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OFFICIAL FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

**FAIRFIELD SPORTS ASSOCIATION
FUNDRAISER**

To all our Fairfield Residents,

In an effort to raise funds for the Fairfield Sports Association, we'd like to offer the residents of Fairfield a great way to participate in this endeavor. Coca-Cola has offered the FSA an opportunity to sell cases of their product at a discounted price to the residents of Fairfield, and in turn, they will donate part of the proceeds back to the Sports Association.

This is a GREAT way to raise money for the Sports Association. Your generosity and gracious support is greatly appreciated and will help to continue to grow this great sports program for all our children involved in every aspect of all the FSA sports (baseball/softball, basketball, soccer and volleyball).

As an incentive, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be given to the resident for the most cases sold. Details and order forms can be picked up at the Fairfield Athletic Center, or you may contact concessions@fairfield-sports.com for more details.

*All Coca-Cola Orders will be available for pickup at the Baseball Fields
on the FSA Spring Baseball Opening Day, February 25th.*

FAIRFIELD SPORTS ASSOCIATION

**Invites ALL RESIDENTS to Come and Join the
2006 FSA Spring Baseball Opening Day Ceremony & Festivities
Saturday, February 25, 2006**



The Annual "GRAND PARADE" begins
at 8:00 a.m. along Mason Road ending at the
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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
Messian Lutheran Church	281-890-3013
Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church	281-353-3203
The Fellowship at Fairfield	281-923-5130

COMMITTEE NUMBERS

Crime Watch Chairman: Drew Carter	713-201-8450
Fairfield Area Swim Team: Carla Tharp	281-373-3955
Fairfield Women's Club: Casey Buckley	281-373-3870
Security Coordinator: Freeman Martin	713-785-1910

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FAIRFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Resident Board Members:

Please remember that the resident Board Members are volunteers with families.

As a courtesy please communicate with them during reasonable hours.

Joni Seifert (Chappell Ridge)	281-256-2853
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GOVERNMENT/STATE NUMBERS

Courthouse Annex	281-859-0685
Driver's License	713-681-6187
Post Office	281-373-9125
Voter Registration	713-224-1919

MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

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
Harris Co. Animal Control	281-999-3191
Harris County Mosquito Control	713-440-4800

SCHOOL NUMBERS

Ault Elementary	281-373-2800
Bus Information	281-897-4380
Cy-Fair Administration	281-897-4000
Cy-Fair High School	281-897-4600
Goodson Junior High School	281-373-2350
Keith Elementary	281-213-1744
Spillane Middle School	281-213-1645

UTILITY NUMBERS

ENTEX (gas)	713-659-2111
HL&P (Electricity)	713-207-2222
Southwestern Bell (phone)	713-638-7000
ST Environmental (Sewer/water)	281-398-8211
Time Warner Cable	713-462-9000
Waste Management (trash)	713-686-6666

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21302 Heartwood Oak Trail....	4/3.5/3D	\$269,900
15522 Twisting Spring	5/3.5/2D	\$259,900
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	\$239,900
20811 Chappell Knoll	4/2.5/2D ... POOL ...	\$224,900
20206 Fairfield Trace	5.3.5/2.....	\$206,900
15430 Wild Timber	4/2/2	\$174,900
22010 Gold Leaf Trail.....	4/2.5/2	\$159,900
18411 Grove Brook.....	4/2.5/2	\$134,900
20006 Crossvine Trail	4/2.5/2	\$130,900
15407 Chestnut Falls.....	3/2/2	\$129,500
1713 Autrey Dr	3/2/2	\$120,900

Recent Sales:

14118 Armant Place	15410 Evergreen Knoll
9522 Barretts Glen	15119 Hillside Parkway
20315 Bent Aspen	20302 Lakeland Falls
19814 Black Cherry Bend	20102 Misty River
19815 Black Cherry Bend	15142 Red Cedar Cove
19923 Black Cherry Bend	15402 Robin Grove Ct.
19722 Cristiwood	15718 Township Glen
21926 Bronze Leaf Dr.	8626 Spring Green
15431 Court Amber Trail	11915 Water Dance Ln.
15434 Court Amber Trail	15010 Wildberry
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FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY GAZETTE

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If you would like to submit an article and/or personal classified ad(s) for publication in the Gazette, please follow these guidelines:

Articles, personal classified ads (limit 30 words), questions regarding regular columns and teen job postings (i.e. additions, deletions, changes) must be submitted to the editor, Holly Reichert, via e-mail at hreichert@houston.rr.com.

Please submit all articles and personal classified ads in Microsoft Word only. Photographs and graphics must be submitted as a JPG file.

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.

ALL ARTICLES AND/OR PERSONAL CLASSIFIED ADS
MUST GO THROUGH THE EDITOR.
PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE PUBLISHER DIRECTLY.

*Articles submitted directly to the publisher
will not be accepted or published.*

If you would like to submit or have questions regarding business advertising and/or business classified ads, please contact **Peel, Inc. Sales Office** at 512-989-8905 or via e-mail at advertising@PEELinc.com.

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

SPEEDING IN FAIRFIELD PARKING ON THE STREET

Most homeowners have some space in their garage. Most homeowners have some space in their garage reserved for storage – in some cases most of the garage, thereby not leaving enough room for their vehicles. Consequently, many owners park their vehicles on the street making it difficult for others to pass and creating hazardous conditions for the neighborhood children.

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. Also, children playing in the street create a dangerous situation, especially on heavily traveled streets; the driver may not see the child, especially in the evening or after dark.

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 VILLAGE.**

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KEY SECURITY INDICATORS FOR DECEMBER

Burglary of Habitat (Incl. attached garage).....	1
Burglary (Non-residence).....	2
Burglary of Motor Vehicle.....	0
Theft	3

The Lakes:

- Complainant stated an unknown suspect forged his check to purchase items without his consent.

Cottage Glen:

- Complainant stated an unknown male attempted to steal his son's bicycle.

Inwood Glen Park:

- Complainant stated a known suspect made threatening comments.

The Trails:

- Complainants advised that an unknown suspect utilized their bank's debit card to charge items without their consent.

Inwood Park Village:

- Complainant stated an unknown suspect is making unauthorized charges on his bank debit card.

Summer Ridge:

- Complainant stated an unknown suspect used her bank check card to make unauthorized purchases without her consent.

Information Reports:.....	2
Credit Card Abuse:.....	3
Disturbances/Assaults:.....	6
Criminal Mischief:	0

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

For a life threatening Emergency

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Call 713/221-6000



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 7, 2006
Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2006
Seniors Pot Luck Supper

Sunday, February 12, 2006
American Legion Post 324 Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2006
Daisy Troop 14153 Singing to the Elderly
Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2006
Fairfield Book Club

Saturday, February 18, 2006
Cub Scout Pack 1533 Blue & Gold Banquet
Texas A&M University Mother's Club Swing Time Dinner,
Dance & Auction

Tuesday, February 21, 2006
Fairfield Women's Club Meeting
Senior's Game Night
Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club Meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2006
Senior's Game Night

Saturday, February 25, 2006
Fairfield Sports Association
2006 Spring Baseball Opening Day
MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield Bake Sale
at Opening Day
Senior's Bus Trip to Minute Maid Park
& Holocaust Museum

Sunday, February 26, 2006
Cy-Fair Project Prom 2006 Casino Night

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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.

Phone: 281-304-7231

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fairfieldpets>

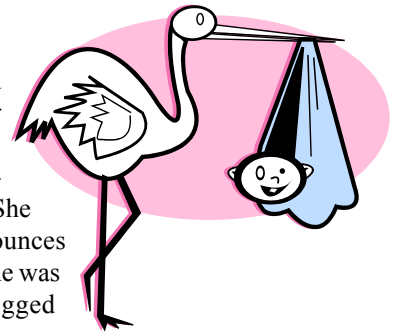
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Stork Report

Tom and Julie Nally are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Emma Kathleen. Emma made her debut on September 9, 2005 at 6:53 pm. She weighed in at 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by her 4-legged siblings Heidi and Patton.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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The Fairfield Charity Golf Classic

Saturday, June 3, 2006

*Details coming in future issues
of the Gazette.*

Dear Fairfield Residents:

A great big thank you to the residents of Fairfield for all the donations you have given to the community of Buna, Texas following the devastation received from Hurricane Rita.

Thank you Tisha Eggleston. You are an angel among us. I don't know how you managed to collect so many tarps, bug repellant, cleaning and school supplies, food and money in less than 24 hours; but you did it, and you did it with a smile. Thank you so much for your coordinated efforts with Century Builders, the Fairfield Rec Center and especially, Fairfield Baptist Church.

To Dawn and Robert Fore, thank you so much for providing 16 backpacks FULL of school supplies. I wish you could have personally handed them out so you could have seen the children's faces. You were so kind during this terrible ordeal.

