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Play will begin at 10:00 am on Monday morning at the Croquet Tournament's Home Court at 2530 South Adams. The winners of the Preliminary Round will play immediately afterwards in the Championship Final Round.

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Want to get involved in the neighborhood? Get to know people? Get something done? Read your NEWSLETTER to see what's going on. Use your directory to call or e-mail the people who are getting things done — they all need help! Have an idea of your own? Call or e-mail anyone on the Board (left hand column) to start making it happen!

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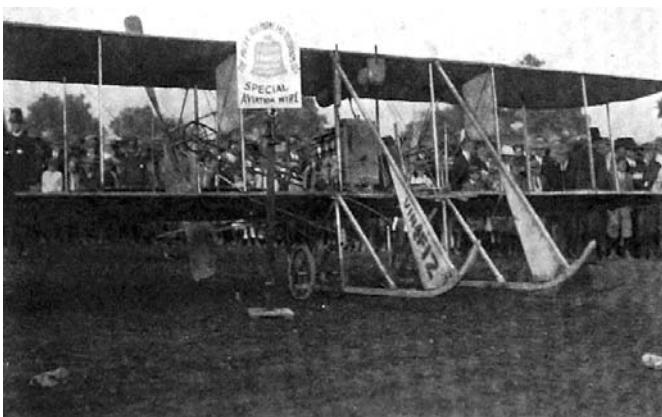
The Ryan Place Centennial Celebration

Ryan Place, a Part of Aviation History

by Mariann Taccia

The US Navy's second aviator, John Rodgers, told his cousin Cal, "There's nothing like it. You're up there, watching the land glide by, bobbing, dipping as if in a boat, but you can see nothing, only feel it. For speed, you can't beat flying." It wasn't long before Cal was taking flying lessons from Orville Wright and after 90 minutes he stated that he was ready to solo. He was encouraged to take more lessons, but instead, Rodgers asked the price of the Wright Model B and purchased it for \$5,000, becoming the first individual to purchase an airplane. By August 7, 1911, Rodgers was the 49th man to receive his flying license from the Aero Club of America and three days later arrived in Chicago to participate in the Chicago International Aviation Meet. After flying an astounding 27 hours he won \$11,285. in the duration event.

The lure of \$50,000 from William Randolph Hearst to the first pilot to fly across the United States in 30 days was enough for Rodgers to seek sponsorship from J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour Meat Packing. Armour needed a way to promote his new grape drink, *Vin Fiz*, and agreed to pay Rodgers \$5 for each mile he flew east of the Mississippi River and \$4 for every mile west of there because it was less populated.



The Wright brothers built a special Wright EX biplane, the only one of its kind, for Rodgers to use for the transcontinental flight. The plane was constructed of spruce, reinforced with wire, and covered with cotton duckcloth that was sealed with linseed oil. Painted a cream color and with "*Vin Fiz*, The Ideal Grape Drink" painted on the bottom wing, stabilizer, and rudders, it became the first aerial advertisement in the US. The four-cylinder engine produced 35 horsepower and bicycle chains drove two eight-foot wooden props with a 15-gallon fuel tank that allowed three hours of flying time at a top speed of 55 mph. Three train cars were provided by Armour: a Pullman sleeping car and day coach and a baggage car that became a hangar car – the first of its kind – to carry parts and fuel for the aeroplane. The train cars, painted white with "*Vin Fiz*" painted on their sides, would be Rodgers' guide as he followed the railroad tracks across America.

On September 17th at 4:30 in the afternoon Rodgers took off from the racetrack at Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn, New York. He traveled at 104 mph and 105 minutes later he landed in Middletown, New York. Rodgers' crew bragged that night about how they were going to spend the winnings, but the next day revealed what lay ahead of them. While taking off, the aeroplane snagged a tree-top and it took three days to make repairs. Undaunted, Rodgers took off again on the 21st and continued westward. Crashes and engine problems continued to plague the transcontinental flight leaving the *Vin Fiz* and Rodgers battered and patched. Telegraph and telephone lines carried the news of the landings from city to city.

