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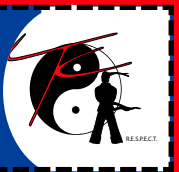
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## Neighbors IN THE COMMUNITY

### Shelton plans auction with Byrd performance

Shelton School Parents' Association will host its annual benefit auction at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Eddie Deen's Ranch in downtown Dallas.

The event features a "Shelton Stampede" theme, complete with dinner and live entertainment featuring country music performer Tracy Byrd. The benefit also includes live and silent auctions and dancing.

Live auction items include travel and sports event packages. There also are more than 300 items for the silent auction, and other items will be offered at [www.shelton.auctionanything.com](http://www.shelton.auctionanything.com) through March 29.

Proceeds from the auction, which netted \$300,000 last year, support financial aid and enrichment programs at Shelton, the largest private school worldwide for students with learning differences. The school is located in Far North Dallas.

Tickets for the evening are \$125 per person, and tables of 10 are available. For tickets or reservations, contact Amy Jared at [ajared@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ajared@sbcglobal.net).

■ For information about the school, visit [www.shelton.org](http://www.shelton.org).

### Donations sought for RHS girls soccer garage sale

The Richardson High School Lady Eagles soccer team will host a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at 126 N. Cottonwood Drive (the corner of Cottonwood and Cherrywood).

Donations can be dropped off at that address Sunday through Friday, March 25-30. For pickup of donations or for more information, call Stephanie Breckling at 214-282-1110 or e-mail [sbreckling1@tx.rr.com](mailto:sbreckling1@tx.rr.com).

All proceeds will benefit the Richardson High School Girls soccer program.

### Group donates Albanian works to Richardson library

The Richardson Public Library and the Society of the Albanian-American Writers have joined forces to establish a collection of Albanian-language books at the library.

The Society of the Albanian-American Writers, a Richardson-



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**LIBRARY DONATION:**  
Richardson Public Library's Jane Shelton Merz receives an Albanian language book collection from Gjeke Marinaj, president of the Richardson-based Society of Albanian-American Writers.

based nonprofit organization, donated 70 fiction and nonfiction books to better serve the library's Albanian-American customers.

Most of the books are authored by members of the writers' society and include poetry, short stories, novels, diaries, history, philosophy, sports, fables and reference works.

Several important national Albanian authors, including Ismail Kadare, Rudolf Marku, Ali Podrimja and Visar Zhiti, also are represented in the collection.

The Albanian-language collection can be found in the "World Languages" section on the library's third floor.

### AARP to offer free tax help in Richardson area

The AARP will offer free tax-preparation assistance to low- and middle-income taxpayers now through Monday, April 16. The group will give special emphasis to those older than 60.

Locations include Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Drive, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays; Audelia Public Library, 10045 Audelia Road in Lake Highlands, from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays; Forest Green Public Library, 9015 Forest Lane in Lake Highlands, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays; and Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Road, from noon to 4 p.m. Fridays.

Persons seeking tax-preparation assistance should bring their Social Security cards and complete tax records including last year's return, W-2 and 1099 forms and any appropriate expense records. For other locations, call 1-888-AARP-NOW.



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