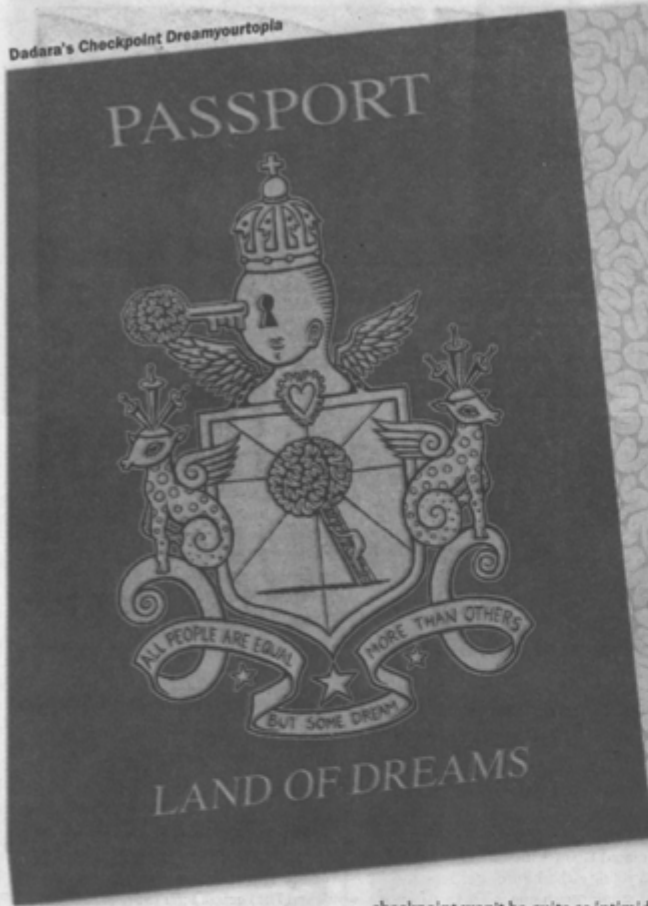


**Eyelids on Strings**

What does a puppet look like when it's asleep? Probably just the same as it does when it's awake—creepy, creepy, creepy.

Dadara's Checkpoint Dreamyourtopia



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Miller Lite. But the folks in Addison are here to save you from your New Year's shame. They've thoughtfully scheduled the Rotary Resolution Run on January 10 this year, well out of the post-holiday hangover window. They want you to succeed at your fitness goals for the year with a family-friendly 1K, 5K or 10K that will kick-start a new routine for a happier, healthier year. Be at the Addison Conference Centre, 15650 Addison Road, at 7 a.m. Saturday with \$30 for registration. Visit [rotaryresolutionrun.com](http://rotaryresolutionrun.com) for more information

and remember—if you can't get out of bed for this one, it's all on you.

—JENNIFER ELAINE DAVIS

**[ART GALLERIES]  
PULL OVER, PLEASE**

Centraltrak would like to search your vehicle

As American citizens, and therefore privileged, spoiled jerks, most of us have never been harassed or heavily questioned at a border security checkpoint. The closest we've ever gotten to that kind of tomfoolery is watching *Children of Men* and realizing, oh, man, that would suck to be treated like total crap. Well, all that is about to change: Installation artist Dadara of The Netherlands is bringing those nasty border-security issues all the way to Dallas so we can experience them firsthand! His interactive exhibit *Checkpoint Dreamyourtopia* is a fantasy world where visitors need immigration forms (and presumably nerves of steel) to cross the border between reality and their dreams. Already a big hit at Burning Man 2008, the event will be at Dallas' own Centraltrak, 800 Exposition Ave., on Saturday. According to his Web site at [dadara.nl](http://dadara.nl), Dadara feels that many people around the world are still hoping for the American dream, but "it is becoming more and more impossible to achieve because of increasingly fierce border controls, visa regulations, etc." Of course, entering his dream

checkpoint won't be quite as intimidating as the real thing, given that it looks like a big, pink skull and crossbones. But you get the idea. For more information, call 214-824-9302 or go to [utdallas.edu/centraltrak](http://utdallas.edu/centraltrak).

—KAITLIN INGRAM

**[SPORTS]  
SWEATING BOOZE**

Run a better-timed New Year's 5K

I think New Year's "fun runs" are an apocalyptically bad idea. Clearly, the whole point

of a New Year's run is to start off your year by being all healthy and athletic. And while the serious runners will always make it to a January 1 race, the Everyman will resolve to start out 2009 on an active note, but then wake up on New Year's Day with a hand-stamp transferred onto his face and a numbing hangover. If you can't even walk to the kitchen without gagging, how are you supposed to run for three miles? Inevitably, the guilt/shame cycle kicks off, making it harder and harder to get motivated to go running tomorrow, since...well, you already got the New Year off to a terrible start. Maybe next year will be better; pass the

**[KIDS' THEATER]**

**PRINCE VALIUM**

Slappy's puppets do *Sleeping Beauty*

There are few things worse than a man falling asleep on the job, and if you're *Sleeping Beauty*, then that can mean nothing but trouble. In the life of *Sleeping Beauty*, the prince had only one job—wake her (and everybody else) up with a kiss. Most guys would kill for an opportunity to make out with a hot princess, but not this guy. He fell asleep on the job, snoring away his time, and then a hundred years later he woke up and thought to himself, "Oh damn, I gotta go find me some sweet princess love," and ventured out to find her (because a hundred years is a long time to fly solo). Sure, that may not be the story you heard, but the entertaining marionettes at Slappy's Puppet Playhouse (on the third level of the Galleria, near Nordstrom's and the Children's Play Place, 13350 Dallas Parkway) are here to tell it like it is in *Sleeping Beauty & The Snoring Prince*, which opens Saturday and runs through March 29. All marionette shows are at 10:30 a.m. Fridays, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$8 for children and seniors and \$9 for adults, with group rates available. Call 214-369-4849 or visit [slappysplayhouse.com](http://slappysplayhouse.com).

—JENNIFER MEDINA

**GOING DUTCH**

**[CULINARY]**

If you've cooked over an open fire in the last 400 years, you're probably familiar with Dutch ovens. This versatile pot lets hungry outdoors folk enjoy soup, stew, hash, bread, cobbler, pie and more. (Memories of my childhood are filled with campfire meals of Spam 'n' taters and pan de campo.) But if you haven't put together a cowboy stew since your Boy Scout days, you might need a refresher course in cast-iron cookery. Because, ya know, when the depression/apocalypse peaks, you may be claiming your pup tent as your primary residence and your kitchen may be a fire ring. To fine-tune your campfire cookbook, join the Prairie Dog Chapter of the Lone Star Dutch Oven Society from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Log Cabin Village, 2100 Log Cabin Village Lane in Fort Worth, for a hands-on cooking demonstration. Cost is admission (\$3.50 for adults, \$3 for kids younger than 17 and senior citizens, and free for children younger than 4) plus a \$2 craft fee. Call 817-392-5881 or visit [logcabinvillage.org](http://logcabinvillage.org).

—MICHELLE MATHEWS