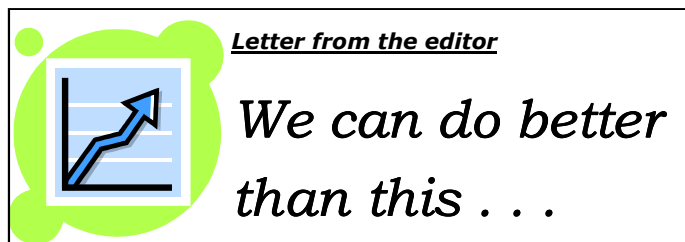
One month after taking off from Sheepshead Bay, New York, Rodgers was scheduled to stop in Fort Worth and land in Ryan Place. Every business and school was closed for the day and over four thousand spectators gathered looking to the sky for a tiny spec to appear, listening for the roar of the aeroplane. Factory and church bells sounded throughout the city announcing when the *Vin Fiz* was spotted on the horizon. Rodgers lived up to his reputation by performing spectacular aerobatics of spirals prior to landing as the crowds roared with the excitement. When Rodgers landed in Ryan Place at 4:15 pm on Tuesday, October 17th, he had flown exactly 2,020 miles and had set a new world record of cross-country flying. The gathered crowds pushed past patrolmen and mounted police to swarm to the landing area. Everyone wanted to meet the "birdman" and to snatch a piece of the aeroplane to keep as a souvenir or to sign their names on it. Rodgers spent the night at the Westbrook Hotel and left for Dallas the next morning and continued on stopping at numerous cities across Texas which was sponsored by Amon G. Carter.



October 17, 1911 — Calbraith P. Rodgers standing with Fort Worth residents after landing in Ryan Place. John C. Ryan is to his right with the number 2 above his head. Copyrighted photo courtesy, Fort Worth Star-Telegram collection, The University of Texas at Arlington Library, Arlington, Texas.

On Sunday, November 15th, a crowd of more than ten thousand watched as Calbraith Perry Rodgers completed his 3,220 mile transcontinental flight and landed at Tournament Park in Pasadena, California. The only parts of the aeroplane that survived the trip from its inception in New York were the vertical rudder and the drip pan. Rodgers had survived broken bones, concussions, and had metal embedded in his arms and legs from an engine explosion. After landing and reuniting with his wife and his mother, who had made the trip in the *Vin Fiz Special* train, he told his mother, "Never mind about the money. It don't amount to much that way – but I did it, didn't I!"

Rodgers was performing an exhibition flight on April 4th, 1912, along the coast at Long Beach when he lost control of his plane, which began a steep descent. Failing to pull the plane level, Rodgers crashed into the surf and was killed when his neck broke.



Back in "the good old days," Paschal High School used to recognize a group referred to as the "2%-ers" – that small minority of the student body who didn't demonstrate school spirit or contribute to Paschal's high standards and scholarly reputation. Ryan Place also has its "2%-ers," but they are the small group of people who are doing all the work of improving our neighborhood.

There are ten street directors plus five executive officers – most of whom have been serving for several years. Add to that a handful of committee chairmen, a dozen or so hard-working CCRP members, the annual parade participants, and a few others who raise their hands to volunteer when there is a job to be done. Many of the Ryan Place 2%-ers contribute in more than one capacity within the neighborhood and the same names are in the NEWSLETTER every month. That's not a good thing. This small group of volunteers is giving their time and energy to make Ryan Place a better home for all of us.

A little more than a year ago, a committee studied the neighborhood and made recommendations for how our treasury funds might best be applied, over time, to benefit the neighborhood. Thus far, the gates at either end of Elizabeth Blvd. have been upgraded and landscaped, a small strip of land on Elizabeth Blvd. has had a fence upgrade and the City has donated trees which we planted there. Finally, street sign toppers were installed, by the City, on every sign in Ryan Place. The March and April Newsletters both announced the need for leadership to develop other improvement projects (see pages 2 and 14 of this NEWSLETTER) – with no response.

Thanks to the voluntary financial contributions of about 20% of our residents and the gas lease bonus money, we have the funds to implement some significant improvements to our neighborhood. We have a "to do" list with room for more additions to it. What we need are some new faces willing to give a little energy and time to a project. We need initiative. We need more givers – way more than 2% -- and fewer takers.

