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OFFICIAL FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Congratulations Texas Barracudas 9U Baseball Team

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MVP of the Tournament: Jacob Crawford



*Front row: Jullian LeUnes, Trent Golson, Jacob Crawford,
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Second row: Garrett Grier, Dru Baker, Korey Holland,
Jason Michels, Blake Wilson
Coaches: Josh Wilson, JD Grier, Danny Crawford,
Mark Baker*

Way to Go Barracudas!!!

RE/MAX Lakeland TOURS TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

This past February RE/MAX Lakeland took a tour of Houston Texas Children's Hospital and were able to see the physical result of their own charity work with Children's Miracle Network."

"As a RE/MAX Miracle Office, this is something we've wanted to do for a long time and it was amazing. Our CMN representative, Camille Landry, gave us the grand tour," reports owner Dawn Fore. Visiting members of the office observed the start of an open heart surgery and demonstration on the new heart transplant procedures. They toured the patient floor and the "No Doctor Allowed" floor, where a D.J. booth, video games, crafts, pool tables and library are available to the patients. Lastly, the agents viewed the new construction for the expansion of Texas Children's Hospital and a map of the new facility being built in Katy, Texas.

"At the end, we all received a 'goodie bag'," continues Dawn. "It was immensely rewarding to see what and who our donations are helping sustain."



VISITING AGENTS FROM RE/MAX LAKELAND

Back Row: David Jordan, Robert Fore.

*Front Row: Jodi Willis, Dawn Fore, Corey Guerrero,
Catherine Reinhard*

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Important Numbers

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance/Fire.....	911
Poison Control.....	800-222-1222
Sheriff's Department.....	911

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance.....	713-466-4073
Cy-Fair Medical Clinic (24 hr).....	281-890-4285
FBI.....	713-693-5000
Fire.....	713-466-4073
Harris County Animal Control.....	281-999-3191
Sheriff's Department.....	713-221-6000
Vacation Watch.....	281-290-2100

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Christ Church Houston Northwest.....	281-758-0454
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Community of Faith.....	832-875-2520
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church.....	281-469-5533
Fairfield Baptist Church.....	281-373-5446
Fairfield Church of Christ.....	281-373-1900
Fountain of Life Fellowship.....	281-373-9337
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.....	281-373-2273
Harvest Bible Church.....	281-304-1441
Messian Lutheran Church.....	281-890-3013
Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church.....	281-353-3203
The Fellowship at Fairfield.....	281-923-5130

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FAIRFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Resident Board Members:

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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Tommy Weaver (Chappell Ridge, Garden Grove, Lakes, Trails, FF South).....	281-875-1552
Nan Peavey (Chappell Ridge, Lakes, FF South).....	281-875-1552

GOVERNMENT/STATE NUMBERS

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Driver's License.....	713-681-6187
Post Office.....	281-373-9125
Voter Registration.....	713-224-1919

MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

A.M.I (deed restrictions, etc.).....	713-932-1122
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Cy-Fair High School.....	281-897-4600
Goodson Junior High School.....	281-373-2350
Keith Elementary.....	281-213-1744
Spillane Middle School.....	281-213-1645

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Attention Fairfield Homeowners

2009 Meeting Schedule for Fairfield Village Neighborhood Association and Villages

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 p.m. (except December) at the Lakeside Trails Club House, 16125 Country Fair Lane. Please mark your calendar accordingly.

January 2009	Tuesday	27th Board Meeting
February 2009	Tuesday	No Meeting
March 2009	Tuesday	24th Board Meeting
April 2009	Tuesday	No Meeting
May 2009	Tuesday	28th Annual Meeting/Ault Elementary Confirmed
June 2009	Tuesday	No Meeting
July 2009	Tuesday	28th Board Meeting
August 2009	Tuesday	No Meeting
September 2009	Tuesday	22nd Board Meeting (Schedule Budget Meeting)
October 2009	Tuesday	No Meeting
November 2009	Tuesday	No Meeting
December 2009	Tuesday	1st Board Meeting

Fairfield Community Gazette

Procedures for Submitting Articles & Personal Classifieds

If you would like to submit an article and/or personal classified ad(s) for publication in the Gazette, please follow these guidelines:

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.

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Attention Fairfield Homeowners

Cy-Fair Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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

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

Neighborhood Assessments

Are Now Past Due...

If you have not paid your Neighborhood Assessment you will receive a certified letter this month. There is an administrative charge for sending the certified letter of \$15.00 for Bradford Creek, Inwood Park, Lakes of Fairfield and Fairfield Village South. This charge is added to your assessment balance. Once the list is sent to the Attorney for the 1st collection letter there is an additional \$25.00 charge in addition to the legal fees incurred for all of the above except Inwood Park.

Please plan for the upcoming Fairfield Village Assessment which will be due July 1, 2009. We accept pre-payments and some of you have already done so. Whatever works for your budget!
Your AMI Team

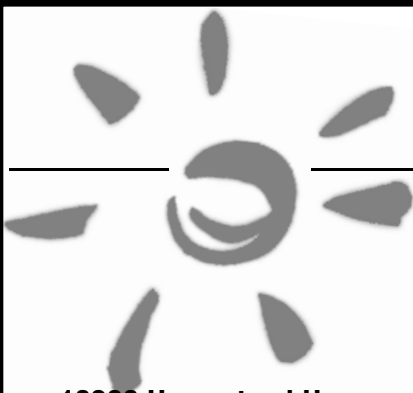
A FRIENDLY REMINDER ...

Friendly reminder to keep dogs on a leash and out of the lakes around Fairfield. Not all homeowners are comfortable with loose dogs. Please be courteous to your neighbors and follow the leash law.



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Be a Volunteer Firefighter

The Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department is currently accepting applications at all its fire stations for new volunteer firefighters. The Cy-Fair VFD provides community based fire, EMS, and rescue services for 156 sq miles of Northwest Harris County using 12 fire stations. We provide all the necessary training and equipment needed. We have members from all walks of life including doctors, lawyers, bankers, realtors, career firefighters, teachers, mechanics, welders, nurses, and stay at home parents. The only requirements are to have your high school diploma or GED, be 18 yrs old, and pass a drug and background check.

Stations meet on Thursday nights at 7pm to conduct training. Additionally, members are able to sign-up for duty nights to staff the station or respond from their home.

The Fire Department provides insurance and worker's comp coverage for members when they are performing Department activities. We also have a length of service program that provides a retirement benefit to members.

We will be hosting open houses this month to provide more information:

April 13th at 7pm: CFVFD Station 10 located at 11310 Steeplecrest and West Rd (just West of Jones Road)

April 19th at 7pm: CFVFD Station 11 located at 18132 West Rd approx. 1 mile west of Barker-Cypress near Lone Star College-Cy-Fair

April 21th at 7pm: CFVFD Station 9 located at 7922 Hwy 6 and Longenbaugh

The above stations may not be the closest to you, but the Open Houses are near enough to be a close point for the initial information gathering process.

You may also call our Office at 281-550-6663 or visit us online at: www.cyfairvfd.org

Station 7 Introduces New Members

In January we hosted an open house for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter to help serve Fairfield and the surrounding area. The response was tremendous! The open house soon became a "standing room only" event. We were humbled by the interest and response from the community.

Since the open house, we have had 12 residents join. They have the rank of "Cadet" and are participating in the department's Cadet Class where they are learning the skills they will need to help others. Soon you will see them responding to emergencies in Fairfield.

