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### I<sup>st</sup> Annual Postma Elementary Golf Tournament

The golf tournament will be on May 16 at Houston Oaks Golf Course. Registration for the 4-person scramble begins at 12:30 pm with a shotgun start at 2:00pm. The entry fee is \$100.00 per person or \$360.00 per 4person team. The entry fee includes green fee, cart, range balls, goodie bag and fajita dinner. Awards will be announced at the dinner. Additional dinner tickets are available for purchase: \$16.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under the age of 12. Bring the family out to play and enjoy a great dinner with other Postma families.

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All proceeds will go towards purchasing new playground equipment for Postma Elementary. Please consider becoming a sponsor, playing in the tournament or donating items for prizes or gift bags.

#### ALL INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT: Kristi Rodriguez krstrodriguez@yahoo.com or 281-856-7109 Khristina Howton khowton@sbcglobal.net or 281-304-0969

Recycling At Free Community Event:

Help Us Recycle a Ton! Start collecting now! (and enjoy lots of other fun activities too!)

- Where: Cy-Fair Community Health & Wellness Expo at the Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress on Saturday, May 16th at 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- What: Paper, Plastic (#1,2,5 or 7), metal, phones, household batteries and electronics including computers, faxes, printer cartridges
- Why: Do your part for the environment! Save the planet! You need to do "spring cleaning" !

Show your family you can be "green"! It's easy! Recycling area will be a drive up, drop off set up. We CANNOT accept TV's, car batteries, microwaves, appliances, copiers or medical equipment.

Courtesy of Houston Computer Recycling, Sustainable Living Houston, and Abitibi Paper Retriever.



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# **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

### EMERGENCY

Sheriff	
Fire Department	
Cy-Fair Medical Center	
Memorial City Hospital	
Poison Control	

### SCHOOLS

Cypress Fairbanks ISD	
Posta Elementary	
Spillane Middle	
Cy-Fair High	
Cy-Falls High	
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Cy-Fair College	

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### LIBRARY

Cy-Fair College Library	0

# **NEWSLETTER INFO**

### **NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER**

### **ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS**

Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Want to submit a photo, article, or both? It's easy!! Email the editor at editor@riataranch.net. Articles for the newsletter are finalized on the 10th of the preceding month So if you get your ideas in before the deadline, you should see them in the very next month's newsletter.

We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

### **Riata Ranch Homeowners Meetings**

The Riata Ranch HOA Board of Directors encourages all homeowners to participate in the monthly board meetings. The meeting is held on the last Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in participating please contact SCS management in order to add your topic to the meeting agenda.

> riatahoa@riataranch.net or Debbie Spaw dspaw@scsmgnt.com Association Manager SCS Management Services, Inc. 7170 Cherry Park Dr. Houston Texas 77095 Direct phone: (281) 500-7102 Direct fax: (281) 500-7172

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### Women and Finance

Submitted by Rich Keith

If you've not stopped to consider what your life could be like in retirement, consider these facts:

Women live longer. The average life expectancy for baby girls in the U.S. is now 80 years old, compared to 75 for boys. Some estimates show more than one-third of America women will live to at least age 90, meaning today's women will spend more time in retirement and need more resources.

Women earn less. It's a sad reality that women still earn 76 cents for every dollar a man makes. The average Social Security check for men and women reflects the disparity in income and working years: Women received \$867 in December 2006, while men received \$1,148. 30% of unmarried women 65 and older currently live on Social Security alone.

Women take time off to care for others. Not only are women more likely to take time off to have and raise children, they are also more likely to interrupt their working years to care for ailing parents or other relatives. Seven out of ten unpaid caregivers are women, and more than 50% of caregivers modify their work status because of it. This includes working fewer hours or taking unpaid leaves of absence – all of which affect their career paths, contributions to retirement

accounts and accumulated Social Security benefits.

Women aren't saving enough – if at all. Even though women will spend more years in retirement than men, women still lag behind in their retirement savings. According to new studies from the Employee benefit Research Institute, just 53% of women are currently saving for retirement, compared to 62% of men. And 37 of women are currently participating in a company 401(k) or other workplace plan, compared to 41% of men; and just 37% of women are likely to hold an IRA or other non-workplace retirement account, compared to 46% of men.