Instead of complaining about what you don't like about RPIA or Ryan Place, look around for a needed change or a project that would please you – and make Ryan Place better for everyone.

Tomorrow, we are going to Triangle Park. We're going to measure it and mark the existing trees, benches, etc. Then we'll look through pictures for ideas that might work to make that lovely/unloved piece of land more attractive as a park. Want to help? Call me. Got a pet project or a wish-for-something-better? Let's get it started!

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Letter to the Editor — and City Council



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We do not usually think of libraries and zoos in the same paragraph – one is primarily for learning, the other primarily for enjoying, though a person can learn while in both and enjoy doing so in both. When both come up as City budget items, however – the library budget to be cut while the zoo budget is expanded – comparisons are inevitable.

A useful definition of “upper class” or “upwardly mobile” is the person who can defer immediate gratification while preparing and building for the future. The same applies to societies. Our society’s future depends on education for all its citizens. That means libraries, schools, transportation, and mobility in its many meanings – and also zoos, swimming pools, farms, and parks, any place where young people can get a glimpse of and an inspiration for what a better future might mean to them.

A charismatic English Professor at my alma mater, that place north of here that’s having trouble keeping a chancellor, said that the library should be at the center of the campus, with other buildings radiating out from that center.

Fort Worth might do well to adopt that same attitude, placing Fort Worth Public Libraries at the very center of our thinking about the future. It’s not for me or my kids; it’s for the City itself. We don’t need the short-term view; we need the long-term, upper class view that invests in and prepares for the future. And that means more libraries, not fewer, open for more days and hours, not less.

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Focus:

Final thoughts on "Target hardening"

This month we will wrap up our discussion on "target hardening" by addressing what you can do to protect *yourself*. There are many things that we can do to protect ourselves in all situations, but for the sake of time and simplicity I would like to discuss three basic rules of personal safety:

First: Stay alert and tuned in to you surroundings, wherever you are. Don't be taken by surprise. Be aware and be prepared.

Second: Stand tall and walk confidently. Don't show fear. Don't look like a victim.

Third: Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave right away and get help if necessary.

It is very important to understand "situational awareness" and know what is going on around us at home, in the supermarket, or at a restaurant. Look around from time to time and see your environment. Who do you see, what are others doing and how are they acting? Whether you realize it or not, the answer to these questions will tell your brain and body what to be ready for. Whether you have to act or not in any given situation, asking yourself these questions and making this a common practice will prepare you in the event something does happen and you need to react.

Preparing your mind for action is just as important as preparing your body. "What would I do if . . . ?" scenarios help to get your mind prepared. As for preparing your body, exercise gives anyone confidence; a self-defense class is also helpful if you are

interested. Your preparation and confidence level will prepare you to take care of yourself or someone else if the need ever presents itself. The single most important thing to making sure you remain safe is simply to know where you are and who is around you. Don't allow yourself to operate on auto-pilot and stop paying attention to the little things that could be big clues to keeping you safe. Keep up the good work and please remember to be safe today and safer tomorrow.

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Ryan Place has 60 people who have attended COP's training over several years. At present, I am the only one who is active. I would sure like to share with several others this beneficial and satisfying support of Ryan Place. Also, Officer Stary would like to meet with all of the Ryan Place COP's monthly so if you are interested, give me a call.

Ft. Worth has about 100 patrolling officers on any given day to cover 660 square miles and a total commuter population of more than a million people.

On 22 May, there is a Code Blue COP convention at the Ft. Worth Convention Center. If you are interested in attending, please call me at 214-708-1386.

Statistically, 80% of burglaries occur to support a criminal's addiction, such as to drugs or alcohol.

Besides residences, the most likely areas to be burglarized are cars, hotels, and convenience stores. Public parks are also an area of increased thefts and robberies.

Curfews for youngsters 16 and under is 11 pm, Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

REMEMBER the old saying: "It takes a village to raise a child." While we can't all be directly involved through excellent

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WELCOME to the Neighborhood!

Roses, azaleas and peonies. Springtime is such a beautiful time of year! Lately, it's been very pleasant to be outdoors and enjoy the cool evenings.