On behalf of the current station members, we wish welcome the following new members along with their families to the department:

Douglas Campbell	Kenneth Oaks
David Grady	Trevor Scott
Curtis Harrington	Joshua Smith
Cody Lucas	Michael Urita
David Manley	Stephan Vazquez
Trenton Meek	Blaine Whaley

Please join us in thanking them for their service to our community the next time you see them out and about in the neighborhood.

For more information about the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department, or to learn how to become a member, please go to www.cyfairvfd.org or call our office at 281-550-6663.



Special THANKS to all of the local businesses in Fairfield, AMI and the Gazette for helping us get the word out for new volunteers by allowing us to post flyers, submit articles, update message boards and websites. Your support for us and the community is greatly appreciated!

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Assaults	3
Burglary of Habitations	2
Burglary of Motor Vehicles	1
Business Check	89
Park Check	52
School Check	3
Contract Check	503
Criminal Mischief	2
Family Disturbances	1
Other Disturbances	10
Information Calls	6
Meet the Citizens	51
Parking Lot Check	22
Suspicious Persons	13
Telephone Harassment	3
Thefts	2
Traffic Stops	24

Cy-Fair Community Health and Wellness Expo

Plans are well underway for the Cy-Fair Community Health and Wellness Expo, which will be held Saturday, May 16th at the Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event will focus on emphasizing the significance of living a healthy lifestyle for people of all ages.

Activities include elementary school choirs, sport stackers, jump rope, and other performance teams. From outside of the district we'll have cooking demos by Clive Berkman, author and chef, a milking cow, dance and exercise demos, martial arts, a bike safety rodeo for K-8th (bring your bike and helmet!), bowling, athletic wear fashion shows, fire department and water district demos, speakers on wills/probate/guardianships, finances/budgeting, internet child safety/stranger danger and more!

Additionally, more than 75 vendors will set up booths in the Berry Center to help

educate the community on mental, physical, spiritual, financial and environmental health and wellness.

A blood mobile will be on site to sponsor a blood drive and free health screenings will be provided by the doctors and medical personnel from various healthcare groups.

To promote environmental health, a recycling drop-off site will be available through CFISD's recycler Abitibi, Houston Computer Recycling, and Sustainable Living in Houston. These groups will provide a drop-off area for electronics, household batteries, paper, plastic and aluminum. In addition, the Lion's Club will be inside collecting used or broken eyeglasses for their worldwide distribution to those in need of optical assistance.

For more information visit the Cy-Fair ISD website at www.cfisd.net and www.cyfairhealthexpo.org. If you have any questions, please call 281-517-2043.



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

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

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

Regards,

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Relationship Style

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Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
—Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)*

Disagreements are inevitable. But if we clothe ourselves with the proper wardrobe, we can often come through conflict with deeper, more meaningful relationships. As we encounter conflict we need to take a look in our relational mirrors and make sure we wear...

- **Compassion** ~ We clothe ourselves with compassion by choosing to keep our hearts tender toward the needs and feelings of others. We should make an effort to understand any need that isn't being met or possible emotions that might be fueling the disagreement. If we can make changes that will meet more needs, make them. If not, at least take the time to listen to and acknowledge the feelings of those involved in the conflict.
- **Kindness** ~ We clothe ourselves with kindness by choosing to maintain a steady disposition toward those with whom we disagree. This word kindness doesn't just mean being friendly or speaking graciously. According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, this word in the original language means "moral goodness, integrity, benignity, and kindness." It means that we are trustworthy, steady, and reliable women of integrity and grace- even amidst conflict.
- **Humility** ~ We clothe ourselves with humility by choosing to focus more on understanding other perspectives than asserting our own opinions. Jesus is our ultimate example of humility. Philippians 2:5-7 says, Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God...made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. As His servants, we also need to be willing to empty ourselves of our own agendas, motives, and selfish desires and remain open to the opinions and thoughts of others.

- **Gentleness** ~ We clothe ourselves with gentleness by choosing to protect the dignity of everyone involved. When we display gentleness, we choose not to embarrass or publicly humiliate others. We need to maintain a mild, soothing nature that draws people to us, puts them at ease, and opens lines of communication. Gentleness enables people to feel safe around us.

- **Patience** ~ We clothe ourselves with patience by choosing to forgive those who have hurt our feelings. We need to forgive as the Lord forgave us. We foster patience by recognizing our own imperfections and the abundant mercy we've received from God. We've all been forgiven much. How can we refuse to forgive someone else? We need to "bear with each other" and learn to tolerate faults and be merciful toward offenses.

- **Love** ~ We clothe ourselves with love by choosing to put our energy into restoring relationships. Throughout Scripture, whether God was blessing His people or disciplining them, He was always acting in order to restore them. Even before Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, God already had a plan in place to restore relationship with them – as well as us. God is love. His unfailing love is expressed by His relentless desire to restore relationship. As we encounter conflict, our primary focus should be continually working to restore relationships with and between others.

In all of our dealings, we are to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. We are to bear with one another, sporting forgiveness and tying everything together with a covering of love.



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School News

Keith Elementary I.K.E. - (Incredible Kid Engineers) WIN 1ST PLACE

at Destination ImagiNation Regional Competition



Members of team I.K.E. celebrate their 1st Place win at DI Regionals. Team members are from Left: Cameron Walls, Brandon Lord, David Zhou, Jared Cook, Taylor Black, Jessica Defreese. Seated: Katherine O'Connor

Competing in the Gulf Coast Regional Destination ImagiNation Tournament February 28, 2009, the Keith Elementary team I.K.E (Incredible Kid Engineers) finished First in Challenge C: "ViDIo Lit Hits". The seven member team of Fifth Graders will be representing their school, Cy-Fair ISD and the Gulf Coast Regional at the Destination ImagiNation State Tournament April 3-4, 2009.

Members of I.K.E are Taylor Black, Jared Cook, Jessica Defreese, Brandon Lord, Katherine O'Connor, Cameron Walls and David Zhou.

The Destination ImagiNation program is designed so that the students take what they know and what they are good at and apply it to solve challenges while working cooperatively as a team. The teams choose from several challenges and work for several months to "solve" the challenge. Each challenge is open-ended with an infinite number of solutions. Creativity, problem solving and teamwork is the key to a team's success.

I.K.E is looking forward to not only competing at the State Tournament but meeting other students from across the state of Texas.

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Cypress Christian School Students Raise Money for Orphanage

When students in Miss Shelby's second grade class started studying money in math, they learned a two-fold lesson: how to count change and how to change someone's life.

Students were encouraged to bring their dimes, nickels, and pennies to class during a two-week mission project called "Change to Change the World for Jesus" The goal of the project was to raise money for His Cherished Ones, an orphanage in Africa run by former CCS teacher Trena Ivy.

"When the students saw the pictures on Miss Ivy's blog of poor African children without shoes or food, they were inspired and motivated," said Miss Shelby. "They gave their Christmas money and money from their own piggy banks. The students also chose to give up their snacks at school and donate the money to the project." As a result of their efforts, the class collected more than \$1000 to send to the orphanage.



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Destination ImagiNation Teams Bring Home an Unprecedented FIVE Trophies

Phenomenally, the six Destination ImagiNation (DI) teams from Ault Elementary brought home five trophies and three special awards from the DI Regional Competition held on February 28, 2009. An unprecedented four teams from Ault are advancing to the DI Texas State competition on April 3 - 4, 2009.

Over 2000 creative problem-solving teams from Texas compete each year at Destination ImagiNation (DI). Finalists advance from Regional to State and then to the Global Tournament. DI offers its participants a real world experience in creativity, teamwork and problem solving. Participants develop life-long skills, have fun, discover new talents, make friends, and reap the rewards of teamwork. They see their own potential in action.

