News For The Residents of Bridgeland

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CYPRESS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANG BAND SPONSORS SPRING DRIVE-THRU TEXAS ROADHOUSE RIB DINNER MARCH 31, 2009

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After a resounding success in January, the Cypress Ranch Mustang Band is once again sponsoring a Texas Roadhouse Ribs Drive Thru Dinner at Cypress Ranch High School.

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Texas Roadhouse will once again be in the Cypress Ranch High School parking lot behind the Auditorium in the Band Hall parking lot grilling this dinner for you and your family. Pre-order your dinner and then from 4:30 pm- to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 drive through the parking lot and someone will bring your Texas Roadhouse order directly to your car. It's that simple!

Order forms are available at the band's website www.cypressranchband. org Orders will be accepted until March 24, 2009. Mail your check and order form to CRHSBBC, PO Box 1551, Cypress, Tx 77410-1551 or drop it off in the Band Hall at Cypress Ranch High School. Make checks payable to CRHSBBC. All proceeds will benefit the Cypress Ranch High *(Continued on Page 2)* 



### March 10th

Chinese Cooking Class 10:00 am
March 12th
Book Club7:00 pm
March 14th
Texas Parks and Wildlife 10:30 am
March 19th
Empty Nesters7:00 pm
March 20th
First Ladies Of Bridgeland7:00 pm
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Bridgeland Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am
<u>April 9th</u>
Book Club7:00 pm
<u>April 10th</u>
Scrapbooking Club7:00 pm
<u>April 11th</u>
Chinese Cooking Class 10:30 am
<u>April 16th</u>
Empty Nesters7:00 pm
<u>April 17th</u>
First Ladies of Bridgeland 7:00 pm
<u>April 18th</u>
All Day Scrapbooking Event 10:00 am
<u>May 14th</u>
Book Club7:00 pm
<u>May 15th</u>
Scrapbooking Club7:00 pm
May 21st
Empty Nesters7:00 pm
May 14th
First Ladies of Bridgeland 7:00 pm
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# <u>THE TIMES</u>

# **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY	
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Ambulance	
Harris County Sheriff	
Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Dept	

### AREA HOSPITALS

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North Cypress Medical Center	281-477-0830
Willowbrook Methodist	281-477-1000

### SCHOOLS

Cy-Fair ISD	
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Robison Elementary School	
Spillane Middle School	
Cy Woods High School	
Cy Fair High School	

### UTILITIES

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### PUBLIC SERVICES

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Harris County Tax	713-224-1919

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#### Mustang Band- (Continued from Cover Page)

School Mustang Band. For more information please contact Marilyn Cisar at 281-373-9262.

The Cypress Ranch Mustang Band, under the direction of Russell Holcombe, is in its inaugural year. This has been an active year for the band. In addition to marching at the Cypress Ranch Junior Varsity Football Games, they participated in the Blinn College Marching Competition, where they won a directors award for the best new band. Members of the band have participated in Region Orchestra, Region Band, and Freshman Region Band

Cecilia Cisar placed 2nd chair on French Horn in the Freshmen All-Region Band. Conor McInnerney on French Horn placed in the Freshmen All-Region Band as 4th chair. The following students placed in All District Band: Shannon Lacy on Trombone, Morgan Sinclair on Percussion and Kayla Vidrine on French Horn. Five Mustang Band members earned chairs in the All-Region Band and performed in the All-Region Band concert in January: Nick Kalogeras on Tuba,

Kayla Kluetz on E-flat Clarinet, Katie Park on Oboe, Alexandra Redmon on Bassoon, and Lindsey Sutton on B-flat Clarinet.

Three amazing Mustangs earned All-Area Honors: sophomore Sarah Guhl on B-flat Clarinet, freshman Tanner Hoyt on Tuba and sophomore Kourtney Kech on English Horn Sarah Guhl was selected for All State Band. Way to go Mustangs!

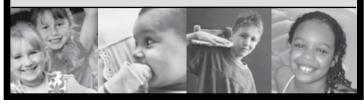
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# **The Times** A newsletter for Bridgeland residents.

The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com or you can email it <u>articles@peelinc.com</u>. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome.

