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**OFFICIAL FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER** 



TOP ROW: Coach Tim Lyons, Asst. Coach Oscar Peraza, Meghan Lyons (bat girl), Asst. Coach Dean Hendricks, Asst. Coach Jim Webb, Asst. Coach Herzog MIDDLE ROW: Mark Cardozo, Christian Dettmers, Travis Volk, Brandon Dale, Patrick Donoho, Eric Peraza, Ryan Hendricks, Kyle Donoho (bat boy) BOTTOM ROW: Ben Billings, Robert Rowland, Roberto Petittio, Ryan Webb, Logan Herzog and Jerry Petitto (bat boy)

After dropping their first two games on Saturday, the Texas Mud Dogs (USSSA/ Nations) win their final three games Sunday (5/3/09), to capture the Kingwood/Forest Cove Baseball Assn May Mayhem Tournament Championship. In the championship game the Mud Dogs were down 7-11 in the top of the 7th inning. Fueled by a three run HR and determined hustle to break up a game ending double-play, the Mud Dogs rally to tie the game 11-11. The Mud Dogs then held the opponents scoreless in the 7th, 8th, and 9th innings and put up a run in the top of the ninth to win 12-11. Unbelievable finish to a great weekend!

# Keith Elementary Third Graders Win DI Trophy



BOTTOM ROW: Rhett Kohler, Alexander O'Connor TOP ROW: Jacob Boatman, Hailey Angst, Evie Bass, Tristan Jones and Cole LaBerge

The Brainwaves, a Destination ImagiNation (DI) team, from Keith Elementary, brought home a Third Place trophy from the Gulf Coast Regional Destination ImagiNation tournament held February 28, 2009. This team of seven third graders, all first time participants in DI, included Hailey Angst, Evie Bass, Jacob Boatman, Tristan Jones, Rhett Kohler, Cole LaBerge and Alexander O'Connor. The team managers were Mary O'Connor and Karen Boatman. The Brainwaves competed in Challenge B: "Instinct Messaging."

In Destination ImagiNation, children work as a team over the course of several months to solve challenges encompassing everything from engineering to drama. They learn problem solving skills and teamwork

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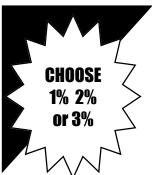
Lynn Byrne, AMI

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

June 2009	Tuesday	NO MEETING
July 2009	Thursday	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

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(Thursday, June 4th through Sunday, July 5th)

# FAIRFIELD ATHLETIC CLUB POOL

MONDAY: CLOSED

Tuesday – Friday: 12:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday: 11:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday: 1:00pm – 6:00pm
FAC Pool will be closed Tuesday, June 9th
through Tuesday, June 30th
from 4:00pm – 7:00pm for swim lessons.

# **INWOOD PARK POOL**

Monday: 11:00am – 8:00pm TUESDAY: CLOSED Wed. - Sat.: 11:00am – 8:00pm Sunday: 1:00pm – 8:00pm

## **GARDEN GROVE POOL**

Monday & Tuesday: 11:00am – 8:00pm WEDNESDAY: CLOSED Thursday & Friday: 11:00am – 8:00pm Saturday: 11:00am – 6:00pm Sunday: 1:00pm – 6:00pm

# LAKESIDE TRAILS POOL Mon. – Wed.: 11:00am – 8:00pm

THURSDAY: CLOSED Friday: 11:00am – 8:00pm Saturday: 11:00am – 6:00pm Sunday: 1:00pm – 6:00pm

# **BRADFORD CREEK POOL**

Monday & Tuesday: 10:00am- 8:00pm WEDNESDAY: CLOSED Thursday - Friday: 10:00am - 8:00pm Saturday: 10:00am - 8:00pm Sunday: 1:00pm - 8:00pm

# **CENTRAL PARK POOL**

MONDAY: CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday 11:00am - 8:00pm

Saturday: 11:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday: 1:00pm – 6:00pm
Central Park Pool will not open on
Saturday, June 6th until 12:00pm and on
Saturday, June 20th until 2:00pm due to
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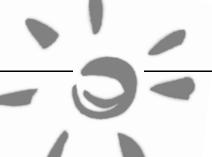


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# LOST DOG IN FAIRFIELD... PLEASE HELP

Our dog, Bear is lost in Fairfield. He was near Autumn Park Monday, 5/5/09, night. He is an Australian Shepherd, and his body is black, his chest is white and he has some brown markings on his face and paws. My three-year-old misses him very much.

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Keith Elementary- (Continued from Cover Page) and have a whole lot of fun while applying their creativity to their solution. The Brainwaves' solution to their challenge was presented to an audience and judges at the Regional competition. The Brainwaves final score also included points from an Instant Challenge, in which they had to come up with a solution to a challenge in a limited amount of time.

We're proud of our Brainwaves and Congratulations to all of our local DI teams!

# A FRIENDLY REMINDER ...

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

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

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

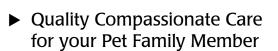
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In 2003, President Bush asked Americans to volunteer to serve oth—ers. The Harris County Citizen Corps www. harriscountycitizencorps.com was created to help our citizens find volunteer and training opportunities. CERT training is just one of the programs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

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

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

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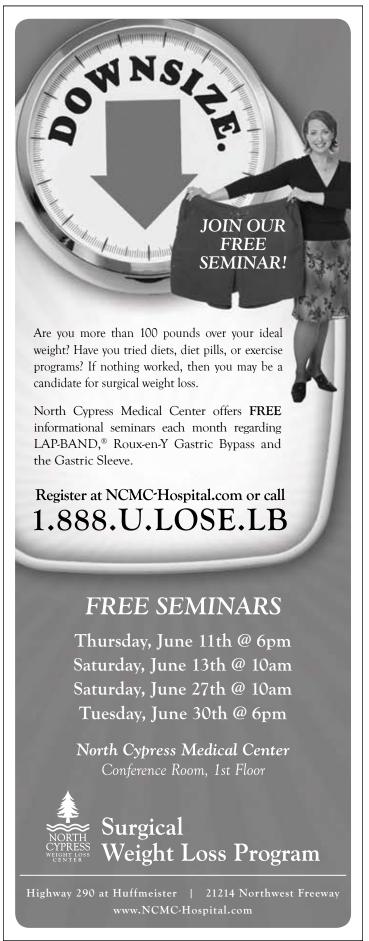
- Water –At least a five to seven day supply (one gallon per person per day)
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- First Aid Kit
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You can also visit the Harris County Office of Emergency Management's website at: www.hcoem.org and clink on the right side link to natural disasters to access additional information on preparing for and dealing with hurricanes.

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# Moving Compassion By Mindy Ferguson

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Are you compassionate toward people in need? I felt a spirit of conviction as I did a little studying on the word compassion. Compassion is more than a feeling.

