

## Iyer honored by American Society for Microbiology

Dr. Rupa Iyer, microbiology instructor at Wharton County Junior College (WCJC), was recently recognized as the sole recipient of the Undergraduate Faculty Enhancement Program Award by the American Society for Microbiology (ASM). As part of the honor, Iyer received a fully paid conference registration and travel subsidy to attend the Society's annual education conference in Salt Lake City earlier this summer.

At the ASM conference, Iyer was particularly inspired by the best practices session. One idea she wants to incorporate is active learning, where students would create models of viruses or learn songs that teach the symptoms, treatments and structures of viruses.

Iyer admits she has always wanted to attend an ASM conference and wonders why she waited so long. "It's amazing what you can learn from the Society," she said. "This is how we improve curriculum and stay current."

Noting the illnesses caused by the well-publicized anthrax and West Nile virus outbreaks, Iyer acknowledges that it's challenging to stay current in a field that constantly changes. That's why she takes advantage of learning opportunities, listening to public radio during drive time and reading and clipping articles during waiting periods when shuttling her three young sons, ages 2-8, around town. These current health trends are the basis for starting each lecture, so Iyer can help her students apply this knowledge to their clinical studies.

"I sift through all this information and present it to my students in a way that is intelligible and that stimulates their interest," she said. Iyer tells her microbiology students, most of whom are health care professionals, "You don't get a second chance [in your profession] so you have to learn to think."

Since Iyer joined WCJC in 1994, she has written the college's first microbiology lab manual that includes four new labs. She has actively participated in the college's endeavors to pioneer new instructional technology, teaching microbiology as WCJC's first interactive television (ITV) class. She continues to be involved in ITV today, alternating class presentations between the Sugar Land and Fort Bend Technical Center campuses.

In the future, Iyer hopes to have health care professionals talk with students about trends and challenges. She also wants to add computer-based laboratory simulations, which she realizes will be a challenge with ITV. Right now her main focus is preparing the anatomy and physiology course she will teach this fall.

Iyer received her Bachelor's degree in Life Science from St. Xavier's College and her Master's degree in Biotechnology from the University of Bombay, now known as the University of Mumbai. She received her Doctorate from Michigan State University, where she researched the fungus *Luestoma*, using biochemical and molecular techniques. Prior to teaching at WCJC, Iyer was project investigator at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in the Department of Pharmacology/Oncology. There she researched anti-cancer drugs.

Iyer's selection by ASM was based on her commitment to improve teaching and to participate in education and outreach programs in the future, her leadership potential, and WCJC's commitment to further training, outreach and leadership.



## White, Marshall wed in Giddings June 8

On June 8, 2002 Christine Marie White and Steven Paul Marshall were united in marriage in Giddings. The presiding minister was Rev. Robert Groenke of St. Paul Lutheran Church in La Grange.

John and Mary White of La Grange are the parents of Chrissy.

Steven is the son of Roy Clifton and Ruth Ann Marshall of Giddings.

The lovely backyard wedding was held at the home of the groom's parents at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Mrs. Shannon Shubert served her sister as matron of honor and Jeffery Tate Marshall of San Antonio was his brother's best man.

The flower girl and ring bearer were Kara Marie Koether and Ty Nolan Koether, children of the bride.

The bride's grandparents are Ms. Frances Redding of Houston and the

late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foyt of Ellinger.

Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Marshall and Mrs. H.E. Tate of Eagle Lake and the late Mr. H.E. Tate.

Chrissy and Steven are graduates of Southwest Texas in San Marcos and are coaches and teachers at La Grange Middle School.

After the ceremony, a delicious dinner of brisket, sausage and all the trimmings was served to the guests.

The bride's cake was a three-tiered confection decorated with fresh flowers. The groom's chocolate cake was decorated with the SWT emblem and chocolate dipped strawberries.

After a honeymoon trip to the Dominican Republic, the family now reside in their new home in La Grange.



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Paul Marshall

## COLORADO COUNTY FAIR NEWS



Planners and participants of the 24th Annual Colorado County Fair, Sept. 12-15, are in full swing with everyone working hard to assure that this year's fair will be another great success.