Five new team challenges (A-E) were offered for competition in 2009 with each team entering the challenge of their choice. Teams then worked for months preparing for competition. They performed their team challenge on stage and then privately had an instant challenge to conquer during the Regional Competition. The following teams participated from Ault Elementary of which Kimberly Drake was the school sponsor.



DI Masterminds

Challenge C – ViDIo Lit Hits

*The **DI Masterminds** – 1st Place (Flight I)

Team Manager/Lisa Edwards

Members – Alyse Armstrong, Brianna Edwards, Kegan Cunningham, Bryan Jew, Cameron Owen and Kyle Roemlein



DI Diamonds

Challenge B – Instinct Messaging

The **DI Diamonds** - Earned High Marks (Flight I)

Team Manager/Susan Cutshall

Members – Garren Bartschi, Lynea Cutshall, Charlynn Hanes, Grace Pereira, Ryan Pingilley, Jacob Roussel and Claire Stanko



DIVJs

Challenge C – ViDIo Lit Hits

*The **DIVJs** – 2nd Place (Flight D) and the DaVinci Award

Team Manager/Jana Duncan

Members – Luke Cusack, Channing Drake, Craig Drozdowski, Garrett Duncan, Grace Duncan and Kaylie Hidalgo

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Congratulations to All and Best Wishes to Those Advancing to State*!!!



Easter Sunday Brunch in the Forest

Sunday, April 12 at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Northwest Forest is a popular destination each year on Easter Sunday; so popular, in fact, that last year's Easter Sunday Brunch was a sell-out. Make plans to attend this year and make reservations early to ensure your spot at the Brunch. Seating is at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Easter Brunch at Northwest Forest affords a calm, relaxed atmosphere as well as delicious cuisine. Sip on a mimosa while you leisurely enjoy beautiful music, delicious omelets made to order, waffles with hot maple syrup, salads including fruits, vegetables and pastas, cheeses, homemade breads, fresh Gulf shrimp and mouth-watering main course meals. Executive Chef Nakayama has planned a unique, expanded menu in celebration of this glorious day!

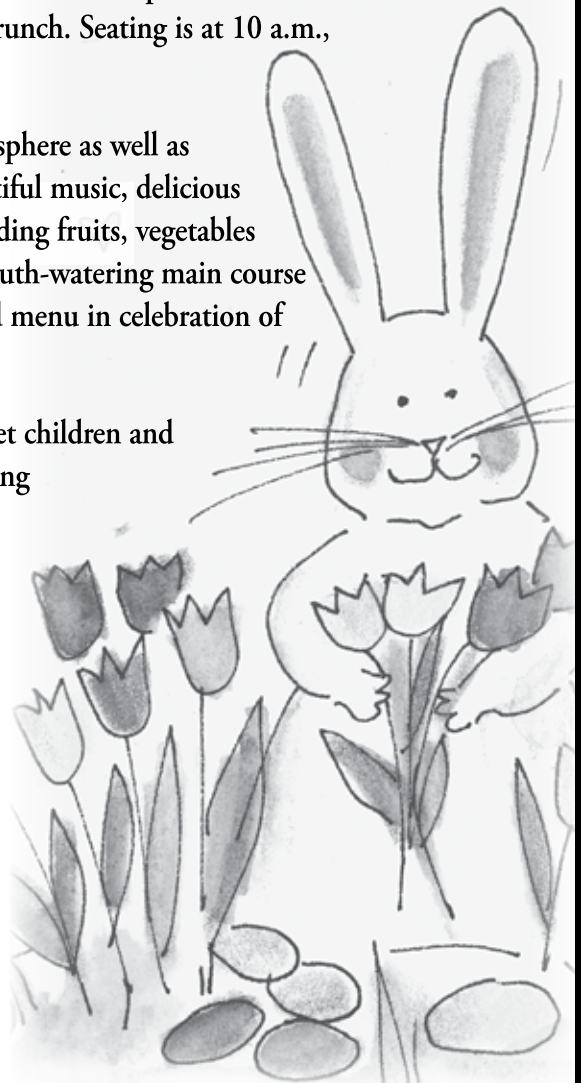
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Destination Imagination-
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**Challenge D -
Private DI**

*The **DI Dudes** –1st Place
(Flight I) and the
Renaissance Award
Team Mgr./Janet Hall,
Asst./Janet Grau
Members – Katie Baker,
Mason Coleman, Mallory
Fondren, Kenny Grau, Erika
Hall, Hailey Hughes and
Maggie Reilly

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DI Dudes

CHOCOLATE CHERRY CAKE



1 (17½ oz.) package fudge cake mix
1 (21 oz.) can cherry pie filling
1 tsp almond or vanilla extract
2 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 350°. Using solid shortening or margarine (not oil), grease and flour 13" x 9" pan. In large bowl, combine gently by hand the cake mix, fruit filling, extract and beaten eggs. Stir until well mixed. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

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Destination ImagiNation- (Continued from Page 20)



Challenge D – Private DI

The **Unexpected Super Sleuths** – 2nd Place (Flight E)

Team Mgr/Sam Krumpe, Asst/Kelli Gourley

Members – Michael Chan, Holden Gourley, Maya Kindle, Calvin Pearce, Riley Reddington, Mabry Smith and Jacob Weyand



Challenge E – A New Angle

*The **DIventors** – 1st Place and the Renaissance Award

Team Mgr/Heather Maples, Asst/Darlene Vela

Members – Bailey Dougherty, Wesley Foster, Haiden Maples, Emily Vela, Darlene Vela, Trevor Koch, Gabi Sarmiento, Alex LaPlant, Heather Maples



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100 WRAP bucks are given for every \$1 donated and there is still time to get bonus bucks! Bonus is shown on the donation form.

Corporate donations are welcome and desired!! Please help contact local businesses and corporations to support our event which provides a drug and alcohol free party for our graduating seniors and their guests after the Prom. ("Prospective Donor" letter is on the forms page of the website.)

Drink Donations - We are asking for donations of 12-pack cases of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr Pepper and cases of water for Night of WRAP.

Please see the website for drop off locations. (under Forms/ Documents tab)

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.

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Lone Star College-CyFair Perspective

All are Welcome to Four Free Events

The 2009 Student Activities Talent Show with a "Vegas Showcase" theme is April 8. The Spring Poetry Slam is April 9. The "Who's Your Hero" Speech Contest is April 16. Deaf professionals speak out at Deaf Can! (followed with an ice cream social) April 17. For information on these events, go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu.

What's in the Gallery and on Stage?

Check out the end-of-the-semester Student Art Exhibition showcasing the work of the college's visual art students April 8 through April 30. Go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery for gallery hours and information. In the Main Stage Theatre, enjoy "World Folk Music and Dance," a unique costumed choral event April 3; "Constant Star," a bio-drama April 16 through April 19 in collaboration with The Ensemble Theatre and "The Medium," an opera April 30 through May 3. For information, call 281-290-5201 or go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice.

Join the Earth Week Celebration April 20 – April 24

The Environmental Steering Committee welcomes the community to participate in a week of Earth Day Celebrations. Check out the poster exhibition in the library April 21 – April 27; enjoy the film "Flow, For Love of Water" and discussion April 22; and join a sunrise bird banding and the afternoon Charles Darwin Legacy forum April 23. For other events and information contact Sergio Sarmiento at 281-290-5234, Buck Buchanan at 281-290-3919 or go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu.

