OFFICIAL FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Fairfield Charity Golf Classic

Saturday, June 3, 2006 • Cypress Lakes Golf Club

Please join the Fairfield Women's Club and the Fairfield Sports Association as they host the Fairfield Charity Golf Classic at Cypress Lakes Golf Club on Saturday, June 3, 2006. The tournament will be a four-man scramble which will begin at 1:00 pm with a shotgun start. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit Cypress charities and the capital improvement fund for all Fairfield sports facilities. This is a family event!

Tournament Registration:

Team/Foursome ~ \$500 Individual ~ \$125

Team Captain_ Phone #

Player #2

Phone #

Entry Fee Includes: Green fees, cart, range balls, gift, goodie bag, lunch, 2 drink tickets, door prize ticket, silent auction opportunity, and a delicious steak dinner from Outback.

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Sponsorship Includes: Signage at the ever and 2 steak dinner tickets.	t, inclusion in the	Fairfield Gazette "Thank You	u" ad, inclusion on the	Fairfield Sports Association website
Putting Contest Spons	or ~ \$500			27
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Sorry, I/we cannot commit to a sponsorship bag item for the tournament.	o, but wish to dona	nte	for a potential door	prize, silent auction item, or goodie
Extra steak din	ner tickets are ava	nilable for \$15, please reserve	eextra dinner	r tickets.
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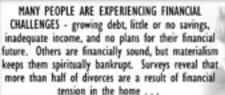
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16018 Pebble Creek Trail	4/3.5.2D		\$264,900
15522 Twisting Spring	5/3.5/2D		\$259,900
15211 Brown Eye Susan Ct	5/3.5/2D		\$249,900
20811 Magnolia Brook	5/3/2D		\$249,000
14818 Wayne Wood Dr			
14703 Whispering Cypress	4/3.5/3A		\$239,900
20811 Chappell Knoll			
20210 Chad Arbor			
15111 Vista Heights	4/3/2	Pool	\$214,900
15503 Fairfield Falls Way	3/2/2D	Pool	\$189,900
15206 Flameleaf Garden Ct	3/2/3D		\$179,900
15410 Court Amber Trail	4/2.5/2A		\$165,000
20702 Brook Rise Lane	3/2.5/2D		\$165,000
22010 Gold Leaf Trail	4/2.5/2A		\$159,900
16103 Fair Falls Way	3/2.5/2A		\$156,900
20307 Bending Birch Ct	3/2.5/2A		\$149,900
20006 Crossvine Trail			
15407 Chestnut Falls	3/2/2	Pending	\$129,500
20214 Maple Village	3/2/2 A		\$129,900
19831 Indian Cherry Forest	3/2/2	Pending	\$122,900

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15319 Hillside Park Way	3/2/2 A	\$1,250
19906 Black Cherry Bend	3/2/2 A	\$1,250
15415 Evergreen Knoll	4/2.5/2 D	\$1,325
15750 Bending Birch	3/2/2 A	\$1,350
16311 Redbud Berry Way	4/2.5/2 A	\$1,375

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21915 Amber Elm	14803 Opera House
15102 Blue Thistle	14522 Pelican Marsh
21610 Brookchase	9102 Reagan Meadow
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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 https://nreichert@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 10^{th} 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 10^{th} of each month.

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Saturday, April 1, 2006 FWC - Movie Under the Stars

Saturday, April 8, 2006 FWC - Fairfield Community Garage Sale

Harris County Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Sunday, April 9, 2006 American Legion Post #324 Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield Meeting

> Thursday, April 13, 2006 Fairfield Seniors' Pot Luck Supper

Tuesday, April 18, 2006 FWC - "Road Trip" to II Friends Gifts Fairfield Seniors' Game Night

> Wednesday, April 19, 2006 Fairfield Book Club Meeting

Friday, April 21, 2006 Fairfield Seniors' Bus Trip

Saturday, April 22, 2006 Hats Off to Spring Craft Fair at St. John Lutheran Church

> Thursday, April 27, 2006 Fairfield Seniors' Game Night

Saturday, April 29, 2006 Venturing Crew 288 of the Boy Scouts of America **BBQ** Fundraiser

> Sunday, April 30, 2006 MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield March of Dimes Walk-America

> FWC - Annual Mother / Daughter Tea

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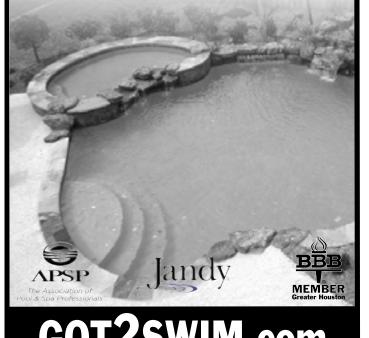
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Burglary of Motor Vehicle5
Theft
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The Crossing:

- An unknown suspect struck the complainant's vehicle and fled the scene without exchanging the information required when involved in an accident.
- Complainant stated a known suspect used his personal identifying information to purchase a vehicle.

Chappell Ridge Village:

 Complainant stated an unknown person charged \$554.84 from his checking account for a payment on a vehicle.

Inwood Meadows Village:

Complainant stated someone stole and used his credit information

Summer Crossing:

- Complainant stated an unknown person burglarized his motor vehicle.
- Complainant stated an unknown person burglarized his company vehicle.

Information Reports:	3
Credit Card Abuse:	3
Disturbances/Assaults:	3
Criminal Mischief:	3
Public I awdness	0

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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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Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department Station #7 News



New Arrival

We have yet another addition to the Station 7 family. Congratulations to Brian and Nicole St. Jacques on the birth of their daughter Catherine Morgen on Monday, February 27 at 9:30am. Catherine was 6 pounds 11 ounces and 19 inches long. Mom, dad and baby are doing great. We would like to welcome Catherine to the Cy-Fair family!

Membership Drive

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

CPR & First Aid Classes

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

On the NET

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

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact B.J. Worster, Station 7 Public Relations @ 832-452-3103.



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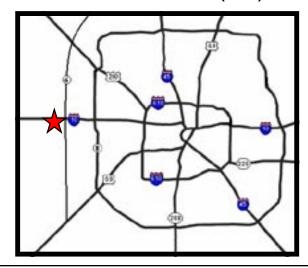
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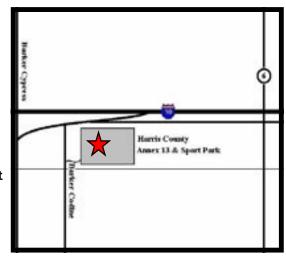
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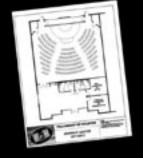
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Venturing Crew 288 of the Boy Scouts of America will be holding a BBQ fundraiser from Friday, April 28, at 5:00 p.m. to Saturday, April 29, at 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Gander Mountain Store at 290 and Hwy. 6.

Pre-orders are now being taken until April 25th at www.geocities.com/crew288/fundraisers

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THE MAGIC OF CUB SCOUTING: CUB SCOUT PACK #1533

During February the Cub Scouts of Pack #1533 were busy working hard to complete their Rank Achievements but also found time to have some well-earned fun.

