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### Continues to Grow!!!

Your use of our website has been terrific and has aided in delivering up-to-date community information and in resolving issues in an effective and timely manner.

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We hope you choose to subscribe to the email list and that you continue to enjoy the website.

### The Pool Is Open!!!!

Hurray! It's POOL TIME AGAIN beginning May 6<sup>th</sup>. In the March and April newsletters, we covered our renewed focus on a clean, family-oriented environment and reviewed the pool rules. Members of your Board of Directors have also taken time to meet with the lifeguard staff and communicate the feedback from the residents and the need to enforce the rules.

We are well prepared and are looking forward to a fun and safe season. You will need your pool tags to get in, so contact SCS if you do not have yours.

As the pool season progresses, please provide feedback of your experience, good or bad, by using the CONTACT US link on our website, WWW.RIATARANCH.NET.

BE SAFE! HAVE FUN!

### The Riata Ranch EVENTS Continue...

We hope you have participated in and have enjoyed the events so far, including the EASTER EGG HUNT and Garage Sale. Remember, June is bringing the next round of events.

The first of two TEEN NIGHTS AT THE POOL will be held on JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, the annual ADULT NIGHT party will be held at the pool. These events are always a lot of fun and we are looking forward to making this year's events the best ever!!!

Come on out and have a GREAT TIME!

### Barker-Cypress Road Widening Q&A

In our continuing effort to keep you updated on the Barker Cypress construction project, the Board recently made contact with Precinct Three Engineering and asked some questions about the project. Here are those questions and answers:

•Why are we getting a 4-lane asphalt road with storm drain when we already have a 4-lane asphalt road with drainage ditches? The existing roadway is a 4-lane "undivided" roadway with poorly draining roadside ditches. The proposed roadway is a 4-lane asphalt "boulevard" with a raised median and combination underground storm sewer system and roadside ditches. There is no dispute that safety will be increased by providing a raised median to separate northbound traffic from southbound traffic greatly reducing the potential for head-on type collisions. Median openings and left turn lanes, where applicable, will also provide greater safety for left turning vehicles which will decrease the potential for rear-end type collisions. Drainage will also be improved by the combination underground storm sewer system and proposed roadside ditches. This should eliminate the problem of standing water in the existing roadside ditches along Riata Ranch.

•Why is Barker Cypress 4-lane concrete boulevard south of Riata and north of US 290, but not this stretch along Riata Ranch? A narrow 2-lane asphalt roadway existed south of Riata Ranch prior to the widening to 4-lanes. It was determined that none of the existing 2-lane asphalt roadway was salvageable, therefore, the existing roadway was removed and replaced with a 4-lane concrete boulevard. North of US 290, no roadway existed prior to the construction of the concrete boulevard. It was determined that a significant portion of the existing 4-lane undivided asphalt roadway along Riata Ranch was in good condition and salvageable. Therefore, in lieu of removing the entire roadway, it was determined to be more economically feasible to salvage as much as the existing roadway as possible, widen to the outside and provide an new asphalt overlay riding surface.

•What are the plans to widen or complete Cypress North Houston from Barker Cypress to Queenston Boulevard? The extension and widening of Cypress North Houston between Barker Cypress and Queenston is under design. The project is tentatively scheduled to be advertised for bids in 2008. Since a portion of the missing segment is

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# Riata Ranch

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## Road Widening Q&A- (Continued from Cover Page)

located within the plat boundary of a subdivision, we will be seeking a financial partnership with others for construction funding. The construction of all projects is subject to funding availability.

•What are the plans for additional traffic lights? A new traffic signal is being designed at Barker Cypress and Cypress North Houston in the above mentioned project to extend and widen Cypress North Houston.

With these answers in mind, the “boulevard” look the Barker-Cypress will clearly be safer and more aesthetically pleasing, adding to the look of our already beautiful community. We appreciate Precinct Three realizing how important this is to us and taking the time to answer our questions. We will continue to keep you updated.

## Spring Color Is In!!

Your landscapers have been working hard to keep our community looking good. In recent weeks, they have planted and nourished the spring color in all flowerbeds. Also, new sand has been added to the playground area, volleyball court, and horseshoe pits. It is all ready for you to use and enjoy.

The walking trails are looking good too, and more enhancements are planned for 2007.

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You will see these signs pop up around the community from time to time when there is information on the web regarding a specific project. The signs are another way that we are making a strong effort to keep you informed about activities in and around Riata Ranch. So when you see them, LOG IN AND STAY INFORMED!

