

Time Frames

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By Evelyn Barker

date night
football team
at its first
home game.

model on graph paper
created a three-dimen-
sional model of their
room.

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Auto racing at Arlington Downs

In a July 16, 1949, practice session at Arlington Downs, 19-year-old Troy Ruttman (1930-97) makes the turn in his Blue Crown Special. During the race the next day, Ruttman's car hit a bump, sending the car spinning and flipping before it came to rest upside down with Ruttman pinned beneath. Three years later, he became the youngest winner of the In-



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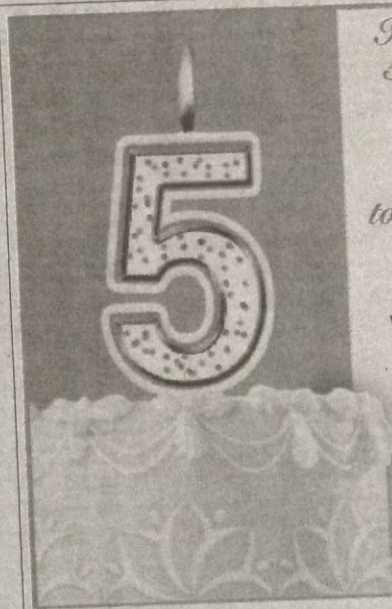
dianapolis 500, a record he still holds today.

Rancher and oilman W.T. Waggoner built Arlington Downs in the 1920s

as a horse track. It was successful until 1937 when pari-mutuel betting was outlawed. After serving as a depot for military vehicles

during World War II, Arlington Downs hosted auto races. The track was on the present-day site of Rangers Ballpark in Arlington and was torn down in 1958.

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Killer of woman, 83, remains at large

Drive from Vandervort dislocate his elbow? "Inq. her children say. She

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In 1910, local photographer Andrew J. Mahanay took this picture of friends chatting by Arlington's mineral well at the intersection of Center and Main streets.

In the background, farmers with wagons loaded with cotton bales wait for the latest cotton prices to be posted.

The four-sided fountain, with mineral water pouring from lion heads, was the center of community life during Arlington's early years.

The Arlington Commercial Club, forerunner of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, funded both this ornate fountain and another for watering animals in 1910.

Workers built the well on the site of the original well drilled in 1893 by Sam Shafer.

Initially, residents were disappointed in the mineral-laced water's strong taste; however, they soon discovered that the water had medicinal properties.



The mineral well downtown was decorated with lion heads.

J.W. Dunlop Photograph Collection

In short order, bottled mineral water and "Arlington Crystals" became a profitable local industry.

In 1951, the city permanently capped the well to accommodate increasing traffic. Today, the lion sculptures on Main Street obelisks commemorate this landmark of yesteryear.

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Arlington children like David and Lawana Ledford, shown here in 1958, had a special mail delivery service direct to Santa Claus.

They needed no stamps to post their letters in the white mailbox, which was a joint project of the Postal Service, the Arlington recreation department and the Arlington Citizen-Journal. The newspaper would frequently publish the letters before mail workers whisked them off to the North Pole.

After reassuring Santa that they had been good — or at least “pretty good” — boys requested bowling sets, guns, and trucks.

Girls requested Toodles dolls, bikes and ice cream machines. Nationally, the hula hoop was the hot toy for 1958, selling for \$1.98.

Many letters ended with the children asking Santa to deliver the toys to Grandma's house, as that was where they would be Christmas



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morning, and with promises of hot cocoa and cookies left by the tree for him.

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reach out to the community for help in providing classroom support. Jackson says to save the date of Sept. 17 for a new fundraiser, Tailgate Arlington, at Howell Farms. She is seeking sponsors for the event.

Arlington Life Shelter. Executive Director **Becky Orander** said a new initiative is under way to help homeless single-mother families better stabilize. It will benefit the children of young mothers with little education and work experience who have limited exposure to the array of educational opportunities and careers available in the community. The goal is that the training will enable moms to obtain higher-wage positions by

secondary teachers as well as elementary teachers. The public is invited to the awards banquet May 9.