Teen Driver's Education Available in April

Spring driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are available 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 Ends April 15

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.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in April

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in April include: learning about new neighborhoods around the college April 1, surviving disaster without technology April 8, discovering life and habitats of the raptor April 15, hearing stories of immigrants with award-winning author Graciela Limon April 22 creating an original pinata April 29. 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 April 4, April 11, April 18 and April 25 in the library, room 131 as well as by appointment. Teens in need of a dress should contact the Youth Service Specialist at their high school or Prom Closet organizers Nancy Flanakin at meaford8510@yahoo.com or LSC-CyFair Teen Librarian Elise Sheppard at elise.j.sheppard@lonestar.edu or 281-290-5248.



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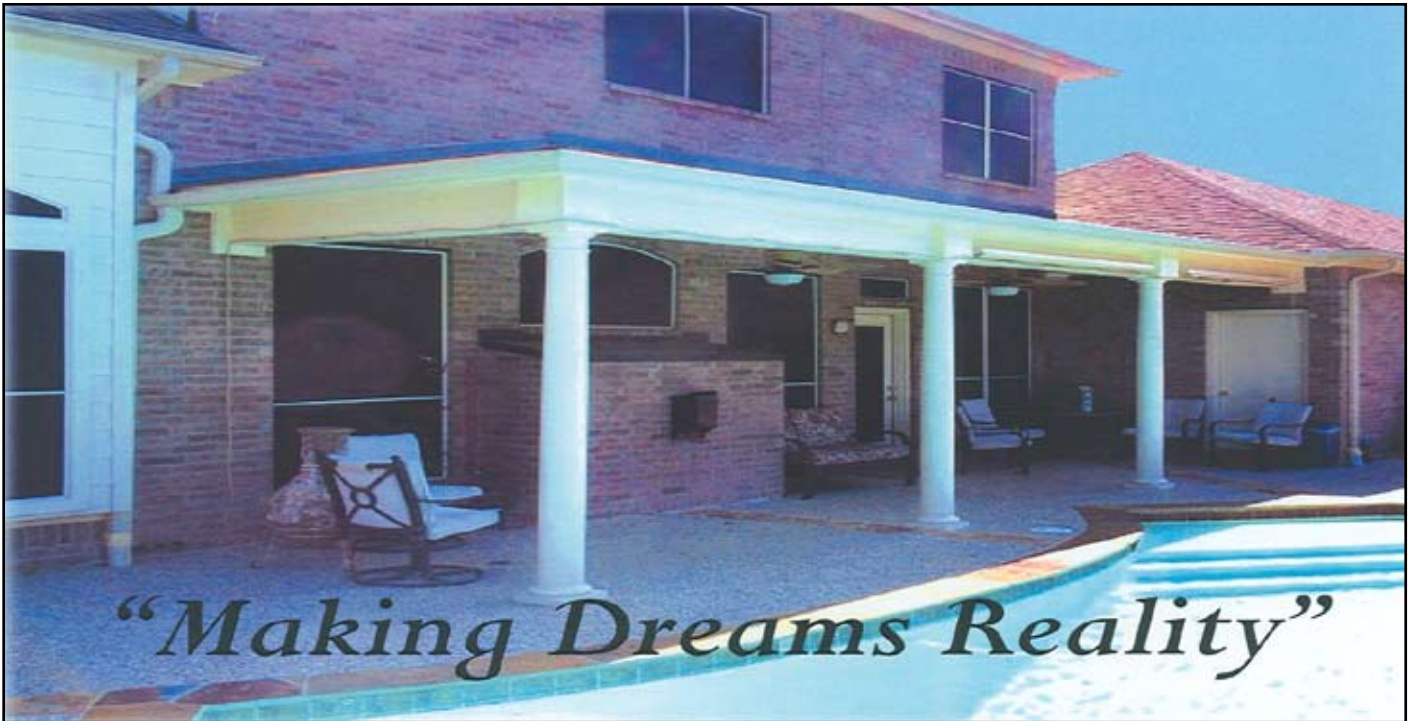
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Clubs & Announcements

Texas Terrapins Swim Team (TTST)

The Texas Terrapins Year Round Swim Team (TTST), located in Northwest Houston is very proud of many of our swimmers who have done an outstanding job this season. They have achieved so many personal bests and earned many awards (some were medals and lots were ribbons). We are especially proud of Abbie Jones (11) of Keith Elementary who qualified for the prestigious Texas Age Group Meet (TAGS) in March as well as Derek Miller (15) and Michelle Scott (15) of Cy-Ranch High School who both qualified for High School Regionals. Both Michelle and Derek swim year round with the Terrapins while also training with Cy-Ranch. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done!

Our Short Course Season has come to an end, but the fun does not stop! We are



Abbie Jones

Derek Miller

Michelle Scott

inviting our swimmers and their families to a top notch celebration at Lindsay Lakes on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.. We will have tons of food, music, dancing and awards, so we encourage all of our swimmers (new and old) to come 'dressed to impress' and get ready for a night full of excitement and fun!

after Summer League has begun.

For more information about the Texas Terrapins Year Round Swim Team, Jump Start and Learn to Swim programs, log on to www.texasterrapins.com. Remember, you can join our team at any time!

Lastly, TTST is very excited to announce our first ever Jump Start Program, which is geared towards preparing swimmers for summer league...whether they can barely make it across the pool, or are seasoned with all four strokes, we have a place for them. The program starts now and runs through mid March to late April, however will have many Summer League swimmers continue to practice with us even

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SWIM INSTRUCTORS NEEDED



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If you are interested in teaching please email Emily Seifert at eswim247@comcast.net

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.


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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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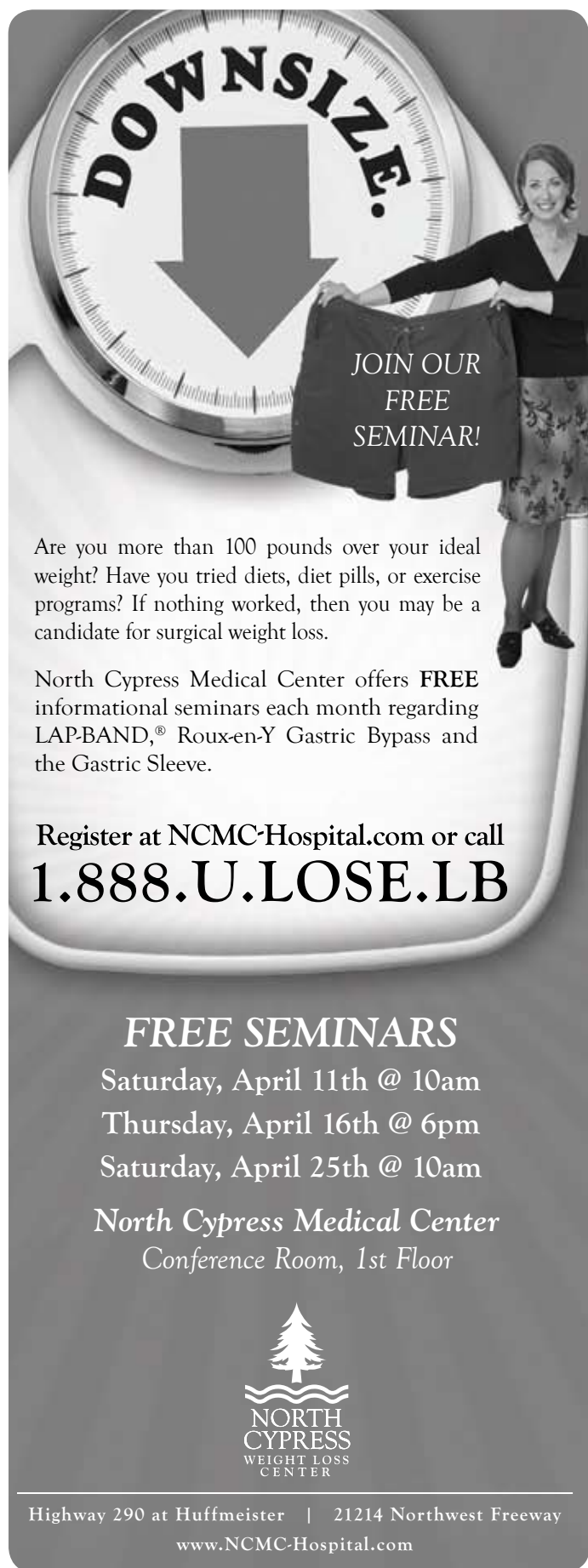
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Fairfield's Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Group The Fairfield Seniors

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 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 County 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.

