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New Worship Leader to Arrive in May!

Family of JOY announces the addition of a new worship leader in May. David Jander, his wife, Coreen, and their children will arrive in May and reside in Summerwood. Mr. Jander has extensive experience in music and media ministry. He and his wife have also worked several years with youth, children's, and young adult ministries. According to Pastor Michael Mast of Family of JOY, "they bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our area as they look forward to joining us in reaching out to as many people as possible with the love of Jesus. It's an exciting time to be located out on the Beltway, and we look forward to having David and his family as part of our expanding ministry team."

Family of JOY has property at the corner of C E King Parkway and Beltway 8, which is just south of Summerwood. They meet for worship on Sunday's at 10:30am across the street from their property at Holy Trinity School on the corner of North Lake Houston Parkway and Lockwood. For more information please call 281-852-1845.



Jersey Village Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

Jersey Village Baptist Church, 16518 Jersey Dr., is having Vacation Bible School on June 5-9 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. VBS is a free week filled with fun activities for children who have completed PreK (4 years old by 9/1/05) to 5th grade (completed). This year's theme is "Trek North to the Artic Edge: Where Adventure Meets Courage". Registration forms are available at www.jvbc.org or at the church office. For more information call 713.466.6102. All are welcome!

Sprint Into Health Community Blood Drive & Health Fair

(Houston, Texas—June 8, 2006) Come out and be a part of this effort toward a healthier community. You will be exposed to better diet tips, a variety of screenings, community resource guides, children's attractions and a community blood drive.

The Health Fair & Blood drive will take place on Thursday, June 8, 2006, 10 am to 2 pm, at Kindred Hospital Houston Northwest, 11297 Fallbrook Dr., in the 290/1960 Jones road area. For more information please call 281-517-1008.

Health screenings will include blood pressure, blood sugar testing, diabetes education, cholesterol, body fat, bone density, pulmonary function testing, vision screening, children's fingerprinting, fire safety, breast cancer awareness, Heart health, pet safety, pool safety, women's health, foot screenings, dental health, Ask the Doctor booth, children's games and much more.

All attendees will be eligible for one of many door prizes. Please join us in donating blood, "the gift of life" if you are in general good health and over 17 years of age.

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Perhaps because we must breathe our own air.
Yet even after paradise, we find
Mothers are a bath of warm affection.
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However we find love, it can be only
Evanescences of memories
Retained from when we never could be lonely,
'Ere we left our mother's outsized knees.
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All future love and joy to underlie,
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Texas Events - May

10—SAN BENITO: El Segundo Weensdee Enjoy an oral history series on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. Narciso Martinez Cultural Art Center, 225 E. Stenger St. 956/361-0110 Gulf Coast

11-13—HOUSTON: Grand Prix of Houston Offers three days and nights of speed and entertainment featuring world-class Champ Car and American Le Mans Series auto racing. One Reliant Park. www.grandprixofhouston.com 713/659-7223 or 713/867-3180 Gulf Coast

1-14—PORT NECHES: Riverfest "Thunder on the Neches" Features boat races, food and craft vendors, carnival and more. Port Neches Park. E-mail: pncoc@swbell.net • www.portnecheschamber.com 409/722-9154 Gulf Coast

12—HARLINGEN: Sixth Annual Chamber Golf Tournament Format is a three-man Texas scramble. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. www.harlingen.com 956/423-5440 Gulf Coast

2-14, 18-19—VICTORIA: The Odd Couple (Female Version) Shows are 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Leo J. Welder Center

13—HARLINGEN: "Blues on the Hill" Features blues music with several bands performing. Lawn chairs and beach towels are welcome. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. McKelvey Park, 1325 S. 77 Sunshine Strip. 956/427-8870 Gulf Coast

13—HOUSTON: Everyones Art Car Parade Showcases Houston's

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3—PASADENA: Bayou Boil Annual fund-raising event includes crayfish boil, silent and live auctions, music and crafts demonstrations. Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd. www.abnc.org 281/474-5221 Gulf Coast

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

13-14—PORT ARANSAS: Anglers on Wheels Sponsored by Door in the Wall Inc., this fishing tournament is for the physically challenged. Woody's Sport Center. 210/637-8316 Gulf Coast

14—BROWNSVILLE: Pedal to Padre! Adventurous bicycle tour begins at the Brownsville Event Center and ends at Louie's Backyard on South Padre Island. www.RiverRockets.com 956/451-1500 Gulf Coast

15—PORT ARANSAS: Songwriter's Showcase Local singers/songwriters perform in the courtyard of the historic Tarpon Inn. 361/749-7334 Gulf Coast

18—HARLINGEN: Golden Palms Luau Reservations required. Golden Palms Retirement & Health Center. www.goldenpalmsrgv.com 956/389-4014 Gulf Coast

19—VICTORIA: Victoria Country Opry Community Center Annex. 361/552-9347 Gulf Coast