## Garbage! Have A Large Pick-Up Item?

Recently, some residents have had difficulty getting large items picked up by Waste Management. So, SCS contacted Waste Management to investigate and here is what we found out:

The large item pick-up day is the second pick-up day of the week which, for us, is Friday. Large items are to be placed on the curb.

In order to ensure pick-up is made, Waste Management suggests that any homeowner call them prior to putting a large item out on the curb. Waste Management can be reached at 713-686-6666.

Although they will take the majority of items, there are certain items that will not be picked up. So take a minute and make the call. It could save you some effort.

## Attention Park Users!!! Please Help Fix a Dangerous Situation!!

We are repeating this article from the April newsletter since dangerous parking practices on Riata Ranch Boulevard continue, even when the parking lot is empty. So, for those groups who are using the park for football practice, baseball practice and such, PLEASE BE ADVISED:

We know it is probably a little inconvenient, but it would be a lot safer for all the residents if you utilized the pool parking lot instead of stringing out along Riata Ranch Blvd.

When you park north of Vaquero Way, the lanes narrow. When residents are traveling south on Riata Ranch, they have to get in the other lane to get around parked cars. Due to the curve, this is dangerous because oncoming traffic is not visible.

If you must, park on Riata Ranch, but PLEASE stay south of Vaquero Way where the road widens. Plans are in the works to rectify the parking issue and will be discussed at the annual homeowners meeting.

Thank you for understanding and helping us to make Riata Ranch as safe as possible.

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## Help Us Report Suspicious Activity!!!!

You may remember this request from the March and April newsletter. Since then, our security officer, Officer Rick of the Harris County Sheriff's Department, has become involved and is helping to keep an eye on things around the clock. Still, the officers cannot be there constantly. So, we still need your help! Please report any suspicious activity by calling 713-221-6000 and tell the dispatcher that you are a Riata Ranch resident.

As previously mentioned, we are soliciting bids for security cameras to monitor all public areas that have been vandalized. If you are a resident in the security business, we want to consider you for this opportunity. Please contact SCS for details.

Also, we have had reports of kids throwing boulders at the walking bridge. Please do not hesitate to report this kind of activity to the sheriff's department as well. Officer Rick is typically close by and can effectively discourage activity that damages the property.

So please keep your eyes open and report anything suspicious.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have become more involved by taking action when you see suspicious or damaging activity. We appreciate those of you who have actively discouraged the damage caused by the skaters on the tennis courts. You have helped protect the investment that all of us have made. Thank you!!

## This Is Your Newsletter!

Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Want to submit a photo, article, or both? It's easy!! Email the editor at [editor@riataranch.net](mailto:editor@riataranch.net). Articles for the newsletter are finalized on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. So if you get your ideas in before the deadline, you should see them in the very next month's newsletter.

We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

### Classified Ads

**Personal classifieds** (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Riata Ranch residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail [editor@riatranchnet.net](mailto:editor@riatranchnet.net).

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We are working hard to maintain it's appearance of the B-B-Q area and pool house. It is a great place to have an event!! And don't forget, the area includes a SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT and HORSESHOE PITS.

To reserve the B-B-Q area, call SCS Management at 713-463-1777 and ask for Diana or Ginger.

Since, for now, the restrooms and pool are in a common area, if you need access to the restrooms, you will need to schedule a lifeguard through Greater Houston Pool Management at 713-771-POOL.



## Street Light Out?

Don't drive around in the dark! Report it. It's easy. Just call 713-207-2222 and list the following:

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- The nature of the problem; completely out, flickering, etc.
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## Teenage Job Seekers

As mentioned in the March and April newsletter, a recent review of our TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS column revealed that some of those listed were no longer job seekers or teenagers. So, we are asking those of you who are TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS to fill out a new form and send it to The Ranch Review, care of SCS Management. You will need to have your parent's signature on the form before your information will be published.

If you have filled out a new form since the March newsletter, it is not necessary to do it again. Depending on participation, we will begin publishing the list in the June newsletter.

We hope to have your form turned in soon and get that extra money coming in!!

## Vacation Watch

At your request, the Harris County Sheriff's Department will put your house on VACATION WATCH. Just go to [www.riataranch.net](http://www.riataranch.net) and look for the Vacation Watch form in the FORMS and DOCS section.

Your completed form will need to be submitted to the Sheriff's Department 7 days prior to departure, or just call 713-221-6000.

## Teenage Job Seekers

Please place my name on the TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS list in the RANCH REVIEW.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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- Baby-sitting
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Operation Jobs is a service offered to unemployed and under-employed individuals of the community. The goal of Operation Jobs is to help the job seeker by offering direction in their job search by providing the tools they need to become a long-term and more valuable employee. To learn more about Operation Jobs, call Loretta at 281-955-5895

CAM's Angels' Attic Resale Shop is open to the public and carries a wide variety of household items, clothing, and furniture, as well as, craft items and new jewelry. Your donations of gently used clothing, household items and furniture stock this beautiful resale shop and help support the ministry work and food pantry at CAM.

