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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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FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY GAZETTE

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Ambulance/Fire.....	911
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Fairfield Church of Christ.....	281-373-1900
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Harvest Bible Church.....	281-304-1441
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Please remember that the resident Board Members are volunteers with families.

As a courtesy please communicate with them during reasonable hours.

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Post Office.....	281-373-9125
Voter Registration.....	713-224-1919

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Fairfield Information Center.....	281-373-1177
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15207 Freestone Peach 4/2.5/2D Pending ... \$164,900
15323 Rocky Bridge 4/2.5/2D \$159,900
20326 Lone Star 4/2.5/2A \$152,900
20323 Peach Mountain 4/2.5/2A \$149,900
15742 Bending Birch 3/2/2A \$146,900
22006 Golden Ceder 4/2.5/2A \$145,000
20302 Concord Hill 3/2/2A \$139,500

22015 Bronze Leaf 3/2/2A \$137,500
15235 Olmstead Park 3/2/2A Pending ... \$127,900
7919 Chatham Springs 5/3/2A \$92,900
4743 Windy Cypress 4/2.5/2A \$86,500
7334 Kransburg Ranch 3/2/2A Pending \$84,900
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Articles, personal classified ads (limit 30 words), questions regarding regular columns and teen job postings (i.e. additions, deletions, changes) must be submitted to the editor, Holly Reichert, via e-mail at editor-gazette@att.net.

Please submit all articles and personal classified ads in Microsoft Word only. Photographs and graphics must be submitted as a JPG file.

The deadline for submission of articles and personal classified ads is by the 10th of each month; your article and/or ad will appear in the following month's Gazette. In order for the Gazette to be delivered on time the submission deadline date will be strictly adhered to and no articles and/or personal classified ads will be accepted after the 10th of each month.

If you would like to submit or have questions regarding business advertising and/or business classified ads, please contact Kelly Peel at Kelly@PEELinc.com.

Thank you, Holly A. Reichert, #281-304-9956

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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

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In 2003, President Bush asked Americans to volunteer to serve others. The Harris County Citizen Corps www.harriscountycitizen corps.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@yahoo.com.

Mustang Band- (Cont. from Cover Page)

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!*

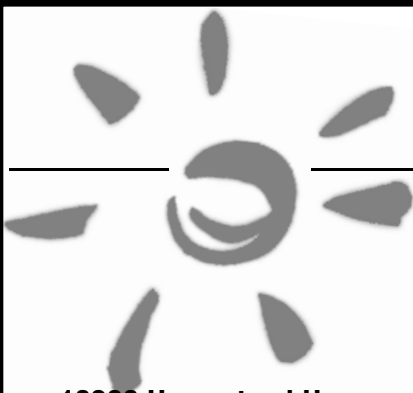
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BRADFORD CREEK BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

Spring! Here we are again waiting to hear the first crack of the bat against the ball at one of Fairfield's wonderfully maintained ball fields. Although we cannot take credit for that effort, we do appreciate the work of the Fairfield Village Assn., the Sports Assn., and other neighborhood Boards who collectively strive to make Fairfield "The Place" to live.

Your Bradford Creek Board attempts to keep in touch with concerns from all over Fairfield but our primary mission is to run the business of Bradford Creek Neighborhood, Assn., Inc. – a neighborhood of 1177 homes with an annual budget in excess of \$443,000. Our association is currently the largest in Fairfield with a long list of assets to maintain for the enjoyment of our residents and, for that matter, all of Fairfield residents since the amenities we maintain are mutually inclusive.

This spring we completed repairs from IKE damage by replacing several trees lost during the storm. Also, we have ordered a new swing set for our Clubhouse play area (paid for partially by MUD 354) and will move to separate the pre-school and school age children play areas. This effort is in accordance with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission – Public Playground Safety Handbook. Additionally, we are moving forward with the planned replacement of one of the pocket park swing sets and revising some of the park bench seating.

The replacement of the pocket park swing set presented us with a dilemma. In order to comply with CPSC guidelines we cannot mix strap swings with toddler swings in the same bay. Therefore, the pocket park at the intersection of Golden Sycamore and Ochre Park will have two strap swings. As we replace other pocket park swing sets we will attempt to balance the mix of swing types such that parents of toddlers will have a spot to take the little folks for some fun.

It should be noted that the cost of the items mentioned above will be covered from our reserve account. The reserve account accumulates budgeted monies contributed each year to fund long range, high cost, capitol replacement items.

In closing let us state that we are concerned as much as any Fairfield resident about matters that globally affect our subdivision. We attempt to keep our finger on the pulse of our community and provide input to the proper authority in a timely fashion. In this column, we attempt to communicate mainly to the residents of Bradford Creek since we are accountable to them in our positions. We sincerely hope that Bradford Creek residents are satisfied with our stewardship of their neighborhood association. All residents are cordially invited to attend Board meetings or to contact any of us via e-mail or telephone as listed inside the front page of this gazette.



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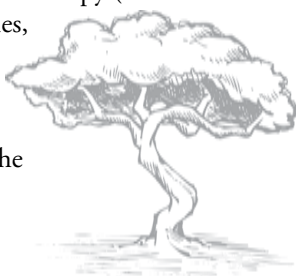
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Curbside Trees

The appearance of your trees at the sidewalk at your home is vital to the overall appearance of your community. The trees are part of the overall plan of development and it is each homeowner's responsibility to ensure the trees are trimmed on a regular basis. Many trees have branches hanging over the street, brushing the tops of vehicles and some are even blocking stop signs. For the benefit of all the Fairfield residents, and the overall appearance of your neighborhood, please check your trees and if necessary, raise the canopy (should be 12-14 ft. from the street), remove dead branches, and shape the tree.

Regrettably, should you chose not to do this, the County has the authority to trim them back and will not take the time to groom them properly.

Thank you for your understanding.



Dumping Debris On The Greenbelt

We have been informed that some homeowners have been tossing their tree limbs, clippings, fence debris, etc. over their fence onto the common area. Doing this creates an additional cost that every homeowner pays to the contractor for the removal. Please understand that any homeowner seen throwing their debris, etc., over the fence onto any common area will be charged for removing the debris. Please dispose of your clippings and debris in the appropriate manner.