Women are more likely to retire in poverty. For all of the reasons listed above, is it really a surprise that women are 71% more likely than men to live below the poverty line in retirement?

It's critical for women to have a plan. Women need to save more money than men because they cycle in and out of the workplace more often. Over 75% of women are widowed at an average age of 56, and 1 in 4 of these women are broke within two months of being widowed. What do you want your retirement years to look like? Do start now. The earlier you start, the easier it will be to reach your retirement goals. Time is a powerful key to achieving financial security.

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# Lone Star College - CyFair Perspective

#### **GRADUATION ORIENTATION SET MAY 6**

All LSC-CyFair graduates planning on participating in the commencement ceremony May 9 at the Berry Center should attend the May 6 orientation at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Center for all ceremony information. For graduation information, call 281-290-3200, e-mail jose.d.deleon@lonestar.edu, or go to cyfair.lonestar.edu/graduation.

#### **REGISTRATION UNDER WAY FOR SUMMER AND FALL**

Summer and fall registration are under way at Lone Star College-CyFair and Lone Star College-Fairbanks Center. With courses designed to transfer to four-year institutions, two-year associate degrees and career programs developed to meet the needs of tomorrow, LSC-CyFair has everything to meet your interests as well as academic and workforce needs. Financial aid, scholarships and payment plan available. For the best selection on the courses and times that will fit your schedule, register now! Call 281-290-3200 or 832-782-5000 for information; go online to CyFair. LoneStar.edu; or visit one of our conveniently located campuses at 9191 Barker Cypress or 14955 Northwest Freeway.

#### WHAT'S ON STAGE IN THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS?

In the Main Stage Theatre, enjoy the lyric opera "The Medium" through May 3; "Music of the Court," String Orchestra concert May 4 and "Jazz Jam" a jazz band concert May 6. Save the date June 8 – June 20 for the summer children's show "Aladdin." For information, call 281-290-5201 or go to CyFair.LoneStar. edu/boxoffice.

#### L.I.F.E. LESSONS IN MAY

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in May include: an international summer buffet May 6, cultural talk on Japanese Americans May 13, opera scenes from Romeo and Juliet May 20 and networking Facebook style May 27. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

# ADVISING AND REGISTRATION FAIR FOR BACHELOR'S OR MASTER'S DEGREE SEEKERS SET MAY 14

Lone Star College-University Center, located at 3232 College

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#### Lone Star College - (Continued from Page 4)

Park Drive, The Woodlands, will have an Advising & Registration Fair, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14. The partner universities advisors and faculty will be available to answer questions regarding registration for the Summer 2009 semester. Earn a Bachelor's or Master's Degree from Prairie View A&M University, Sam Houston State University, Texas A&M University, Texas Southern University, University of Houston or University of UH-Downtown, close to home! For information, call the Student Services Office at 936.273.7510 or 281.618.7140.

### IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR DISCOVERY COLLEGE

Registration for Lone Star College-CyFair's popular Discovery College summer camp for ages 6 to 15 is under way. The one-week summer sessions are fun and educational programs to develop skills in a friendly environment. Camps are offered at the Barker Cypress campus and the Fairbanks Center campus, Monday through Friday. For information, go tocyfair.lonestar.edu/discoverycollege. For Barker Cypress camps only, call 832-482-1043 and for Fairbanks Center camps only, call 832-782-5038.

### Sudoku

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





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### Special Events needs Special People!

If you are looking for a way to get involved in our community, there is no better way that the Special Events Committee. If you have any questions please contact events@riataranch.net









# **Cypress N Houston Extension**

Harris County precinct 3 has reported that the planning of the extension Cypress N Houston to Stonegate has begun. The work is targeted for to begin in May 2009 and targeted to be complete by July 2009. These dates are tentative and are subject to change.

