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OFFICIAL FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Fairfield Community Blood Drive

to be held on

**Saturday, January 21, 2006
at the VFD Fire station # 7**

The Fairfield Women's Club and the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department # 7 will be hosting a blood drive at the fire station on Cypresswood Drive.



The amount of donors we get to sign up determines the hours of the drive. Our *tentative* hours are 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. To sign up or for more information, please visit www.fairfieldvillage.org and click on the blood drive button under the FWC section.

We hope to see you there!

**For more info, contact Casey Buckley
at 281-373-3870**

Fairfield Soccer 7-8 Year Old Girl's ALLSTAR TEAM

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Caroline Bouffard, Devon Grady, Paige DeHaven, Jessica De-
Freese, Olivia Forcey, Blakely Irving

Back Row:

Jaqueline Schneider, Alexis Tarpley,
McKenzie Bartlett, Morgan Prather, Abigail Jones,
Lauren Applewhite, Amy Gracey, Brianna Edwards

Many Congratulations!

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY GAZETTE

Important Numbers

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance/Fire	911
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Sheriff's Department	911

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance	713-466-4073
Cy-Fair Medical Clinic (24 hr)	281-890-4285
FBI	713-693-5000
Fire	713-466-4073
Harris County Animal Control	281-999-3191
Sheriff's Department	713-221-6000
Vacation Watch	281-290-2100

CHURCHES

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church	281-357-8880
Community of Faith	832-875-2520
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church	281-469-5533
Fairfield Baptist Church	281-373-5446
Fairfield Church of Christ	281-373-1900
Fountain of Life Fellowship	281-373-9337
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church	281-373-2273
Harvest Bible Church	281-304-1441
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Fairfield Women's Club: Casey Buckley	281-373-3870
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As a courtesy please communicate with them during reasonable hours.

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Voter Registration	713-224-1919

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A.M.I (deed restrictions, etc.)	713-932-1122
Community Meeting Room	281-373-0834
Cy-Fair College	281-290-3200
Cypress Area Home Schoolers	281-890-3792
Fairfield Athletic Club (FAC)	281-373-0834
Fairfield Information Center	281-373-1177
Friendswood Development	281-875-1552
Harris Co. Library (Northwest)	281-890-2665
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Harris County Mosquito Control	713-440-4800

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14803 Opera House.....	3/3.5/3	\$266,000
14818 Wayne Wood Dr	4/2.5/2	\$249,000
14703 Whispering Cypress	4/3.5/3	\$246,900
20811 Chappell Knoll	4/2.5/2D ... POOL ...	\$224,900
15219 Brown Eyed Susan Ct ...	4/2.5/2	\$218,875
20206 Fairfield Trace	5.3.5/2.....	\$206,900
15718 Township Glen	4/2.5/2 .. Pending...	\$175,900
15430 Wild Timber	4/2/2	\$174,900
15023 Wildberry	5/3/2	\$168,940
21718 May Apple Ct.....	3/2/2	\$154,910
20315 Bent Aspen.....	3/2.5/2	\$149,900
20006 Crossvine Trail	4/2.5/2	\$130,900
15407 Chestnut Falls.....	3/2/2	\$129,500
1713 Autrey Dr	3/2/2	\$124,900
15407 Hillside Park Way/2/2	\$124,900
15119 Hillside Park Way	3/2.5/2 ... Pending ..	\$119,900
19910 Bambi Woods	4/2/2	\$109,900
5131 Sprey	4/2/2	\$98,000

Recent Sales:

14118 Armant Place	15311 Evergreen Knoll
9522 Barretts Glen	15410 Evergreen Knoll
15750 Bending Birch Dr.	19856 Indian Cherry Forest
19802 Black Cherry Bend	20302 Lakeland Falls
19814 Black Cherry Bend	20419 Lone Star
19815 Black Cherry Bend	15142 Red Cedar Cove
19923 Black Cherry Bend	15402 Robin Grove Ct.
21926 Bronze Leaf Dr.	4014 Timber Corner
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The deadline for submission of articles and personal classified ads is by the 10th of each month; your article and/or ad will appear in the following month's Gazette. In order for the Gazette to be delivered on time the submission deadline date will be strictly adhered to and no articles and/or personal classified ads will be accepted after the 10th of each month.

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Thank you, Holly A. Reichert, #281-304-9956

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

The MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2006

Fairfield Seniors Pot Luck Supper

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

Fairfield Women's Club Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2006

Fairfield Women's Club presents
Fairfield Community Blood Drive

Fairfield Seniors Game Night

Thursday, January 26, 2006

Fairfield Seniors Game Night

Saturday, January 28, 2006

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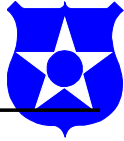
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SECURITY REPORT



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Burglary of Habitat (incl. att. garage)0

Burglary (Non-residence)0

Burglary of Motor Vehicle.....
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Theft1

Cottage Glen:

- An unknown suspect forged complainant's information on several checks and cashed them.

Bluebonnet Glen:

- Complainant reported that an unknown suspect took building material from construction site.

Inwood Glen Village:

- Complainant found the rear window on his vehicle was broken.

Chappell Ridge Village:

- Complainant advised that his brother assaulted him.

INFORMATION REPORTS:9

Credit Card Abuse:0

Disturbances/Assaults:4

Criminal Mischief:1

Public Lewdness:0

SAFETY TIPS: *Keep your cars secured and do not leave purses/wallets/gifts or other valuables visible.*

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Wishing you and your family a
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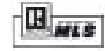
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Most people believe that the exterior appearance of a home speaks volumes about the people who live in it. When you see a well maintained and attractive home there is an automatic assumption that the interior is also well maintained and attractive. Failure to maintain a home properly affects its value and the overall value of homes in the neighborhood.

As a part of our contractual agreement with the Association, AMI visits the community monthly noting deed restriction violations. Deed restriction violations are noted by property address and records maintained via AMI's service request system. On each visit, the AMI representative has a copy of the most recent report. Previous violations are reviewed and either noted as having been brought into compliance or a second letter is issued. Should a third letter be required, it is generally a demand letter. If the property remains in violation following the third letter, the Board of Directors then makes the decision as to whether the violation is turned over to an attorney for legal pursuit or, in some cases, a certificate of non-compliance is filed of record, except for lawn maintenance matters (see below). If a certificate of non-compliance is filed, it means that when the homeowner goes to sell or refinance their home, the title company will require the violation to be brought into compliance before issuing a clear title on the property.

No one likes to receive a letter from the Association noting a violation. Should you receive a letter; you may want to first look at

the date of the letter. Perhaps the AMI representative was in the community the day before you mowed your lawn or returned your boat to storage. In that case, simply dispose of the letter. The remedy of the violation will be noted on the next community visit. If the violation noted is still in place, please contact AMI with any questions you may have regarding the noted violation.

One of the most frequent violations noted in Fairfield Village is yard maintenance. It is also the source of the most complaints received from homeowners. Regular mowing, edging and weeding of beds, mulching, fertilization and watering is critical in providing curb appeal for your home and in promoting a community that all homeowners are proud to live in. Your Governing Documents permit your Association to enter upon your property to perform the necessary lawn maintenance, if the homeowner is neglectful. In addition, when you purchased your home, you agreed to properly maintain your property by agreeing to the deed restrictions that run with your property.