There were several different Greek words that are translated "compassion" in the New Testament. As I studied, I noticed there was one particular Greek word used throughout the gospels to describe Jesus' response to people around him. The word is, splagchnizomai. It means, "to have the bowels yearn, i.e. (fig.) feel sympathy, to pity: - have (be moved with) compassion." It is a heart response felt deep in the gut that compels us to action.

Moved by compassion, Jesus healed the sick (Matthew 14:14), cleansed the leper (Mark 1:41), taught the crowds (Mark 6:34), raised a widow's son from the dead (Luke 7:13), and miraculously fed the multitudes with seven loaves of bread and a few small fish (Matthew 15:32). In every instance, the compassion Jesus felt deep within Him, compelled Him to take action - to eliminate pain or help the needy.

1 John 3:17-18 says, If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth (NIV).

Christ-like compassion is expressed when we go beyond simply telling others that we care by taking action to help them.

I have several reference books on Jewish history and traditions (one of my favorite topics!). I was interested to read that Jews have always had a strong sense of responsibility toward the poor and needy in their communities. Perhaps we can learn a little about compassion from our Jewish friends. Jesus was a Jew, you know!

A tradition that I found fascinating is the use of a small collection box called a pushke (or charity box). Jewish families begin teaching their children about the importance of regular, charitable giving through the use of small charity boxes. A collection box is kept in the home and used by all members of a Jewish household to deposit loose change on a daily basis. The money collected in the box is given to the poor or to a type of benevolence fund at their local synagogue. The presence of the charity box encourages young and old alike to cultivate the habit of giving to others without counting the cost.

After my research, I ordered a charity box for our family. We also regularly give clothing to the Salvation Army and other assistance oriented ministries. We have gone on family mission trips and we support children through Compassion as well as an orphanage in Mexico City. (Continued on Page 15)



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# Wrestling with Why- (Continued from Page 14)

Compassion isn't a feeling, it is a heart response that compels us to action.

How does your family cultivate a habit of giving and reach out to the world around us with Christ-like compassion? I'd love to hear what you're doing! Visit my blog at www.mindyferguson.blogspot. com and post a comment.

# Cypress Christian School and Cypress Bible Church Host Fundraiser

Students and parents at CCS teamed up with Cypress Bible Church on May 2 to host a fundraiser for Kristin Francis. The event, which included a garage sale, car wash, bake sale, face painting, silent auction, and barbeque, raised more than \$33,000. Kristin is a 2008 graduate of CCS, a member of Cypress Bible Church, and a freshman at Texas A&M. She was diagnosed in January with AVM-Arteriovenous Malformation, a congenital defect. Kristen has had numerous surgeries with months of rehabilitation still ahead.

A fund has been established to assist Kristen's family with medical costs not covered by insurance. For information on making a donation to this fund, please e-mail francisfund@hotmail.com.

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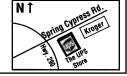
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# Clubs & Announcements

# **Texas Terrapins**

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# **CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB**

Jennifer Nguyen of Mayde Creek High School was the recipient of a scholarship from the Cy Fair Kiwanis Club in May. Key Club members from Cy-Fair, Cy-Ranch, Cy-Woods, Cy-Creek, Mayde Creek, Cy-Falls, and Jersey Village, all clubs sponsored by Cy-Fair Kiwanis, reported on their year's activities at the Club's luncheon on May

On May 30, the Club hosted a Kids Triathlon at the Langham Creek YMCA. Many youth from the area participated. Support of the community for this event is appreciated.

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 June 2, 9, and 16.

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.

CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, an affiliate of the International Kiwanis organization, focuses its services, programs and activities on this theme.

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At this time, I want to thank Brian Roberts and Jim Alfano for the years of service to Fairfield Sports and in growing the soccer program to what it is today.

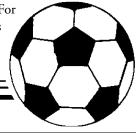
Lace up your boots and get ready for another exciting season of Fall Soccer. Fairfield Soccer program will begin registration June 15th-July 24th. Late registration is July 25th—August 1. Sign up is available online at http://www.fairfield-sports.org Our age groups start at 4 years of age (9/1/2005) as of September 1, 2009 up until age 13 (9/1/1996) for both boys and girls. Keep checking the website for updated information.

Fairfield Sports Association is proud to announce the start of the new sports complex located on Schiel Road. Late last year, FSA was granted a 10 acre park that will be home to additional sports facilities. We will have a couple of full size fields along with concessions, and bathrooms when all said and done. Brian Roberts has been working hard to coordinate construction. During the month of May, he is getting the irrigation laid out and grass seeded. We are looking to have the fields ready in time for the new season.

We have a position on the Soccer committee for the Field Maintenance Coordinator. Please contact Troy Guidry at soccer@fairifledsposrts.org for more details.

Sports Quest Soccer, a non-profit 501(c)(3) professional soccer training organization, is celebrating 13 years of summer camps in Houston and surrounding areas. For the third consecutive year Fairfield is hosting a Sports Quest summer camp. This year's camp will be held from July 27 – July 31st here in Fairfield and we would like to invite you to participate. This camp offers a unique opportunity for players to develop their technical and tactical soccer skills and at the same time, addresses key issues relating to each child's spiritual and character development. Kids from 5 to 14 years of age are invited to participate in what

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# Fairfield Book Club

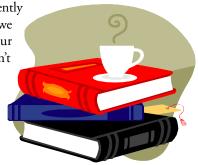
The Fairfield Book Club is a terrific way to meet other women in Fairfield. Have great conversations and develop new friendships.

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

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# Clubs & Announcements Cont.

# Fairfield Women's Club Welcomes the New 2009-2010 Board Members



Left to Right: Treasurer-Karen Bradley, 2nd Vice President-Laurie During, President-Tara Kosh, 1st Vice President-Michelle Smith, Secretary-Jenny Monson

The Fairfield Women's Club would like to introduce the incoming 2009-2010 board members.

President, Tara Kosh, is an 8 year resident of Fairfield. She is married to Mike and they have two daughters, Lillian and Mattie. They are also expecting their third child in August. Tara is looking forward to expanding what the Fairfield Women's Club has to offer.

1st Vice President, Michelle Smith, has lived in Fairfield for 6 years with her husband Jim and their daughter Ashley. Michelle is excited to work on bringing back some of the club's past events.

2nd Vice President, Laurie During, moved here from New Jersey 4 years ago, and recently found a community in Fairfield to call home. Laurie has jumped in with both feet helping the Fairfield Women's Club where needed. She would love to see more social outings made available to our members.

Secretary, Jenny Monson, moved to Fairfield 4 years ago with her husband Jereme. They are anxiously awaiting the birth of their first child in August. Jenny enjoys the friendships and opportunities to give back to the community that the Fairfield Women's Club offers.

