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#### **Hurricane Season Is Upon Us!!**

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And PREPARATION is the key to surviving the storm. The list of items for survival kits is extensive but necessary. The recommendations for how to prepare are also helpful, but the sources are plentiful.

So instead of duplicating the lists and recommendations, we have provided a short list of some of the better internet resources for your preparation efforts.

One of the most comprehensive lists for HURRICANE PREPARATION KITS can be found at http://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/Safety/hurricane/prepare/prepkit.html. This link covers all of the usual items and includes a list for babies, pets, entertainment, and many other useful items that you may not otherwise think about.

One of the most well known and comprehensive sites for hurricane forecasting and tracking is provided by the NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER and is found at http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/index.shtml. When a named storm is active, this site gets busy and can give you the most up-to-date forecast available.

And let's not forget the evacuation problems of last year. By the time the news broadcast that a road was open, traffic had stop travel on that route too. If you find it necessary to leave this year, get real time traffic analysis before you leave at http://www.houstontranstar. org/. If you're a gadget person, you can access this site and the real-time traffic report from your web-enabled cell phone too. You may find this link helpful everyday in your travels to and from work as well!

We have created a special WEATHER LINKS section on WWW. RIATARANCH.NET where you can find this information. If you find other useful links, please use the CONTACT US link and let us know. We'll make them available for all to use.

We hope you find these links useful and take the time to be informed and prepared.

View *The Ranch Review* each month on-line at www.PEELinc.com

#### Riata Ranch 4th of July Bike Parade

(Celebrated on July 1st)

Join your neighbors at the Riata Ranch park on July 1 at 10:00 am for the 1st Annual Riata Ranch Bike Parade.

Come with your bikes decorated with streamers, balloons or any other patriotic items you can think of!! The parade will begin at the park, and then proceed down Riata Ranch Blvd before circling back. Parents must stay with their children at all times! Also, for the safety of the children motorized scooters/ATVs are not allowed.

Before and after the parade, there will be patriotic activities for the kids to enjoy! There will also be prizes for all children that participate in the bike parade!

When the parade is finished, join your family, friends and neighbors for complimentary hotdogs, chips and drinks!!

So, get your bike decorations ready as we kick off the 4th of July Holiday!!

For more information, please visit the "events" link on www.riataranch.net.

#### **Barbeque Parties -PROGRESS!!**

In the past, if you reserved the BBQ area and needed access to the restrooms, you needed to hire a lifeguard since the bathrooms were in the pool area. We have BUSTED THIS ROADBLOCK. Interior gates have been added to the pool area in order to separate the pool from the restrooms. Now, if you need access to the restrooms while reserving the BBQ area, you can arrange access through SCS and not have to hire a lifeguard.

Also – since the interior gates have been installed, the pool pavilion can be used for any suitable event that requires some shelter. The pavilion is unavailable during normal pool hours, but can be put to good use after hours and in the off-season.

Congratulations! Your input has resulted in a more functional recreation area and a more accessible and readily available pavilion.

We are working hard to maintain the appearance of the B-B-Q

and pool area. It is a great place to have an event!! And don't forget, the area includes a SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT and HORSESHOE PITS.

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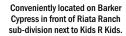
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## Record Participation for the Spring Garage Sale!!!

Although it rained in the morning, the weather cooperated during the rest of the day resulting in a successful garage sale. A steady flow of cars could be seen driving through the neighborhood and with 156 families participating there was plenty of great shopping to do. A Special Thank You to Riata Ranch resident Mark Rister of Action Sign Service (www.ActionSignService.com) who again this year donated the garage sale signs!

There have been a lot of requests to try to have a Fall Garage Sale this year. Adriana Gosselin, from the special events committee, has agreed to chair this event. Watch for more details in upcoming editions of The Ranch Review and on the Riata Ranch web site at www.riataranch.net. Should you have any questions in the interim, you can also reach Adriana via email at RiataRanchGarageSale@yahoo.com.





#### **Barker-Cypress Construction Update**

The Barker-Cypress road construction project timeline has been extended. Although good progress is apparent to all of us, the project is now scheduled for completion by the end of the third quarter – September.

The board will continue to keep you informed regarding the timeline of the project. However, we have no authority over the timeline or materials used for the improvements. Please direct any feedback to Harris County.