Sincerely,
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Pending

20430 Gentle Mist
33 Riverwood

SOLD

20907 South Amber Willow Trail
21702 South Twinberry Field Drive
9310 Point Park

Derived from the Houston Multiple Listing Service 1/15/06.
This is not a solicitation of currently listed properties.

Holiday on the Square

A good time was had by all at Fairfield's Annual "Holiday on the Square"!

There was something for everyone at this year's event; shopping, entertainment, petting zoo, pony rides, blow-ups & of course the all time favorite "snow". I would like to personally thank **The American Spirit Singers**, who came out in full *Dicken's* style costumes singing Christmas carols.

A huge Thank You to all of our wonderful sponsors whose contributions made this year's Holiday on the Square possible. Please remember to thank these local businesses, as events like these would not be possible without their contributions, *time and time again!*

THANKS TO:

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Fairfield Village Community Assn.**

Lastly, a huge thank you goes out to our very own **Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department** for your help in making Holiday on the Square possible (and of course getting Santa where he needed to be).



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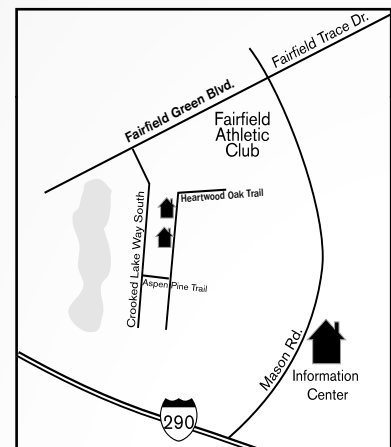
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Free Diabetes Support Group meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the hospital cafeteria led by Sylvia Kircher, RN, CDE, CPT.

Free Diabetes Teaching Classes

These 3 classes will be given on the following Saturdays: *Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, May 6, June 3, July 15, August 12, September 9*

These classes will be repeated on a monthly basis, which allows you to take classes when it is convenient for you. All classes led by Sylvia Kircher, RN, CDE, CPT

8:30 am – 10:30 am	Introduction to Insulin Pumps
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Basics of Carb Counting
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*For more information or to RSVP please contact
Tere Kelly @ 281-517-1008*

Kindred Hospital Houston Northwest is located at
11297 Fallbrook Dr.

Calling Everyone Who Loves Kids!!!

On April 30th, the MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield will be participating in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. Each year, WalkAmerica is held across the country to help raise awareness and fight the battle against prematurity. This 3.5 mile fun-walk will be held at Greenspoint Mall at 9 am. If you are interested in walking or sponsoring a walker, call or e-mail Kara VanderLaan (281) 304-7152 or karabou5@hotmail.com to get more information. You do not have to be a MOMS Club member to participate—we welcome all Fairfield residents, family members, kids, and friends!

To help raise money for this event, we will be holding a bake sale on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10-4 at the Fairfield Sports Association Opening Day Festivities. Members: Want to bake or work a 2 hour shift? Let Kara know! Otherwise, come on out and buy a brownie or two to support a great cause!

Also, join us for a Discovery Toys fundraiser on Thursday, March 9th, 7 pm, at the home of Kara VanderLaan. All are welcome, MOMS Club members or not! All proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. Our goal this year is to raise over \$1500 by our walkdate of April 30th, 2006! If you cannot attend, please contact Kara and place an outside order that week! Please RSVP by Wed, March 8th for directions. Light refreshments will be served and toys will be available to test drive!

Thank you for helping the MOMS Club and the March of Dimes in their quest to raise awareness about premature births!

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CUB SCOUT PACK #1533 LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR

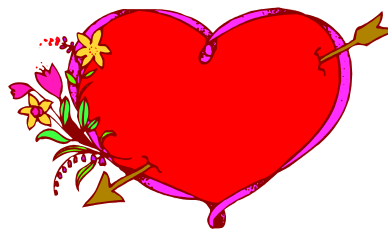
The Cub Scouts of Pack #1533 are looking forward to many exciting activities in the early months of 2006.

While all the Scouts will be working hard to complete their Rank Achievements, there will also be time for fun. Some of the upcoming events include:

January 27, 2006	Annual Pine Wood Derby Ault Elementary School
January 27, 2006	Scout Night at the Aeros Hockey Game
February 18, 2006	Blue & Gold Banquet "The Magic of Scouting"
March 18, 2006	Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Overnight on the USS Lexington Corpus Christi, Texas

As you can see, the boys are looking forward to a lot of fun—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.

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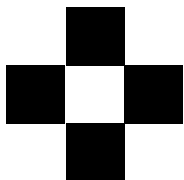
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There's no "I" in "Team"... but there is "me"

Mel's Marathon Story

It seems that we encounter many opportunities to hear the phrase "teamwork". It comes up at work, at church, at school, in marriages, at sporting events, and at the Boy Scouts. There is nothing inherently wrong with teamwork or with the notion that people should bond together and be selfless in order to make the whole group benefit. Sometimes, we want to reach a goal and accomplish something for ourselves. Seeing it in print like this even feels a little bit self-ish—to accomplish something for *me*. But it's exactly what I did last January, run the HP Houston Marathon. This was my first marathon and shortly after signing up to run, I went to the doctor for a physical. To check my *brain*. I hadn't given quite enough thought to just how long 26.2 miles really is. It's probably a good thing I didn't ponder it that much because I'm not sure I would have actually entered the race. Since I had already paid my \$65 and received a T-shirt that said I was "in training", I decided to just do it. I'll never forget how I felt after running my first 11.2 miles at Memorial Park at 6am one Sunday. The most I had run without stopping before this was 6 miles and as I reached for my Gatorade I thought, "how can I possibly add 15 more miles to this? Am I insane?" Fortunately, Memorial Park is a place where a lot of semi-sane people congregate at pre-dawn hours to run a ridiculously long time, so if there was a time to question my sanity, this was a good place to do it. My legs were so tired, every muscle ached and my bones were screaming in pain from pounding the pavement. I honestly didn't know how I was going to walk back to my car and drive home, much less add *fifteen more miles* to the top of this workout. Thankfully, the race was still about 3 months away. I found an easy to read beginner's training guide on the internet, which detailed how long to run each day leading up to the marathon and what to eat along the way. I followed this guide, did my workouts, found marathon veterans during my four-month training and picked their brains. I asked about everything: how they trained and ate, what they did the night before the race, how they endured the race, what they did afterward. Two nights before the race, the marathon organizers hosted a pasta party at the downtown Hilton. When I got there, I was so nervous that I couldn't really enjoy the festivities. The scope of this race was visible: there were people from all over the world who had run multiple marathons that gave us inspirational speeches, there was endless pasta and *lots* of water. There was even a countdown clock with the numbers staring at us in bright red numbers "in 36 hours 17 minutes and 54 seconds, you're mine! Muwahahaha!" I remember meeting lots of very nice, helpful marathon vets and I had a flashback to the time I was three years old and got lost at the rodeo. I remember there were a lot of people all around me, lots of music and noise, and everyone looked so big. This was my adult version of getting lost at the rodeo. On Saturday, the day before the race, I spent the entire day resting and went to sleep early that night with my earplugs in because there was a loud, obnoxious party going on downstairs. At five the next morning, I got up and dragged my poor, sleep-deprived mom and sister out of bed to drive me downtown. When we got there, they parked while I tried to get through the throng of people to the starting line.

A couple of minutes before 7, I realized that I was at the wrong starting line! I was standing at the ½ marathon start and although quite tempting, this was not the race I had trained 4 months to do. It took at least 5 minutes to even *get* to the start line to start the race. I relaxed and tried to find my mom and sister. I located my mom through the crowd of people on the side cheering us on and yelled out to her "see you in a couple of hours!" I kept telling myself to stay relaxed, stay hydrated, and stay focused. I knew from my marathon friends that it would take at least 5-10 min to cross the start line and that people would be antsy in the beginning and go out fast and deplete all their energy. As I crossed the start line, the sunrise was gorgeous and I just told myself that I was going on another long run. I took notice of every sight along the way, looked forward to seeing the belly dancers and Elvis impersonators. By the time I was running on the frontage road of 610, I was pretty amazed because I was at mile 16 and feeling great. By the time we started on Memorial to go back, I was starting to get emotional. Up until this point in my training, I had never run more than 16 miles, so the last ten miles was all new territory for me and I felt like I was achieving something incredible. I actually cried at infrequent points when I realized what I was doing. I had dreamed of doing something that required a lot of time and commitment with a big payoff, made that dream into a goal with a deadline, and done the necessary work to accomplish it. Whenever I told people that I wanted to do a marathon, they didn't take me too seriously, because people always say what they dream to do. When I signed up and told everyone the date and time of the race, they were surprised. When they saw me coming home from hours of running, going to bed early, eating appropriately, they thought I was nuts. I imagined what their faces would look like now, as I crossed the finish line. I thought of all the mental and physical preparation that I had done for not only the past four months, but also the past year when I knew I would run a year later. I thought about how many people *don't* run a marathon and knew that I was in an elite group of runners from all over the world. I thought about how after college graduation we really don't do much more than what's expected of us. We do what we have to do as parents, as employees, as citizens. I thought about how this was something to be proud of because it's not that I *had* to do it because my parents told me to, or because I would be arrested if I didn't, or because I would be fired if I didn't, (but my boss wasn't too pleased that I came to work barely able to walk the next day). Then a magical moment came and I saw the mile marker that said "mile 25". I don't know where all this energy came from, but I ran my fastest mile of the entire race and came flying (or what felt like it) to the finish line. The feeling of pride and accomplishment was so high at this point that I could not even feel the pain. I highly recommend having a dream, turn it into a goal, make a plan and follow it to accomplish something of this magnitude...even if it doesn't involve running 26.6 miles because the feeling that you did something by yourself for yourself will carry on with you for a long time.