Junior League of Arlington. President **Kimberly Phillips** said the league will continue to address poverty in Arlington by increasing the number of children served by the Back-to-School Fair project, which provides backpacks, school supplies and health screenings. The 29th Holiday Magic gift show and fashion show will continue to raise money for the many projects that JLA funds each year. And JLA members will continue to add to the more than 1 million hours of volunteer service in the

and a March exhibit of Arno Knapen's nature photography that was instrumental in his healing from brain surgery. Early childhood environmental education continues, along with a new initiative toward adult programs. Hill says to visit the new website, www.riverlegacy.org, for free Saturday program schedules.

Stay tuned for more next week and please send your Eyes on Arlington news to freeder@arlingtoncitizen-journal.com or mail to P.O. Box 915006, Fort Worth, TX 76115. Join our fan page at www.facebook.com/ArlingtonCitizenJournal.

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Butterfield Stage Coach at Six Flags

Before thrill rides like the Shock Wave and the Texas Giant became the headliners, Six Flags Over Texas rides were of a slower pace. When the park opened in 1961 it featured goat carts, burro rides, canoes and the Butterfield Stage Coach shown here in this Fort Worth Star-Telegram photo from 1961.

Passengers sat both inside the coach and on the roof. Along the route, passengers encountered Wild West perils like Sam Bass' outlaw gang and hostile Indians. The ride closed in 1967.

For 50 years, Six Flags has been the quintessential Arlington attraction.

To honor the park's anniversary, Special Collec-



Fort Worth Star-Telegram Negative Collection

tions at the University of Texas at Arlington Library is opening the exhibit "What You Wish the World Could Be: The Early Years of Six Flags Over Texas" on Feb. 7.

The exhibit will include historic photos and memorabilia covering Six Flags' first 25 years. The exhibit is

free and open to the public. For Special Collections hours, visit library.uta.edu/spco/spco-hours.jsp.

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make it a reality. To that end, organizer **Mitch Wilson** has created a "With Pennies From Heaven We'll Be Singing in the Rain" theme for the event, set for Feb. 19.

Museum board President **Nancy Tice** and her committee have a stellar evening planned. Guests will circulate through the main gallery, the mezza-

and jewelry to Rangers tickets and restaurant outings to entice them to take home more treasures. A lucky raffle winner will claim two Southwest Airlines tickets for the trip of his or her choice.

Former Mayor **Richard Greene** will be auctioneer for the live auction, where art — including pieces from University of Texas at

among collectors. Committee member **Susan Fuller-Sutherland** is preparing a catalog to help guests preview the items before the bidding begins.

Before a cocktail hour and dining on beef tenderloin and chicken Kiev, Tice recommends Walch's famous Manhattans as a must for the ladies. And you can try out your latest

ny of which connect to social issues. And we hope everyone will join our 20-year celebration to help the museum continue as the place where creativity meets community," says Tice. She added that tables are going fast. For reservations, call the museum at 817-275-4600 or Tice at 817-992-9493.

A playdate with na-

ber to May 3-5. Classroom meet-and-g teachers wi the low-dov

Pre-regis next, schoo Feb. 14. T contact edu Debbie Ver 860-6752 or gacy.org.

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Gearing up to sell Girl Scout Cookies

Continuing a half-century-old tradition, Arlington Junior Girl Scouts, from left, Terri Cataia, Patty McDougald and Leah Box are poised to sell Girl Scout Cookies with Mrs. Joe McDougald, neighborhood cookie captain.

In 1966, cookies sold for 50 cents a box. The Circle T Girl Scout Council, which included Arlington, received more than half of the proceeds from the sale.

The tradition began in 1917 when Girl Scouts baked cookies in their kitchens and sold them for 25 or 30 cents a dozen to finance troop activities. Commercial cookies, first sold in 1934, were sold nationwide by 1936.

The Girl Scouts sold cookies annually until World War II, when sugar, butter and flour shortages forced them to sell calendars. Once the war was over and rationing ended, cookie sales resumed.



From left, Terri Cataia, Patty McDougald and Leah Box in 1966.

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glimpse of the past with an image from Special Collections. Information: 817-272-3393 or library.uta.edu/spco.

SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance zone

The Mansfield school district has established a committee to advise the school board on attendance zone options for **Nancy Neal Elementary**, which will open this fall at 280 Nelson-Wyatt Road. Students now attending **Sheppard, Tarver-Rendon** and **D.P. Morris** elementary schools could be affected.

