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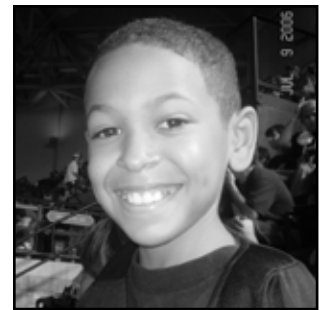
## Texas Terrapins Swim Team



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

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### Texas Terrapins Swim Team- (Continued from Cover Page)

swimmers in attendance were Delaney Crowder, Madison Ellison, Allison French, Savannah Stanford, Kenzie Golladay, Makenna Meyers, Michelle Scott, Makaylynn Seeley, Sarah Whetstone, 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](http://www.texasterrapins.com).

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No time like the present to turn over a new leaf, and the Second Annual Cy-Fair Home and Garden Show will be brimming with hot, new products and ideas to make your dream home a green reality.

Angelique Grado of Green Builders Source will be one of several featured speakers at this exciting springtime event. Grado is bringing a truckload of the latest products to the Show, along with her eco-friendly expertise and ideas.

One of the new products Grado will be showing off is Bekaert solar window films. "These films allow in almost all visible daylight to naturally light your home," she said, "but they filter out all the radiant heat that comes with the sun." These features result in improved comfort, year-round; protection from ultraviolet damage; and impressive energy savings.

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## ***Going Green is Easy - (Continued from Page 3)***

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For green-minded fitness buffs, Windstorm's Bike Generator offers still another opportunity to conserve energy while burning calories. "Recently, one of our builder-clients purchased one of these generators for a client who had an exercise room," Grado said. "They hooked up a stationary bike to the generator and during the client's workout, she generated enough energy to run all the electronics in the room, including the plasma TV, kids' computer games, lighting and other exercise equipment."

Woodworkers and furniture builders will want to check out the incredible textures and grains of Kirei Board (kee-ray), a strong, lightweight, durable and environmentally friendly wood substitute. "Our customers are using this exotic new product for furniture, cabinetry and interior design elements," Grado explained, "It's manufactured from reclaimed sorghum straw and non-formaldehyde adhesive, which means it's rapidly renewable, as well as a unique option for furniture-grade wood."

For kitchen countertops, consider The Green Builders Source selection of Ice Stone products. "Ice Stone is made from 100 percent recycled glass and concrete and comes in 27 colors. It can also be used for backsplashes, bathrooms, vanities, shower surrounds, table tops, bar tops, bathtubs and kitchen sinks," Grado explained. "Eco-friendly, sustainable and green, this product diverts thousands of tons of trash glass from our landfills," she added, "and has the look of the old terrazzo."

## **DYNAMIC LINEUP OF SPEAKERS**

Other speakers at the Second Annual Cy-Fair Home and Garden Show include Peggy McGowen, ASID, CMKBD, kitchen and bath expert; LaVerne Williams, green architect; Michael Strong, co-host of Home-Improvement Hotline on the 9-5-0 AM; Randy Lemmon, GardenLine host, 740 AM NewsRadio; Michael Garfield, the High-

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Tech Texan, The 9-5-0 AM; Linda Durham, organizing guru; Brenda Beust Smith, Q&A with The Lazy Gardener; Charlotte Lampe, new products and interior design; Green lighting efficiency expert with Carol's Lighting; Dan Marshall, with Innovative Skylights & Attics; and John Ferguson, gardening with organics.

**Show Information:**

The Second Annual Cy-Fair Home & Garden Show features over 200 top-quality exhibitors and takes place Saturday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road (corner of Barker-Cypress and West Road), Cypress, Texas 77433. FREE parking is provided by AM 740 KTRH.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and children under 12 are admitted free.

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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 provide ½ slab of ribs, mashed potatoes, green beans plus those wonderful rolls with cinnamon butter for only \$10! You also get a bag of peanuts with each order and a coupon for a free "Cactus Blossom" appetizer (a \$5.99 value) Kids meals are also available for \$5

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!

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

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Cecilia Cisar placed 2nd chair on French Horn in the Freshmen All-Region Band. Conor McInnerney placed 4th chair on French Horn in the Freshmen All-Region Band. 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!*

## 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 pre-ride 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.

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## Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Session Friday Evening, April 3, 2009

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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. It is an excellent "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](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net).

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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.



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### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice).

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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](http://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](mailto:meaford8510@yahoo.com) or LSC-CyFair Teen Librarian Elise Sheppard at [elise.j.sheppard@lonestar.edu](mailto:elise.j.sheppard@lonestar.edu) or 281-290-5248.