Treasurer, Karen Bradley, has lived in Fairfield for 6 years. Karen and her husband, Kevin, have a daughter, Amanda and a son Nicholas. Karen has been a dependable club member and she is entering her 2nd year of serving on the Fairfield Women's Club Board.

The incoming board would like to thank outgoing president, Dawn Bond, for all her hard work and dedication that she put into the Fairfield Women's Club this past year.

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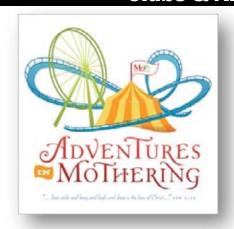
Fairfield Women's Club-(Continued from Page 20)

We at the Fairfield Women's club invite you to come and meet our board and members and see what we have to offer. We hold our meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

For More Information call:
Laurie During,
2nd VP membership,
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MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, a program led by mothers themselves and designed for mothers with children ages birth to 5. These mothers all have a shared desire...to be the best mothers they can be!

For more information on meetings in Fairfield, please contact Renate Wheeler at renateqw@yahoo.com. They will meet on the second and fourth Fridays during the school year. When it comes to your child's development, getting help early is best!



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

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# Clubs & Announcements Cont.

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Summer is almost 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 your 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!

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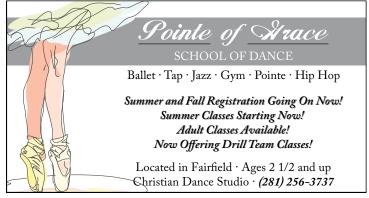
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# Fairfield's Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Group The Fairfield Seniors

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OUR JUNE BUS TRIP PLANS FOR: Thursday, June 18, **Calvert, Texas.** This month we will be headed out to Calvert, Texas, which is located 30 miles north of Brian/College Station.

We should arrive in Calvert around 9:30 a.m. and will stop at Zamykal Kolaches Bakery, where we can get a cup of coffee and choose from one of their many pastries for quick breakfast.

We will also meet our step-on guide at this location, who will then take us through Calvert's Historic District, stopping at The Historic Church and also a Historic House for tours of these facilities.

After which we have lunch at the Cocoa Moda Gourmet Restaurant and Chocolate Manufacturer. Lunch will consist of a bowl of soup, a sandwich and a special chocolate dessert. We will also get a special chocolate demonstration, which is included. After lunch we will have time to walk through the antique shops and watch the local craftsmen make pottery and other art pieces.

The cost for this trip is \$27.00 per person, which includes your lunch at the Cocoa Moda Gourmet Restaurant. To get your name on the list for this trip, call Hazel Willis @ 281-256-7979. Make checks out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. The departure time will be 8:00 a.m. from the Fairfield Village parking lot. Please be there by 7:45

OUR JULY BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR: Friday, July 24, Our Annual Astros Ballgame. Yes. It's July and time for our annual base ballgame trip. This year will be our fourth. It's back to Minute Maid Park to watch the Astros play the New York Mets. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

This year we were lucky to get setting in section 154, because it is much easier to enter and exit this section. Since this is a Friday night game there will be a fireworks display after the game. It really was a great show last year! You don't want to miss it. So let's continue the tradition of a night at the ballpark with our friends and fun-lovers. Note: The Astros beat the Chicago Cubs last year.

The cost this year is \$26.00 per person (non refundable) for the baseball tickets, not including the cost of your meal, and purchases at the ball park We will stop at the Cleburne Cafeteria on Bissonnet prior to the ballgame for dinner. Cleburne accepts cash or local personal checks - SORRY NO CREDIT CARDS. Ticket payment must be in by June 11, to obtain the group price.

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, for the cost of the tickets only. The departure time for this trip is 4:15 p.m. from the Fairfield Village parking lot. Please be there by 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 11: 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.

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# Attention Kappa Delta Sisters ...

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Sunday, June 14: Flag Day.

Tuesday, June 16: 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 June 14 email.

Sunday, June 21: Father's Day & First Day Of Summer.

Thursday, June 25: Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House. It starts around 6:30 p.m., and we have plenty of room here 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.

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. fairfieldseniorsgroup.com

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

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We deeply regret if we failed to recognize someone. Please accept our apologies and know that everything you did was appreciated. We are proud to say that our 1st WRAP event was a success. Our seniors were able to have a drug and alcohol free all night party to celebrate their successes with their friends. We wish them the best in all of their future endeavors. We are proud of them!!

# **GO WILDCATS!!**

# **School News Continued**

# **CFISD VIPS TAG Team Program**

Since April is National Volunteer Month, the VIPS General Meeting held on April 30 included a celebration of the exceptional and critically important work of all volunteers in the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District.

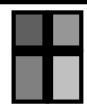
One of the groups receiving special acknowledgement for its contributions to student success in the district was the Cy-Fair VIPS TAG (Targeting Achievement Globally) Team. The generous global volunteers who make up the Team go into identified elementary schools across the district and work alongside the district helping teachers to tutor students in math and science. The TAG Team members were presented with special t-shirts and certificates of appreciation by Pam Wells, Associate Superintendent for Facilities, Planning and Community Relations.

The TAG Team volunteers have been very successful this year in helping increase student skills as well as improving the children's confidence and self-esteem. They have also found their volunteer work to be extremely rewarding and are the program's biggest proponents.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the VIPS TAG Team next fall, please contact Kim Nash (krnash1@sbcglobal.net or 281-550-2685) or the CFISD Partners in Education Office (Pamela.scott@cfisd.net or 281-894-3950).



Pictured above from left: Pam Scott, CFISD Director of Partners in Education; Helen Brewer; Richard Oxenreiter; Valerie Starrett; Chris Duncan; Maria Baptista; David Franklin; Mary Turner; Kim Nash, CFISD VIPS Global Chairman



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During the summer months, we will be taking a break from our Sunday morning Sunday school classes, as well as our Wednesday Evening Worship. We will resume with these two programs in the Fall.



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# **Church News**

# Harvest Bible Church

For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse (Romans 1:20).

People often wonder about those who will never hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Are they going to spend eternity in hell having never even had the opportunity to hear the truth? Romans 1:20 clearly teaches that there isn't a single person or tribe on the earth who has an excuse, for God has made Himself known to all. Those fail to acknowledge the Creator God of heaven do so willingly, and because of this God's wrath is upon them. It is the creation itself - God's handiwork – that pours forth speech and loudly proclaims that there is indeed a God (cf. Ps. 19). God has never left any human being without some form of communication from Him.

When Paul visited Lystra in Acts 14 he told the largely Gentile audience about the God "who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them... in the generations gone by [God] permitted all the nations to go their own ways; and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness" (vv. 15-17). Paul told the same type thing to the pagan philosophers in Athens, showing them, not from the Jewish Scriptures, but from the creation that there is one God "who made the world and everything in it" (Acts 17:22ff.).