OUR MAY BUS TRIP: May 16, a theater trip, details will be in the May Gazette.

Thursday, April 9: 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. Then plan on staying and join many of our members who stay to play games after the meal and finish up the desserts. You may want to bring a favorite board game or card game if you have one that is easy to play and of course we have dominos.

Tuesday, April 21: 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 April 19 email.

Special Notice: Concerning April Game Night at the Clubhouse.

It will be the fifth Thursday this month. It has been changed to avoid having two games in the same week.

Thursday, April 30: 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.

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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

CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

The annual golf tournament was held on March 30. We appreciate all the participants who took part in the tournament. Now, we move on into our scholarship drive. Some of the money raised by the tournament will be used to provide scholarships Key Club seniors in the Cy-Fair area. Cy-Fair High School and Cy-Woods High School are among the clubs supported by the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club and applications will be accepted from these schools, as well as Cy-Ridge and Cy-Falls. Cy-Ranch Key Club is also sponsored by this Club but it has no seniors in its inaugural year. Winners will be announced in the next issue of the Gazette.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club meets 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. We invite you

to a complimentary lunch, 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 February 3, 10, and 17.

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; George Crowl at 832-467-1998; or Robert Presnell at 281-304-7127.

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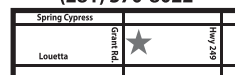
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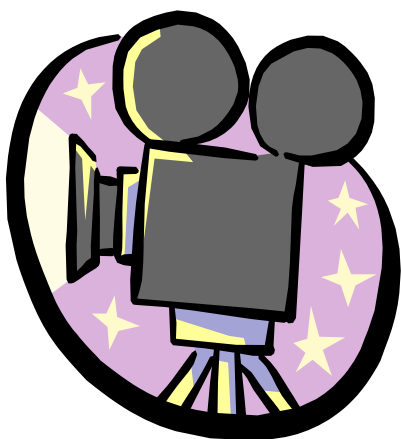
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For event information contact Marybeth Pereira @ 281-304-0389 or mbpereira507@aol.com

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. We currently have openings, however because we hold the meetings in homes our membership is limited. So don't wait, contact me today.

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Attention Kappa Delta Sisters ...

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

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Spring is here and we have a lot of great outdoor activities planned. If you are new to the area or a new mom and need a friend or support we are here for you. Don't let yourself feel isolated being a stay at home mom. 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! Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 14th, 10AM at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church located on Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield. We often have a guest speaker at our meeting discussing topics like finance, health and other popular topics. 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.



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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@yahoogroups.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.
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Church News

Harvest Bible Church

Mark 14:1-2... Two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the chief priests and the experts in the law were seeking to find a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.

2 For they said, "Not during the feast, so there won't be a riot among the people."

Mark 14 through 16 is called the passion narrative – the story of Christ's progress to the cross and his death there. All else up to this point has been a prologue to these climactic events.

Now two days before the Passover feast the Jewish religious leaders were conspiring to arrest Jesus. The verb tense "were seeking" signifies that they had been trying for a while. It's clear from v. 2 that they had no intention of arresting him during the Passover feast, for this would have created a riot because the many people assembled in Jerusalem were great admirers of Jesus – possibly numbering as many as two million. This is because the Jews were required to come to Jerusalem for this annual feast, so they were coming from all over Israel. And because Jesus had become so well-known in Israel during his three-plus years of ministry there, those seeking to arrest him were doing so stealthily so as not to cause a riot among the people. They had previously attempted to trap Jesus and arrest him in front of everyone so as to make a mockery of him and justify their actions, but Jesus silenced them all (cf. 11:27-12:40). Now they were left conspiring to arrest him and kill him privately. The Passover, however, would

last eight full days, and until Judas offered to betray Jesus the chief priests were clueless as to how to implement a plan without causing a riot. So God used Judas to fulfill His sovereign timetable.

Matthew 26:57 says that the conspirators gathered at Caiaphas' house who was the high priest. And John 11:47-53 says that he gave the order to have Jesus arrested. Now Jesus' life had always been in danger. Immediately after he was born Herod the Great tried to have him killed (Matt. 2:16), but he escaped. Later, his death was sought in his hometown of Nazareth following his baptism, but he escaped (Luke 4:16-30). Then after he healed a man on the Sabbath (Mark 3:6) the Pharisees and Herodians sought his life, but escaped. And after he healed a crippled man near the pool of Bethesda his death was sought (John 5:18). All of this culminated in the plot to kill him during Passover. Jesus was known by the crowds as "the man whom they are seeking to kill" (John 7:25). It was not news to him, however, for he had predicted his own death at least three times prior to his arrival in Jerusalem (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33). Even the O37 reveals

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that Satan has always been on the prowl against the Messiah's line to prevent his salvation to man.

All attempts to kill Jesus were in vain because God the Father's perfect will was to bring the Son of God to the cross to bear the sin of the world. No one – not man, not even Satan – could thwart God's perfect plan. Jesus told the disciples at the last supper, "the Son of Man is going as it has been determined" (Luke 22:22). And Peter preached in Acts 2:23 that Jesus was "delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God."

It's no coincidence that it was Passover in Jerusalem when Jesus arrived on April 3, AD 33. This was the annual feast that commemorated the Jewish exodus from Egypt when the death angel "passed over" those who had the blood of the lamb painted on their doorposts. The Feast of Unleavened Bread followed the Passover feast for seven days. Passover began on Nisan 14 each year (modern April/May), and from the 15th to the 21st the Feast of Unleavened Bread was observed. Now while the Jews would celebrate their deliverance from Egypt with the death of a lamb, the Lamb of God (Jesus) would die during that same feast so that God would "pass over" the sins of those who placed their faith in that Lamb – Jesus Christ. Thus, the Passover!

Garage Sale

Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Mr. David Green, Special Agent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will present a Free Seminar on Internet Crime, Sunday April 19 at 9:30am. Mr. Green will present information dealing with all aspects of Internet crime in today's world. He will also give helpful information to safeguard our children and ourselves from predators, scams and other criminal activity on the net.

Dr. David Finkelhor, Director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire, conducted a research survey in 1999 on Internet victimization of youth. His research provides the best profile of this problem to date. His research revealed; One in 5 youth received a sexual approach or solicitation over the Internet in the past year. One in 33 youth received an aggressive sexual solicitation in the past year. This means a predator asked a young person to meet somewhere, called a young person on the phone, and/or sent the young person correspondence, money, or gifts through the U.S. Postal Service. One in 4 youth had an unwanted exposure in the past year to pictures of naked people or people having sex. One in 17 youth was threatened or harassed in the past year. (Excerpt from OVC bulletin, U.S. Dept. of Justice.)