Join me in welcoming **Tracey Naquin** to the neighborhood. Tracey had heard lots of great things about Ryan Place from others in the community and is a first time homeowner. She has always wanted to live in an old home and likes that Ryan Place is committed to maintaining the historical feel of the neighborhood. Tracey resides on Willing Avenue.

The month of May is a busy one – The Kentucky Derby on May 1; Cinco de Mayo on May 5; Mother's Day is May 9; Armed Forces Day is May 15, and finally, Memorial Day on May 31. Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in the 'hood!

If you are a new resident and/or would like to be "officially" welcomed to the neighborhood in this column, please e-mail me at: junelake.rpia@gmail.com and let me know you're here.

Our neighboring neighborhood, Fairmount, is having their annual Mother's Day Spring home tour this weekend. They are still in need of docents and if you have a few hours you can spare, contact Ashley Paz at aegpaz@gmail.com or 817-965-1253, Sara Lynch at sara.p.lynn@gmail.com, or Christen White at christen.white@gmail.com

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Congratulations, Sara Filarowicz!



Ryan Place resident **Sara Filarowicz** has been recognized as 2010 Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Westcliff Elementary School. Candidates are elected by the teaching faculty and must be exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled as a teacher, inspiring students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. A winning candidate must have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues. Sara has taught kindergarten at Westcliff for six years and this year she volunteered to co-teach in the Dual Language Program. This is a new approach to bilingual instruction in which the students are learning in both Spanish and English. Mrs. Filarowicz has worked hard to incorporate both languages into her classroom and her students are gaining proficiency in dual languages.

Congratulations, Sara! Westcliff Elementary and Ryan Place are very proud of your achievements!

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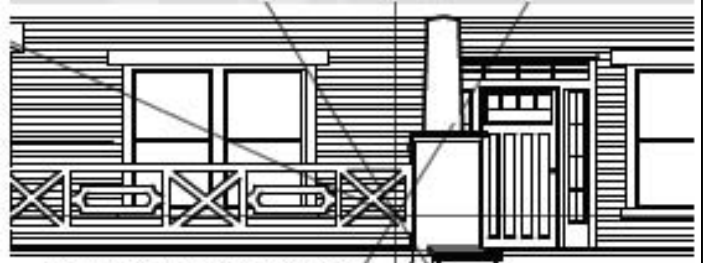
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Yard-of-the-Month: Willing Avenue

by Sharyn Peterson

Flora and fauna are literally bursting out all over Ryan Place as May takes center stage. Our Yard of the Month, in the 2500 block of Willing, is the home of **John and Kay Ivey**. This red brick two-story is awash in large white azaleas which frame the front of the house. On the porch at the top of the steps are round terra cotta pots with salmon geraniums, and the front door is flanked by potted ferns. The front door's wreath is a harbinger of spring, a favorite time of the year.

From Calloway's Nursery

Timely Tip for May Gardeners

Perennials are becoming more important to gardeners because of their staying power. They are plants you set out once, yet they return year after year for your enjoyment. Perennials are often those plants that can be divided, shared, and passed on from generation to generation.

Perennials do best when they are incorporated into the landscape with other plants. While shrubs provide the backbone to your beds, perennials will contribute color at certain times of the year. Mixing groupings of the same type of perennials will give your landscape a nice splash of color. Most often, perennials die back in the winter and emerge again in the spring.

You can also use perennials in a "cutting garden." Plant a few evergreen shrubs for interest, but allocate most of the bed for perennials. Select varieties that will bloom at different times of the year so something will always be flowering. The charm of a "cutting garden" is the fact that it changes month by month, bringing new blooms to enjoy.

We will be hosting a free clinic in every store on **Monrovia® Perennials** on **Saturday, May 22nd at 10:15 am**. Join us to learn more about gardening with perennials! Click here <http://mytexasgarden.com/index.php/free-clinics/> for a complete list of our **FREE** in-store clinics.

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Many things can create an orphan situation – a storm, tree trimming, or wind movement. The most common reason for a baby squirrel to fall from the nest is lack of space. As the babies grow, more room is needed, which may cause a baby to be inadvertently pushed out of the nest. The mother will pick up the baby and, if not injured, will return it to the nest.