It is God's unseen attributes, namely His "eternal power" by which all human beings are made aware of Him and are thus without excuse for their failure to believe. God's eternal power refers to His omnipotence - His supreme control reflected in His creation of all things. It is His power that brought it forth, and it is only those who "suppress" this truth (v. 18) who choose to believe that some other power (e.g., evolution) brought it forth. God's "divine nature" accompanied His power, and this refers to His gracious provisions He gave to His creation. Paul referred to this when he told the people of Lystra: "for He did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17).

A look at the creation with just a simple glance out the window should astound the average person. The wonder of the created universe is absolutely awesome. Plant a seed, and a tree grows - sometimes way up into the sky. Look closely at an insect, and see the intricacies that make it what it is. For example, the bombardier beetle produces two separate kinds of chemicals, which, when released and combined, explode in the face of an enemy. Yet the explosion never occurs prematurely and never harms the beetle itself.

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# Avocado Hot Sauce



1 ripe avocado 1 clove garlic, mashed 1/4 c. sour cream 1/4 c. milk 2Tbsp. minced onion 1 Tbsp. minced fresh cilantro 3 to 4Tbsp. picante sauce 2 to 3 Tbsp. lemon juice

In food processor, combine garlic, onion, and avocado; blend until smooth. Add remaining ingredients and blend. Serve with chips or tacos. Enjou!

Note: May omit milk and double sour cream.

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# Harvest Bible Church (Continued from Page 30)

The human eye, the ear, and the nose are astonishing in their makeup. The human hand is a complex machine that is more complex than a crane that aids in the building of skyscrapers. And the crane itself was put together by the human hand! Observe the growth of a baby in its mother's womb, the sexual reproductive system in the human body, and language itself. Look out at the stars with and observe the orbit of the planets in the solar system, the rising and setting of the sun, the changing of the seasons, the birds that navigate by the stars, the spectacular changing of the seasons, and natural disasters that man cannot tame. Certainly, "the heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands" (Psalm 19:1).

It's okay to call one a fool who denies God (Ps. 14:1) for only a fool would suppress the truths God's creation loudly proclaims. There is in fact a God, and He has made Himself known to all. He will not give His glory to another (Isa. 42:8). After having revealed Himself and His righteousness, it is the ultimate insult for man to reject Him. Thus, His wrath is indeed justified.

Join us at Harvest Bible Church each Sunday as we worship the Creator God – Jesus Christ Himself verse-by-verse through His inerrant and inspired word – the Bible. Our web address is www. harvestbiblechurch.net and our office number is 281-256-7733.

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## **ABOUT US**

We are located just 1.5 miles off Hwy 290 at 15010 Mueschke Road. Sunday Worship Service and Children's Church start at 10:45am. We also have Home Cells groups that meet during the week, as well as a Youth group and Children's that meet on Wednesday's at 7:00pm. For more information please contact us at 281-373-9337.

Pastor John & Kerry Lalonde



# Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

#### **New Associate Pastor**

We are pleased to announce Robyn Bishop as our new Associate Pastor. Robyn is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology. Toward the end of her Masters program, she served as an Intern Associate Pastor at St. Mary's UMC in Houston. Robyn comes to us from Christ Church UMC in The Woodlands where she served on their staff as Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation and Assimilation. She has a passion for Pastoral Care, Preaching/Worship, Outreach, and Teaching. Prior to her call into the ministry, Robyn earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from The University of North Florida; she used her degree as a graphic designer, illustrator, and teacher. Robyn and her husband, Stew, are native Texans who currently reside in The Woodlands. They have three awesome kids; Kelsey, Casey and Cameron who range in age from college to junior high school. We are excited to welcome her family and see how God uses her here in ministry.

# Independence Day celebrations begin June 28 at Good Shepherd UMC

Our handbell choir, PEALS OF JOY, will perform a special arrangement of "God Bless America" for our First Watch service at 8:30 am and for the GS Classic service at 9:45. An All-American hamburger and hot dog cook-out will be provided by the United Methodist Men at noon. Following lunch, One Nation under God, a special patriotic celebration, will feature the Chancel Choir, color guard, and a special tribute to our armed forces. You won't want to miss the fun-filled "Sunday School Spectacular," a sing-along part of this dynamic celebration. Please join us! Open to the public.

#### International Mission Trip to Brazil

We are so blessed to be making our 6th mission trip to Brazil. In 2004, GS participated in its first International Mission Trip. This year another team from our congregation will travel to Brazil to share the Word of our Lord with some of the most underprivileged people of that country. Please cover them with prayers as they take this important journey from June 28 – July 8. May they experience God's protection and daily presence.

#### **SUMMER 5-2-6**

Join us for Summer 526, an experience exclusively for graduated 5th graders. We plan to send these kids off to the Youth Group in style! This summer will be our chance to say good bye to our "big kids". We will be having lots of special events designed just for them, including a lock-in, bowling, iT'z, and more. Check out details at www.goodchurch.us.

Vacation Bible School Crocodile Dock will be held June 22-26, and we are excited to see these "fearless kids shine God's light". Many grades are full, but we will continue online registration for any available spots. We expect around 550 children again this year, so we are so thankful to hear from all adults and youth who want to serve. Our thanks to all the volunteers who make this program a great success. You rock the Dock!

# **Graduating Seniors**

Congratulations to all graduating Seniors! May God help them to be strong and courageous in character as they pursue their dreams. May He grant each one perseverance and faith so they can develop servants' hearts that they may serve the Lord in all they do. Molly Baker, Jonathan Bellow, Kristen Desrochers, Samantha Doyle, Natalie Evans, Matthew Ferguson, Hunter Haygood, Devon Hinton, Mark Hume, Scott Hume, Daniel Jaquez, Taylor Kippes, Sarah Kronberger, Peyton Leatherman, Jennifer Marches, Christopher Nelson, Garrett Powers, Rebecca Spence, Austin Thatcher, Molly Williamson, Courtney Wren.

#### Living Free, a 7 Week Beth Moore Study

Living Free: Learning to Pray God's Word by Beth Moore combines key concepts from Beth's best-selling Bible study: Breaking Free for a more in-depth look at Christian freedom and explores the somewhat-radical idea that we cannot please God by being perfect. The study begins by defining false strongholds, then focuses on five key benefits for every believer. Participants can learn how to develop a Godward focus in life, while beginning to incorporate the key benefits in their lives through practices of prayer and Bible study. \*Begins

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Good Shepherd- (Continued from Pg 32) Tuesday, July 14th, 7:00PM-9:00PM, Room 207. Contact: Aynne Daugherty: aynnedaugherty@yahoo.com.

