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YARDS OF THE MONTH



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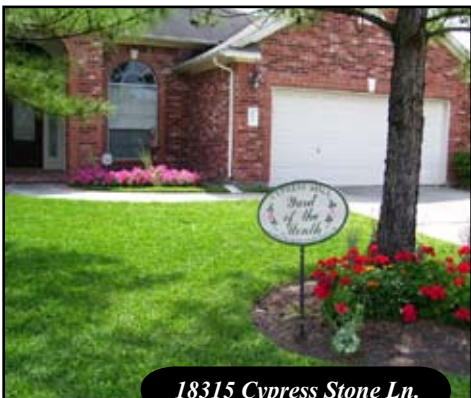
14222 Meadow Estates Ln.



17507 Cypress Orchard Ln.



18114 Arbormont Dr.



18315 Cypress Stone Ln.

Five homes are selected for Yard of the Month. First we need to be able to read your house numbers. At some homes the shrubs are covering the numbers. Please check to see that they can be easily read. This could be a problem if the rescue squad or fire department needs to find your home in an emergency. Once we can read the number, we look for a well groomed yard and color. To be considered for YOM all HOA dues must be paid in full.

NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDERS

Pool Tags

If you have not already brought your pool tags in to the recreation center for validation, please contact Carolyn at 281-213-3174 and make an appointment with her. Your pool tags must be validated before you can enjoy the pool.

Pool Hours

The pools will be open weekends beginning May 3rd - May 25th. Hours will be 12:00 p.m. though 8:00 p.m.

HOA Maintenance Fees

Maintenance fees are past due. Please mail your payment in as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Our maintenance fees pay for street lights, landscaping, upkeep of the pool, and other upkeep of our neighborhood.

Good Neighbor

Please be a good neighbor and do not put your trash out before Monday or Thursday mornings. The sight of garbage cans along the streets before these times is unsightly and takes away from the value of our homes. Prospective buyers in the neighborhood look at this eyesore as being a deterrent to buying a home in our community. Also, once the trash has been picked up remove your can to the garage or another place out of sight of the public.

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Our next neighborhood garage sale is May 17th. An ad will be placed in both the Sun and the Houston Chronicle. Good luck.

CYPRESS MILL

Resident Board Members

The Board Members are volunteers, elected by the residents of Cypress Mill. They are working for the well being of our community. Please consider that they have families also and respect their time and privacy.

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Swim Team Committee

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Administrative Assistant

Carolyn 281-213-3174

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Emergency Numbers

Constable Ron Hickman (24 Hour Emergency)281-376-3472

Other Important Numbers

ACC Changes/Questions - Principal Management:

Jessica Tafton 713-329-7138

Cy-Fair High School281-897-4600

Cy-Woods High School281-213-1919

Cypress Lakes Golf Club281-304-8515

Cypress Mill M.U.D. #1/Aquasource Emergency 713-983-3602

24 Hour Emergency713-983-3604

DPS Sex Offenders website <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/>

Entex Gas 713-659-2111

Entex Gas-Emergency Gas Leaks 713-659-3552

CenterPoint Energy713-207-2222

Irrigation Leaks/Common Area Repairs - Principle Management

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Principle Management – Amanda Jensen 281-367-8137

Robison Elementary281-213-1700

Southwestern Bell800-246-8464

Spillane Middle School281-213-1645

Street Light Outages713-207-2222

Time Warner Cable713-462-9000

Waste Corporation of America (WCA) 281-368-8397

Cypress Mill HOA, Inc. Who To Call List

Aqua Services – Cypress Hill MUD#1 713-983-3602

Detention Pond: mowing, standing water, repair, & maintenance

Park 5 Playground; repairs, irrigation leaks

Walking Paths: repairs, irrigation leaks

Individual water meters, leaks, repairs and maintenance

MUD Facilities Lift stations & Treatment Plants: mowing, repairs, maintenance, leaks, and smells.

Principal Management – Cypress Mill HOA, Inc.

