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Yard of the Month October 2005



Michael and Carolyn Cartafalsa 8626 Giddings Lane

Michael and Carolyn Cartafalsa have lived at 8626 Giddings Lane since October 1994. They are a retired couple with three grown children and three grandchildren. Carolyn is a native of Navasota, TX where she is still active in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Mike is a former native of Philadelphia, PA and a member of the USAF for four years during the Korean War. He currently serves as the President of Bryan AFB Veterans of the Korean War.

During the hot month of September, their front yard irrigation system kept their grass looking green with a variety of hot weather flowers adding color to their yard. In the springtime, they have a variety of colorful day lilies and amaryllis blooming. In the summer, they have crepe myrtles, althea, oleander, ixora, asters, dianthas, purple & white iris in bloom. In the fall, the dianthas, esperanza and Indian hawthorne are in bloom.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

The community is invited to Messiah Lutheran Church's presentation of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Sunday, December 4. There will be two showings, 4 PM and 6 PM. In this hilarious tale, a couple struggling to produce a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman children, "The worst children in the whole history of the world!" You are invited to come along for the chaos and the fun. And look for a miracle as the Herdmans collide head-on with the Christmas story and help everyone else rediscover its true meaning. Admission is free, but reservations are suggested in order to accommodate the crowd. Please call 281-890-3013.

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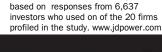


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Dental Hygiene

Common oral hygiene problems:

A healthy smile not only looks good, it has a positive effect on the health of your entire body. Poor oral hygiene has been linked to a higher risk of certain diseases, and it can adversely affect the health of both adults and children. So what are some common problems with oral hygiene?

Not brushing and flossing:

Brushing and flossing is your first line of defense against tooth decay and gum disease. Ensure that you brush properly at least twice a day, and don't forget to floss at least once a day. Flossing removes food and bacteria from between teeth where a toothbrush can't reach.

Eating too many sugary snacks:

Eating a lot of sugary foods and carbohydrates allows the bacteria in plaque to thrive. It uses the sugars in your food as fuel, producing acids that dissolve the hard enamel that covers your teeth. This is how cavities get started. The less sugar you eat, the less damage these bacteria can do.

When you do eat sweets, it helps to brush your teeth with fluoride toothpaste afterward. And keep in mind that a balanced, nutritious diet is important for your oral health, as well as the rest of your body.

Missing too many dental checkups:

It is important to get your teeth cleaned and checked on a regular basis, preferably every six months. If you don't remove all of the plaque from your teeth every day, it hardens and becomes tartar. You can't remove tartar with a toothbrush. It must be removed professionally.

Brushing improperly:

Many people brush their teeth too hard. This is not only ineffective because it can expose the root surfaces and cause sensitive teeth. When you brush your teeth, ensure that you do it gently, using a soft toothbrush in a regular, circular pattern. Use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste that contains fluoride and brush along the gum line at a 45-degree angle. Vibrate the brush while you move it in short, wiggling motions and in small circular strokes. Brush two or three teeth at a time. Then move to the next teeth, allowing some overlap. Tilt the brush and use the tip to brush the backs of the front teeth. End by gently brushing your tongue and the roof of your mouth. This removes germs and keeps your breath fresh.

Is electric better?

If you're not using an electric toothbrush, maybe you should consider it. Recent studies have shown that powered toothbrushes with circular bristle heads that rotate in alternating directions are better than ordinary toothbrushes at removing plaque and reducing the risk of gum disease. After more than three months' use, the powered brushes reduced gingivitis by 17 percent more than regular brushes. In many cases, the powered brushes are also easier to use than manual brushes, and some have timers that can help you remember to brush long enough.

Even if you don't have a powered toothbrush, you can clean your teeth effectively with a manual brush. Simply brush twice a day, following the guidelines we've provided, and you can maintain your smile for many years to come. (And don't forget to floss!)





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Exercising In The Cold

The biggest concern for exercising in the cold is hypothermia, or too much heat loss. When you exercise in a cold environment you must consider one primary factor: how much heat will your body lose during exercise?