February is anniversary month for Cub Scouting. This year, Cub Scouting celebrates its 76th year. Each February, Cub Scouts around the country celebrate this anniversary with an Annual Blue & Gold Banquet. On Saturday, February 18th, the Cub Scouts of Pack #1533 celebrated "The Magic of Cub Scouting" at their Blue & Gold Banquet.

Held at Good Shepherd UMC, the scouts and their guests enjoyed an evening of great food, awards, entertainment and a silent auction. After a dinner catered by Carl's BBQ, and skits and presentations by all the Dens, those attending were treated to the amazing wizardry of Magician Julian Franklin. Dens also had the opportunity to compete in a "table decoration" contest based on this years' theme. The winning Den, Webelos I Den #1, received a party at Lazer X. Congratulations to these boys—your hard work and creativity paid off.

The Cub Scouts of Pack #1533 would like to thank the following organizations for their generous donations:

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And to all of those who generously donated to the silent auction.

Thank you for helping to make our Banquet a "Magical" success!



Magician Julian Franklin "wows" the Scouts with his feets of magic.

Upcoming events are:

March 18, 2006 Overnight on the USS Lexington,

Corpus Christi, Texas

Scout Fair, Reliant Arena April 22, 2006 April 28-30, 2006 Family Campout, Waller, 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.



Webelos I Dens #1 & 2 present "The Light of Scouting" at this year's Blue & Gold Banquet.



Webelos I Den #1 accepts their prize for winning the table decorations contest at this year's Blue & Gold Banquet. The boys won a party at Lazer X.

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!

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!

Loop the Lake 5k Run & Kids 1k Run

The 3rd annual Loop the Lake 5k will be held Saturday, May 6th, 7:30 a.m. in Wortham Villages, near US 290 and FM 1960. Entry fee for the 5k is \$15 before April 22nd or \$20 after. Entry fee for the Kids 1k is \$10 before April 22nd or \$12 after.

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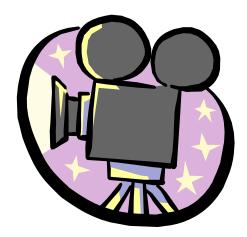
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MOVIE UNDER THE STARS!

Back by Popular Demand...

Movie Under the Stars to be held on
Saturday, April 1, 2006!

The Fairfield Women's Club and its sponsors are pleased to bring you an evening of family fun!



The evening will begin at 6:00 pm at the **Keith Elementary** soccer field with a variety of pre-show fun and concessions.

The presentation of **SHARK TALE** will begin at **dusk** on a jumbo, inflatable movie screen from Blue Moon Cinemas.

Movie admission is **free** while concessions are available for various prices.

This will be a unique, family-oriented event right here in our great neighborhood so grab your blankets & lawn chairs and plan to arrive early to claim your spot!

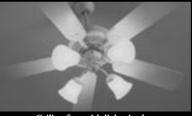
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All FWC proceeds to benefit charity.

For information contact Carissa Thompson @ 281-256-6204.

Fairfield Women's Club Road Trip!!!



The Fairfield Women's Club welcomes all neighborhood women to join us on Tuesday, April 18th for a "road trip" to **II Friends Gifts** for an after hours shopping open house!

Our brief meeting will begin <u>promptly</u> @ 7pm so we can browse all of the decor and fabulous items in the store.

Bring a friend and come ready to shop!

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For more info, contact Casey Buckley at 281.373.3870





The Fairfield Women's Club will Honor all Senior Girls Graduating from High School this year at our Annual Mother / Daughter Tea.





Please plan to join us on Sunday, April 30th from 1:00 - 3:00.

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The banquet is complimentary for paid members.

Guest tickets are available for \$15.00.

We will be drawing for our Rewards Program Spa Raffle

Please RSVP to Marybeth Pereira

by May 7th

at 281-304-0389 or mbpereira507@aol.com



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2006 CY-FAIR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



The Ault Elementary PTO awards a \$500 scholarship to one male and female applicant who is graduating from Cy-Fair High School and graduated from Ault Elementary. Scholarship applications and guidelines can be obtained from Suzanne Malone at Cy-Fair High School. The deadline for submitting applications is April 10, 2006.

The MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield

is calling all Stay-At-Home Moms

MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) Club is a support group for all moms who make the important decision to stay at home to raise their children so whether you are expecting your first child or are a veteran mom with school age kids there is sure to be something of interest in our group. The MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield serves the entire Fairfield subdivision in Cypress. Interested moms who live outside Fairfield please visit www.momsclub.org.

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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FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS:

We had over 30 members go on the tour of Minute Maid Park; it was interesting to see all the different areas of the park. The pictures from that tour are now on our web site, we got some great pictures. We also toured the Holocaust Museum; but, we could not take pictures there.

APRIL TRIP PLANS:

Friday, April 21st: Armand Bayou Nature Center & Bayou Wildlife. April is a great time for this adventure, with the sky blue and the flowers blooming, to visit the 2500 acre Armand Bayou Nature Center. We will explore a forest, bayou prairie, and the marshland ecosystems. We'll also see a reptile demonstration and take a short guided trail walk.

We then have lunch in Kemah, where everyone will have their own choice of the many fine restaurants available. Then after lunch we'll visit the Bayou Wildlife Park. This 86 acre park has a variety of birds and exotic wildlife which roam freely through the prairie and woods.

We will take a tram ride that will stop and let us feed many of the 400 friendly animals. The cost is \$12.00 per person, plus your lunch. Call Kay Wheeler @ 281-890-1934 to get your name on the list. Make checks out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. Bus departs at 8:15am from the Fairfield Village parking lot. We've been advised to wear closed toe shoes. Bring vour camera.

MAY TRIP PLANS:

Friday, May 5th: Galveston Island, first a tour of the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum. You've seen the oilrigs off in the distance across the Gulf; now actually visit a real drilling rig. The Ocean Star is a retired jack up rig converted into a three-story museum with exhibits, interactive displays, and videos explaining how oil and gas are claimed from under the sea.

Then we will have about 2 hours to explore the Strand, Pier 21 and have lunch at one of the many fine restaurants, your choice, in the area.

The trip ends with a tour on the Duck. The Duck is a special vehicle that travels on land and water, it last about 1 hour taking us through the Strand,

Offats Bayou (in the water) and through the Historical District. During our Duck ride we will enjoy humorous-yet informative comments by an experienced captain. The cost is \$18.00 per person, plus your lunch. Call Shirley Hearst @ 281-373-4432 to get your name on the list. Make checks out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. Bus departs at 8:30am from the Fairfield Village parking lot. You will want to bring your camera.

APRIL ACTIVITIES PLANS:

Thursday, April 13th: 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. We usually play games after the meal and finish up the deserts.

Tuesday, April, 18th: Game Night at the Cook's starts around 6:30 pm. Directions are posted on the Activity details page of the group's web site. This is always a fun night with great fellowship, just bring a little snack.

Thursday, April, 27th: 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 games and fellowship. Mark your calendar and make it a point to be there.

For more information on all activities other than trips: Call Mary Lou Cook for more details at... 281-304-8359

FAIRFIELD SENIORS WEEKLY PLANNER:

A planner each week is emailed to our members and others who have requested it. It provides updated information and any changes from what appeared in the Gazette, for that week's 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: FairfieldSeniors@houston. rr.com.

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Efforts are underway to organize a Circle K Club at Cy-Fair College. Although Cy-Fair Kiwanis will sponsor the Club, a faculty advisor is needed. Interested faculty members should contact Andria Vickery in the Continuing Education Department.