# **Street Light Out?**

Don't drive around in the dark! Report it. It's easy. Just call 713-207-2222 and list the following:

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### NOTICE: TO ALL DOGS

Woof, Woof, Bark, Ruff, Ruff, Woof, Woof, Wag!..... Wag!.....Wag! *Bark, Riata Ranch* 

### Translated for dog caregivers:

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# **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.

### Help Keep the Storm Drains Clear

Recently, we have received reports of teens throwing items into the storm drains, such as boxes and basketballs. These items can plug the drain and cause flooding when the next storm comes.

If you see this activity, please report it to the Sheriff's Department with the best description of the activity that you can give.

Stopping this activity is important to all of us. It could even keep your home from flooding.



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Not Available Online	Teenage Job Seekers         Please place my name on the TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS         list in the RANCH REVIEW.         Signature         Please check appropriate boxes:         Baby-sitting         Pet Care         House/Plant Care         Lawn Care         Name         Address         Phone         I give my permission for my child's name and phone number to be entered in THE RANCH REVIEW as a TEENAGE JOB SEEKER							
<b>Personal Classified Ads</b> The RANCH REVIEW runs personal classified ads that are FREE to residents. If you would like to place and add, please email your submission to <u>editor@riataranch.net.</u> Your submission must be received by the 10th of the prior month.	Parent's Signature Clip and mail to: The Ranch Review c/o SCS managemenet 7170 Cherry Park Drive, Houston, TX 77095							
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MEET TERRAIL



### DOB: August 1995

Terrail is described as "a sweet and good child," with no major behavioral issues. Terrail is generous and shows affection and compassion towards others. He is calm, easy going and affectionate. Terrail likes playing with his toys, drawing, coloring and playing outdoors. He is an explorer and a learner. He loves animals. Hamburgers and fries from McDonalds top his list of favorite foods. Terrail has made good progress in his development and behaviors while in the nurturing and consistent environment of his foster home.

He would love to be adopted; he wants a forever family. Terrail likes younger kids, another child his age or younger would do well with him. He needs a family who can offer him stability, patience and consistency.

For more information, contact Grace Lindgren, LMSW Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas gracelindgren@adopttexas.org, (512) 687-3209



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### **HEALTHIER HOMES**

By: Michelle & Charlie Bubnis

#### WHAT DO LABELS ON PRODUCTS REALLY TELL US?

We are constantly reading labels because we believe that the product information listed will inform us as to whether the product is healthy for our home and family. Listed below are three best selling products. Each product is manufactured by U.S. companies with both domestic and international sales up to one billion dollars annually. One tends to believe that what is printed on the product label is what truly is in the product. However, many times there are toxic chemicals within that are not listed.

### PRODUCT #1 – PLUG IN AIR FRESHENER Printed on the label: No ingredients listed

Laboratory testing showed that the product actually contained: d-limonene, alpha-pinene, beta, pinene, ethanol, ethyl butanoate, ethyl acetate, 3-hexen-1-01, 1-butanol, 3 methyl-acetate, betaphellandrene, acetaldehyde, benzaldehy, carene isomer, 1-methyl-3(1-methylethyl-cyclohexane, isopropyl alcohol, 1-butano1, 2-methyl-acetate, camphene, acetone, methyl butanoate, dimethyl ethyl cyclohexane, alpha-phellandrene

#### PRODUCT #2 – DRYER SHEET Printed on the label: Biodegradable cationic softeners & perfumes

Laboratory testing showed that the product actually contained: linalool, ethanol, loenyl acetate, cls-rose oxide, carene isomer, 2, 4dimethyl-3-cyclohexane, 1-carboxaldehyde, d-limonene, 3-methyl -2-buten-1-ol acetate, 2, 7-dimethyl-2, 7-octanediol, alpha-pinene, trans-rose oxide, eucalyptol, alpha-phenyl ethyl acetate, betapinene

# PRODUCE #3 – SCENTED LIQUID DETERGENT ADDED TO THE LAUNDRY

# Printed on the label: Ingredients include biodegradable surfactants (anionic and non-ionic) and enzymes.

Laboratory testing showed that the product actually contained: ethanol, d-limonene, 2-methyl-2 propoanol, 1, 4-dioxane, 3, 7-



dimethyl-1, 6-octadiene, ethyl acetate, alpha pinene, beta-pinene, 2butanone, 1- methyl-3(1 methylethyl) – cyclohexene, 2, 4-dimethyl – 3-cyclohexene – 1-carboxaldehyde, undecane, beta-terpinene