Customer Care 713-329-7171

Jessica Tafton 713-329-7138

Reserves/Parks/Common Areas: mowing, repairs, irrigation leaks

Deed Restrictions

Architectural Control Applications/Approvals

Recycling Program

Cypress Mill Administrative Assistant – Carolyn 281-213-3174

..... carolyn.hoa@sbcglobal.net

Administrative hours at the Rec Center:

Mon 12-5, Tues 12-5, Wed 9 - 2, Sat 9 - 2

Recreation Center Concerns

Activity Room Rentals

Yard of the Month

Fitness Center

Community Directory

Stork Report

Pipeline Company – Exxon Mobile 281-591-3700

Mowing of Pipeline easement; Standing water; Smells or leaks

Street Lights – Center Point Energy 713-207-2222

Damaged or Burned Out Street Lights

They will need 6-digit pole number when calling

Constable Ron Hickman (24 Hour Emergency) 281-376-3472

Harris County Road and Bridge 281-463-6300

To request street signs and to report street damage, curb damage, street flooding, or missing/damaged street signs.

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Arbor Trace Ct.			Rose Hill Park Ln.	Bill & Elizabeth Brown	281-373-3118
Aster Estates Ln.	Kari Joyner	832-797-0380	Rosemont Estates Ln.	Annabelle Martinez	281-213-9079
Auburn Woods Dr.	Herb Hays	281-373-4078	Spring Walk Ln.	Sharon Strasburg	281-304-1382
Autumn Glen Ct.	Courtney Hicks	281-213-3182	Sweetstone Estates Ct	Michelle O'Keane	281-304-8188
Begonia Estates Ct.	Diana Pretus	281 330-8251	Thicket Hollow	Sheri Pivonka	281-658-2161
Bladenboro (Park I)	Dawn Shirley	281-373-4892	Thornbluff Ct.		
Calacaterra Ct.			Timber Cliff Ct.		
Camellia Estates Ln.	Jennifer M. Klawinski	281-381-2987	Timber Cliff Ln.		
Carriage Crossing Ln.			Trellis Estates Ct.		
Cascade Bend Lane	Fernando Aguirre	281-373-0186	Valley Stone Ct.	Rhonda & David Bubenik	
Chapel Cove Ct.			Water Mill Dr.	Gilbert Tovar	832-922-1865
Cinderwood Dr	Amy Arthur	281-304-1999	Wild Ivy Ct.		
Cobblestone Dr.			Windwood Park Ln.	Gail Norris	281-256-9859
Country Rose			Wisteria Estates Lane	Matt Buss	281-304-9321
Courtly Estates Ln.	Richard & Theresa Brutka	281-256-7810	Woodcypress Ln.		
Creekmill Ct.			Wooded Glen Ct.		
Cross Stone Ct.					
Cypress Cottage Ct.					
Cypress Meade Ct.					
Cypress Meade Ln.					
Cypressmill Ct.					
Cypress Orchard	Debbie Deleon	832-289-6580			
Cypress Ridge Grove	Sheri Lyn Klein	281-373-3674			
Cypress Stone Ln.	Sharon Covington	281-851-3484			
Cypress Valley Ln.					
Delta Estates Ct.	Michelle Peting	281-304-8894			
Emerald Cypress Ct.					
Emerald Cypress Ln.	Jennifer Patterson	281-256-8221			
Emerald Moss	Sue Zahn Lucas	832-687-5778			
Enola Dr.	Tina Bunn				
Floret Estates Ct.					
Floret Estates Ln.					
Grandbluff Ct.	Shari Bumpas	281-304-1511			
Green Cypress Ct.	Ed Noble	281-304-9810			
Grove Estates Ln.	Cassy Hearn	281-256-4941			
Harmony Estates	Andrea Anderson	281-256-8515			
Harnett Dr.	Tina Bunn				
Harvest Chase Ct.					
Hazy Ridge Lane	Amy Merrill	281-256-6449			
Heathcrest Ct.					
Hollow Branch Ct.	Jacqui Williams	281-304-8006			
Huntmont (Park I)					
Huntmont Street (Place)					
Laurus Estates Ln.	Kellie Berger	281-304-1910			
Mallard Estates Ct.	Jo Ann Nowak	281-304-1614			
Maple Mill & Bladenboro	Dawn Shirley (temp. vol.)	281-373-4892			
Maple Mill Dr	Toby Simmons	281-373-9498			
Maranta Estates	Sharon Mason	281-256-2970			
Meadow Estates Ln.	Amanda McCumber	713-906-7338			
Mesquite Estates Ln.	Vernon & Cheryl Henry	281-256-8964			
Mills Park Lane	Carolyn Hoffman	281-256-3480			
	Shirley Whitley				
Millstone Estates Ln					
Mosshill Estates Ln	Candy Pinkard	281-304-5037			
	Danielle Hines	281-213-3868			
Moss Valley (Place)					
Palos Park Dr.					
Palos Place Pl.					
Park Arbor Ct.	Lauren Gaspard	281-373-9966			
Pebble Meadow Ct.	Gina Williams	281-373-4427			
Plains River Dr.	Geneva Fritch	281-304-1255			
Pinson Dr.	Debbie Brown	281-256-1875			
Rochelle Ct.	Jen Malota	281-213-3778			

