

Neal, Earl Carlyle

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NEAL, EARL CARLYLE 76, of Irving passed away July 25, 2003. He was born August 21, 1926 in Lawrenceville, IL. Mr. Neal was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge, he loved to fish, garden and build things. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Jacqueline Neal of Irving; sons Danny Neal and David Neal of Mansfield, TX, Scott Neal of Arlington, Pat Neal of Fredricksburg, TX; daughter Susan Sandifer-Jones of Arlington; sisters Yvonne Newport of Shreveport, LA, Patricia Neal-Putney of Bridgeport, IL; 9 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren. Mr. Neal is preceded in death by his brothers Nathaniel and Bob Neal and sister Arilla Bowman. A Graveside service is set for 10:00 AM Thursday July 31, 2003 at DFW National Cemetery with Rev. Earnest Walt officiating. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242

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Earl Neal

Earl Carlyle Neal, 76, of Irving died Friday. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway. Arrangements are by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Neal was born Aug. 21, 1926, in Lawrenceville, Ill. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Neal of Irving; sons, Danny Neal and David Neal, both of Mansfield, Scott Neal of Arlington and Pat Neal of Fredricksburg, Texas; daughter, Susan Sandifer-Jones of Arlington; sisters, Yvonne Newport of Shreveport, La., and Patricia Neal-Putney of Bridgeport, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Thursday
July 31, 2003

Rick Neal

Rick Neal, 55, died Thursday at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. The family will receive friends Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. A funeral service will be Monday at 3 p.m. at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Flower Mound. Burial will follow at Flower Mound Cemetery.

Mr. Neal was born June 24, 1948, in Huron, S.D. He was a member of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Becky Neal of Flower Mound; son, Robert Christopher Neal of Flower Mound; mother, Dorothy Neal Harris of Lewisville; brother, Daniel Neal of Fort Bragg, California; and grandson, Christopher Scott Neal of Atlanta, Texas. Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home of Lewisville is handling arrangements. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to any organization of the donor's choice.

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Neely, Maggie Belle

NEELY, MAGGIE BELLE, was born February 2, 1916 in Ft. Worth, Texas and passed away August 23, 2003 at HearthStone Assisted Living in Irving, Texas. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Irving, and active member of the Irving Gardens Arts Club, 20th Century Book Club, D.A.V. Auxiliary and the Irving Heritage Society. Maggie's selfless giving of her time and energy to church and community and devotion to family and friends was widely known to all whom she touched and loved her. Maggie was preceded in death by her husband Gerald Deen Neely and is survived by her children: Donald Neely of Grand Prairie, Texas; Robert Scott of Dallas, Texas; Ronald Neely of Irving, Texas, and Patricia Chastain of San Jose, California. Eight grandchildren: Cheryle Colon, Robert Scott, George Chastain, Jr., James Scott, Sheffield Chastain, Michelle Chastain, Kelly Chastain and Carrie Lee Neely. Seven great-grandchildren: Jeri Simmons, Mary Ann Brown, Laren Scott, Brittani Scott, Tobias Gaid, George Chastain III and Savannah Chastain; and three great-great grandchildren: Clara Simmons, Clayton Simmons and Kendall Brown. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday August 26 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Visitation is 7-9 P.M. Monday August 25 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. **Brown's Memorial Funeral Home 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242**

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Maggie Belle Neely

Maggie Belle Neely, 87, of Irving died Saturday at Hearthstone Assisted Living in Irving. Graveside services were Tuesday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Ms. Neely was born Feb. 2, 1916, in Fort Worth. She was a member of First Christian Church in Irving, Twentieth Century Book Club, Irving Gardens Arts Club, DAV Auxiliary and the Irving Heritage Society.