The fall Golf Tournament raised over \$6000 for support of Cerebral Palsy programs. The Club is grateful for the work of Steve Caton and Steve Gleinser who co-chaired the fund raiser.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, an affiliate of the International Kiwanis organization, meets three times a month at the Hearthstone Country Club in Hearthstone from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. for lunch, fellowship, and programs including guest speakers on subjects concerning the community and individuals. We invite you to visit with us and learn more about our organization (cost of lunch is \$10). Meeting dates for March are 6, 13, and 20.

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



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Cypress, Texas (March 9, 2006) Join the fight against cancer and participate in the 2006 American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Cy-Fair this April. This unique overnight fund-raising effort, set for 6 p.m. April 7 to 6 a.m. April 8 at Cy-Fair College, 9191 Barker Cypress Road, includes a survivor/caregiver recognition walk, a luminaria lighting ceremony and a variety of entertainment for all ages. For participation, donation or event information go to www.acsevents.org/tx/relay/cyfair or contact Catherine Unger at 713-706-5646 or via e-mail at Catherine unger@cancer.org.

Chili Cook-Off Teams and Judges Sought to Raise Scholarship Funds

Who has the secret chili recipe to earn the title of "Grand Champion Chili" in Cy-Fair? Find out at the annual Cy-Fair College Emergency Services Chili Cook Off set 9 a.m. 5 p.m. April 22 at the Emergency Services Education Center at the Barker Cypress campus. Sign up a cook-off team for \$35 and compete to win in one or multiple categories such as the "Best", "Best Firehouse", "Best College", "Best Wurst", "Best Probie(Beginner)", "Best Community" and "Grand Champion Chili." For \$3 a cup, community members can choose to be one of the judges, tasting all the entries and voting on the winners. To sign up a cook-off team, call Phyllis Hahn at 281-290-5900. For information on Cy-Fair College's Fire Academy, go to www.cy-faircollege.com.

What's in the Black Box Theatre?

"The Good Doctor" runs from April 20 through April 30. In this charming production for the entire family, Neil Simon brings to theatrical life several of Anton Chekhov's short stories. These sketches present an appealing balance of hilarious and poignant moments. For tickets or information, call 281-290-5201.

Gallery Spotlights Student Talent

The 2006 Spring Student Exhibition is a juried show set from April 13 through May 4 in the Center for the Arts Gallery. An artists' reception will be held from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. For information, call 281-290-5273.

Business Speaker Series Features Mattress Mac

The Cy-Fair College Spring Business Speaker Series concludes with Gallery Furniture's Jim (Mattress Mac) McIngvale presenting the "Defining and Refining Your Competitive Advantage." This speaker presentation will be held April 26 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Cy-Fair College Conference Center, room 153. For information, contact Melinda Becker at 281-290-3284.

Join the Great Decisions Series Discussion

Cy-Fair College's Foreign Policy Association and Windows on the World sponsor the Great Decisions panel discussion series this spring. The series ends Thursday, April 26 at noon with a discussion on "Human Rights in an Age of Terrorism." This series is held in the Conference Center, room 152. For information, call Paul Cooke at 281-290-3246 or Buck Buchanan at 281-290-3919

Free Tax Preparation Assistance Available

Free tax assistance is available at the Cy-Fair College Branch Library, located at 9191

Barker Cypress Road, with AARP volunteers from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday and
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on free tax assistance under news and activities.

Spring into L.I.F.E. Programs

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) April programs include songwriting, curb appeal for homes, Earth Day and networking. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu.

Free Spring Film Series Open to Community

The Cy-Fair College Spring Film Series is part of Windows on the World. Each film is hosted by a professor or student organization at the college and followed by a discussion after the movie. The series continues with April films such as "The Apostle", "End of Suburbia", "Barbarosa", "Giant" and "Chicago." The Spring Film Series is presented at no charge to students or the community and is offered as a Continuing Education class called Film Appreciation. Registration is available at all the film events. For a complete list of films or information, phone 281-290-3257, e-mail robert.obrien@nhmccd.edu or visit http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/robobrien/Film_Series.html.

C.A.L.L. Courses for Senior Adults Available

The Cy-Fair College Academy for Lifelong Learning provides opportunities for adults 50 and better to enjoy intellectual and social enrichment. In the April programs, learn about computer blogging, buying and selling on eBay or "Music of the Romantic Era." A San Jacinto Reenactment day trip is also on the schedule. Call 281-290-5273 or e-mail Andriav@nhmccd.edu for course information or to sign up now.

Library Offers Free Computer Classes and Book Clubs

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The Harris County Public Library Cy-Fair College Branch offers free computer workshops, including a family-friendly class. Topics range from basic computer functions to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. A variety of monthly book clubs are available including women of the world, mystery (discussing "A Good "She Walks These Hills" – April 26), democracy and sports page(discussing "A Good")

Walk Spoiled: Days and Nights on the PGA Tour" – April 13.). There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children. Go online to http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu for information.



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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. 8:00 a.m-8:00 p.m. Saturday 1:00 p.m-8:00 p.m. Sunday

New Website

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

New Membership Card Replacement Policy

The FAC has started a new policy for members that have lost their cards. For anyone show 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.

New Membership Card Policy for Minors (ages 10-17)

Children and teens between the ages of 10 and 17 will no longer be allowed into the gym to play basketball without their membership card. They will no longer be able to sign the book for lost cards. They will only get a one time warning for forgotten cards. After the warning they must come with a parent to buy a new card. The cost for a new card is \$2.00.

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Weight Room Orientation

Orientation will be offered at the club on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9 to 10a.m. Occasionally, we do have to change our dates due to our trainer's schedule, so please refer to our website at www.fairfieldvillage.org for any changes.

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.

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

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.

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The **Junior Tennis Academy** is designed to introduce young players with moderate or no experience the game of tennis by making the game fun and exciting. Classes are Monday and Wednesday starting at 4 pm. **Drop-In-Drills** are every Wednesday morning from 9 am to 10 am and Wednesday evening from 7 pm - 8 pm. The costs are \$10.00 for residents and \$15.00 for non-residents. The **Free Adult Tennis Clinic** is offered on the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Saturday of each month from 9 am to 10 am.

All checks for these programs are made payable to the Copperfield Racquet and Health Club. You are responsible for paying the tennis pro, John Kudrick, at the FAC Courts. If anyone is interested in finding out more about tennis activities, including leagues, at the FAC you can email John Kudrick at johnkudrick@hotmail.com

If you would like to reserve a tennis court, you must call the FAC to make your reservations and you must bring your card to check out a tennis court key. Each player must bring their card. If you have guests with you they must pay the \$5.00 guest fee and fill out a waiver.

Adult Lap Swimming

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

Before and After School Program

Registration for Summer Camp and the 2006-2007 Before and After School

Program is currently open. Registrations are complete when all paperwork has been completed and all fees have been paid. Space is limited, so be sure to register early. Please call Pam Garner for more information at 281-373-0834.