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JANUARY HAPPENINGS:

We enjoyed a very pleasant New Year's Eve party at the Lakeside Trails Club House; we had a nice crowd this year. Make a note and plan on being there next year.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES PLANS:

Thursday, February 9th: 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, February, 21st: 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 February 19th weekly planner. This is always a fun night with great fellowship, just bring a little snack.

Thursday, February, 23rd: 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**

FEBRUARY TRIP PLANS:

Saturday, February 25th: Tours of Minute Maid Park and the Holocaust Museum in downtown Houston. The Minute Maid Park tour is approximately one hour, we will be able to see: the Historic Union Station, the broadcasting booth or press boxes, the Astros' or visitors' dugout, and much more. You should be prepared to climb stairs, ramps (an elevator is available) and walk about one mile. The Holocaust Museum will be a two hour guided tour.

The cost for this trip and fascinating tours is \$6.00 for seniors over 65 and \$8.00 for our younger seniors. We will have lunch, which is additional, at Cleburne Cafeteria, after our Minute Maid Park tour.

For additional trip information and to make your reservations, **call Shirley Hearst at 281-373-4432**. The bus departure for this trip will be 8:45am. You should plan on being there by 8:30am.

UPCOMING TRIP PLANS:

Saturday March 18th: The destination, itinerary and cost will be on our web site and in the March Gazette once the details are finalized. However keep that date open. The committee has some great ideas for this trip.

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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The MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield *is calling all Stay-At-Home Moms*

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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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Look out for the many band students in mid March that will be selling raffle tickets at various locations in Cypress and in your neighborhood. The raffle drawing will be held at the auction. There will be great prizes offered.

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If you are new to the neighborhood and desire your child to attend preschool, we are here for you. Our teachers are very loving and we offer a safe, organized learning environment. We are still accepting students for our current program. We are offering 2, 3 or 4 days for the 2's, 3's and 4 yr. olds. We are full in some classes, so please call to find out availability for your child. You are welcome to visit our preschool and see our little learners in action. Please ask to speak to Charlotte Byrne at the FAC at 281-373-0834.

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 had fun with our snowy friends, dinosaurs, pets and discovering space. Our 3's, 4's and 5's had fun discovering interesting toys, games and food from other cultures around our world during our multi-cultural theme unit. We are looking forward to this month celebrating Valentine's Day and becoming cowboys and cowgirls during our Rodeo/Texas theme.



We will begin registration for the 2006-2007 school year the first week of this month. 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 our program, February 2 – currently enrolled students, February 3 - church members new to the program and February 6 - open registration to new students. Little Lambs is 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 Pre-Kindergarten. We also have four day "Bridge" Program for children who are five years of age but not attending kindergarten in the fall. Currently for this school year, we have two openings in our 4's classes and one opening in our 3's classes. Please call Barbara or Claire at 281-373-0052 or go to our website littlelambsmdo.org for more information about our program.



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- Mark your calendars for April 1st, 2006. There will be music and a live auction at Tin Hall on Huffmeister Rd. Tickets will be \$20.
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- Seating is limited so please contact Carol Crawford at 281-664-0211 or ccrawford@cccs-hou.org to reserve seats for this fun night.
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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

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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

Registration for Summer Camp and the 2006-2007 Before and After School Program will be open to Fairfield residents on February 20. Open registration will begin on March 13. 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.fairfieldbootcamp.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.**

Babyboot Camp

Calling all moms! If you have an infant or toddler and want to make 2006 the year you really met your exercise and weight goals, try Baby Boot Camp. Classes will be MWF from 10:00 – 10:45am. Bring your

child, stroller, hand weights and water and come prepared to get in shape. We will walk with strollers around the Fairfield Athletic Club campus doing a circuit training workout stopping at stations for different toning and stretching exercises. If there is inclement weather, we will do our workout in the gym, so we can keep consistency in our workout progress. Cost will be: \$75/mo. Space will be limited to the first 25 participants. Minimum class size will be 10. Call the Fairfield Athletic Club for more information, (281)373-0834.

Lifeguarding

We will be accepting applications for summer 2006 lifeguard positions in February. We will begin the interview process in mid 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.

Adult Water Aerobics

We are offering water aerobics every MWF at 11:15am-12:00pm. The pool is heated and the class is for all ages and abilities. We concentrate on toning while improving our cardiovascular endurance. The class is wonderful for pregnancy or anyone who cannot do any kind impact exercise. Come for a free class and try it! The cost is \$35 per month.

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"Then what do you want me to do with the one you call king of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked, "Why? What has he done wrong?" But they shouted more adamantly, "Crucify him!" Because he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them. Then after he had Jesus scourged he handed him over to be crucified (Mark 15:12-15).

After Jesus' long night before the Sanhedrin, who found him guilty of sacrilege, he faced about 15 more hours of torture. The Roman Governor Pontius Pilate knew Jesus was innocent, but he asked the Jews, "What do you want me to do with the one you call king of the Jews?" Just the question itself points to Pilate's spineless character, for if Jesus was innocent he should have been set free. But Pilate was a politician who wanted to please the people.

The crown wanted Jesus crucified, and like a rival football game where each side yells "DEFENSE!" – this crowd was shouting "CRUCIFY!" As Pilate attempted to intervene and understand why this was their verdict, they just got louder with the same demand – CRUCIFY! So once he realized that he was getting nowhere and that a riot was imminent he washed his hands of the whole incident and absolved himself from the guilt of sentencing an innocent man. In Jesus' place, Pilate allowed a man named Barabbas – a man convicted of murder – to go free. So a murderer was set free from prison while an innocent man went to his death.

The first act of punishment for a criminal before crucifixion was the Roman scourging, and Pilate ordered this. This merciless beating with whips was a terrifying ordeal for anyone to endure. The whip had a handle with many leather thongs on the end that were embedded with glass, bone

fragments, and metal so that each crack of the whip took away more flesh causing it to split apart and dangle in bleeding shreds. Some criminals were scourged until their guts and bones were visible. The Jews limited their scourging to 39 lashes, but the Romans had no such law. These vile Roman soldiers had the power to beat prisoners to death, and they often did. Though Jesus survived his beating, he endured it to the delight of the angry mob.

As for us, when we deny Jesus Christ the rightful place he deserves in our lives we let danger out of prison – the same way the Jews let Barabbas go free when they denied Jesus his rightful exoneration. They let a murderer go free in his place. The irony here is that Barabbas represents those who place their faith in Jesus for salvation. One minute Barabbas was sitting in prison awaiting crucifixion, and the next minute he was going home fully exonerated. That's what Jesus did for us! Sinners are the ones deserving death (that includes ALL humans), but Jesus took our place. The same release Barabbas received is the same release we have in Christ who stepped up and willingly died for us. All we need to do is trust Jesus as Lord of heaven and earth and the Savior of mankind. That is salvation – simple faith in Christ alone.

The Easter season is the sequel to the Christmas season. Christ's birth led to his death which opened the door for life to all who trust in Him. Come join us at 10:30 a.m. as we worship Him at **Harvest Bible Church** each Sunday at Ault elementary. Children's AWANA is each Sunday night, and children's Sunday School begins at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Adult Bible studies begin Sunday at 9:30 and range throughout the week. Consult our website for more info: www.harvestbiblechurch.net

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Catholic News

On Valentines Day we show our appreciation for our loved ones. How important is love? Saint Paul said: "If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, (love) is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." 1 Corinthians 13:1 Happy Valentines Day!

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.

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: 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. Christ the Redeemer needs a new representative to help coordinate classes for Fairfield. If you can help with this ministry, please call Katie Smith at 281-373-9008 or Fredna Kilcummins, RE Director at CtR, at 281-469-5533 by April, 2006.

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.

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Congregation Jewish Community North

TOT SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICES FOR 2006

Congregation Jewish Community North, located at 5400 Fellowship Lane in Spring, will be holding monthly Tot Shabbats starting in February 2006. Dr. Norman Weiss, congregational president says, "We encourage families with children ages three to six to attend these services. It is a great way to introduce children to the temple and to familiarize them with Shabbat worship and Jewish holidays. The emphasis at these services is placed on music, movement, storytelling and fun." Adds Weiss, "These families will be able to meet other families with children of the same age."