We will continue to keep you informed as the project moves forward.

#### **Stay Informed!**

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#### **Have You Noticed?**

When it rains it pours. And when it pours, we don't need to be watering the grass! Over the years, the rain sensors that were part of our irrigation system became inoperable.

These rain sensors have now been replaced and are helping manage our irrigation. Therefore, you should see fewer instances in which sprinklers are being activated following a significant rainfall.

#### June Events in Riata

The EVENTS COMMITTEE has done a great job this year with a very successful Easter Egg Hunt and Garage Sale. And they are set to host some terrific events in June.

The first of two TEEN NIGHTS AT THE POOL will be held on JUNE 10th. And on June 24th, 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 years events the best ever!!!

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#### **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.

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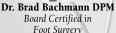
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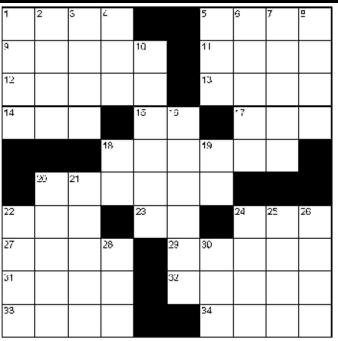


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- 5. Giant
- 9. Philippine dish with marinated chicken or pork
- 11. Journalist's question
- 12. Tiny insects
- 13. Cut of beef
- 14. School group
- 15. South
- 17. United States
- 18. Bottle need
- 20. Upset
- 22. Cow's chow
- 23. Year (abbr.)
- 24. Computer makers
- 27. Brews
- 29. Sleep disorder
- 31. Parent teacher groups
- 32. Strong rope fiber
- 33. Bend
- 34. Decorative needle case

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Incline
- 2. Change
- 3. Small particle
- 4. Compass point
- 5. Night bird
- 6. Body snatcher
- 7. Cultivate
- 8. Volcano
- 10. Change into bone
- 16. Musical production
- 18. Canadian prov.
- 19. Palladium (abbr.)
- 20. Many
- 21. Perfect
- 22. Captain (abbr.)
- 24. Institution (abbr.)
- 25. Swain
- 26. African country
- 28. Fast plane
- 30. Pastry

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#### Two Summer Children's Shows Set

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#### **Check out the Art Gallery**

This special summer Student Invitational Exhibition, set June 6 through July 20, features the work of Cy-Fair College's advanced credit and continuing education students. A reception is set for 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. June 8 in the Center for the Arts Gallery, located at 9191 Barker Cypress. Call 281-290-5273 for gallery hours and information.

#### Free Summer Film Class begins June 7

The Cy-Fair College Summer Film Series is a continuing education course called Film Appreciation. The series is presented at no charge. A professor at the college hosts each film and an in-depth discussion after the movie. The Summer Series will start June 7 at 7 p.m. with "The Apartment," the first of four films from Hollywood director Billy Wilder. The rest of the series has great variety with a foreign musical, comedies and dramas from 1968-2001. Registration is available at all the film events. All films are shown at the Barker

Cypress campus in ART 102. For information, call 281-290-3257, e-mail robert.obrien@nhmccd.edu or visit http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/robobrien/Film Series.html.

#### Add a Little L.I.F.E. to Your Summer

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.) Programs range from cooking and gardening tips to music, painting and woodworking lessons to cultural topics such as calligraphy and a Japanese Tea Ceremony, to geography, politics and history programs. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for monthly L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu.

Library Offers Summer Reading Program, Free Computer Classes and Book Clubs

The Harris County Public Library Cy-Fair College Branch's 2006 Summer Reading Program includes storytime, movies, crafts, a computer kids program, a carnival, bike parade and more. The library also 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, mystery, history, women of the world, democracy, and sports page. There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children.

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Go online to http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu for information.

#### **Discovery College Registration Open for Ages 6 to 15**

Cy-Fair College's Discovery College offers youth ages 6 to 12 and this year 13 – 15, too, a wide range of camp classes in academics, sports and for various talents and interests. Beginning June 5, sessions run for one week during the months of June and July, except the week of July 4. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. Parents can go online to www.cy-faircollege.com/goto/DiscoveryCollege to download registration packets and registration information for both campuses. For information on Barker Cypress camps located at 9191 Barker Cypress, call 281-290-5273 and for Fairbanks Center camps located at 14955 Northwest Freeway, call 832-782-5038.