Open forums are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3 and 15 at the district administration building,

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UTA exhibit celebrates history of Six Flags

When Six Flags Over Texas opened 50 years ago, it took the novel approach of creating an amusement park experience steeped in Texas history.

Each section of the park — Spain, France, Mexico, Texas, the Confederacy, and the USA or Modern section — had rides and attractions that supported the historic theme.

For example, the France section took dramatic license with the ill-fated La Salle expedition. Shown here, Donna Withers, foreground, and Sandra Shaw duck to avoid Spanish cannon fire on La Salle's Riverboat Adventure ride in 1961.

More images of how Six Flags interpreted Texas history are on display at the UT-Arlington Library's exhibit "What You Wish the World Could Be: The Early Years of Six Flags Over Texas."

Using the library's rich photographic resources, "What You Wish the World

Could Be," a reference to a 1970s ad campaign for the park, shows early Six Flags attractions like the Fiesta Train, Skull Island, and The Cave.

Notable items include a Spee-Lunker figure and a hand-carved century-old horse from the Silver Star carousel.

The exhibit also includes personal items from former employees.

The exhibit is located on the sixth floor of UT-Arlington's Central Library in the Special Collections Library.

It runs through May 14 and is free and open to the public. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro campaigns at UT-Arlington in September 1984.

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Ferraro campaigns at UT-Arlington

The 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote in 1920, but it wasn't until 1984 that women had a chance to vote one of their own into the White House. That year, Geraldine Ferraro of New York ran as the vice presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket with Walter Mondale.

Ferraro's campaigning led her to Dallas and then the University of Texas at

Arlington that September. In Dallas, Ferraro was greeted with enthusiasm not seen for a Democrat since the days of Lyndon B. Johnson. Future Texas Gov. Ann Richards said to the crowd of women, "In that moment [when Ferraro accepted the nomination], the dream we had for ourselves and for our daughters became possible, not in some vague tomorrow, but a reality for today."

Things did not go as smoothly in Arlington. Be-

tween 4,000 and 5,000 people showed up at UT-Arlington to hear Ferraro speak about President Ronald Reagan and the nuclear arms race, but about 400 protesters heckled Ferraro to the point where she had to momentarily stop her speech. After the crowd quieted, she quipped, "If I had a record like Ronald Reagan's, I wouldn't want anybody to hear about it, either." Ferraro is shown here in front of the UTA Library.

Led by Reagan, Republicans won big that year, but history had been made: Ferraro was the first woman to be selected for a major political ticket. She died March 26 at age 75.

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District finances

The school committee is seeking board as it works

The district evaluates proposed school board members

After several on a slate of re-election to the board

Residents were visiting the district

— Robert Cadwall

School wins recycling

Johns Elementary worth of water cables and waste

Coke presents at the school recycling demonstration trailer.

Part of the victory, and so big Cluster Day

The recycling by Coca-Cola Center. Located in Parkway and Fifth is a compact, serving a delivery truck ping hubs, bus locations.

Residents can made of polyethylene station, log in, inner calculates the machine can store 18,000 bottles.

Officials said closely, and play to more locations six months.

— Robert Cadwall

Summit JROTC

MANSFIELD phases of competition round ship Bowl and this summer.

The team, Wesley Galbraith event at George

During two Summit teams involved. high school curriculum and English. The teams in the nation

— Patrick M. Walker

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reeds daylilies, plans to seek a Ph.D.
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dies in need a Ph.D."
at the Though Von Kohn's
onsin, garden includes many
ite or standout specimens of
is as a plants he has hybridized
'But I himself, he has yet to reg-
plant ister or even name one.
"I'm really picky," he

I want it to perform well
under Texas conditions, be
a good grower and multiply
quickly."

Surprising results

Von Kohn hybridizes lil-
ies by helping nature
along.

He plucks a pollen-lad-
en anther from inside a do-
nor plant's bloom, deposits
the pollen into the parent
plant's blossom, and be-
fore long a walnut-size
seed pod forms on one of
the plant's flower stalks.

Each seed pod can con-
tain anywhere from three
to 30 brown nutlike seeds.

Even with all that care,
Von Kohn said, unexpected
results often pop up, cour-

their own pollinating.