Again, we invite you to attend this free seminar dealing with

Internet Crime, Sunday, April 19, 9:30am, and hear this compelling presentation from a professional and expert in this field.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to come to church this Sunday. 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 be a beacon of hope and light to live each day. 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.

Our Sunday morning Worship begins at 10:30am with each service meant to bring glory to the name of Jesus and help each worshipper realize how wonderful it is when you know Jesus as your Savior.

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Church of Christ (Cont. from Page 38)

Mid-Week Bible Studies are also offered every Wednesday at 7:30pm. This is a great time to pause in the middle of a busy week and be re-energized by fellowship, prayer and study of God's Word.

We also offer free personal, one-on-one Bible Studies. For those who wish to study alone, Bible Correspondence Lessons are available, as well.

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

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 9:45 and 11:00 am.

Cars for Christ Car Show

Saturday, May 2, 12:30—5:00 pm

A Family Fun day for your family. View antique, classic and new cars, trucks and motorcycles. Registration for the Car Show is now open, forms are available at www.fairfieldbaptist.com. While enjoying the Car Show also enjoy a kid and family fun area with rides, moonwalks, free food and low cost helicopter rides! For more information visit our website.

KidZone Summer Fun

- Boomerang Express VBS, June 15-19, 9 am –noon for 4 years –6th grade
- Terrific Thursday fun day camp, June 11, July 23 and Aug 13, \$35/trip
- PreTeen Camp (registration deadline May 1) for grades 3-6 on June 29-July 2
- Sports Quest Soccer Camp, July 27-31, 2 sessions/day

Check the KidZone section of the website for more details on all our events.

Visit our website www.fairfieldbaptist.com for more information on these activities, Kidz Ministry, Student (grade 7-12) Ministries, Adult Studies, Men's Ministry Ladies Ministries and other programs or call at 281-373-5446.

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For information, please call Wayne Miller at 281-373-2273 or email music@goodchurch.us.

2009 Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11th, 10:00 am – Noon

WHO: Crawlers thru 5th Grade

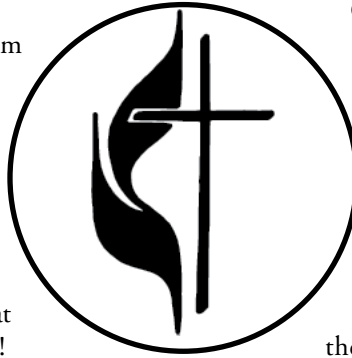
WHERE: Good Shepherd UMC

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Check our website for additional info: www.goodchurch.us

Arrive by 10:00 a.m. for age-appropriate Egg Hunts.

Don't forget your Easter basket and camera!



GS Kids

We hope you will join us in Children's Ministry programming 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. Bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th at 10am! And 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. Finally, 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.

Planning ahead-Summer Camp registration for completed 3rd - 5th graders is open. Space is limited!

Summer Camps for Youth

Summer camp opportunities have been announced! Visit the youth website at www.gsmyouth.net to see all the great possibilities

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Good Shepherd United Methodist Church- (Cont. from Page 40)
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.

We invite you to worship with us this Easter Sunday, April 12th in any of our regular services and classes. We will have greeters ready to welcome you and offer directions when needed. Please join us any Sunday morning for First Watch at 8:30am, GS Classic at 9:45am, New Path at 9:45am, or Catalyst at 11:00am. Visit our church website at www.goodchurch.us. We are located on Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield; right down from the Shell station off 290 and Mason Road. Our office staff is available Monday-Friday from 8:30-5:00 pm. Call us at 281-373-2273 for information on programs, services, Bible studies, and more. We look forward to meeting you and know you will be blessed by all the exciting events and fellowship opportunities we offer.

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Hair Not Enough To Protect Scalp From Sun Danger

Baylor College of Medicine

HOUSTON – (March 2, 2009) – Whether your scalp is covered with a full head of hair or not, dermatologists at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston say play it safe when it comes to skin cancer on the scalp.

“While most cases of skin cancer on the scalp are found in balding men, a full head of hair doesn’t mean you are fully protected,” said Dr. Ida Orengo, professor of dermatology at BCM and director of the Mohs Surgery Center at the Baylor Clinic.

Dark thick hair gives more protection compared to blond wispy locks, but some type of extra protection should be used at all times. Drug stores now carry shampoo or leave-in conditioners that include sunscreen, Orengo said.

“The best prevention method is to wear a hat with at least a three-inch brim around the entire head,” she added. “If not a hat, which can be uncomfortable in the heat, then carry an umbrella for shade.”

Treatment for skin cancer on the scalp is the same as treatment for cancer on any other part of the skin – it must be cut out. Since there is not a lot of extra skin on the scalp, it is more difficult to close a hole left behind after removal, and there is a chance for a bald spot.

However, there is a large blood supply found on the head so incisions usually heal well, Orengo said.

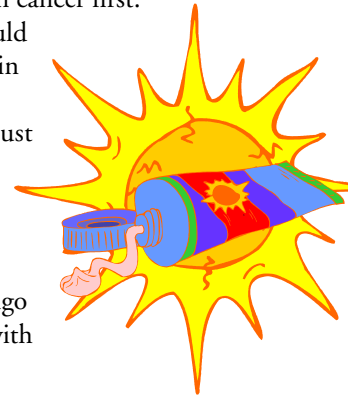
The most common forms of skin cancer found on the scalp are basal, squamous and melanoma, which can be deadly.

“Early detection is important, so if you have a regular hair dresser you might want to ask him or her to keep an eye out for any new moles or bumps,” Orengo said. “Most patients say it’s their hair dresser or barber that finds the skin cancer first.”

Those at risk for skin cancer should also have an annual full-body skin check, which includes the scalp.

Orengo cautions that it’s not just the scalp, but also the skin along the hairline and ears that is sometimes forgotten when sun block is applied.

“You have to be diligent,” Orengo said. “Even if you have protection with shade, always wear sun block.”



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Healthier Homes

By Charles & Michelle Bubnis

Have you ever walked around the neighborhood and looked at some lawns and thought "I wish my yard looked that good"? Well, here are some tips to get your yard looking great by creating a healthier turf.

Don't use Weed and Feed. 2,4-D the pesticide in most Weed and Feed product is neurotoxic and contains half of the ingredients found in Agent Orange. Studies have shown that lawn chemicals are tracked or drift inside where they remain on surfaces or in the carpet for up to a year when they are not exposed to direct sunlight (little children spend lots of time playing/crawling on carpet). Also, Weed and Feed can actually hurt the health of the lawn by killing beneficial microorganisms, insects and earth worms that maintain a healthy grass.

Instead, consider building up the health of the soil through yearly aeration and organic compost application (ex. Farm Style Compost from Natural Gardener). Corn Gluten can be applied

for pre-emergent weed control. Biological controls for insects can be used if necessary such as nematodes to get rid of grubs. Apply annually a slow release nitrogen organic fertilizer as commercial fertilizers frequently contain toxic herbicides such as 2, 4-D mentioned earlier.

You are on your way to transitioning to a natural lawn care with these easy steps. If you are looking for or currently have a lawn care service, ask them to adopt these methods. If they wish to use IPM (Integrated Pest Management) be wary because these usually include the use of toxic pesticides.

Within a short time you too will have a robust looking lawn but more importantly, you will know that it truly is healthier and safer for your family too.