#### Vacation Watch

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

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

#### Not Available On-Line

#### **Teenage Job Seekers** Please place my name on the TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS list in the RANCH REVIEW. Signature Please check appropriate boxes: ☐ Baby-sitting □ Pet Care ☐ House/Plant Care ☐ Lawn Care Name Age Phone I give my permission for my child's name and phone number to be entered in THE RANCH REVIEW as a TEENAGE JOB SEEKER Parent's Signature Clip and mail to: The Ranch Review c/o SCS managemenet 7170 Cherry Park Drive Houston, TX 77095

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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.

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Families of hundreds of school-aged children in the Cypress/ Northwest Houston area are depending on CAM to assist them with necessary school supplies for their children. These start-up supplies can be impossible to fit into an already strained budget. Your donations of pocket folders with brads, washable markers, large & small packages manilla paper, large & small packages construction paper, writing tablets, spiral notebooks and pencil boxes would be greatly appreciated.

Operation Jobs offers networking, counseling and resume writing as well as interview and job search techniques for unemployed and underemployed persons in the community. Beginning in the spring, Operation jobs also helps college students find summer jobs in order to offset high college tuition costs. If you are an employer and will be hiring students for the summer or a job seeker looking for employment, please call Loretta Nixon at 281-955-5895.

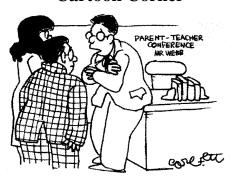
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Donations of peanut butter, jelly, snack foods, presweetened drink mixes, pasta, Spaghetti Os, and cold cereal will feed families with children home from school for the summer: The Food pantry can also use shampoo, bar soap, and toilet paper. Of course, meat is a luxury, therefore, hot dogs, hamburger and chicken are always appreciated.

Donations can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM – 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM – 3PM.

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1-Jul. 2—HOUSTON: Contemporary Kiln-Glass: A Survey of Works from the Bullseye Collection, 1980 to the Present Experience spectacularly vibrant colored glass created for art and architecture through fusing, blowing, torch work and casting. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. www.crafthouston.org 713/529-4848

1-Jul. 16—BEAUMONT: The Big Big Picture Show Artist Paul Manes' large-scale paintings and drawings are of subjects ranging from airplanes to collections of precariously-stacked empty bowls. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432

1-Aug. 20—HOUSTON: Frank Stella 1958 Bringing these works together for the first time, the exhibition tracks the many changes of a young painter experimenting with the wide array of styles and formal possibilities available at a vital juncture in American art history. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

3-Jul. 9—GALVESTON: Gary Faye — Still Lifes Features color photographs. Galveston Arts Center. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403

3-Jul. 9—GALVESTON: Sedrick Huckaby —Portraits & Quilts &

Merrilee McCommas — Word Play Galveston Arts Center, 2127 Strand. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403

4-Sep. 14—HOUSTON: The Architecture of Gee's Bend Quilts Exhibition examines in detail the basic structural patterns that appear to form the foundation of Gee's Bend quilt making. The Audrey Jones Beck Building, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. 713/639-7300

8, 10-11, 16-18—HOUSTON: Don Quixote Ends the Houston Ballet season. The idealistic, eccentric Quixote goes on a quest in search of his ideal woman Dulcinea. Wortham Theater Center. www. houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

9-11—TEXAS CITY: Funfest Enjoy arts & crafts, food, entertainment, amusements, barbecue cook-off, Star Search, tennis tournament, fun run and more. Nessler Park. www.texascitychamber.com 409/935-1408

10—ALVIN: Police & EMS Bike Patrol Challenge Watch police and EMS officers compete. Browse vendor booths. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. National Oak Park. www.alvintexas.org 281/585-3359

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

10—CORPUS CHRISTI: C-101 C-Sculptures Enjoy sand sculpting, sand volleyball, live music and more. Padre Island. 361/289-0111 10—DACOSTA: Volunteer Fire Department Annual BBQ & Auction

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10—EAST BERNARD: 16th Annual Czech Kolache Klobase Festival Offers plenty of music, dancing and lively entertainment with bands and entertainers. Includes arts & crafts, plate lunch, hamburgers, raffle prizes, cake walk, kid games, plenty of kolaches for sale and family fun. 979/335-4827 or 979/335-7907