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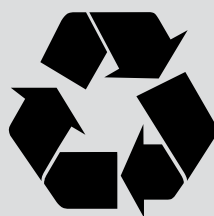
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CHECK LIST

(Property Reviews are done monthly)

- ☐ Check for weeds in lawn (including clover)
- ☐ Weed and Feed as necessary
- ☐ Mow lawn as needed
- ☐ Edge lawn
- ☐ Weed tree wells and shrub beds, remove growth from expansion joints if necessary
- ☐ Shrubbery trim as needed
- ☐ Add mulch to tree wells and bed areas
- ☐ Trees: Trim trees as necessary, (especially the street trees) remove any dead material – if you need to replace a tree please apply for replacement type and requirements
- ☐ Remove mildew on the house
- ☐ Paint exterior (Please submit ARC Application*)
- ☐ Fence (replace broken pickets or secure if necessary)
- ☐ Trash Cans (removed from view at the end of pick- up day)
- ☐ Holidays decorations need to be removed
- ☐ Toys need to be stored out of public view when not in use – except approved basketball goals
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All homes in Fairfield have 2 assessments – the individual neighborhoods which were due January 1, 2009 and the Fairfield Village CA assessment which is due July 1, 2009. The 09/10 fee will be set this spring after budget review in April. If you would like to send in payments in advance for this assessment please do so – whatever works for your budget! We have homeowners who use automatic bill pay to send in payments each month for their estimated assessments. Please understand that your individual neighborhood and Fairfield Village CA are two different entities – therefore checks must be made out to the Association that you wish the payment applied to.

Your AMI Team

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Board & Committee Members

FROM: Lynn Byrne, AMI

SUBJECT: 2009 Meeting Schedule for Fairfield Village
Neighborhood Association & Village

The 2009 meetings of the Fairfield Village Neighborhood Association, Inc. and Villages Board of Directors are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 p.m. (except December) at the Lakeside Trails Clubhouse, 16125 Country Fair Lane. Please mark your calendar accordingly.

March 2009 Tuesday 27th Board Meeting

April 2009 Tuesday NO MEETING

May 2009 Tuesday 24th Board Meeting

June 2009 Tuesday NO MEETING

July 2009 Thursday 28th Annual Meeting

Ault Elementary

August 2009 Tuesday NO MEETING

September ... 2009 Tuesday 28th Board Meeting

(Schedule Budget Meeting)

October 2009 Tuesday NO MEETING

November ... 2009 Tuesday NO MEETING

December 2009 Tuesday 1st Board Meeting

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Assaults.....	1
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Business Check.....	148
Park Check.....	58
School Check.....	5
Contract Check.....	479
Criminal Mischief.....	6
Family Disturbances.....	2
Other Disturbances.....	13
Information Calls.....	1
Meet the Citizens.....	69
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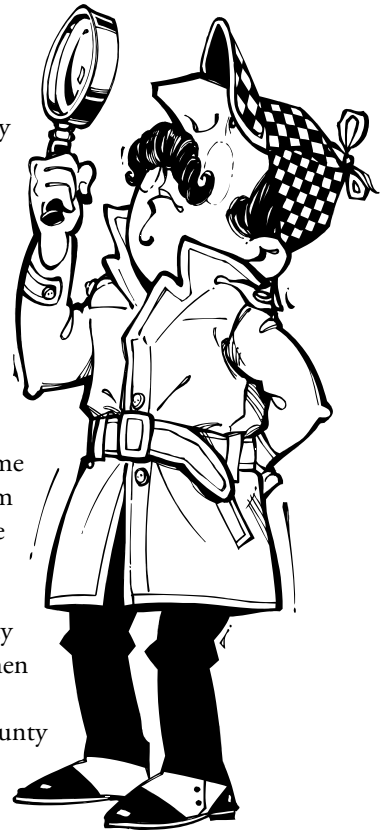
Crime prevention doesn't always have to be done solely by the police. Vigilant residents can also help.

A phone call to the Harris County Sheriff's Office at 2:30 am last Friday, February 6th ultimately led to the arrest of five men working for a construction crew in Fairfield and the recovery of many household appliances that were loaded up and ready to be taken away.

When Fairfield Deputies pulled up to the unoccupied home at 16514 Flaming Amber Way, they found five men busy at work, removing appliances from the home that had just been stocked with top of the line bathroom and kitchen fixtures. It turns out the men arrested were employed with a home builder who is doing work in the Fairfield area.

Four of the men are being held in the Harris County Jail without bond while the fifth man was booked and then released on \$5000 bond.

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God's Goodness in the Rearview Mirror

by Mindy Ferguson

I was in my car, waiting at a traffic light the other day when I noticed a sign in the rear window of a small car that was sitting in the lane beside me. At first glance, the sign was illegible because the words were backwards. The sticker had been applied on the inside of the window rather than the outside, as it was designed to be displayed. But as I focused in on the words more closely and read in reverse, I realized that the sign read, "God is Always Good."

For a moment, I wondered why the petite, middle-aged woman driving the car would have applied the sticker improperly. Surely she recognized that other drivers would have a difficult time reading the awkwardly displayed sign. But as I gave the scenario more thought, I realized that the woman hadn't applied that sign to her window for other drivers. She had displayed the sign there for herself. It was positioned slightly off center so that it could be seen (and easily read) every time she glanced into her rearview mirror.

I felt an immediately sense of kinship with this unknown woman. I too have experienced seasons in my life when I needed visual reminders of God's goodness amidst circumstances that were exhausting or deeply painful. There have been times when I've written Scriptures that speak of God's faithfulness on my hands, on my vanity mirror, or even taped to the dashboard of my car. Passages like, Know

therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands (Deuteronomy 7:9) have helped focus my thoughts on God's goodness when my circumstances were not so good.


As the traffic light changed from red to green and we drove in different directions, I lifted up a prayer for this mysterious woman who chooses to keep God's goodness ever present in her rearview mirror. I would imagine her focus on the goodness of our God will give her the strength she needs to make her way through whatever challenges lay ahead for her.

You may not want to paste a sign on the rear window of your car, but during seasons of disappointment or trial, I challenge you to write passages that speak of God's goodness and faithfulness in prominent places in your home, your car, or your workplace. You'll find strength and courage for whatever the road of life may bring.

For a list of passages that I often use to remind me of God's goodness, visit my blog at www.mindyferguson.blogspot.com.

Mindy Ferguson

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The Roy family would like to express their sincere appreciation and thank all of the many friends and neighbors that have supported them during this most difficult time with meals, donations, friendship, prayers and love.

The police continue to investigate the incident and have involved the Houston's Crime Stoppers unit to increase awareness and hopefully bring in new leads. Fliers have been distributed offering a reward for any information leading to the apprehension of the person responsible.

As the family struggles with the financial burden of hospital bills, funeral costs and the investigation, a memorial fund has been set up at Prosperity Bank in order to assist the family with financial obligations. Donations can be made to the Rob Roy Memorial Fund, 15050 Fairfield Village Square, Cypress, Texas 77433.