The food pantry at CAM is currently stocking for the summer in anticipation of children being home from school. We will need peanut butter, jelly, snack foods, presweetened drink mixes, pasta, Spaghetti Os, and cold cereal.

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### L.I.F.E. Programs in May

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.) May programs include marriage rituals and trends, Billy Wilder films discussion, basic poker lessons, physical therapy for the back and using a new genealogy database. 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>.

### Library Offers Free Computer Classes and Book Clubs

The Harris County Public Library Cy-Fair College Branch offers


free computer workshops, including a family-friendly class. Topics range from basic computer functions to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. A variety of monthly book clubs are available including women of the world (discussing "Lie by Moonlight" - May 16), mystery (discussing "Death at the President's Lodging" - May 31), democracy (discussing "The Arab Predicament" - May 25) and sports page (discussing "The Teammates" - May 11.) 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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Volunteer Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services are two of the most rewarding things a person can do. We follow in the footsteps of Benjamin Franklin, who formed the first Volunteer Fire Company in the 18th Century. You can also support the department in other ways by volunteering with the Auxiliary or as an Associate Member.

Taking advantage of the close partnership between the Cy-Fair VFD and the Cy-Fair College, we are able to utilize a state of the art fire and EMS education center located on the grounds of the new college campus at Barker-Cypress and West Road. Training and equipment for new members is provided by the department.

If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer, stop by one of the fire stations and talk to one of the Station Officers, or you can call our Business Office at 281-550-6663 and ask for one of the Public Information Officers.

## Did You Know?

Tree stakes are no longer needed for most trees after the tree is two years old, even in windy and exposed areas. If you have tree stakes attached to trees that are older than two years, please consider removing the stakes. Old stakes can damage the tree and detract from the appearance of your home.

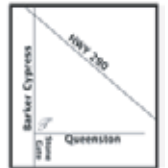
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12-13—AUSTIN: Golden Dragon Acrobats Nearly two dozen acrobats' spellbinding feats are highlighted in this performance of ancient and contemporary theatrical techniques. The Paramount Theatre. [www.austintheatre.org](http://www.austintheatre.org) 866/443-8849

12-13—FREDERICKSBURG: Intertribal Pow Wow Celebrates the 160th anniversary of the founding of Fredericksburg. Includes a dance contest, Indian crafts, food and drink. Hours are 5 p.m. to midnight Friday and noon to midnight Saturday. Fort Martin Scott. [www.fredericksburgintertribalpowwow.org](http://www.fredericksburgintertribalpowwow.org) 830/997-8925

12-13—HONDO: 41st Annual EAA SW Regional Texas Fly-In Includes exhibitors, food booths, aircraft displays and demonstrations. Hondo Airport. [www.swrfi.org](http://www.swrfi.org) 210/820-8161 or 830/426-3037

12-14—AUSTIN: *Romeo & Juliet* Ballet Austin performs at UT's Bass Concert Hall. [www.balletaustin.org](http://www.balletaustin.org) 512/476-2163

12-14—BLANCO: Mighty Thomas Carnival Includes a rodeo, dancing, barrel racing, bull riding, cooking competition, crafters, bingo, vendors and live entertainment. Yett Park. [www.blancochamber.com](http://www.blancochamber.com) 830/833-1442

13—BOERNE: Cibolo Songs & Stories Features Nobuko, classic jazz piano stylings with cello and percussion. Cibolo Nature Center. [www.cibolo.org](http://www.cibolo.org) 830/249-4616

13—BRADY: Duffers Scramble Golf Tournament Brady Municipal Golf Course. E-mail: [chamber@bradytx.us](mailto:chamber@bradytx.us) • [www.bradytx.com](http://www.bradytx.com) 325/597-3491

13—BURNET: Ol' Burnet Square Market Days Includes vendors on the square and live entertainment. Square in Burnet. E-mail: [info@burnetchamber.org](mailto:info@burnetchamber.org) • [www.burnetchamber.org](http://www.burnetchamber.org) 512/756-6093

13—FREDERICKSBURG: Founders Day Festival Offers artisan demonstrations, blacksmithing, soap making, sheep shearing, spinning, wool dyeing, flint knapping, fence making, corn grinding, quilting, live music and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pioneer Museum. [www.pioneermuseum.com](http://www.pioneermuseum.com) 830/997-2835