Don't particularly enjoy yard work? There are a number of companies available who will provide that service at a nominal price. Don't know how to maintain your yard? Sometimes neighbors helping neighbors can resolve the problem. Get creative!

Fairfield Village is a beautiful, young community. But remember, being a good neighbor is more than just maintaining a house and lawn. Respect for all community rules, residents and community assets are what make Fairfield Village a great community in which to live.

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Also, although we're all anxious to get home to be with our family, speeding and reckless driving is against the law and endangers everyone. As there are many children in Fairfield, before you speed or park on the street, please consider their wellbeing.

Children are our greatest treasures and we're creating a threat to their safety by parking on the street and speeding through Fairfield.

We all know that children have a tendency to move about impulsively and may inadvertently run into the street. Please don't let a tragedy happen before taking your vehicle off the street or exceeding the speed limit. For the benefit of all the residents and children, and the overall appearance of your neighborhood, please do not park on the street. Make accommodations in your garage for your vehicles and keep your streets clear and safe for all and please, **DO NOT SPEED IN FAIRFIELD.**

Pet Corner

My name is Susan Locke, and I am the Lost and Found Pet Coordinator for Fairfield. I am a contact for someone that has lost or found a pet and tries to match the two together. I am unable to pick up, deliver or provide medical assistance to lost, found or injured animals but try to help locate the dog or owner when they are lost.

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- Clean, disinfect toilets, tubs, showers
- Hand wash, disinfect floors

All Rooms

- Pick up and straighten
- Dust sills, ledges, wall hangings
- Remove cobwebs
- Dust/vacuum furniture
- Vacuum floors, carpets
- Vacuum stairs
- Vacuum under beds
- Change linens, make beds
- Empty trash

Windows

- Clean entry window & one set of patio door windows
- Clean window over kitchen sink

Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department Station #7 News



Annual Food and Toy Drive

Thanks again to everyone who donated for this year's Food and Toy Drive. All donations you made were sorted and distributed to local families in need. A special thanks to all the members who volunteered their time to deliver and collect bags, sort food, and work at the warehouse for this great cause.

CPR & First Aid Classes

Do you or a group that you're associated with need a CPR or First Aid Class? The Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department hosts these classes every month. The cost is \$20 each per person or you can take both for \$35. Courses include infant, child, and adult CPR, as well as obstructed airway and rescue breathing. For more information or to sign up for a class, please call the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department Business Office at 281-550-6663.

On the NET

Did you know we have a website? Visit us in cyberspace at www.cyfairvfd.org. There's something for everyone including information about the department, becoming a member, upcoming events, and other useful items.

New Members...

Want to join us? Anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter, EMT, or learning more about the department is invited to visit the station on any Thursday evening between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. or check our website at www.cyfairvfd.org. No experience necessary.

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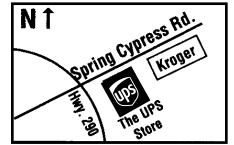
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Fairfield Sports Association

Letter to the Community,

It's hard to believe that it is 2006. It seems just like yesterday we were all preparing for Y2K meltdowns! As we prepare for another full year of sports for our kids, the Fairfield Sports Association would like to point out some recent capital improvements (some completed ... some underway ... some still to come) that will continue to insure our kids will be able to practice and play on some of the best facilities in the area. Some of the improvements that you are sure to notice are:

BASKETBALL: The gym floor at the Rec Center has been refurbished. It was stripped and refinished over the Holidays. New lines were painted (for basketball and volleyball) and these improvements should last a couple of years before we have to do it again. We are looking into various sound proofing materials to possibly help with noise reduction, and if we can find something at a reasonable cost, we may try to install it over the summer in advance of the 06/07 seasons.

VOLLEYBALL: New standards and nets have been ordered and should be in prior to the start of the spring season. If properly stored, assembled and care for, this equipment should last our volleyball program for years to come. FYI: Below is the schedule for the upcoming 2006 spring season:

2006 Spring Volleyball Season

Age Divisions

7 year olds – 2nd graders (Instructional League)

8-9 year olds – 3rd & 4th graders

10-11 year olds – 5th & 6th graders

12-13 year olds – 7th & 8th graders

14 & up – 9th-12th graders

(Please note: The 14 & up league must have enough participants to form at least four (4) teams.

The 7 year old division will be an Instructional League)

Registration Dates: January 7 / January 14 / January 21

11:00 am – 3:00 pm at Lakeside Trails Clubhouse

Coaches Meeting: February 16th

Tryouts: February 18th

Practices Start: February 20th

Games: March 18th – May 20th

The spring program will include two tournaments in which fees are included with registration. Due to court space limitations, the league can only accept the first 240 girls registered. Volunteer coaches and assistant coaches will be needed in all age divisions. Coaching clinics are provided. Shirts and Shorts will be provided. Participants must provide own knee pads.

BASEBALL: A fourth baseball field is under construction. This field

will serve our AA and below divisions as this is where the real growth of the program is coming from. The grass may not be as plush on it in this, our inaugural season, but within a year it will be as nice as anything else we currently have.

SOCCER: There is good news on the horizon for soccer. Unfortunately, short term, we will be suspending our spring soccer season in Fairfield due to lack of field space. All soccer coaches from the fall season were e-mailed a notice regarding playing soccer in the Cy-Fair Sports Association for the spring. Hopefully, these details were forwarded to all parties interested in playing this spring. The good news? We have a new 10-acre site being made available to us by Friendswood/Lennar in June that we have earmarked for multiple soccer fields. We also are working on another 10-acre site that could also be available for our use by June/July that also will be designated for soccer only. We cannot promise this additional 10 acres, but we are confident that it will happen.

FSA PRACTICE CENTER: Formerly the Golf Center – this acreage will now be referred to as the **FSA Practice Center** as it will never be a golf driving range again. We are in the process of leveling this piece of property with the idea of creating additional practice space for baseball/softball in the spring and for soccer in the fall. A special thank you needs to go out to Ken Payne and Mustang Cat for providing the equipment and to Jerry Wizig and Pace Services for providing the labor.

ELECTRICAL WARNING SYSTEMS: We will be installing two electrical warning systems – at the ball fields and at the practice center. These systems will sound an alarm when atmospheric conditions are such that an electrical strike could happen. All coaches and umpires/referees will be instructed that in the event the warning system sounds, all activities on the fields (and in the batting cages) must cease immediately. We hope to have these systems installed and functioning by February 1, 2006.

SKYHAWKS: There will be summer camps (all sports) conducted through the Skyhawks organization. We were contemplating severing our relationship with this group, but a new regional director has convinced us to give it one more year. All the camps will take place in Fairfield and details will be forthcoming over the next few months.

Please get involved in some capacity or another with our organization. Everything we do we try to do in the best interest of our kids. Your participation and involvement is essential as we continue to grow.

As always, go to our website: www.fairfield-sports.com for more information. And if you have any questions, complaints, compliments or suggestions, contact me through the website.

The next two FSA board meetings are January 9 and February 6, 2006 at Lakeside Trails Clubhouse. Anyone can attend, and I hope you will.

