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ON THE COVER

Executive Director of the Historic Downtown Plano Association Mona Lisa Ringel, poses in Shinola, a new store on 15th Street in downtown Plano. Read more on **Page 8**.

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CORRECTIONS

An article in the July 3 edition included incorrect mentions of the International Conservatory of Performing Art's name. The article also stated it was the first school of its kind in "Collin College," when it should have read "Collin County."

Texas Pool board seeks state historical landmark status

Fifty-four years after the Texas Pool's opening, its board of directors is working to make the pool a Texas historical landmark.

Built in 1960 and opened the following year, the 168,000-gallon saltwater pool shaped like Texas has for decades served as a community hub in the Plano suburbs from May to September.

Even though they have not yet confirmed whether theirs is the first Texas-shaped pool, the Texas Pool's proponents remain convinced it is unique and worthy of historic designation. They say the pool is a remnant of the historic 1950s growth of suburbs that had fueled population growth around the outskirts of Dallas decades ago.

The Texas Pool "is a recapturing of those slow mellow days we've lost in our technological race for success," said Janet Moos, Texas Pool Foundation CEO. "It's been frozen in time in many ways."

Kristen Taketa

Raising Cane's gives \$50K to Kraddick Foundation

Raising Cane's recently presented a \$50,000 check to the nonprofit Krad-

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dick Foundation at the company's Plano offices.

Raising Cane's founder and CEO Todd Graves also announced that his Baton Rouge, La.-based company will again be a sponsor of Kidd's Kids, the charitable organization for children with special medical needs started by the late David "Kidd" Kraddick.

Graves presented the check to Caroline Cradick, executive director of the Kraddick Foundation and Kraddick's daughter.

Raising Cane's will once again be the presenting sponsor of the K2M3 Concert, benefiting Kidd's Kids, scheduled for July 17 at the House of Blues in Dallas. To learn more, visit kiddskids.com.

Tommy Cummings

Plano taking applications for boards, commissions

Applications to serve on a city board or commission are available.

The deadline to submit an application is Aug. 24.

The city has planned two information sessions for interested residents: Aug. 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall and Aug. 22 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Tom Muehlen-

beck Recreation Center.

For more information and a list of available positions, visit plano.gov/boardsand-commissions.

Meredith Shamburger

Wylie receives three awards of excellence from groups

The city has been recognized with three awards for excellence.

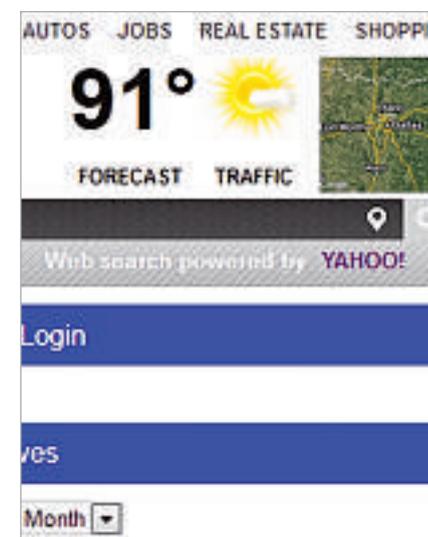
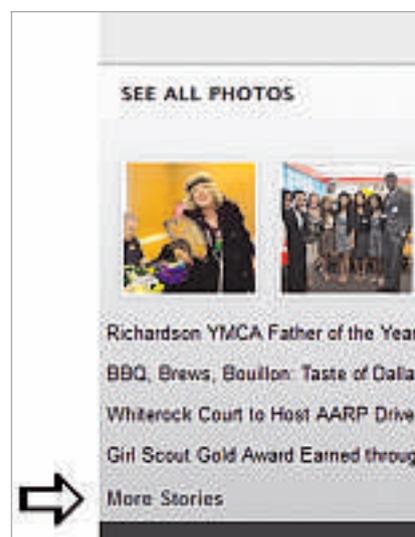
The North Central Texas Council of Governments gave the city a Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence award. The CLIDE Award is for the design, construction and use of the new city hall, which incorporates diverse activities and environmental stewardship.

The city also was given the Award of Excellence from the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers for its annual Bluegrass on Ballard event. TAMIO cited the city's partnership with the Wylie Downtown Merchants Association and the Bluegrass Heritage Foundation.

The American Heart Association also raised the city's status to a Platinum Level Fit-Friendly Worksite after officials lowered health insurance premiums for city employees.

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