19-21—INGLESIDE: Round Up Days Festival dates back to 1974 but was fashioned after the Great Cattle Round Up of the 1800s. Live Oak Park, 1874 Port Ave. www.inglesidetxchamber.com 888/899-2906 or 361/776-2906 Gulf Coast

19-21—PASADENA: Strawberry Festival Offers a wide variety of food, arts & crafts, activities and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. Pasadena Convention Center & Municipal Fairgrounds, 7902 Fairmont Parkway at Red Bluff Road. www.strawberryfest.org 281/991-9500 Gulf Coast

19-21, 26-28—BROWNSVILLE: The Graduate Camille Lightner Playhouse. www.camilleplayers.cjb.net 956/542-8900 Gulf Coast

20—BAYTOWN: Giant Yard Sale Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bicentennial Park. www.baytown.org 281/420-6597 Gulf Coast

20—LAKE JACKSON: Brazosport Symphony Orchestra Concert Begins at 7:30 p.m. The Clarion at Brazosport College. 979/265-7331 Gulf Coast

20—LAKE JACKSON: Gordon the Grouper's Birthday Party Hours are 10 a.m. to noon. Sea Center Texas. 979/292-0100 Gulf Coast

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

20—RICHMOND: A Day on the Farm George Ranch Historical Park. www.georgeranch.org 281/343-0218 Gulf Coast

20—WHARTON: Southern Pacific Railroad Depot Restoration Dedication & Parade 979/532-8550 Gulf Coast

20-21—HARLINGEN: Super Rolling Thunder USSSA Tournament Begins at noon. Sports Complex Ball Park, 3139 Wilson Road. 956/245-0264 Gulf Coast

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21—LA PORTE: 16th Annual Monumental Bug Bash The Bay Area Volkswagen Club hosts this annual car picnic. All makes and models of VWs are welcome. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. 713/398-0183 or 281/479-2431 Gulf Coast

23-Jun. 4—HOUSTON: Bombay Dreams Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882 Gulf Coast

24-Jun. 11—HOUSTON: Nickel & Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America Play adapts Barbara Ehrenreich's New York Times bestseller. www.stagestheatre.com 713/527-0123 Gulf Coast

25, 27-28—HOUSTON: Classical X 3 Includes the American premiere of Stanton Welch's hyper-kinetic tutu ballet Velocity; company premiere of Play, Welch's quirky take on modern city life set to the music of DJ/techno artist Moby; and Sir Kenneth Mac Millan's neo-classical masterpiece Gloria rounds out the program. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787 Gulf Coast

25-Aug. 20—HOUSTON: Frank Stella 1958 Exhibition tracks the many changes of a young painter experimenting with the wide array of styles and formal possibilities available to him at a vital juncture in American art history. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400 Gulf Coast

27—EDNA: Memorial Day Weekend Fun & Games Includes horseshoe tournaments, volleyball tournaments, sack races, water

balloon toss, dunking booth and other fun games. Hours are 1 to 4:30 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718 Gulf Coast

27-28—CORPUS CHRISTI: Seashore Marketplace Includes arts & crafts vendors from around Texas, specialty displays, live bands and more. On Padre Island. www.seashoremarketplace.com 361/779-6989 Gulf Coast

27-28—ROCKPORT: Festival of Wines Offers wine tasting, entertainment, cooking demonstrations and more. Texas Maritime Museum. www.texasmaritimemuseum.org 361/729-1271 Gulf Coast

27-28—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Memorial Weekend Volleyball Features men/women doubles on Saturday and co-ed doubles on Sunday. Registration is 8 to 9 a.m. Play begins at 9:30 a.m. Boomerang Billy's Beach at Surf Motel. 956/761-2420 Gulf Coast

27-29—PORT ARTHUR: S.A.L.T. Fishing Rodeo Pleasure Island. 409/735-4488 or 409/718-8787 Gulf Coast

29—BAYTOWN: Memorial Day Ceremony Honors veterans and heroes. Begins at 11 a.m. Veterans' Plaza at Bicentennial Park. www.baytown.org 281/420-6597 Gulf Coast

29—FREEPORT: Memorial Day Regatta Bridge Harbor Yacht Club.

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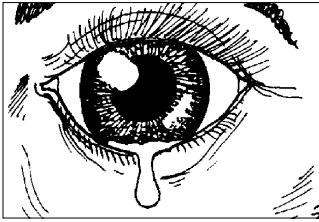
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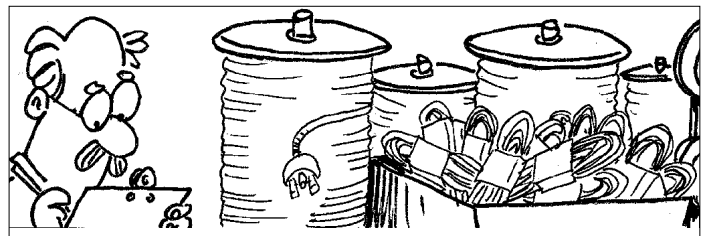
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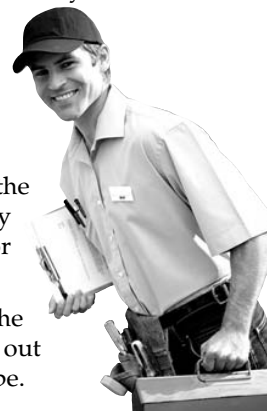
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- ✓ Your home address with clear driving directions.
- ✓ Make and model number of item needing repair - this will allow the technician to be prepared with replacement parts.
- ✓ Location of item needing repair.
- ✓ Your phone number(s) and the best time to reach you.