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FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY GAZETTE

THE 3 C's—CONSTRUCTING, CELEBRATING AND CARING—CUB SCOUT PACK #1533

The months of November and December found the Cub Scouts of Pack #1533 busy constructing, celebrating and caring, by continuing to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The Cub Scouts of Wolf Den #4 completed one more requirement on their trail to earning their Wolf Badges. This time they completed Achievement #5—Tools for Fixing and Building. The boys learned all about tools and constructing. Using those tools they—even power tools—they constructed fantastic birdhouses. They proudly displayed their finished projects at the November Pack meeting.

Webelos I Den #2 also spent their time constructing. While working on their Engineer Badge, they learned about bridges. The boys then built their own model bridges and presented them to the Pack also at the November meeting.

Cub Scout Pack #1533 continued its assistance to those affected by Hurricane Katrina. The scouts sponsored a Toy Drive for the children in Gulfport, Mississippi. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort by donating a toy. Because of the generosity of the wonderful people in Fairfield, the Pack was able to send many toys to help make this Christmas special for the children.

December was also a time for celebrating. On December 9, 2005, the Pack held it's annual Christmas party around the Christmas tree outside of GSUMC. Over 170 people enjoyed hotdogs, hot cocoa and s'mores in the very frosty weather. Two trailers (hayrides) filled with Scouts, siblings and adults wound around the Fairfield neighborhoods spreading Christmas cheer complete with Christmas carols. And, no Christmas party would be complete without a visit from the fat man himself—Santa Claus. Good old

St. Nick presented gifts to all the kids and, as is his tradition, presented the Scouts with their Pinewood Derby car kits.

As December came to an end, the Pack bid farewell to Webelos II Den's #9 & 10 as they began their journey to Boy Scouts. The Arrow of Light Ceremony was held on December 16, 2005. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award a boy can earn as a Cub Scout, and is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform. Scouts completing these requirements have learned everything needed to join a Boy Scout Troop. Those earning this honor at a very special ceremony were:

Den #9

Calvin Anderson
Nelson Elgin
Daniel Shudra

Danny Weise

Den #10

John Callegari
Collin Harlan
Harold Jackson

Travis Lammert

Blake Schroeder
Cody Spidle
Corey Stevens
Justin Knippers

Pack #1533 congratulates these young men—we will miss you!

The 3 C's—constructing, celebrating and caring—just some of what Cub Scout Pack #1533 is all about. It's not too late to be a part of it all. Every boy is welcome; regardless of what school he attends. If you know of a boy (1st grade through 5th grade) who may be interested in Scouting, please feel free to contact Pack Committee Chairman, Tom Huber at tomh@tdspecialty.com or Cubmaster, Jim West at jwest@geoshack.com for more information. Be sure to check out Pack #1533's website at www.pack1533.org for more news and more great photos.



The boys in Den #4 learn about the proper use of tools while building their birdhouses



Cub Scouts Brandon Lord and Wesley Foster get some help using the power tools from Wesley's dad, Greg,



Wolf Den #4 shows display their birdhouses at the November Pack Meeting.



Den #4 shares with the Pack what they have learned about tools and constructing.

CUB SCOUT BRANDON LORD WINS MEGA SALES-MAN AWARD

On December 3, 2005 Cub Scout, Brandon Lord (Pack #1533) was honored at the annual Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America Popcorn Celebration Dinner. Brandon was one of 17 scouts selected as Mega Salesman Prizewinner in this year's popcorn sale in the Sam Houston Area Council.

The Mega Salesman Award recognizes and rewards outstanding sales efforts of Scouts in the Sam Houston Area Council. This year, over 10,000 scouts in the Sam Houston Area Council sold a total of over \$1.9million of popcorn. Of that number, 130 scouts sold over \$1000 worth of popcorn and were eligible for the Mega Salesman Prize. Brandon achieved \$1107 in sales of popcorn and placed 2nd in total sales for Pack #1533. After a pizza party dinner the boys were able to select their prizes that included X-box 360's, TV's, I-pods, Life Flight tours, Rocket's tickets, karaoke system, gift cards etc. Brandon's chose 4 tickets to an upcoming Astro's game complete with hats and other Astro's items as his Mega Salesman prize.

Brandon Lord is in 2nd grade at Keith Elementary and belongs to Cub Scout Pack #1533 (Ault Elementary) where he is a Wolf Scout in Den #4.

Cub Scout Pack #1533 wishes to congratulate Brandon on his award and thanks him for his hard work.



BRANDON LORD
Mega Salesman Award
Winner from
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TROOP 533

Annual Fertilizer & Mulch Sale

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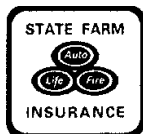
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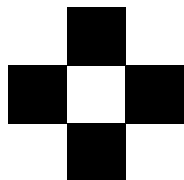
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DECEMBER HAPPENINGS:

The December 3rd trip to San Antonio we had 30 members and guests take this trip to see the Christmas Lights along the River Walk. It was a very scenic and enjoyable trip. Then for our Annual Christmas Pot Luck gift exchange on December 8th we had a very large crowd participate. Everyone enjoyed the excitement of the gift exchanging along with our Christmas smorgasbord.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES PLANS:

Thursday, January 12th: The Monthly Pot Luck at the Lakeside Trails Club House, it starts around 6:30pm; but, do plan on being there early for some socializing and fellowship.

Tuesday, January 17th: Game Night at the Cook's starts around 6:30 pm. Directions are posted on the Activity Details page of the web site and will be in our January 15 weekly planner. This is always a fun night with great fellowship, just bring a little snack.

Thursday, January 26th: The Monthly Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House from 6:30 pm. There is plenty of room and we would like to see you there for this enjoyable evening of dominos, Sequence, various card games and fellowship. Have a favorite card or board game, or received one for Christmas, please bring it and teach the rest of us how to play; but be sure to be there.

For information on all activities other than trips:

Call Mary Lou Cook for more details at... **281-304-8359**

We recommend that you check our web site regularly, to get the latest information. Things often change from the time an article must be submitted to the publisher and when you receive your copy of the Gazette.

Our web address: **www.fairfieldseniorsgroup.com**

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UPCOMING TRIP PLANS:

Saturday February 25th: The destination, itinerary & cost will be posted on our web site and will be in the February Gazette once the details are finalized. However keep that date open. Also keep **Saturday March 18th** open for our March trip. The committee has some great ideas for both of these trips.

FAIRFIELD SENIORS WEEKLY PLANNER:

A planner each week is emailed to our members and others. It provides updated information and any changes from what appeared in the Gazette, for the upcoming weeks events: such as...activities, member birthdays, and other news of interest. If you would like to receive this weekly email, send your email address... to: Our email address: **FairfieldSeniors@houston.rr.com**

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See you there - Aggie Mom WHOOP!

The MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield

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The MOMS Club has numerous activities including playgroups, babysitting co-op, Moms Night Out, coupon swap, cooking and crafts.

Our next monthly all-member meeting will be held at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church located on Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM.