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**Texas Terrapins Swim Team** 



Texas Terrapins Swim Team is a fast growing, year-round competitive swim team in Northwest Houston offering instruction and competition to swimmers of all ages and abilities. Our swimmers come to us from subdivisions in the surrounding areas including, but not limited to: Black Horse Ranch, Subdivisions near the new Cy-Ranch High School, Lakes of Rose Hill, Cypress Mill, Jersey Village, Coles Crossing, Cypress Point, and Fairfield. Recently, we had the distinct privilege of attending a Mardi Gras Swim Meet in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the LSU Natatorium. While some of our swimmers were attacked by the flu, the rest of them picked up the slack, improved their times and brought home many ribbons!

The Texas Terrapins had three swimmers earn High Point awards including Byron Keller (second place for high point 6 year old boys), Sydney Begnaud (4th place for high point 6 year old girls) and Sydney Stanford (second place for high point 7 year old girls). Other swimmers in attendance were Delaney Crowder, Madison Ellison, Allison French, Savannah Stanford, Kenzie Golladay, Makenna Meyers, Michelle Scott, Makaylynn Seeley, Sarah Whetstine, Aaron Thompson and Coaches Jason Harold and Megan Scott. Both Beth McNeese and Tyler Bennett were there in spirit as they were at home fighting off the flu.

A great time was had by all who attended as we were able not only compete, but hang out with our team mates in a non-swim setting. Our team activities included visiting Mike the Tiger and the LSU bookstore and each evening we all gathered for Team dinners, where we had a chance to see our coaches in rare form. We are very serious about our swimming, but keep in mind that it is all about having fun! For more information about the Texas Terrapins, our year round swimming, jump start to summer league and swim lessons, log on to our website at www.texasterrapins.com.

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### <u>Kindergarten</u>

First Place	Everett Bakken
Second Place	Ryan Yun
Third Place	Erica Newman
Honorable Mention .	Jordan Binkley
	Danielle Brock
	Cesar Mora

#### First Grade

First Place	Annie Giles
Second Place	Olivia Einarsson
Third Place	Dawson Conder
Honorable Mention	Hannah Bosco
	Lindsey Duong
	Jacob Walton

#### Second Grade

First Place	.Ainsley Bakken
Second Place	.Nicolas Einarsson
Third Place Tie	.Grace Maynard
	Natalie Morel
Honorable Mention	.John Nimri
	Kaitlynn Sims

#### Third Grade

First Place	Ally Longoria
Second Place	Allison Giles
Third Place	Lauren Menard
Honorable Mention	Alexia Hahn
	Jonathan Loebl
	Olivia Markham

### Fourth Grade

First Place.....Sophie Palmer Second Place Tie ......Allison Brock David Scott Timathy Xenakis Honorable Mention ...Blake Scott Gus Waters



### <u>Fifth Grade</u>

First Place.....Matthew Elliott Second Place .....Annie Messina Third Place.....Mary-Kate Scurlock Honorable Mention ...Peyton Conder Morgan Morel Ty Wise

### Middle School Rhyming Poetry:

First Place.....Yvonne Espinoza Second Place .....Amanda Brock Third Place....Ashton Binkley Honorable Mention ...Marya Gray Andrew Harding Hannah Voncannon

#### Free Verse:

First Place	Anderson Toups
Second Place	Jared Pereira
Third Place	Brandon Argueta
Honorable Mention .	Karissa Garcia
	Phoebe Toups
	Mackenzie Wilson

#### Essay:

First Place	.Kylee Waters
Second Place Tie:	.Victoria Gates
	Mallory Parker
Third Place:	.Lauren Nugent
Honorable Mention	.Christian Dixon

### **Short Story:**

First Place	Hannah Cochran
Second Place	Jeffrey Schultz
Third Place	Corrie Andrews
Honorable Mention .	Bryson Bergeron
	Daniel Bunch
	Beau Powell

Congratulations CRBS students!



# **Clay Road Baptist Spelling Bee Winners**



Congratulations to the following first place winners of the 2009 Clay Road Baptist School Spelling Bee!