13—GEORGETOWN: Market Day Features arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles and festive foods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historic Downtown Georgetown. [www.downtowngeorgetownassociation.org](http://www.downtowngeorgetownassociation.org) 512/868-8675

13—KERRVILLE: Spring Variation Features Kerrville School of Dance and the Performing Art School Classical Ballet from San Antonio. Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830/896-6116

13—WIMBERLEY: Garden Club Tour Visit about six Wimberley area gardens, featuring xeriscape, herb, vegetable and flower gardens. [www.wimberley.org](http://www.wimberley.org) 512/847-7866

13-14—BLANCO: Blanco County Barrel Racing & Bull Riding Youth play day is Friday night. Yett Park. [www.blancochamber.com](http://www.blancochamber.com) 830/833-4418

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13-14—BOERNE: Jane Shop Antique Show Includes more than 100 dealers, food booths and live entertainment. Enchanted Springs Ranch. E-mail: caryatkinsinteriors@gvvc.com 830/230-5414 or 210/698-2507

13-14—BOERNE: Market Days Features arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, unusual items and food booths. Main Plaza. www.mainstreetboerne.com 830/249-5530 or 210/844-8193

14—GRUENE: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist — A Special Treat for Mother's Day Serves up awe-inspiring gospel music with a mouth-watering buffet. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to noon. Gruene Hall. www.gruenehall.com 830/629-5077 or 830/606-1601

19—AUSTIN: Strings Attached with Slaid Cleaves Cleaves has a following as one of America's most acclaimed singer/songwriters. Shows are 7:30 and 10 p.m. St. David's Episcopal Church. www.stringsattached.org 512/775-2371

19-21—FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days Includes more than 300 vendors, five barns, acres of antiques and more, biergarten and music. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Hwy. 290 E. across from Wildseed Farms. E-mail: fbg@moment.net • www.fbgradedays.com 830/990-4900 or 210/846-4094

20—BANDERA: RiverFest Features the "Anything that Floats but a Boat Regatta," arts & crafts, music, special children's activities, food and kayak races. Bandera City Park. www.banderariverfest.

com 800/364-3833

20—BLANCO: 18th Annual Blanco Classic Car Show Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Blanco State Park. www.blancochamber.com 830/833-5348

20—BLANCO: Blanco Lion's Club Motorcycle Poker Run Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Motorcycle games begin at 3:30 p.m. Yett Park. www.blancochamber.com 830/833-0995

20—BLANCO: Market Day www.historicblanco.org 830/833-2211

20—KERRVILLE: Celebration of Animals Includes dog walk, animal rescue organizations, miniature horses and more. Louise Hays Park, off Thompson Drive. www.humanesocietyofkerrville.org 830/367-3335

20—MASON: Habitat for Humanity Annual Spring Event Includes food, drink, live jazz quintet, silent auction and more. Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Willow Creek Ranch. 325/347-0634

20—SAN MARCOS: Texas Natural & Western Swing Festival Relax on the banks of the San Marcos River and enjoy the sounds of Texas Western Swing legends. Enjoy food, crafts, fun and plenty of Western Swing entertainment. San Marcos Plaza. www.sanmarcoscharms.com 888/200-5620

20—UVALDE: Moonlight Golf Tournament Uvalde Memorial Golf Complex. 830/278-3361

20-21—FREDERICKSBURG: Lavender Fest Celebrates all things

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20-21—GRUENE: Old Gruene Market Days More than 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items, collectibles and packaged Texas foods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.gruenemarketdays.com 830/832-1721

21—GRUENE: 10th Annual KNBT Americana Music Jam Celebrates Americana music and features exceptional artists of the genre. Gruene Hall. www.gruenehall.com 830/629-5077 or 830/606-1601

21—ROUND ROCK: Summer Concert Series Enjoy free live music performed by an up-and-coming band. La Frontera Central Green, intersection of La Frontera Blvd. and Sundance Parkway. www.ci.round-rock.tx.us/parks-rec/concert\_series.html 512/218-5540

25—LONGVIEW: East Texas Symphonic Band Pops in the Park summer concert features music from movies, John Philip Sousa and tributes to the armed forces. Teague Park Amphitheatre. 903/297-0845 PINEY WOODS

25—MASON: Country Opry Enjoy old-fashioned live entertainment. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Features the Blackland Farmer, Frankie Miller. Odeon Theater. www.hillbillyhits.com 325/597-2119

25-Jun. 10—INGRAM: *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* Smith-Ritch Outdoor Theater, Hwy. 39. www.hcaf.com 830/367-5121