Survivors include her children, Donald Neely of Grand Prairie, Robert Scott of Dallas, Ronald Neely of Irving and Patricia Chastain of San Jose, Calif.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

August 28, 2003

Neuman, Eric Dwight

Neuman, ERIC DWIGHT Eric Newuman passed away at his home April 5, 2003 of esophageal cancer at the age of 27. He was born January 4, 1976 in Marshalltown, IA to James W. Neuman and Judy (Schaper) Woods. Eric attended Aaron Palmer Elementary School before moving to Texas in 1984. While residing in Irving with his family, he attended L.B. Barton Elementary, Austin Jr. High and was a 1995 graduate of Irving High School. Eric was a member of the marching and symphonic bands in both Jr. High and High School. He was employed by M.J. Designs #4582, Squeaky Clean Windows, United Parcel Services and Viking Freight before moving to Las Vegas in 1998. On March 14, 1998 he married his high school sweetheart, Melissa A. Grafe. While living in Las Vegas he worked for Field of Dreams, and at the time of his passing, he was a manager for Linens-N- Things. He is survived by his wife, Melissa; beloved boxer, Abby; parents, Richard & Judy (Schaper) Woods, Jackson, TN; Father, James W. Neuman, GA; in-laws, Richard & Joanne Grafe, Las Vegas, NV; brothers, Adam Seward, Grand Prairie, TX & Ryan Neuman, GA; Grandparents, Kenny & Alvena Schaper, Marshalltown, IA, Janet Neuman Kuchenreuther, Sun City, AZ, Billy & Judy Woods, Trenton, TN; and Lilly Christofides, San Angelo, TX. Eric is also survived by his aunts: Kenna McKeever, Iowa City, IA; Debra Schaper & LuAnne Schaper, Kansas City, MO; Nancy Hauser & Carolynn Pratt, Lewisville, TX; Susan Wilson, Dallas, TX; and uncle, Tom Neuman, Surprise, AZ. A memorial service was held April 9, 2003 in Las Vegas, NV with cremation to follow. A memorial service will be held in Marshalltown, IA on April 25, 2003 at 3:00 p.m., where he then will be laid to rest.

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Son Nguyen

Son Thanh Nguyen, 60, of Irving died Friday. Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Giao Xu Thanh Guise Church in Grand Prairie with burial at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, 1413 E. Irving Blvd.

Mr. Nguyen was born May 10, 1942, in Quang Binh, Vietnam. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the Giao Xu Thanh Guise Church.

Survivors include his wife, Luong Thi Mai of Irving; sons, Hung Son Nguyen of Cam Hai, Cam Ranh, Vietnam, and Hung Son Nguyen and Huan Son Nguyen, both of Irving; daughter, Hien Minh Nguyen of Grand Prairie; sister, Kim Nguyen of Mississippi; and 10 grandchildren.

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Sunday, April 27,

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Elmer Nichols

Elmer Junior Nichols, 74, of Irving died Wednesday. Graveside services were Friday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Nichols was born Aug. 8, 1928, in Dallas. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Nichols of Irving; sons, Gary Lynn Nichols of Rowlett, Larry Wayne Nichols of Irving and Edward Lee Nichols of Hurst; brother, Ollie Benny Nichols of Roanoke; five grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Leroy Nichols

Leroy Atwood Nichols, 89, of Irving died Wednesday. Graveside services were Saturday at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Whitehouse, Texas. Arrangements were by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Nichols was born July 25, 1914, in Paris, Tenn. He had resided in Irving since 1948 and was a member of First Baptist Church of Irving.

Survivors include his wife, Estelle Nichols of Irving; son, Rickey Nichols of Irving; daughters, Audrey Glover of Plano and Wanda Hines and Marlene Steward, both of Irving; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Sunday, September 28, 20

Nichter, Clarence Theodore

NICHTER, CLARENCE THEODORE passed away Sunday December 28 in Irving, Texas. His 40-year career was spent in the magazine business and he retired as a marketing representative in 1983 from Select Magazines. But most of all he was a wonderful husband and father and will be missed by all that loved him. Survived by wife Wynona Nichter, daughter and son-in-law Debra and Mark Gott, and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Wednesday December 31 at Browns Memorial Chapel with interment to follow at Restland Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to The American Parkinson Disease Association or Vitas Hospice. **Brown's Memorial Funeral Home 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242**

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Clarence Nichter

Clarence Theodore Nichter, 81 of Irving died Sunday. Services were Wednesday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with burial at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.



Mr. Nichter was born Sept. 9, 1922, in Fairchilds, Texas. He had a 40-year career in magazines and retired as a

marketing representative in 1983 from Select Magazines.