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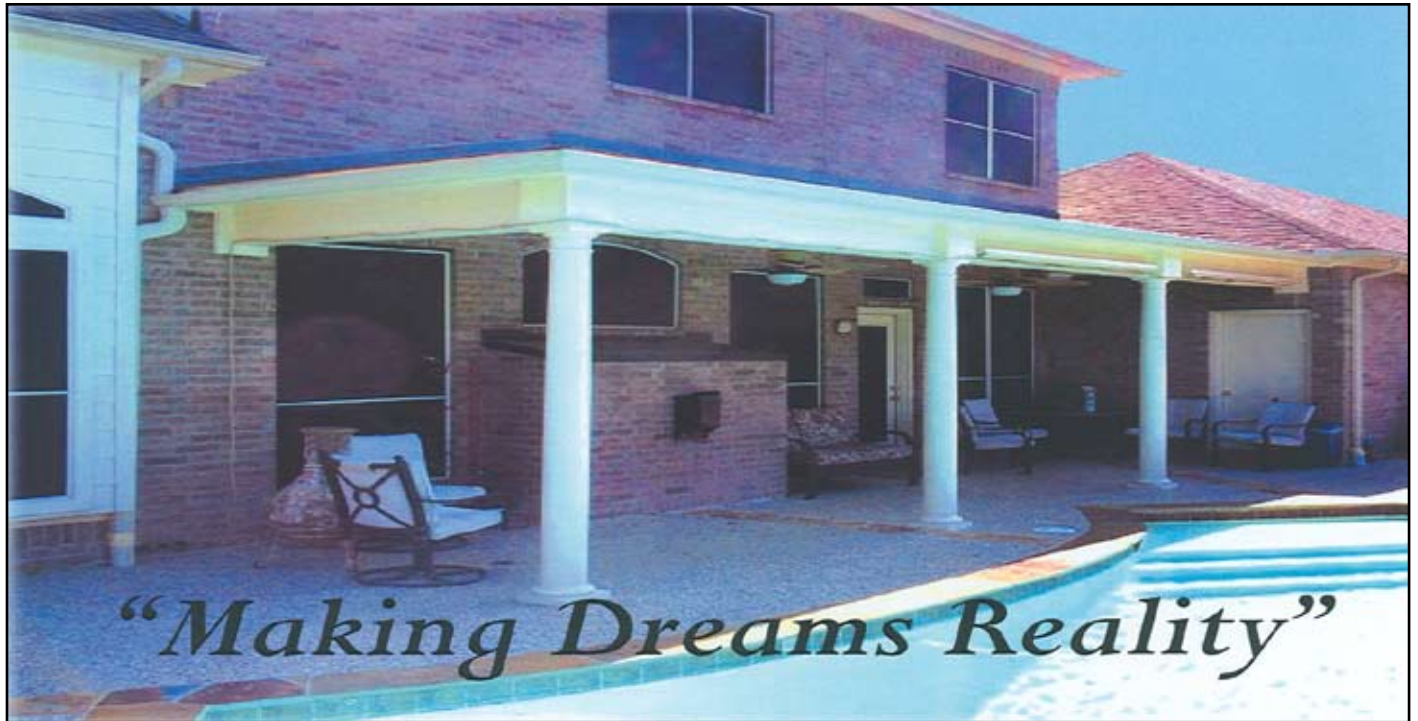


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Clubs & Announcements



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**REGISTRATION CONTINUES
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009
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F.A.S.T NEWS

FOR F.A.S.T. DOLPHINS!

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Clinic #1.....March 30 to April 2 (Friday is rain date)
Shark Clinic #2.....April 5th 2 – 3:30
Clinic #2April 6 to April 9
Clinic #3.....April 13 to April 16
First Practice Tuesday, April 21st
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First Dual Meet.....Saturday, May 16th

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BOARD OPENING: We need an Equipment Manager!! Want to help? Equipment is on-site, and job requires organizing set-up and take down for meets. It's fun and fast. If you might be interested, email Suzanne Jones at Suzanne@thejones4.com

SCHEDULE: Practices begin after school April 21, 2009. (No Monday practices.)

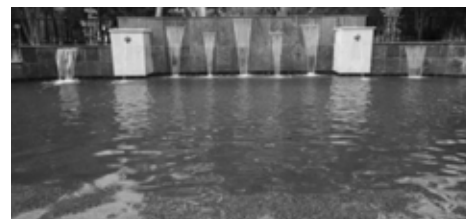
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Texas Terrapins Swim Team



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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CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

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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.

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Monday, March 30th 2009

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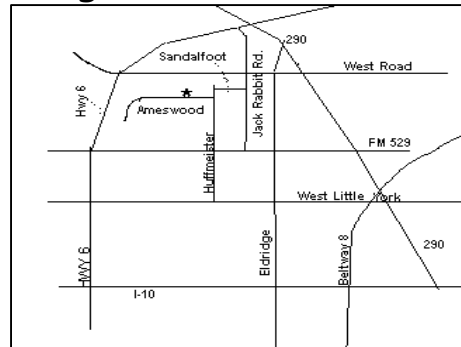
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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Session Friday Evening, April 3, 2009

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. **It is an excellent "off-season" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.**

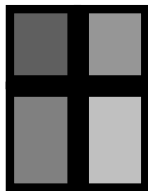
The club was founded 22 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the

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.

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

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Fairfield Sports Association



NEWS

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The Team Manager Coordinator and Concession Stand Coordinator positions on the Fairfield Sports Association Board will be vacated by its current members June 30, 2009. We are in need of new board members to fill these positions. Anyone interested should contact Ashley Thibodeaux at ashley.thibodeaux@transwestern.net or Carla Venette at venette4@comcast.net for more information.

It would be best if anyone interested would volunteer to be on the Concession Committee during the 2009 Baseball Season so he/she can "shadow" Ashley and Carla during the season in order to familiarize themselves with the process. The Concession Stand Coordinator position works best if shared by two people who can work together.

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Saturday, March 28, 2009

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The Seniors of Fairfield are an active, fifty plus, fun-loving group of couples and singles who enjoy fellowship, monthly trips, and various activities together. If you or your spouse is fifty or older, a newcomer to Fairfield Village or have lived here in Fairfield for some time but have never attended one of our functions, you are cordially invited. Come be a part of our fun-loving group. We're sure you will enjoy it.

OUR MARCH BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR:

Thursday, March 12, to Bellville, Texas. This month our first stop will be to visit the Newman's Castle which was started in 1998 and is a work in progress. It includes a moat, a drawbridge, a chapel, five corner turrets 24 feet tall, and a central keep 42 feet tall. Mike Newman made all the furniture and woodwork by hand. We will have a box lunch at Newman's castle. Then after lunch we have a step-on guide for a two hour tour that includes the pavilion, jail, museum, and Hellmuth home.