MOM & ME BOOT CAMP (3 Months Fitness Challenge) Dates: March 8 – May 24

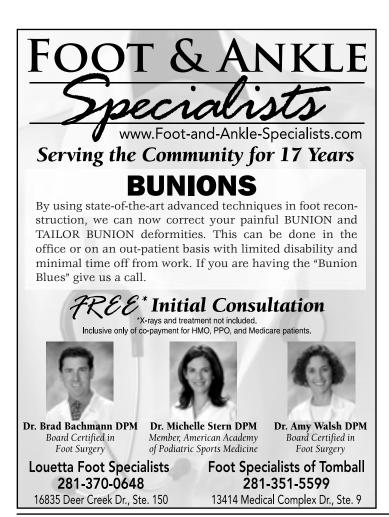
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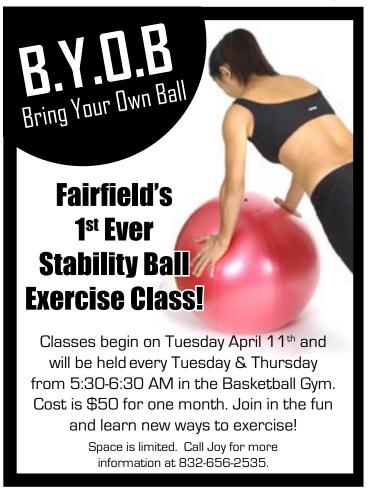
Classes will be MWF from 10:00-10:45am. Bring your child, stroller, hand weights, jump rope and water and come prepared to get in shape. We will walk with strollers around the Fairfield Athletic Club campus doing a circuit training workout stopping at stations for different toning and stretching exercises. If there is inclement weather, we will do our workout in the gym, so we can keep consistency in our workout program. Space will be limited to the first 15 participants. Minimum class size will be 5. Call Charlotte 832-594-7656 or email mbyrne9961@aol.com

B.Y.O.B. Class (Bring Your Own Ball)

Introducing Fairfield's first *Stability Ball Class*. This class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 5:30-6:30 inside the Basketball Gym at Fairfield Athletic Club. The class will focus on toning the body, CORE strength (Focus on the Abs & Back), Balance and Posture. If you are bored with the same old workout routine and are looking for a new challenge for your body...then this is the class for you. Classes start on Tuesday April 11th and end on Thursday May 11th. Remember that Summer (Swimsuit Season) will be here before you know it!! Cost for the class is \$50 per month. Please call Joy at 832-656-2535 or email at jmbcpt@yahoo.com for more information. SIGN UP DEADLINE IS FRIDAY MARCH 31ST.

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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. A minimum of 8 people are required.

A Big Thank You

The Fairfield Athletic Club would like to thank Fairfield resident Doug King, General Manager with Admiral Linen and Uniform Service, for donating towels for the members to use when they work out. We appreciate the generosity.

Summer Swim Lessons

Registration for Summer Swim Lessons will begin Monday, April 3rd at the Fairfield Athletic Club. You may register at the FAC anytime during the day. If you have any questions, please call the Fairfield Athletic Club at (281) 373-0834.

Weight Room Expansion

The Fairfield Athletic Club is expanding its facility to enlarge and remodel the weight room. At a certain point when the remodeling begins, the weight room will be closed. We will give you adequate notice as to how long this closure will last. We appreciate everyone's patience during this process.

Of course, with the expansion will come new procedures and policies. The most noticeable change will be the issuance of new membership cards. We are working with AMI on the implementation of this new system. As soon as we have more details we will keep you informed.

Again, thank you for your patience. FAC Management

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Harvest Bible Church

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is either the most wicked, vicious, heartless hoaxes ever foisted upon the minds of men, or it's one of the most fantastic facts of history. Can Jesus and his resurrection be proven? No. No more so than we can prove the past existence of Abe Lincoln, George Washington, or Socrates. None of us has ever seen them, but we believe based on the facts given to us. Now all of these men are well-attested in history, so we believe simply because someone told us about them. We can't be 100% sure, but we can be sure enough to believe.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago is the crux of the matter for Christians. We stand or fall on this one event in time and space. If proven false Christianity is nothing but a pathetic religion based on myth. As the Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:17, 19, "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile... we are to be pitied more than all men."

On the other hand, if Jesus Christ did rise from the dead three days after his torturous crucifixion on the cross then he is indeed God as he claimed to be. All other leaders of world religions are dead – Christ is alive! And if Jesus is God then what he says is Truth. His words are life, and none of his claims have failed, though some await their future fulfillment.

Consider a few items:

- Following Christ's death on a Friday he was put in a tomb. Sunday morning it was empty – a fact witnessed by everyone who was told Jesus had risen.
- The stone that covered the tomb with the Roman seal on it was moved away.
- 3. The Roman seal was broken a crime punishable by death (this means

- that no one dared steal his body for fear of execution).
- 4. The Roman guard, at least 4 men, went back to Jerusalem to report the body of Jesus was gone. For them this was a life threatening situation because the body they guarded was gone.
- Jesus was seen alive after his resurrection by over 500 people (1 Corinthians. 15:6).
- 6. The men who followed Jesus all died as martyrs, telling others Jesus had risen from the dead. Men don't die for a lie certainly not 12 of them without at least one dissenter.
- The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus has never been proven false.
 It is the single-most influential event in the history of mankind. More lives have been changed from this one event for almost 2000 years, and continue to be changed, than any other.

<u>Conclusion</u>: Easter is more than rabbits, eggs, and candy. It's a celebration of what God did through Jesus Christ – he died for you so as to forgive you, came back to life, and receives those who place their faith in Him alone apart from good works. In short, Christianity hinges on Jesus' resurrection. In light of the evidence faith is easy, and it's impossible to please God without it.

If you'd like to know more about the Bible and what it means to have eternal life, the people of **Harvest Bible Church** invite you to join us on Sunday mornings for worship. Adult and children's Sunday School begin at 9:30, and we meet for corporate worship from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. – all at Ault Elementary. Call our church office at 281-304-1441 or you can consult our website at www.harvestbiblechurch.net



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Congregation Jewish Community North

Senior Youth Group At Congregation Jewish Community North To Lead Congregational Worship Service On Shabbat Morning of April 29, 2006. **Community Is Invited To Attend**

The Senior Youth Group (SPRIFTY –Spring Federation of Temple Youth) will lead the congregation in prayer on Saturday morning, April 29, 2006 starting at 10:00 a.m. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

Martin Michaels is the Advisor for the Senior Youth Group. As Mr. Michaels says, "One of the most important concepts in maintaining Judaism is that of continuity. The best example of this is our sacred text, the Torah, which is read scroll to scroll, year after year." Adds Michaels, "Just as we continue our study of the text, so do we continue our lives as the Jewish people. The youth are that continuation and have a desire to be involved within Jewish and congregational life."

Seth Bleiler, Religious and Cultural Vice President will lead the service. Benji Michaels will be playing the guitar; he is the NFTY-TOR (Regional) Religious and Cultural Vice President. Natalie Blackmur will be giving the D'var Torah; Seth Bleiler, Ariel Skolnick, and Daniel Wagner will be reading from Torah and Daniel Kasoff will be reading Haftarah. Also leading and participating in the service will

be Alison Fintel, Jordan Fisher, Adam Brass, Alex Kimmel, Derick Hashimoto, Danielle Kimball, and Josh Siegel.

The Senior Youth Group participates in monthly events including lock-ins, Conventions, as well as sponsoring fund raisers and holding social activities.