Interested in getting involved with your community? New to the neighborhood and want to get to know people? We have streets that need block captains. It's a great opportunity for you to meet your neighbors, hand out directories, and organize events for your street. Please contact Cassy Hearn if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions about the responsibilities of a block captain at 281-256-4941 or chearn002@comcast.net. **If your street does not have a block captain and you have an issue on your street you would like to bring to our attention please send me an e-mail.**

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Summer membership mixers are held in June and July at different members' homes throughout the area. If you are a previous member, current member, or have been a member in the past, we invite you to attend as we welcome NEW Mothers, Grandmothers, or Guardians of Aggies. Check the website for one that is in your area and that fits your schedule. Members will be glad to answer questions about the club and activities at these summer socials.

For more information about the club visit the website www.nwhcaggieclubs.com. Come be a part of this great organization!!

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the newsletters is the 9th of each month.

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281-213-3174 or e-mail Cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com
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Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Theft from a Habitation	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Robbery	0
Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	4
Disturbance – Family	5
Disturbance – Juvenile	2
Disturbances – Other	69
Other Calls	47

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Lone Star College

In an effort to provide you with important information about Lone Star College-CyFair "Perspective" was developed. This column provides the latest information about news and events. Here is a sampling of what's going on:

"Gianni Schicchi" Now on Stage - Experience opera at Lone Star College-CyFair with "Gianni Schicchi" May 7 through May 9. The third of the trio of operas known as Il Trittico by Puccini, Gianni Schicchi is a delightful satire on the deadly sin of greed. For tickets and information call 281-290-5201 or go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice.

Hooray for Hollywood Evening set May 13 - Enjoy a musical Hollywood evening at Lone Star College-CyFair as the Jubilee Banjo Band and the All-Stars of Houston, under the direction of Buddy Griffin, help audiences celebrate the greatest music from classic Hollywood films. This group has performed at the Opera House in Galveston every summer for 20 years. The Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) at LSC-CyFair hosts this red carpet night with stars from the Silver Screen. For information on this event, call 281-345-9258. For information on the A.L.L. program, call 281-290-5991.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in May - The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) In May, programs feature insight into sonography May 7, songs of feathered friends May 14, tracing genetic lineage May 21 and secrets of curry May 28. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

Teens Driver's Education Available this Summer - Summer driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are available at 4 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursdays June 2 through June 26 and July 7 through July 31. The in-classroom driver's education course covers road rules, road signs, and laws to prepare the teens for the Department of Public Safety's written exam. Other topics are car maintenance, effects of drugs and alcohol, laws and penalties for drinking and driving, emergency situations, basic driving procedures, road rage, and insurance. Parents are responsible for the in-car instruction. Students are required to purchase the Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Manual, which is available at the campus bookstore. Call 832-482-1043 for information.

Library Offers Something for Everyone this Summer - The Harris County Public Library Lone Star College-CyFair Branch offers Summer Reading Program for children and adults. The library also offers free computer workshops, including new Undercover Librarian workshop. 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, women of the world and sports page. There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children. Go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library for information.

Boys and Girls Country Spring Festival

Bring the entire family out for a fun-filled day at the Boys and Girls Country Spring Festival. Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 18806 Roberts Road, Hockley (between 290 and 2920). Admission is free, lunch tickets \$6, full day kid passes \$15. Meet Lance Berkman, climb obstacle courses, enjoy moon walks, the petting zoo, and train rides, listen to entertainment, and eat all kinds of food including funnel cakes, barbeque, ice cream, and cotton candy. Also purchase a drawing ticket for a chance to win a trip to Disney World. It's a day full of FUN, FUN, FUN! Proceeds from this event provide for the care of the children who live at Boys and Girls Country.