The Bellville Turnverein Pavilion has continued to serve as a dance and exhibition hall and community gathering place for 100 years. The Jail Museum is located in a building built in 1896. The Hellmuth home was built in the late 1800's. It represents the popular Victorian style and has been restored and used as a bed and breakfast.

The cost for this trip is \$16, per person, which includes your box lunch at the Newman's Castle. To get your name on the list for this trip, call Mary Ann Tully @ 281-256-2342. Make checks out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. The departure time for this trip is 9:00 a.m. from the Fairfield Village parking lot. Please be there by 8:45 a.m. Don't miss this trip, and bring the camera.

OUR APRIL BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR:

Wednesday, April 8, to Temple, Texas. This April springtime tour will take us over the rolling countryside though Brian/College Station then northwest to Bell Country County and Temple, Texas.

Upon arrival we will proceed to the SPJST Library and Museum. This museum preserves the memories and the proud history of the Czech culture here in Texas. When visitors enter the museum, they are instantly taken back in time where memories both good and bad exist. The struggles and triumphs of the early Texas Czech settlers are evident throughout the years of history displayed in the museum.

From here we have lunch at a local restaurant on our own. After lunch we will make a brief visit to the Railroad and Heritage Museum housed in the 1910 Santa Fe Depot. This museum contains a variety of artifacts, including pioneer equipment, household items and clothing, as well as a steam engine and other RR equipment. While at this location you can choose a walk around the downtown area, the outside of the depot building, and first floor gift shop or proceed to the second floor museum area for a fee of an additional \$3.00.

The cost for this trip is just \$2.00 per person, plus your lunch. To get your name on the list for this trip, call Ed or Darlene Hofer @ 281-304-9078. Make checks out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. The departure time for this trip will be 7:30 a.m. from the Fairfield Village parking lot. Please be there by 7:15 a.m.

UPCOMING TRIP:

A Fourteen Day Caribbean Cruise from Fort Lauderdale. If you want more information on this 14 day cruise from Fort Lauderdale, check "Upcoming Trip Information" on our web site for the complete trip details: www.fairfieldseniorsgroup.com/homepage.htm

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Sunday, March 8: Remember Daylight Savings Begins.

Tuesday, March 17: Happy St Patrick's Day.

Tuesday, March 17: Game Night at the Cooks' House. It starts around 6:30 p.m. Just bring a little snack and a healthy appetite. This is always a fun evening with great fellowship. The directions are posted in the Activity details page on our web site and will also be in our March 15 email.

Special Notice: Concerning March Potluck. It will be the third Thursday this month. It has been changed because our monthly bus trip this month is on the second Thursday the 12th.

Thursday, March 19: The Monthly Planning Committee meeting is at 1:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Trails Club House. Then later, around 6:30 p.m. that evening, we will be having Our Monthly Potluck. It will also be at the Lakeside Trails Club House. However, try getting there early. Doors open around 6:00 p.m. for socializing and fellowship. (See special notice below.) Then plan on staying and join many of our members who stay to play games after the meal and finish up the desserts.

Thursday, March 26: Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House. It starts around 6:30 p.m., and we have plenty of room at

the club house. We would like to see you there to enjoy an evening of games and fellowship with us. Just bring a little snack and plan on having lots of fun. Bring a favorite board game or card game if you have one that is easy to play. We will be playing board & card games, and of course dominos. Everyone will then have a choice of which to play.

For additional information on activities other than trips: Call Mary Lou Cook @ 281-304-8359.

We recommend that you check our web site regularly. Things often change from the time this article is submitted and you receive your copy of the Gazette. www.fairfieldseniorgroup.com

OUR FUN-LOVERS WEEKLY EMAIL: *An event reminder.*

It is emailed each week to our members and others who have requested it. It provides updated information and any changes from what appears here in the Gazette. We also include member birthdays and prayer requests; we even have a contest or two, along with other news and items of interest. If you would like to receive our weekly emails, send your email address to: Fairfield-Seniors@comcast.net.

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For more information on meetings in Fairfield, please contact Renate Wheeler at renateqw@yahoo.com. They will meet on the second and fourth Fridays during the school year.

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.

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MOMS Club® is a place to find friendship, support, playmates and sisterhood!

ALL events include our children and we believe there is something for every mom out there! Are you looking for park days, coffee breaks, lunch outings, (free) babysitting co-op, craft projects, time to sit and chat, cooking club, book club or someone to share dinner with when your husband is traveling or working late? We even find the time to meet once a month for a mom's night out a great time to unwind. Or are you interested in helping the within the community with service projects. We have that! (And a whole lot more!)

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.

Fairfield Book Club

The Fairfield Book Club is a terrific way to meet other women in Fairfield. Have great conversations and develop new friendships.

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month (rotating homes and sometimes restaurants), from 7:00pm – 9:30pm. We share food, drinks and of course conversations. We read all kinds of books that have been suggested by our members. Classics, modern pop fiction, non-fiction, biography and classic junk....anything. There are no book snobs here, we read it all? So if you are a book lover or just want to expand your reading and/or social network then please join us at one of our meetings.

We invite you to attend one of our meetings as a guest or a member.

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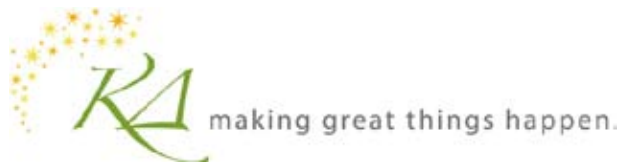
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290 Cypress Business Networking Group

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.

Fairfield Women's Club



We will not be meeting this month.

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Fairfield Singles

Greetings to all Fairfield Singles:

Our names are Rogers, Ken and Linda and we are re-invigorating the Fairfield Singles Group. If you are new or old to Fairfield and are single, we invite you to join. This group will not only serve as a database and communication site, but we hope to plan and hold group activities throughout the year. Of course, we invite all who join to put as much input and involvement in as they are able. The last time the group was active, several years ago, there were forty-five plus members. I am confident that we can at a minimum be able to double that number. This is a great opportunity for those singles in the Cypress area, which is mostly a family based community, to get together and meet others of the same interests. We are asking, at this time, that only adult homeowners sign up for membership.