Survivors include his wife, Wynona Nichter; daughter, Debra Gott; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association or Vitas Hospice.

Thursday

Jan 1, 2004

[View/Sign Guest Book](#)Nix, Darren Christopher

NIX, DARREN CHRISTOPHER of Irving Texas, son of Michael & Debbie Nix of Bedford and Mary Sue & Gary Wells of Irving and brother Zak Nix of Irving, joined his grandparents, other family members, and friends in heaven on November 8, 2003. Step-siblings include Staci Hight of Lewisville, Erin Morgan of Irving, Lindy Morff of Bedford, and Michael Wells of Irving. Darren is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family of friends. Darren was born in Austin on October 2, 1967; and graduated Nimitz High School Irving in 1986. He served in the US Air Force for four years, and was a Desert Storm Veteran. Darren participated in several ministries, including youth ministry at the S. Congress Baptist Church and

the "Under the Bridge" ministry for the homeless in Austin, Texas; the Juvenile Prison Ministry in Brownwood and Central Texas, the Senior Citizen Ministry in Waco, where he also served as a Youth Minister at a Baptist Church. He graduated from Howard Payne University with a Bachelors degree in Theology; attended Truett Seminary at Baylor University in Waco; and most recently has also been a practicing Registered Massage Therapist in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. In celebration of Darren's life, family night will be at Ben F. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving, 707 North MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX, on November 10, 2003, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at Sherwood Park Baptist Church, 2355 Pioneer Drive in Irving on November 11th, at 10:00 a.m., where Darren had been an active member since 1982. Family and friends are invited to brunch at the Church, at 9:00 a.m., just prior to the services on the 11th. Interment will be at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, 5805 Texoma Parkway, on the northern edge of Sherman, at 2:00 p.m. Pallbearers will consist of Darren's cousins and close friends. His parents will host a dinner at LaMesa Mexican Restaurant & Cantina (2124 Texoma Parkway, Sherman; 903/892-1644) immediately afterwards for friends and family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a monetary donation to the Gideon Memorial Bible Fund through Sherwood Park Baptist Church, 2355 Pioneer Drive, Irving, TX 75061. Darren had been hospitalized for three days, following an acute seizure incident suffered at his home this past week. He expired surrounded by loving family and friends at Baylor Medical Center-Irving on Saturday, November 8th, 2003. **Brown's Memorial Funeral Home 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242**

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Frances Noltner

Frances L. Noltner, 88, of Flower Mound died Monday after a lengthy illness. Services were Wednesday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home with entombment at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Avon, Ohio.

Ms. Noltner was born on Aug. 1, 1915, in Bradford, Ontario, Canada. She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society and the Ladies Democratic Society. She had worked at General Motors in the parts assembly department before her retirement.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Fowler of Flower Mound; son, William A. Noltner of Vermilion, Ohio; brothers, Ralph Reynolds and Richard Reynolds, both of Parma, Ohio; sister, Helen Langan of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

soccer pioneer left mark

Nordstrom introduced game to generation of Irving youth players

By **TODD JORGENSON**
Staff Writer

Randy Waldrum has been a college soccer coach for 22 years, but he'll always remember the start of his playing days, at age 11, when he was simply "the great little fullback."



That was the title given to Waldrum by Eric Nordstrom, who founded the Irving Soccer Association and maintained ties to area youth soccer for decades. Nordstrom died Wednesday morning at Baylor Medical Center at Irving. He was 88.

Nordstrom — nicknamed "Swede" — quit his job as an insurance salesman to create ISA, started under the city of Irving's auspices 35 years ago in the gymnasium at Lee Park Recreation Center.

He started with about 20 boys and ended up having six teams the first season, volunteering his friends as officers and coaches.

For two years, he was a city-employed soccer teacher and remained actively involved with ISA until the early 1980s.

Waldrum was one of the original 20 who answered a rec-center flier in June 1968 calling for chil-

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head women's coach at Notre Dame. "He put a passion into the game that has lived on through the years in all of us."