These once-a-month services geared to children ages 3 to 6 are open to the community and will be led by Rabbi Seymour Rossel and Cantor Marcy Kadin. Each service will start at 10:30 a.m.

February 4th there will be a celebration of Tu B'Shevat, the holiday that is known as the "New Year for Trees."

March 11 will be Purim, one of the most joyous and fun holidays on the Jewish calendar. It commemorates a time when the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from extermination. April 8th will be Passover, the primary observances are related to the Exodus from Egypt after generations of slavery.

May 6 there will be a special Tzedakah (charity) project for the soldiers who serve overseas.

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Fairfield Baptist Church

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God's Little Angels MDO is a two-day a week preschool program. Our learning and social activities are based on God's Word in a Christian environment which allows the children a well-rounded fun experience to learning. We offer Tuesday and Thursday classes from 9 am to 2 pm, August through May. Each month our crafts, learning activities, Bible stories, music, interactive reading time and open classroom playtime is coordinated with specific themes and units. The Mother's Day Out program is designed to encourage children to know that learning and socializing can be exciting and fun away from the familiar surroundings of home.

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.

Ladies Retreat, February 3-4. "Lei Down All Your Troubles" and join us at the NW Forest Retreat Center. Special guest speaker is Paige

Henderson. Ladies Bible Studies meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 pm and Wednesday morning at 9:30 am. Check the website for current study information.

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: 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.

Services: Fairfield Baptist Church has **Worship Services** and Bible Study for all ages at 9:45 and 11:00 am. **Kidstuf Live**, family worship meets Sunday at 9:00 am. Our Adult Small Groups meet Sunday morning and off-campus throughout the week. Call for times and locations. Join us for Adult Bible study or Adult Celebration Choir each Wednesday at 6:45 pm.

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The great Apostle Paul put it this way. 2 Cor. 10- *"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. When we let Jesus rule our lives and our thoughts we begin to see everything differently."*

We invite you to come to church this Sunday and experience the power of a risen Lord who walks with His disciples each day. A relationship with Christ doesn't mean life will have no struggles but it does mean He will provide a powerful way to get through them.

Each week we also have continuing events and activities as follows:

Sunday mornings; **Bible Classes** for babies to adults begins at 9:30am. Each bible class is taught by loving, well prepared, Christians utilizing the latest in educational techniques and finest bible curriculums.

Worship is at 10:30am and each service is carefully thought out and planned by our worship ministry leaders. Every service is meant to bring glory to the name of Jesus and help each person realize how wonderful it is when you fall in love with Jesus as your savior.

At 5:00pm on Sunday evenings we spend time in prayer, praise, and casual conversation about God's word and how it applies to our daily lives.

Each Tuesday is a special "Ladies' Brown Bag Lunch and Prayer." Ladies come together at 12 noon and spend time eating and fellowshiping and then a time of prayer. Everyone in the community is invited to come.

Mid-week **Bible studies** are also offered every Wednesday at 7:30pm. This is a great time to pause in the middle of a busy week and be re-energized by fellowship, prayer, and study of God's word.

We also offer free of charge in-home, personal, one-on-one Bible studies and for those who wish to study alone, Bible correspondence lessons as well.

If you have a prayer need of any kind please let us know by calling the church office or visiting our web site at www.fairfieldchurch.org. You may also call the church office and set up a time to come into our sanctuary for a personal time of prayer and reflection. We are available to meet your prayer needs 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, holidays and weekends included.

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So many of us have been raised in good Christian homes. And yet, how many of you examine your faith and wonder, "shouldn't there be something more?" Quite often our religion has left us wanting . . . questioning . . . or even feeling short-changed. When someone asks me, "What religion are you?", I continue to claim the religion of my youth, with a big BUT attached; NOW I seek a closer relationship with God, believe in pursuing the fellowship of believers, and strive for the goal that Jesus has set before me. God delights in the prosperity of His servants. As I grow in my Christian walk, I walk in victory through all the trials and tribulations, walk in joy that keeps me above my circumstances, and have a peace that passes all understanding. It is a journey that has given my life new meaning and I encourage everyone who is feeling "short-changed" to come and expect a new dimension to your faith walk.

Our Sunday morning service starts at 10:45 a.m. We enter into God's presence through a powerful time of praise and worship. The message is a Word for due season. We offer a separate children's church for elementary aged children, Toddlers church for ages 2 – 5 and a nursery for the wee ones under 2 years of age.

MIDWEEK BIBLE / MINISTRY GROUPS

We study the Word of God together and we reach out into our community in ministry through groups we call Mid Week Connection (MWC). This is a great time to pause in the middle of a busy week and be re-energized through fellowship, praise and worship, prayer, study of God's Word and ministry out reach. We devote the first week of each month to ministry out as "Ministry is the Heart of Worship." Our current ministry plans are to reach out in tender love and care to those confined to local hospital, nursing

homes, and rehabilitation centers. We will pray with patients, families, and staff. We will be there for spiritual support and encouragement and we will even help the patients with basic grooming needs, make-up and hair care. Another outreach we plan, is to reach out to women in crisis pregnancies through prayer, a listening ear and/or Godly counsel. We are already reaching out to God's children through a ministry outreach to a local foster home. God has richly blessed us in our ministry to these children as much as He has blessed the children we minister to. As God places other ministries on our heart, we will be obedient and add that ministry to our plan. Come join us – as we are the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

Come get excited for Jesus in an atmosphere that is magnetically charge with "Holy Spirit" power. We have two exciting groups to tell you about. One especially geared toward Youth with the vibrant today's sound with Christian lyrics, Bible study and activities. The other geared toward the active, "bouncing off the walls" temperament of the Elementary aged kids.

We are God's people, called by God's name and we come together to pray each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. When you have a prayer need of any kind, we are here to pray with you and for you. If you are unable to join us for prayer, please call our church office and leave your prayer request with us. Your request will be lifted up in our Mid Week Connection groups as well as our Sunday evening prayer.

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Reflecting Stars

As a young girl, I used to climb out onto the roof of our home and sit gazing at the stars. It seemed to me that the Lord resided somewhere just beyond those heavenly lights, so my visits atop our two story home made me feel closer to the God who seemed as mysterious and out of reach as those stars in the sky.

During the holiday season, I read the familiar Christmas story of the Magi (commonly known as the three wise men), who located baby Jesus by following a bright star shining in the east (Matthew 2:2). As I read, it occurred to me that Scripture often uses stars to reflect the wonder and activity of God.

When making His covenant with Abraham, the Lord communicated His intentions with a glance into a starlit sky. "[The Lord] took [Abraham] outside and said, 'Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be'" (Genesis 15:5 NIV). Later, God made it clear that His promise was an everlasting covenant, by which He would be the God of countless descendants represented by the vast array of stars in that night sky.

Generations later, through the prophet Isaiah, God used the unfailing presence of the stars to illustrate His faithfulness and unlimited power. "Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out one after another, calling each by its name. And he counts them to see that none are lost or have strayed away. O Israel, how can you say the Lord does not see your troubles? How can you

say God refuses to hear your case?" (Isaiah 40:26-27 NLT)

Stars were used by the Apostle Paul to describe the impact believers can have on the world when we choose to live lives of distinction and purity. In his letter to the Philippians, he said, "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life (Philippians 2:14-16a). I can think of no greater example of the wonder and activity of God than a believer who acts (through the power of God's Holy Spirit) as a peacemaker amidst a world marked by conflict and strife.

The next time you glance into a starlit sky, take a moment to rejoice that through faith in Jesus, you are counted among Abraham's descendants and can rest in the assurance that the Lord is your God (Galatians 3:29). Take comfort in the knowledge that the same One who created the stars and ensures they appear each night, does indeed see your trouble and listen to your requests. And finally, take a moment to say a prayer of thanksgiving, for although your Lord may at times appear mysterious, unlike the stars, He is never out of reach.

Let's ask God to work mightily in us this year, changing us so dramatically that we are able to reflect the character of Jesus—the bright Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)—to the world around us by being peacemakers, holding out the Word of life.

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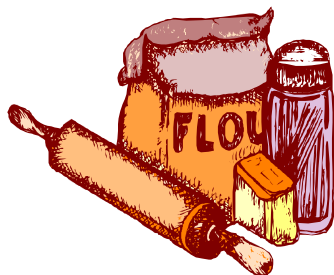
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Recipe of the Month

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2 cups flour
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1 cup powdered sugar
½ pt. sour cream or half & half
slivered almonds (optional)

Cut margarine into flour, stir in sour cream. Refrigerate overnight. Cut in half; roll each half out to a 16x10" rectangle. Fill center with canned pie filling. Fold over sides & ends. Bake in 350° oven 50 minutes. About 15 minutes before taking out of oven, sprinkle with almonds if desired. Combine powdered sugar & 3 tablespoons water to make icing. When cool, drizzle with icing. Any flavor pie filling may be used.