Heat loss is controlled in two ways:

- 1. Insulation, consisting of body fat plus clothing.
- 2. Environmental factors, including temperature, wind and whether you're exercising in the air or in the water. Each of these factors plays a role in the body's ability to maintain a comfortable temperature during exercise.

Insulation

Although many people aspire to have a lean figure, people with a little more body fat are better insulated and will lose less heat. Clothing adds to the insulation barrier and is clearly the most important element in performance and comfort while exercising in the cold. One study showed that heat loss from the head alone was about 50 percent at the freezing mark, and by simply wearing a helmet, subjects were able to stay outside indefinitely.

Clothing is generally a good insulator because it has the ability to trap air, a poor conductor of heat. If the air trapped by the clothing cannot conduct the heat away from the body, temperature will be maintained. Unlike air, however, water is a rapid conductor of heat and even in the coldest of temperatures, people will sweat and risk significant heat loss. With this in mind, you want to choose clothing that can trap air but allow sweat to pass through, away from the body.

By wearing clothing in layers, you have the ability to change the amount of insulation that is needed while many new products can provide such a layered barrier, it is important to avoid heavy cotton sweats or tightly woven material that will absorb and retain water. Because these materials cannot provide a layer of dry air near the skin, they can increase the amount of heat your body loses as you exercise.

Keeping the hands and feet warm is a common concern when exercising in the cold. Lower temperatures cause blood to be shunted away from the hands and feet to the center of the body to keep the internal organs warm and protected. Superficial warming of the hands will return blood flow to prevent tissue damage. Blood flow will not return to the feet unless the temperature of the torso is normal or

slightly higher (.5-1.0 degree Fahrenheit (F) above normal). So, to keep your feet warm you must also keep the rest of your body warm at all times.

Check with the weatherman

Always check the air temperature and wind chill factor before exercising in the cold. Data from the National Safety Council suggest little danger to individuals with properly clothed skin exposed at 20° F, even with a 30 mph wind. A danger does exist for individuals with exposed skin when the wind chill factor (combined effect of temperature and wind) balls below minus 20° F.

That can be achieved by any combination of temperatures below 20° F with a wind of 40 mph and temperatures below minus 20° F with no wind. If you are exercising near the danger zone for skin exposure, it also is advisable to warm the air being inhaled by wearing a scarf or mask over your nose and mouth to warm the air being inhaled.

Rules for exercising in the cold

- Check the temperature and wind conditions before you go out and do not exercise if conditions are dangerous.
- Keep your head, hands and feet warm.
- Dress in layers that can provide a trapped layer of dry air near the skin (avoid cotton sweats and other similar materials).
- Warm the air you are breathing if temperatures are below your comfort level (usually around 0° F).