Visit our church website at www. goodchurch.us. The youth have their own website at www.gsmyouth.net so visit both sites often to check out the latest summer plans and activities. Our church is located on Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield; we are right down from the Shell station off 290 and Mason Road. Join us this Sunday at 8:30am, 9:45am, and 11:00 am. Our office staff is available to serve you Monday-Friday from 8:30-5:00 pm. Call us at 281-373-2273 for information on programs and services. For more information about Bible Studies offered at Good Shepherd, please contact Cynthia Blackshear at cynthiab@goodchurch.us or 281.373.2273, ext 109.

# Fairfield Baptist Church

Summer Ladies Bible Study, each Wednesday in July at 10 am. Visit the Ladies Ministry tab on our website for more details.

#### **KidZone Summer Fun:**

Boomerang Express VBS, June 15-19, 9 am to noon for 4 years-4th grade Rock and Reef VBX for grades 5 & 6.

Cost is \$10/child which includes a t-shirt (while they last). Online registration only at fairfieldbaptist.com. Space is limited, register now.

Terrific Thursday day camp, June 11, July 23 and Aug 13, \$35/trip or all 3 for \$100/child. Trips include circus, museum, funplex and more. For details on individual trips visit the Kidz Events on the Kidz Ministry webpage at fairfieldbaptist.com. Space is limited, sign up now to reserve your spot.

Sports Quest Soccer Camp, July 27-31, for ages 5-12. Sessions run8:30-11:30 am or

5:30-8:30 pm. Visit www.soccerquesttraining. com for cost, details and availability.

Visit Student Ministry on our website for our Student weekly event schedule!

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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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- Remove cobwebs
- Dust/vacuum furniture
- Vacuum floors, carpets
- Vacuum stairs
- Vacuum under beds
- Change linens, make beds
- Empty trash

#### Windows

- Clean entry window & one set of patio door windows
- Clean window over kitchen sink

# Fairfield Church of Christ

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

How to Build Friendships. Building strong relationships with others will make your life more positive and fulfilling. These 10 steps will help you find and keep lifelong friends.

- 1. If you genuinely like people, enjoy being with them, talking with them, and being helpful to them, you will find that people generally will like you.
- 2. Become interested in the other person's ideas and activities. Direct conversation to the other individual's interests, rather than talking about yourself.
- 3. Practice the old saying: "To have friends, be friendly."
- 4. Remember names. A person's name is important to him. Knowing it will help you get along with him.
- 5. Be an easy-going comfortable sort of person, so that there is no strain in being with you.
- 6. Be stimulating. If being with you makes people feel better and more alive, you will be sought after; people will want to be with you.
- 7. Do not rub people the wrong way. Be courteous and affable.
- 8. Avoid being sensitive, or easily hurt; for people instinctively shy off from the super-sensitive, fearing to arouse an unpleasant reaction.

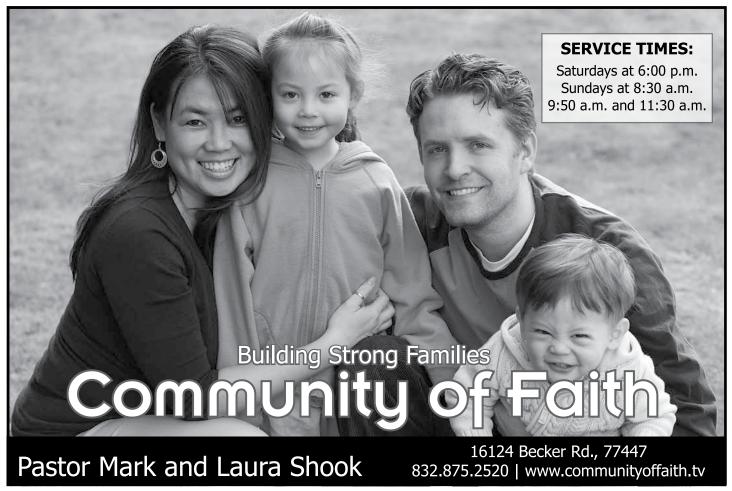
- 9. Sincerely attempt to heal every misunderstanding that you have with others.
- 10. Love people and do things for them. Perform unselfish and outgoing acts of friendship. Such sincere self-giving inevitably leads to pleasant personal relations. It is all summed up in a familiar Scripture admonition: "Do for others what you want them to do for you." (Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:3 1).

Excerpted from Help Yourself with God's Help by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

At Fairfield Church of Christ we believe right relationships with others is vitally important for a healthy perspective on life. Each week we have classes to help children of all ages learn about the Bible and the great lessons that will affect them the rest of their lives.

This is your personal invitation 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 and with Jesus in our lives better days are ahead. Fairfield Church of Christ is in your neighborhood for one reason, to be a beacon of hope and light to live each day.

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Fairfield Church of Christ- (Continued from Page 34)

This year our theme is Let Your Light Shine in 2009. 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.

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

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

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.

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June 22-26

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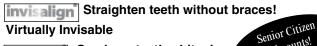
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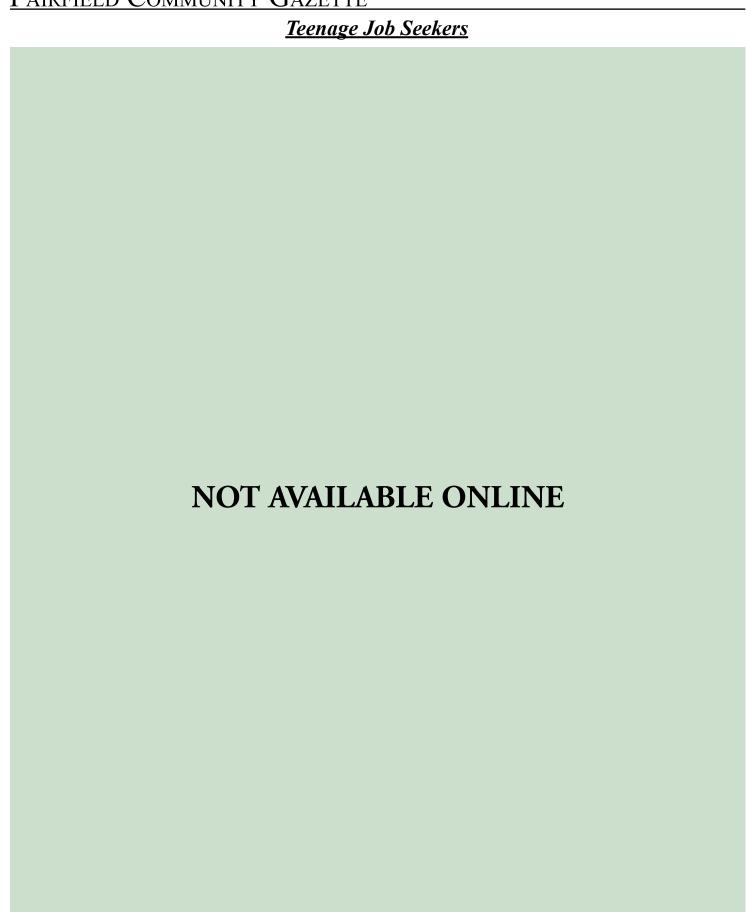
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MOTHER'S HELPER NEEDED: Looking for a "Mother's Helper" to help 2-4 hours a week (depends on how busy the week is) with organizing, cleaning and paper work. Pay is \$10 an hour. This would be great for a responsible, older high school student or college student, or a Mom looking for a extra spending money. Must be responsible, ethical and hard working. Please e-mail me at susan. calda@cfisd.net or caldasusan@yahoo.com if interested. You may also call my cell: 281-414-2242.