There is an obvious difference between the chemicals identified in the laboratory study and the chemicals listed on the product labels. Several of the products emit Hazardous Air Pollutants which are harmful to human health. Currently there is not a United States Law requiring that consumer products or fragrance chemicals be fully disclosed even though they are main sources of toxic volatile organic compounds (VOC's). Regulation of consumer products other than food, drugs, cosmetics, tobacco and pesticides largely fall under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA). The CPSA does not require disclosure of all ingredients in all products. This is troubling since ninety percent of total human exposure to VOC's come from small sources, close to us and within our control, but they are not listed on the labels. Shouldn't we be concerned?

# THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM THE FOLLOWING STUDY:

Steinman A.C, Fragranced Consumer Products and Undisclosed Ingredients, Environmental Impact Assessment Review (2008) doi::10.1016/j.eiar.2008.05.002



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## **Texas Events - May**

- 1-2, 8-10, 15-16—BAYTOWN: The Producers A down-on-his-luck Broadway producer and his accountant come up with a scheme to bilk their backers out of millions of dollars. Only one thing goes awry — the show is a hit. Baytown Little Theater. www.baytown. littlertheater.org 281/424-7617
- 1, 3, 5, 7, 9—HOUSTON: Brief Encounter Opera is based on a classic film adaptation of Noel Coward's Still Life. Brown Theater. www.houstongrandopera.org
- 1-24—DICKINSON: No Sex Please, We're British A young bride, who lives above a bank with her husband, the bank's assistant manager, orders some Scandinavian glassware by mail and instead receives Scandinavian pornography. Presented by Bay Area Harbour Playhouse. 3803 Hwy. 3. www.bayareaharbourplayhouse. com 281/337-7469
- 2—BEAUMONT: Free Family Arts Day Combines an exploration of the exhibits with hands-on activities and storytelling. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432
- 2—GALVESTON: The Drowsy Chaperone Spoofs Broadway musicals of the 1920s and '30s. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 or 409/765-1894
- **2—HOUSTON:** Rigoletto Houston Grand Opera co-production with The Dallas Opera. Brown Theater. www.houstongrandopera. org 713/228-6737
- **2-3, 9-10—GALVESTON:** Historic Homes Tour Magnificent architecture, creative home decor and intriguing history stories await through the doors of Galveston Island's oldest homes. Ten houses dating from 1839 to 1912 are on view for special tours. www.galvestonhistory.org 409/765-7834
- **3—GALVESTON:** Galveston Symphony Orchestra The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- **3—HOUSTON:** Cinco de Mayo Celebrate with live music, food, community service exhibits, games and activities for kids, fresh fajitas, turkey legs, margaritas and more. Traders Village. www. tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500
- **3-9—WHARTON:** Wharton County Youth Fair Enjoy agricultural exhibits, animal competitions, barbecue competitions, live entertainment, talent contests, kids activities and more. Crescent Fairgrounds. www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org 979/677-3350
- 5—BEAUMONT: Cinco de Mayo Celebration Downtown will be alive with performers, art activities, food vendors, and a classic car