So, now you are asking, "How do I do it?" Actually it is quite easy and as long as you have internet access will take only an email request. As we are keeping the internet membership only open to those who actually do reside in Fairfield, we have made it a private Yahoo Group Site. This will necessitate an email request to join and please state your name, email addresses are sometimes ambiguous, and neighborhood for verification. This will also protect our membership from outside intruders. This qualifying email should be sent to: FairfieldSingles@yahoo.com

So sign up, get out, and meet your single neighbors! If we all get involved, we will increase our mutual quality of Life in a great community. We encourage you to be as active as you can, remember what one usually puts in; a lot more generally comes back. Thanks and we look forward to meeting all of you. Rogers, Ken & Linda

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Sunday, March 1, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

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SIGN UP WILL BE HANDLED BY MAIL AND EMAIL STARTING MARCH 2 FOR ANY REMAINING BOOTHS

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Please include your email address and phone number with payment

- o Booth orders will be processed in order by the postmarked date
- o Tips, rules, booth number(s) and vendor parking pass will be mailed to you

If you'd like to be located next to a friend at the sale, please mail your checks together with a note. If you have a preference of booth location, please describe it and every effort will be made to accommodate you.

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For more information, call Dawn Bond 281-224-3296, email bondmail@ymail.com

PLEASE NOTE: THIS GARAGE SALE IS FOR FAIRFIELD RESIDENTS ONLY.

THERE WILL BE NO RAIN DATE AS THE BOOTHS ARE COVERED. All booths are outlined, numbered and have access to electricity. Restrooms and phones are located throughout Traders Village. Concessions are open only on Saturday. Vendors may enter Traders Village FREE on Friday and on Saturday before 7:00 AM with you vendor pass. Place your parking pass on your car dash. Three passes will be available per booth. Vendors may enter Saturday with pass at 6:00 AM. Gates open to the public at 7:00 AM. There will be no refunds – this is a fundraising event for local charities. Only cash or checks will be accepted as payment. Tables can't be rented during set-up Friday or Saturday morning. You are responsible for your own tables (if not renting) and chairs. You are responsible for your own set-up/ clean-up. All items must be removed from your space at the end of the sale. Traders Village provides this service for area neighborhoods, but restricts us to garage sale items only: no craft items, make-up, food concessions, etc. that would compete with Traders Village businesses can be sold at garage sale booths.

FRIDAY SET-UP: Friday is the designated day for setting up your booth any time between 4:00 PM and 8:45 PM. PLEASE UNLOAD YOUR VEHICLE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THEN MOVE IT OUT TO MAKE ROOM FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS. You will make many sales Friday evening as you set up, so have your items priced and have money to make change. Be advised you should bring some type of cloth or tarp to cover and protect your items overnight. The FWC and Traders Village will not be held liable for theft or damage to any items. Anything left unattended on premises is done so entirely at dealers' own risk. If you have valuables, you need to bring them on Saturday morning. All vehicles must be gone from the set-up area Friday by 8:45 PM. THE GATE WILL BE LOCKED AT 9:00 PM. Set-up will not be allowed on Saturday morning unless you can carry the items through the gate. THERE ARE NO VEHICLES PERMITTED IN THE SET-UP AREA SATURDAY MORNING.

SATURDAY AND CLEAN UP: Booths may be closed at any time. If renting tables, please collapse them and leave them in your booth. FWC makes arrangements to have a charity truck available; but, over the years, experience tells us they may not make it. You must be prepared to take any unsold items home with you. You are responsible for your booth space being empty and clean by 4:00 PM Saturday.

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School News

Lone Star College - CyFair "Perspective"

Teen Driver's Education Available March and April

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

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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.

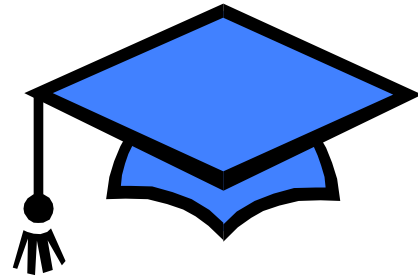
Senior Gift Bags - We are in need of donations for senior gift bags (given to each Cy Woods senior attending WRAP). Please contact Claudia Carson at ccars4@sbcglobal.net

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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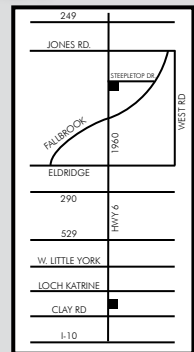
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Lone Star College - (Continued from Page 34)

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.

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 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.

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Cy Fair High School Project Prom

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 pre-orders 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.

Recycling Ink Cartridges, Cell phones and more: Drop off your used items to recycle in our library bin... but please check online at our website to make sure your item is eligible. Call Sophie Buxton, 281-890-3496 for more information.

Project Prom Dress Boutique: We are collecting gently used dresses for our boutique to sell for prom! Go online to see how many PP\$ you can earn!

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

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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Third PlaceErica Newman
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Danielle Brock
Cesar Mora

First Grade

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Second PlaceOlivia Einarsson
Third Place.....Dawson Conder
Honorable Mention ...Hannah Bosco
Lindsey Duong
Jacob Walton

Second Grade

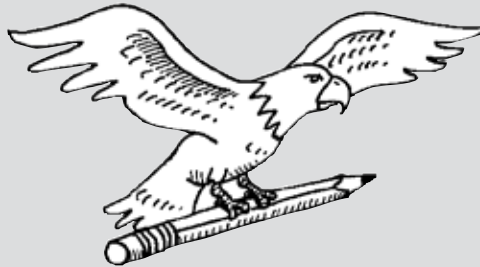
First Place.....Ainsley Bakken
Second PlaceNicolas Einarsson
Third Place Tie.....Grace Maynard
Natalie Morel
Honorable Mention ...John Nimri
Kaitlynn Sims

Third Grade

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

Fourth Grade

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



Fifth Grade

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

Middle School Rhyming Poetry:

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Second PlaceAmanda Brock

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Mallory Parker
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Clay Road Baptist Spelling Bee Winners



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

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3rd Grade Matthew Sanders
4th Grade Ethan Trapp (not pictured)
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Church News

Harvest Bible Church

Lest you be wise in your own sight, I want you to understand this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And thus, all Israel will be saved... (Romans 11:25)

Having already warned the Christians in Rome against boasting (11:18) and arrogance (11:20), the Apostle Paul now warns them against being “wise” in their own eyes, for arrogance blinds us to the truth. Paul’s revelation of God’s “mystery” will be key to understanding truth.

In the New Testament “mystery” denotes something unknown in the past which is now made known. As Colossians 2:2 and 4:3 say, “in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Therefore, the mystery Paul speaks of concerns matters relating to Jesus Christ.