CARPOOL TO COLLEGE STATION: Carpool to College Station? Flexible days and hours. Call David 713-384-5062

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PLEASE HELP FIND BEAR: Our dog, Bear is lost in Fairfield. He was near Autumn Park Monday, 5/5/09, night. He is an Australian Shepherd, and his body is black, his chest is white and he has some brown markings on his face and paws. My three-year-old misses him very much. If you have seen Bear or know where he is, please call 281-373-1121 or 832-573-8704. Thank you.

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**FOR SALE:** Boys Polo shirts size 10-12, \$5 each, Sports equipment (Addidas football cleats, and baseball cleats, bats, helmets), Women's clothing size 10 and medium. Numerous hard bound and soft bound children/teen books. Many toys for elementary boys (\$1-10), e.g.. hot wheel tracks, legos, cars, trucks, action figures. Duvet set & curtains barely used for a master bedroom (beige, cranberry, green, \$20). Please e-mail for pictures: caldasusan@yahoo.com and/or for inquiries. I'll answer e-mail in the order received.

FOR SALE: Husky Truss attic door. Model 444. 25 1/2 " X 54". Ceiling to floor ladder 8' 9" In original box. \$50.00.

**PATIO FURNITURE:** 4 swivel-rocker chairs [blue / tan stripe], oval opaque glass-top table with white resin frame. Originally \$1,677. Asking \$550. For pictures email Suzanne at sgarza2009@ comcast.net .

LOTS OF BOYS SHIRTS FOR SALE: Short sleeve and long sleeve shirts sizes 10-14 (Medium - XLarge). \$1-\$3.00 Email: ana77520@ hotmail.com

GAS STOVE FOR SALE: 4 Burners and oven, Digital clock, Almond color, Tappan model. \$125 O.B.O. Email ana77520@ hotmail for pictures or info.

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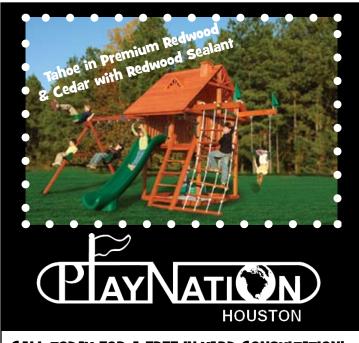
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If the bottle of repellant you are planning to purchase contains DEET the label will say: may damage furniture finishes, watch crystals, leather, painted or varnished surfaces. This is a very harsh chemical that shouldn't be sprayed on the skin.

So what are some other options? Vinegar, either white or apple cider will work. Put it in a salad dressing bottle and sprinkle it on exposed skin. There are also herbal oils the are recommended such as tea tree, cedar, peppermint, citronella, eucalyptus and lemongrass. Mix these oils with cooking oil to dilute prior to putting on the skin.

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With these measures in place your family will probably not hear a high pitch hum in the ear this summer. The mosquitoes will find a better location than your home for their next meal.

### For more learning and resources:

- 1 Duke University Medical Center (2002, May 2) DEET Brain Effects in Animals, Warrant Caution
- 2 Beyond Pesticides Fact Sheet: Children and Pesticides Don't Mix, Debra Lyn Dadd: About Natural Mosquito Relief, www.1001nets. net, cotton mosquito nets form Australia
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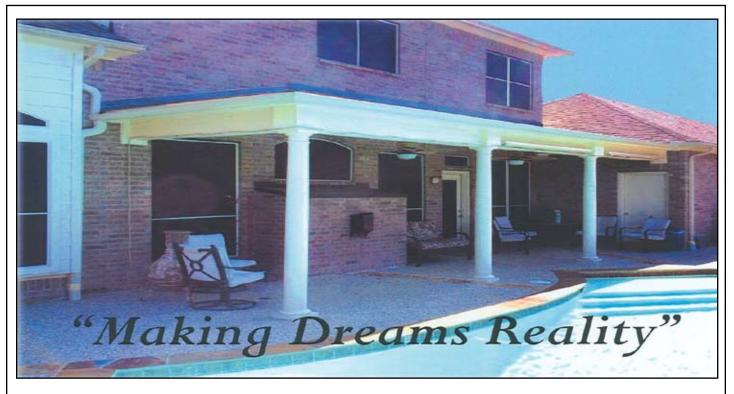
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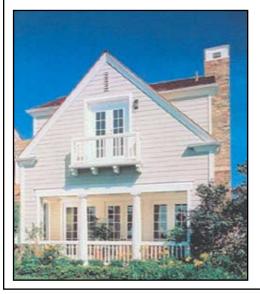




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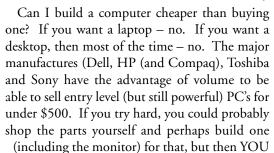
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## What to do About My Tired PC? Part II

Submitted by Laurie Scott



become the warranty. If it breaks - YOU fix it. If you need support, YOU search Google. But if you enjoy the challenge or just want to learn how to do it – it's not that hard, go have fun. Online stores like Newegg.com

has everything you need to build the ultimate computer.

Do you like to play the most current computer games? Do you to edit large photos and print them out? Are you the next Steven Spielberg and like to play with making movies on your computer? Well, then it's time for a new computer. All of these can be both processor intensive (the Intel or AMD chip inside your computer) and memory intensive. Standard versions of Windows XP and Vista are 32-bit (don't worry about the geeky term) and can only use about 3GB (3 gigabytes) of memory. If you purchase your computer with the 64-bit versions of Windows, then you can use as much memory as you can afford. 8GB is usually enough even for the avid home movie producer. The current Macs are already 64-bit so memory limitations are not an issue.

Should I buy a Mac or a PC? Well, (guess what's coming....) that depends. Windows has come a long way in the photo, music and video editing space, and if you're already comfortable with Windows, I'd stay with it. Do you have a child in school and Macs are the computers they use, then going with a Mac would be an easier decision. Are

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### Tired PC- (Continued from Page 46)

you new to computing and on a tight budget? Without question, Windows. If the budget isn't so much a problem, then a Mac might be a little easier to start with. One more thing to consider is who you will call if you need help. If you have friends with Macs, go with a Mac. If everyone you know uses Windows, then you may want to go that way. Walking through the computing minefield is always easier with someone who has been there.