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- 3—PASADENA: Taste of the Town Local restaurant owners fill the Pasadena Convention Center with food booths ranging from hors d'oeuvres and soups to Tex-Mex and ethnic cuisine. www. pasadenachamber.org 281/487-7871 Gulf Coast
- 4-5—BAYTOWN: Arts & Crafts Show Baytown Community Center. E-mail: pard@baytown.org 281/420-6597 Gulf Coast
- 4-6—CORPUS CHRISTI: The Peddler Show American Bank Center. www.peddlershow.com 800/775-2774 Gulf Coast
- 5—HOUSTON: Fall Repertory: Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372 Gulf Coast
- **5—PORT ARTHUR:** Garage Sale Port Arthur Civic Center. 409/985-8801 Gulf Coast
- 5-6—ROSENBERG: Fort Bend County Antique & Collectible Fair Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828
- 6—GALVESTON: Lily Tomlin Come prepared for an evening of giggles with this "Laugh-In" favorite. Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 Gulf Coast
- 6—PORT ISABEL: Annual World's Championship Shrimp Cook-Off Local teams cook. Wal-Mart Parking Lot. www.portisabel.org 956/943-2262 Gulf Coast
- 8—CORPUS CHRISTI: Sensational Seafood Taste mouth-watering Gulf of Mexico delicacies prepared by local chefs. Aquarium lobby. www.texasstateaquarium.org 361/881-1341 Gulf Coast
- 10-13—HOUSTON: Nutcracker Market Features holiday decorations, food, clothing, jewelry and furniture. Reliant Park. www. nutcrackermarket.com 713/535-3231 Gulf Coast
- 11-12—GALVESTON: Oklahoma! The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 Gulf Coast
- 11-12—HOUSTON: Minus One The Cullen Series features Les Grands Ballets Canadiens performing. Wortham Theater Center. www. houstonballet.org 713/227-2787 Gulf Coast
- 12—ARANSAS PASS: May Be Hot Maybe Not Bike Ride Includes a barbecue and live entertainment afterwards. Starts at the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce. www.aransaspass.org 361/758-2750
- 12—EDNA: Christmas in the Outback Craft show includes holiday decor, toys, collectibles and more. Brackenridge Plantation Park. www. jacksoncountytx.com 361/782-7146 Gulf Coast
- 12—EDNA: Texana Chili Spill Features a CASI cook-off, chili, beans, jackpot chicken, live music, games, dance, craft show and Veterans Day Ceremony. Brackenridge Plantation Park. E-mail: mprice@inra.com 361/782-5456 Gulf Coast
- 12—GALVESTON: Seventh Annual Texas Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Gala Honors Texans who have contributed to the advancement of aviation. Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. www.lsfm. org 409/740-7722 Gulf Coast
- 12—KEMAH: Classic Car Show Kemah Boardwalk. www. kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624 Gulf Coast
- 12—PORT ARTHUR: St. Catherine of Siena "Taste of Culture" Includes food booths, door prizes and a silent auction. Port Arthur Civic Center. 409/983-4006 Gulf Coast

- 12-13—HOUSTON: 16th Annual Texas Championship Powwow Includes traditional singing and dancing, food, tipi villages, demonstrations, storytelling, educational exhibits and authentic Native American arts & crafts. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500 Gulf Coast
- 12-13—KINGSLAND: Craft Show Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts. www.kingslandcrafts.com 325/388-6159 or 830/598-6213
- 12-13—PASADENA: Fall Festival Re-creates 1890s farm life on the Texas Gulf Coast. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551 Gulf Coast
- 12-Dec. 24—SPRING: Home for the Holidays www.oldtownspringtx. com 800/653-8696 or 281/353-9310 Gulf Coast
- 13—GALVESTON: 15th Annual End of Season Fly Day Informal flying event features aircraft of the Lone Star Flight Museum and other fly-in guests. Doors open at 9 a.m. Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. www. lsfm.org 409/740-7722 Gulf Coast
- 15—GALVESTON: The Little Engine that Could Earns Her Whistle Watty Piper's timeless tale comes to life. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 Gulf Coast
- 18—VICTORIA: Country Opry Hours are 7:30 to 10 p.m. 361/552-9347 Gulf Coast
- 18-Jan. 8—VICTORIA: Exhibit: Victoria's Early Painters Nave Museum. www.viptx.net/museum 361/575-8227 Gulf Coast
- 19—BRIDGE CITY: Holiday Parade & Festival Parade is followed by a softball tournament, barbecue cook-off and vendor booths. B.C. Intermediate School. E-mail: chamber@exp.net • www.cityofbridgecity. org 409/735-5671 Gulf Coast
- 19—KEMAH: Fifth Annual Beat the Heat See police dragsters and high-power racecars. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624 Gulf Coast
- 19—TOMBALL: Holiday Parade Features more than 175 entries. FM 2920. Miss Tomball Pageant is held at the Tomball Intermediate School. www.tomballchamber.org 281/351-7222 Gulf Coast
- 19—VICTORIA: Market Days Features more than 100 vendors and entertainment. Special Events Area in Riverside Park. www.victoriatx. org 361/485-3200 Gulf Coast
- 19-20—HOUSTON: The 11th Annual Houston Chronicle Snowfest George R. Brown Convention Center. www.texassnowfest.com 800/831-3976 Gulf Coast
- 19-20—PORT ARTHUR: Quota Arts & Crafts Show Port Arthur Civic Center. 409/962-4978 Gulf Coast
- 1919-20—TEXAS CITY: Model Railroad Festival The Texas City Museum and Showboat Pavilion is filled with model train layouts and vendors. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 400 block of 6th St. www.texascity-tx.org 409/643-5799 Gulf Coast
- 20—ALVIN: Victorian Holiday Includes Victorian sandwich plate desert and cider, entertainment by elementary students singing Christmas carols, auctions and craft booths. Hours are 2 to 6 p.m. National Oak Park. 281/331-2934 Gulf Coast
- 20—EL CAMPO: Polka Expo Features various polka bands, along with trade show booths. www.kulpradio.com 979/543-3303 Gulf Coast

