



SCENE SETTING



Denyce Graves

National velvet

Two of America's best opera performers — bass-baritone **Simon Estes** and mezzo-soprano **Denyce Graves** — will join forces for a concert benefiting the Simon Estes Educational Foundation at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Tulsa PAC, 101 E. Third St.

Estes, along with Tulsan Jayne Reed, established the foundation in the early 1980s when he was a regular star of Tulsa Opera productions, from Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman" to Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess."

Graves, recently described by USA Today as "an operatic superstar of the 21st Century," will be making her debut appearance in Tulsa for this concert. Joining Estes and Graves will be the nationally acclaimed Wartburg College Choir. Tickets are \$15-\$50. 596-7111, [tulsaworld.com/mytix](http://tulsaworld.com/mytix).

Get burned

Tulsa authors **P.C. and Kristin Cast**, whose most recent books in the "House of Night" series of paranormal adventures debuted at No. 1 on the USA Today best-seller list, will hold a local event to launch the seventh book in the series.

"Burned" officially goes on sale Tuesday, the day that the mother-daughter writing team will meet fans and sign copies of the book beginning at 7 p.m. at the Owasso Walmart, 12101 E. 96th St. North.

"Burned" is something of a departure within the "House of Night" series, in that the story is told from multiple points of view rather than strictly in the first-person voice of heroine Zoey Redbird.

St. Martin's Press is ordering an initial printing of 2.5 million copies.

Fruitful road trips

Two farmers markets had their opening days Saturday.

If you're in Tulsa and looking to get out of town, check out one of these markets, open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Stilwell Farmers Market is also open Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon. It's located at the Stilwell Public Library, on the corner of Division and Sixth streets.

The Cleveland Farmers Market is located in downtown Cleveland on the corner of Caddo and Broadway streets.



# TASTY RETREAT



Jennifer Landrum (left), Janna Lemons and Mary Waller stretch before a walk to get ready for the Wine, Women and Shoes fundraiser. STEPHEN PINGRY/Tulsa World

## Trek precedes wine sipping event

BY JASON ASHLEY WRIGHT  
World Scene Writer

**W**ine at the Finish Line" probably wasn't the best name — although it sums things up rather well.

Instead, Jennifer Landrum will lead the YWCA's "Wine, Women & Walking Shoes" fitness club 5:30 p.m. Mondays through May 24, as well as June 2 and 7.

"It's an interesting combination of walking and socializing," said Mary Waller, the first person to write Landrum a check the morning we visited Studio Y, a converted carriage house behind the Y's Bailey House, 1503 S. Denver Ave.

A fitness-geared initiative to raise

WINE, WOMEN & WALKING SHOES

**What:** Six-week walking club with wine at the finish line.

**When:** 5:30 p.m. Mondays through June 7

**Where:** Studio Y, 1503 S. Denver Ave.

**Cost:** \$50 for six weeks or \$10 each Monday.

awareness of the Y's fourth annual "Wine, Women & Shoes" fundraiser, the three-mile trek will start at Studio Y and cross Riverside Drive to the park trail, said Landrum, the Y's fitness director. After heading south for a spell, the walking club members will return to the studio, where the

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It's gotta be the shoes

Talk about a perfect pairing. The YWCA's fourth annual fundraising weekend, "Wine, Women & Shoes," is a celebration of women designed to benefit important women's causes while educating patrons about wine.

And shoes — don't forget the shoes.

The event is 6-8 p.m. June 11 with a patron "Wine & Ballet Experience," as well as the "Toe-Tapping Wine Tasting," both held at Tulsa Ballet, 1212 E. 45th Place.

Then, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 12, you're invited to "From Manolo to Merlot," the shoe-centric, wine-fueled soiree featuring a fabulous lunch, fashion show and, of

course, shopping.

The money that is raised from this event will ultimately benefit more than 25,000 women, men and children served by the Y each year, with programs including childcare, senior services, immigrant and refugee programs, and fitness centers. All YWCA programs and services are dedicated to the mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

To reserve your spot at "Wine, Women & Shoes," or for more information, call Jennifer Landrum at 749-2519, or Meredith McDaris at 587-2100. Or make a reservation online at [tulsaworld.com/ywcatulsa](http://tulsaworld.com/ywcatulsa).

## When life hands you lemons, hull peas

When life hands you lemons, wait a bit before making lemonade.

First, you have to close your eyes, Rita Shisler told me. I met her last week — incredible and 88, with more verve than I ever had, even at my most candy-induced sugar highs.

The day I sat at her dining table, listening to her stories about past travels and new ventures, she taught me a trick to managing pain. Ready? Close your eyes (no peeking), and picture a lemon. After you have a really good image in your noggin, extend your hand to grab the lemon. Feel the bumpy texture of the rind in your palm.