For more information please contact Kristine Fiala, Membership VP at 281-373-3934 or email kristinefiala@yahoo.com or Carissa Thompson, President, at 281-256-6204 or email carissalt@sbcglobal.net with MOMS Club in the subject line.

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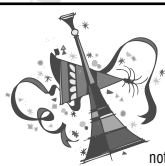
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Membership in Kiwanis is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the service programs it promotes, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373; George Crowl at 832-467-1998; or Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127.

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Little Lambs News

Our spring semester at Little Lambs Mother's Day

Out and Preschool is off to a chilly start. During the frosty month of January, we will all have fun discovering the wonderful things winter brings and dreaming of snow. Our 2's will also discover dinosaurs and our 3's will learn about pets. Our 4's will explore space and our bridge class will learn about all different kinds of winter animals. Our 3's, 4's and 5's will also explore differences in other cultures around the world at the end of this month.

We are looking forward to in February celebrating Valentine's Day and becoming cowboys and cowgirls during our Rodeo/Texas theme.

We will have registration for the 2006-2007 school year beginning the first of February. We will conduct registration online and in person again this year. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on the following dates: February 1 - church members with children currently or previously enrolled in our program, February 2 - current students, February 3 - church members new to the program and February 6 - open registration. Little Lambs is a weekday ministry of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Fairfield. We have two and three day program options serving children from 18 months of age to 4 years. We also have a four day "Bridge" program for children five years of age but not attending kindergarten in the fall. We will give tours of our school every Thursday at 10 a.m. during the month of January. Please call Barbara or Claire at 281-373-0052 or look at our website littlamlbsmdo.org for more information about our program.



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L.I.F.E. in the New Year

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) January's schedule is as follows: no program Jan. 4; The Art of Meditation is Jan. 11; The Inner Life of Beads is Jan. 18 and Calligraphy is Jan. 25. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at www.cy-faircollege.com/library.

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The Cy-Fair College Academy for Lifelong Learning provides opportunities for adults 50 and better to enjoy intellectual and social enrichment. With an annual membership of \$10, participants can take member-driven courses for free or at a reduced rate; study under the guidance of members who represent a wide range of expertise and life experiences; develop friendships within a diverse group of people; participate in social activities; and be part of a collective voice of active adults in the community. Call 281-290-5991 or e-mail Andriav@nhmccd.edu for course information or to sign up now.

Library Offers Free Computer Classes and Book Clubs

The Harris County Public Library Cy-Fair College Branch offers free computer workshops, including a family-friendly class. Topics range from basic computer functions to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. A variety of monthly book clubs, such as women of the world (Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. — "The Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd), mystery (Jan. 25 at 1:30 p.m. — "Coffee Trader" by David Liss), democracy (Jan. 26 at 2:30 p.m. — "The Souls of Black Folk" by W.E.B. DuBois) and sports page (Jan. 12 at 10:30 a.m. — "Let Me Tell You a Story: A Lifetime in the Game" by Red Auerbach and John Feinstein) book clubs. There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children. Go online to <http://www.cy-faircollege.com/Library/index.cfm> for information.

Free Spring Film Series

The Cy-Fair College Spring Film Series will start the week of Jan. 17. Kicking off the season will be "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter ... and Spring" about Buddhism in Korea, and "The Sea Inside" an award-winning Spanish film. A college professor or student organization hosts each film, which is followed with a discussion. The film series is part of Windows on the World and is presented at no charge to students or the community. The series is offered as a free Continuing Education class called Film Appreciation and registration is available at all the film events. Most films are held in ART 102 in the Center for the Arts building at the Barker Cypress Campus, 9191 Barker Cypress Road. For information, call 281-290-3257, e-mail robert.obrien@nhmccd.edu or visit http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/roboobrien/Film_Series.html.



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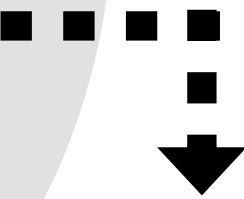
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Fairfield Athletic Club News

Hours at the Club

Monday thru Thursday	5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Friday	5:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

New Website

All FAC news and policies can also be found on the Fairfield community website: www.fairfieldvillage.org

New Card Replacement Policy

The FAC has started a new policy for members that have lost their cards. For anyone who has to have a new card made, we will be charging a mandatory \$2.00 fee. If you have simply misplaced your card, we ask that you try to locate it before requesting a replacement. We thank you for your cooperation, and if you have any questions, please call us at 281-373-0834.

Guests

If you are going to bring a guest with you to the FAC, you will need to pay a \$5.00 guest fee and have your guest sign a waiver. ALL guests must be accompanied by a resident.

Weight Room Orientation

Orientation will be offered at the club on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please call the front desk to make sure of the dates, occasionally we do have to change our dates due to our trainer's schedule.

Weight Room Rules

No one under the age of 12 is allowed in the weight room. 12-14 year olds must have completed weight room orientation and be accompanied by an adult that is taking responsibility for them. 15 year olds must have completed weight room orientation. We would like to remind residents that proper athletic attire must be worn when working out. Athletic clothing is required, no jeans, blue-jean shorts are allowed. You must also wear athletic/tennis shoes.

Rentals

The FAC rents out the Bradford Creek clubhouse, and The Lakeside Trails clubhouse. For rental fees please call the FAC at 281-373-0834 and ask for Darlene.

Tennis

The Copperfield Racquet and Health Club is now offering the following programs at the Fairfield Athletic Club: a Junior Tennis Academy, Drop-In Drills, and Free Adult Tennis Clinics, Adult and Junior Private Instruction. You may call the FAC front desk for more details as we receive them. All checks for these programs are made payable to the

Copperfield Racquet and Health Club. You are responsible for paying the tennis pro, John Kudrick, at the FAC courts. If anyone is interested in finding out more about tennis activities, including leagues, at the FAC you can email John Kudrick at johnkudrick@hotmail.com. If you would like to reserve a tennis court, you must call the FAC to make your reservations and you must bring your card to check out a tennis court key. Each player must bring their card. If you have guests with you they must pay the \$5.00 guest fee and fill out a waiver.

Adult Lap Swimming

If you are over the age of 18 you can sign a waiver and lap swim when the FAC is open. Please call the FAC about the time for lap swimming as it changes throughout the year. The phone number is 281-373-0834.

Before and After School Program

We also have a job opening in the Before School Program. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have graduated high school. Please call Pam Garner for more information at 281-373-0834.

Fairfield Boot Camp

Boot Camp is already underway for the month of January, but it's not too late to join in for February or March. Please visit www.fairfield-bootcamp.com or call Joy at 832-656-2535. Joy will be speaking at the Fairfield Women's Club meeting on January 17th and will also be leading the ladies through a mini-boot camp. Remember, it's never too late to begin working out—Joy offers personal training that is a customized workout suited to your goals, needs and time schedule.

Lifeguarding

We will be accepting applications for summer 2006 lifeguard positions in January. We will begin the interview process in February and the lifeguard training will be here at the FAC in March. You must be 15 by March to attend the training. If you have any questions regarding lifeguarding please call Charlotte Byrne at 281-373-0834.

Aerobics

Evening aerobics classes are Monday and Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Golf Center. Please come for a free tryout. For more information contact the instructor: Nancy Wong at 281-256-3711.