10—KATY: Kid's Day Includes hands-on activities, contests and entertainment. Bass Pro Shops at Katy Mills Mall. 281/644-2203

10—PASADENA: Owl Prowl Enjoy a moonlit walk through the woods while looking for owls and listening for fascinating night sounds. Hours are 8 to 10 p.m. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www. abnc.org 281/474-2551

10—PORT ARTHUR: Nighttime Alligator Count & Marsh Tour Take a ride in some awesome bottomlands alligator habitat and census the alligators. Hours are 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., weather permitting. Reservations required. Tony Houseman State Park and Wildlife Management Area. 409/866-4742

10-11—GALVESTON: Carolyn Ehman School of Dance The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

10, 24—PASADENA: Guided Canoe Trips Meet at Bay Area Park for a leisurely morning of wildlife watching, wetland education, relaxation and fun. Travel is about 3 miles round trip. Reservations required. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551

11—ALVIN: 13th Annual Tour de Braz Bike Ride Offers five historical and scenic rides from which to choose. Begins at 7 a.m. Alvin Community College, 3110 Mustang Road. www.alvintexas. org 281/585-3359

11—PORT ARTHUR: Alligator Spotlight Count Take a boat trip and census the alligators. Hours are 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., weather permitting. Reservations required. J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area. 409/736-2551 ext. 23 or ext. 25

11—SANTA FE: Bert Wills Blues Hours are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401

11-17—VICTORIA: Victoria Bach Festival Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts and other venues. E-mail: info@victoriabachfestival.org • www.victoriabachfestival.org 361/570-5788

11, 25—DALLAS: National Safety Month Operation Lifesaver Weekend Includes lecture and multimedia presentation. Age of Steam Railroad

12—FULTON: Music at the Mansion Begins at 7 p.m. Fulton Mansion State Historic Site. 361/729-0386

14—SAN BENITO: El Second Weensdee Enjoy an oral history series on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. The Narciso Martinez Cultural Art Center. 956/361-0110

16—BEAUMONT: Jefferson Theatre Presents a Juneteenth

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Celebration www.jeffersontheatre.org 409/835-5483

16-17—INGLESIDE: Skinny Water Adult Fishing Tournament Includes amateur two-man team division; children's tournament; Calcutta; spot pot; and largest redfish, trout and flounder pots. Cove Park. www.inglesidetxchamber.org 888/899-2906

16-17—PORT ARANSAS: Powderpuff Fishing Tournament Women only. Woody's Sport Center. 361/749-5252

16-18—GALVESTON: The Jubilee Banjo Band The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

16-18—WHARTON: Juneteenth Celebration Riverfront Park. 979/532-1862 or 979/531-0916

17—BAY CITY: Market Day More than 100 vendors sell handmade crafts, homemade jellies and more. Courthouse Square. www. visitbaycity.org 800/806-8333

17—CORPUS CHRISTI: Juneteenth Celebration Commemorates African-American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. Includes guest speakers, musicians, dancers and food. Heritage Park. 361/883-0639

17—HARLINGEN: Blues on the Hill Features blues music with several bands participating. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. McKelvey Park, 1325 S. 77 Sunshine Strip. 956/216-5950

17—PORT NECHES: Trade Day on the Avenue 409/722-4023

18-Sep. 10—HOUSTON: Courbet & the Modern Landscape Exhibition brings together about 50 landscape paintings by Gustave Courbet. The Audrey Jones Beck Building, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. 713/639-7300

19—PORT ARTHUR: Juneteenth Celebration Includes a pageant on Friday, lecture series on Saturday, gospelfest on Sunday and parade on Monday. Downtown Port Arthur. 409/982-8040 or 409/985-7768 24-25—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

30-Aug. 5—GALVESTON: 1776 Musical follows John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Richard Henry Lee and Thomas Jefferson as they attempt to convince the members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence. Island Etc. 409/762-3556

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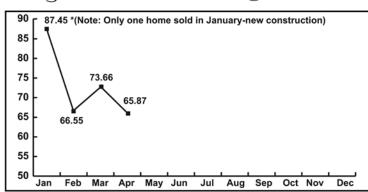
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