the boy about 9:30 p.m. Monday on Dove Road between Park Boulevard and Hood Lane.

"He was struck by a vehicle in the eastbound lanes," said Sgt. Kim Smith, Grapevine Police Department spokesman.

The boy suffered serious injuries and was taken to one of the Cook Children's hospitals by ground ambulance, Smith said, and he is now listed in good condition. Smith said she did not know exactly what the boy's injuries were.

Smith said Grapevine police are investigating the incident, and no charges have been filed.

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UTILITIES

From 1A

ommended that the city increase utility rates by 2005, which did not happen.

Two issues resulted in the postponement of a rate adjustment.

The city had expected a \$13 million capital investment to build a booster pump to provide treated water from the Trinity River Authority at the adequate pressure. TRA improvements made the booster pump unnecessary.

In addition, the dry year in 2006 boosted city operating revenue, because of increased water usage.

Now the city is expecting significant capital investment in association with utility relocations from the DFW Connector [Funnel] project. The exact costs are not available, but city officials estimate it will cost about \$15 million.

Operational costs have also increased over the past few years and are continuing to increase. Electricity costs have also doubled since 2006, and the cost of chemicals to treat drinking water has increased more than 15 percent, city officials said.

The study by J. Stowe will enable city officials to more accurately assess the impact of these costs on the city's finances. A typical study estimates costs and revenues for three to five years.

City staff can then update the prediction model each year for several years.

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David and Leslie Scott show off the new electric Tomberlin E-Merge vehicle. A new, more street-adapted cart, with doors, will be introduced in August. Consumers are attracted to the vehicles for in-town driving because of dramatic savings in fuel.



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CARS

From 4A

The E-Merge vehicles have a maximum speed of 25 mph, but they are legally allowed to travel on roads with 35 mph speed limits. The electric motor is promoted for its rapid acceleration.

The law also allows the vehicles to cross roads with higher speed limits at intersections.

"They can cross [FM] 1709 — they just can't go down it," Leslie said. It's not just a local trend either.

Sales Skyrocket

Casey Cecil, regional sales manager for Tomberlin, said sales have gone through the roof as gas prices surge.

Sales of the E-Merge have skyrocketed in the last year from 120 a month to about 120 a week.

Every month this year the

company has broken the previous month's sales records. Less than two weeks into June and the May sales record was already smashed, Cecil said.

"For us, the gas prices have been a blessing in disguise," Cecil said.

Prices range from \$6,000 to \$6,500 for an E-Merge, which has two-seat and four-seat models.

Some states, including Texas, offer tax credits for people who buy electric vehicles.

Cecil said it costs less than \$1 in electricity to fully charge the six 8-volt batteries, which have a range of about 30 miles.

By contrast, driving 25 miles in a 2007 Chevrolet Suburban with a V8 engine costs \$6.73 in fuel, according to fueleconomy.gov, the Environmental Protection Agency's Web site.

A 2007 Lincoln Navigator costs \$7.21 to go the same distance.

Of course, an E-Merge won't have air conditioning, a stereo or a fold-down flat screen television. Instead, you'll have the wind in your hair.

The vehicles have to be licensed and insured.

Varied Uses

Some customers are buying them for their teenagers for learning to drive, while others buy them for their aging parents who don't want to drive a car anymore. Young parents can use them for short errands or to pick children up from school.

Unlike most golf carts that have a universal key, each E-Merge has a unique key so they can be left in the parking lot.

With a little tinkering, the E-merge can become a makeshift hybrid for which the batteries are charged by a four-stroke generator hidden in the trunk, Cecil said.

They can also be upgraded with various accessories. The SS model sports even more features.

New Street Model Coming in August

Later this year, Tomberlin is expected to launch Anvil, a bigger, faster and stronger electric car that could reach speeds up to 45 mph. This car would require a new classification of vehicle, the Neighborhood Electric Car/Commuter [NEV/C] to allow it to travel on roads with 45 mph speed limits.

The Anvil will have a hard door, similar to a Jeep, a radio and CD player.

For more information, see www.adventuregolf-cars.com/Tomberlin.htm.

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The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Keller High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.B.A. in Accounting and an M.S. in Accounting. The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Seguin High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Texas with a B.B.A. in Accounting and a Masters in Professional Accountancy. He is a Certified Public Accountant. Both are employed with Ernst & Young in Dallas.

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