Yoga

Yoga classes, taught by Nancy Wong are on Monday and Wednesday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the Golf Center. Please try out a class for free! For more information contact Nancy Wong at 281-256-3711.

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Harvest Bible Church

Acts 15:5-18... *Some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses." 6 The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. 7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. 10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."*

In the first century, just like the modern day, there were some who stood up to proclaim their belief that circumcision was necessary for Gentiles (all non-Jews) to be saved. They apparently did not understand grace and were requiring Gentiles to become Jewish (through circumcision) in order to be truly saved by Jesus Christ.

These legalists, called Pharisees, had a history of forcing the Jews to obey the letter of the Mosaic Law while they themselves missed the spirit of that Law. Therefore it isn't surprising to find them foisting their legalism upon the Gentile church. This apparently growing belief among Jewish converts led to the first church council which met to discuss this problem.

The gathering together of the church leaders that day was intense. One side was pushing for works in addition to God's grace for obtaining true salvation while the other was about salvation by God's grace alone through faith in Christ alone – the same debate that exists between denominations today.

The Apostle Peter stood up in the midst of the debate and humbly asserted his own influence and spiritual calling among the brothers. He reminded the gathering that day that he had been appointed to preach to the Gentiles and bring them to belief in Christ. This he had done, and he witnessed, along with other Jews, the phenomenon of Gentiles receiving the Holy Spirit and afterward speaking in tongues (Acts 10:44-48) as a result of their conversion to Christ for salvation. And at no time did these Spirit-indwelt Gentiles become circumcised! Peter reminded them that God had made no distinction between Jews and Gentiles, giving both groups the Holy Spirit and making them one.

So Peter's question in v. 10 solved the issue. Why would the Jews tell the Gentiles that they also had to keep the Mosaic Law in order to be saved – a burden that no Jew from Moses to John the Baptist was able to keep? This made no sense, and Peter told them that in doing so they were putting God to the test – they were slandering God's gift of salvation by grace alone.

Peter summarized the Christian faith in Acts 15:11: "we" (Jews) are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus in the same way "they" (Gentiles) also are. Peter himself taught that God's grace alone saves a man apart from works. Today, some still claim that God gives grace but only to those who work for it by abstaining from certain food, drink, and activities. Don't believe it! Good works follow salvation; *they don't merit it*. Faith is the root of salvation; works are the fruit (Ephesians 2:8-10).

If you desire to know who God is through a study of the Scriptures, come visit us at Harvest Bible Church. Our worship service is currently at Ault Elementary each Sunday morning at 10:30. Our website is www.harvest-biblechurch.net.

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We are an active group of Catholic's that attend and support Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church on Huffmeister. If you are new to the neighborhood, please go by the parish office and pick up a welcome packet. Mass times at CtR are Saturday: 5 pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9, or 11am and 5:00 pm. Mon., Tues, Thurs. & Fri at 9 am and Wed. at 7 pm.

We share our faith with the our neighbors in Fairfield through a local C.C.E. program K-8th grade, adult and family faith formation, spiritual activities, etc. These activities are planned by a core group of volunteers that meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to become more involved and get to know your neighbors and Catholic community better, please call Anna Marie Novoa at 281-213-3136.

*****NEW***Adult Bible Study in Fairfield:** called "Stories Jesus Told: Parables 101".

We will meet in a relaxed, informal atmosphere at the Fairfield Golf Center, so come take part in the discussion of selected parables from the bible. All class time will be during your children's CCE class time, so that means Sunday evenings. Drop your kids off and then head to the Fairfield Golf Center! Come one! Come all! Drop-ins are welcome from 4:40 to 5:50 pm. *Babysitting Provided.* Any questions? Email Matt & Jill Alborn at jmalborn@aol.com

Fairfield CCE representative needed for Christ the Redeemer next year, 2006-07: Can you believe this is the fifth year of CCE in Fairfield?

Over the years we have all witnessed our children growing in their faith together with friends and neighbors. We need a new representative to help coordinate classes for Fairfield. This volunteer position requires someone willing to serve with Christ the Redeemer's religious ed. staff. If you feel you are being called to help Fairfield, please call Katie Smith at 281-373-9008 or Fredna Kilcummins, RE Director at CtR, 281-469-5533.

C.C.E. 2005-06: We hold classes in Fairfield on Sunday evenings to support our many local Catholic's by having our children worship together as friends and neighbors through Christ. Many blessings to our teachers and aides that have volunteered to lead our children in their faith this year! If you have any questions concerning CCE classes, please contact Fredna Kilcummins, Religious Education Director, at Christ the Redeemer, 281-469-5533.

BIBLE STUDIES: Men's Bible Study in Fairfield: Every Sunday night, 8:30-9:30, at the Fairfield Golf Center. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mike Rhodes at 281-373-4170. **Adult at CtR:** Every Thursday at 7 pm at Christ the Redeemer, room 113. For more information call Rose Mary Potter at 281-469-5533. **Jr. & High School at CtR:** T.N.T., (Tuesday Night Truth), at Christ the Redeemer. For more information call the Christ the Redeemer parish office at 281-469-5533.

FLAG POLE at AULT: Every Wed, from 6:30-6:45 pm, local Catholic's come together in prayer at the Ault Elementary flagpole. Everyone is welcome to join!

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The preschool program encourages the children to become more independent in their learning behavior and socializing skills to better prepare them for the challenges ahead of them once they leave a preschool setting. Each day the children enjoy large group activities, open center play for creativity and imagination, outside playtime, an art and craft project, and table time to work on their fine motor, writing and following direction skills.

Fall registration for 2006 will be open to the public beginning Tuesday, February 7. The MDO office will be open on Monday, Feb 6 between 10 am and 2 pm for tours/questions. For information about enrolling your child, contact Jenny Cunningham at 281-373-5446 or jenny.cunningham@fairfieldbaptist.com.

Can't come on Sunday? Looking for a place to belong? Want a place to meet people and learn more about God and the practical aspects of living and raising your children? **New Adult Community Group Bible** studies begin January 8, 2006. **Ladies Bible Study** will host a registration coffee Wednesday, January 4 at 10 am, providing information for the new spring Bible studies. Studies begin January 11. Men's Fraternity meets each Wednesday from 6-7 am for Bible study, coffee and doughnuts. For more

information call 281-373-5446 or info@fairfieldbaptist.com.

Living from paycheck to paycheck? More month than money? Join us for **Financial Peace University**, the Dave Ramsey video-based classes which teach you how to take control of your finances. FPU orientation is January 8 at 5 pm and classes start on January 15. Cost is \$97/couple. For more information visit our FPU website at www.fairfieldfpu.com

AWANA teaches kids that God is real, that He loves them, and that He has proven His love through Jesus! Kids also learn how God can help them in their everyday life. AWANA meets each Sunday from 5:00-6:45 pm. It is not too late to join! The AWANA program encompasses children from age 3 through High School. Call 281-373-5446 for more information or check our website at www.fairfieldbaptist.com.

