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Providence's New Library Proud of Historical Books

School's stacks eschew popular culture for timeless literature

BY CLAIRE ST. AMANT
Staff Writer

The newly constructed library at Providence Christian School resembles the architecture and style of a British reading room. But don't expect to find Harry Potter on the ornate wooden shelves.

Authors have to do more than sell millions of copies to end up in the collection at Providence, where there is not a pop culture or contemporary reading section. "We have newer books but not fad books," librarian Sue Netherland said. "We don't cater to pop culture."



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Second-grade student Allison Wagner and her mother, Kelsie, read a book inside Providence Christian School's new library.

In fact, the library prides itself on the opposite of popularity: obscurity. The 10,000-volume collection is home to several rare books dating back to the 1800s

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Franchise Fined For Oversight

Upscale shaving shop lacked barber license

BY BRADFORD PEARSON
Staff Writer

A NorthPark Center shaving shop was fined \$1,500 by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, after the department uncovered that the shop lacked a license.

The Art of Shaving was fined on Dec. 28, according to online records, for "operating a barbershop without the appropriate license."

The license snafu was a misunderstanding, said a company spokeswoman.

"Our store in Dallas is not a Barber Spa (it does not offer services full-

time), it only performs barbering services for special consumer events," Art of Shaving spokeswoman Janette Barredo said in an e-mail. "We were recently advised by the State of Texas that a barbering license is required even if services are not performed full-time."

The company's location in the Galleria was also cited on Dec. 28, for the same violation. Barredo said both shops have applied for and been granted the proper licenses.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

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Livingston Keeps Offense in Tune

Lady Hornets off to a great start with junior's help

BY CHUCK COX
Staff Writer

Once the Greenhill Lady Hornets basketball team piles into the bus for a road trip, junior Victoria Livingston's earphones go on, and she begins to serenade her teammates and coaches with whatever pops up on her iPod's shuffle.

"She sings a bit of everything," Greenhill head coach Darryn Sandler said. "Hopefully, by the time she graduates we'll get her to sing the national anthem."

And although Livingston, who sings alto in the school

choir, loves to belt out the tunes, she'd be really thrilled to help the Lady Hornets win their first Southwest Preparatory Conference title since 1999 by making beautiful music on the court. With the help of Livingston, who is averaging a team-high 13.8 points to go along with 6.9 rebounds per game, Greenhill (18-3, 3-1) looks like a legit contender.

"This is the best team I've ever been on," Livingston said. "Our off-the-court chemistry is so good — you can see it on the court. We

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STAFF PHOTO: CHRISTINA BARANY

Greenhill junior Victoria Livingston is hitting all the right notes while leading the varsity girls basketball team.

LATE WINTER WONDERLAND



PHOTO: MELISA DORRILL

CJ Ness and Delia Stobaugh enjoyed sledding down some of the 20,000 pounds of man-made snowfall at the Lamplighter School's playground on Jan. 22. The campus was covered in the white stuff as a fundraiser for the school's upcoming auction.

A 'One-Stop Shop' For Children

Kidville owners hope to cut down on families' daily driving



STAFF PHOTO: CHRIS MCGATHEY

Charmaine Tang and Amy Zicarelli co-own the new Kidville franchise in the Preston Royal shopping center opening Saturday.

BY CLAIRE ST. AMANT
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Charmaine Tang and Amy Zicarelli grew up on different sides of the country, but the New York and Dallas natives have a lot in common. The pair met at Lamplighter School, where both their sons are enrolled, and soon discovered they shared a similar family make-up that included a younger daughter and a career on hold.

Now, the Preston Hollow residents are re-entering the workforce as co-mayors of Kidville.

The New York-based, high-end children's fun-house is christening its first Texas location on Saturday in Preston Royal Village with a grand-opening party from 2 to 5 p.m.

While Tang, a former

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Mom Corps Seeks a Few Good Women

Dallas franchise helps mothers return to workforce

BY CLAIRE ST. AMANT
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On any given day, a stay-at-home-mom could list chauffeur, cook, coach, and counselor on her résumé. But when it's time to trade tinker toys for

find themselves with few options in the traditional workforce.

Enter Mom Corps, a national company that places working moms with businesses large and small.

Preston Hollow residents (and former stay-at-

home-moms) Amy Steurer and Cindy Strand Yared officially launched their Dallas franchise Monday.

"Returning to the workforce can be a pretty difficult and daunting task," said Steurer, who spent about 18 years at home raising her two children.

"I would have really benefited from a company like this."

A need for flexible hours and credit for past work in and out of the home can limit the number of businesses willing to hire

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QUOTABLE

"In my youth, I was a champion roller skater."

— PERRY SMITH (See Page 8A.)