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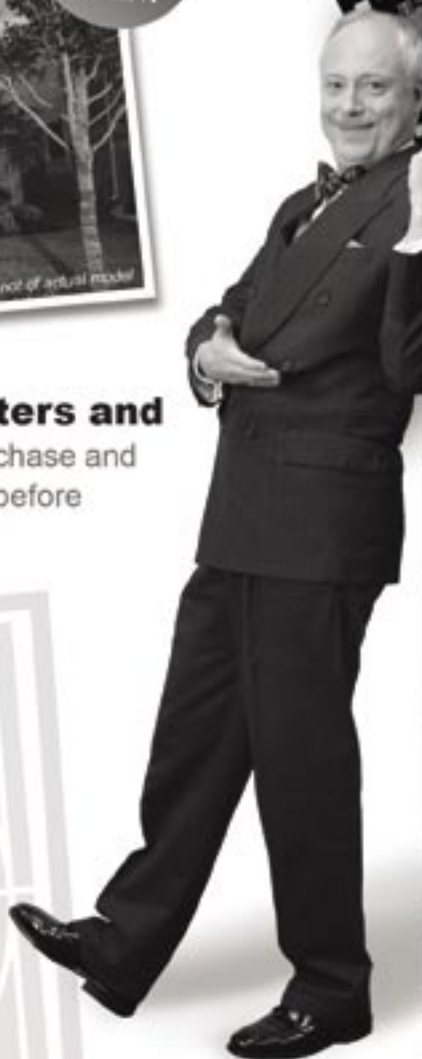
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1—CORPUS CHRISTI: *The Coats* A capella vocal quartet performs at Selena Auditorium. 361/980-1949

1—SAN BENITO: *Delina Ditto Show* Begins at 7 p.m. Fun N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800

1-28—WEST COLUMBIA: *Black History Month Exhibit* Columbia Historical Museum, 247 E. Brazos Ave. 979/345-6125

2—SAN BENITO: *Dance with Lonny Lynn Orchestra* Begins at 7 p.m. Fun N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

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

3-4—HOUSTON: *Ballet Hispanico Night Club* This is a sensual, three-dance piece portraying the evolving role of Hispanics in the Americas. Begins at 8 p.m. Show not recommended for children younger than age 14. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spa-houston.org 713/227-4SPA

3-5—HARLINGEN: *Love, Sex & the I.R.S.* Harlingen Performing Arts Theatre, 1209 Fair Park Blvd. 956/412-7529

3-5—LOS FRESNOS: *Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association* Get ready for some tough competition (a bunch of NFR finalists per year), as well as some great animals. Los Fresnos Fair Grounds. www.lfrodeo.com 956/233-4456

3-5, 10-12—BROWNSVILLE: *Never Too Late* Camille Lightner Playhouse. www.camilleplayers.cjb.net 956/542-8900

3-Apr. 23—HOUSTON: *Eva Hesse Drawing* The exhibition features about 100 of the artist's finished drawings, as well as examples of her early drawings, major examples of Hesse's "reliefs" of 1965 and a group of sculptural works, and several "test pieces." The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

4—ALVIN: *Alvin ISD Education Foundation Mustang Bayou Turbo Turtle Race* 281/331-2586 or 281/388-1130

4—EDNA: *Celebrate Birds Day* Begins at 10 a.m. with a bird-watching hike on the trails. At 1 p.m., see the All About Birds Presentation. At, 2:30 p.m. learn more at the Build a Bird Feeder or Bird House presentations. Lake Texana State Park. E-mail: cindy.mclemore@tpwd.state.tx.us 361/782-5718

4—HARLINGEN: *Jackson Street Market Day* Features an old-fashioned street fair, with antiques, crafts, sidewalk sales, produce cart and food vendors. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown.

956/423-4933

4—HOUSTON: *Donizetti's Don Pasquale* Houston Grand Opera performs. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

4—ROCKPORT: *Bountiful Bowl Pottery Fair* Features 30 clay artists from Texas and nearby states. Rockport Fulton High School Commons area. 361/729-5352

4—VICTORIA: *Outdoor Expo* Victoria Community Center. 361/572-9604

4, 11, 18, 25—HARLINGEN: *Top Notch Country Band* Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Tropic Winds RV Park. 956/423-4020

5—BEAUMONT: *The Will Rogers Follies* This is a dazzling spectacle about America's first international multimedia sensation whose wit and homespun wisdom still ring true today. Begins at 3 p.m. Julie Rogers Theatre. www.beaumont-tx-complex.com 409/838-3435

5, 8, 11—HOUSTON: *Puccini's Manon Lescaut* Houston Grand Opera performs. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

6-7—ORANGE: *Circque Rain* Lutchter Theater. www.lutchter.org 409/745-5535 or 800/828-5535

6-8, 17-19—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: *Market Days* Shop collectibles, arts & crafts, jewelry and unusual items. South Padre Island Convention Center. 956/761-6746

7—VICTORIA: *Instrument Society of America Annual Exhibit* Victoria Community Center. 361/987-7297

8—SAN BENITO: *The Warnooks* Begins at 7 p.m. Fun N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

8-26—HOUSTON: *Searching for Eden: The Diaries of Adam & Eve* The world's first lovers meet in paradise at the dawn of time and embark on an epic, exuberant battle of the sexes. One fall from grace and several thousand years later, the middle-aged couple returns to present-day Eden attempting to recapture their primal passion. www.stagestheatre.com 713/527-0123

10—BEAUMONT: *The Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats* Presents spellbinding, award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, and ancient and contemporary theatrical techniques. Jefferson Theatre. www.jeffersontheatre.org 409/835-5483

10-11, 17-19, 24-25—BAYTOWN: *The Importance of Being Earnest* Baytown Little Theater. E-mail: ellenbradj@aol.com 281/424-

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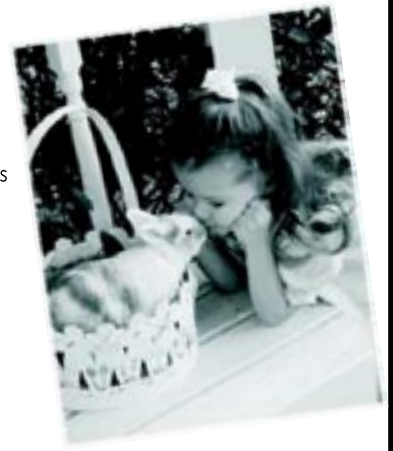
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10-12—BEAUMONT: United Cheer National Cheer & Dance Competition Ford Arena. www.fordparktx.com 409/951-5400

11—HARLINGEN: Ocelot Conservation Festival Features live ocelots. Includes children's nature programs, games, crafts, silent auction, nature tours, children's items and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Marine Military Academy, 320 Iwo Jima Blvd. 956/748-3607

11—HARLINGEN: Valentine's Day Dance — Fund-raiser Hours are 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Casa del Sol, 221 E. Madison St. 956/423-1401

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11—VICTORIA: Black History Parade & Festival Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Patti Welder School on North Street then proceeds to the Victoria Community Center. The festival follows. 361/576-5650

11—VICTORIA: Lippazaner Stallions Victoria Community Center Arena. 407/366-0366

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

11-12—KATY: Katy Antique & Collectible Show Katy ISD Merrell Center. E-mail: info@cwgs.com • www.cwgs.com 877/840-3829

11-12—LA PORTE: Remember the Maine Pays tribute to Americans who fought in the Spanish American War and to the first U.S. Navy ship named *Texas*, which played a crucial role in the American Naval victory in Cuba. Memorial service is held on the bow of the ship at 3 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday. Battleship *Texas* State Historic Site. 281/479-2431

13—HARLINGEN: Adult Softball League Double Round Robin Sports Complex Ball Park, 3139 Wilson Road. 956/427-8870

13—HARLINGEN: Susan Egan Begins at 7:30 p.m. Harlingen Municipal Auditorium, 1204 Fair Park Blvd. 956/748-3020

13-14—HOUSTON: Valentine's Day Lectures Explore the wild world of animal mating and dating and learn about the zoo's renowned breeding programs to save endangered species. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org 713/533-6500

15-19—BROWNSVILLE: Sixth Annual International Birding Festival The Rio Grande Valley's warm climate offers 150 to 200 possible bird species this time of year in an area that has counted 500 different birds. Festival offers birders and other nature lovers a complete program of guided field trips, seminars, and other educational and fun events that explore the bio-diversity of South Texas and Northern Mexico. www.brownsville.org 956/546-3721

17—HARLINGEN: Third Annual Music Fest 2005 Variety of artists play bluegrass, country and gospel music. Harlingen Municipal Auditorium, 1204 Fair Park Blvd. 956/585-4847 ext. 225

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

17-19—HOUSTON: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Begins at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Jones Hall. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA

17-19—PORT NECHES: Trade Days on the Avenue 409/722-

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17-28—GALVESTON: Mardi Gras! Galveston Strand Historic District. www.mardigrasgalveston.com 888/425-4753

18—HARLINGEN: Jalapeno 100 Bicycle Tour Features routes of 25, 50 and 100 miles. Begins at 7:30 a.m. Valley Race Park, 2601 S. Ed Carey Drive. 956/412-7223

18—PORT ARANSAS: Rotary Club Shrimp Boil Proceeds benefit local youth activities and scholarships. Port Aransas Civic Center. 361/749-6222

18—VICTORIA: Livestock Show Parade 361/573-3707

18-May 7—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Robots & Us Meet the life-like, intelligent machines known as robots — passionately created to maintain and extend human capabilities. Why do people embrace and fear them? The answer lies at the curious intersection where humans meet machines. Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Road. www.spacecenter.org 281/244-2100

19-25—BROWNSVILLE: 69th Annual Charro Days Fiesta Celebrates the longtime friendship between Brownsville and its sister city, Matamoros, Mexico. Baile del Sol kicks off the weeklong list of festivities. Children and adults from both sides of the border participate in the different parades that travel down Elizabeth Street. www.charrodaysfiesta.com 956/542-4245

21—BROWNSVILLE: Carlos Gomez: The Chupacabra Chronicles Art Exhibit Features the legendary goat-sucking creature. UTB/TSC Richardson Art Gallery. 956/882-7097

21—HARLINGEN: Ozark Jubilee Fast-paced show features country, bluegrass and gospel music along with side-splitting comedy. Harlingen Municipal Auditorium, 1204 Fair Park Blvd. 956/430-6990

22—SAN BENITO: 14-Karat Country Show Begins at 7 p.m. Fun N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800

22-Mar. 12—HOUSTON: An Infinite Ache Taking its title from a Pablo Neruda poem, this play chronicles a love that spans 60 years. www.stagestheatre.com 713/527-0123

23—HARLINGEN: Annual Shrimp Fest Hours are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Casa de Amistad, 1204 Fair Park Blvd. 956/943-1315

23-25—BROWNSVILLE: Sombrero Fest Part of Brownsville's Charro Days festivities, this event offers everything from a jalapeno-eating contest to Frijolympics. It's an event the whole family can enjoy. Washington Park. www.sombrerofestival.com 956/550-9682

23-26—PORT ARTHUR: 14th Annual Mardi Gras Weekend/Floral Fantasy Enjoy a traditional Mardi Gras celebration with six parades, carnival and fireworks. Features Texas music, zydeco, Cajun, oldies, national and regional acts. Includes children's activities, street entertainment, rock wall, bull riding and more. Downtown, 617 Proctor St. E-mail: laura@portarthur.com • www.portarthur.com/mardigras 409/721-8717

23-27—VICTORIA: Livestock Show Auction is Feb. 27. Victoria Community Center Dome, Grounds, Annex and Arena. 361/573-3707

23, 25-26—HOUSTON: Swan Lake Houston Ballet Artistic Direc-

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24—CORPUS CHRISTI: The Hughes Brothers Branson vocal quintet performs at Selena Auditorium. 361/980-1949

24-26—PORT ARANSAS: Celebration of Whooping Cranes & Other Birds Includes birding bus and boat tours, renowned speakers, exhibits, trade show, seminars, demonstrations, concessions and more. Civic Center and Marine Science Institute. E-mail: info@portaransas.org • www.portaransas.org 800/452-6278

24-May 21—CORPUS CHRISTI: Sacred Landscapes: Collins/Woodson/Dixon Exhibit of works by these Texas-based artists addresses humankind's relationship with place and the spiritual, psychological nature of landscape. South Texas Institute for the Arts. www.stia.com 361/825-3500

25—BEAUMONT: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes This zany musical, set in the Roaring '20s, follows the mad-cap adventures of two chorus girls who board a ship bound for Paris looking for rich husbands. Julie Rogers Theatre. www.beaumont-tx-complex.com 409/838-3435

25—BEAUMONT: Symphony of Southeast Texas Performance by the Orchestra Begins at 7:30 p.m. Julie Rogers Theatre. www.sost.org 409/892-2257

25—CRYSTAL BEACH: Mardi Gras Parade & Party Enjoy the festive floats, catch tons of colorful Mardi Gras beads and trinkets, and then follow the parade down Highway 87 to Gregory Park where revelers will enjoy an afternoon of frolic, food and music in the

great Mardi Gras tradition. Parade begins about 11:30 a.m. www.lighthousekrewe.com 800/386-7863

25—HARLINGEN: H.M. Smith Parade Begins at 10 a.m. Marine Military Academy Parade Grounds, 320 Iwo Jima Blvd. 956/423-6006 ext. 235

25—HOUSTON: Teddy Bear Repair Clinic Bring your child and teddy bear to the Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital Teddy Bear Repair Clinic. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org 713/533-6500

25—LAKE JACKSON: Nature Day See live animals exhibits. Hear tips on enjoying nature in your backyard or at your favorite outdoor getaways. Youth planning to fish will need to bring rod, reel, tackle and bait. No artificial lures. Barbless hooks only. Nature scavenger hunt is from 10 a.m. to noon. Sea Center Texas. 979/929-0100

25-26—KEMAH: Mardi Gras Kemah Celebrate Mardi Gras all weekend with beads and zydeco music. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com

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

28—PORT ARTHUR: Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Party Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/722-4233

28—SAN BENITO: Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball Begins at 6 p.m. Fun N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800

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"Getting children to eat foods they don't like can be difficult," says Dr. Karen Cullen, an associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston. "But by continuing to offer foods they don't like as choices for other family members at mealtimes; many children will eventually acquire a taste for those foods."

Many parents try to bribe, punish or reward children in order to get them to eat, but this tactic is never a good solution. Such bribes or rewards may make the disliked food even more undesirable or cause them to overeat because they're not hungry.

"We want children to recognize and respond to their internal signals that tell them when they are full and when they are hungry," Cullen says. "Having a parent who's constantly trying to get a child to eat may cause the child to ignore these important signals and overeat."

If this continues, the child may be at risk of eating too much and gaining excess weight.

If your child doesn't want to eat what was prepared for the family, then they should not be forced to, because this can turn into a power

struggle. However, avoid giving your child something else to eat. Children will not starve after missing a single meal and providing alternatives to the prepared meal will reinforce the idea that special foods will be prepared for each meal.

The key to getting picky eaters to eat is by offering choices. Cullen, also a behavioral nutrition researcher at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor and Texas Children's Hospital, suggests giving children one vegetable that you know they will eat and one that they may not like, so there is always a choice.

Parents often worry that their picky eaters aren't getting enough nutrition from the foods they choose to eat, but Cullen says even though your child may not be eating the food choices parents would like, most children eat enough and grow normally. Parents can always check with their pediatrician during check-ups.

Cullen stresses the importance of parents modeling the behavior that they are trying to instill in their children, and of putting less emphasis on the food being served and more on the positive aspects of enjoying mealtime as a family.

"Children tend to watch and mimic their parents, so the more frequently you eat a particular food, the more likely your child will be to eventually try it."

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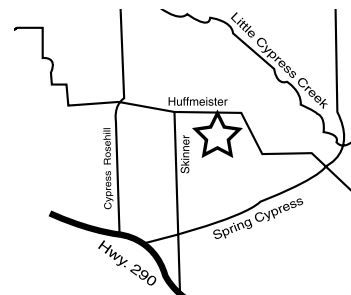
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Establishing a Web Site 101 -- for Business or Fun

By Kaylee Kolditz, Kaylee@kayleeskoaching.com

As we've likely all figured out by now, the Internet is here to stay. Many of us use it daily and the rest use it at least occasionally. From weather and news to shopping and chatting with family and friends, the Web has become as much a part of our lives as the telephone and the automobile.

The good news for businesses and individuals looking to establish themselves as an entity on the Web is that building a basic Web site has become easy and affordable. Getting started is just a matter of knowing what you need to do. So, here are six steps for launching a basic site that can be uniquely you:

1. Select a domain name.

The domain name is the address for your site -- also called the URL (for example www.companyname.com). Come up with a list of several names you can choose from; each of which should indicate to Web visitors something about your site or your business (i.e. SmithFamilyPhotos, BusinessName, WhatIKnowAboutXYZ, etc.). You can be creative, but make sure that the name is easy to spell and easy to remember.

2. Register your domain name.

Now it is time to see if the name you want is available and get it registered. You can accomplish both tasks by visiting a domain name registrar (a Google search will give you many to choose from). You will have the option to choose from a variety of extensions (that is the part after the "dot"; i.e. com, net, biz, org). The registrar should provide guidance on the appropriate use for each extension. Dot com tends to be the most frequently used extension, so if you really like

the domain name you've selected and it is already registered using ".com", consider using .net or one of the other alternatives.