Student Ministry: Winter Camp is scheduled for January 14-16, 2006 in Trinity Pines, TX. Cost is \$110. Casual/curious students are welcome. Half Time happens every Wednesday night from 6:45-8:00 p.m. Hang Time follows Half Time. Hang Time for Middle School is on campus in the Education building from 8:00-8:45 p.m. Hang Time for High School is at Wendy's, Chik-fil-A, or Taco Bell from 8:00-9:00 p.m. The first Wednesday of every month Half Time is at Gambino's, for both Middle School and High School, from 6:45-9:00 p.m. Sunday morning Connection Groups meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Education building. Free Shipping is our Sunday night event that is geared toward the core students who desire to worship through service.

"Bigstuf" registration for summer camp will begin this month. A \$50 deposit is required to make a student reservation! BigStuf dates are July 20-24, 2006. Total cost is \$350.

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During our Bible Studies, we examine God's promises as they relate and are applied to daily life. We find out how to live a Christ-centered lifestyle and learn to overcome trials as we walk in victory. It's a time when our spirits are refreshed and renewed.

We end every meeting with prayer requests. There is power in agreement as we take these petitions before the Lord. If you have a special prayer need and would like Christian brothers and sisters to be in prayer with you, please call our church office at 281.373.9337. Our intercessory prayer team will join you in lifting your appeal to God.

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The word says, "Raise up a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it." Come, get excited for Jesus, in an atmosphere that is magnetically charged with "Holy Spirit" power. We have two exciting groups to tell you about. a) Youth Group, for 6th – 12 graders, especially geared toward Youth with the vibrant today's sound in Christian lyrics, Bible study and activities. Our Youth Group outreach is to assist children in a local foster home. This gives our young people an opportunity to give back to those in an assisted living facility who have no family to visit them. We believe the youth have a lot to learn from those who have wisdom, maturity and love.

b) Kidz Klub, for K – 5th graders, geared toward the active, "bouncing off the walls" temperament of the elementary aged kids. The Kidz Klub ministry is to a local foster home of special needs kids.

Women

Pastor Kerry leads a Women's Bible Study on Thursday Mornings at 10:00 am in one of our church member's home. The topics are relevant for women who seek God's face. If you are interested in attending, please contact the pastor at 713.373.9337.

Intensive Bible Study

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Fruitful Word Ministries

The Door of Hope

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, my family was blessed to join a group of people from Fairfield Baptist Church on a mission trip to Acuna, Mexico. Our visit included a Bible study and landscaping work at a home for unwed pregnant girls. The name of the home is *Puerta de Esperanza*, which means "Door of Hope". The meagerly furnished stucco home has been a place of refuge for many young girls in Acuna who were lured into prostitution or a sexual relationship by the neglect of their families or by the hopelessness of their circumstances. Pregnant and rejected, the girls (between the ages of twelve and sixteen) are left to fend for themselves.

Perhaps you've never been pregnant, alone, and penniless. Maybe you've never felt the sting of a family's rejection. However, most of us can relate with making mistakes or choosing paths that shroud us in shame or limit our options. Regardless how far away we stray, our heavenly Father relentlessly and passionately pursues a relationship with us.

In the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus told of a young boy who rejected his father and squandered his inheritance on wild parties and self indulgence. When the money was exhausted, the humiliated, hungry young man returned home hoping he would be accepted as a hired servant. Yet as soon as the young man's silhouette appeared on the horizon, his father ran toward him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The wayward child was welcomed back, not as a servant, but as a son (Luke 15:11-32).

The girls we met in Acuna had wandered away from their faith and from their God. Like the prodigal son, the valley these girls stumbled into during their seasons of rebellion brought them heartache and trouble. Interestingly, throughout history God's people have often allowed their hearts to wander far from Him. But look at what the Lord said He would do for Israel when

the nation had turned away and forgotten Him:

*So I am going to attract her;
I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her.
There I will give her back her vineyards,
and I will make the Valley of Trouble a door of hope.
(Hosea 2:14-15b NCV)*

Regardless the circumstances that bring the girls to Puerta de Esperanza, God takes what appears to be inescapable trouble and transforms it into a gateway to a better life. The girls are given the opportunity to complete their educations, they are taught to care for their children, and are given job training. Inside *The Door of Hope*, the girls find safety, support, and most importantly they find salvation through Jesus Christ.

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A Time for Reflection and Vision

As January begins it is time for both reflection and vision. In 2005 we saw continued growth in ministry and in Good Shepherd's ability to be a servant to the community. It is our vision as a body to match the excitement of our members and to reach into the community to be a presence for Christ. The disasters in Louisiana and East Texas allowed the community as a whole to reach out, to be the hands and feet of Christ to the world. Amazingly, even after the effort shown in hurricane relief the community again stepped up surpassing our expectations in the "Camp for Christ" program (see below). In addition, we have seen dynamic growth in many different respects. Increased numbers are noted in attendance as well as in new areas of Bible Study, Youth Group, UMArmy, JUMMP, local mission projects, Easter Egg Hunt, and our second international mission trip to name a few. Of course the Christmas season was a wonderful time for our church family with a Tree Lighting Celebration - Annual Hayride and Hotdog Roast - "That Feeling of Christmas" musical program - and the uplifting celebration of the miracle of Christ's birth on Christmas Eve in four services. But with reflection also comes vision - where are we going in the New Year and how can we further minister in the community. There are many ways:

Camp for Christ Highlights - Of special note, and with great thanks to all of the neighboring communities, the junior and senior high groups marshaled their resources to meet the needs of those in our community with Camp for Christ. The participation of 65 youth plus sponsors over a month, under girded by your generosity, wrapped up with the complete filling of the entire entrance area to the multi-purpose building with clothes, blankets, and other necessities for the homeless. This continues to be a tremendous experience for all who participated.

Bible Study: We have several studies meeting virtually every day of the week. They range from women's, men's, couples', and youth. We also have contacts for many other studies throughout the community. More are on there way here at Good Shepherd. Join or call us for details on any of these. One new program starting in January is "Alpha" designed specifically to answer the questions regarding the relevancy of the Church in today's world. Also in January our Senior Pastor, Bill Haygood, begins a five-week series on Marriage designed to inform, strengthen, resource and revive the marriage relationship.

Prayer: We strongly believe in the power of prayer and encourage an active prayer life within our fellowship. Prayer emails, prayer groups, and prayer lists - including on line at www.cypressgs.net/ and a prayer time in each worship service help draw us closer to our Lord.

Service and Mission: We have groups active in many areas such as very active Women and Men's groups, CAM, CareNet Pregnancy Center, and many more. Of special note here are the mission trips our youth will be taking next summer. Senior high can participate in UM Army, the annual camp that provides youth the ability to help repair the homes of those in need, in late July. Junior high students are set to go to JUMMP, which is a less intense version of UM Army, in early June. Registration for all three starts in January so contact Jeff Dunbar at the church office for more information on where you can get involved. Adults - another mission trip is on the drawing boards. Stay tuned for details.

Small Groups: We currently have over 15 groups meeting and are ready to start more. This is a great way to cut through the clutter of insincerity that exists around us and truly get to know and serve with what quickly becomes a committed group of friends. Contact Rick for more details.