Then, think about how it tastes. "You taste that tartness, honest to goodness," she said. And that distracts you from the pain. Or makes you crave a lemonade from Chik-fil-A.

Either way, it's something I learned from a person with beaucoup buckets more life experience



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than I've had the opportunity to accrue just yet. My visit with Rita prompted memories of visits with other wiser, older souls who've crossed my path since childhood. Pour us some lemonade after you open your eyes back up, would ya?

Lessons learned

One of the very first lessons I remember my Mamaw teaching me was, "Look both ways before you cross the street." She'd hold my hand, and I'd look left, then right, then repeat, then continue doing the same thing until we crossed. That

was probably the first sign of my mild case of OCD, as I still look left, right, then repeat constantly until I've crossed the road — because you never know when some idiot's going to drive the wrong way on a downtown street.

Women I've met in their 70s and 80s, even 90s, have told me that, aside from the pains typically associated with age, they're still 17 on the inside. I used to think, "Refill lately?" But the less young I become, the more I see what they're talking about. Although I'm more like a 12-year-old most days.

If you've never done it, you should shell purple-hull peas or butterbeans with older members of your family. A few of those conversations still resonate in the back porch of my mind. Maybe because everyone at the kitchen table had to speak up above the cold roar of the window unit AC.

Same thing with coffee and grand-

parents. Coffee's like a truth serum to them. Throw in a cookie or piece of cake, and it's like sodium pentothal, except the interrogation room has softer lighting, a crystal dish of Werther's Originals, and one or two cross-stitched samplers of Bible verses framed on the wall.

I've been taught to avoid wearing yellow — "makes you look jaundiced," more than one Southern lady has told me.

To hug everybody you love before they leave, and tell 'em you love them when it occurs to you to say it. Probably even more often than that.

And never frighten friends of your grandmother while visiting a nursing home with a pocket comb resembling a switchblade. My apologies, Mrs. Floppy Bishop, but Mamaw told me to do it.

Just take time to hang out with older folks. It's genuinely rewarding. If you're sweet, they might even make you lemonade.

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**Worth a Trek:** Shoppers can boldly go where no man has gone before when "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry's collection of personal effects and show memorabilia go up for auction. Hand-annotated scripts, costumes from the show and Roddenberry's own studio pass are among the items available at the June 27 auction at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Proceeds will benefit the Roddenberry Foundation, which makes grants to support children, education and the environment.

**Update:** Doctors plan further testing to help pinpoint the source of the brain hemorrhage that is keeping Bret Michaels in intensive care, according to the rocker's website. A report is expected this week. The site doesn't say where Michaels, 47, is hospitalized.



Bret Michaels

**Gotta Lovett — July 11 at the PAC:** Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday for a concert by Lyle Lovett and his Large Band on July 11 at the Tulsa PAC. Tickets will be \$47.50 and \$57.50, and may be purchased at the PAC Ticket Office and Reasor's Grocery Stores, by phone at 596-7111 or (800) 364-7111, or online [tulsaworld.com/mytix](http://tulsaworld.com/mytix). Lovett's unconventional look — and equally unconventional look — made him stand out from the majority of singers grouped under the label "country music" from the start.



Lovett won a Best Country Album Grammy for his 1996 release, "The Road to Ensenada."

**Amanda Dunner (left, front row), patron chair; Katie Henke, auction chair; Ann Lagere, co-chair; Robert Dunner (left, back row), patron chair; and Frazier Henke, auction chair, attended the Brush Creek Youth Ranch and New Life House — OK Teen Challenge benefit.**



# Patrons lived it up at the Brush Creek teen benefit

Living La Vida Libre lived up to its spicy promise with an evening filled with the Latin beat of Salsabor, the smooth jazz of singer Gianna Welling, a Jay Litchfield auction and the part of "The Art of Living Well," the event's theme, that comes with knowing you are supporting a very worthwhile cause.

Proceeds benefit the Brush Creek Youth Ranch and New Life House, Teen Challenge.

Carol McGraw, chairwoman of the Youth Ranch advisory board and Friends of Brush Creek, which produced the event, introduced Freda Welling, who with her late husband, Joe, was the evening's honoree. The Wellings were original board members of the organization and Joe, who was an energy research analyst, also was co-founder the National Brass Company Band. The Wellings' daughter, Gianna, who lives in Houston, returned to Tulsa to entertain at the event honoring her parents. She is working on her second album, which will be released later this year.