Cypress Christian School Chamber Choir wins Gold!

Congratulations to the members of Cypress Christian School Chamber Choir for an excellent performance at the San Antonio Heritage Music Festival. Each choir was rated on a point scale from 0-100. All three adjudicators gave the CCS Chamber Choir scores in the 90s! This qualified the students for a Gold

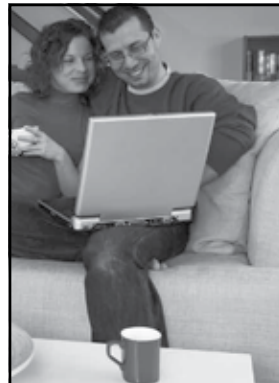
Award. In addition to the scoring, the students received an on-stage clinic with an adjudicator, Dr. Brumley (Director of Shreveport Singers), where he shared valuable choral insight. The CCS Choir was also invited to attend the National Festival of Gold in 2009!



Personal Classifieds

Lost Baseball Equipment: Baseball equipment including bat, helmet, glove and ball in a black bag was accidentally left near the rec center. If you have seen these items or know who may have picked them up, please contact Cindy on 281-304-2363 or 713-545-6933.

Canoe For Sale: Canoe - \$400 or best offer - comes with three life jackets and oars. Contact Penny on 832-455-3256



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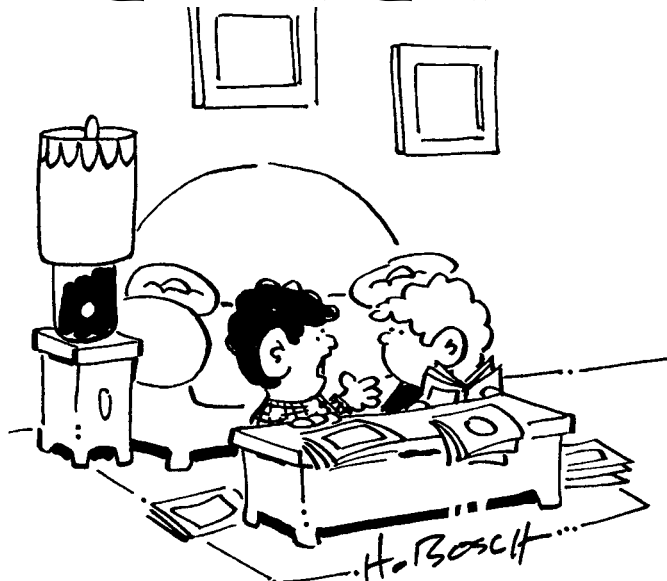


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Cartoon Corner



"The older my parents get, the less they understand me."

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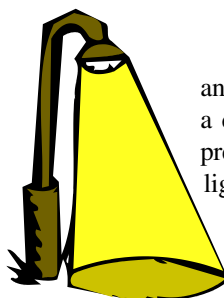
Volunteers

Would you like to volunteer your time occasionally? Do you have a special skill at planning parties? gardening? decorating? Are you a do-it-yourself handyman who would consider making minor repairs around the community? If so, think about putting your name on our volunteer list.

We have many seniors in the neighborhood that have made cookies and volunteered their time at the children's Easter and Christmas parties. We had a resident and her teenage son volunteer at the Easter party. By volunteering he was able to get a letter of thanks that will help with his resume' when he applies for college.

Volunteering not only makes you feel good you are also giving back to the neighborhood.

Interested parties should e-mail their names and telephone numbers to switley6675@sbcglobal.net



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Diet and Your Health

By Jeannette Quickenden S.A.C. Dip, MIGHT, AADP

Welcome to our new feature 'what you eat and your health' our aim is to help you help you.

The old saying "we are what we eat" is so true. Everything we consume is digested and absorbed into our bloodstream to 'fuel' our bodies. At the same time, without realizing it, we are feeding ourselves large quantities of chemical additives and preservatives, which can cause numerous health issues.

A large number of the things on your grocery list contain food additives that are intentionally added to modify visual appearance, taste, texture, processing, or the storage life of food. Not all of us can tolerate these additives. A reaction for some can lead to major health issues.