Now the mystery the Apostle revealed is threefold. First, that Israel has experienced a “partial” hardening by God. Their hardening pertains to their spiritual dullness like a veil that keeps them from understanding the Old Testament as it has revealed Jesus as the Christ (cf. 2 Cor. 3:14). This partial hardening means that not all Jews have experienced it, for some truly did believe in Jesus as the Messiah unto salvation. This hardening, however, will not last forever, for the second revelation of the “mystery” is that Gentiles

will continue to trust in Christ while Israel is partially hardened. And when the full number of elect Gentiles – “the fullness of the Gentiles has come in” – Israel’s hardening will be turned to softening. In other words, Gentiles will continue to hear and respond to the gospel until such a time as their “fullness” is realized. At that point the third portion of the mystery will come to pass, namely that “all Israel will be saved.”

The phrase “all Israel” is a designation of the nation as a whole at the end of time, not necessarily to include every single Israelite. Though Jewish Christians are a minority now, there will be a multitude of them in the future compared to the present. This fits with the climactic character of Romans 11, namely that God has not rejected His people Israel (11:1). So, when God saves “all Israel” in the end-times this will finally reveal how faithful God has been to fulfill all of His promises to Israel as a nation of people. The saved remnant, however, though large, will still only qualify as a small group as compared to the nation throughout the centuries that became like the sand on the seashore (cf. Isa. 10:22-23; Rom. 9:27).

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Harvest Bible Church (Continued from Page 40)

Israel's salvation is certain to occur, for God will accomplish it. In fact, it is already achieved, for God foreknew Israel (Rom. 11:2), and those whom God foreknew he also predestined, called, justified, and glorified (Rom. 8:28-30). All of these past tense verbs mean that God completed all of that which His prophets promised He would do long before the world was ever even created!

What Paul wanted the Jews and Gentiles in Rome to know was that God's promises were in the process of being fulfilled. That message is also one that needs to be conveyed today, for God's eternal plan is continuing to unfold – an unfolding that was ordained from the beginning. God has not abandoned Israel in favor of Gentiles, and He is not going to abandon the Gentiles for Israel in the end. God's "mystery" plan is to save both Jews and Gentiles in order to make them into one new humanity in Christ built upon the Scriptures (Eph. 2:11-22). This worldview is essential to understanding what God is doing and to keep us all from looking down at others.

Come visit us at Harvest Bible Church where we seek know Jesus Christ through a steady diet of His words as found in the Bible. You can call our church office at 281-256-7733 or consult our website at www.harvestbiblechurch.net if you have any questions.



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Fairfield Church of Christ

"Discovering the Heart of Christ, in the Heart of Fairfield"

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked. "Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves. So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn. (Author unknown)

We believe at Fairfield Church of Christ that in spite of how bad things look in our world today there is still a lot of goodness to be found. Fairfield Church of Christ is in your neighborhood for one reason, to bring goodness to where we all live. We are here to serve and offer a path to a great life.

We believe that the path to a great life is found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This year our theme is Let Your Light Shine in 2009. We invite you to come to church this Sunday and join us on the path that leads to a life that is full and complete in Jesus.

Every Sunday morning we have Bible Classes for babies to adults beginning at 9:30am. Each Bible Class is taught by loving Christians utilizing the latest in educational techniques and finest Bible curriculums to teach God's Word.

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Church of Christ *(Continued from Page 42)*

realize how wonderful it is when you know Jesus as your Savior.

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If you have a prayer need of any kind, any questions or we can help you in any way, please let us know by calling the church office at 281-373-1900 or by visiting our web site at www.fairfieldchurch.org.

You and your family are always welcome at Fairfield Church of Christ. We would love to see you this Sunday!

Have a Blessed Day,
Dr. Mike Lehew, Minister

Fairfield Baptist Church

Spotlight: .Extreme Makeover: God Edition. Is your life humdrum and ordinary? Do you long for deeper connection with God. Join us February 8-April 5 at 9:45 and 11:00 am as we explore the "Path of Transformation", based on John Ortberg's book "The Life You Always Wanted."

Easter Services, April 12. You are invited to a very special service to celebrate the most important event in history! Easter! On Easter we remember Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and with that resurrection paid for our salvation from death. Want to know more? Easter services are Sunday, April 12 at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am. Children celebrate with the resurrection story and an age-graded Easter egg hunt at 11:00 am.

Cars for Christ, Saturday, May 2. All vehicle enthusiast who have a passion for Christ are invited to bring their favorite car, truck or motorcycle—old or new. Food, fun, games and prizes—a family friendly event. Registration opens February 15. For more information contact springoutreach@fairfieldbaptist.com or visit our website

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Church News Continued

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

March 8th Worship with Matt Brouwer

Christian artist, Matt Brouwer will be performing during the 9:45 New Path and 11:00 Catalyst services on March 8th. Both of these worship services are open to the public and everyone is invited. Learn more about Matt Brouwer and his music on his website at www.mattbro.com.

GS Kids

We hope you will join us in the Children's Ministry this Easter season. On April 5, Palm Sunday, we will be laying palms on the altar. What a great way to start the Holy Week by watching children praising the Lord with palms. On April 12, Easter Sunday, all children will have the opportunity to place a flower on the cross. Throughout the morning the plain wooden cross transforms into a beautiful brightly colored reminder of the victory we have in Christ.

Planning ahead

Summer Camp registration for completed 3rd - 5th graders has begun. Space is limited! April 19 is Sleepover Sunday! Everyone is invited bring a friend and wear jammies to church that morning. We will have donuts, board games, stories, and lots more.

Summer Camps for Youth

Summer camp opportunities have been announced! Go to the youth website at www.gsmyouth.net to see all the great possibilities for summer mission trips and camp experiences. Don't delay in planning your summer activities. Space is limited for some camps, and deadlines are just a few weeks away.

Good Friday Musical Program

The Good Shepherd Chancel Choir will perform Joseph Martin's Covenant of Grace on Good Friday, April 10, at 7:00 pm. This Holy Week presentation celebrates God's faithfulness, His everlasting promises to His people, and His redeeming work. The Choir is always looking for enthusiastic singers who will make themselves available



for a committed position in the choir. All parts are open without audition, and we meet each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm for rehearsal and great fellowship. Join us!

Good Shepherd Choir Academy is a spiritually based music education program for children ages K through 5th grade. The Choir Academy began February 8 with 42 choristers. Enrollment has been extended to March 29 to allow families to take advantage of this wonderful musical opportunity. We strive to make choir an environment which will be a fun musical and spiritual experience which your child will treasure for a lifetime. Rehearsals are Sundays at 4:30 pm.

For information regarding either of these great music opportunities, please call Wayne Miller at 281-373-2273 or email music@goodchurch.us.

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2009 Upcoming Events

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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 – safe cleaning products initiative to reduce women's exposure to toxic chemicals in cleaning products.