3. Find a Web host/design service.

There are numerous services that can provide both the design and the hosting of your site. Again, an online search will reveal many services you can choose from. Shop around -- review prices as well as offerings. (Keep in mind that if you want a lot of bells and whistles on your site or are developing an eCommerce site, you'll need to do a bit more research and should consider using a Web developer and/or designer for your site build.)

4. Select a template.

Perhaps the easiest way to build a site is to use the templates provided by the online design and hosting company you choose. The selection is getting broader and some services even allow limited customization, such as choice of color or addition of your own graphics. Make sure you review the selection of templates and find several options you're willing to use before you purchase your service.

5. Develop your content.

Content is basically the words of your site. What will your site say to your visitors? Keeping your content short and to the point will increase your chances of having it read. Additionally, adding some personality to your words -- showing a bit of who you are or what your company culture is -- can help make your site more inviting.

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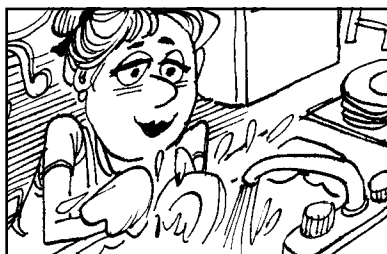
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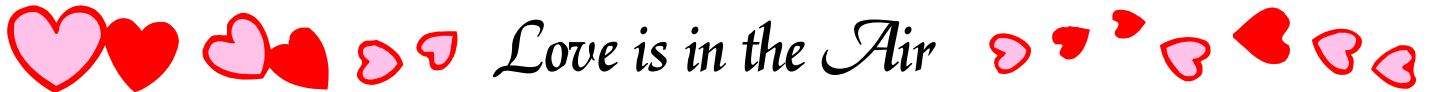
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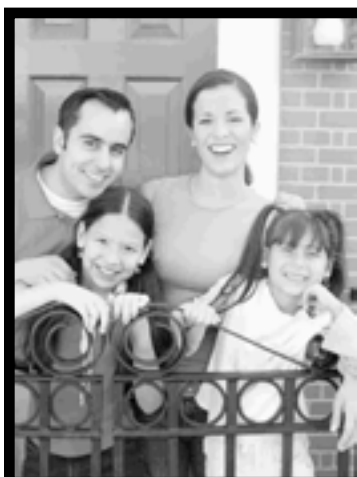
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Eat Well to Stay Motivated and Energized

Do you have trouble exercising at noon or after work even though you're truly committed to exercise and it's the only time you have to work out?

Do you feel so exhausted that you just can't face the gym?

Your diet - rather than simple sloth - may be the problem.

If you tend to skip meals in an attempt to save calories, you may be robbing yourself of important fuel for your workout. While skipping meals may temporarily make your stomach feel flatter, doing so can also leave you feeling tired, irritable and unfocused.

Then you'll be tempted to forego your noontime workout, or go home, eat and stretch out on the couch in front of the TV after work.

If, however, you follow some simple, sensible dietary practices throughout your day, you'll get that workout done. And rather than feeling lightheaded and exhausted afterward, you'll be energized and refreshed.

Stay with feel-good foods

One key to staying motivated to exercise is to keep the amount of sugar in your blood - and thus, your energy level - stable. You can best do that by eating a series of small meals throughout the day - as many as five or six - that are composed of complex carbohydrates such as whole grain breads, beans and other vegetables, whole grain crackers and fruit.

If you plan ahead and make time for grocery shopping, you can easily pack some simple meals and snacks to take to work with you.

Eating complex carbohydrates helps keep your blood sugar stable because they are digested and absorbed slowly into the blood and don't require your pancreas to produce much insulin.

Refined carbohydrates, such as potato chips, doughnuts and cookies, are absorbed

very quickly and trigger the pancreas to produce large amounts of insulin. So, while they may give you an initial boost, your energy will drop off quickly, and your mood will follow.

The amount of sugar in your blood is also related to the amount of serotonin in your brain. Serotonin is an important chemical called a neurotransmitter that helps to regulate mood.

If your level of serotonin is where it should be, you'll have a sense of well-being and confidence - and feel ready to tackle the treadmill. Should it drop, you may feel tired and depressed.

You'll keep your motivation to exercise if you:

- Have a glass of juice to boost your energy before a morning workout.
- Eat a breakfast that includes whole grains and fruit or fruit juice.
- Eat small, frequent small meals and snacks during the day to maintain your blood sugar.
- Make sure to have a light, healthy snack an hour before your noon or after-work workout.
- Stay hydrated, keeping a water bottle at your desk at work.
- Limit - or eliminate - the amount of caffeine in your diet.

If you often experience a craving for carbs, this may be your brain's way of telling you it needs more serotonin.

Cut the caffeine

What about caffeine? Good question. Many athletes rely on caffeine for the initial kick it can provide.

Remember, though, that caffeine can also affect the amount of insulin, and thus, sugar,

in your blood. Further, it can cause dehydration, which can also sap your energy.

While drinking a caffeinated beverage may help get you to the gym, within an hour you may feel tired and too lightheaded to complete your workout, or to do it well.

If you plan to engage in running or other highly vigorous activity, remember that some forms of caffeine, coffee in particular, can lead to mild gastronomical distress, as can some bulky foods.

So, you'd be wise to limit the amount of coffee, tea and soda that you drink for a number of reasons.

Suppose you're an early bird, and your best time to work out is in the morning before you go to work. For quick energy, drink some juice upon rising and avoid coffee.

Once you've completed your workout, have a more solid breakfast of whole-wheat cereal or toast and fruit to fuel your concentration for the morning's work. If you work out and eat too lightly, chances are you'll get "the drowsies" by 2 p.m., if not sooner.

Keep in mind that finding the right combination of food and drink to energize your workout - whatever time of day you choose - may take some experimenting. It all depends upon your individual tastes and your metabolism.

With a little patience, an open mind and a little creativity, you'll determine which foods suit you best.



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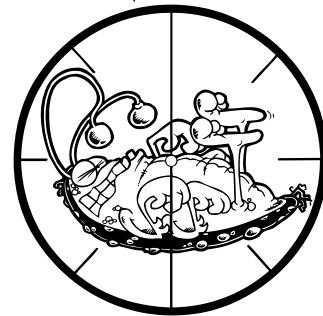
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- **Select well-seasoned firewood.** Well-seasoned wood is cut before the summer and is typically dry with loose bark and cracked ends. Avoid oak wood that appears unseasoned, that may have tight bark and cut ends which show no cracks or signs of aging. The extreme heat and drying of a full Texas summer effectively destroys the fungus in cut firewood.
- **Safely store unknown sources of firewood.** If the oak wood comes from an unknown source and it is not well seasoned, cover the woodpile with a clear piece of plastic. Burying the edges of the plastic will prevent the entry or exit of insects that might have been attracted to diseased wood and fungal mats.
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- **Avoid wounding oaks during vulnerable seasons.** The general recommendation is to avoid injuries to oaks from February through June. The best times for pruning of oaks are during the heat of summer (minimal spore production) or the cold of winter (minimal insect activity).
- **Paint all oak wounds including pruning cuts.** Throughout the year, immediately apply a thin coat of latex or pruning paint to all fresh wounds and other injuries that expose the inner bark or sapwood of oaks. This prevents contaminated sap beetles from infecting the wound with oak wilt spores.

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ADULT CAMPERS: Do you have an RV, kids grown up and gone? Like to socialize? Come join us. For more information, contact us at 281-373-1374 or e-mail brakeaways@yahoo.com. (Nonsmoking group).

GOODSON/SPILLANE 8TH GRADERS: Annual 5 day Washington D.C./ NY trip. All inclusive. Summer 2006. For more information contact Paige.Phares@cfisd.net (281 373-3444) or Tiffany.Lechinger@cfisd.net.

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SKI BOAT FOR SALE: 1992 Crown Line 19' Ski Boat; Maroon and beige, inboard/outboard, 4.3 LX engine, Mercruiser Alpha 1 outdrive, Momo steering wheel, Captain's chairs, open bow and tanning deck + custom maroon trailer + thousands of dollars of boat and ski equipment (life jackets, ski vests, bumpers, skis and ropes, knee board and more). \$6000.00. (713) 582-9630.

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FOR SALE: Trek 2200 bicycle. 48 cm, Shimano 105 components, saddle bag, Profile aero bars and two water bottle cages. Great condition - \$385.00 (great bike for the MS 150 tour!)

1995 HARLEY DAVIDSON ELECTRAGLIDE FLHT FOR SALE: Black and chrome, new paint, good tires, Hooker dual exhaust, hard bags, windshield, fairing, AM/FM/CD in dash, 51,000 miles, 45 mpg. Avoid the Spring rush, buy it now, \$11500. For photos and more info email egl2@juno.com.

1985 HARLEY DAVIDSON FXRS FOR SALE: 1340 cc Shovelhead, frame off restoration, beautiful bike that will turn many a head. \$9500. For photos and more info email egl2@juno.com.