1st Grade Kristin Sanders
2nd Grade Evin Youm
3rd Grade Matthew Sanders
4th Grade Ethan Trapp (not pictured)
5th Grade Don Halt
6th Grade Hannah Quebodeaux
7th Grade Lauren Nugent\*
8th Grade Andrew Harding

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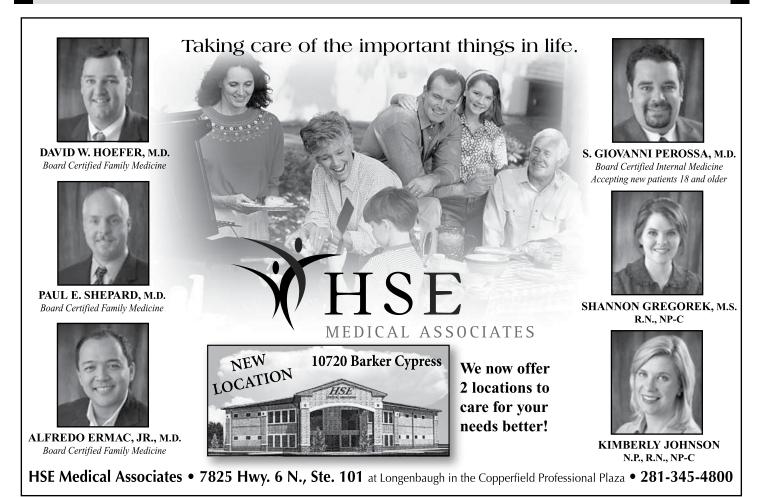
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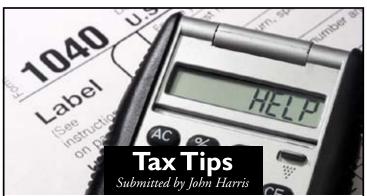
# **CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB** It's Golf Tournament Time!

Open to everyone. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club's annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held Monday, March 30th, at the Hearthstone Country Club. Registration is at 7 a.m. with Shotgun start at 8: a.m. Play or sponsor a player for \$100; sponsor a hole for \$125; a team for \$400; or be a Gold sponsor (hole plus four players) for \$500. Fees cover golf, greens fees, cart fee, refreshments, and lunch after play. What a bargain! There will be special prizes, door prizes, and a silent auction. Donations of items for silent auction gladly accepted. For more information, call Steve Caton at 281-589-4529. All profits from the tournament are given to support youth in the community through Key Clubs, Boy and Girls Scouts and other worthy causes. Get your own team together or we will place you in a team. Come have a complimentary lunch with no obligation with the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club. We meet three times a month at the Hearthstone Country Club in Hearthstone from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. for lunch, and programs including guest speakers on subjects of concern to the community and individuals. Enjoy fellowship with our members, an informative program, and an opportunity to learn more about our organization. Reservations are not required. The Club will meet on March 3, 10, and 17th.

Membership in Kiwanis is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the service programs it promotes, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373







Its tax time and there are many new tax provisions relating to your 2008 return. Let me go over just a few of these.

1.) For the first time, you can deduct up to \$1000.00 of your real estate taxes even if you do not itemize your deductions.

2.) There is another huge change in casualty losses. Having come from Florida, I am very familiar with hurricane losses. For the first time, you can deduct a casualty loss in federally declared disaster areas, even if you do not itemize, and if you do, it is not subject to the previous 10% of adjusted gross income threshold. In other words, if you had damage from hurricane Ike, and most people had some damage or loss, you may get a tax deduction for your loss. These losses may include anything from roof and fence damage to loss of food in your freezer.

3.) You may also qualify for last year's stimulus rebate check this year, even if you did not qualify last year. (A note on this, last year's check is NOT taxable this year, contrary to some rumors I have heard.)

4) They also raised the IRA contribution limit to \$5000.00, \$6000.00 if you are 50 years of age or older. I know many people lost much of their retirement values in 2008, but it is still a good idea to invest in your retirement accounts. You may want to consider investing in a more conservative investment, but you still should invest! Talk to your financial advisor.

5) If you own your own business, it is still not too late to set up a SEP retirement plan for your business and get a deduction up to \$46,000.00 for 2008.

6) Lastly, the standard mileage rate for 2008 is broken down into two parts. From January 1 to June 30, it is 50.5 cents per mile and 58.5 cents per mile driven during the rest of 2008.