WEATHER

	FRI	Mostly Sunny HI 66 F / LO 41 F
	SAT	Mostly Sunny HI 66 F / LO 47 F
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Kidville

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mer Wall Street analyst and investment banker, moved to Dallas with husband George after their two children were born, Zicarelli grew up in the area and graduated from SMU. Their version of Kidville melds New York and Dallas and, despite being one of many worldwide franchises, it has a feel all its own.

"It's definitely a premium product that is very conscious and targeted to Dallas," Zicarelli said.

Taking over the former location of Roy's Natural Market, Kidville has a lot of space to play with. And play they do.

Kidville Village, an area designed to encourage imaginative play, includes a miniature-sized McKinney Avenue Trolley, gas station, diner, beauty boutique, and grocery store. The space is garnished with a mailbox and a landscaped area for

the Texas flag.

Tang and Zicarelli worked with Pennsylvania-based Lilliput Playhomes to design the five-building village from scratch.

Kidvilles in New York have rooftop playgrounds, since outdoor space is unusual there, but Tang convinced Kidville corporate that an indoor play space in Dallas would add a lot of value.

"An indoor playground is pretty unique for Dallas," Tang said, because most families have a backyard or some kind of outdoor play space.

In addition to the one-of-a-kind village, Kidville also has two 1,400-square-foot gyms, a combination dance and art studio, a pre-school alternative classroom, a barbershop, and a retail boutique featuring several products by local entrepreneurs. Highland Park residents Chris and Misty Quinn's invention, "My Square Meal," a trendy lunch box with proportioned spaces for nutritional meals, will

be sold alongside "Grubbie Style," contemporary play clothes created by University Park mom Amy Hall.

"We're pulling from local talent," Zicarelli said. "We want to highlight community businesses."

Tang said her family of four is constantly driving from place to place. But Kidville will cut down on the commute. It will offer soccer practice, art class, and haircuts, all under one roof.

"Our goal is making the lives of young families better and easier," Tang said. "It's a one-stop shop."

In order to be eligible for a family membership, at least one child must be enrolled in a class. A few options include "Big Muscles for Little Babies," "My Big Messy Art," "Ballet Tea Party," and "Little Maestros," an educational introduction to live music.

Unlike traditional day-care facilities, Kidville requires parents or nannies to accompany chil-

dren in every activity except for classes with children ages 3 and up. Kidville is open to newborns through 6-year-olds for classes and free play, and up to age 9 for birthday parties. The facility is already sold out for its first weekend and has parties booked until July.

"During the week we are full of enrichment classes, but on the weekends, it's party central," Zicarelli said.

Tang said the wealth of talent in the job market today has allowed Kidville to hire well-qualified teachers and instructors. Dana Carlson, who has a degree in musical theater, will be one of the vocalists in "Little Maestros." Carlson said she is looking forward to bringing families into the experience of art and music in a way that's outside of the box.

"We are going to have so much fun," Carlson said. "There are magical things we are doing."

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Most of the classrooms at Kidville are multi-functional. They can be used for anything from music and science to birthday parties.

Left: Kidville's gym is outfitted to accommodate all kinds of sports and activities, including soccer and basketball.

Mom Corps

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a home's primary caregiver, but Steurer believes the days of discounting a mom's experience are finished.

"Mom Corps is an exciting opportunity whose time has really come," she said. Nationally, Mom Corps has placed people in full-time, part-time, or contract positions with KPMG, Wells Fargo, Home Depot, Time Warner Cable, Microsoft, and Starbucks. One of the companies Steurer and Yared are working with locally is MC Risk Services.

Co-owner Jed Morash runs the Dallas branch of the Florida-based retail insurance brokerage company. Morash said partnering with Mom Corps is a good choice for his growing business because he can get a higher-quality applicant with more experience than the typical part-time employee.

While his company isn't in the financial position to hire someone full-time, Morash said he is looking for qualified help.

"I know a lot of women with professional work experience who also have a legitimate juggling act to take care of their families," the Preston Hollow resident said. "Maybe they need to be able to pull out at 3 p.m., or not come in every day."

Yared believes many Dallas companies will echo Morash's reasoning and find that Mom Corps has the kind of candidate they are looking for.

"We are a progressive



Mom Corps Dallas owners Cindy Yared and Amy Steurer.

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city that prides itself on being on the cutting edge," Yared said. "Dallas has a lot of new companies and up-and-coming businesses that could really use top talent but can't afford it full-time."

Although some clients are placed in full-time positions, Mom Corps specializes in part-time or contract work. Yared said about 20 percent of Mom Corps clients are men, and a smaller percentage are retirees or grandparents. But "Primary Care Giver Corps" doesn't have the same ring to it; Mom Corps was created for working moms.

"Dallas has a huge pool of talented women," Yared said. "It's time the city tapped into it."

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