and hot rod exhibit. Riverfront Park 409/728-0625

- 7-9—BEAUMONT: 64th Annual YMBL Championship Chute Out Rodeo Some of the highest paid cowboys in the country compete. The event also includes spicy southern food, live Texas country entertainment and a Texas-sized dance floor. www.ymbl. org/rodeo 409/832-9991
- **8—HOUSTON:** Aspen Santa Fe Ballet The company will perform a sophisticated repertory featuring some of the world's foremost choreographers. Begins at 8 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA
- **8-9—GALVESTON:** Annual Yaga's World Wild Game Championship & BBQ Cook-Off Backyard chefs, sports people and outdoor enthusiasts show off their culinary skills. Features entertainment, silent auction, fireworks and children's activity area. Pier 21. www. yagaschildrensfund.org 832/247-1311 or 713/818-5507
- 8-9—LA PORTE: Porte of Call Music & Art, the Universal Language Includes fine dining, music, arts and more. Enjoy live music from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday. 215 W. Main. Arts Market is from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at South 2nd and Main Street. www. laportetx.gov 281/741-5020
- 8-10—CRYSTAL BEACH: Texas Crab Festival Enjoy some of the tastiest crab and seafood dishes on the Texas . Includes food and craft booths, crab legs contest, Texas Crab Fest Weiner Dog Nationals, crab races, carnival/rides/games, and a kids stage. www. bolivarchamber.org/crabfestival.aspx
- **9—EDNA:** Take Mom Fishing Fishing is from 9 a.m. to noon. Fish printing is from 2 to 3 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718
- **9—GALVESTON:** Chubby Checker & the Wildcats The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- **9—HOUSTON:** Hot Peas 'N Butter This unique children's musical group performs. Begins at 2 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA
- **9—LA PORTE:** Hard Hat Tour Take a guided tour of Battleship Texas and see areas rarely seen by the public. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, wear comfortable clothes and rubber sole deck shoes. Reservations required. 3523 Battleground Road. www. usstexasbb35.com 281/479-2431 ext. 236
- **11-16—BAYTOWN:** Baytown Youth Fair & Rodeo Gates open at 6 p.m. Baytown Fairgrounds. www.baytownyouthfair.org

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- 12-24—HOUSTON: Happy Days A Musical Theatre Under the Stars. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882
- 13—SAN BENITO: El Second Weensdee Enjoy an oral history series on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. Narciso Martinez Cultural Art Center. 956/399-0110
- **15-16—ROCKPORT:** 10th Annual Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament This is an all-women fishing tournament. ACND Festival Grounds, Rockport Harbor. www.babesonthebay.com 361/729-5353
- 16—GALVESTON: Capitol Steps Provides up-to-the-instant political satire with side-splitting musical parody. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- **16—HOUSTON:** Birding Walk & Talk Stroll around the park's many trails seeking spring neotropic migrants and nesting birds. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800
- 16—PORT ARTHUR: Cajun Celebration Includes bands and dancing. Jefferson County Singles Club. 409/983-5118
- **16-17—HOUSTON:** Eighth Annual Country Roots Music Festival Takes the audience back to the roots of "real" country, with two afternoons of juke box covers and original tunes. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

- 17—LA PORTE: Monumental Bug Bash The Bay Area Volkswagen Club hosts this annual car picnic. All makes and models of VWs are welcome. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. San Jacinto State Park. www.bayareavwclub.com 832/205-2300 or 281/479-2431
- 23—EDNA: Memorial Day Fun & Games Includes dunking booth, sack races, horseshoes, volleyball and other games from 2 to 4 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718
- 23-24—PORT ARTHUR: S.A.L.T. Fishing Rodeo Tournament includes a children's category. Pleasure Island. 409/963-0433
- 24—SANTA FE: Pee Wee Bowen Band www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401
- **29-Jun. 14—NASSAU BAY:** Moonlight & Magnolias Presented by Clear Creek Country Theatre. 18091 Upper Bay Road. www. clearcreekcountrytheatre.org 281/335-5228
- **30—GALVESTON:** Steve Tyrell Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- **30—PORT ARTHUR:** Children's Miracle Network Telethon Parkdale Mall. 409/983-5065

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## Price trends for the previous month...

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Neighborhood Section	Active Listings	Pending Listings	Solds	Ave. Days on Market	Ave. Price per Sq. Ft
Section 1	3	2	1	138	65.03
Section 2	2	-	-	-	-
Section 3	4	-	1	86	49.38
Section 4	2	1	2	16	67.43
Section 5	2	-	1	69	65.93
Section 6	1	-	1	158	74.20
Section 7	2	1	-	-	-
Section 8	5	1	-	-	-
Section 9	2	1	-	-	-
Section 10	1	-	-	-	-
Section 11	3	1	-	-	-



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