# 290 Cypress Business Networking Group

The 290 Cypress Business Networking Group meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 am at Newk's Express Café located at Hwy 290 and Spring Cypress in the Kroger Shopping Center near the Cinemark Theater. The group is open to all business owners and professionals who want to increase their exposure to the residents of Cypress and the surrounding areas. There is no cost to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, please call Ken Parker at 281-384-1562. Visit our new website at 290Cypress.com



# Attention Kappa Delta Sisters ...

The Houston Northwest Kappa Delta Alumnae Association holds meetings the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Visit www. kdhnwaa.com for all the details.

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### Cypress Christian School Students Provide "Socks for Little Souls"

Fifth graders at Cypress Christian School collected socks in February to donate to children at the Baptist Missions Center. In addition, the students made valentines for the children at the center. The "Socks for Little Soule" project becau when the fifth are do a



Souls" project began when the fifth grade classes

were asked to find a way to share God's love with those less fortunate for Valentine's Day.

The mission of Cypress Christian School is "to equip students to engage and impact their world for Jesus Christ." Community service projects like "Socks for Little Souls" help to encourage students to make a difference in the lives of others both now and throughout their lifetimes.

Cypress Christian School is located at 11123 Cypress N. Houston Rd. at Jones Road and serves families of K-12 students in northwest Houston. For more information, call 281-469-7745 or visit the website at www.CypressChristian.org



The Ault Elementary PTO awards a \$500 scholarship to one male and one female applicant who is graduating from either Cy-Fair High School OR Cy-Woods High School and graduated from Ault Elementary. Scholarship applications and guidelines can be obtained from the Counselors' office. The deadline for submitting applications is April 10, 2009.





WRAP Party Held at CFISD Berry Center on May 22, from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

WRAP's Busy Parent Fundraiser is the easiest fundraiser of the year!

Remember, WRAP has 501c(3) nonprofit status, so your contributions are tax deductible. Print form from website www. cywoodswrap.org and mail to:

WRAP P O Box 800 Cypress TX 77410-0800

\$100 WRAP bucks are given for every \$1 donated and bonus bucks are awarded as shown on the donation form.

Corporate donations are welcome and desired!! Please help contact local businesses and corporations to support our event which

provides a drug and alcohol free party for our graduating seniors and their guests after the Prom. ("Prospective Donor" letter is on the forms page of the website.)

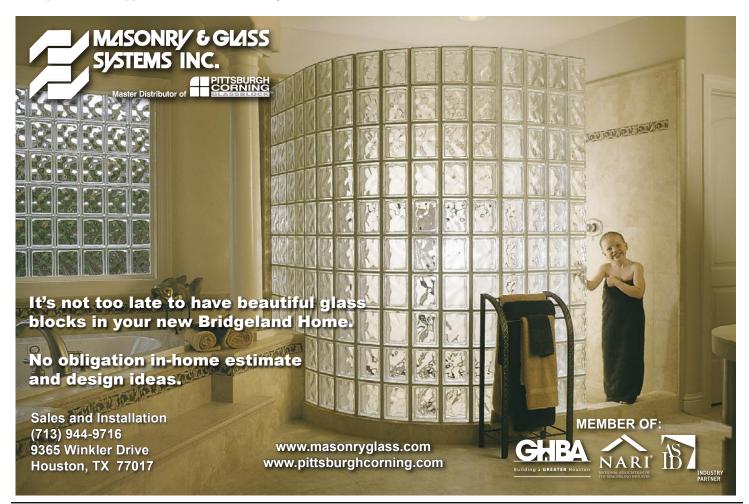
Drink Donations - We are asking for donations of 12-pack cases of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr Pepper and cases of water for Night of WRAP. Please contact Demitria Wilson or bring your donations to the WRAP meetings.

Senior Gift Bags - We are in need of donations for senior gift bags (given to each Cy Woods senior attending WRAP). Please contact Claudia Carson at ccars4@ sbcglobal.net

Prizes for Drawings – We are planning on having lots of prizes for the drawings throughout the night and we need your help. Please contact Gina Baker at gina@ginabaker. com to contribute.

WRAP bucks are given for every \$1 donated. You choose the senior you would like the WRAP bucks awarded to.

Thanks so much for your support!!