Congregation Jewish Community North is affiliated with the Union of Reform Judaism. The synagogue is located at 5400 Fellowship Lane in Spring.

The congregation offers Friday night worship services, a senior youth group, a junior youth group, Religious school, lifelong learning for adults and social activities for adults. There is also a Sisterhood, affiliated with the Women of Reform Judaism, and a Men's Club. There is a gift shop on premises. For more information on the synagogue, please contact the office at 281.376.0016 or visit the website at www.cjcn.org





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Fairfield Baptist Church

Upcoming Events

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Upcoming summer events for Children's Ministry:

Children's Summer Music Camp June 19-23 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Join us for a fun-filled week of music and drama for children who have completed grades 1-5. Each day the students, lead by our Pastor of Worship Arts, Kevin DeFreese, will rehearse musical numbers as well as learn drama and choreography to a musical to be performed on Sunday, June 25 at 6 pm. The cost of the camp is \$25 for the week which includes a music book, CD, T-shirt and daily snacks. All students wishing to audition for a speaking role or vocal solo may pick up a packet from Fairfield Baptist Church Music Office beginning April 2. Auditions are April 24-27. Space is limited.

VBS "Artic Edge" for ages 4-grade 5 July 9-13 from 6:45 to 8:30 pm. More details coming soon.

"BigStuf" registration waiting list for summer camp is now available for students in grades 6-12. A \$50 deposit is required to make a student reservation! BigStuf dates are July 20-24, 2006. Total cost is \$350. After May 1 the cost is \$400.

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. For information about enrolling your child for Fall 2006, contact Jenny Cunningham at 281-373-5446 or jenny.cunningham@fairfieldbaptist.com.

Jazzercise Classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

and on Saturday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Education building. For more information, please call Kristine Lewis at (281) 855-8895.

AWANA is winding down for the year. Awards nights are April 30 and May 6. 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. Call 281-373-5446 for more information or check our website at www. fairfieldbaptist.com.

Student Ministry: Sunday morning Connection Groups designed for connected students, meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Education Building. Half Time happens every Wednesday night from 6:45-8:00 p.m. and is designed to meet the need of the curious student. Half Time and Hang Time is at Gambino's (off Mason Rd) the first Wednesday of every month. Hang Time follows Half Time. Hang Time for High School is at Wendy's, Chick-Fil-A, or Taco Bell from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Hang Time for Middle School is on campus in the Education Building from 8:00-8:45 p.m.

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.

Location: We are located at 27240 Hwy 290 between Mueschke and Mason Roads. Due to road construction, plan to use our back entrance via Cypresswood Road in Fairfield. For more information call us at 281-373-5446 or email us at info@fairfieldbaptist.com. Visit our website for current information on all activities, events and schedule updates at www.fairfieldbaptist. com. Come check us out!



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Love is such a powerful element in our lives. This month we are continuing our series on the "Key That Unlocks Joy and Happiness Forever." Each we

are examining this key and discovering it has many prongs that make it up and when placed in the lock it truly does open the door to a more joyful and happy life. We invite you to come to church this Sunday and journey with us through God's word to a better life.

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 fellowshipping and then a time of prayer. Everyone in the community is invited to come.

Mid-week <u>Bible studies</u> 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.

Have a blessed day, Dr. Mike Lehew, Minister



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Jesus commissioned us to "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations." (Matt28:19a). In obedience to God's Word and the humbleness to serve. As stated in the book, The Church of Irresistible Influence, "the church today, instead of turning the world upside down, we've largely turned it off. When people think of church at all, a sobering majority view it as big on ideas but short on reality. We have a choice. We can maintain our trajectory and descend into irrelevance. Or, we can reclaim our incomparable birthright – the irresistible influence of a church vitally connected with God, each other and the world around us. Irresistible Influence – a bridge over the trouble waters between an isolated church and a cynical culture. A bridge where credibility could be reestablished by God's people before an increasingly skeptical and hostile world. A bridge where people would be drawn to cross over rather than be repelled. A bridge of proof rather than hallow proclamation. A bridge of incarnation: the dynamic intersection of the divine and the human." If you are wanting to "get out of the boat" and make a difference come join us as we enter the mission field and "walk the walk."

VBS - It's time to start making plans

This summer it is a "Fiesta" for Jesus, beginning Monday, July 24th - Friday, July 28th. It's going to be an evening VBS from 6:00-9:00 p.m. It will be a fun, faith-filled adventure as our elementary-aged children get excited in Look for posters with all the details in our neighborhood stores. Summer is coming quick. You'll want to mark your calendars for the week of July 24^{th} – July 28th and call to make your reservations. Don't let your kids miss this adventure of a life-time!!



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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 outreach. Our current ministry paths are going to the local hospital and praying with the patients and their families; praying with the women at Care-Network Crisis Pregnancy Center; and reaching out in tender love and care to patients of a local rehabilitation center. We pray with the patients and the staff, give the patients spiritual support and encouragement and we even help the patients with basic grooming needs – make-up and hair care. Come join us - be fed and give back to our community as Jesus commanded.

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Fruitful Word Ministries

What Does Ministry Look Like Here?

by Mindy Ferguson

A family member I hadn't seen in years visited recently. Sadly, our relationship can best be compared to the drive from his home in the Ozark mountains to mine in Texas – distant, with a few treacherous turns, and a lot of long dusty roads in-between.

This relative isn't a believer and as I began dusting and cleaning my house in preparation for his visit, words of defeat and condemnation played in my head. I thought, You are supposed to be in ministry and you can't even witness to your family. What a joke!

Determined to prove myself worthy of my position, I began to envision scenarios by which I would lead this man into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. In my imaginary long conversation over freshly brewed coffee and homemade dessert, I recited the "Romans Road" passages flawlessly. I delivered amazingly convincing arguments for his every objection. I eloquently relayed my spiritual experiences with passion and conviction. To end my fantasy encounter, this wayward man sat with tears streaming down his face as I called the church and urged the pastor to "warm up the baptistery!"

Returning to reality, I flopped on the couch for a well deserved break from cleaning and powerful, although imaginary, ministry. Upon catching my breath, I could feel my face redden with embarrassment as I recognized that my focus wasn't at all on ministering to this family member. My motive was proving myself worthy to minister.

My heart ached at the ugliness of my selfish thoughts. I confessed my wayward intentions and then asked God the question I should have asked before ever picking up my feather duster, "Lord, what does ministry look like here?"

Turns out, God didn't want me to share Scripture or a single spiritual experience. The Lord merely wanted me to shorten the distance hindering the relationship by extending unconditional love and acceptance. For this visit, ministry was a simple meal served on our best dishes with a warm smile and a sincere hug. My service was

allowing the man to leave immediately after dinner without guilt or explanation. 1 John 4:12 says, *No one has ever seen God, but if we love each other, God lives*

in us and his love has been brought to full expression through us (NLT).

Our greatest ministry as followers of Jesus Christ is extending God's love to

the world around us. When asked which commandment is most important, Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

In reality, all believers are "in ministry" and not one of us is worthy to serve apart from the mercy and grace of our Lord. Rather than comparing ourselves to others or measuring our effectiveness by checking off a list of qualified spiritual activities, we need to seek God with all of our hearts and ask for His guidance in each situation.