If you find a baby squirrel on the ground that is not apparently injured, it is sometimes better to wait and watch for several hours to see if the mother returns to correct the situation. If this doesn't happen, carefully pick up the baby and place it in a small box lined with soft cloth or paper towels and be sure to make breathing holes in the box. Babies will not bite. Keep the baby warm at all times with a soft cloth coiled for it to sleep in. If you can't get it to a rehabilitator immediately, put a heating pad set on low under half the box. DO NOT feed or water the baby squirrel.

Next, call the DFW Hotline, 972-234-9453 / www.dfwwildlife.org, 7 am to 10 pm, 365 days a year. It is illegal in Texas to possess or keep wild animals. Injured or displaced wildlife must be cared for by wildlife rehabilitation professionals.



Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

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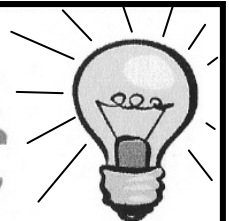
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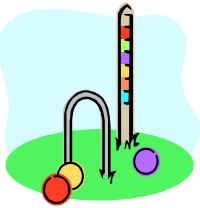
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Ryan Place Croquet Tournament Summary of Rules:

The Game: American nine-wicket croquet

Teams: Each team shall consist of two players. Every age is welcomed and encouraged to play. Players do not have to reside in Ryan Place.

Pairings: Teams will be paired with other teams by a drawing to be held at 10:00 am Monday, May 31, 2010.

Format: Single elimination until one team from each is declared the winner.

Preliminary and Championship Finals: At the Ryan Place Croquet Tournament Home Court

Tournament Home Court: 2530 South Adams.

Information: Tournament Director, Croquet Czar,
817 319 2363



Christopher Ebert

May in Ryan Place is Historic Preservation Month

The Kentucky Derby Hat Party, the Ryan Place Street Dance, and the Memorial Day Croquet Tournament are all activities that have earned Ryan Place honors and recognition as a real neighborhood. Our activities are open to everyone in the neighborhood as well as guests from surrounding neighborhoods. The Street Dance is like an old time Fourth of July band concert on the town courthouse square. It is a time when neighbors new and not so new touch base with each other or make friendships which become significant regardless of our individual goals and ideas. The benefits of these connections are most certainly shared by those who participate, but they also accrue to the rest of the neighborhood just because they are part of the Ryan Place community.

The benefits of living in Ryan Place are much like those that the community gets from public radio. You don't have to be a sustaining member to KERA-FM to be able to listen to the NPR news in the morning. (But if you would send them some money it might make the pledge breaks end sooner!)

If you need help with your income tax preparation (particularly IRS Schedule M), maybe a previous winner of the Croquet Tournament could help. If you have a tree you can't identify maybe the fellow walking by with his dog could help. If your street needs maintenance maybe the neighborhood City Councilmember could help.

Celebrating Historic Preservation Month in Ryan Place is preserving the practice and meaning of neighborhood. Let's get on with it.

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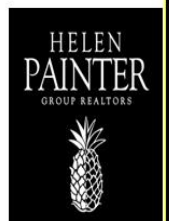
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On November 7, 1989, President George H. W. Bush designated May 25th as National Tap Dance Day. Arts on Tap, Inc., under the direction of Gracey Tune and now doing business as ARTS FIFTH AVENUE, held its first official Tap Dance Day

celebration in 1990 with retired Speaker of the House of Representatives Jim Wright as Master of Ceremonies.

IN 2010, WE ARE CELEBRATING NATIONAL TAP DANCE DAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 22. Festivities including concessions sales and a silent auction benefitting AFA's programming, scholarship fund, and outreach will begin at 7 pm - the BIG SHOW on our outdoor stage will begin at 8 pm.

The program will feature both dance and musical performances.



RPIA is seeking volunteers to take on the next phase of improvement projects, which include improvement of the Jessamine / 6th Avenue gates, remodeling and upgrading Triangle Park, and adding markers at other entries to Ryan Place such as 6th Avenue at Berry Street, Cantey and/or Robert at 8th Avenue. The projects would include presenting ideas / plans, a cost estimate for the project, etc.

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Membership would be an annual \$40 for consumers and producers. You would have a member log on and be able to purchase from local farmers.

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