

Dallas girls are off to a strong start on the court



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The next Shirley Partridge?

Former Dallas woman tries for a key role in the TV show.

By CAMILLE FIOTI
Post Correspondent

Judy Fitch Guinosso is a very busy woman these days. The former Dallas resident, who was Miss Pennsylvania 1992, is in Los Angeles to compete with seven other finalists for the role of Shirley Partridge in the VH1 network's remake of the hit 1970s show, *The Partridge Family*.

Watch Judy Fitch Guinosso's audition Oct. 3 at 9 p.m. on VH1

Guinosso's quest started when she saw a piece on the Today Show several months ago. She heard that VH1 would hold preliminary auditions in Orlando, New York, Los Angeles, and Minneapolis looking for people who resemble, act and sing like Keith, Laurie, Danny and Shirley Partridge.

Judy, an accomplished singer, decided to apply on-line and see what would happen. A total of eight finalists were chosen from the combined audition sites for each character.

"I was the only person that tried out for the Shirley part that was chosen in New York. That was quite a thrill!" Judy said. "I wasn't even going to go because my son had soccer that day."

When Judy isn't shuttling her two sons, Andrew, 8 and Patrick, See PARTRIDGE, pg 2



Judy Fitch Guinosso

Wiser, but still young, would-be Lori is home

Allison Considine, of Dallas, wasn't chosen for a part in the remake of "The Partridge Family," but didn't keep her from having a good time while trying out.

Allison, 12, was one of eight finalists to audition in Los Angeles for the part of Lori on the unscripted, updated series, "In Search of the Partridges," on VH1. She was also the youngest. To earn a place in the final eight, Allison competed in New York City against more than 700 girls for the part of Lori.

"They were looking for someone 14 to 18," to See LORI, pg 2

Dallas Harvest Festival

Festival again fills downtown Dallas

Second year of event draws more vendors, performers and people. Next year already filling up.

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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DALLAS — Smiles and sunshine were the prevailing themes as the Borough of Dallas celebrated its 125th anniversary with a Harvest Festival last Sunday. Thousands of residents were treated to song and dance as well as candy apples and pork barbecues.

"It was really fantastic. Everyone I talked to was very positive," said Mary Manzoni, chairman of the vendor committee. Sixty-five vendors were scheduled to be at the festival and many of them completely sold out during the event. "The only sad thing was that three of our vendors couldn't make it because they were effected by the flooding. We feel very badly for them," said Manzoni.

Most of the vendors on hand have already committed to next year's event and the waiting list for booths is continually growing.

This year's event was expanded so that booths were set up not only on Main Street but also in the area behind the borough offices. The Back Mountain Memorial Library's mini-auction took place in the public works garage.

"I think it flowed better this year because we also moved the location for the stage," said Rich Fufaro, the event chairman. "I think we had a few thousand more people there this year. It was a great turnout."

The Harvest Festival was just one part of the weekend event called Dallas Days. Friday evening saw the inaugural open microphone night, called Wordhorde, at the Back Mountain Library.

"There had to be 100 people there," said Fufaro. "I even got up and sang and I don't do that kind of thing. It was a lot of fun." The library hopes to schedule Wordhorde

"It might look easy because everything went so well, but I can't tell you how grateful I am for all of the people who worked so hard to do this."

Rich Fufaro
Harvest Festival
Chairman

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Dancers from the Joan Harris Dance Studio performed at the Dallas Harvest Festival last Sunday. From left: Michelle Sorber, Angie Anderson and Jody Kocher finished their routine with the Dallas center street sign in the background. Main Street was closed all day for the event. More photos on page 3.