Sometimes ministry is sitting across the table from a wayward relative and leading him down the "Romans Road" to salvation. But ministry is also serving a home cooked meal to an estranged parent. At times, ministry is holding the hand of a cancer patient or cuddling a toddler who's skinned her knee. Ministry is allowing God's love to be brought to full expression through us in the unique situations we face each day.

So the next time you prepare to share your faith, go ahead and brew a fresh pot of coffee if you'd like. And of course, a homemade dessert is always a blessing. But before you forge ahead with your own agenda, take the time to examine your motives, pray for God's guidance, and be sure you also ask the question, "Lord, what does ministry look like here?"

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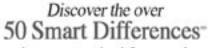
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1—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Clear Lake Crawfish Crawl 5-K Walk Participants can walk, run or roller blade around Clear Lake Park and through Clear Lake Forest. Begins at 9 a.m. 281/488-7676

1—GALVESTON: The Grand Kids Festival Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.the grand.com 409/765-1894

1—LAKE JACKSON: Brazosport Symphony Orchestra Concert Begins at 1 p.m. The Clarion at Brazosport College. 979/265-7731

1—MANVEL: Naked Rib Smokehouse Car Show Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. 19405 Hwy. 6. 281/489-1000

1—NEEDVILLE: Earth Day Celebration Includes exhibits, hands-on activities, rock climbing wall and demonstrations by local, state, national, conservation and environmental groups. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Brazos Bend State Park. www.bbspvo.org 979/553-5101

1-2—HOUSTON: 11th Annual Bayou City Cajun Fest Live bands perform from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Features shrimp etouffee, red beans and rice, fried boudin balls, seafood gumbo, and spicy boiled crawfish. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

1-2—HOUSTON: H-E-B Children's Festival Offers a dazzling smorgasbord of exciting activities, including six entertainment stages, more than 350 games and 10 Family Adventure areas. Downtown Houston. www.houstonchildrensfestival.com 713/522-9723

1-2—HOUSTON: The Peking Acrobats This troupe of China's most gifted

tumblers, jugglers, cyclists and gymnasts are complemented by live musicians playing traditional Chinese instruments. Jones Hall. www.spahouston. org 713/227-4SPA

1-2—ROSENBERG: Spring Fling Car Show Knights of Columbus Hall. (Began Mar. 31.) E-mail: br37chevy@ev1.net 713/774-2945

1-2, 22-23—BEAUMONT: Academy Baseball Tournament Ford Fields, 5115 I-10 S. 409/951-5400

2—GALVESTON: Stories from the Appalachian Mountains Raised in the Appalachian Mountains among a family of storytellers, Elizabeth Ellis has been telling stories professionally for more than 20 years. Begins at 2 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

5-23—HOUSTON: *The Dead Guy* A man is given \$1 million to spend in seven days — his last week on earth. The catch is everything is televised and viewers vote on how he dies. www.stagestheatre.com 713/527-0123

6—ORANGE: *Three Musketeers* Lutcher Theater, www.lutcher.org 409/745-5535 or 800/828-5535

6—PORT ARTHUR: Opening Reception for Everyone Needs a Hobby: Collectors & Collecting Museum of the Gulf Coast. www.museumofthegulfcoast. org 409/982-7000

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

7—HOUSTON: Ballet Austin's Not Afraid of the Dark — The Show that Glows This performance takes a journey into a glow-in-the-dark world, where turning off the lights isn't scary. Begins at 7 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA

7-8—WHARTON: WCYF BBQ Cook-Off Crescent Fair Grounds. 979/532-1862

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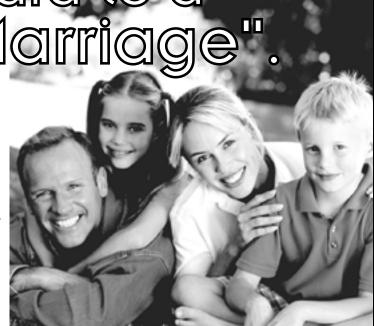
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7-9—BEAUMONT: Cowboys on the Coast Motorcycle Rally Ford Park, 5115 I-10 S. 409/951-5400

7-9—LAKE JACKSON: Migration Celebration San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge. 979/265-2505

8—ALVIN: Kiwanis Club's Annual Crawfest & Shrimp Boil Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. National Oak Park. 281/585-6211

8—BAYTOWN: Special Olympics Track & Field Meet Includes 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-meter walk/run, softball throw, standing/running long jump and shot put. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pete Sultis Stadium. www.baytown.org 281/420-6597

8—FREEPORT: Take a Child Fishing Freeport Municipal Park. 979/233-2667

8—GROVES: Annual Easter Egg Hunt Begins at 10 a.m. Wesgroves Park. www.grovescofc.com 800/876-3631

8—HOUSTON: Buglisi/Foreman Dance Begins at 8 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA

8—HOUSTON: Indochinese Tigers Birthday Party Tiger brothers Jamu and Pandu celebrate their sixth birthdays. Includes enrichment events and Tiger Talk keeper chats. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo. org 713/533-6500

8—WEST COLUMBIA: Brazoria County Bluegrass Concert Begins at 7 p.m. American Legion Hall. www.westcolumbia.org 979/265-4757

8—WEST COLUMBIA: Pecan Festival & Grafting Seminar Hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site. www.tpwd.state. tx.us 979/345-4656

8-9—HOUSTON: Camera Show Marriott Hotel-Hobby Airport. 713/868-9606

8-9—HOUSTON: Japan Festival Includes a main stage, martial arts stage,

Japanese food vendors, 50 exhibitors and kids games. Tour the gardens where a tea ceremony, bonsai demonstrations and displays, Ikebana flower arranging demonstrations, origami and more are held. Hermann Park — Japanese Gardens. E-mail: yoko@jashouston.org 713/963-0121

8-9—RICHMOND: Runaway Scrape & Engagement at Thompson's Ferry George Ranch Historical Park. www.georgeranch.org 281/343-0218

8-9—VICTORIA: Annual Homes Tour 361/573-1878

8, 15—SPRING: Celebration of Easter 2006 www.oldtownspringtx.com 800/653-8696

9—FRIENDSWOOD: Easter in the Park Offers an Easter egg hunt for children, 8 years old and younger. Stevenson Park. E-mail: fwdchamber@swbell.net • www.friendswood-chamber.com

9—HOUSTON: Czech SpringFest 713/349-0500 or 866/293-2443

9—HOUSTON: Migration Celebration Includes conservation booths, craft areas, games and special "Keeper Chats" and docent presentation. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org 713/533-6500

10—SANTA FE: 28th Annual Golf Tournament Includes golfing, lunch and dinner. South Shore Harbour Country Club. E-mail: sfchamber@houston.rr.com 409/925-8558

14-15—PORT ARTHUR: Mercado Days Festival 409/983-4006

14-16—GALVESTON: Will Rogers Follies Showcases the life and career of America's "favorite son." The Grand Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

15—PORT NECHES: Trade Day on the Avenue Port Neches Avenue. 409/722-4023

15—RICHMOND: A Victorian Easter George Ranch Historical Park. www. georgeranch.org 281/343-0218

15-16—KEMAH: Easter Weekend Includes an egg hunt, egg decorating, giant

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egg pinata bust, pictures with the Easter bunny, sunrise nondenominational church service and more. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