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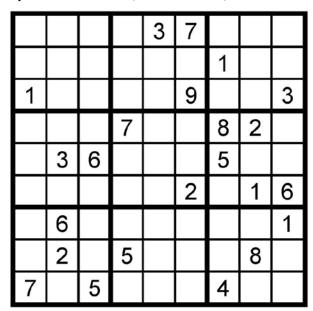
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We all know that children have a tendency to move about impulsively and may inadvertently run into the street. Please don't let a tragedy happen before parking your vehicle off the street or obeying the speed limit. For the benefit of all the residents 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.



## Eight Water Safety Rules for a Safe Summer

Submitted by Lynn Neillie

- 1. Always have a pool gate around home pools. This includes having a locked and securely fastened gate that is not accessible to little ones.
- 2. Continuously educate children on water safety. This is a great thing to do at home, on the boat, at the pool, wherever there is water. Each time you are getting your little one ready for a swim session or water play, go over the rules of water safety. Repetition is key with small children. Make sure your swim instructor incorporates a "Safety Lesson of the Week" into its lesson curriculum. This includes questions about water safety and how to avoid dangerous situations.
- 3. Designate a "Water Watcher." This is a responsible adult who sticks to alcohol-free beverages during swim time and who is in charge of keeping both eyes on the pool while it is in use. Or, better yet: consider renting a Lifeguard for your party or group event.
- 4. Remove all pool toys, floaters, ring buoys and other childenticing items from the pool area when it is not in use. One

- wrong reach for that floating rubber ducky could be disaster.
- 5. Clear homes of common household items that can be dangerous to a curious toddler. It takes just 2 inches of water for a child to drown in a bucket. Put all mop buckets, dog dishes and coolers out of children's reach.
- 6. Never leave a young child in the pool or bathtub--even "just to get the phone."
- 7. Enroll your child in swim classes. Start lessons early. The longer a child has lessons the more they understand water safety. A great time to do this is in the spring! This way your kids are already prepped and ready to roll for the summer swim season. You'll want to find an inside heated pool and lesson times geared towards working families.
- 8. Supervise, Supervise, Supervise! Try to have your eyes on your children in and around the pool at all times. Adults should always be present when any child is in the pool area.

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## Talking to your Kids about Money

Submitted by Rich Keith

The condition known as "affluenza" is contagious and rapidly spreading throughout our youth. Do you find your kids are disconnected from the concept of cash and its true value? Do you believe they are lacking in knowledge about how credit cards and debt really work? Results show that the 18-25 age group is now the largest demographic filing for bankruptcy. What's the solution?

While children listen to their parents they don't always do what their parents say they should do. They will, however, absorb their parent's values. So the answer is to first examine your own attitudes about money. Learn and then live the principles daily that will keep you and your family healthy financially. And communicate with your kids about your process and the decisions you are making.

For example, in our home we no longer say, "We can't afford that." When we examined that statement we found it was weak and powerless. Instead we now say, "We are choosing not to afford that at this time." This holds power and promise because: We choose. We prioritize. We can change if we want to, and it can lead to a discussion about life priorities. You can make a big difference in your kids' lives regarding their attitudes toward money.

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"The ABCs of Making Money 4 Teens." It is a groundbreaking book based on the acclaimed international Best Seller, The ABCs of Making Money. Written specifically for teens, this book covers all the basics of making money, how to hang on to it and how to make it grow while having fun.

This common sense approach contains lots of simple, self-directed exercises and is loaded with inspirational teen success stories. The book follows the same successful formula as its predecessor, which stressed the importance of Attitude and Goal setting as the building blocks for success in any endeavor. This inspiring book gives teenagers the motivation and tools to achieve their dreams.

For 90% of the population, the best way for someone to learn something is to take a hands-on approach. In the ABC's of Making Money 4 Teens, young people get the chance to write their thoughts and ideas all over their book. For example, there is space provided for you state your goals or your very own business ideas. This aspect makes this book a winner for young people.

So what is the ABC's of Making Money 4 Teens all about? This book has three sections and each is very relevant to teens. The first section talks about ATTITUDES and how they are the key to either your success or failure. Attitudes are everything! The book reminds us that

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### Talking to Your Kids- (Continued from Page 50)

if you think you can't do something, you won't be able to! But if you believe that you can achieve a goal, even though it may be tough, you will succeed. So set your goals and change negative attitudes about money into positive ones!

The second deals with the "HOW TO's" of money- in other words, the basics of saving and investing. It talks about the time value of money. The time value of money basically says that the more time you have to save and invest, the more money you will make with compound interest. That means that young people that start saving their money early will become financially wealthy sooner! This section tells personal stories of successful and well-known investors such as the man who started Kinko's.

The third chapter deals with CREATING WEALTH through entrepreneurial ideas. There are loads of young and old entrepreneurs that are featured in this section. There are entrepreneurial ideas, direction on how to start a business, and other useful small business tips. This was a very creative chapter in that it asks teens to draw out some entrepreneurial ideas that you have. It encourages you to bring those ideas to light!

The ABC's of Making Money 4 Teens is filled with a number of stories about teens that have made a difference. Teens get to hear what successful teens their own age think and are doing to secure their financial freedom.



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Join Aladdin and his friends, June 8 through June 20 in the Main Stage Theatre, in a new version of a classic children's tale that is funny, fast-paced and based on William Glennon's "Arabian Nights." Show times are Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at noon. Tickets are \$5 each or \$4 for groups of 20 or more. Reserved and group seating available. Save the date July 17 through July 26 for "High School Musical 2" performed in collaboration with Houston's Center Stage Theater. For information on these summer shows, call 281-290-5201 or go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice.

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Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for fall classes at LSC-CyFair's free new student orientations this summer. Three orientation sessions, including separate sessions for parents and family members, will be available each Wednesday June 17 through August 19. For information, go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/orientation.

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

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 June

include: harness your inner success June 3, professional tea tasting June 10, missing books of the Bible June 17 and marvels of olive oil June 24. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

## DISCOVERY COLLEGE OFFERED JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

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 to cyfair.lonestar.edu/discoverycollege. For Barker Cypress camps only, call 832-482-1043 and for Fairbanks Center camps only, call 832-782-5038.

### LIBRARY OFFERS SUMMER FUN FOR EVERYONE

The Harris County Public Library Lone Star College-CyFair Branch offers Summer Reading Program for children and adults. A variety of monthly book clubs are and there are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children. Go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library for information.