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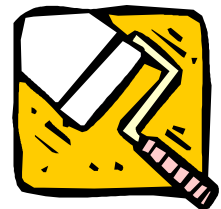
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Honorable Mention ...	Jordan Binkley
	Danielle Brock
	Cesar Mora

## First Grade

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

## Second Grade

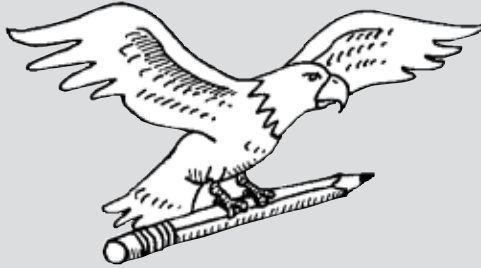
First Place.....Ainsley Bakken  
Second Place .....Nicolas Einarsson  
Third Place Tie.....Grace Maynard  
Natalie Morel  
Honorable Mention ..John Nimri  
Kaitlynn Sims

### Third Grade

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

## Fourth Grade

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



## Fifth Grade

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 Vonnannon

**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  
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Daniel Bunch  
Beau Powell

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2nd Grade Evin Youm  
3rd Grade Matthew Sanders  
4th Grade Ethan Trapp (not pictured)  
5th Grade Don Halt  
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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



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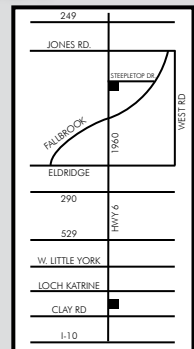
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CERT training is designed to prepare you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, you can make a difference by using 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

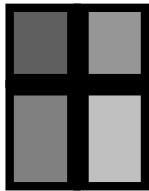
Meals on Wheels food, cleared debris in their communities, etc.

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 others. The Harris County Citizen Corps [www.harriscountycitizencorps.com](http://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](mailto:pcwong1@earthlink.net). For more information on how you can register for the next training class contact Terri Pope-Mobley at [tpopemobley@yahoo.com](mailto:tpopemobley@yahoo.com).



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April 11<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday Sunny Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00am.

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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.

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## Healthier Homes - Spring Cleaning

*Submitted by Charlie and Michelle Bubnis*

It is that time of year again to begin spring cleaning and getting the house freshened up. When cleaning its important that you clean safe. Cleaners that contain disinfectants either serve as antiseptics or sanitizers. Antiseptics disinfect skin and mucous membranes and are less harsh than sanitizers that disinfect inanimate surfaces. Their purpose is to kill bacteria, protozoa and fungi. They are antimicrobial.

### There are three main types of disinfectants:

1. Phenols - found in Lysol
2. Halogenated compounds – such as bleach and chloramines found in drinking water
3. Quaternary ammonium salts – found in detergents

Disinfectants are regulated by federal law because they are the form of pesticide that people are exposed to the most. They have an impact on indoor air quality in the home that can be detrimental to human health. The “smell of clean” is not necessarily a good thing...rather it is often the sign that toxic chemicals are being released into the air. The “smell of clean” should have no smell like fresh, outdoor air. Once these antimicrobials are rinsed down the drain they can accumulate in aquatic environments and end up in waste water treatment plants.

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) is concerned that the disinfectants in the wastewater could harm

microbes in activated sludge which is a biological process that treatment plants use to clean up wastewater. Some healthier disinfectant options are to use hydrogen peroxide 3% in a spray bottle (wipe down) followed by vinegar in a spray bottle (wipe down). Another alternative is Borax or a borax spray made by mixing 2 tablespoons of borax with ¼ cup of lemon juice and 2 cups of hot water in a spray bottle and use as any commercial all-purpose cleaner. This will not have the detrimental impact on indoor air quality and on wastewater that is rinsed down the drain.

Remember, no legal requirements exist for listing ingredients on the labels of household cleaning products. Many companies voluntarily provide Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for products but they can be incomplete. These MSDS sheets do not list carrier chemicals such as phthalates which you have heard a lot about in the news lately nor do they specify fragrances.

It is time to consider spring cleaning a healthier way!

### Resources:

- Less Toxic Alternatives by Carolyn Gorman 2004
- [www.womenandenvironment.org](http://www.womenandenvironment.org) – safe cleaning products initiative to reduce women's exposure to toxic chemicals in cleaning products.



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\$200,000 and below	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
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