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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 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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Don't Become a Statistic!

Submitted by Allison Weaver

Statistics tell us that the number of new gym memberships skyrocket in January and plummet by the end of March. The same holds true for some who go it alone and start a brand new regimen with their family, friends, or private trainers/classes.....do NOT become a statistic!! You can do this – you can keep it going! Restart, take a different tact, try a new food, start getting outside again and be rejuvenated when the sun comes out – whatever it takes. It is never over when you make a mistake, fall off the horse, eat a pan of brownies, or otherwise bring to a halt your journey toward a full, vital, healthy lifestyle. It is also never too late to begin again.

Re-check your fitness routine. Is it realistic? What is your schedule really like? Do you need to get yourself to bed 15 mins earlier so you can wake up earlier to get a jump start on your day? 15 minutes of stretching, jumping jacks, pushups, and crunches will do wonders to start those endorphins rushing and really begin your day with a bang! How about lunch? Can you eat a salad at work and go for a walk after? How about the stairs? Are they accessible? Ask your “pod buddy” if they want to see how many more flights you can climb in one week.

After Work: Play softball with the kids in the yard. Throw a few sprints in between pitches. Pitch/hit 3 times – 5 sprints....great together time, practice time and great cardio!

Split training such as this is proven to be at least as effective as, if not more so for some, than a straight hour or two of non-stop training.

Re-check your goals: Are they attainable? How much time have you allowed for planning your groceries, lunches, family dinners? How about your work out routine? Is it written down? Is your routine in bite-sized pieces (pun intended!) or is it more broad spectrum? Remember to be specific in your goals. If your goal is to add 2 minutes to your run tomorrow; that's great! It's a specific goal, time measured, and attainable. But don't stop there.....once you reach that one, set a higher goal, larger than the last, loftier each time. Before you know it – you're hiking in the Rockies!!! It really is doable. You really can do this!!

Are you bored with what you're doing? Shake things up a bit; get some roller blades, a bike (with a helmet), find a fitness class that can be your “night out” with friends. You'll be surprised at how much fun you really can have in the name of exercise!

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Don't Become a Statistic - (Continued from Page 54)

Are you bored with what you're eating?? Salad does not have to be your main course everyday. How about some grilled chicken with mango salsa? Try adding chipotle sauce to a dish (like broccoli)—incredible roasted, smoky flavor with a great kick! No time for fish? There are great frozen Salmon and Tilapia filets, add a little lemon pepper sprinkle, maybe even a light Italian dressing, keep it going with steamed asparagus, and Voila! A beautiful, healthy, and tasty almost instant meal. We are aesthetic creatures, so “eating the rainbow” will add pleasure to the eyes as it adds nutrition to the body. Incorporating red bell peppers, yellow bell peppers, maybe some portabella mushrooms to brighten up and change a dish in color, flavor and texture. Just a spray of Olive oil in a pan and a few minutes on the stove, and you're in business. Remember: Always keep your food as “close to the tree” as possible. That means eat it as God made it; not after it's been processed. This will keep you healthy for life. If you have to wonder – it's probably processed!

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Imagine a Shopping Spree Where the Clothes are Free

Submitted by: Jane Seaman

At present we are all looking for ways to cut back on expenses, so what if I told you there's a place where you can shop with no need for a credit card, a check book, or cash and that this wonderful place is right on your doorstep, literally.

As an Image Consultant when a client says they "have nothing to wear" the first thing I do is take them shopping in their closet, because within lies a multitude of opportunities. Consider what is actually in your closet; clothes that you liked when you purchased them, clothes from the past that remind you of a particular time or event and possibly some clothes that were gifted. But so many items are never worn. Why? When my clients have an opportunity to consider this, their response is often the same; the closet is so full they forget what they have, they are bored with their clothes, some items no longer fit, some items are out of style, or they have nothing to match it with. Does this sound familiar?

Think again! Your closet can become your personal boutique, all you have to do to shop there is allocate some time. If possible include a family member or friend to help and encourage you. Then open up your closet and go shopping. Take out each clothing item and really, really look at it. If it doesn't fit, could it be made to fit?

There are an abundance of excellent tailors in Houston. Look at the item differently, let's say it was a long paisley dress, could it now be shortened and worn over leggings for a more modern look? Could you remove the sleeves, add a belt? Often styles have changed with Jackets and the ones in your closet may now be too long, or have those wonderful 'Dallas' shoulder pads. Yes, they are still lurking in closets everywhere! Could the shoulder pads be removed and the jacket shortened? Sometimes it's simply a case of changing the buttons. Imagine that navy jacket with new bright red buttons, a red tee and denim jeans, it might just work.

The key to successful closet shopping is to have fun and think outside of the box; try that cocktail dress on then add a denim jacket and a simple pair of sandals for a more dressed-down look. Add bright accessories to a tee and a pair of slacks for a more dressed-up look. Try colors together you would never have dreamed of matching, you'll be wonderfully surprised. Forget those old rules of Black and Brown should not be worn together, yes, they can. Consider 'color blocking'; put together an outfit entirely in one color, right down to the shoes, this will minimize horizontal lines on the body and

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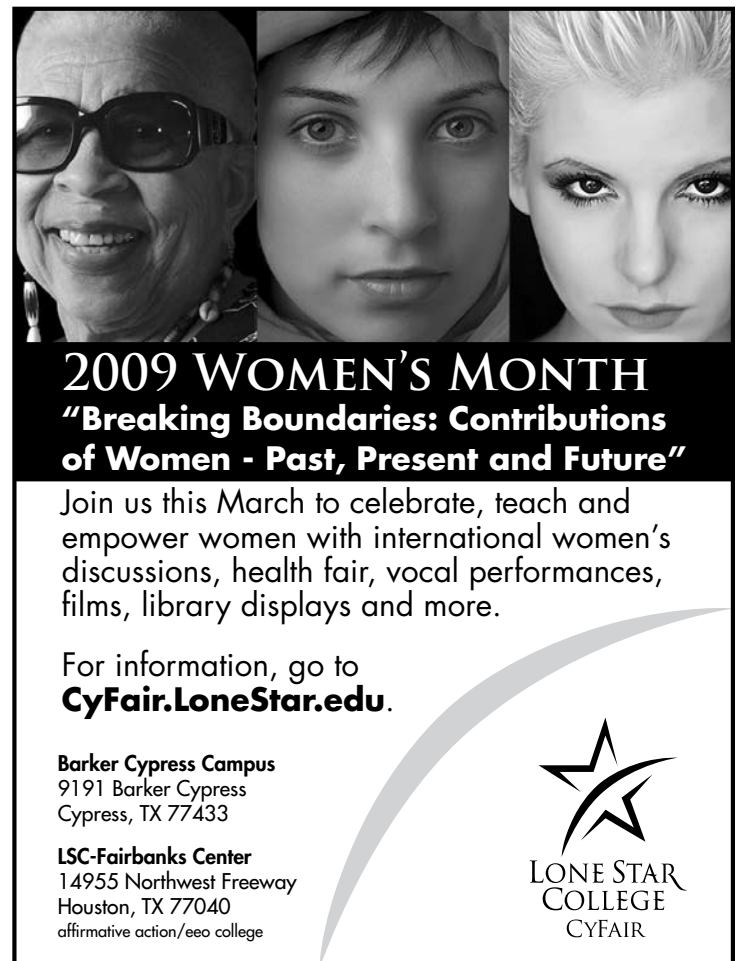
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is guaranteed to make us look taller and slimmer. Now add bright accessories to give the outfit a wow factor. Forget the rules and be creative. The chances are, at minimum, you'll find six to ten new outfits in YOUR closet.