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## REGISTER FOR FALL AND PAY EARLY FOR FREE TUITION

Register and pay for fall credit courses before the close of business Monday, Aug. 3 and automatically be entered to win free tuition, IPOD Shuffle or \$300 book voucher. The grand prize covers payment of tuition and fees up to \$500 for credit classes at the Barker Cypress and Fairbanks Center campuses. Funds will be posted to the student's account. All winners will be notified and announced by Aug. 14. 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.



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## Regular Checkups Big Part of Staying Healthy

Regular screenings are an important part of staying healthy, but it's hard to remember what tests are needed at what age. Baylor College of Medicine doctors offer guidelines to help maintain good health through the ages.

"It is very important at any age to have regular health screenings," said Dr. Steve Rosenbaum, assistant professor of medicine at BCM and section chief of general internal medicine at Baylor Clinic. "It allows us to appreciate our good fortune for good health, and regular exams can detect problems early, so they can be treated and dealt with more expeditiously."

As we age, it is even more important to have regular screenings, kind of like having a favorite old car that we have to "baby" along, Rosenbaum said. He recommends people come in during their birth month. That way it's very easy to remember.

Just how often people should visit their doctor for regular checkups and screenings is a common question. For people with no chronic health issues, Rosenbaum suggests:

- -People in their 30s should have checkups every two to three years
- -By 40, checkups are recommended every 12 to 18 months
- -Annual checkups starting by 50

### RECOMMENDED SCREENINGS INCLUDE: **CHILDREN**

-Hearing, Vision, Height/weight/Body mass index, Blood pressure,

Speech and motor skills development, and Social/behavioral skills

### **TEENS**

-Pap smear, Sexually transmitted infection screening if sexually active, and Vision

### **20S**

-Vision, Pap smear, and Lipid test

-Baseline mammogram at 35, Vision, and Pap smear

### **40S**

-Mammogram, Pap smear, Vision, Prostate, and Heart stress test

### 50-PLUS

-Colonoscopy, Glaucoma/vision, Prostate screening, Skin cancer, Stress test, and Hearing

There are many factors that could influence the frequency of screenings.

Family history of certain illness and risk factors should be discussed with your doctor. For some illnesses, like skin or colorectal cancer, if a first degree relative has been diagnosed, screening could be recommended to begin in the early 20s.

Remember, talking about family medical history with your doctor is just as important as staying up to date on your checkups.





## **Sun-Blocking Babies Leads** To Need For Vitamin D

Baylor College of Medicine

HOUSTON - The lack of sunshine exposure in many babies and small children has led to an upsurge in vitamin D deficiency and rickets.

"Since we don't want infants and children unprotected in the sun, we are now recommending vitamin D drops for all babies," said Dr. Steven Abrams, a professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "In addition, there is increasing recognition that maintaining adequate vitamin D intake is important for all ages, from infants to the elderly."

Infant formulas and cow's milk are fortified with vitamin D at the levels needed by infants and toddlers. However, breast milk does not contain enough vitamin D for some babies, especially those with dark skin who have limited sunshine exposure.

"The body can make all the vitamin D it needs when the skin is exposed to sunlight," said Abrams, also a researcher at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor. "However, the dangers of skin cancer have caused us to recommend that everyone, including young infants, be protected with a sunblock when exposed to sunlight. Sunblock also prevents the production of vitamin D."

Vitamin D is not easily obtained through diet. Certain types of fish are good sources, and some soy beverages, fruit juices and readyto-eat cereals are fortified with the vitamin. Checking food labels is the best way to see if vitamin D has been added.





## **Meet Chris**

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Chris will thrive in a family able to provide a structured routine and

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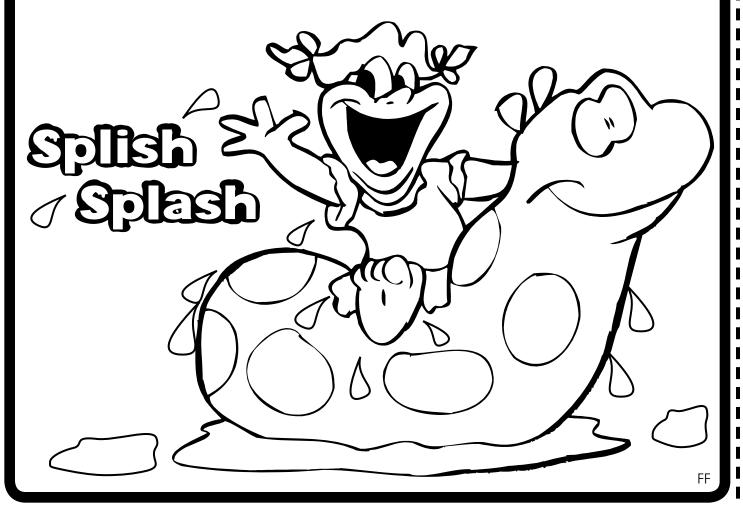
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### **ACROSS**

- 1. Dawdle
- 4. Permanant
- 10. Brew
- 11. Brand of adhesive strip

**Puzzle** 

- 12. Charged particle
- 13. A Nissan car
- 14. Parallelograms
- 16. Male cat
- 17. France & Germany river
- 18. Father
- 20. Strontium (abbr.)
- 22. Animal oil
- 26. Part of a min.
- 29. Saudi
- 31. Singer Bing
- 33. No. eggs in a package
- 34. One-celled water animal
- 35. Southwestern Indian
- 36. Raving
- 37. Hallucinogen

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### **DOWN**

- 1. Dens
- 2. Hawaiian 'hello'
- 3. City
- 4. Replace a striker
- 5. Spring flower
- 6. Music
- 7. Lure
- 8. Type of car
- 9. Cheese
- 15. Married woman
- 19. Wing
- 21. Jewish religious leader
- 23. BB player Kareem Jabar
- 24. Public disorder
- 25. Groggy
- 26. Blemish
- 27. Writer Bombeck
- 28. Racoon's nickname
- 30. Baseball's Nolan
- 32. Scene

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## **RE/MAX** Lakeland

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Neighborhood	1st Quarter Results						
	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM				
Bluebonnet Glen	0	-	-				
Baker's Ridge	0	-	-				
Chappell Ridge	2	\$62.14	232				
Cottage Glen	3	\$70.14	87				
The Estates	0	-	-				
Garden Grove	5	\$64.98	19				
Glen	2	\$70.57	114				
Inwood Glen	2	\$54.13	88				
Inwood Meadows	2	\$67.20	54				
Inwood Park	1	\$79.05	25				
Lakes/Lake Ridge 2	5	\$77.81	173				
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	4	\$78.43	37				
Meadows/Park/Retreat	3	\$57.57	148				
Oaks/Trails	1	\$73.80	69				
Pines	0	-	-				
Summer Crossing	4	\$67.67	85				
Summer Ridge	7	\$70.30	73				

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