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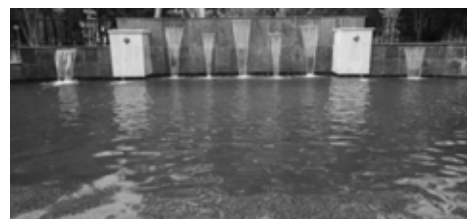
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Although we're all anxious to get home to be with our families, speeding and reckless driving is against the law and endangers everyone. Fairfield is a family oriented community with many children; for that reason before you speed or park on the street, please consider their well-being. Also, children playing in the street can unknowingly create a dangerous situation, especially on heavily traveled streets; the driver may not see the child, especially in the evening or after dark.

We all know that children have a tendency to move about impulsively and may inadvertently run into the street. Please don't let a tragedy happen before parking your vehicle off the street or obeying the speed limit. For the benefit of all the residents and children, and the overall appearance of your neighborhood, please do not park on the street. Make accommodations in your garage or driveway for your vehicles and keep your streets clear and safe for all and please, **DO NOT SPEED IN FAIRFIELD.**



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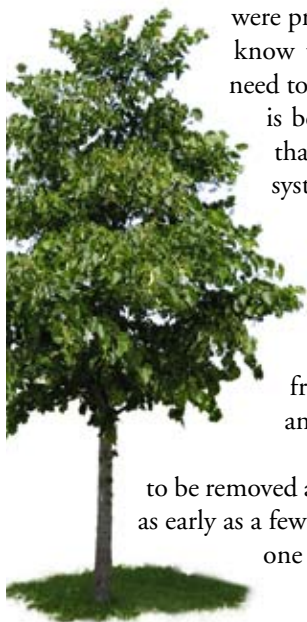
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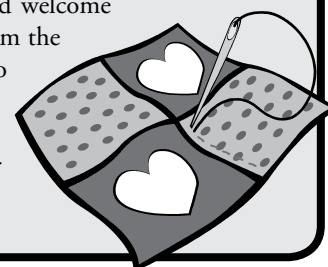
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2 Cups Mixed fresh berries ½ Cup Heavy whipping cream
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½ Cup Lemon curd Mind sprigs to garnish
1½ tsp Lemon zest

Gently combine mixed berries with sugar and refrigerate about 30 minutes. In a large bowl, stir together the lemon curd and the lemon zest. In the bowl of an electric mixer, whip the cream with the wire whip until stiff peaks form. Stir in vanilla. Gently fold the whipped cream into the lemon mixture. In parfait glasses or dessert dishes, alternate layers of cream mixture with berries. Garnish with mint sprigs and serve.

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Tax Tips

Submitted by John Harris

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

- 1.) For the first time, you can deduct up to \$1000.00 of your real estate taxes even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- 2.) There is another huge change in casualty losses. Having come from Florida, I am very familiar with hurricane losses. For the first time, you can deduct a casualty loss in federally declared disaster areas, even if you do not itemize, and if you do, it is not subject to the previous 10% of adjusted gross income threshold. In other words, if you had damage from hurricane Ike, and most people had some damage or loss, you may get a tax deduction for your loss. These losses may include anything from roof and fence damage to loss of food in your freezer.
- 3.) You may also qualify for last year's stimulus rebate check this year, even if you

did not qualify last year. (A note on this, last year's check is NOT taxable this year, contrary to some rumors I have heard.)

- 4) They also raised the IRA contribution limit to \$5000.00, \$6000.00 if you are 50 years of age or older. I know many people lost much of their retirement values in 2008, but it is still a good idea to invest in your retirement accounts. You may want to consider investing in a more conservative investment, but you still should invest! Talk to your financial advisor.
- 5) If you own your own business, it is still not too late to set up a SEP retirement plan for your business and get a deduction up to \$46,000.00 for 2008.
- 6) Lastly, the standard mileage rate for 2008 is broken down into two parts. From January 1 to June 30, it is 50.5 cents per mile and 58.5 cents per mile driven during the rest of 2008.

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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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How to Start Playing Tennis

Submitted by Fernando M. Velasco

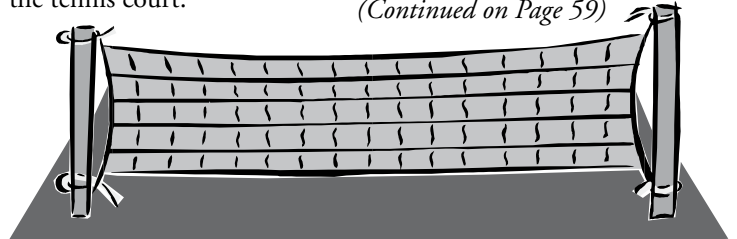
Spring time is a good time to start playing the "game of a lifetime": TENNIS!! As I play in many tournaments all over the country, it is nice to see people actively playing not only competitive, but also socially. The USTA even offers National and International Tournaments in both singles and doubles in the ages 30 through 90 in increments of 5 years.

The first thing to do is to contact a tennis center or club and find out the beginner classes they offer. Even if someone has played a few years ago, this is a good way to get back into the game again. A good program may last from six to 10 weeks, meeting once a week for about one hour each. The pro, would start with the basic grips on forehand and backhand, and also work with the proper footwork.

Once the player feels comfortable with moving and hitting the ball at the same time, the next step would be to teach the volleys, overhead and serve. At this point, advise would be given to the players to practice with each other and simply rally back and forth as many times as possible.

All players need is a good pair of tennis shoes and comfortable clothing. Walking/running shoes have a tendency to turn ankles, develop "plantar fasciitis", or hurt the "tennis calf" muscle. They also leave black marks on the tennis court.

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How to Start Playing Tennis - (Continued from Page 58)

A good club will provide with demo rackets for the players to try out. A player should find the proper grip size and the proper weight and thickness of frame to fit their game.

In order to get used to the different bounce of the ball, one needs to spend a great deal of time just hitting balls. I recommend practicing against a wall, or use a ball machine that feeds balls. Players will learn to adjust to the depth, height and power of the ball by spending as much "court" time as possible.

In future articles, I will give you advice on how to select the proper racket, strings and shoes, and will provide you with information on how to get involved in leagues and tournaments. Get a "spring" start on your game and contact your local tennis club or park district to get started as soon as possible.

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1 cucumber	
1 (8 oz.) can water chestnuts (drained)	
1 (8 oz.) bottle Zesty Italian salad dressing	

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Chop vegetables. Add salt, pepper, and salad dressing. Chill 8 hours or overnight.

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

Spring Is In the Air

Time to Start Your Own Organic Garden

Submitted by LCRA

In a world of iPod's, computer games, and DVDs, gardens are our nearest gateway to nature. Planting an organic garden with your family or friends builds relationships as well as stronger connections to the land, weather, and plants of Texas.

When looking for a garden site in your yard, choose an area with a good six to eight hours of sunlight and access to water. If you have shallow or poor soil, consider creating raised beds. Decide the garden's design by drawing shapes on paper and thinking about how you might arrange flowers, herbs, and vegetables within those shapes.

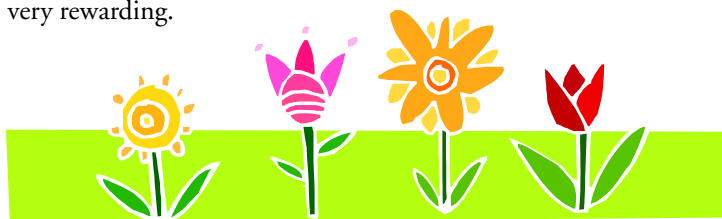
You may want to read through regional gardening books and seed catalogs when choosing plants. Native plants will be much easier to grow and keep healthy, and native flowering plants attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Avoid toxic plants, and consider aromatic herbs and edible plants. If you choose to start some plants from seed, create garden markers using either names or drawings to help recognize the plants when they germinate.