We all know that eating too much junk food is bad for the waistline but did you

know that there are also numbers of 'good' foods that can have an adverse effect on some individuals?

For example do you or a family member suffer with any of the following?

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Our first article will hit home to many parents - A hyperactive nightmare on two legs – does this sound like your child? We will be looking at possible dietary causes for behavioral problems.

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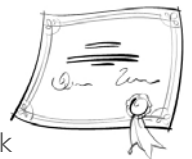
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What You Really Need to Know about Braces

One of the most common questions is: what is the best age to get braces? The American Association of Orthodontics (AAO) recommends that children begin seeing an orthodontist by the age of seven, to address any problems that could benefit from early orthodontic treatment. However, parents often believe that they must wait until all of the baby teeth have been lost. In some cases, the permanent teeth cannot erupt properly; there are no permanent teeth under the baby teeth; or there are bite issues that should be addressed before all the adult teeth come in.

Another misconception with many adults is that they are too old for braces. Over the past 10 years, there has been a dramatic increase in adults undergoing some form of orthodontic treatment (braces, Invisalign, and retainers, to name a few). The idea that losing teeth is part of the aging process is no longer accurate. In fact, getting permanent teeth pulled creates more dental problems over time-- and can compromise the surrounding teeth, gums, and TMJ.

One of the biggest changes in orthodontics is that, in many cases, patients no longer need to have extractions done in order to straighten their teeth. Due to advances in technology of braces, patients with very crowded teeth can still get a beautiful smile, without extractions, in less treatment time than before. In addition, the use of expanders, headgears, and other uncomfortable appliances can be avoided in some cases.

The AAO has an excellent website which addresses many general questions, and provides unbiased information about orthodontics. You can also locate experienced orthodontists in your area. The website is: www.braces.org. A new smile is just around the corner!

Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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\$160,000 - 179,999	1	2	1	0	0	1
\$140,000 - 159,999	4	1	0	1	5	0
\$120,000 - 139,999	4	3	5	0	4	3
\$120,000 -	0	0	1	2	3	0
TOTAL	10	8	9	3	14	5
Highest \$/Sq Ft	75.28	82.20	78.29	71.63	82.32	70.82

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COMPOST & AERATION:

Keys to a Healthy Lawn

By David Hunsaker

Compost and Aeration are key ingredients to a healthy, vibrant green turf. The combination of both Compost and Aeration help to improve the lawn's root system, soil compaction and soil composition.

The first key ingredient is Aeration. This is the process of perforating the soil with small holes that allow water, air and fertilizer to get closer to the roots. This enables the roots to grow more deeply producing a healthier, greener turf. The aeration process removes thin, cigar-shaped plugs of dirt and then deposits them on the surface of the lawn. These plugs are left on the lawn in order to get oxygen to the root system.

When lawns are not aerated, air gets squeezed out of the soil and roots cannot grow as efficiently. "The soil under the lawn tends to compact readily because, unlike garden soil, it is virtually never worked or turned. For the lawn, aerating is the alternative to tilling."*

The second key ingredient is the compost or top soil. Compost is an all natural, organic fertilizer that dispenses nutrients into your soil. The lawn is top dressed with compost after aerating. As it slowly decomposes throughout the year, it leaves you with a strong, green and lush lawn. Compost also has more of a significant amount of additional nutrients than any "brand name" fertilizer you can buy at your local home and garden center.

The process of Aerating and applying compost decreases the soil compaction, allows nutrients into the soil and strengthens your lawn root system during the stresses of summer. Both Aerating and Composting are key factors to a healthy lawn.

* All About Lawns, Ortho Books

Recipe of the Month:



Picante Sauce

1 lb. peppers (bell, banana, & jalapeno; according to how hot you want the sauce; the seeds of the jalapeno peppers add a lot of WARMTH!)

3 onions	3/4 C sugar
3 qts. tomatoes	4-5 cloves garlic
1 C vinegar	2 T salt

Scald tomatoes and peel. Quarter and place in large pot. Chop peppers, onions, and garlic; and mix with tomatoes. Add sugar, vinegar and salt. Simmer slowly several hours until the sauce is the desired consistency.

If you would like to submit YOUR recipe email it to articles@peelinc.com.