25-Jun. 11—KERRVILLE: Kerrville Folk Festival Features more than 100 songwriters and their bands. Includes concerts, arts & crafts, kids concerts, food and camping. Quiet Valley Ranch. www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com 830/257-3600

26-27—FREDERICKSBURG: Crawfish Festival Enjoy Cajun food and music. Hours are 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday. E-mail: creative@kctc.com • www.tex-fest.com 830/997-8515

26-28—WIMBERLEY: *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* Musical outdoor drama is based on the Old Testament story of Joseph and his coat of many colors. Emily Ann Theatre, CR 2325. www.emilyann.org 512/847-6969

26-29—KERRVILLE: Official Texas Arts & Crafts Fair Enjoy four days of fine arts & crafts exhibited by the finest Texas artists. This juried show includes live music, early craft demonstrations, wine tasting, dance, great fair food and more. River Star Arts & Event Park. www.tacef.org 830/896-5711

31-Jun. 18—AUSTIN: *Cowboy Noises* Jaston Williams of Greater Tuna fame returns with a new cycle of original stories mixed with comedic madness. The State Theatre. www.austintheatre.org 866/443-8849

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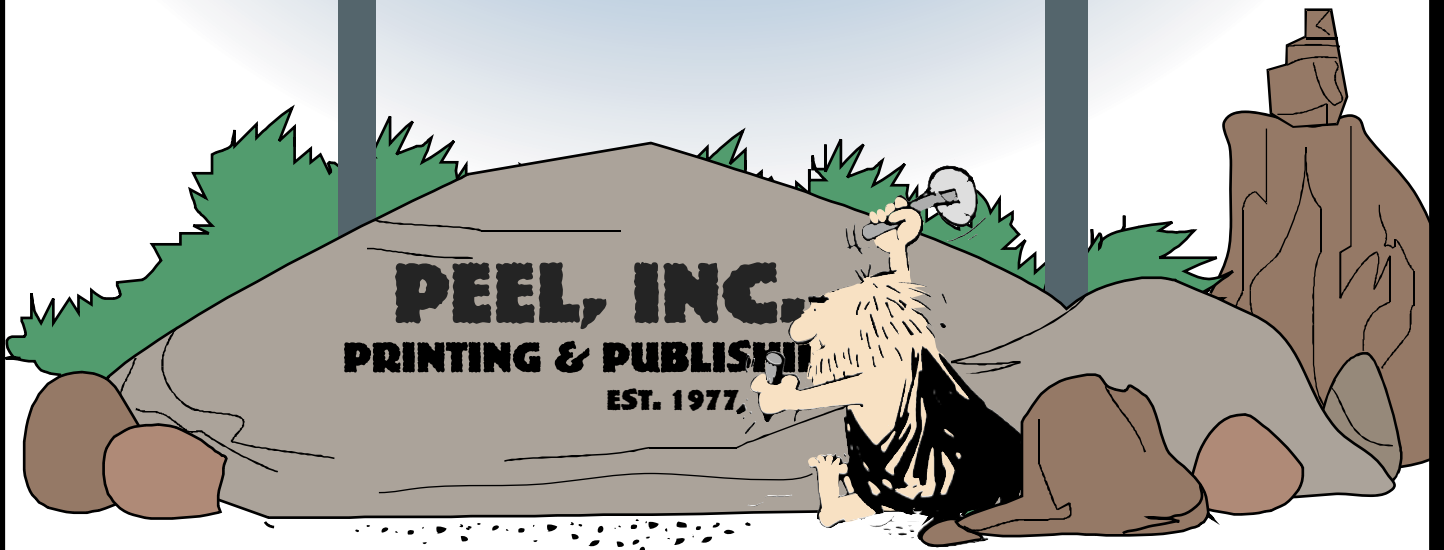
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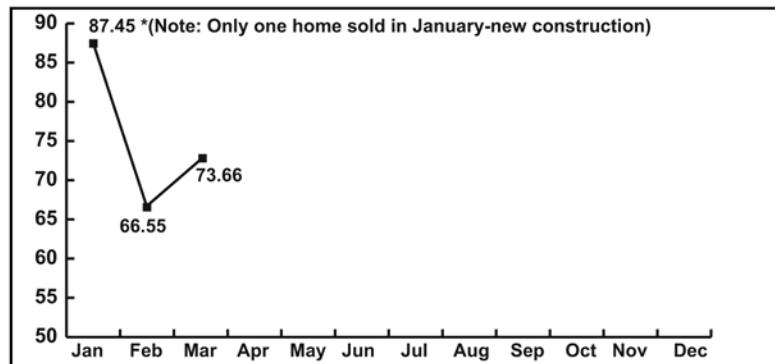
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