When returning your clothes to the closet hang them in groups; put all your jackets together and then the same for trousers, blouses, skirts, dresses. For your tops try hanging them in order of sleeve length. Hang your suits as separate pieces so you can visually see that they can be worn with other items other than just as a suit.

And at the end of your closet shopping you may have found some items that have to go. Take a look at these items closely and ask has the item been worn much, is it somewhat in style? If so, then make sure they are cleaned and pressed and take them along to one of the many Consignment. You might just earn some extra cash. If you feel the item is not up to being sold then a charity will make good use of it? And finally, in six months time go through the whole process again and reinvent some new outfits from your personal boutique....what fun!



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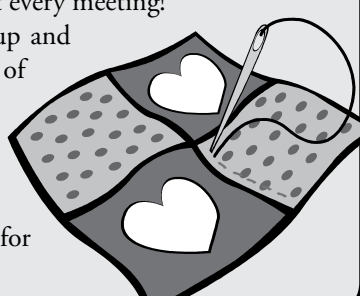
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Going Green is Easy with Hot, New Products at the Second Annual Cy-Fair Home and Garden Show

The Berry Center - Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15



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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Cork flooring is gaining popularity across the country, but many homeowners know little about it. Cork floors allow homeowners to enjoy a certain bounce to their steps while resisting accidental moisture. As Grado explained, "Cork flooring is much like the cork you find in wine bottles. It expands into the space and holds back liquid. This comes in handy if you use the space for family meals, entertaining, or have kids."

Marmoleum click flooring is another new option for green environments that is easy to design as well as to install. This ecologically produced natural linoleum on high-density fiberboard with a cork layer comes in 12 x 36-inch panels or 12 x 12-inch squares in a patented click system. "Our customers like this product for hallways, kitchens and kids' rooms, where traffic is heaviest," said Grado, a sustainability-conscious environmentalist, wife and busy mother.

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-Tech Texan, The 9-5-0 AM; Linda Durham, organizing guru; Brenda

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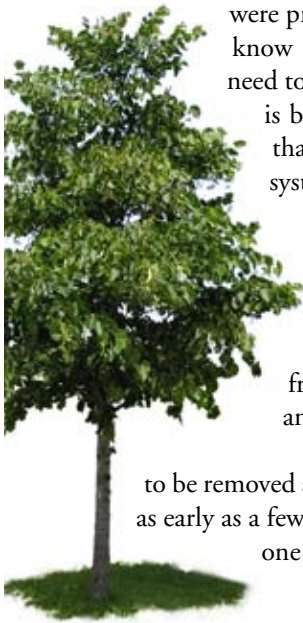
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Movement of the trunk helps strengthen the tree by thickening it and giving it taper from bottom to top. Trunk movement also stimulates root growth. The artificial support from the stakes leaves tree trunks weak and their root systems less developed.

Bottom line - all staking material needs to be removed after roots have established. This can be as early as a few months, but should be no longer than one growing season.

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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.

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Alternatives to Microsoft Office

Submitted by Laurie Scott

Anyone who works in an office and with a computer probably has Microsoft Office installed on it. Word, PowerPoint and Excel are found in almost every corporate environment. But when it comes time to buy software for your home computer, most people don't realize there are free and low-cost alternatives.

To start, Microsoft does offer an Office 2007 "Home and Student" edition that I've seen online for as low as \$80. This edition includes Word, PowerPoint, Excel and OneNote, but not Outlook, which is what many Office users expect with their "office" suite.

The most popular free option is probably Sun's Open Office 3 (available at www.openoffice.org). It has powerful word processing, presentation and spreadsheet programs that are compatible with Microsoft Office, and also includes a graphics program and database (but again, no e-mail program.)

Another free alternative is a surprising name from the past. Lotus (owned by IBM) has resurrected its Symphony suite and is closer to Open Office than Microsoft Office. Its programs are IBM Lotus Symphony Documents, IBM Lotus Symphony Presentations and IBM Lotus Symphony Spreadsheets and also offer Microsoft Office compatibility.

Google has recently entered the office application fray with their own product (which are still in "beta" – a Google trademark), Google Docs. It offers Microsoft Office compatibility for Word and Excel with a twist, everything is stored online. You can access and share your files with anyone from anywhere. Some consider this the future, known as "cloud computing" (the internet is the cloud in computer network diagrams.)

Corel offers an \$89 alternative that is compatible with Office Word, PowerPoint and Excel, but includes VideoStudio LE for editing your home videos, and MediaOne SE for enhancing and organizing your photos.

At the time of this writing, the most popular (non-Microsoft) email client, Eudora is undergoing a rewrite but the older versions are still available at www.eudora.com. If you're already using hotmail, yahoo mail, Gmail, or your Internet Service Provider's (ISP) web-based mail, then you don't need an e-mail client to run on your computer anyway.

So don't automatically feel like you have to fork out a couple hundred dollars just to have Office functionality at home. There are affordable and even FREE alternatives out there for you.

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Cottage Glen	0	-	-	3	1
The Estates	4	\$85.73	72	1	0
Garden Grove	8	\$73.19	70	3	1
Glen	2	\$67.75	52	5	0
Inwood Glen	6	\$69.32	99	3	2
Inwood Meadows	2	\$70.32	47	4	1
Inwood Park	5	\$63.02	83	8	0
Lakes/Lake Ridge 2	6	\$89.93	46	15	1
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	6	\$73.74	119	5	0
Meadows/Park/Retreat	5	\$64.07	45	4	0
Oaks/Trails	3	\$65.13	109	1	0
Pines	1	\$72.94	128	1	0
Summer Crossing	1	\$76.53	160	6	0
Summer Ridge	0	-	-	0	0

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