Waldrum recalls the first summer of league play, when all games were held on the patch of grass adjacent to Lee Park Recreation Center. The first day they met in the sweating gym, and the kids had to take their shoes off so they wouldn't scuff the floor.

Nordstrom divided players by positions and gave them all numbers and nicknames before they even knew the rules.

There weren't enough players to divide by age groups, so 11-year-old Waldrum learned the game with older kids. But Nordstrom would not allow him to become intimidated.

"The guy just gave you a great sense of self-esteem. He was able to instill that love for the game in all of us," Waldrum said. "I hope I can have the same influence over lives that he had on mine. That's worth much more than championships."

Several of the original 20 played soccer in high school and beyond, and others have gone into coaching. Many were part of the MacArthur High School club teams that won a few state titles in the early 1970s.

David Davenport, whose sons play soccer at Austin College and at MacArthur, still coaches select

teams. He uses some of Nordstrom's lessons on positioning and fundamentals to this day.

"He taught us the old-school way of playing," Davenport said. "From the get-go, he was lining kids up in fields of play."

"He got us to learn fundamentals and take pride in our position."

Nordstrom grew up as a soccer standout in Sweden, playing in adult leagues as a teenager. He jumped on a Merchant Marine ship to the United States, where he gained citizenship, enlisted in the military and played in semipro leagues for several years. He moved to Irving in 1954.

He decided to start ISA when the Dallas Tornados — semipro team relocated to the area. The Tornados spurred an interest in adult soccer, and Nordstrom is credited with extending the game's reach to children. He became friends with the players and often gave children free tickets to Tornados games.

"Nobody knew anything about soccer at that point, not only in Irving but in the entire Dallas-Fort Worth area," said Jan Book, a close friend and former Tornados player who also is from Sweden and helped Nordstrom in the ISA's infancy.

"He had a dream and a vision, and he saw it through. He never gave up his love for soccer."

Nordstrom and his longtime wife, Margie, who died in 1990,

were inducted into the Irving Sports Hall of Fame in November 1973.

Later in life, Nordstrom became a writer and performer of gospel songs, as well as a philanthropist for Baylor Medical Center at Irving, where he was named an official "friend and benefactor" in 1992.

"His songs were an expression of his thoughts and feelings," said Woody Schober, music director at Oak View Baptist Church in Irving. "He was very passionate about it. He contributed so much to so many people's lives. He was an inspiration."

Nordstrom had no children and left no survivors in the United States. Funeral arrangements are pending. An e-mail address has been set up to communicate information about services at ericnordstrom@usa.com.

Nordstrom founded Irving soccer

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ERIC NORDSTROM:
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Eric Nordstrom

Eric "Swede" Nordstrom, 88, of Irving died Nov. 5. Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Oak View Baptist Church, 1004 S. Story Road.

Mr. Nordstrom was born on March 27, 1915, in Sweden. He was a standout soccer player in Sweden. He came to the United States on a Merchant Marine ship and played in semiprofessional soccer leagues for several years. He moved to Irving in 1954 and founded the Irving Soccer Association in 1968. He and his wife, the late Margie Nordstrom, were inducted into the Irving Sports Hall of Fame in 1973.

He has no survivors or children in the United States.

Memorials may be made in his name to Oak View Baptist Church or the Irving Soccer Association.

Sophia Norman

Sophia Caeli Norman, infant daughter of Tim and Viki Norman of Irving, died Tuesday. She was born Jan. 8, 2003, in Irving. A graveside service was Thursday at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Arrangements were by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

Survivors include her parents; sisters, Angela Norman, Anna Grace Norman, Francesca Norman and Isabella Norman, all of Irving; and grandparents, Thomas J. and Bertha Norman of Richardson and Ruth Christopher of Las Vegas.