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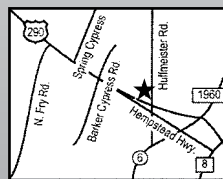
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Twins- Aisha and Ayisha
DOB: February 1997

Lee DOB: May 2003
Layiron DOB: November 2004

Aisha and Ayisha are adorable twins. Aisha is more outgoing than her sister and enjoys being outside. She enjoys cooking (loves making guacamole), cheerleading and playing soccer. Ayisha loves to read and would much rather spend her time reading than anything else. Ayisha also enjoys being outdoors, playing soccer and shopping. Both Ayisha and Aisha are in the 5th grade and LOVE Mexican food. Lee is a sweet little boy who enjoys school and playing with his siblings. Layiron is an energetic male who loves to sing and enjoys hugs. These children were removed from their

biological family due to abuse and neglect and are hoping to find a family that will adopt all 4 of them.

For more information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please contact Tracy Eilers at tracyeilers@adopttexas.org. For information about Aisha, Lee, Layiron and Ayisha, please contact Vanessa Coppola, Adoption Coalition of Texas/ Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters at vcoppola@adoptioncoalitiontx.org or 512-687-3209.

Stork Report

It's a Baby Boy for the Sullivan Family

Parents: Kevin and Jennifer Sullivan

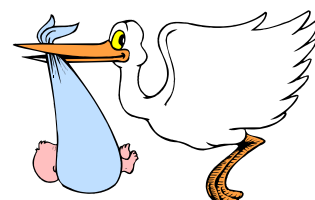
Baby Boy: Ross William Sullivan

Born November 30, 2007

Weight: 6 lbs 10 oz

Height: 19"

Very proud sisters: Raegan and Riley



Are you or your neighbor expecting a baby?

We will announce the baby's arrival in our monthly newsletter. You can use the Boy or Girl Stork for your front yard to let your neighbors know of your new addition to the family. Contact Carolyn, at 281-213-3174 or e-mail cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com for announcements.

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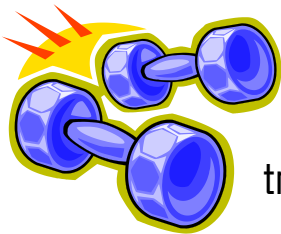
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10 Ideas to Help You Get Organized this Spring!

Computer: Examine your desktop for icons or shortcuts you no longer use. Delete those and organize the remaining ones on the desktop in an order that makes sense for how you use them. Then add any extra icons of frequently used programs.

Pantry: On a pantry door, place a clear shoe organizer. It can be a useful place to store gravy/soup/sauce mixes, flavored rice and pasta packs, dry marinades and sauces, Jell-O, extra utensils, spices, or other small items. Shoeboxes are also great to use as inexpensive organizers for small pantry items.

Refrigerator: Before grocery shopping, examine your fridge. Discard any stale food & clean shelves with a damp cloth. Upon return, the new groceries can go right in.

Freezer/Fridge: For food in the freezer/refrigerator, rotate the oldest to the front and newest in back. Use adhesive labels to date items in storage containers.

Laundry: Before putting small articles of clothing into the washing machine, get a few inexpensive mesh bags (used for hosiery) and separate each family member's socks, undergarments, and other small items into them. When washing is complete, these bags can be tossed into the dryer and dropped in everyone's room to put away.

Cleaning Supplies: Use a caddy with a handle to carry around cleaning products (sprays, rags, wipes, sponges) from room to room with ease. Also, items stay in one place and are quick to locate when needed.

Drawers: Use ice-cube trays and empty check boxes as drawer organizers to hold loose coin, pins, buttons, earrings, rubber-bands, etc.

Paper Data: Information on Post-It Notes and business cards with important names, numbers, and addresses should be transferred to your electronic database or address book.

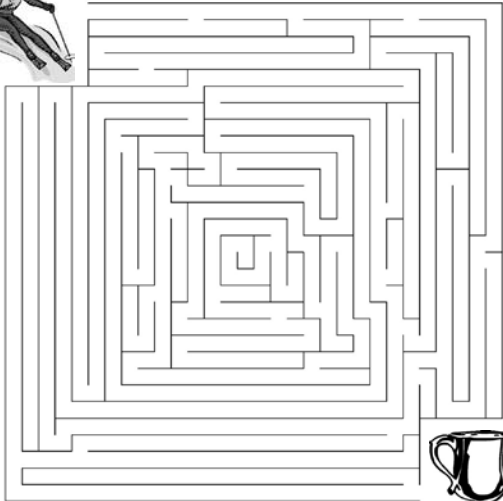
Garage: Use a tall trashcan or umbrella stand for holding long items such as baseball bats, fishing rods, etc.