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Do you want your child on the street after Prom? Neither do we! We are hosting an all night lock-in parent-chaperoned party for the seniors of Cy Fair High School with food, games, entertainment, prizes and more! Project Prom is looking for all the parents of Cy-Fair seniors and their friends! We need your help for this lock-in party to be a success as this is not put on by the school but by the parents after the Prom at Sam Houston Race Park on Friday, May 1st starting at 11pm and ends at 6 am, Saturday morning. We have a few fundraisers left to make the money needed to host this wonderful party that the kids will want to attend. Your favorite senior can earn Project Prom Buck\$ when your time and money is spent towards this party. Our fundraisers will help us... won't you get involved? Here is the list of our upcoming fundraising efforts.

Mulch Sales: 2 cu. ft bags of black mulch are \$5. We are taking preorders for the March 7th deliveries at the Wortham Subdivision club house and the StoneGate subdivision park by the guard shack. Please call Lisa Reinhardt at 281-970-2901 or Wendy Higgins, 281-256-0876.

**Carrabba's Night out:** Want to enjoy a night off from cooking? Cy Fair Project Prom has the perfect solution! Just pre-order your Carrabba's dinner (Chicken Marsala, Penne Pasta, Bread and Salad) by March 9th and you can drive up to the front doors of the school on Thursday, March 12, between 4:30 and 6:30 pm to pick up your meals. It's that easy. Go online to our website for your order form and return these to the front desk receptionist or call Brenda Addington at 281-550-3276 for more information.

**Powder Puff Game**: Wednesday, April 1st, 6-8 pm This is always fun to watch the girls play football!

**Golf Tournament:** Our golf tournament is Friday, April 3rd at Houston National Golf Course. Entry fee is \$110 per golfer. We are in the need of sponsorships for holes, closest to the pin, etc. Lunch is included and also raffle prizes. You can find an entry form on our website. Call Brett Bidinger, 281-304-8888 or Thomas Dukes, 832-213-9088.

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Senior Car Wash: Look for details on our website: www.CyFairProjectProm.org

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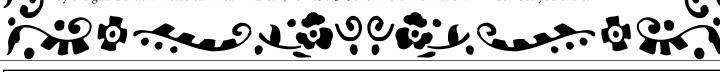
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**Banners:** The seniors will be able to make a banner with their own memorabilia and photos. We are making the banners you can use to create this for only \$5. Call Polly Cox at 281-213-9916 to get yours... choices of colors are gray, white, black, maroon.

Schwan's is replacing our Market Day. Look for details on our website: www. CyFairProjectProm.org

Don't forget to sign up to use your Randall's and Kroger cards to earn grocery store rebates. Visit our vendors online for savings and to earn PP\$, too.

Our next Project Prom meeting for all senior parents is Monday, March 9th in the high school cafeteria at 7pm. We are collecting the drinks for Project Prom. Coke products and Dasani water cases only. Sign up to work the event there is so much to do! See you there!



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The New Year is here and what a better time to start something new! You can attend two events before joining. Our membership fee is only \$20 a year. The Moms club is a great opportunity for you and you kids to make new friends in our area. Come visit our next all-member meeting and see for yourself! There is a lot of fun and support just waiting for you! We meet at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church located on Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield. As always, children welcomed!

For more information please contact Danielle Slot, Membership VP at 832-876-4358, danielleslot@yahoo.com or Amy Wilkes, President at 281-455-2807, amywilkes2003@yahoo.com.



### When it comes to your child's development, getting help early is best!



Texas Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) provides early intervention and therapy services for children birth to 36 months. If you have questions about how your baby or toddler is developing-ask ECI! Programs are in every Texas County.

#### **Questions or Concerns?**

Call ECI of MHMRA Harris County at 713-970-4900 or visit www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis to find out more about ECI and to find your local program. ECI developmental screenings & evaluations are at no cost to families!





The Tall Pines Quilt Guild of Huntsville Texas is hosting "The 8th Annual Airing of the Quilts Outdoor Quilt Show"

Saturday, May 2nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the square in Historic Downtown Huntsville, Texas. The LARGEST outdoor quilt show in the state of Texas, **quilts will be on display on the Walker County Courthouse** and other buildings on the square. **The event is fun, FREE and open to the public. Rain or shine, come for the fun; stay for the quilts!** 

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Spring driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are available starting March 23 and again April 13. 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.