For the third year, the Fair will be at the Colorado County Ag Complex just northwest of Columbus, at the intersection of Hwy. 90, and the Hwy. 71 bypass. Look for a directional sign at the first exit of Hwy. 71 after the Hwy. 90 overpass. Signs will direct Fair-goers around to the entrance of the Texas Crossroads Business Park and the Colorado County Ag Complex, home of the Colorado County Fair.

Beginning Thursday evening, Sept. 12, festival goers can take advantage of the carnival which will be open from 6 to 11 p.m. with armbands available for \$12 each. Armbands allow the holder to ride as many rides

as desired on the midway. Armbands will also be available Friday night from 6 to 12 p.m.; Saturday, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.; and Sunday, 2-6 p.m.

Also on Sunday, beer will be sold for \$1 from noon to 6 p.m.

Jack Ingram will kick-off this year's Fair activities Thursday, Sept. 12. Ingram will perform under the pavilion from 9:30 to 11 p.m.

Opening for Ingram will be the ever-popular dance band The Emotions, 7-9 p.m. also under the pavilion.

Singer/songwriter/performer Ingram, who will do 200 shows this next year, started off in 1993 with Self-Titled. Since that time, he has commanded the attention of a broad base of music fans from the frat-boy crows to serious singer-songwriter fans who listen to the quieter words of Ingram's music in songs like "Biloxi".

A former Southern Methodist University psychology major, Ingram has 10 very successful CDs under his belt with his most recent, *Electric*, released in June. Ingram says the "bug" to perform did not come until he started visiting Adair's, a tiny, concrete-floored country music outpost on the fringes of Dallas' bohemian district while in college.

When he listened to the likes of Tony Lane, Jon Maston and Diamond Jim Richmond on Thursday nights, he says the fire was lit. Shortly afterward he asked Adair's owner if he could perform some of his music on stage and the rest is history.

On the new, solid roots-rock/country *Electric*, Ingram sings about love and loss, about facing adversity, and about questions, rather than answers. Critics claim the most intriguing song may be "Pete, Jesus & Jack".

Inspired by Pete Coatney, Ingram's drummer for the past nine years, it explores Ingram's own spirituality through Coatney's beliefs. The song comes out of a babble of voices in the first few seconds, sounding like an old vinyl recording.

"I just wanted it to sound like it was some people on a porch playing the song, and then a marching band comes through the front yard," Ingram told Paste Magazine in their

debut issue, Aug. 2. "Something crazy happens in the front yard, and it goes away and you still have the basics of the people sitting on the porch. The words talk about Pete, but the song talks about my questions."

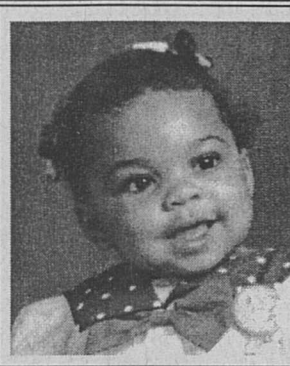
For Ingram, distinctive music comes from honesty. *Electric* was released in June. Nearly two months earlier, an advance copy was going for \$50 on eBay, and fans were already discussing the songs on-line. One summed up what sets Ingram apart from some of his neighbors: "Unlike some artists, Jack has refused to find a song writing niche to milk for all it's worth. Jack is proof positive that you don't have to write about tacos, beer, bait, ammo, and road trips, etc., to be a songwriter from Texas."

If music is not enough to please,

Thursday fair activities also include three appearances for the young and young-at-heart, by the Freddie Prez Puppet Show at 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. For the adventurous, the Dan Marth Medicine Show & Wagon Exhibit will make their debut appearance at the Colorado County Fair at 6:45 p.m. followed by two more performances at 8 and 9:45 p.m.

For those looking for the wild and woolly, there will be a 50-head bull riding competition over at the rodeo arena. Cowboys from all across Texas and beyond will test their skills in the eight-second ride of dare challenging their skills.

For more information about the 24th Annual Colorado County Fair, be sure to check out their website at [www.coloradocountyfair.org](http://www.coloradocountyfair.org).