Service companies charge by the hour and interruptions to the technician can cost you money. Curious children and pets cause most job interruptions so before the technician arrives, follow these suggestions:

- ✓ Children – Arrange for a sitter to take them to the park, if possible, or limit children to places away from the work area such as a bedroom, yard, or playroom.
- ✓ Pets – Keep pets fenced or secured away from the work area. Technicians frequently travel in and out of the house giving Fido or Felix a way to escape.



~~~~~ Health & Safety ~~~~~

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If you need a little stress relief or a quick energy boost, find something to give you a little chuckle or better yet, a strong bout of laughter - after all, it's good for you!

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Kids in Motion

By the time they reach high school, 63 percent of children are no longer physically active. Why?

If your kids fall within this group, you don't have to shake your head sadly. You can set a good example, be a role model and do the right things so your kids will, too.

Get off the couch and on a bike with your kids. Introduce them to exercise that's fun. Eat healthy. Instead of high-calorie foods and snacks, turn to fruits and low- or non-fat foods. And once you get kids moving in the direction of fitness, chances are they'll keep going for the rest of their lives.

Start 'em young

Did you know that physically active children have fewer chronic health problems than kids who are sedentary?

Children who are fit have other statistics in their favor, too. They're better able to meet the demands of daily physical activity. They do better in physical-performance tests. They have a stronger self-image and more self-confidence, and they demonstrate greater improvement in skill- and health-related fitness.

When you consider the facts, it makes good sense to encourage

physical activity when your children are young. Parents, teachers and fitness professionals all have a role to play. Each can help kids think positively about exercise and motivate them to make regular physical activity a lifetime pursuit.

Mom and dad are the best motivators

As a parent, it's up to you to play the biggest part - bigger than a teacher, more important than a fitness professional. Your child looks to you for examples on how to talk, dress, act and lead a physically active - or a non-physically active - life.

Set a good example for your kids. Instead of spending the evening in front of the television, find some activity that will keep you moving. In warm weather, bike outdoors; if it's too cold, get a stationary bike, a treadmill or a trampoline.

And it's never too late or too early to help your kids build strength and endurance. Push-ups and pull-ups are an excellent way to build upper-body strength. Jungle gyms and monkey bars are great for kids because they utilize their own body weight. And they're loads of fun.

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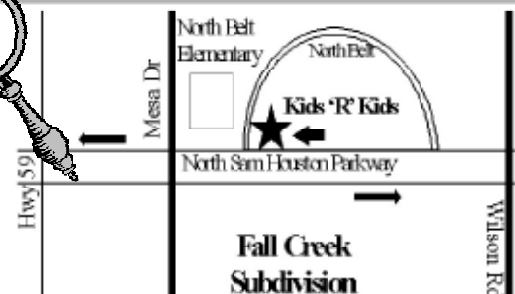
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Keep in mind that kids are not always naturally limber and that their muscles may be tight and vulnerable to injury during the growth spurts that occur during the elementary years. Be sure to include stretching as a part of your fitness activities.

Make sure that you concentrate on the positive aspects of exercise. It's a chance for a family to be together, to share good times and fun. Avoid competition, discipline and embarrassment - things that can turn good times into moments of dread. And praise your children for trying. Praise them for doing.

It's really up to you

You can't tell kids that being active is fun. You have to show them. So take your kids hiking, biking, dancing, sledding, swimming and in-line skating. Skip rope or shoot baskets with them. Plan outings and activities that involve walking, like a trip to the zoo or the park, a nature trail hike, or even a walk through the mall. It's really up to you. If you want your kids to be healthy, happy teens and adults, it's up to you to do something about it.



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	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06
\$300,000+	7	0	3	0	1	4
\$250 - 299,999	3	0	1	1	2	0
\$200 - 249,999	0	4	4	3	2	3
\$170 - 199,999	7	3	3	2	2	4
Under \$170,000	3	3	4	5	0	4
TOTAL	20	10	15	11	7	15
AVG \$/Sq Ft	84.16	73.28	82.62	72.67	78.20	83.54

Is your goal to buy or sell your home this year?

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3 Most Economical Ways To Get Your House Ready To Sell.

- 1) Touch up paint
- 2) Pack up clutter
- 3) Weed lawns and flower beds

* All figures based off MLS data 4/10/06

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