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Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are: 6 PM (5 PM starting in January, 2006) on Saturday evenings, a casual service of song and sacrament, and traditional worship at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

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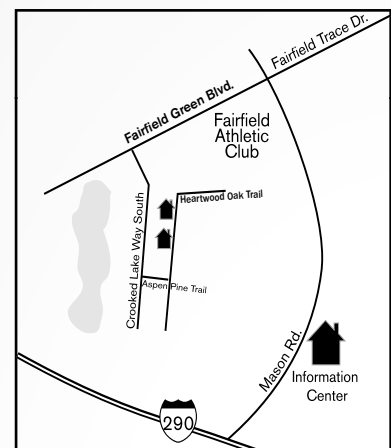
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- Grease the cookie sheet only if directed in the recipe, using solid vegetable shortening or nonstick cooking spray.
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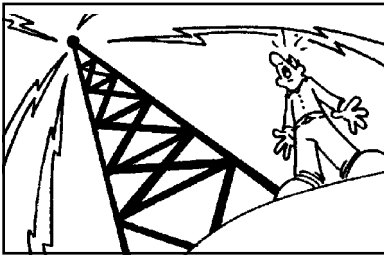
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How To Choose The Right Personal Trainer

Certification is the first thing to look for

A personal trainer should be certified because that's your assurance you're working with a trainer who has the knowledge to provide you with a safe and effective workout. Not just any certification will do. You want a personal trainer who has been certified by a nationally recognized certifying organization, like ACE, which happens to be the largest non-profit fitness-certifying organization in the world.

Certification is more than a piece of paper. For example, to qualify for ACE certification, a personal trainer has to pass an intensive three hour, 150-question exam and written simulation that covers exercise science and programming knowledge, including anatomy, kinesiology, health screening, basic nutrition and instructional methods.

After checking certification, there are a few other things you should take into consideration when hiring a personal trainer. Many require asking direct questions.

A checklist to help you hire the right personal trainer:

• Ask for references

Ask the trainer for the names and phone numbers of other clients with goals similar to yours. Call to see if they were pleased with their workouts, if the trainer was punctual and prepared, and if they felt their individual needs were addressed. The best personal trainer to hire is the one others give high marks to.

• Make sure the trainer has liability insurance and provides business policies in writing

Many personal trainers operate as independent contractors and are not employees of a fitness



facility. You should find out if the trainer you want to hire carries professional liability insurance.

A reputable personal trainer should also make sure you understand the cancellation policy and billing procedure. The best way to avoid confusion and to protect your rights is to have those policies in writing.

• Look for a trainer who is able to assist you with your special needs

A personal trainer should always have you fill out a health history questionnaire to determine your needs or limitations. If you have a medical condition or a past injury, a personal trainer should design a session that takes these into account. If you're under a doctor's care, a personal trainer should discuss any exercise concerns with your doctor, and should ask for a

health screening or release from your doctor.

• Find out what the trainer charges

Rates vary, depending on the trainer's experience, and the length and location of the workout session. For example, a personal trainer who works in a fitness club will probably charge less per hour than one who works independently and needs to come to your home or office.

• Decide if this is someone you can work with

Some people like to exercise in the morning, some in the evening. Will the personal trainer you're talking to accommodate your schedule? What about the trainer's gender? Some people do better working with a trainer of the same sex; others prefer the opposite sex.

The personal trainer you select should motivate you by positive, not negative, reinforcement. Even more important, that trainer should be someone you like.

Ask yourself if you think you could get along well with the trainer. Ask yourself, too, if you think the trainer is genuinely interested in helping you.

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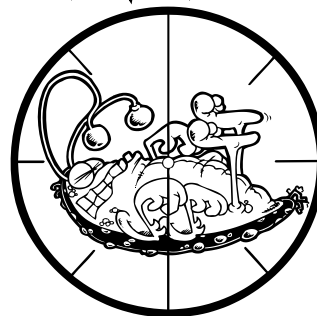
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1—PORT ARTHUR: Winter Odyssey (Began Dec. 11.) 409/985-7822

1-7—GALVESTON: Moody Gardens Festival of Lights (Began Dec. 1.) www.moodygardens.org 800/582-4673

1-8—HARLINGEN: Christmas Tree Forest Call to schedule a tour. Rio Grande Valley Museum. (Began Dec. 1.) 956/430-8500

6—GROVES: First Friday in Groves Celebration Lincoln Avenue. www.grovescofc.com 800/876-3631

6-8—BAYTOWN: *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* Baytown Little Theater. E-mail: ellenbradj@aol.com 281/424-7617

6-Feb. 19—VICTORIA: Exhibit: *Apron Strings: Ties to the Past* Nave Museum. www.vrma.viptx.net/museum 361/575-8227

7—HARLINGEN: Elvis' Birthday Celebration Celebrate with look alike and sound alike contest. Valley Race Park, 2601 S. Ed Carey Drive. 956/412-7223

7—HARLINGEN: Jackson Street Market Day Features an old-fashioned street fair with antiques, crafts, sidewalk sales, produce cart and food vendors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown. 956/423-4933

7—PORT ARTHUR: Krewe of Neptune "12th Night" Mardi Gras Party Kicks off the Mardi Gras season with a parade of all krewe royalty in full costume. Includes dance and contests. Reservations required. Bob

Bowers Civic Center. 409/962-9860

7-8—ROSENBERG: Fort Bend County Antique Fair Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. E-mail: www.cwgs.com 877/840-3829

7, 14, 21, 28—HARLINGEN: Top Notch Country Band Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Tropic Winds RV Park. 956/423-4020

11-12—HARLINGEN: The Lone Star Jubilee Gospel music concert stars The Relations. First Baptist Church, 402 Templeton. 903/436-5410


12-15—VICTORIA: RV Show Victoria Community Center. 361/729-0031

13—HOUSTON: Gardere's Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Competition Annual oratory competition celebrates the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Elementary school-age students present five-minute speeches on a topic relevant to Dr. King's legacy. Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 500 Clay St. www.gardere.com 713/867-3248

13-14—HOUSTON: Cynthia Hopkins' *Accidental Nostalgia* This operetta explores the pros and cons of memory loss. Performance contains brief female nudity. Begins at 8 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA

13-15—HARLINGEN: Antique Show Includes glass, furniture, porcelain, jewelry, oriental rugs and more from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Casa de Amistad, 1204 Fair Park Blvd. 956/428-2305

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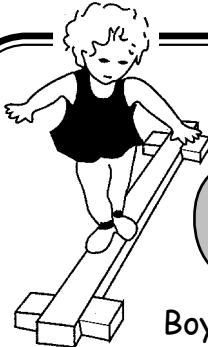
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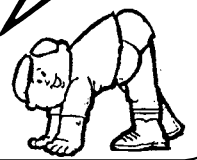
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14—EDNA: Martin Luther King Jr. Fun & Games Day Bring the whole family and join in horseshoe and volleyball tournaments, sack races and other fun games. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718

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14—WEST COLUMBIA: Brazoria County Bluegrass Concert Begins at 7 p.m. American Legion Hall, 213 N. 14th St. www.westcolumbia.org 979/265-4757

15—PASADENA: Philharmonic Society Symphony Concert 713/941-3332

15-Mar. 19—PORT ARTHUR: Pat Kyser Quilt Exhibition Museum of the Gulf Coast. www.museumofthegulfcoast.org 409/982-7000