### God Bless You on Your Birthday

August 31st

### And May You Have Many, Many More!

From Your Mother, Brother, Grandmother, Aunt & Friends

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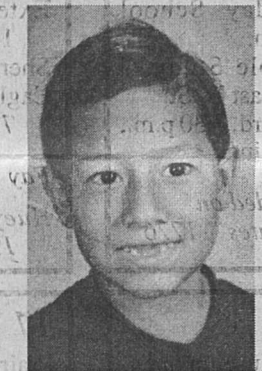
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### Happy 16th Birthday

Aug. 28

### Carlos

We Love You  
Very Much!  
Enjoy  
Your  
Day!



Mom & Dad, Grandma & Grandpa,  
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## SEPT. 12-15 COLORADO COUNTY

HIGHWAY 71 BYPASS • COLUMBUS, TEXAS

## FAIR

Supporting Colorado  
County's Youth for 24 years!



BOBBY PULIDO  
FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

### RODEO

Friday & Saturday 7:30 p.m.  
50 Head Bull Riding  
THURSDAY 7:30 P.M.  
Lancaster Rodeo  
FRI. & SAT. 7:30 P.M.

### PARADE

SAT., SEPT. 14-10:30 a.m.  
Downtown Columbus

### SAT., SEPT. 7

Queen's Pageants, Junior Mr. & Miss and Little Mr. & Miss Contests

DAILY: Harmony & Pals • Petting Zoo • Livestock • Home Economics • Food Concessions • Fine Arts & Commercial Exhibit

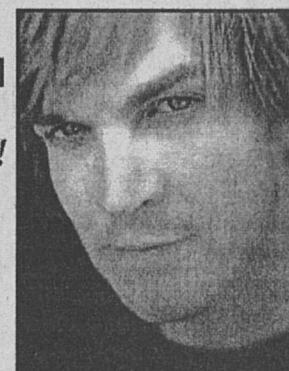


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GARY ALLAN  
Saturday, Sept. 14

with special guest Texas Unlimited Band



JACK INGRAM  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

### "Heart of America" CARNIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 14  
Antique Tractor Pull  
- 10 a.m.

You'n Livestock Sale - 2 p.m.  
Sanctioned Open  
B-B-Q & CHILI  
COOKOFF

### TICKETS

SEASON PASSES \$15  
(advance from Queen Contestants)  
\$20 at gate on Thurs.  
THURS. \$5  
FRI. \$5 (after 4 p.m. \$10)  
SAT. \$10 - SUN. \$5.  
Sr. Citizen's FREE  
on Sunday w/ Medicare card  
Students 6-12 \$3.00  
Children 5 & under FREE

## Savvy

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### Trouble Getting Around & Performing Everyday Activities

- Plastic finger loops that help turn keys in doors and car ignitions
- Long-handled reaches for retrieving items on low or high shelves
- Implements that help in putting on socks or stockings
- Lever-style adapters that make it easy to turn door handles and faucets
- Widened tub edges and grab bars to make getting in and out of the bath easier
- Specially designed cooking tools, such as cutting boards with finger guards and can openers that don't leave sharp edges.

### Savvy Resources:

You can find assistive devices in hardware stores, discount stores, pharmacies and plumbing supply houses. Medical supply companies also stock usefull items. Check your local Yellow Pages under "Medical Equipment and Supplies".

For computer savvy seniors, more information can be found by typing in "assistive devices" in your search engine. This savvy gadget information was obtained from AARP. See their Web site at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or see our Web site at [www.savvysenior.org](http://www.savvysenior.org).

### Immaculate Conception Church Sealy, Texas

## Bazaar & Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 1

Knights of Columbus Hall - Highway 90 West, Sealy

### Barbecue Lunch & Dinner Mexican Food Plates

Serving begins at 10:30 a.m.

Adult Plates: \$6.50  
Meat To Go Available

Child Plates: \$3.50  
Plates To Go: \$6.50

Daytime Music by Ray Krenek and...  
KRENEK'S AND THE TEXAS SOUNDS

Auction: 1 P.M.

Drawing: 8 P.M.

EVERYONE WELCOME!