

North Texas

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ARTS DISTRICT

Otsukimi festival slated at Klyde Warren Park

An Otsukimi (full moon) festival will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday at Klyde Warren Park, 2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway.

Guests can celebrate with a picnic, calligraphy, tea ceremony, *ikebana* and haiku poetry. There will be musical performances, plus moon activities and a rabbit petting zoo with the Bunny Burrow Rabbit Rescue.

Admission is free. Register for a bento box at jasdfw.org.

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DALLAS

City parks department earns national accreditation

The Dallas Park and Recreation Department has earned national accreditation in parks and recreation. The Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies and the National Recreation and Park Association awarded the accreditation after a rigorous process.

Accreditation signifies that the department follows national best practices in all facets from recreation programs to park maintenance stan-



Jason Janik/Special Contributor

Singing at St. Mark celebration

Students at St. Mark Catholic School sang Friday at an assembly that launched the Plano school's 35th anniversary year. The school received a state proclamation and a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in recognition.

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PLANO

Nonprofit Gifts for Moms accepting applications

Gifts for Moms, a nonprofit organization that supports single mothers, is taking applications for its annual Christmas gift party.

If you are the single parent of school-aged children, your household falls within the poverty guidelines, and you are not receiving a gift certificate, Gifts for Moms invites you to participate in their gift-giving event. The application deadline is Oct. 15. The gifts will be distributed at the annual Christmas party in Plano.

To fill out an application, visit gifts4moms.org.

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RICHARDSON

Parks survey gives residents chance to provide input

Richardson residents have a new opportunity to provide input on what they would like to see in the city's Parks and Recreation Department through a new online survey.