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24—HOUSTON: Washington Mutual Thanksgiving Day Parade Features floats, marching bands and Santa Claus. www.wamuparade. com 713/654-8808 Gulf Coast

25-27—HOUSTON: The Nutcracker This ballet is a holiday treat. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787 G

25-27—KEMAH: Christmas in Kemah Includes local bands and entertainment, Santa, and more. "Blizzard on the Bay," with 30,000 pounds of snow on the ground is Saturday. www.kemah.net 281/538-4632 or 281/538-4165 Gulf Coast

26—GALVESTON: ArtWalk Historic Downtown Galveston. www. galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403 Gulf Coast

26-27—CORPUS CHRISTI: Seashore Marketplace Includes marketplace and live music. Balli Park Pavilion on North Padre Island. www.seashoremarketplace.com 361/332-9978 Gulf Coast

26-Dec. 31—VICTORIA: Christmas Bazaar Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Community Art Center. 361/575-8968 Gulf Coast

26-Jan. 8—GALVESTON: Twenty to Watch Exhibits works of emerging artists from the Austin area. Galveston Arts Center. www. galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403 Gulf Coast

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Cypress Community Christian School's Choir, Art and Drama programs are proud to announce their first joint production since Scrooge. With an all-star cast and beloved score by Rodgers and Hammerstein, *Cinderella* promises to be an unforgettable experience for the entire family. The part of Cinderella will be played by Alayna Matranga, the Prince by Josh Graber, the hilarious Step-Sisters by Keeley Lambert and Kasey Witherow, the charming Fairy God-Mother is double-cast played by Genesis Devine and Caroline Carthey, the part of the domineering Step-Mother is played by Courtney Higgs while Luke Jones and Michelle Anderson will warm hearts as the loveable King and Queen. Many other characters will grace the stage with unforgettable performances including Hunter Floyd as the Herald, John Medendorp as the Steward and double-cast Jon Obenland and Hasheem Thabeet as the Chef. Well known songs include: "Impossible," "Ten Minutes Ago," and "In My Own Little Corner."

Don't miss this outstanding musical to be held at Cook Junior High Theater located at 9111 Wheatland off of West Rd. between Jones & Beltway 8. Performances will be held on Friday, December 2 @ 7 p.m., Saturday, December 3 @ 2p.m. and Sunday, December 4 @ 3 p.m.

To purchase advance tickets, contact Mrs. Lisa Matranga in our Drama Department at lmatranga@cccs-hou.org or 281-469-8829 ext. 456. In addition, tickets may be purchased at the door! Also, you may access information on the school web site at www.cccs-hou.org - Upcoming Events Section.



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	Apr 05	May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sept 05
\$230,000 +	0	1	0	2	1	2
\$210,000-229,999	2	0	2	0	0	1
\$190,000-209,999	2	0	1	1	0	0
\$170,000-189,999	0	0	2	1	0	3
\$150000-169,999	0	0	0	0	2	1
\$150,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	1	5	4	3	7
Highest \$/Sq Ft	84.19	69.70	88.53	73.00	76.43	82.01

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