#### Free Tax Preparation Assistance Available

Free tax assistance is available at the Lone Star College-CyFair Library, located at 9191 Barker Cypress Road, with AARP Tax-Aide volunteers from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday through April 15 in the library, room 131. Taxes may be filed electronically. For information on what documentation to bring, go to cyfair.lonestar.edu/library and click on free tax assistance under the news section.

#### Check out Women's Month Activities

Come to Lone Star College-CyFair throughout March for activities that celebrate, teach and empower women. The theme is "Breaking Boundaries: Contributions of Women - Past, Present and Future." Among the activities are a women's health fair, international women's discussions, vocal performances, films, library displays and more. For information, go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/ womensmonth.

#### What's in the Gallery and on Stage?

Check out an ancient method of painting through March 27 at the Bosque Gallery Encaustic Exhibition showcasing the work of a continuing education class. Go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/ bosquegallery for gallery hours and information. Enjoy Oscar Wilde's popular comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" on stage through March 8 and a Symphonic Band performance March 27. For information, call 281-290-5201 or go to CyFair. LoneStar.edu/boxoffice.

### L.I.F.E. Lessons in March

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) (Continued on Page 17)



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programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in March include: learning techniques for a good night's rest March 4, creating a produce garden March 11, knitting from stress relief to a business March 18 and talking with Commissioner Steve Radack March 25. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

#### Prom Dress Give-Away for Teens in Need

The Fifth Annual Prom Dress Give-Away benefiting teens without the financial means to purchase a dress for prom is set at Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library, 9191 Barker Cypress from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays March 21, March 28 (room change to Kids Korner), April 4, April 11, April 18 and April 25 in the library, room 131 as well as by appointment. Teens in need of a dress should contact the Youth Service Specialist at their high school or Prom Closet organizers Nancy Flanakin at meaford8510@ yahoo.com or LSC-CyFair Teen Librarian Elise Sheppard at elise. j.sheppard@lonestar.edu or 281-290-5248.

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## **Sustainable Living Houston Kicks off National Bike Month!**

On Friday, May 1, 2009, residents of Cypress, Texas, will bicycle from the Coles Crossing subdivision to the nearby METRO Park & Ride and transit oriented development. By riding bikes to the Park & Ride, and then taking the #217 METRO bus to their work locations, the residents will complete a long-haul, suburb-to-city multi-modal commute without the use of private automobiles.

METRO has recently installed bike racks at the Cypress Park & Ride, and these will be used to secure the bicycles. There is also limited space for taking a few bikes in the sub-floor storage compartments of the # 217 buses.

Residents will assemble at 6:50 am on Friday, May 1, 2009 at the Coles Crossing Community Center parking lot and depart at 7:00 am sharp. Use of helmets, front & rear lights, red rear reflectors and articles of reflective clothing will be mandatory. Residents will ride on the sidewalk south on Barker-Cypress Rd. to Jarvis Rd., whereupon the group will transition to riding on Jarvis Rd. in a vehicular cycling mode. The total ride distance will be about a mile each way, and the time to the Park & Ride from the neighborhood will be about 6 minutes.

The rain date for this ride is May 15, 2009.

There will be a highly recommended preride safety briefing at the Coles Crossing Community Center parking lot on April 25th at 8:00 a.m. where helmets, lighting, bike commuter clothing, and vehicular cycling will be discussed, as well as a test ride of the route. This briefing will be led by a League of American Bicyclist certified cycling instructor.

### **Networking** And Business Expo

The American Business Women's Association Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their March Business Expo.

- Browse area businesses!
- Bring a friend!
- Enjoy a buffet lunch!
- Win door prizes!

Reservations: Contact Anya Lucas 713-459-2331 or anya@lucascarcare.com or go to www.cyfen.org for more information. Please try and RSVP by Friday, March 20, 2009.

CYFEN is an ABWA Express Networking organization providing opportunities to network with other professionals in the Northwest Houston area, and offers professional development and educational advantages through ABWA. CYFEN meets the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December), and visitors are always welcome. Contact Anya Lucas for more information.