FOR SALE: 8' "Racetrack" Conference table, mahogany finish w/8 burgundy "leather look" rolling chairs. Barely used, excellent condition. Purchased in Feb. 2004. \$1500 or obo. 281.222.4250

1994 HONDA 4X4 300 CC 4-WHEELER FOR SALE: 4 New tires, new rear brakes, rack front and rear, has 5 speed trans with reverse. Over all good shape, new battery within 6 months, blue with some new plastic. Would be a great hunting vehicle, or just a bayou bug. \$1995 or obo, 281-272-8707 or email at egl2@juno.com.

FOR SALE: English Saddle, Crosby Prix de Saute with fittings. Close contact, 16-1/2" seat. Excellent condition. Made in England. Beautiful ride. \$450. 281.222.4250.

TREADMILL FOR SALE: Image Professional 16.0 Q. Brand New! Used 5 times. Programmable. Treadmill mat included. Fairfield resident (281-373-9044). Asking \$390.

FOR SALE: Little Tikes Race Car Twin Bed (Blue) w/mattress, excellent condition \$200, All Star twin size quilt plus sham \$25, all-star, batman, spiderman twin sheets \$10 each set, 281-304-9961.

BOWFLEX POWER PRO FOR SALE: Start the New Year right! This

model has 210 lbs and the leg attachment. Unit is in great condition. \$500.00 OBO. Call 281-256-6389 for details.

KETTCAR FOR SALE: Kettler "Nitro X-treme" Original Kettcar, 48"x24"x20h", like new, 10" tires, adjustable seat, shift gear in middle, hand brake on side. Asking \$65. Can email pictures. Call 713-385-5747.

FOR SALE: Fisher Price 3-in-1 Game Table (but with complete accessory sets for ping-pong and pool only); selling for \$25; call Patrick at 281-654-3109 (work) or 281-256-3711 (home).

FOR SALE: Cargo Bunk Bed for sale. Includes bunkie boards, side rails, ladder and mattresses. Very good condition. \$300.00 Contact Julie at 281-256-8656

FOR SALE: Hamster Critter Trail for sale. Two stories with exercise wheel, food bowl and water bottle. Also exercise ball, book on hamsters, hamster food and hamster bunk house. Brand new. Only been used one week. \$25.00. Call 281-373-0877.

SHABBY CHIC CHAIR FOR SALE: Whitewashed. Cushion can be used on either side. Maroon plaid and floral. Excellent condition. Can e-mail pictures. \$75.00. Linda 281-373-9128

TRAMPOLINE FOR SALE: Good condition, has safety net. \$100 281-373-9128.

FOR SALE: Sturdy 5 ft. Pool Table \$30 OBO.; 10-foot inflatable pool with filter \$25.OBO; weight bench with 65 lbs. of weights \$100 OBO. Can help deliver in Fairfield if necessary. Call Terry 281-304-9590.

FOR SALE: Wood Entertainment system with adjustable shelves for \$100.00 OBO. Baby Fisher Price Jumperoo for sale \$30.00. Baby Walker \$15.00. Kids Red Turtle Sandbox \$10.00. Blue and Yellow Umbrella Stroller \$10.00. Please call 281-373-4479

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FOR SALE: Attic folding wood ladder; fits 24.5 inches X 54 inches opening; new inside the box; sell for \$55 or swap for a new attic ladder of the size 22 inches X 54 inches. Call Patrick at 281-654-3109 (work) or 281-256-3711 (home).

FOR SALE: 48" Ceiling fans w/light kits (White and brass), \$40 each. Brass doorknobs, \$6 each. Very nice 20-bottle wine rack, paid \$95...yours for \$40. \$100 Marriott Hotels Certificate (2-night stay required). Expires 6/9/06, \$55. (281) 635-9981.

FOR SALE: 6'x4'x1/2" tempered glass table top (for dining table, no base) - \$30; red swivel office chair - \$10, Glider with ottoman - \$75, motorcycle/4 wheeler hydraulic lift - \$100, 10" Craftsman Radial Arm Saw - \$175. Call Laurie @ 281-213-9955.

FOR SALE: Antique Oak Ice Box - \$500.00. Octagon Game Table with 1 leaf and with 4 rolling leather chairs, excellent condition. \$225.00 Please Call Terry Myers at 281-785-7938.

FOR SALE: Set of French Doors, completely new, never installed. Perfect for the Handyman who wants to close off Study or Fourth Bdrm. Only asking \$100.00 Call 281-304-6983

LARGE ENTERTAINMENT ARMOIRE FOR SALE: It is finished in a medium stain with light cherry door panels. This was purchased two years ago at Storehouse Furniture for \$1600.00. Asking \$850.00. More info can be found at www.lanability.com/armoire or call 281-256-6389 for more

details.

FOR SALE: Beautiful OakCrafters Oak Entertainment Center. Holds up to a 36 inch TV. Excellent storage capacity for electronic components and media. Includes top mounted, lighted curio with glass doors and touch-control lighting. Dimensions: 76" x 63.5" x 23" (HxWxD). Excellent Condition. Paid \$1900, asking \$775, make an offer. Can email picture, call 281-256-1719.

FOR SALE: 17" Trinitron CRT Computer Monitor \$50 obo. Excellent condition. Call 281-256-1719.

LAWN TRIMMER FOR SALE: ECHO brand straight shaft lawn trimmer. Used twice, like new! Paid \$199 plus tax. Sell for \$150 obo. 281-213-3416.

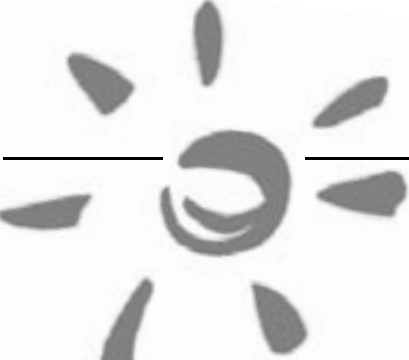
FURNITURE FOR SALE: Twin bunk beds, natural wood color \$100 obo. Solid wood chest of drawers, natural wood color \$75. Call Jackie at 832-545-7890.

FURNITURE FOR SALE: Armoire, natural wood color, can be easily painted or stained. Can be used for a TV, a wardrobe, or I used it for a changing table, so that the doors could be closed when not in use. Three drawers at the bottom. \$100 obo. Call Jackie at 832-545-7890.

BEDDING FOR SALE: Blue and lime green patterned TWIN Comforter set (includes: comforter, bed skirt, shams) \$25, 1 twin fleece dark blue blanket \$10, 2 light blue & 2 dark blue star shaped throw pillows \$10. All in excellent condition. Call: 281-256-2571.

FOR SALE: 42" round white maple table and four chairs \$100.00. IKEA metal canopy queen bed \$60.00, IKEA black leather with cherry wood frame slingback chair and ottoman \$70.00, king size organic cotton/wool mattress, make me an offer. Pictures available upon request. Shannon 832-859-3042

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FOR SALE: Breakfast Table- round pedestal, 2 windsor back chairs \$50. Highchair- 2 trays, height adjusts, reclines, casters \$35. Peg Perego Pliko Stroller- navy/white \$60. Tricycle- Radio Flyer Retro Red \$20. Play Kitchen- Step2, double sided \$50. Bound Carpet Remnants 6' x 8.75' \$20 ea. 281-256-6934.

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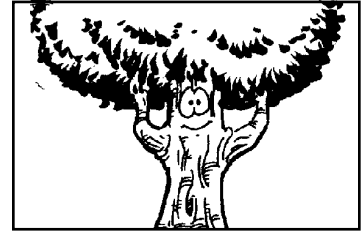
FOR SALE: Little Girls Fisher Price toy chest/love seat. \$15 281-256-1138.

DINING TABLE FOR SALE: Round, formal dining pedestal table with six matching chairs. Beautiful dark wood - excellent condition. \$990 OBO. For photos or more info email pickford@sbcglobal.net.

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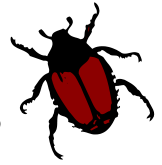


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	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM	Avail	Pending
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Cottage Glen	1	\$48.71	128	1	0
The Crossing	1	\$58.76	199	6	0
The Estates	1	\$104.17	442	1	0
Garden Grove	9	\$62.57	95	14	0
Glen	1	\$72.89	95	0	1
Inwood Glen	4	\$64.32	76	9	1
Inwood Meadows	7	\$61.71	83	9	3
Inwood Park	5	\$61.88	122	11	1
Lakes/Lake Ridge 2	5	\$70.30	41	13	1
Landing/Reserve	6	\$69.13	66	2	2
Meadows	5	\$63.27	159	6	0
Oaks	1	\$68.19	8	4	0
Park/Retreat	2	\$65.53	86	2	0
Pines	2	\$81.11	133	4	1
Summer Ridge	2	\$61.83	128	2	0
Trails	2	\$65.18	91	4	0

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