Games: Use Ziploc bags to store small game pieces, and then put those bags back in their correct boxes.



Kidz Maze Mania

The professional skier is trying to win the World Ski Championship for the second time. Help him get through the maze so he can claim his trophy.



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Find the multiples of ten in the puzzle. Words can go vertically, horizontally, and diagonally.

Do it in less than 4 minutes and you are a Pro!

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9-11—LEAGUE CITY: Lions Club Village Fair & Texas Music Festival Includes a petting zoo, circus acts, carnival rides, craft vendors and festival foods, highlighted by three days of premiere Texas music. Walter Hall Park. www.lcvillagefair.com

10—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour Take a guided tour and see areas rarely seen by the public. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431

10—PASADENA: Bayou Boil Annual fundraising event includes crayfish boil, silent and live auctions, and demonstrations of turn-of-the-century crafts. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551

16-17—HUMBLE: Humble Trade Days Find antiques, crafts, collectibles and more. Includes more than 60 booths. Humble Civic Expo Hall. www.humblecc.com 281/446-4140

16-18—PASADENA: 35th Annual Strawberry Festival Features arts & crafts, carnival, barbecue cook-off, beauty pageant, entertainment, children's pavilion, mud volleyball, specialty acts and more. Pasadena Fairgrounds. www.strawberryfest.org 281/991-9500

16-31—BEAUMONT: Promises, Promises Beaumont Community Players presents this heart-rending musical comedy written by Neil Simon with music by Burt Bacharach. 409/833-4664

16-Jun. 1—HOUSTON: Mr. Marmalade This is a grown-up play about playing grown up in which a precocious 4-year-old enacts a wild vision of adult dysfunction as seen through a child's eyes. www.stage theatre.com 713/527-0123

17—BEAUMONT: 2008 Boomtown Film & Music Festival Showcases local and national music and film talent while cultivating the appreciation of both. Features panel discussions with industry professionals, as well as Indie movie screenings. 409/466-0007

17—CORPUS CHRISTI: 33rd Annual Beach to Bay Marathon A 26 point-to-point relay route divided into six legs begins on North Padre Island and ends at Cole Park along Corpus Christi's scenic downtown. www.beachtobayrelay.com 361/881-6166

17—GALVESTON: Family Fishing Clinic All the basics will be taught then practiced with hands-on fishing. Galveston Island State Park. 409/737-1222

17—KEMAH: Bay Day The Galveston Bay Foundation presents interactive exhibits, activities and demonstrations to introduce people to the Galveston Bay System. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

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17—ORANGE: Texas Cajun Heritage Festival Enjoy Cajun music all-day, Cajun crafts and more. City Boat Ramp/Recreation Area. www.orangetexas.org 409/883-1011

17—PORT ARTHUR: Cajun Celebration Jefferson County Singles Club. 409/983-5118

17-18—HOUSTON: Seventh Annual Country Roots Music Festival Harken back to the roots of "real" country, with juke box covers and original tunes reminiscent of the honky tonk days of Ray Price, Hank Williams Sr. and Patsy Cline. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Traders Village www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

17-19—PORT ARANSAS: Songwriter's Showcase/Art Festival Arts & crafts booths are open Saturday and Sunday. Local singers/songwriters perform Monday in the historic Tarpon Inn courtyard. www.portaransasartcenter.org/events 361/749-7334

18—LA PORTE: 18th Annual Monumental Bug Bash Includes bugs, beetles and other Volkswagen vehicles. San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. www.bayareavwclub.com 713/398-0183 or 281/479-2431

19—HOUSTON: Contrasting Moods: Shostakovich & Bizet Dmitri Shostakovich's introspective Cello Concerto is a stark contrast with

Georges Bizet's light and lively Symphony in C Major. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. 713/315-2525

22, 24-25, 30-Jun. 1—HOUSTON: Three Classics, Five Tangos Includes a world premiere by James Kudelka, Falling and Five Tangos. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