# More HELP for PETS ...

When a pet is lost, finding the pet means that time is of the essence. It takes time to create, print and distribute flyers. The flyers are many times illegible because of wind or rain. I certainly do not fault the pet owner because I have done this myself.

Frustrated, I thought there has to be a better way. So that is why we created Cypress Lost Pet Alert.com. The idea is to very quickly get the word out through an e-mail alert to as many neighbors as possible plus post the picture and information about the pet on the website under the specific neighborhood.

Once the email alert goes out to the specific neighborhood, many, many neighbors are now aware. If they happen to forward the email to their friends who have not signed up, it could mean hundreds of your neighbors are already alerted and are keeping their eyes open for your lost pet.

Cypress Lost Pet Alert.com is on-call 7 days a week from sun up to sun down and is FREE. We are glad to work with any informal email chains. The whole idea is to find lost pets quick for the good neighbors in Fairfield and surrounding areas.

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# **Cy-Fair Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

Cy-Fair CERT now has over 200 team members in your neigh-borhood. The team members are not only from Fairfield/ Cypress area, but Alief, Katy, Bear Creek, Copperfield, Tomball, and Sugarland. More trained CERT members will be needed in each of these areas to form neighborhood teams.

CERT training is designed to prepare you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help every-one immediately, you can make a difference by using this training to save lives and protect property. For example, during and after Hurricane Ike members of the Cy-Fair CERT volunteered at the phone bank of the Harris County Office of Emergency Management, manned the federal PODs all over the county, distributed Meals on Wheels food, cleared debris in their communities, etc.

The 8-week course (24 hours of training) covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. You are taught skills about disaster preparedness, small fire suppression, urban search & rescue, medical operations and more. With training, practice and working as a team you will be able to do

the greatest good for the greatest number of people after a disaster, while protecting yourself from becoming a victim.

In 2003, President Bush asked Americans to volunteer to serve oth¬ers. The Harris County Citizen Corps www. harriscountycitizencorps.com was created to help our citizens find volunteer and training opportunities. CERT training is just one of the programs created.

CERT training courses are provided throughout Harris County. There is no cost for this course. A backpack of emergency/medical supplies is provided to all CERT team members during training. This program is brought to you by Harris County Judge Emmett. The next CERT training class for the Cy-Fair area will begin on April 1, 2009 at the Lone Star College (Barker-Cypress campus).

For more information on how you can become involved in CERT contact Patrick Wong (Fairfield/Cypress Team Lead) at pcwong1@ earthlink.net. For more information on how you can register for the next training class contact Terri Pope-Mobley at tpopemobley@ vahoo.com.



### Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Session Friday

Evening, April 3, 2009

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host a free open house / registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2009 season. The event will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Champions Park subdivision clubhouse, 13635 Champions Park Drive\*\*, Houston, TX 77069. The session will begin with a very important program overview / orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. <u>It is an excellent</u> "off-season" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.

The club was founded 22 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers qualified 26 young athletes to compete at the U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Omaha, Nebraska.

Visit the team website at http://www.northwestflyers.org for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

NOTE: Champions Park Drive is in between Cutten Road and Champions Drive.

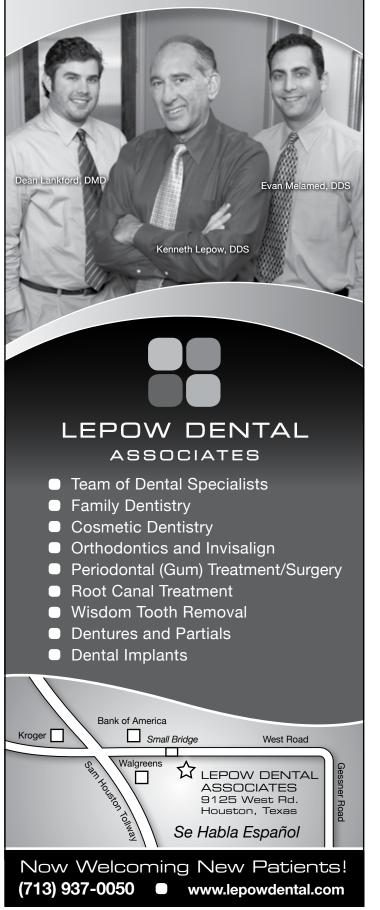
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