15, 18, 23, 25, 28, 30—HOUSTON: Bizet's Carmen Opera's most famous femme fatale returns. This is a co-production of Houston Grand Opera, Opera Pacific and Michigan Opera Theatre. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737

17-23—HOUSTON: Shell Houston Open Golf Tournament About 150 of the world's best golfers pursue the \$5 million-plus purse. Redstone Golf Club. www.shellhoustonopen.com 281/454-7000

19-23—WEST COLUMBIA: 52nd Annual San Jacinto Festival & Shrimp Boil Includes a carnival beginning Wednesday and barbecue cook-off on Friday. Features a parade, arts & crafts show, talent show, antique car show, and horseshoes and washers tournaments on Saturday. American Legion Complex. www.westcolumbiachamber.org 979/345-3921

20-VICTORIA: Downtown Rhythms Begins at 5 p.m. One O'Connor Pavilion. www.victoriasymphony.com 361/576-4500

20-22—VICTORIA: Jazz It Up! Festival Downtown Victoria & Victoria College Auditorium. 361/574-5808

21-22—HOUSTON: Waste Management Earth Day Festival Children can enjoy a variety of games and crafts from building environmentally friendly bird feeders to puzzling their way through the Migration Trail Maze. Learn how conservationists track migrating birds. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org

21-23—MAURICEVILLE: Crawfish Festival Enjoy a canning show, contests, dancing, games, auction, carnival and crafts. Mauriceville Festival Grounds. 409/745-1202

21-23, 28-30—CLUTE: Steel Magnolias Live theater production. Center for

the Arts & Sciences. 979/265-7731

21-23, 28-30—SPRING: 20th Annual Texas Crawfish & Music Festival Features music on three stages, rides, exhibits, kids area and food. 281/288-

21-30—HOUSTON: WorldFest: Houston International Film Festival Brings a blend of feature films, shorts, screenplays, TV commercials, music videos and documentaries to viewers throughout the area. www.worldfest.org 713/965-9955

22—ALVIN: Annual Alvin Area Garden Tour Visit several private gardens plus the museum and grounds. Includes vendors with patio/garden art, furniture, decorations and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Marquerite Rogers House Museum, 113 E. Dumble. E-mail: pdkl@hal-pc.org 281/393-1538

22—BAY CITY: Artisans in Nature Jubilee Features birds of prey, arts & crafts, wildlife and nature show, kayaking, fishing, hiking trails, music, nature gardens, educational programs and more. Matagorda County Birding Nature Center. www.mcbnc.org 979/245-3336

22—BEAUMONT: Neches River Festival Parade 409/835-2443

22—BEAUMONT: The Symphony of Southeast Texas Chorus Presents Master Series 4 Begins at 7:30 p.m. Silsbee High School Fine Arts Theater. 409/892-2257 or 888/849-7678

22—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Gulf Greyhound Park — Wiener Dawg Nationals I-45 S., exit 15, between Houston and Galveston. www.gulfgreyhound.com 409/986-9500 or 800/275-2946

22—FREEPORT: Riverfest & Flapjack Run Freeport Municipal Park. 979/233-0651

22—GLADEWATER: 21st Annual East Texas Gusher Days Events revolve around the nostalgia of the Oil Boom Days. Includes a

22-LA PORTE: San Jacinto Day Festival & Battle Re-enactment Includes

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living history encampments, re-enactors, weapons demonstrations, children's activities and more. At 3 p.m., enjoy a re-enactment of the 1836 battle, which won Texas' Independence from Mexico. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. 281/479-2431

22—PASADENA: Earth Day at Armand Bayou Nature Center Includes environmental displays, demonstrations, children's activities, music, food and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551

22-23—HOUSTON: BP MS 150 Bike Tour More than 12,000 cyclists participate. Two-day bike tour takes riders from Houston to Austin to raise funds to fight MS. www.nationalmssociety.org/txh/home 800/344-4867

22-23—VIDOR: Texas Barbecue Festival Claiborne Park. 409/769-6339

22-23, 29-30—HOUSTON: Houston International Festival Spotlights Jamaica. Downtown is filled with ethnic food booths, arts & crafts, kiosks, exhibits and 1,800 various performers. Features music and dance groups from around the world. Downtown Houston, including City Hall, Tranquility Park, Bagby Street, Upper and Lower Sam Houston Park and Allen Parkway, www.ifest. org 713/654-8808

22-23, 29-30—WHARTON: Wharton Hidden Garden Tour Tickets and maps are available. 979/532-1862

23—LAKE JACKSON: Taste of the Town Begins at 6:30 p.m. Brazos Mall. 979/265-2505

24-29—WHARTON: Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition Crescent Fair Grounds. 979/532-1862

28—ALVIN: Alvin-Manvel Relay for Life Hours are 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Alvin High School Stadium. 281/331-3944

28—HOUSTON: BREAK! The Urban Funk Spectacular Show explores the past 30 years of hip-hop dancing. Begins at 7 p.m. Jones Hall. www.spahous28—RICHMOND: "Lets Go to the Movies" Spring Gala Includes dinner, dancing, auctions and evening of longtime memories. Safari Texas Ranch. 281/342-5813

29—BEAUMONT: Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers Begins at 8 p.m. Jefferson Theater, 409/835-5483

29—CLUTE: Brazosport Art League Gallery Opening Center for the Arts & Sciences. 979/265-7971

29—HOUSTON: Monteverdi's The Coronation of Poppea (L'Incoronazione Di Poppea) Houston Grand Opera. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737

29—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour Aboard the USS TEXAS Enjoy a guided tour of areas rarely seen by the public. Reservations required; must be age 14 or older. Battleship Texas. 281/479-2431 ext. 234

29-RICHMOND: Springtime on the Brazos Free festival includes arts & crafts, children's games, musical entertainment and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fort Bend Museum. www.fortbendmuseum.org 281/342-6478

29—SURFSIDE BEACH: Spring Beach Clean-up Surfside Beach and Quintana Beach. 979/864-1541

29-30—HOUSTON: 35th Annual Hal John & Judy Wimberly Memorial Chili Cook-Off Traders Village. E-mail: kdkone@aol.com • www.houstonpod.org 281/890-5500

30—ALVIN: St. John's Family Festival Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. St. John's Grounds, 100 E. South St. 281/331-3751

30—BEAUMONT: Lamar University Spindletop Film Festival 409/880-7222

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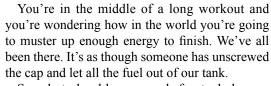
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So what should you reach for to help you comfortably finish your workout? Sports-product manufacturers have come up with all sorts of new items to help you do just that. But are they really any better than the old standards: water, a banana or a bagel?

Before we answer that question, a caveat: There is no single solution that works for everyone. Once you explore your options, you can determine which is the best for your body's particular needs.

Choices, choices, choices

There are few things more essential to maintaining performance than staying hydrated throughout your workout. Water is an obvious first choice, but you may need extra energy in the form of carbohydrates to get through a particularly long or strenuous exercise session.

If this is the case, energy bars or gels and sports drinks may be the answer to your depleted energy supply. What follows is a breakdown of the pros and cons of each.

Water

Water is a calorie-free source of the fluid your body needs to keep going. There is no better way to compromise performance than to exercise while you're dehydrated. Research shows that your heart rate increases eight beats per minute for every liter of sweat lost during exercise. This can occur in as little as 30 minutes of exercise depending upon the environment and your intensity.