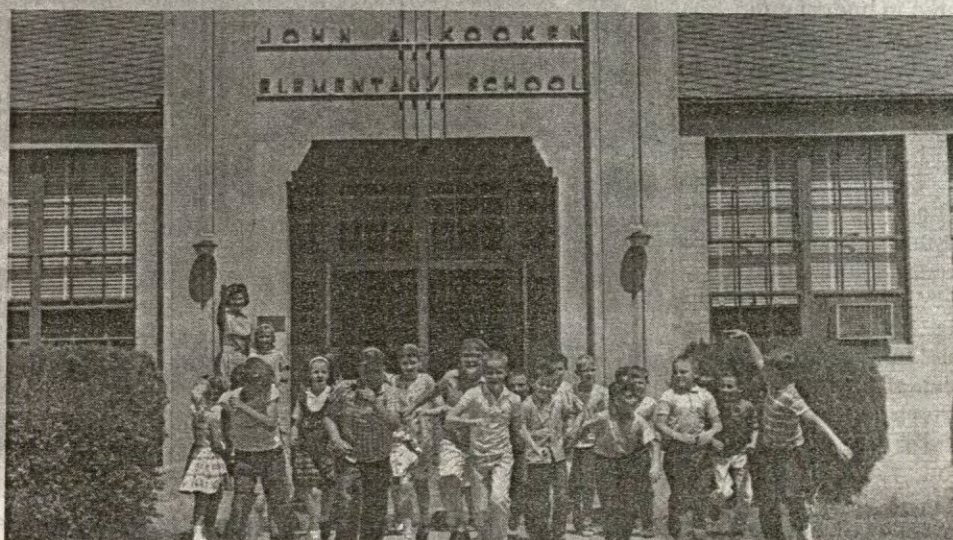
"There's some flowers
that are pleasant surprises
and some that are just ug-
ly," he said. "My adviser at
A&M said 'it's like Christ-
mas every day,' but some-
times it's more like Hal-
loween."

Any gardener can em-
pathize with Von Kohn's
main motivation for
spending long hours in the
yard with a water hose,
picking a faded bloom here
and smoothing a ruffled
petal there.

"When I'm out here I
don't really think of any-
thing else," he said. "It's
relaxing."

Shirley Jenkins, 817-390-7657

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No more textbooks or teachers; it's summer

Students in Carol Wil-
son's fourth grade class at
Arlington's John A. Kookken
elementary leave their
books and cares behind as
they start summer vaca-
tion at the end of May
1964. The future held ice
cream, swimming pools
and sprinklers, and maybe
a trip to the still-new Six
Flags Over Texas.

Kookken Elementary
opened in 1938 and is the
oldest Arlington school
still being used by the dis-

trict. It was built by the
Works Progress Adminis-
tration on the former site
of North Side School and
was named for the Arling-
ton superintendent who
served from 1913-1938.

John Kookken was born
near Ferris, Texas, in 1864
and spent his whole career
in education. He was de-
nied a teaching job in the
1880s at the Goose Pond
School (near Palestine) be-
cause he was unmarried.
According to a school
trustee, the last bachelor
teacher spent too much

time courting and not
enough time teaching.
Kookken eventually came to
Arlington in 1908 where he
and his wife became re-
spected members of the
community. Kookken died
in 1943 at the age of 80.

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Jack White Photograph Collection

"What You Wish the World Could Be"

For over 50 years, visitors to the Six Flags Over Texas theme park became part of the romantic story of Texas by participating in the adventures located in the six sections (Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Confederacy and USA) representing the different flags that flew over Texas.

The rides in each section complemented the historic period. During the early years, attractions included thrills and chills on long-gone Butterfield Overland Stagecoach and Big Bend rides as well as

gentler moments at the petting zoo.

In this 1965 photo of the Republic of Texas section, families stroll by the Branding Iron building, a historic bank that was brought in from Tom Bean. While it never opened for business in the park, the building once housed a cattlemen's exhibit.

UT Arlington Library Special Collections is inviting the public to visit the free interactive exhibit, "What You Wish the World Could Be: The Early Years of Six Flags Over Texas," through Aug. 13 at 702 Planetarium Place.

As part of a nostalgic

look back at a magical past, the exhibit includes an original Spee-Lunker in an Abraham Lincoln costume, a carousel horse from the Silver Star, personal memorabilia from former park employees and the rich resources of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and *Arlington-Citizen Journal* photography collections.

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