Chris Sutherland gave a short talk about the need for such healing places as



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BCYR and New Life House for struggling young people and announced the establishment of the Jeff Folz Memorial Scholarship, an annual scholarship challenge grant of \$25,000. The memorial is named in honored of the late son of Sutherland's longtime associates Peggy and George Folz, and donated by Sutherland and the Sutherland Family Foundation.

Friends of Brush Creek include chairwoman Carol McGraw, her husband, Joe; Paige Charing; Ruthie and Steve Duenner; Gayle and Frank Eby; Tracey and Troy Gudel; Mary Anne and Mike Pierce; Phyllis and Leslie Simmons; Mark Springer; Glenna and John Taylor; Alene and John Davis; Joanne and Bill Detamore; Gentner Drummond; Nancy and Jim Dominy; Carole Lambert; Ann and Jim McKellar; Hester and Ken

Mans; Ed Mysock; and Theda and Jon Werthen.

Others in the crowd were co-chairwomen Ann LaGere and LaDonna Boyd, Marlene and Dave Morgan, Steve Wolfe, Lee and King Kirchner, Pam and Jeff Welch, Judy and Larry Doyle, Jean Marie Billington and Frank Chitwood, and Shirley and Charlie Hawkins.

Patrons also included Bison Electric, Phyllis and Leslie Simmons, and Sutherland Lumber and Home Center. Also, American Bank and Trust Co., Amanda and Robert Duenner, and Oils Unlimited.

Proceeds from this event help provide scholarships and capital improvements for residents of Brush Creek Youth Ranch and New Life House — OK Teen Challenge. Offering a fully accredited school, life principle counseling and teaching, recreation and chores overseen by dedicated and caring staff boasting a proven 86 percent success rate, these are truly programs that work.

The mission of Oklahoma Teen Challenge is to provide a successful faith-based solution to individuals of all ages with life-controlling issues.



## new on dvd

**It's Complicated.** R. Meryl Streep plays love triangle with her ex — Alec Baldwin — and a new man in her life, Steve Martin. Despite her best efforts, she gets swept up in many silly shenanigans.

**The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus.** PG-13. Probably most known as the film Heath Ledger was shooting when he unexpectedly died, "Parnassus" delves into a magical world where the imagination is limitless. Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell jump in to fill Ledger's void.

— KIM BROWN, World Scene writer



## WINE:

After the walk, wines will be selected.

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group will taste a different wine each week.

It's an opportunity for "having girl time," said Janna Lemons, who did stretches that morning with Landrum and Waller. She hopes her sister-in-law and another friend come, even if they have to push strollers. You can even bring your pet on a leash, if you wish.

In addition to catching up with others in the club, you can always spy something different each time you're walking the trail, Waller said. Like white pelicans, which

she didn't realize came to this area until someone from the Nature Conservancy pointed it out.

Hopefully, people will do more than just stroll, Landrum said. "I want them to know it's not just going to be a stroll. They are doing this for exercise."

Not that she'll run off and leave you, she said. But if anyone wants to jog, great — "we'll meet you back at the patio."

When everyone returns from the walk, wines will be selected from vintners to be featured during the "Wine, Women & Shoes events," Landrum said. The walking club will sample Sokol Blosser, Gabrielle Collection, Eagle Eye, Zahtila, Villa San Juliette, Etcetera and Adi.

The cost to join the six-week program is \$50. Those unable to make all meetings can pay \$10 each time they

come.

Here's a bonus: Walking club members can receive \$25 off their registration for the "Wine, Women & Shoes" signature event, "From Manolo to Merlot," a fun event featuring lunch, a fashion show and, of course, shoe shopping.

But back to the club, which isn't limited to women only, Landrum said. Husbands, boyfriends or anyone seeking a fitness opportunity is invited to attend, as are your furry friends. Every age is welcome, too — but you have to be 21 to enjoy the tasting.

If the weather is bad, members will be notified via e-mail of an alternate date. Otherwise, lace up, take some exercise, toast your health, Waller said, "and just enjoy the Tulsa evening."

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Margo Nelson is bringing a taste of Tuscany to Utica Square.

Nelson, owner of Margo's Gift Shop, will host a special artisan event featuring Italian artist Sara Bellini, who will demonstrate her ceramics techniques in the store 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday.

Bellini will also be signing Italian phrases on new purchases of Vietri, a handcrafted line of Italian table, home and garden decor. Also, Holli Nelson, who is Vietri's national sales manager, will share decorating and entertaining trends.

Here's a little Bellini background: Her grandfather was a famous Italian painter of the 19th century and founded the family business. Now, she's her family ceramics company's president and chief designer, translating her heritage of Italian artistry into contemporary objects with decorative painting.