16—HARLINGEN: Winter Texan Appreciation Fiesta Includes mariachis, country and Tejano music throughout the day. Valley Race Park. 956/427-8871

16—PORT ARTHUR: MLK Brunch Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/722-5314

16—SAN BENITO: The Duttons Show Fun N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800

16-18—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Market Days Shop collectibles, arts & crafts, jewelry and unusual items. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. South Padre Island Convention Center. 956/761-6746

17—HARLINGEN: Country Tonight Begins at 7:30 p.m. Harlingen

Municipal Auditorium. 956/748-3020

17—SAN BENITO: Welcome Winter Texan Reception Hours are 7 to 9 p.m. Fun N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

17-29—HOUSTON: Doctor Dolittle The animals sing during this new musical based on the 1967 film. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

19—BRIDGE CITY: Taste of Bridge City B.C. Middle School, 300 Bower. E-mail: chamber@exp.net • www.cityofbridgecity.org 409/735-5671

19—CORPUS CHRISTI: Quartetto Gelatto Selena Auditorium, Bayfront Plaza Convention Center. 361/980-1949

19—HARLINGEN: Branson on Review/The Plummer Family Tropic Winds Resort, 1501 North Loop 499. 903/436-5410

19-22—SAN BENITO: Ninth Annual South Texas Youth Stock Show Includes a home show, baked goods show, arts & crafts, live entertainment with a variety of bands, food and beverage booths, carnival and more. Cameron County Fair Grounds. 956/361-9120

20—VICTORIA: Country Opry Hours are 7:30 to 10 p.m. Victoria Community Center Annex. 361/552-9347

20-21—SAN BENITO: Third Annual South Texas Bar-B-Que Shootout Held in conjunction with the South Texas Stock Youth Show. Cameron County Fairgrounds. 956/778-8555

21—BROWNSVILLE: Air Force Band of the West Concert Offers a free patriotic concert. Lopez High School. www.brownsville.org 956/546-3721

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21—CORPUS CHRISTI: Third Annual Coastal Bend Doll Show & Sale Includes antique and modern collectible dolls of all types, bears, miniatures, accessories, supplies, books and restoration. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sokol Hall, 5502 Kostoryz Road. www.dolldr.com 830/606-5868

21—HOUSTON: Marc Andre Hamelin Hamelin is known for performing rarely played music of "neglected" composers such as Alkan, Busoni, Medtner and Szymanowski. Begins at 8 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA

21—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour Aboard the Battleship Texas Enter areas rarely seen by the public. Bring a flashlight or headlamp; wear old, comfortable clothes and rubber sole deck shoes. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431

21—ORANGE: Sing, Sing, Sing Lutch Theater. www.lutcher.org 409/745-5535 or 800/828-5535

21—PORT ARTHUR: 19th Annual Janis Joplin Birthday Bash Features a blues concert honoring Joplin's birthday. Includes the induction ceremony into the Gulf Coast Music Hall of Fame. Bob Bowers Civic Center. E-mail: triangleconcert@webtv.net 409/722-3699 or 409/985-5583

21, 24, 27, 29—HOUSTON: Donizetti's Don Pasquale Houston Grand Opera performs. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

22-23—HARLINGEN: United States Air Force Band of the West Begins at 7:30 p.m. Harlingen Municipal Auditorium, 1204 Fair Park

Blvd. 956/430-6690

25—SAN BENITO: Bernie & Red Show Begins at 7 p.m. Fun N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800

27-29—HARLINGEN: Love, Sex & the I.R.S. Harlingen Performing Arts Theatre, 1209 Fair Park Blvd. 956/412-7529

28—CORPUS CHRISTI: Rosebed to Rosebud Learn about growing roses in South Texas from Corpus Christi Rose Society experts, who use the rose garden at the Botanical Gardens as a teaching tool. Call for reservations. Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens & Nature Center. www.ccbotanicalgardens.org 361/852-2100

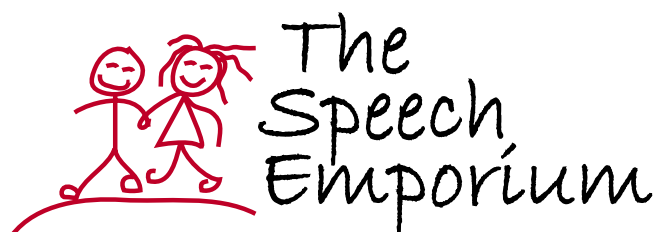
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28—HOUSTON: Marvin Hamlisch & Monica Mancini The remarkable pianist/conductor/composer Hamlisch and Grammy-nominated vocalist Mancini perform. Begins at 8 p.m. Jones Hall. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA

28—PORTLAND: Taste of Portland Showcases businesses and restaurants in Portland. Daniel P. Moore Community Complex. www.portlandtx.org 361/643-2475

28—VICTORIA: Victoria Symphony Presents The Bellamy Brothers Begins at 8 p.m. Victoria College Auditorium. www.victoriasymphony.com 361/576-4500

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28-29—ROCKPORT: Piecemakers by the Bay Quilt Show 361/727-0437

28, 31—HOUSTON: Puccini's *Manon Lescaut* Houston Grand Opera performs. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

29—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Epicurean Evening Join in a "Taste of Space" at Space Center Houston and sample cuisine from dozens of area restaurants and clubs. 281/488-7676

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30—SAN BENITO: Mel Tilis Show Fun N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800

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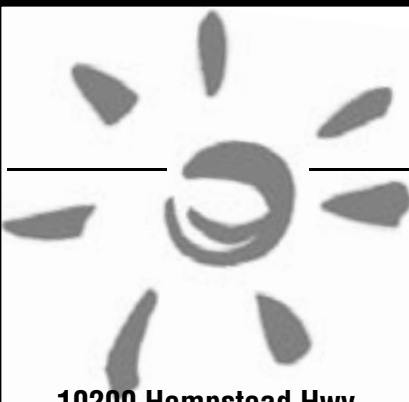
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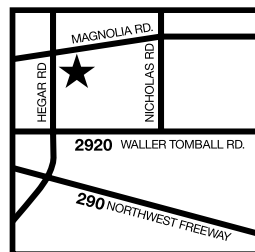
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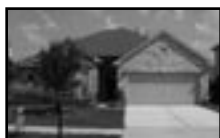
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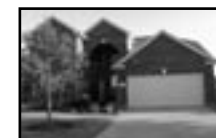
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Cottage Glen	0	-	-	4	0
The Crossing	6	\$67.39	58	6	0
The Estates	1	\$75.26	46	1	1
Garden Grove	4	\$68.21	25	14	0
Glen	0	-	-	3	0
Inwood Glen	10	\$64.91	93	3	2
Inwood Meadows	10	\$65.09	88	7	2
Inwood Park	14	\$65.31	58	5	3
Lakes/Lake Ridge 2	3	\$81.57	36	11	1
Landing/Reserve	2	\$64.86	50	7	2
Meadows	0	-	-	4	1
Oaks	4	\$63.44	82	3	1
Park/Retreat	1	\$63.49	36	2	1
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