24—HARLINGEN: Cemetery Clean Up Hours are 9 to 11 a.m. Harlingen City Cemetery. 956/216-5302

24—PALACIOS: Palacios Market Days 5th and Main Street. www.palacioschamber.com 800/611-4567

24-25—PORT ARTHUR: S.A.L.T. Fishing Rodeo Fishing tournament includes inshore and offshore and a children's category. Pleasure Island. E-mail: jthompson14@qt.rr.com 409/718-8787

24-25—ROCKPORT: Festival of Wines Offers wine tasting, entertainment, cooking demonstrations and more. Hours from 4 to 10 p.m. Texas Maritime Museum Grounds. E-mail: klrd@pelicancoast.net 361/729-1271 or 361/729-5460

24-26—HOUSTON: Heroes for H.O.P.E. Music & Arts Festival Includes 18-plus live bands/musicians, more than 250 artisans and vendors, games, rides and more. Eleanor Tinsley Park. www.heroesforhope.com 281/768-6007

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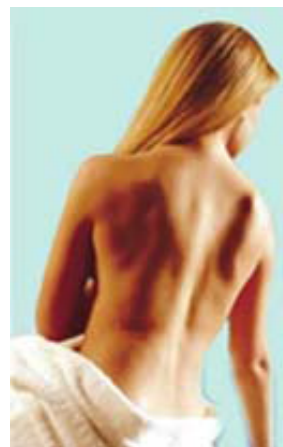
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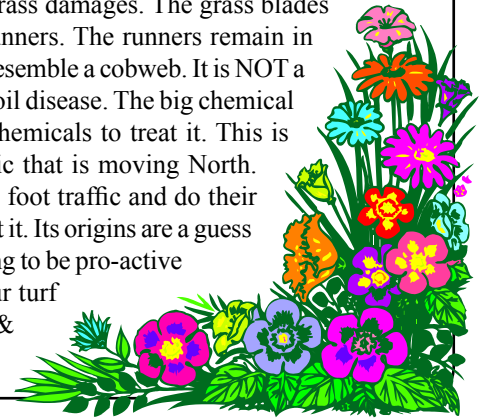
May Landscaping

By Ron Kerwin

May is a great month to get full usage of our outdoor areas. The morning temps are nice and it has not yet become really hot in the afternoons. Continue to freely plant shrubs, trees, flowers and vegetables. Remember to put down a minimum of 2 inches of new mulch in all your beds. A good layer of mulch keeps the plant roots cooler, helps with weed control, and helps slow the water you apply from evaporating from the root zone.

Water your lawns less frequently and more deeply. Frequent short duration watering leads to shallow root systems. Less frequent longer duration watering leads to deeper root systems. Deeper root systems are more healthy and better for your lawns. They will hold up better in the extreme heat. Our lawns need one inch of water per week. Put out a container with straight sides and catch the water as you irrigate, you can easily measure the result. Two watering times at ½ inch each are better than 4 times at ¼ inch, the water penetrates further and this will force the roots down to find it. Regular mowing is critical for good lawn health. Mow only the top 1/3 of the total length. Letting the grass grow long and then cutting off more than the 1/3 is damaging to the grass, and makes the mulching process less efficient and less attractive.

There is a new soil disease coming into our area that I was made aware of late last year. It reveals itself in St Augustine grasses. It is not cinch bugs, it is not grubs although it does resemble their grass damages. The grass blades die and fall off the runners. The runners remain in place, but somewhat resemble a cobweb. It is NOT a grass disease, it IS a soil disease. The big chemical companies do have chemicals to treat it. This is a Gulf Coast epidemic that is moving North. Homeowners with no foot traffic and do their own yard work still get it. Its origins are a guess at this point. I am trying to be pro-active and let you know your turf may get the problem& to watch out for it.



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I do caution against buying tooth whitening products over the counter. The ingredients may be correct but the balance of the ingredients may be improper, resulting in a low pH, thus damaging the enamel of the teeth.

Make sure whatever whitening product you get, it has an ADA (American Dental Association) seal of acceptance. Most over the counter products do not have that seal, thus may cause an unknown harm. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at sundranids@yahoo.com.

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\$170,001 - \$200,000	1	65.78	70	1	0
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