Margo's will showcase the newest handcrafted ceramics, drinkware, flatware, linens, garden and decorating accessories. Bellini's company produces six major ceramics collections from Vietri, the newest being "Sarah's Flowers," an accessory group of salad plates, platters, bowls and pitchers. Each piece has a painting of Tuscan flowers — lilacs, tulips, Spanish broom and sunflowers.

Margo's will also offer Italian antipasti and beverages, and shoppers will receive 10 percent off all Vietri products during the event. Then, with bags in tow, toddle next door to Polo Grill for an ice-cold Bellini.

For more, call Margo's, 747-8780.



**Margo's Gift Shop at Utica Square will host Italian artist Sara Bellini, who will be painting and signing Vietri pottery (shown here) on Wednesday.** Courtesy



**Bond No. 9's Saks Fifth Avenue En Rose, one of the hundreds of fragrances to be touted during "Fragrance Week" at Saks in Utica Square Thursday through May 8.**

## Something in the air

Just in time for Mother's Day, Saks Fifth Avenue at Utica Square is celebrating its semi-annual "Fragrance Week" Thursday through May 8.

During the event, with every fragrance purchase of \$75 or more, customers will receive a purse-sized refillable atomizer, available in pink, green or silver, said the store's

Amanda Viles.

While you're browsing the counters, make sure you take a whiff of Bond No. 9's Saks Fifth Avenue En Rose, which has notes of lantana leaves, dry dates, mace, orange rose, tuberose, orris, amber, musk and sandalwood (\$145-\$215). Bond No. 9 makes a variety of men's and women's scents, all inspired by places in and around New York City.

You can make your fragrance purchase for Mom — or the graduate in your life, Mrs. Robinson — by visiting the store 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 8, Viles said. Local artist Connie Deen will be in the store engraving names and special phrases (be sweet) on new purchases of fragrances.

For more, call Saks, 744-0200.

## 'All That Jazz'

Tulsa's talented Grady Nichols will provide the smooth soundtrack for "All That Jazz" 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the Plaza, 81st Street and Lewis Avenue.

You're invited to visit select merchants at the shopping center for wine, cheese and, of course, a peek at the latest trends in fashion, jewelry and home accessories. Participating stores include Compliments, European Spa & Salon, Glass Slipper, John Daniel Footwear, Nielsens Exclusive Gifts, Terri's, Travers Mahan and Diamonsecret, which will offer a \$50 gift certificate the day of the event to any customer who makes a minimum purchase.

For more, visit [tulsaworld.com/plaza](http://tulsaworld.com/plaza).

## Trunk shows

11 a.m.-4 p.m. **Tuesday:** Jon Hart travel accessories. Each piece is handmade in Texas with a wide variety of leathers, fabrics and colors — and each piece is monogrammed for free during the show. **Margo's Gift Shop** at Utica Square, 747-8780.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. **Wednesday:** Ippolita jewelry. Italian designer of 18-karat gold and sterling silver pieces, with turquoise and mother of pearl. **Saks Fifth Avenue** at Utica Square, 744-0200.

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**John Daniel Footwear at the Plaza, 81st Street and Lewis Avenue, will host an Allen Edmonds trunk show Thursday-May 8. Here, the "Strand" by Allen Edmonds.** Courtesy

**Daniel Footwear** at the Plaza, 81st Street and Lewis Avenue. 299-6208

## tube talk Today's talk shows

The following information was not available when the TV World went to press.

7 a.m.

**8 (8) Good Morning America** Queen Rania Al-Abdullah of Jordan; Lois Kam Heymann and Rosie O'Donnell.

**9 (2) Today** Brooke Shields; Jackie Warner; Stanness Jonekos.

8 a.m.

**6 (6) The Early Show** Travis Stork; sunglasses. (CC)

10 a.m.

**8 (8) The View** Brendan Fraser; Queen Rania Al-Abdullah of Jordan; Candice Bushnell.

4 p.m.

**6 (6) Oprah Winfrey** Guests who share the same name.

6:30 p.m.

**6 (6) Entertainment Tonight** "Iron Man 2"; "NCIS: Los Angeles."

### Today's Changes

**6 (6) Say Yes to the Dress** (4 & 4:30 p.m.)

**6 (6) Little Chocolatiers** (6 & 6:30 p.m. and 1 & 1:30 a.m.)

**106 (DHC) I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant** (7 p.m. -Midnight)

**65 (THC) Sliced** (9 & 9:30 p.m. and 1 & 1:30 a.m.)

**65 (TLC) Little People, Big World** (5 & 5:30 a.m.)

**65 (TLC) 16 Kids and Counting** (6 & 6:30 a.m.)

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