Find sturdy gardening tools. Many nurseries and garden centers sell spades and rakes in various sizes - make sure you find one that fits you best. Avoid digging with hand trowels unless the soil is very friable, or you are working in pots—small hands and wrists tire easily.

Use soaker hoses with timers to keep soil moist while your seeds are germinating. Keep a calendar to record when you plant seeds and when they germinate. Place a rain gauge in the garden to keep track of showers. Find a magnifying glass to peer at leaves, flowers, and insects in your garden.

Keep your garden safe for everyone by avoiding the use of toxic landscape chemicals. Visit www.growgreen.org for information on less toxic landscaping.

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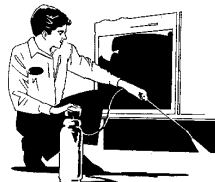


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SYMPTOMS POINT TO DIABETES

HOUSTON – Maintaining a healthy weight, eating a low-fat diet and exercising regularly can help prevent the onset of diabetes and the many side affects of the disease, say experts at Baylor College of Medicine. Those with a higher risk of diabetes, which include people who are overweight and those who have a family history of the disease, should also have their blood glucose levels screened regularly.

A fasting glucose level of 70 to 100 mg/dL is considered normal, 100-125 mg/dL is considered pre-diabetes condition and 126 mg/dL or above indicates type 2 diabetes.

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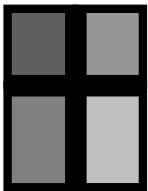
HOUSTON – Does looking chic leave your feet screaming for help? Listen to them – not fashion pundits – for a change, says a foot and ankle expert.

Dr. John Marymont, associate professor of orthopedic surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said that wearing a two-inch heel subjects the ball of your foot to 50 percent more pressure than flat shoes. High-heeled shoes do not usually have a foot-friendly design.

THE AMERICAN ORTHOPEDIC FOOT AND ANKLE SOCIETY, OF WHICH MARYMONT IS A MEMBER, SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING WHEN CONSIDERING HIGH-HEELED SHOES:

- Don't choose a shoe based on its marked size; sizes vary among types of shoes and brands.
- Select a shoe similar to the shape of your foot.
- Try on high heels at the end of the day when your feet are at their biggest.
- The shorter the heel, the better.

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Health Brief - (Continued from Page 61)

- Limit wearing high heels to special occasions.
- Make sure your heel fits comfortably within the shoe with minimal slippage.

In other words, put your best foot forward by lending an ear to those podiatric pleas. Your feet will thank you for listening.

WITH SEASONAL ALLERGIES, THE EYES HAVE IT

HOUSTON – Eye allergies often show up at this time of year, but they don't have to keep you from enjoying spring, says a doctor at Baylor College of Medicine.

Symptoms of eye allergies, called seasonal allergic conjunctivitis, include itching, swollen eyes along with burning, tearing and discomfort. Yvonne Chu, assistant professor of ophthalmology at BCM, has some tips to ease eye allergies.

Use over-the-counter artificial tears to dilute and flush out allergens and to relieve itching and redness. Apply a cold compress to the eyes to ease discomfort and reduce puffiness.

Over-the-counter antihistamines that are designed to help nasal allergies can also help treat eye allergies. For more severe seasonal allergic conjunctivitis cases, an ophthalmologist can prescribe eye drops that block histamines from being released.

She also said to avoid rubbing your eyes. Even though it's a natural reaction, it will only make matters worse.

Don't let this time of year get you irritated: preventative measures and topical treatments can help allergy sufferers get the "spring" back in their step.

MANY EAR INFECTIONS CLEAR UP WITHOUT ANTIBIOTICS

HOUSTON – Many children with ear infections are now being sent home from the doctor's office without a prescription for antibiotics.

While the traditional treatment for ear infections has been antibiotics, studies have shown that many ear infections improve without any treatment and with no complications, said Dr. Ellen Friedman, professor of otorhinolaryngology and pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Decreasing a child's exposure to antibiotics is important because of the threat of antibiotic resistance caused by overexposure," said Friedman, also chief of pediatric otolaryngology at Texas Children's Hospital. "And with many ear infections, we're finding that a pain reliever to control fever and pain is all that's needed."

Fluid that stays in the ear after an ear infection can affect hearing and language, so Friedman recommends that a child who has been diagnosed with an ear infection be seen again six to eight weeks after the diagnosis to make sure the fluid is gone.

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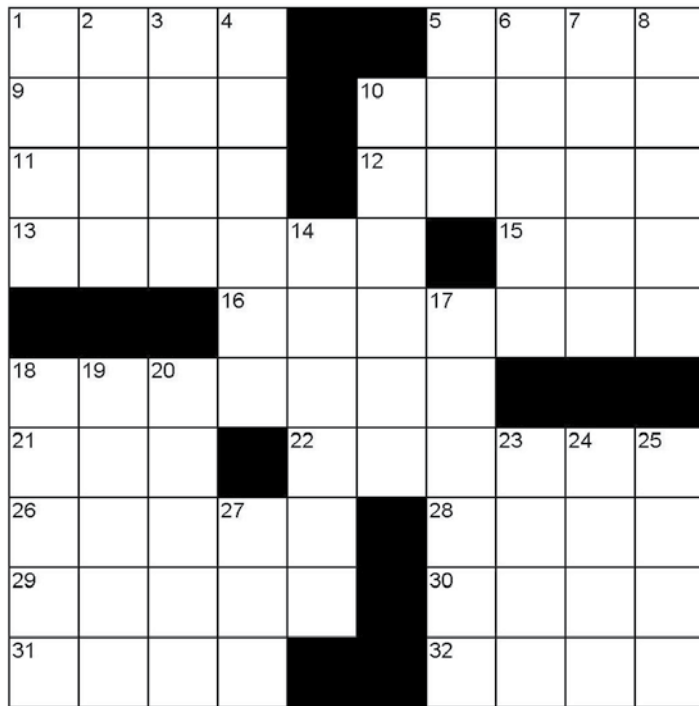
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Grabs
5. Capital of Western Samoa
9. Healing plant
10. Canned chili brand
11. Baby powder
12. Howdy
13. Mexican food brand
15. Billion years
16. Smash
18. In abundance
21. Scarf
22. Prejudice
26. Living
28. National capital
29. Fathers
30. Margarine
31. Entertainer
32. Nightly tv show

DOWN

1. North Atlantic Treaty Organization
2. Winged
3. Fastening device
4. What the confederates tried to do
5. Dined
6. Whiter
7. Ice house
8. Hurting
10. Brand of soda
14. Literature
17. Baron
18. Embarrass
19. Crippling disease
20. Dens
23. Island
24. Killed
25. Cow noises
27. Animal doctor

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	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM	Avail	Pending
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Baker's Ridge	1	\$64.60	7	0	0
Chappell Ridge	3	\$61.40	112	7	1
Cottage Glen	1	\$62.60	83	2	1
The Estates	1	\$78.67	45	2	0
Garden Grove	6	\$64.61	77	5	2
Glen	1	\$70.79	96	3	3
Inwood Glen	1	\$71.93	55	4	1
Inwood Meadows	6	\$73.60	67	3	1
Inwood Park	4	\$66.60	101	7	2
Lakes/Lake Ridge 2	2	\$80.68	150	18	4
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	1	\$70.33	96	2	4
Meadows/Park/Retreat	1	\$63.31	108	1	1
Oaks/Trails	1	\$76.67	72	0	0
Pines	0	-	-	1	0
Summer Crossing	1	\$76.42	51	9	4
Summer Ridge	0	-	-	4	0

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