House tour has history lessons

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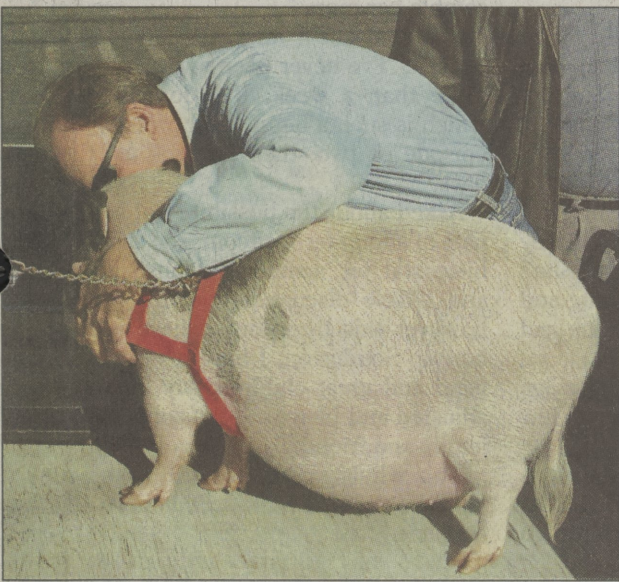
This year's Dallas Harvest Festival was enriched by a historic walking tour of Lake Street to help commemorate the 125th anniversary of Dallas Borough. The self-guided tour provided plenty of information about the early days of Dallas.

The first stop was near the Jersey Shore Restaurant, where in 1813 Jonah McLellon built a log cabin. McLellon had purchased land from the Shaver family and sold smaller lots to anyone willing to "improve" the land. The area then came to be known as McLellonsville but an oversight by the Post Office in the 1880s changed the name back to Dallas, as it was originally known.

In 1838, Joseph Orr converted a nearby log house into a hotel. Reading the tour plaque at this site answered one participant's questions. In speaking to himself, he was overheard to say, "So that's where the Raub Hotel was. That settles that debate."

Several old houses were included on the tour. "I

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POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Kingston Township Police Chief James Balavage plants one on Frank, a potbelly pig affectionately tagged "Rocco Rooter." Balavage was the winner (?) of the Kiss the Pig contest, held in conjunction with the Dallas Harvest Festival. For \$1 per ballot, voters could choose their favorite from five candidates, with all proceeds going to charity. Votes for Balavage went to the Kingston Township Lions Club.



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Recreating a scene that could have taken place a century ago, Karen Ann Kurlander, foreground, and Peg Shultz played a game of croquet on the lawn of Carol Wall's Lake Street home.

Developer seeks rezoning for new project

John Halbing wants to develop land off Ondish Road, but some is now agricultural.

By CAMILLE FIOTI
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DALLAS TWP. — Developer John Halbing of Summit Pointe Construction Inc. requested a zoning change so he can build a housing development across Ondish Road from his Ondish Hills subdivision.

The supervisors discussed the rezoning issue at their Sept. 21 meeting. Chairman Phil Walter said the land is zoned both S-1 and A-1 (agriculture). Halbing wants to have the entire tract of land that borders Gypsy Lane on the Kingston Township line on one end and Maplewood Heights on the other to be zoned S-1 for residential development.

Jay Burkhart of Ondish hills asked if they could reject Halbing's request and only allow him to build on what is zoned as residential. Burkhart said he is concerned that more houses would mean more traffic and poorer water quality.

"I think you're jumping the gun," said township Solicitor Thomas Brennan. He explained the lengthy process of land use planning and subdivision approval. "One phase of all of this is changing it from whatever zone to another zone, which is something this board does" he said.

Once the rezoning is complete, then the planning commission presents other conditions for approval, he added. Walter said that one of the conditions is that there must be two entrances in the development. "If a tree comes down, or something happens, people aren't stranded," he said.

Zoning Officer Len Kozick said he will notify residents in the area of the proposed re-zoning, which will give them an opportunity to voice

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Hurricane Ivan flood

Remarkably, storm caused little damage

Streams rose, then fell rapidly as the water rushed down to the valley.

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Hurricane Ivan's rainfall made a quick exit from the Back Mountain, leaving behind remarkably little damage.

"Most of it was just a cleanup of debris," said Don Fritzges, the Kingston Township road superintendent.

North Main Street became a river for several hours the morning of Sept. 18, but there was no serious damage, he said. The road crew placed sandbags at point where Toby's Creek slips under the street behind the Shavertown fire station, but the water level rose beyond their capacity to stop it.

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