This increased heart rate, combined with inefficient cooling, causes your temperature to elevate. This not only compromises performance, but can lead to heat illness as well.

Most experts recommend drinking at least a cup (four to 10 ounces) of water every 15 minutes of exercise.

Sports drinks

Activities lasting longer than one hour can leave your body wanting more than just water. Sports drinks, which typically contain about 50 to 70 calories, plus vitamins and minerals, are an easy answer to both the fluid and carbohydrate drain that comes from prolonged activity. Research shows that runners and cyclers who consume a sports drink during races not only finish more quickly, but rate their exertion levels lower than those who consumed a placebo beverage.

It is important to realize, however, that this was true only during longer-duration activities. You should be able to complete your 30-minute run or 45-minute step class without the aid of additional carbohydrates.

Energy gels and bars

Energy gels are a relatively new alternative to traditional sports drinks or bars. They feel similar in texture to pudding and are easy to eat and easy for your stomach to digest. They typically contain about 70 to 100 calories and may also include caffeine and other ergogenic aids.

Energy bars have been around forever and are eaten more often as a snack than as an energy replacement during exercise. Today, the market is saturated with numerous flavors and types, each with a different ratio of fats, carbohydrates and protein. The key is to find one that tastes good and doesn't upset your stomach.

At 110 to 250 (or more) calories each, energy bars also provide extra vitamins, minerals and fiber, which ups their nutritional value considerably. But eating an energy gel or bar is not enough. You must consume enough fluid to replace what's been lost as well as to help speed digestion.

How you choose to refuel during a workout depends on your body's reaction to what you put in it. For sessions lasting less than an hour, water is sufficient so long as you consume at least four to 10 ounces every 15 minutes.





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Metabolic Syndrome: The Disease Of The New Millennium

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HOUSTON – (March 1, 2006) – A growing number of adults in the United States are afflicted by the fastest growing health condition in the world.

"Metabolic syndrome is the disease of the new millennium," said Dr. John Foreyt, director of the behavioral medicine research center at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston. "By the time you're an adult, most of us have it. Its prevalence is increasing dramatically because of the rising number of people who are obese and inactive."

Foreyt, also a professor of pediatrics at the Children's Nutrition Research Center, says that in the United States almost 50 percent of adults age 60 and over have the syndrome, which may soon become the number one risk factor for heart disease.

Metabolic syndrome is characterized by several risk factors, including central obesity or large waist circumference, elevated blood pressure, high plasma levels of triglycerides and low plasma levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol and impaired glucose tolerance. Foreyt says that if you have any three of these characteristics you have metabolic syndrome and are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, or having a stroke or heart attack.

Lifestyle modification is an essential part of weight loss for people with or at risk for metabolic syndrome. Maintaining a healthy diet and weight, doing 30 to 60 minutes of moderately intense exercise every day and quitting smoking can all help reduce a person's chances of

developing heart disease.

Foreyt has created a "toolbox" of strategies that can be used to combat the syndrome. The strategies include setting reasonable weight loss goals, raising awareness, confronting your weaknesses, managing stress, thinking positively and realistically about losing weight, preventing relapses by developing coping strategies and having strong support from family members and close friends.

"It's about changing your lifestyle," said Foreyt. "No matter what age you are the emphasis has to be on adopting a healthy diet and getting more exercise.



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Depression hard to spot in children, teens

Statistics suggest that more than 10 percent of the U.S. population experiences at least one episode of depression by the time they are 24 years old. Depression can be hard to spot in children and adolescents, but addressing it early can make all the difference in preventing development, learning, and additional emotional disorders.

"Many children and teens have somatic symptoms like head, stomach, and leg aches, as well as increased irritability and grumpiness or 'whininess.' Many times they suffer from antisocial behavior with friends and peers. Adolescents often suffer from feelings of guilt and indecisiveness," said Dr. Flossy Eddins-Folensbee, associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Baylor College of Medicine.

"We believe girls suffering from depression outnumbers boys, because girls more often use their anger and frustration, while boys tend to use more outlets for their emotions, like sports and more aggressive leisure activities. This might also be due to the biological changes that happen during female adolescence," said Eddins-Folensbee.

Clear diagnoses and target symptoms should be discussed and a plan developed for measuring and monitoring side effects and improvement.

Small steps not enough to reverse childhood obesity

At the rate they're currently overeating, many overweight kids would need to walk three miles or more a day to just prevent further weight gain, say researchers at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston.

"Although healthy children are expected to gain weight as they grow, weight loss is recommended for overweight children, which are those with a body mass index at or above the 95th percentile," said Dr. Nancy Butte, a professor of pediatrics at BCM and researcher with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center. "However, we found that many overweight children are continuing to gain weight at alarming rates."

According to Butte, to burn an extra 260 calories per day, these overweight children would need to walk the equivalent of three miles or about 60 minutes per day.

"Halting the epidemic of childhood obesity will take much more than helping children make small changes in diet and physical activity," Butte said. "It will require a significant and concerted societal effort to change the way our children are eating and to increase their physical activity."

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Kids' Health Briefs - (Continued from Page 48) Teens seeking physical perfection at risk

Glossy pages of magazines are filled with stunning celebrities and rail-thin models—leading more teens to experience eating disorders and distorted body images.

"Surprisingly, men are becoming increasingly preoccupied with their body image," said Dr. John Sargent, professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and director of child and adolescent psychiatry at Ben Taub General Hospital. "Teens who are extremely preoccupied with their looks may do excessive amounts of exercise or are extreme dieters, and these are major concerns."

Some thin girls distort reality by seeing themselves as fat. This type of distortion is rampant and explains why so many women are susceptible to eating disorders, where the pursuit of thinness is driven by faulty perceptions rather than reality, Sargent said.

"A healthy desire to keep your body well and fit can be taken to an extreme and become unhealthy, and that's what we need to guard against," he said.

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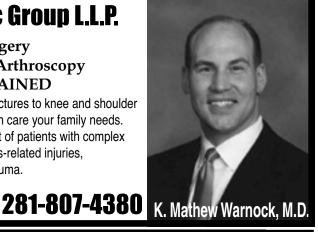
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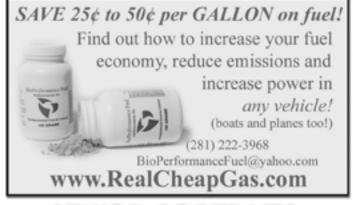
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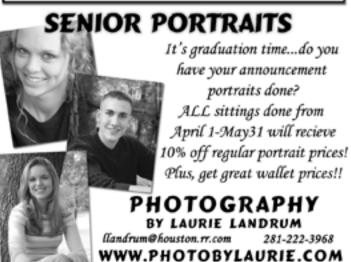
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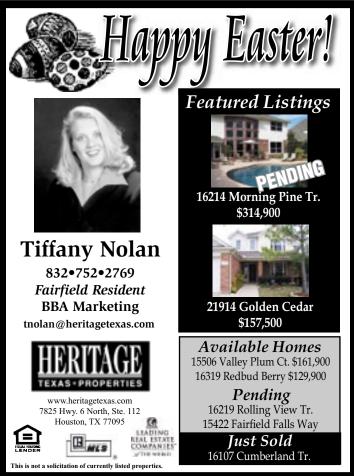
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