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NORRIS, Mrs. LOIS. Funeral services for Mrs. Lois Norris, age 84, of Cedar Hill, TX will be held 11:00 am Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at the Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Gene Holloway officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Memorial Park Cemetery in Irving, TX. Family visitation will be held 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm Monday, March 24th at the funeral home. Mrs. Norris passed away at 7:36 pm, Friday, March 21, 2003 in the Desoto Nursing home after a long illness. She was born Aug. 22, 1918 in Huntsville, TX to Riley and Pearley Cummings Morris. Mrs. Norris married Van Roy Norris on Nov. 16, 1935 in Dallas, TX. He preceded her in death on Jan. 26, 1992. Mrs. Norris attended the Arcadia Park Assembly of God Church in which she was also a founding member. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Wilkinson and husband Doyle of Cedar Hill, TX; one grandson, Chuck Wilkinson of Dallas, TX; one granddaughter, Dottie Hensley and husband Scott of Cedar Hill, TX; 4 great granddaughters, Skye Wilkinson, Victoria, Chloe and Jordan Hensley all of Cedar Hill, TX; one sister, Martha Young of Atlanta, TX. **Chism & Smith 129 S. O'Connor Irving (972) 259-7644**
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Lois Norris

Lois Norris, 84, of Cedar Hill and formerly of Irving died March 21 at a DeSoto nursing home after a lengthy illness. Services were Tuesday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home with burial at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Ms. Norris was born Aug. 22, 1918, in Huntsville, Texas. She was a founding member of Arcadia Park Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Shirley Wilkerson of Cedar Hill; sister, Martha Young of Atlanta, Texas; two grandchildren; and four great-granddaughters.

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Northcutt, Kinnie Dwayne



NORTHCUTT, KINNIE DWAYNE, 81, a fifty year resident of Irving, died Wednesday, 12/17/03 at an Irving hospital. Born 1/11/22 at Frost, Texas, he was an Army veteran of WW II. He married Violet Hartin 1/6/51 in Oak Cliff. A foreman with Dallas Power & Light for 36 years, he was a member of Masonic Lodge #1218, the Scottish Rite, and MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church. Survivors, wife, Violet E. Northcutt; daughter, Linda McKinney of Pineville, LA; sons, Mark of The Colony, Marty of Irving; brothers, Bill of Balch Springs and Gene of Dallas; grandchildren, Russell McKinney of Roanoke and Chrissy Hill of Dry Prong, LA; great-grandchildren, Hunter McKinney and Taylor Hill. Preceded in death by a daughter, Sheila

Northcutt in 1955, both parents, 2 brothers and a sister. Services graveside 10:30 a.m. Saturday 12/20/03 at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. The family will receive friends at the funeral home, Friday 6-8 p.m. Memorials may be made to The Visiting Nurse's Association or charity of one's choice. **Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. (972) 579-1313 www.donnellyscolonial.com**

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Kinnie Northcutt

Kinnie Dwayne Northcutt, 81, of Irving died Wednesday at an Irving hospital. Graveside services were Saturday at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. Arrangements were by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.



Mr. Northcutt was born Jan. 11, 1922, in Frost, Texas. He was a World War II Army veteran. He had worked as a foreman for Dallas Power and Light for 36 years. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 1218, the Scottish Rite and MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Violet E. Northcutt of Irving; daughter, Linda McKinney of Pineville, La.; sons, Mark Northcutt of The Colony and Marty Northcutt of Irving; brothers, Bill Northcutt of Balch Springs and Gene Northcutt of Dallas; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association or a charity of one's choice.



Lene' Henry Nuckols

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Services for Lene' Nuckols, 51, will be held 11 a.m. Dec. 26, 2003, at Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview with the Rev. Scott Schulik officiating. Lene' passed away peacefully at her home on Dec. 22 after a long battle with cancer.

Piper Lene' Henry was born Nov. 5, 1952, in Lubbock. She graduated from MacArthur High School in Irving, and received a degree in elementary education from Texas Tech. Lene' was a kindergarten teacher at First Methodist's School for Little Children, and she was a children's Sunday school director at Mobberly Baptist Church. She taught a generation of children how to read and love the Lord, two of the greatest gifts that anyone can give. Her faith in the Lord was a source of strength and encouragement to her family, her friends and to everyone who knew her.

Lene' is survived by her husband of 26 years, James W. 'Bill' Nuckols; her children, Janai Nuckols of Irving and David Nuckols of Missoula, Mont.; her mother, Georgia Joyce Monkres and husband Gene Monkres of Arlington; her brother Zane Henry of Lubbock; her father R.C. Henry of Lubbock, and her aunts, uncles and friends.